

The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

June 2019

When the day of Pentecost had come, ...[all] of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. (Acts 2:1, 4)

Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter, repeat... This is what I feel these days. Some days are gloomy, murky and tiring (like the weather for most of this winter/spring), and on other days I feel good, energetic, thankful for everything, and nice to people. I am aware that God created some people with never-ending cheerfulness who are always smiling even in tough times, and I appreciate that. But encountering life's ups and downs, I have learned to accept that there are good days and bad days; it is true that "[for] everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:10)

One day I was talking with one of our members who is a caregiver. She expressed that she had a pretty good day the day before, but that this day she felt like she was back to Good Friday: tired, beaten down, and depressed. The past couple days were very stressful for her but Easter people showed up and helped her out. Listening to her stories I pondered that maybe our lives are a going back and forth between Good Friday and Easter, and some days we are in the in-between time of Holy Saturday. We have days when nothing seems to work out, we're overwhelmed with tasks, and we're exhausted. All we want to do is close our eyes and go away somewhere like the disciples on Good Friday. We also have days when we sit down, maybe with a cup of coffee, trying to think through choices and potential consequences. Some days are just wonderful, sunny, uplifting, and full of joys and laughter. I've learned to realize that Easter joys do not last forever. We forget the sweet taste of bread and wine, and life's challenges can easily turn our focus into ourselves. God's love is unconditional and never ending, but we swing back and forth between hope and despair. That's who we are, and that's what life is like for me.

June Meetings at Good Shepherd

PIECE CORPS QUILTERS will meet Wednesday June 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet June 6th, 9:00am at Rene Johnson's home

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP will meet June 10th, at 1:30pm.

HYMN SING, Lena Living Center, June 11th at 9:45am

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, June 11th at 6:30pm

FRIENDSHIP CLUB/POTLUCK, June 13th at noon, entertainment by "*Red Bird Country*".

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the July 2019 Newsletter is June 14th, 2019. Thank You!

VBS MEETING, June 18th at 6:00 pm at Good Shepherd

GOOD SHEPHERD AT FRIENDSHIP CENTER for Devotions & Dessert June 20th at 1:00pm.

GOOD SHEPHERD AT LENA-WINSLOW FOOD PANTRY June 22nd from 8:30am-11:30am.

MEN'S GROUP COOK OUT June 23 after the service.

Are you going somewhere this Summer?

Send your pictures and/or postcards to the church office. We will include them in our newsletters and/or facebook page. Have a wonderful summer!

Prayers for travelers

O God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel: surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





June Birthdays

<i>06/02 Aaron Smith</i>	<i>06/14 Autumn Ockerman</i>
<i>06/03 Jay Andrews</i>	<i>06/19 Corey Wybourn</i>
<i>06/05 Marion Fahr</i>	<i>06/20 Darlene Aurand</i>
<i>06/06 Jerry Cross</i>	<i>06/20 Karen Niemeier</i>
<i>06/06 Kevin Huttenlocher</i>	<i>06/20 Gary Boeke</i>
<i>06/06 Madilyn Diddens</i>	<i>06/21 Sue Kraft</i>
<i>06/09 Sarah Andrews</i>	<i>06/25 Deb Mammoser</i>
<i>06/10 Sue Holtz</i>	<i>06/25 Kelsey Albrecht</i>
<i>06/10 Tammy Baldauf</i>	<i>06/25 Jessica Koning</i>
<i>06/10 Jase Baldauf</i>	<i>06/29 Kelly Derr</i>
<i>06/12 Robin Cross</i>	<i>06/29 Jacob Runkle</i>
<i>06/13 Richard Rutter</i>	<i>06/29 Jared Runkle</i>
<i>06/14 Seth Cory</i>	<i>06/29 Darci Meier</i>
	<i>06/29 Katie Jo Huber</i>

If we missed your birthday (or someone in your family) please call the office so that we may update our records!



Prayer Chain:

If you have a request for the Prayer Chain:



Please call the Church Office at 815-369-5552. We lift up the following Loved ones: Lois Paulsen and Fern Harnish, and those who are in assisted-living facilities/ nursing homes, homebound, etc. in prayer. They would love to hearing from you. Consider visiting, calling, or sending them a note Please call the church office if you need an address.

June Trivia

June derives from Juno—goddess of marriage or from juniors— young people. Anglo-Saxons gave June the name of Seramonath (dry month).

Taken from: "Thousands of interesting facts and other bits of fun trivia".



Need of a ride to church on Sunday?

Call: Donna Gullickson 369-4708

We love worshipping with you, and we want to help make sure you can get here to join us! If you are interested in being added to this list of available drivers, please contact the church office at 369-5552.

Looking for Special Music for Summer Worship

If you or someone you know would like to share your talent, please call Vivian Hesselbacher at (815-369-4496) or Good Shepherd at (815-369-5552)



Our Partners in Ministry



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) has been serving Illinois since 1867, LSSI is a nonprofit social service organization of the three Illinois synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). LSSI is the largest statewide social service provider, serving almost 50,000 people across Illinois last year. The organization provides critical programs for the state's most vulnerable residents including foster care, early childhood development, mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment, home care for seniors, affordable senior housing, residential programs for people with developmental disabilities, and programs that help formerly incarcerated individuals integrate back into society.

Children's Community Services

LSSI Foster Care Services provide placement and case management for children who have been removed from their birth families due to abuse and/or neglect. LSSI provides training, licensing, and services for foster families. LSSI collaborates with birth parents to reunite children with their birth families whenever possible. When reunification with birth families is not possible, children may achieve permanency through adoption. 2430 children were served through Foster Care placements, with 534 children achieving permanency, meaning they were reunited with their birth families or adopted. LSSI is one of the largest providers of foster care in the state.

You may learn more about the ministries of LSSI at <https://www.lssi.org/>
Please remember people who are served by LSSI and also LSSI staff in your daily prayer.

Ways to learn more about LSSI YOUR Social Ministry Organization

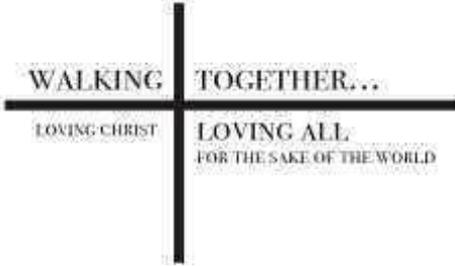
- Sent and email to Communications@LSSI.cor to subscribe to Good Works, LSSI's monthly e-update and Inspired our bi-monthly newsletter.
- Be a part of our social media community by liking LSSI's Facebook page and following us on Twitter. It's a great way to stay up-to-date with LSSI's news and events.



Northern Illinois Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



NIS Synod Assembly
June 14-15
at Augstana College

There are two ways to be a part of this year's assembly. One is write a letter. This year's in-kind offering is a letter to our senators and representatives to advocate hunger issues. You may use a sample letter on next page as your offering.

Another way to take part in the synod assembly is to support #CycleToSynod.

You can also remember the bishop, the synod staff, delegates, and all church families in Northern Illinois Synod in your prayers.

CycleToSynod is a three-day bicycle ride from Princeton to Rock Island leading into the Annual Synod Assembly. This Three-Day ride will bring awareness and raise funds for ELCA World Hunger.



Here are ways to support:

- Sign up to ride for a portion of one day, a whole day, or for the entire three day.
- Learn about ELCA World Hunger
- Raise money
- Send prayer cards and notes of encouragement for cyclist by June 1.
- Pray for the riders and their families.

If you have any questions, check the Synod Assembly website at <http://assembly.nisynod.org/>

Sample In-Kind Offering Letter

Date _____

Dear Sen. _____, *or* Dear Rep. _____,

As Congress works on the fiscal year 2019 budget and spending bills, I ask you to invest in and protect key programs that will reduce hunger and poverty.

Our country and the world have made progress against hunger and poverty in recent decades. I want you to continue to invest in programs like SNAP and tax credits for low-income workers. Continued funding for programs that reduce hunger and poverty around the world are also important to me.

My faith calls me to urge you to make public investments that will move us toward the end of hunger.

Sincerely,
[your name]
[your address] [city, state, ZIP]

*Rep. Cheri Bustos
17th District
119 N. Church St.
Suite 207 & 208
Rockford, IL 61101*

*Senator Tammy Duckworth
230 S. Dearborn Street
Suite #3900
Chicago, IL 60604*

*Senator Dick Durbin
230 S. Dearborn Street
Suite #3892
Chicago, IL 60604*

With the stroke of a pen, policies are made that redirect millions of dollars and affect millions of lives. By making our voices heard in Congress, we make our nation's laws fairer and more compassionate.



Highlights from May Council Meetings

- Jay Andrews presented the Treasurer's report. As of right now, current expenses are short. Gas \$517.07 and electric \$247.49. Bari Raymer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Kristy Patterson seconded .
- Pastor Miho presented her monthly report. Her report included her pastoral works for the month and list of upcoming events. Kristy Patterson made a motion to accept her report and Bari Raymer seconded.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Worship/Music** – Easter services and Holy week went well. Meeting coming up.
 - **Learning** – Last day of Sunday School is May 19th. VBS dates are July 15-18 at United Methodist Church.
 - **Stewardship** – Letters were sent to the people who came for Reunion Sunday
 - **Property** – Thank you to all who have helped and are helping with the sound system set up. Tuesday, May 21st – they will be working all day to set up and part of Wednesday will be used if need be. Anticipate last Sunday of the month the sound system should be up and running. New eternal light will be installed. We will remove the old light and will have dedication ceremony during the service.
 - **Memorial** – List to be updated.
 - **Men's Group** – weather permitted they will have work day on Thursday. Cook out scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd.

Kristy Patterson made motion to accept the committee reports and Tim Gordon seconded.

- Old Business - Constitution updated – Stopped for now. Anticipating more updates to be brought up during the Churchwide Assembly in August. Still looking for a male delegate for the synod assembly. If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know
- New Business – Participation for the Ramp Wheel-A-Thon in July was approved by Kristy Patterson and seconded by Bari Raymer. Hand bells have been acquired from two churches from Freeport that were combined. A motion was made by Kristy Patterson to add to memorial list for \$1500 for the purchase. Ryan Fye seconded. Asking Memorial Committee to ask families to see if it would be ok to use some of the funds donated to purchase. Copier – we need to look into options for new copier/printer in office. After some discussions, we need to find out options and look into usage and maintenance. It was tabled for now. Citizens State Bank would like to meet w/council for the annual review. It was decided that they could come to either our June or July meeting.
- Last order of new business, Pastor Miho's vacations. Tim Gordon made a motion and Kristy Patterson seconded for Pastor Miho to take vacation days June 26-27 and August 25-September 1, 2019.

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Motion was made by Tim Gordon and seconded by Kristy Patterson to adjourn. All approved and the meeting was closed with the reciting The Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Patterson, filling in for Darci Meier, Secretary

Hannah Circle will meet on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 9:00am at the home of Rene’ Johnson— 621 Deer Trail Dr. Lena. (815) 369-2818 Rene’ is the hostess and Bible Study leader.



We begin our 3-part Summer Bible Study from the Old Testament Book of Esther—“For just such a time as this” by Kay Ward in the June 2019 Gather Magazine”. Session one: **Esther the Queen: Voices in the King’s Court**. Text for session one: Esther 1-3. The author of the Bible Study suggest you read all 10 chapters of Esther before the Bible Study begins. As you read the Book of Esther, find ways that God is present even though God’s name is never mentioned in the text. It is a good spiritual practice to always be on the lookout for God’s presence in our ordinary lives.

Come and join us for fellowship, lots of good company and lively discussions-all are welcome at our table.

As of May 2, 2019 this is our financial status.

We have a total of \$1,813.74 in our checking account; it breaks down as follows—Piece Corps has \$1072.80 and WELCA has \$740.94.

Income: Quilt Sold—\$30.00, Sunday Fellowship Offering—\$7.07, Hannah Circle Regular Offering—\$52.00

Fund Distributions: NIU Grace Place Campus Ministry, DeKalb—\$100.00, Regular Offering sent to NISWO—(60%) \$70.00.

Treasurer’s Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

Incoming April 2019	\$ 11,502.50
Expenses April 2019	\$ 11,013.62
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 488.88
Income, Year to Date 2019	\$ 39,276.50
Expenses, Year to Date 2019	\$ 46,975.08
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (7,698.58)

Vacation Bible School



2019 Mason Street Vacation Bible School presents...

Friendship:

A Love
that
never
ends



July 15th through July 18th

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

@ Lena UMC

118 W Mason Street, Lena

Ages Preschool through 5th Grade



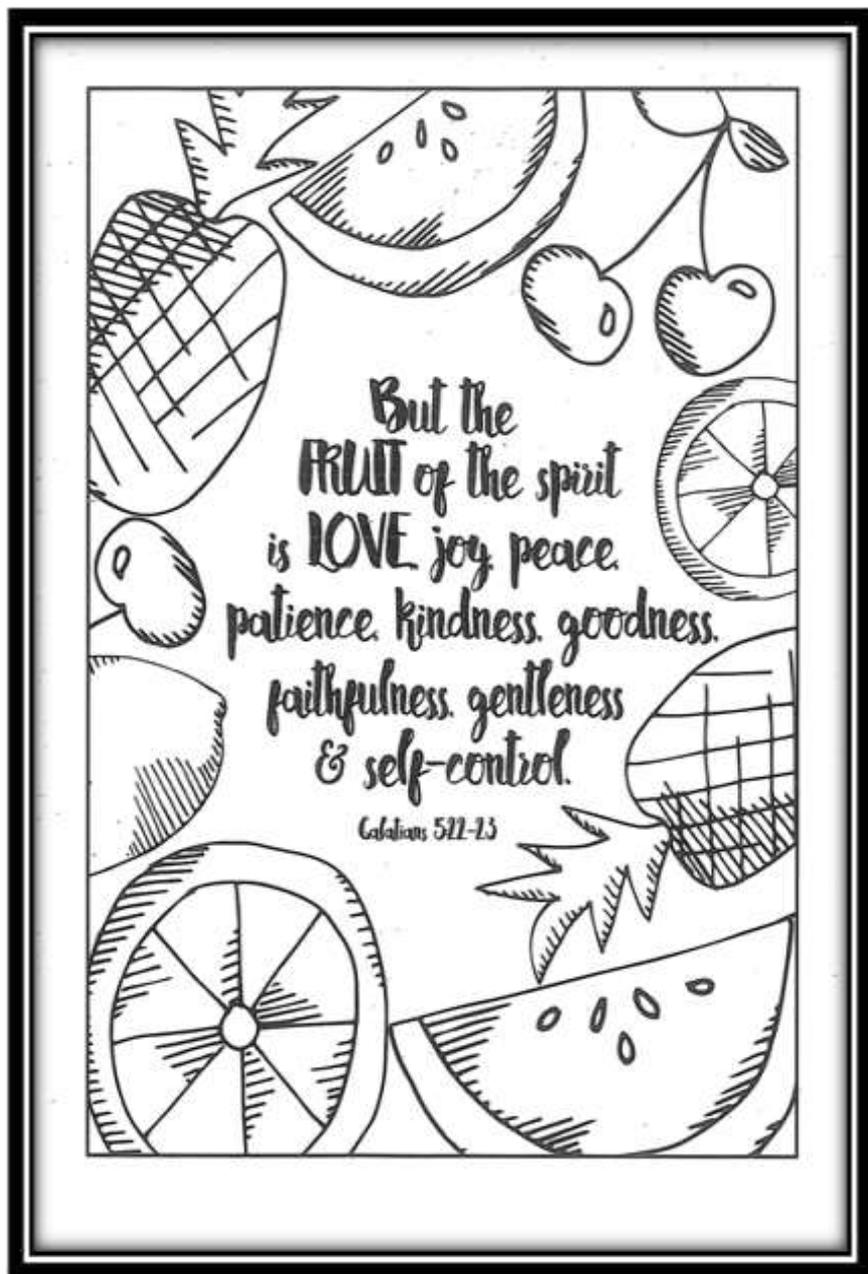
Typical VBS night will include dinner at 5:30 pm, skits, music, crafts, Bible teaching, games, and a memorable time for children as they develop deeper friendships with one another as well as the Lord Jesus.

On Thursday evening, (weather permitting) all VBS attendees are invited to Splashland for a pool party at the conclusion of the VBS week!



This year the VBS offerings will help to support Stephenson County's RAMP program. In addition to our giving, RAMP is hosting a Wheel-a-Thon the week following VBS. To get more information, visit their website at www.rampcfl.org/.

Summer Coloring Page



Open Church—WEDNSDAY JUNE 19

Come and Play! Good Shepherd is participating Weekly Gathering in downtown Lena from 5 pm-8pm. Giant Jenga, hula hoops, sack races, basketball hoop, bean toss, jump ropes, and more! Stop by and check us out!



Pineapple Cake

2—8 oz. cans crushed pineapple

4 -eggs

1-box yellow cake mix

1—8 oz. container whipped topping

1/2 cup oil

1 small box instant vanilla

pudding

Cake: Mix together in large mixing bowl, cake mix, eggs, oil and 1 can crushed pineapple with juice, mix well.

Bake at 350°

For 25-30 minuets, or until toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Let cake cool completely before frosting.

Frosting: Carton of whipped topping, vanilla pudding and 1 can crushed pineapple with juice, mix well. Spread over top of completely cooled cake.

Recipe is from Betty's kitchen

Save the date

Men's Group Cookout will be on Sunday June 23rd. The Men's Group will grill pork chops. Bring salads, side dishes, desserts, and/or yourself.



June 2019 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lena, IL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Youth OWL Night
2 9:30am Worship Service- <i>Special Music -Tyger Johnson</i> 10:30am Fellowship 11:00am Confirmation Class	3	4 1:00pm Pastor Miho Text Study	5 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	6 9:00am Hannah Circle at the home of Rene' Johnson	7	8
9 9:30am Pentecost Sunday Worship Service Holy Baptism <i>Special Music -Ruter Ministries</i> 10:30am Fellowship	10 1:30pm Parkinson Support Group	11 9:45am Hymn Sing Lena Living Center 6:30pm Council Meeting	12 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	13 12:00pm Friendship Club Potluck/ Entertainment <i>Sandy Sweitzer "Red Bird Country"</i>	14  <i>Flag Day</i> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">NIS Synod Assembly, Augustana College, Rock Island June 14-15</div>
16 9:30am Holy Trinity Sunday Worship Service Fellowship Sunday 10:30am Fellowship <i>Fathers Day</i> 	17	18 6:00pm VBS meeting at Good Shepherd	19 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters 5:00-8:00pm Open Church, downtown, Lena	20 1:00pm Good Shepherd at Friendship Center Devotions and Dessert	21	22 Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry
23 9:30 am Worship Service <i>Special Music</i> 10:30am Fellowship & Men's Group Cookout potluck luncheon	24	25 1:00pm Pastor Miho Text Study	26 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Pr. Miho is on vacation</div>	27	28	29
30 9:30 am 5 th Sunday GRACE Worship Service-Hymn Sing 10:30am Fellowship					June Communion Set-up/Clean up Wayne and Janis Kurth	



June Worship Volunteers



June 2nd

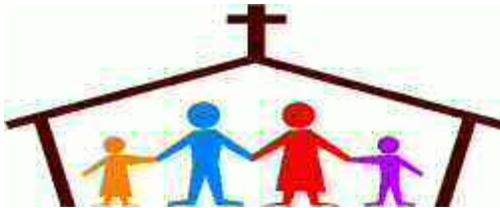
Lector: Karen Niemeier
 Acolyte: Jacob Runkle
 Assisting Minister: Sheila Keene
 Worship Assistant: Tena Rackow
 Communion Assistants: Jay and Michelle Andrews
 Communion Ushers: Larry Fulfs and Jim Swain
 Sound System: Wayne Kurth and open
 Greeters : Tena Rackow, Denny Luke
 Troy and Cindy Doubler
 Ushers : Bob and Sharon Schlachter,
 Virgil and Joanne Martin
 Elevator Operators : Chris Brinker

June 9th

Lector: Karen Niemeier
 Acolyte: Kayla Runkle
 Assisting Minister: Krista Keene
 Worship Assistant: Marybeth Brinker
 Communion Assistants: Shirley Fox and Sue Diddens
 Communion Ushers: Virgil Gordon and Tim Gordon
 Sound System: Denny Luke and open
 Greeters: Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher,
 Donna Gullickson and Sue Diddens
 Ushers: Chris and Angie Brinker,
 Jerry and Beth Martin
 Elevator Operators: Wayne Kurth

Fellowship Sunday June 16th

Lector: Anna Patterson
 Assisting Minister: Jay Andrews
 Worship Assistant: Kayla Runkle
 Ushers: Virgil and Joanne Martin



June 23rd

Lector: Larry Fulfs
 Acolyte: Lucas Fye
 Assisting Minister: Wayne Kurth
 Worship Assistant: Sue Diddens
 Communion Assistants: Cora Hudik and Sheila Keene
 Communion Ushers: Jay and Michelle Andrews
 Sound System: Troy Doubler and open
 Greeters: Virgil and Joanne Martin,
 Jerry and Beth Martin
 Ushers: Don and Lisa Wienand,
 Virgil Gordon and Tim Gordon
 Elevator Operators: Troy Keene

Hymn Sing Sunday June 30th

Lector: Sue Diddens
 Assisting Minister: Sheila Keene
 Communion Assistants: Wayne Kurth and
 Denny Luke
 Communion Ushers: Bill and Jean Engel
 Sound System: Jay Andrews and open
 Greeters : Bill and Jean Engel
 Bob and Sharon Schlachter
 Ushers : Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher
 Troy and Cindy Doubler
 Elevator Operators: Anna Patterson

Please mark your calendars for the dates that you have been assigned, if you cannot serve on the day that you have been assigned please switch with someone and /or call the church office by Tuesday of the week that you are to volunteer so that arrangements can be made. 815-369-5552



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Pre-K & K Sunday School after Children's Message

Fellowship Hour

10:30 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

CHURCH OFFICE

815-369-5552

Pastor

Miho Yasukawa

Church Secretary

Betty Allen

Month's Highlights!

Hannah Circle 9:00am

Pentecost Sunday

Parkinson Support Group 1:30pm

Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45am

Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment 12:00pm

Holy Trinity Sunday & Fellowship Sunday

Open Church at downtown Lena 5:00pm-8:00pm

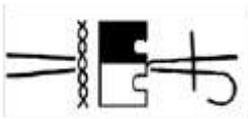
Good Shepherd at Friendship Center for Devotions & Dessert 1:00pm

Good Shepherd at Food Pantry

Men's Group Cook Out Potluck Luncheon

5th Sunday Hymn Sing

For more Good Shepherd
pictures and highlights go to
Facebook: "GSLClenall"
or **www.GodShepherdLena.org**



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*The Good Shepherd cares for us.
He gives His Life for us and to us.
We give and use our lives in love,
care and service of one another.*

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DEADLINE for the July 2019
Newsletter is June 14, 2019
Thank You!