

## August 2022 Newsletter

### GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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#### Shepherd's Voice

*So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today. Matthew 6:34*

Dear God's beloved,

Summer is flying by! The other day I overheard the Piece Corps quilters talking about already hearing the sound of crickets. Sadly, Fall is coming. A new season is on its way. Many of you may have heard by now that I am leaving Good Shepherd. God called me to serve a small congregation in South Carolina. I am excited and sad and feeling so blessed. Thank you for your kind words, sweet cards, text messages, and gifts. Through you I encounter God's compassion, so thank you.

The past couple weeks have gone fast. I am cleaning, packing, mislocating stuff (and not finding them), sorting out documents and materials to pass on to someone else, returning items to their owners, visiting God's beloved children at homes and saying goodbyes. (Even our official church resident bat showed up one day and we said goodbye. I will miss the resident bats for sure.) It has been overwhelming physically, emotionally, and spiritually. I did not realize how much books, documentations for taxes and immigration, and cardstocks and origami papers I have. (I surely killed too many trees.) Everyday I try to tackle a few bags and boxes, but I tell you it is overwhelming. Some days I wish there were more than 24 hours in a day to accomplish at least some tasks on my plate.

When I visited our centennial God's children Betty and Lois, both of them told me a day is only 24 hours. Whether we like it or not, that's how God created a day. A day is just 24 hours. I cannot make it longer or shorter. Their wise statement makes me realize that I need to leave something for tomorrow. A day is 24 hours; if I do not finish everything, then I'll leave tasks for tomorrow to do. God will bring a new day with new adventures.

Matthew 6:34 is the verse that came to my heart in this busy overwhelming stressed out time in my life. Jesus said to his disciples to not worry for tomorrow because today's trouble is plenty enough and to leave something for tomorrow. This verse is a part of a long teaching known as the Sermon of the Mount (Remember it starts with the Beatitudes, a list of blessed ones). Jesus went on teaching on various subjects like anger, adultery, divorce, oaths, retaliation, almsgiving, prayer, fasting, and treasure. (If you are curious, read Matthew chapters 5 to 7.). God's people in the first century Palestine must have had lots of questions about life like us. Life is mysterious. We, human beings, do not know what tomorrow brings but we trust in God who has been giving a new day for thousands of years.

So friends, I give thanks for the past 5 years and 11 months for sharing your joys, frustrations, jokes, and holy moments with me. My times with you are my treasures, and I will carry them with me wherever I go. I pray for you a new day, new joys, new frustrations, new "God moments," and new life.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace today, tomorrow, and always!

Sola gratia! Pr. Miho

Sunday, August 7th

Good Shepherd Community Picnic  
and farewell to Pastor Miho and Terry.

It's time for a good old fashioned picnic at the corner of Mason and Washington Streets with burgers, hot dogs, brats and side dishes from 11:30am until food is all gone. There will be youth and adult games, fellowship, quilt raffle and music by local artists.

Come and wish Pastor Miho and Terry safe travels on their newest adventure. Everyone is welcome, come and have a good time.

COME- visit with friends. Join us for Friendship Club on **August 11<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)** at 1pm for music, devotion, fun, and fellowship! No reservation needed. Just show up! Entertainment by Glenda Linneman. Hope to see many of you!



Join us for Backyard Worship  
When: August 28 (Sunday), 9:30am  
Where: Darci Meier's backyard.

If you'd like, come early at 9:00am for Sunday school for all ages.

There will be games and potluck lunch after worship!



Quote from Martin Luther

"You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say."

Source: Concordia University, Texas



**THE LUCKY DUCKS CANCER TEAM**

Lucky Ducks Cancer Team is using Rada Cutlery for their fundraiser this year. You can order online (password; Lucky Ducks Cancer Team, McConnell, IL) or by calling 800-311-9691. Rada is manufactured at Waverly, Iowa. Orders are received within 5 to 10 days. Minimum order is \$20.00. If you have questions you may contact Sue Diddens at 815-821-3524

Thank you, Sue Diddens and Barb Wire

**STEPHENSON COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE IS SEPTEMBER 17, 2022**

Relay For Life is the world's largest volunteer-based fundraising event. For more than 36 years, communities across the world have come together to honor and remember loved ones and take action for lifesaving change. We strive to make this event as safe as possible and will follow all local COVID related guidelines.

## Highlights from June Council Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Wayne Kurth at 6:35 pm on June 23, 2022,

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report for April 21, 2022 Council Meeting was reviewed and approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jay Andrews presented the Treasurer's Report. The May 2022 offering was quite low with only approximately \$5,500. There was not enough money coming in to cover the bills for May. The Current Account is (\$17,000) in the red and only the utilities and payroll are being paid at this time. There was a lengthy discussion on the matter of how to improve the cash flow. It was decided to transfer \$5,000 from the BMI interest to the Current Accounts and to transfer the \$1,731.33 of interest from the Enduring Gifts interest. This is only a small bandage on a larger problem.

April Electric Bill \$207.72 Gas Bill \$1,088.30

May Electric Bill \$194.40 Gas Bill \$825.38

The Treasurer's Report for April and May were approved as presented.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Miho reported that Sharon Sern has transferred her membership from Prince of Peace to Good Shepherd. Welcome Sharon. The Rev. Stacie Fidler is the new Bishop Elect of the Northern Illinois Synod. Bishop Jeff Clements' Farewell Reception will be on Saturday July 30 from 5-8 pm in Rockford. The Mobile Food Pantry will be at St. John's, Lena on July 12 from 3-4:40 pm. The Girl Scouts left a Thank You and Girl Scout Cookies for the use of the Church on May 18. Pastor's Report was approved as presented.

### Committee Reports:

**Worship and Music Committee:** The committee met on May 15, 2022. For the summer and early fall, Setting 10 out of the ELW will be used for worship. There will be a notice in the newsletter asking for special music for the summer. Dates are being checked on for Worship in the Park. Date and time to be determined. Need someone to change the paraments. Karen Neimeier has volunteered to do it but another person is needed to help. Special Dates to remember: May 29, Favorite Hymn Sunday; June 5, Whole Family Pentecost Sunday Worship; June 12, Holy Trinity Sunday using the Athanasian Creed. The committee also recommended that there should be a yearly Memorial Recognition during worship in October.

**Service Committee:** The volunteers for the June Food Pantry are covered but there is a need for volunteers for the rest of the year.

**Stewardship Committee:** An appeal is being placed in the newsletter for suggestions from the congregation on how to get more interest in church activities.

**Men's Group:** Meeting on June 25, 2022 at 4:40 pm.

All Committee Reports were accepted as presented.

### Old Business:

**Constitution:** The next meeting will be on June 28. The committee is moving forward.

**Shared Ministry:** President Wayne Kurth reported that St. Paul's Lutheran in Warren has decided at this time to hire a part time pastor on a short term basis. After the joint meeting, St. Paul's is interested in a shared ministry but, was unsure of Pastor Miho's commitment to the project.

**Membership:** Still working on.

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## June Council Highlights

**Gutter Guards:** There is an update to the last quote for the Gutter Guards. On the main church building: Old quote \$4,000, new quote \$5000. Sunday School Wing: Old quote \$1,500, new quote \$2,000.

### New Business:

**Website, Covid Restrictions:** It was noted that the Covid Restrictions posted on the church web site were out dated. It was decided to remove all Covid Restrictions from the web site. It was also recommended that the Worship and Music Committee review the portions of the Covid Restrictions concerning communion.

**Fall Festival:** The Lions have sent out the paperwork asking if the church wishes to have a booth at the Fall Festival. This matter will be assessed at the next meeting.

Having no other business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By  
Janis Kurth  
Church Council Secretary

### Treasurer's Report

#### Jay Andrews

Incoming June 2022	\$8,316.59
Expenses June 2022	\$10,559.89
Net Income (Loss)	\$(2,243.30)
Income, Year to Date 2022	\$47,404.88
Expenses, Year to Date 2022	\$55,558.07
Net Income (Loss)	\$(19,153.19)



*New Members*

*Sharon Serna*

*Sue Rush*

*Welcome Sharon and Sue to GS family!*

## ATTENTION!!!!

**Special Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday August 21 at 10:30am**

**Agenda will be: 1. Pastoral leadership 2. Finance**

**You can attend the meeting in-person or by zoom.**

(zoom link will be sent by e-mail on Wednesday August 17th)

If you have any questions, please talk to Wayne.

### *Make-A-Smile cards for*

#### *Lena Living Center*

Each month we will send cards to the Lena Living Center. This is a simple yet profound way 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!



Northwest Conference

2022 Summer Gathering

Women of the ELCA

Pastor Bob Stark, Mount Carroll First Lutheran Church, Leader for

Bible Study from June, July, and August Gather magazine

Meeting held at

Bridges of Carroll County

417 Main Street

Savanna, IL

Thursday, August 18, 2022

Time: 10 am to 1.30 pm/Registration 9:45 am

\$12 for a catered lunch which will be served at 12 pm

After lunch Pastor Stark will be sharing information about the mission of

Bridges of Carroll County

A Freewill offering will be taken

Register by August 11, 2022.

**Dear NISWO Sisters in Christ,**

**The board is excited to announce our in-person convention on Saturday, September 17, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Freeport.**

**Our keynote speaker will be, Loni Taylor, is coming to us from Our Savior's Lutheran Church on the Rocky Boy Reservation in Montana. We are so fortunate she will be able to be with us that day.**

**Prayerfully consider joining us and bringing friends to enjoy inspiring worship, a powerful speaker, fellowship, food, fun, and for voting members, a very important business meeting. Women do not need to be part of an active WELCA unit to attend as a participant that day. Register by August 17, 2022**

**God bless your day and the rest of your summer we hope to see you on September 17!**

**Sheila Keene**

Registration forms are available on WELCA bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Contact Sheila at 815-297-3044 if you have questions.

*For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer.*

*You say: I can't go on.*

*God says: My grace is sufficient (2Corinthians 12:9 and Psalm 91:15)*

# Welcome to Back to School Family Fun Day

Hosted by, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church



Date: Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> (rain day August 13<sup>th</sup>)

When: from 1pm-4pm at

Where: Citizen's State Bank Parking Lot in Lena.

There will be games, chalk art, and fun activities for whole family. Come and have fun time outside!



FOR  
KIDS  
TO  
ENJOY



## Bible Verse Scavenger Hunt

Look up the verses in your bible. Find the item named in the verses below and take a picture!

Matthew 6:11

Deuteronomy 26:9

Psalms 119:105

John 12:3

Job 19:23

Numbers 11:5

Source: Spark family

Would you like to learn more about stories in the Bible and songs?

Come for **Sunday Morning 9:00am-9:20am** for Sunday school.



**ALL AGES** are welcome!





*We lift our Prayers for:*

*Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Rene', Darlene Aurand, Sharon, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, J.T., Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Cindy, Amber, Chris, Ron, Vicki, Sophia, Abby and her triplets, Brenda, Abby Schick, Brenda, Jack, Gretchen, Kay, Roger, Tina, Joe, Dan Kempel, Bruce Miller, Ron Heckman, Justin Yeager, Phil, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Spencer Fransen, Lamar Hail, Connie, and Pete. and pray for love, peace, comfort, and hope of the resurrection for the families and friends of Johanne Wingert, Barbara Pinnow, Gail Mayer, and Craig Clair.*

*Prayer Chain*

*If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, please call the Church Office to submit your request at 815-369-5552.*

*We are also looking for anyone who would like to join the prayer chain. We send prayers through the phone chain and e-mail. You pray your own and pass on to the next person in the prayer chain. God hears our prayers.*

*If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.*



*We are looking for 1 adult or 1-2 youth volunteers at the Le-Win Food Pantry*

*Good Shepherd will be at the Le-Win Food Pantry on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Food Pantry hours are 8:30am-11:30 pm, volunteers are needed for upcoming months of October 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, put your name on the sign up sheet at the ramp or contact the church office.*

*Have a happy BIRTHDAY*

8/2	Madison Tzssendorf	8/19	Jacob Colliger
8/3	Virgil Gordon	8/21	Virgil Martin
8/5	Audrey Stejs	8/21	Marlene Jones
8/5	Karen Cross	8/21	Lydia Smith
8/7	Tim Huber	8/21	Alce Aurand
8/7	Mark Jacobs	8/23	Gia Schlichting
8/8	Brooke Huttgenlocher	8/23	Kevin Huttgenlocher
8/10	Steve Carlson	8/24	Donna Gullickson
8/10	Abba Schlichting	8/24	Curt Diddens
8/11	Danielle Jones	8/25	Chad Baldauf
8/11	Layton Albright	8/25	Emily Meyers
8/13	Sheridan Brinker	8/25	Christian Sutter
8/15	Meredez Freitag	8/26	Paul Fox
8/16	Dennis Broege	8/26	Ethan Fye
8/18	Nikola Cornwell	8/27	Lillie Wilson
8/19	Bill Engel	8/29	Pastor Miranda
8/19	Brianna Kraft	8/30	Thomas Andrews

*"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."*

*Oscar Wilde*

# August Volunteer Schedule

## Greeter

- August 7 Anna Patterson and Tim Gordon  
August 14 Sue Diddens and Michelle Andrews  
August 21 Darci Meier and Sue Diddens  
August 28 Wayne Kurth and Tim Gordon

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.

## Lectors

- August 7 Tena Rackow  
August 14 Sue Diddens  
August 21 Karen Niemeier  
August 28 Cora Hudik

## Upcoming events

- August 6<sup>th</sup> Back to School Family Fun Day, (rain date August 13)  
At Citizens State Bank from 1:00pm-4:00pm. Games, chalk art and fun.
- August 7<sup>th</sup> Community Picnic
- August 11<sup>th</sup> Friendship Club entertainment by Glenda Linneman
- August 21<sup>st</sup> Special Congregational Meeting
- August 28<sup>th</sup> Backyard Worship at Darci Meier's backyard.



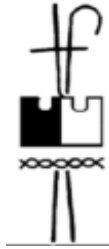


# August 2022

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10:00am Bible Study Group  7:00pm Constitution Meeting	3 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters	4	5	6 1:00pm-4:00pm Back to School Family Fun Day at Citizens Bank parking lot
7 9:30 am Worship Service (Communion Sunday) Men's Choir Singing 11:30am Community Picnic	8	9 10:00am Bible Study Group	10 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters	11 1:00 pm Friendship Club Entertainment by Glenda Linneman	12	13  (Back to School Family Fun Day rain date)
14 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 11:00am Learning Committee meeting	15 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	16 10:00am Bible Study Group	17 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters	18 6:30pm Council Meeting	19	20
21 9:30am Worship Service (Communion Sunday) 10:30am Special Congregational Meeting	22	23 10:00am Bible Study Group	24 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters	25	26	27 Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry  4:30pm Men's Group
28 9:00am-9:20am Sunday School 9:30am Backyard Worship Service 10:30am potluck lunch 10:30 am Choir practice	29	30 10:00am Bible Study Group	31 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters			



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*Words from Martin Luther*

*"O Lord, We Praise You"*

*ELW 499 verse 1*

*O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you,  
in thanksgiving bow before you.*

*Here with your body and your blood  
you nourish our weak souls that they may flourish.*

*O Lord, have mercy!*

*May your body, Lord, born of Mary,  
that our sins and sorrows did carry,  
and your blood for us plead in all trial, fear, and need.*

*O Lord, have mercy!*