

August 2020 Newsletter

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Shepherd's Voice

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Psalm 23:5

Dear God's beloved,

May God pour God's love to you and overflow your hearts this day.

I am not a social person. To be honest I don't know how to post on Facebook or other social media. I occasionally go to these sites and glance through them. I am the type of person who still subscribes to a newspaper and enjoys paper books.

But the COVID-19 pandemic challenged me to expand my horizon. I had to rely on social media to get up-to-date information. Then I discovered that social media is pretty neat. Thanks to our social media team, Sheila and Tim, for offering hope and laughter in this anxious time. Recently I saw a post on our Facebook page which has a drawing of a glass with some water, and the caption says "Pessimist: glass half empty. Optimist: glass half full" and the below that there is another drawing of a tea cup with pouring water, and the caption says "psalmist: 'my cup runneth over...' Psalm 23:5." (Please look at yourself for <https://www.facebook.com/GSLCLenall>) The image caught my heart and I am pondering it. When I am afraid, my mode of thinking is limited. I cannot imagine that there are plans b, c, d, e, and more. God's plan is beyond my plan. God knows my needs and God fulfills my needs with overflowing grace.

"My cup overflows," the psalmist says. God surprises us a lot. I am sure you know what I mean. God shows up when we are struggling in the ditch or in the mud or in the kitchen or even in the bathroom. God comes to our presence and pours over the unconditional love to our weary day. God loves and God cares.

I pray that your hearts are overflowing with God's abundant love. God be with you, Pr. Miho

Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

Incoming June 2020	\$ 5,591.00
Expenses June 2020	\$ 8,198.49
Net Income (Loss)	\$(2,607.49)
Income, Year to Date 2020	\$52,236.74
Expenses, Year to Date 2020	\$ 57,358.60
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (5,121.86)

Thank You

To farmers, gardeners
To school teachers
To students and their parents
To cooks and those who feed others
To church family
To the social media team
To God who protects us from danger.

Thank You

Devotion Books

*July-September daily devotion books,
Christ in Our Home and The Word in
Season are available at the rack.*

Pick up your copy.

Come and join

Fruit of the Spirit Family Day

Date: Saturday August 1

(Rain date will be August 8)

Time: 1-4pm

Location: Lena UMC Parking Lot

118 W. Mason Street

Cost: FREE!

***Co-sponsored by the Beloved, Lena
UMC, and Good Shepherd***

*The August Friendship Club
meeting has been cancelled.
Stay safe!
Stay Healthy!*

We lift up our prayers

Abiding God, care for all who are in need. For all who are weary, feeling despair, sick or lonely, especially Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Gene Hesselbacher, Lois Paulsen, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Diane, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Randy, Brian, the Heimann family, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Lori, J.T., Dan and Sue White, Irene, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr., Nicole, Meghan, Hailey Bettenhauser, Kelly Thurman and Kyle, Tom, Brian Gobeli, John, Jerred, Bronwein, Matt and Julie, Sally R. and Susan Andersen. Pray for love, peace, comfort and resurrection hope for the families and friends of Ellen Kyles, Wendy Pickard, Leonard Schulz Sr. and Mark Jensen. In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember our ministry partners in your prayer.

Le-Win Food Pantry/LACC; Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center; NIU Grace Place Campus Ministry; LOMC; Rockford Rescue Mission; Lena Living Center; Lutheran Social Services of Illinois; Lutheran World Relief; Northern Illinois Synod; ELCA World Hunger/God's Global Barnyard.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/2 Madison Tessendorf
8/3 Virgil Gordon
8/5 Audrey Stees
8/5 Karen Cross
8/7 Bob Lyvers
8/7 Tim Huber
8/7 Mark Jacobs
8/8 Brooke Huttenlocher
8/10 Steve Carlson
8/10 Abbea Schlichting
8/11 Danielle Jones
8/11 Layton Albright
8/13 Sheridan Brinker
8/15 Mercedes Freitag
8/16 Larry Huneke
8/16 Dennis Broege
8/18 Nikolai Cornwell
8/19 Bill Engel

8/19 Brianna Kraft
8/19 Jacob Collier
8/21 Virgil Martin
8/21 Marlene Jones
8/21 Lydia Smith
8/21 Alec Aurand
8/23 Gia Schlichting
8/23 Kevin Huttenlocher
8/24 Donna Gullickson
8/24 Curt Diddens
8/25 Chad Baldauf
8/25 Emily Meyers
8/25 Christian Sutter
8/26 Paul Fox
8/26 Ethan Fye
8/27 Lillie Wilson
8/29 Pastor Miranda
8/30 Thomas Andrews

If we missed your birthday (or someone in your family), please call or send e-mail to the office so that we may update our records!

Birthday Prayer

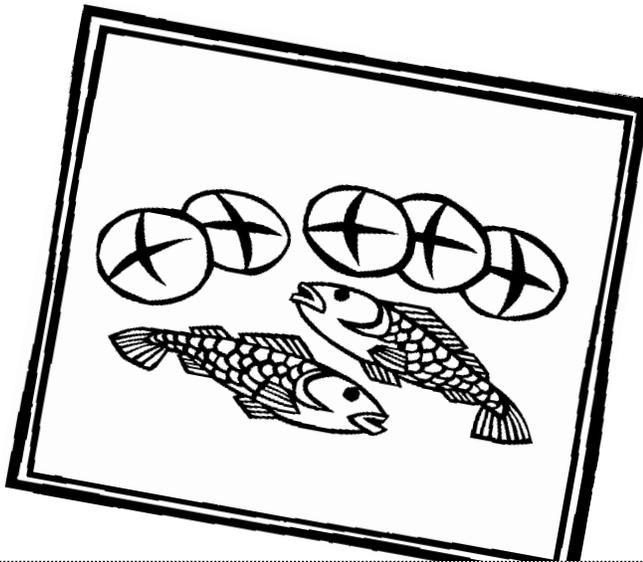
O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on your children born in August as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen them trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source: Pastoral Care in Sundays and Seasons

Please remember our Sunday Bulletin is available at our Website:
www.GoodShepherdLena.org

Thank you all for your continuous support to Good Shepherd during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your gifts (time, talent, financial contribution, prayers) help us to continue doing God's work. Thank you so much for sharing.

FUN Page



Let's fill in the blank below!

_____ the peoples _____
you, O _____; Let _____
the _____ praise _____

(Psalm 67:3)

This art work tells us about one of Jesus' parables. Can you guess which one? (Hint: Matthew 14)



Jesus is amazing! Did you know that a fish is a symbol for Jesus?

The Greek word for fish is IXΘΥΣ. Each letter of this Greek word is the first letter of another Greek word that tells a name for Jesus. In English these words are: **J**esus **C**hrist **G**od's **S**on **S**avior. Jesus did something amazing with two fish!

Source: Kid's Celebrate, children's bulletin in Sundays and Seasons



☺ *Thank you, Jesus, for you are always with me. Amen*

We need your help with CHRISTMAS season!!!!!!

Christmas is only 4 months away. We need your help with start preparing for the Christmas season. There are 2 ways you can help:

1. Make God's Eye craft

We are thinking about decorating the hallway with God's Eye craft. It's easy to make. Supplies are available at church.

2. Adopt a room to decorate

We have 5 rooms for you to adopt for Christmas decoration. If you are interested, contact Kristy.

Thank you!

ATTENTION!

Worship at Dodds Park is cancelled this year. We will meet at the church parking lot on August 2nd.



LOMC Has Opened A Little Wider On July 1

LOMC is offering families a way to have a two-night, three-day adventure away from home this summer! Keeping everyone safe, we have 5 different locations at LOMC where your family can enjoy time together in your own building or campsite. We even throw in some LOMC-led activities.

FAMILY GATEWAY: Limited to 4 people per household – Through August 16.
Sundays through Tuesday (OR) Wednesdays through Friday (OR) Fridays-Sunday

RETREAT (Together) is taking reservations!

Limited Day Use is Open: Hiking, Fishing, Mushroom Hunting

If YELLOW sign is up at entrance-we are closed to visitors

(Restrictions Apply, check their website for information. <http://lomc.org/>)

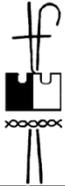


*I want to thank all those
who remembered
me on my 90th birthday
with a card or call.*

*Thank you.
Betty Martz*

Le-Win Food Pantry

The Lena-Winslow Food Pantry is open every Saturday morning from 8:30 to 11:30. We cannot accept food donations at this time. Momentary donations are welcome.



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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.*

Martin Luther's Small Catechism

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The First Article: *On Creation*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

What is this? OR What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties.

In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property--along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

Source: Small Catechism of Martin Luther ELW page 1162