



October 2021 Newsletter

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Shepherd's Voice

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105)

Dear God's beloved,

This Fall has been amazing. Piece Corps Quilting ministry made 700 quilts since last Fall (thanks to their faithful work!) and took 7 vehicles full of boxes of quilts and 40 personal care kits to LWR collection in Monroe. Also this year's Fall Festival was a great success! I'd like to thank the Lena Lions Club for their hard work and the Good Shepherd family for your help with the Fall Festival float and hospitality tent. The weather was gorgeous (Thanks to Bob and Lynn for their special dance.), and the parade was lots of fun (The Good Shepherd float was awesome!). It was a joy-filled two days.

At the hospitality tent, we had Bible Trivia. Did you try it? It had multiple choice questions, and people drew a question from a jar. If they got the correct answer, they got a prize. It was an excellent opportunity to create conversation with friends and strangers. (Thanks to Cora for the great idea!) I tried it and picked the wrong answer. (Did you know that Abraham and Isaac went to the land of Moriah?) I learned something new.

The Bible is a collection of stories of God and God's children. These old stories tell us about God who is faithful to God's children in spite of their flaws. God journeys with them to Egypt, in the wilderness, to Jerusalem, and in Galilee. Stories in the Bible are fascinating. I love to read the stories in the Bible. It is mysterious that scripture speaks something new each time I read it, especially when I read with you guys. God speaks through the Bible.

In October we are celebrating the Reformation which Martin Luther started in 1517. The Reformation was a movement which expanded relationships between God and God's people. Luther believed that God could speak to individual parishioners directly. One of his contributions was translating the Bible into the language of the people. With the help of the printing press, German speaking people were able to read the Bible and to hear stories of God and God's people in their homes. The families could treasure stories like Jesus walking on the water to meet his disciples and the story of David and Goliath. Scripture is the living word of God. As the psalmist expressed, God's words (and stories) are a lamp to our feet as we walk through adventures in life. In times like this (living in the global pandemic, social unrest, and facing constant disasters) I find that the stories of God and God's people help me to see the holy light. God's stories give us life. May God's grace surround you.

Pr. Miho

October is the Reformation month.

Read and Share Martin Luther quotes with your friends and families.

How: *Luther quote postcards are available at the rack for pick up.*

Join us in worship, Sunday's 9:30am in-person or Facebook Live or watch the recorded service in GS website or Facebook page.

Why: *During children's message we will learn, "What does it mean to be a Lutheran" in the month of October.*



October Birthdays



10-03 Chase Huneke	10-18 Sherry Freitag
10-04 Doug Wybourn	10-18 Jennifer Gile
10-05 Vivian Hesselbacher	10-22 Dennis Bergman
10-05 Jim Doyle	10-25 Taryon Cornwell
10-06 Beth Fahr	10-26 Fern Harnish
10-06 Cindy Fahr	10-24 Greg Andrews
10-07 Rene' Johnson	10-25 Taryon Cornwell
10-08 Brice Swift	10-26 Fern Harnish
10-08 Lisa Schlichting	10-26 Joanne Martin
10-09 Krista Keene	10-26 Duane Torkelson
10-10 Joyce Tesdahl	10-26 Kyle Albrecht
10-10 Val Ockerman	10-27 Jonathan Hudik
10-10 Brad Smith	10-27 Danielle Koning
10-13 Stacy(Lones)Johnson	10-28 Kurt Schlichting
10-15 Steve Wybourn	10-29 Mike Meyers
10-15 Troy Keene	10-29 Tricia Meyers
10-16 Jeff Raders	10-30 Jason Huneke
10-17 Dustin Drye	10-30 Lance Mueller
10-17 Leesa Gerke	10-31 Sean Cory

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." John F. Kennedy

Thank You!

Good Shepherd would like to express our appreciation to Rene' Johnson for her blessings and message on our Quilt Sunday, September 12th. Thank you Rene'.



Men's Group

Men's Group will be hosting their annual Steak Fry on October 30th at 4:30pm. Cost of the dinner will be \$15.00. Sign up sheet will be in hallway by Fellowship Hall.



Devotion Books

October-December issue of Christ in Our Homes and The Word in Season are available now. These devotion books are helpful way to keep growing our faith. Take one home today.

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



Worship Volunteers needed

We are updating our list of those who can help with Sunday worship.

The Church Council has decided that instead of having separate ushers for greeters and communion, that the Worship Ushers could assist with communion as well as be greeters, the Lector and Worship Assistant could be the same person. Live Stream operation will be one person, Power point operator will be one person, and the Elevator Operator can be done by one person above the age of 18. This will require 6 volunteers weekly. We will help you learn how to do each task.

If you are available to help, contact the church office with the your name, phone number and the area you are willing to volunteer. There is also a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall .

Thank you very much. We appreciate all your help!



A QUILT MINISTRY IS AN EXPRESSION OF GOD'S LOVE!

Piece Corps—Good Shepherd Quilt Ministry

Each and every Wednesday morning—for 47 years, the members of Piece Corps meet at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Fellowship Hall from 8:00am to 11:30am to assemble quilts. There are so many people who help make this ministry possible: the sewers, fabric cutters, ironers, quilt tiers, quilt binders, those who supply us with donations of fabric, batting, thread, and money, and finally—those who pack-up and transport the quilts to Monroe, Wisconsin and load them on the semi so they get to the people who need them.

Each year, on Quilt Sunday, the church is draped with quilts. We thank God that He has given us Work to do that impacts so many others. We will never know all the people who benefit from our quilts; but we know God's Love and Work is never done; and so each year we strive to do our best.

Our Quilt Ministry and Piece Corps had another very successful year. **700 quilts were made this year.** Since 1974 (47years) a total of 18,210 quilts have been made and sent. We do keep score! Thank you to everyone for your help and support. None of this would be possible without the help of many, many hands, lots of donations, and God's Love and Prayers.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



Where did our quilts go in?

The majority of our quilts are sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution around the world.

We have also sent quilts and other materials to the following this year:

Family in Warren lost home in fire:

6 blankets, 6 pillows, 6 pillowcases.

Medina Nursing Home: 10 lap robes.

Voices of Freeport for battered families:

12 blankets.

Lena Community:

2 sheets, 1 lap robe, 10 towels, dish clothes and hand towels.

Lutherdale Camp: 6 blankets.

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stockton:

Took the following items to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota as part of their mission trip 20 pillows and 31 blankets.

4 blankets have also been purchased to be used for a raffle for a little girl.

Piece Corps

The Piece Corps Quilters we would like to thank all of our angels who have donated material, yarn, or thread for our cause.

The Piece Corps Quilters



Highlights from August 19th Church Council Meeting

Secretary's Report: The July 2021 minutes were reviewed. Noting a couple of spelling errors, the Secretary's Report was approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Jay Andrews reported that the paper work for the Forgiveness of the Payroll Protection Program has been completed and turned into the bank. He is now waiting for notification of the loan being forgiven. Jay had to also transfer \$2,000 from the Revolving Cash Fund into the general fund leaving a balance of \$5,000 in the Revolving Cash Fund. Electric bill was \$177.96, Gas bill was \$306.36. Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Miho reported that Rev. Pat Esker will be filling the pulpit on August 29, 2021 while she takes a vacation day. Rev. Esker has requested that instead of being paid for coming to preach, that the offering from the August 29th Worship Service be given to the Synod Mission Support. Pastor's Report was approved.

Committee Reports:

- **Worship and Music Committee:** The Committee will be meeting on August 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm.
- **Stewardship Committee:** Coralyn Hudik reported that the Never Too Young group will be having a Bible Trivia night at 6:00 pm on August 29 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is asked to bring finger food to share. She also reported that Donna and Dale Gullickson will again be hosting the annual Wine and Cheese Party at their home on September 25, 2021. More information will be in the newsletter.
- **Learning and Youth Committee:** Pastor Miho reported that they have sent out First Day of School Cards to the youth. She also commented on the Family Fun Day on September 4, 2021 at Citizen's State Bank parking lot from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. She invited all to come and enjoy the games.
- **Finance Committee:** Planning to have a special meeting sometime in September.
- **Property Committee:** Tim Gordon reported that he has been talking to the Village of Lena about out possible water leak. Tim will continue to work on this. Wayne Kurth reported that he has been able to get only one quote for leaf gutter guards. He is still trying to get more quotes.
- **Men's Group:** The men are planning to continue to have monthly meetings.

All Committee Reports were approved.

God's Work Our Hands: God's Work Our Hands will be held on September 26, 2021. There is a sign-up sheet if you are willing to help with projects.

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Highlights from August 19th Church Council Meeting

Old Business

- **Fall Festival:** There will be a Hospitality Tent this year. A quilt raffle is planned as well as games. Bottled water will be provided. There will also be bins for donations of food and school supplies. There will also be a Church float this year. We will meet at Donna Gullickson's home to build the float starting Labor Day Weekend.

New Business:

- **Covid Procedures:** The Church Council has decided to continue with the current precautions and procedures that are in place for the Covid Delta Variant.

Having no other business, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be on September 16, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Kurth
Church Council Secretary

Never Too Young

Will meet on OCTOBER 31 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall for HALLOWEEN and ALL SAINTS with a MOVIE. Discussion will be relating to the movie and All Saints in relation to Halloween.

October and January always start on the same day of the week in common years. In leap years, October doesn't start on the same day of the week as any other month. October and February also always end on the same week day!

Treasurer's Report

Jay Andrews

Income August 2021	\$5,289.10
Expenses August 2021	\$10,780.94
Net Income (Loss)	(\$5,491.84)
Income, Year to Date 2021	\$77,735.91
Expenses, Year to Date 2021	\$89,950.23
Net Income (Loss)	\$(12,214.32)



Make-A-Smile cards for Lena Living Center

Each month we will send cards to the Lena Living Center. This is a new ministry to share the love of Christ to the residents in the nursing home. **We are responsible for 10 cards each month.** If you would like to help with this ministry, just bring cards to church by the 10th of each month. Please sign and include short encouraging words. Our hope is to make them smile! Questions? Contact the church office or Pr. Miho.



We are looking for volunteers at the Le-Win Food Pantry from 8:20am-11:30am
We need 2 youth volunteers for October 23rd.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry. Sign-up sheet is located in hallway by Fellowship Hall or let the church office know you are available to volunteer.

Thank you for supporting the feeding ministry.



We lift up our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Nina Muller, Curt, Dawn, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr, Nicole, Meghan, Tom, Brian Gobeli, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, J.T., Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Jim DeMontigny, Richard Gordon, Bonnie W, David Gray, Kay, Sue, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jonathan, Cindy, Amber, Chris, Ron, Vicki, and Peter. Pray for love, peace, comfort, and hope of resurrection for the families and friends of Jean Galway, Denny Fulfs, and Marvin "Johnny" Lobdell.



Friendship Center

We are still actively seeking help at the Friendship Center. We are looking for help in the following positions: R.N.'s, C.N.A.'s

Part time C.N.A.'s 2 days per week, about 4hrs per day. We are also in need of Bus Drivers, Van Drivers, Bus Aides, Cooks and Cook Helpers.

If you or someone you know would be interested in joining our team or have questions, please reach out to us at (815) 369-2690 and ask for Randy or Denise. Be sure to check out their Facebook page,

<https://www.facebook.com/friendshipcenterlena> or their web site, www.friendshipcenterlena.org.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY— NOVEMBER 7th

*We will remember each "Saint" or loved one who has died since November 2019. We will remember them with a carnation on the altar and also by lifting their names during prayer of the people. If you would like your loved ones who died 2019-2021 to be included this year's All Saints Sunday, please contact the church office by **Tuesday, October 26th**.*



Join a Book Group With other Good Shepherd members

Do you like history? Do you like to meet new people? Are you interested in how the Christianity developed? You may try this book group!

We meet on Wednesday 3pm-4pm via zoom. We read one chapter from The Story of Christianity, Vol. 1: The Early Church to the Dawn of the Reformation by Justo L. Gonzalez. You have not missed much. We are finally getting to the 5th century. All are welcome to join anytime. We are a very casual group. If you are interested, contact the church office for the zoom link.

Martin Luther, quotes



From the beginning of my Reformation I have asked God to send me neither dreams, nor visions, nor angels, but to give me the right understanding of His Word, the Holy Scriptures; for as long as I have God's Word, I know that I am walking in His way and that I shall not fall into any error or delusion.



Members & Friends of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Property Committee and Church Council is seeking your help. The church organ is in need of repair. The total project is to repair lift pneumatics (part of the key board), replace the blower, and the rectifier.

This will result in a total cost of \$11,500. These repairs could be done in stages, but the Property Committee and Council recognizes that this would add to the overall cost due to added service calls to accomplish these repairs.

The Council has decided to open an "Organ Repair Fund" for anyone to contribute to the cost of repairing the organ. All monies directed to this fund will go only to repairing the organ.

If you wish to make a donation please put it in the offering plate Sunday morning or to the Church office. Please write on the offering "Organ Repair Fund" so it is deposited properly.

The organ adds so much to our worship services making this an important project. Thank you to everyone for your prayers and donations to this important project.

God's Blessings,

Good Shepherd Property Committee and Church Council

Bible Study Group

Come and join our new Bible

Study group! This group is for anyone who is curious about the stories in the

Bible. We will meet on Tuesdays at

10am at church. And if you'd like, bring

your Bible. We are reading from the first book of the Bible—Genesis. If you have

questions, just contact the church office.

Hope to see you!



Prayer Chain



Good Shepherd,

Thank you so much for organizing the greeting card ministry for the sweet residents of Lena Living Center! The cards are lovely and so very appreciated! I love the joy they bring to our residents!

*Beth &
The residents of LLC*

HELP WANTED

Lena Living Center

**We are currently looking for
R.N.'s, L.P.N.'s, Activity Aids,
Laundry/Housekeeping,
Dietary Cooks and Dietary Aids.**

To apply go to our website at
lenaliving.com/employment
or phone 815-369-4561 for additional details



Rising to the challenge

by Linda Post Bushkofsky

It's been said that amazing things do not happen in our comfort zones, that we need to get comfortable being uncomfortable. I would say, too, that change rarely happens in our comfort zones. Change forces us into unfamiliar and unpredictable territory.

I shared those words with our churchwide executive board two years ago as it received the report and recommendations of an exploratory committee tasked with examining how best to fulfill Women of ELCA's mission and purpose in a changing world. That was in October 2019, when we knew nothing of the impending coronavirus pandemic and the huge changes that were looming.

We didn't seek the changes this global pandemic brought upon us, but we've had to deal with them nonetheless—changes both small and significant. From worship to schooling to medical visits, we shifted from in-person experiences to virtual ones, almost overnight. Those working in offices abruptly shifted to working from home. Instead of grocery shopping in person, many moved to having items delivered. While some activities could be changed from in-person to virtual, others stopped altogether—sporting events, concerts, performances, large gatherings. Only time will tell what will be gone forever and what is simply on a lengthy hiatus. Maybe some new iteration will evolve that we can't even imagine right now.

We all were forced into unfamiliar, unpredictable territory. We had to figure out creative ways to accomplish what needed to be done, whether we wanted to or not. In fits and starts we managed the uninvited changes wrought by the global pandemic. There have been days when we've risen to all the challenges and responded well. Or just as many occasions, we fell flat. But overall, we've responded with creativity and flexibility. We've come to realize what we can control and what we cannot control.

We've had to adapt quickly, making on-the-spot decisions at times. We came to expect the unexpected and learned how to manage with so many unknowns.

Our organization has faced some changes, too, in all its expressions. Changes in staffing, budgets, the frequency of this magazine, how we conduct business, when we meet. We've moved into unfamiliar and unpredictable territory, and we have risen to the many challenges, showing we are resilient and adaptive. I believe our organization will be stronger for it all. That resiliency is what has allowed women's organizations to exist in the North American Lutheran church since the last half of the 19th century.

What has not changed because of the global pandemic? The transforming and redeeming love of God in Jesus Christ. While everything around us is shifting, how good it is to rest in the sure knowledge that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). We are grounded in this assurance and in Jesus' command that we love our neighbors as ourselves. Whatever change comes our way, we are equipped to meet the challenge.

Source: September/October 2021 Gathermagazine.org

Youth Corner

♥ I try to be ♥

(I hope that those

Source: Pockets Magazine, October 2019

10 Ways to Shine

BE KIND. Look for opportunities to treat others with kindness.

Kindness



BE HONEST. Don't lie. Don't cheat, even a little. Don't gossip or spread rumors.



BE COMPASSIONATE. You can't always "fix" someone else's problems, but you can try to understand and do what you can to help.

PAY ATTENTION. Sometimes we just don't notice when people around us need help, so look for opportunities.



STAND UP FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE. Don't go along, when you know something's wrong, and don't be afraid to let others know when you believe something strongly.

SPEAK UP FOR OTHERS. It's tempting to keep quiet when someone's being picked on or teased in a mean way, but if you know it's not right, say so!



RESPECT EVERYONE. Some people are harder to like than others, but everyone deserves to be treated with respect.

BE YOURSELF. God created you to be the wonderful amazing person you are, so don't worry about trying to be like someone else.



PRAY. Pray for your family, your friends, your church, your school, your community, the world.



DON'T JUDGE. It's impossible to know what people are like based on how they look or where they're from or whatever way we're tempted to judge them.

Source: Pockets Magazine, October 2019

Kids Celebrate



be **STRONG** &
COURAGEOUS
do not be *afraid*
or **TROUBLED**
The *Word* **YOUR GOD**
is with you
WHEREVER you go
Joshua 1:9

BibleWise

Break The Code And Discover The Hidden Bible Verse

Using the code breaker below, decipher the message from the Bible

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Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Pastor
Pastor who?
Pastor potatoes
please.



Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Lettuce
Lettuce who?
Lettuce love one another



Respect Others

"Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity. Amen.

1 Timothy 5:1-2



October 2021 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lena, IL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30am Worship Service (Communion Sunday) 10:30am Fellowship 11:00am Confirmation Class 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice	4 Property Committee meeting 6:00pm	5 <i>10:00 am Bible Study Group</i>	6 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters 10:00am Pr. Miho at Rostered Minister's zoom meeting	7	8	9 8:00am-4:00pm LOMC Autumn Fest
10 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 11:00am Confirmation Class 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice	11 11:30am-1:30pm FHN Flu Shots Columbus Day	12 <i>10:00 am Bible Study Group</i>	13 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters 9:00am Pr. Miho at NW conference meeting	14 1:00pm Friendship Club Entertainment by "No Worries Band"	15 Newsletter Deadline	16
17 9:30am Worship Service (Communion Sunday) 10:30am Fellowship 11:00am Confirmation Class <i>No Chime or Choir practice today.</i>	18	19 <i>10:00 am Bible Study Group</i>	20 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters 10:00am Pr. Miho at Rostered Minister's zoom meeting	21 <i>6:30 pm Council Meeting</i>	22	23 Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry
24 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 11:00am Confirmation Class 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice	25	26 <i>10:00 am Bible Study Group</i> <i>1:30pm-3:00pm Pr. Miho at PLC meeting</i>	27 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	28 Today is <u>National Cat Day</u> . It was created by Colleen Paige to bring awareness to the number of cats that need to be rescued each year.	29	30 4:30pm Men's Group Steak Fry
31 Reformation Sunday 9:30am Worship Service (Communion Sunday) 10:30am Fellowship 11:00am Confirmation Class 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice						



Autumn

is a time to play
Let's thank God for every day.





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Martin Luther's Small Catechism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

How can water do such great things?

Clearly the water does not do it, but the word of God, which is with and alongside the water, and faith, which trusts this word of God in the water. For without the word of God the water is plain water and not a baptism, but with the word of God it is a baptism, that is, a grace-filled water of life and a "bath of the new birth in the Holy Spirit," as St. Paul says to Titus in chapter 3, "through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure."