



August 2023 Newsletter
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Highlights from June Council Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Jonathon Kurth at 6:40 pm on June 15, 2023.

Shirley Fox had come to the Council Meeting to present a memorial for Paul Fox. She requested to have the memorial designated for a future project for the church. The Council thanked her for the gift of money in memory of Paul Fox.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report for May 18, 2023 Council Meeting was reviewed and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jay Andrews presented the Treasurer's Report. The bill for the boiler repairs to Molitor Plumbing has been paid. The current account is in the red. Discussion followed. Dale Gullickson made a motion to take the interest from the Enduring Gifts Fund and put it into the Current Accounts.

May Gas Bill \$939.77, Electric Bill \$172.59

The Treasurer's Report for May was approved as presented.

Vicar's Report: Vicar Thomas Mosbo presented the Vicar's Report. He has been busy. He put an emphasis in May on making the time of Pentecost a way of thanking and supporting members of the church for what they give. Vicar Thomas sent out personal cards to members of the congregation during Pentecost. He presided and preached at Sunday morning services, attended meetings, visited and brought communion to the shut-ins and elderly members, provided pastoral care. Officiated at Lois Paulsen's funeral and provided pastoral care for the family. Vicar Thomas plans on attending Synod Assembly and is working on Adult VBS coming in August. Vicar's Report was approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Property Committee: Pearl City Seamless gutters will be coming next week to finish the gutter installation. The Property Committee recommended that the Council consider a motion to have Pearl City Seamless Gutter finish the portion of the church building that they did not get done last fall and to also do the Sunday School Wing. The funds to pay for the project are to be taken from the SF BMI Interest.

Men's Group: will be meeting on June 24, for some projects around the church. They will also be cooking pork chops for the Church BBQ Potluck on Sunday June 25.

Having no other Committee Reports, all Committee Reports were approved as presented.

Old Business:

Constitution: The Constitution Committee will be having a meeting next week.

The next Council Meeting will be held on July 20, 2023.

Having no other business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by
Janis Kurth
Church Council Secretary



A Special Note of Thanks

Dear Ladies of Good Shepherd Church,

Thank you so much for your dedicated work on the lovely quilts for the people of Pine Ridge. We so appreciate your kindness. Everything you brought will be put to good use. Your generosity is helping us to carry on God's work.

*Many Blessings,
Holy Cross Parish
Stockton, IL.*

Thanks so much !

The Piece Corp would like to thank so many angels that come each week to sew, tie, pin tear, etc. the many hours they work at home to make the quilt tops. Thanks to those that travel and deliver to Lutherdale Camp, Holy Cross Catholic Church for taking so many things for us to be delivered to Pine Ridge. Those that purchase quilts, and those that donated material. It comes from near and far. A big thank you to all.

Come and join us on Wednesdays from 8-11am.
The Piece Corp.

Bible Trivia -

Which Eastern European country venerates Mary with the title, "Our Lady of Czestochowa"?

(A) Poland, (B) Albania, (C) Romania (D) Germany

Answer on page 6.

Source: funtrivia.com, From [Quiz: For It Was Mary](#)

Lena Lions Fall Festival, September 8th and 9th

"Our Past - Our Future"

Good Shepherd will again be having a float in the Lena Lions Fall Festival Parade along with the Hospitality Tent uptown. Volunteers will be needed to help make the float and to greet guests in the Hospitality Tent during the festival. If you would like to volunteer, sign up sheet is available in the hallway going into Fellowship Hall or you could call the church office at 815-369-5552.



Women ^{of the} ELCA 

2023 FALL CONVENTION

BE THE BODY OF HOPE

OCTOBER 7, 2023

9 AM - 3 PM

St. John's Lutheran
Church
2000 Luther Dr
Peru



For by one Spirit we were all
baptized into one body. If any
member suffers all suffer
together; if one member is
honored all rejoice together.

1 Corinthians 12:13b, 26



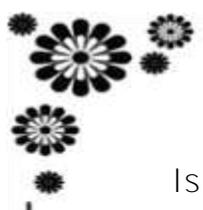
Registration forms available at the church office upon request.



COME- visit with friends. Join us for
Friendship Club
 on August 11th (Thursday) at 12:30pm for
 potluck, music, devotion, fun, and fellowship!
 No reservation needed. Just show up!
 Entertainment by Glenda Linneman.
 Hope to see many of you at our next gathering!



CHOIR and BELLS
 Practice will begin on
August 27
 (last Sunday in August)
 Bells are from 10:45-11:15:
 Choir from 11:15-11:45



**The Friendship Center
 Adult Daycare in Lena, Il.**

Is in need of a few volunteer cooks.
 Responsibilities would be to prepare a noon lunch
 for 10+ clients. If you like to cook for others we
 would love to have you help us out. Currently this
 is a volunteer position of about three hours and the
 scheduling if very flexible. If this might fit your
 schedule please call the Friendship Center at
 815-369-2690 and ask for Robin or Jenny for more
 information. Share your cooking skills, be blessed
 and be a blessing!



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

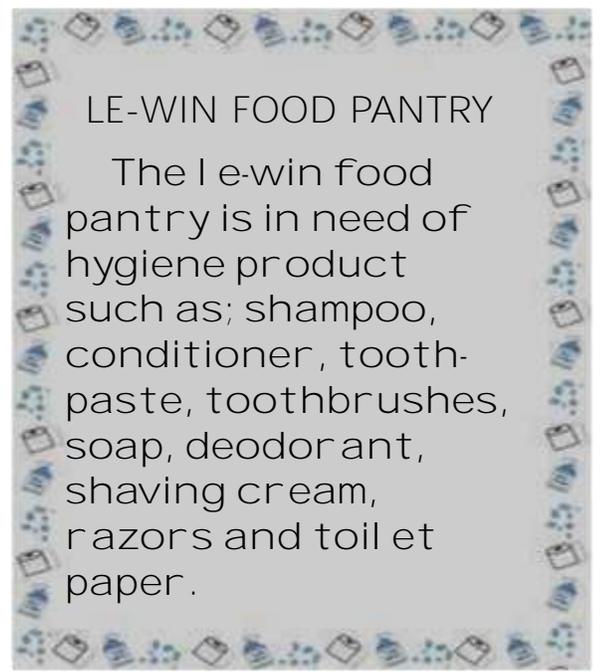
*We are also looking for anyone
 who would like to join the prayer
 chain. We send prayers through
 the phone chain and e-mail. You
 pray your own and pass on to the
 next person in the prayer chain.
 God hears our prayers.*

*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 26th. Food Pantry
 hours are 8:30am-11:30 pm, volunteers are needed
 for upcoming months of October 28th and December
 23rd. If you are interested, put your name on the sign
 up sheet at the ramp or contact the church office at
 815-369-5552.*



LE-WIN FOOD PANTRY

The Le-win food
 pantry is in need of
 hygiene product
 such as; shampoo,
 conditioner, tooth-
 paste, toothbrushes,
 soap, deodorant,
 shaving cream,
 razors and toilet
 paper.



Our Purpose Statement

“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”

Just as the shorter days of fall will be here before we know it, the Twelfth Triennial Convention of the Women of the ELCA will also be here before we know it. **The theme is “Just Love”.** Traditionally participants encourage in-kind donations from their fellow church members that can be brought to the gathering. They can also be mailed to the Women of the ELCA office in Chicago. On the WELCA bulletin board in Fellowship Hall there is an interesting fact sheet which explains the variety of items being requested and provides information about the recipient organizations. Since gift cards are easy to transport, Sheila will be collecting them to deliver on behalf of the Northwest Conference of the Northern Illinois Synod. If you choose to donate a gift card, please give it directly to Sheila in person or to Betty in the church office by Sunday, September 10. It is also customary for participants to take trinkets which represent their area that are then shared with other participants. The NIS WELCA is making needlepoint bookmarkers. If you would like to make some, please let Sheila know. She has the plastic canvas; you just need to supply the yarn and the labor. These are two easy ways to Just Love!

Gift Cards: (minimum value \$10; \$25 is most desirable) may be purchased from the following national retailers: Target, Walmart, Visa, Mastercard, Home Depot, Lowe’s, Sam’s Club, and Costco.

Grocery Store Chains Cards: (minimum value \$10; \$25 is most desirable) may be purchased from the following retailers: Safeway, local chain can be purchased on-line Sprouts- Sprouts.com, Frys- <https://giftcards.kroger.com>, Los Altos Ranch Market-[https:// losaltosranchmarket.com](https://losaltosranchmarket.com).



Answer from Bible Trivia—A; Poland

Since 1362, The Shrine to Mary, Our Lady of Czestochowa is located on the mountain top, Jasna Gora, (meaning Bright Mountain) in Czestochowa, Poland. The painting (or icon), is in the monastery and care of the Pauline Fathers. In the shrine there is a painting of Mary, known as "The Black Madonna", so named because of the discoloration that had occurred to the icon over the centuries. This painting also plays an important part in Polish history and many miracles through the intercession of Mary are credited to her. Many pilgrimages are made to Jasna Gora. One of the largest treks was on September 8, 1682, when one hundred and forty thousand persons attended a ceremony to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the painting of "The Black Madonna" arriving in Czestochowa. The tradition of pilgrimages has continued. In August of 1957, with a copy of the icon of Mary, a pilgrimage began to carry it to all the churches throughout Poland. During the years 1966 to 1972 the painting of "The Black Madonna" itself was taken under Communist control. With ingenuity, the procession continued with the empty wooden frame of "The Black Madonna" carried as their banner.

Honor Roll

Hanna Brinker made the Dean's List at U.W. Oshkosh

Le-Win Students, second semester

Principal's Honor Roll - Sarah Geisman

High Honors - Khayne Albright

Paige Hancock

Kaidynce Lynch

Honor's Honor Roll

Nakoah Cornwell

Alex Schlichting

Lucas Fye

Cierra Hetelak

Cadie Wolfrom

A hearty congratulations on your achievement! Here's to many more successes!



Q: Why did Noah have to punish and discipline the chickens on the Ark?

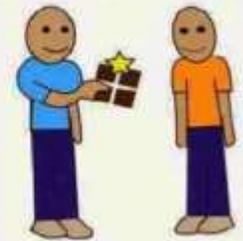


YOUTH FOR GOD

Mystery Cryptogram

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
8	3	10	14	9	22	19	2	23	13	24	20	4	25	15	1	26	11	18	6	21	17	5	16	12	7

www.youthforGod.com



A: Because they were "fowl" language.

We lift our Prayers for:

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Rene', Sue Kraft, Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Sue Rush, Coral Mosbo, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Gretchen, Tina, Joe, Dan Kempel, Ron Heckman, Justin Yeager, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Jim Clay, Sharon Janicke, Ethan and Hannah.

Katharina von Bora

29 January 1499 –
20 December 1552



In 1525, Luther married Katharina von Bora, a former nun who had abandoned the convent and taken refuge in Wittenberg.

Born into a noble family that had fallen on hard times, at the age of five Katharina was sent to a convent. She and several other reform-minded nuns decided to escape the rigors of the cloistered life, and after smuggling out a letter pleading for help from the Lutherans, Luther organized a daring plot. With the help of a fishmonger, Luther had the rebellious nuns hide in herring barrels that were secreted out of the convent after dark - an offense punishable by death. Luther ensured that all the women found employment or marriage prospects, except for the strong-willed Katharina, who refused all suitors except Luther himself. The scandalous marriage of a disgraced monk to a disgraced nun may have somewhat tarnished the reform movement, but over the next several years, the couple prospered and had six children. Katharina proved herself a more than a capable wife and ally, as she greatly increased their family's wealth by shrewdly investing in farms, orchards and a brewery. She also converted a former monastery into a dormitory and meeting center for Reformation activists. Luther later said of his marriage "I have made the angels laugh and the devils weep."

Source: Wikipedia and Andrews University.

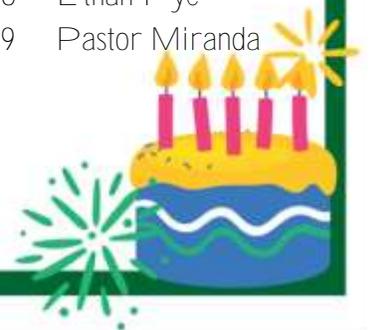
Treasurer's Report
Jay Andrews

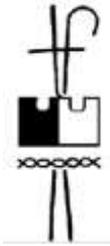
Income June 2023	\$3,746.09
Expenses June 2023	\$7,902.76
Net Income (Loss)	\$(4,145.67)
Income, Year to Date 2023	\$66,962.45
Expenses, Year to Date 2023	\$58,939.36
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 8,023.09

Answer from page 7: It doesn't matter who you are or what you have or do if you give your very best, the best returns to you.

Happy Birthday

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
8/26	Ethan Fye
8/29	Pastor Miranda
8/2	Madison Tessendorf
8/3	Virgil Gordon
8/5	Audrey Stees
8/5	Karen Cross
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	Dennis Broege
8/18	Nikola Cornwell





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Mary, Mother of Our Lord

In the Lutheran calendar, the principal festival of Mary is "Mary, Mother of Our Lord" on Aug. 15. The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

Source: www.livinglutheran.org and Sunday's and Seasons.