



March 2024 Newsletter

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
118 E. Mason, Lena, IL 61048 Phone # (815) 369-5552



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Thanks to your generosity-and your kindness- your congregation helped LSSI provide services-and hope- to over 50,000 children, adults, and seniors in Illinois last year. That's one in every 252 people in our state.

Through the efforts of employees, clients, donors, churches, and volunteers, we accomplish our mission and goals-together.

Affordable Housing

For adults 60+ and people over age 18 with disabilities, LSSI provides affordable housing at 20 housing sites throughout Illinois. A Social Service Coordinator is available at every site to assist residents.



1,447 residents with an annual income between \$5,000 and \$25,000 were provided affordable housing by LSSI.

Your acts of kindness are truly and investment in the future of more than 50,000 children, adults, and seniors

Thank you for your continued support.



Mental Health Services

LSSI was among the first organizations in Chicago to receive federal funding to launch a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) to better serve the mental health and substance use needs of Chicago's Northwest Side neighborhoods. CCBHC is a special designation for clinic providing comprehensive mental health and substance use services.

LSSI provided critical mental health services to 15,352 clients.



Mystery Supper

Saturday, March 16th, 2024 at 6: 00pm

Menu includes: Unknown!

Sign up sheet by entrance to Fellowship Hall.

Please sign up before March 10, 2024

A freewill donation welcome to cover expenses would be welcomed; anything donated above expenses will go to the church.

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Highlights
January 18, 2024**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council was held on January 18, 2024. The meeting was called to order by President Jonathon Kurth.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report was reviewed. The Secretary's Report was approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jay Andrews reported that the December offering was good. The fourth quarter interest came in as well. Jay Andrews did state that not all that interest could go to current expenses. Some interest on the Special Funds and must go there. As expected, the Gas bill is going up as well as the Water Bill because the Village Board is increasing all the water bills in Lena. At the current date, there is about \$7,600 in the checking account.

Electric Bill \$218.78 Gas Bill \$494.76.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

Vicar's Report: Pastor Thomas Mosbo presented a report to the council. Pastor has been busy. There have been the Christmas services, his ordination, a funeral for Sheridan Brinker, and Sunday services. With Pastor's Ordination, there has been a shift in his relationship with the congregation from Vicar to Pastor. Pastor Thomas' installation will be on February 4, 2024 during morning worship service. In looking forward Pastor Thomas plans on focusing on the Lenten journey, visitations of both shut-ins and inactive members, revamping the website and on planning some new adult education opportunities. The Pastor's Report was approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship Committee: The Stewardship Committee was recommending to have a pot luck after the Annual Meeting and after Pastor Mosbo's installation. After discussion, the Council felt that the Annual Meeting might run long enough that people would prefer to go home and Pastor Thomas would just prefer to have a regular Fellowship Coffee Hour after his installation. So the Council would prefer not to have a pot luck on either of those days.

Property Committee: The bill from Loescher for fixing the boiler has been paid. All the Committee Reports were approved.

Old Business:

Constitution: Nothing to report.

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New Business:

Annual Meeting Agenda: The Agenda for the Annual Meeting was gone over. There were a couple of things that needed to be corrected and will be given to Church Secretary Betty to correct. The Agenda was approved.

Installation of Pastor: Pastor Thomas Mosbo’s installation will be held on February 4, 2024 during the regular Worship Service. There should be a notice put in the local newspaper for the public. Should consider having two communions’ stations and passing the offering plates. Rev. Julie Monnard will give the morning message and install Pastor Thomas Mosbo. There will be an informal Fellowship Hour in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Church Files: Betty Allen Church Secretary has notice that the files in the office are getting full and that there are a lot of outdated files. She is wondering what she should do with them. It was suggested that she pull the files that she has questions about and that Pastor and/or a couple of church members can help hr determine if they are still needed in the office files or if they could be put in storage.

Website: Pastor Thomas Mosbo will be taking over managing the website. The current website manager will need to be contacted and informed of this change.

Church Bulletin: It was noted that many members are liking the new format of the Sunday Morning Church Bulletins.

Having not other business before the Church Council motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer. The next meeting date will be determined by the new Council.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Janis Kurth
Church Council Secretary

Treasurer’s Report

Jay Andrews

Incoming January 2024	\$ 5,098.00
Expenses January 2024	<u>\$10,408.30</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (5,310.23)
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Lenten Music Services

Join us each Wednesday during Lent at 1p.m. at E-Free Church on Lake Road, Lena, in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate with music. Each week a different group will perform. Service will be 45-60 minutes long.

- March 6 Freeport Sacred Youth Choir
- March 13 Gone Fishin’
- March 20 Steve Sheffey
- March 27 Glenda Linneman

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Highlights
January 28, 2024**

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council met at 12:10 p.m. on January 28, 2024 following the Annual Congregational Meeting Outgoing President Jonathon Kurth called the meeting to order.

The purpose of the meeting was to choose the President, Vice President and Secretary for the Council as well as the meeting date and time.

Those selected or volunteering for a position were:

President:	Kristy Patterson
Vice President:	Coralyn Hudik
Secretary	Darci Meier

A made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the Church Council Officers. The motion was approved.

Discussion followed as to what day would best fit the Council to meet. It was decided that the Second Thursday of each month from 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m. would be best.

Having no other business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Janis Kurth
Church Council Secretary

Holy Week Services

Sunday, March 24th

*9:30am Whole Family Palm/Passion
Sunday service*

Thursday, March 28th

*7:00pm Maundy Thursday service
with communion.*

Good Friday, March 29th

Service at 7:00pm.

Easter Sunday, March 31st

*7:00am Sunrise Service
8:00am Easter Breakfast
9:30am Worship Service
With Communion*

**We are looking for volunteers at the
Le-Win Food Pantry**

**Good Shepherd helps with Le-Win Food
Pantry on the 4th Saturday of even num-
bered months from 8:20am-11:30am.
Needs are high and we are looking for 2
volunteers for the upcoming months (June
22nd, August 24th, October 26th and De-
cember 28th). If you are interested, put
your name on the sign up sheet at the
ramp or contact the church office.**

We lift up our prayers

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Brady Meier, Leona Block, Virgil Martin, Tena Rackow, 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, Justin Yeager, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Sharon Janicke, Ethan, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Jeri, Allie, Al, Glen Hagemann, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Christine, Michelle and Maci Diffenderfer.

Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for the family and friends of Jim Clay and Duke Whittington.

Thank you God for listening to our prayers.

Good Shepherd Scholarship Applications for 2024

The criteria for eligibility are as follows:

- 1. Participating member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.*
- 2. Graduating senior presently enrolled in college, or a returning college student.*
- 3. Full time student with a minimum of 12 credit hours.*
- 4. Student entering an Associate or Bachelor degree program.*
- 5. Thorough completion and timely return of application.*
- 6. Adult student returning for courses toward certification, associates or bachelor degree.*

Since 1997, seventy-four scholarships have been awarded.

Applications for 2024scholarships will be available March 29,2024 at the church office. They must be returned to the church office by April 30,2024.

Recipients may not reapply for additional scholarships.

Amount of scholarship is not to exceed \$1000, and may be less than this amount as demand requires. Also offered is a \$200 award for adults returning for class work,

*Easter Day
Breakfast at
Good Shepherd*

We invite you and your family to come and enjoy at 8:00am after Easter Sunrise Service on March 31st.

Menu includes; egg casserole, coffee cake, coffee, orange juice and milk.

Reservations appreciated, forms available by Fellowship Hall.

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 prayer 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.



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.”

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA,

Thank you for supporting the ministries of the Women of the ELCA with your recent gift for \$55.00. Your faithful generosity makes a real difference. Thank you.

Even in unsettling times, Women of the ELCA in all its expressions—congregational and special units, synodical women’s organizations, the church-wide women’s organizations—is still at work with life-changing ministry. We might be engaging in ministry and action in different ways for a while, but that’s what we do—because that’s who we are: a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. And we’ve committed ourselves to promoting healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world. Your giving helps make that happen. Thank you.

Thank you for your generosity. Together, thanks to your support, we’ll get through this. Thank you. For regular updates on our ever-growing work together, please see our website, www.womenoftheelca.org.

Your giving really does make a difference. Thank you.

With gratitude,

Linda Post Bushkofsky

Executive Director

SAVE THE DATE: April 4, 2024,
Northwest Conference Spring Gathering,
Christ Lutheran in Stockton, Rev. Twila Schock from Mosaic

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 27, 2024.
The WELCA Retreat will be held at LOMC near Oregon
Additional information on the WELCA Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall.

Check out the following websites:

www.womenoftheelca.org www.nisynod.org/ministries/nis-women

www.gathermagazine.org

A Gather subscription not only keeps you connected but also supports the work of the Women of the ELCA. Subscription cards can be found on the WELCA bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

March 2024 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Third Sunday in Lent 9:30am Worship Service Communion Sunday 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am-11:15am Chime Practice 11:15am-11:45am Choir Practice	4 Property Committee Meeting 6:00pm	5	6 8:00-11:30am <i>Piece Corps Quilters</i> Lenten Music 1:00pm E-Free Church, Lena, IL Freeport Scared Youth Choir	7	8	9  Turn your clocks ahead! Daylight Savings Time
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24 Passion/Palm Sunday  9:30 am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am-11:15am Chime Practice 11:15am-11:45am Choir Practice	25	26	27 8:00-11:30am <i>Piece Corps Quilters</i> Lenten Music 1:00pm E-Free Church, Lena, IL Glenda Linneman	28 Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00pm with communion at Good Shepherd.	29 Good Friday Service at 7:00pm at Good Shepherd	30 Holy Saturday Men's Group 4:30pm
31 Easter Sunday  7:00am Sunrise Service (without Communion) 8:00am Easter Breakfast 9:30am Easter Sunday (with Communion) Worship						

March Volunteer Schedule

Greeter

March 3 Michelle Andrews and Wayne Kurth
March 10 Cindy Fahr and Virgil Gordon
March 17 Darci Meier and Tim Gordon
March 24 Sue Diddens and Virgil Gordon
March 28 Anna Patterson and Wayne Kurth
March 29 Darci Meier and Michelle Andrews
March 31 7:00am Service Cindy Fahr and Tim Gordon
March 31 9:30am Service Anna Patterson and Virgil Gordon

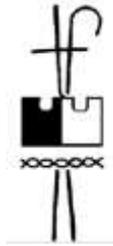
Lectors

March 3 Karen Niemeier
March 10 Wayne Kurth
March 17 Coralyn Hudik
March 24 Sue Diddens
March 28 Karen Niemeier
March 29 Sue Diddens
March 31 7:00am Service Larry Fulfs
March 31 9:30am Service Coralyn Hudik

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.

Communion Assistants

March 3 Wayne Kurth
March 17 Beth Martin
March 28 Wayne Kurth
March 31 9:30am Service Shirley Fox



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March 17

Patrick, Bishop, missionary to Ireland, Died 461

Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At age 16 he was torn by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, Calpurnius, a deacon and minor local official, Patrick was carried into slavery in Ireland. He admitted up to this point he cared little for God. He spent six bleak years there as a herdsman, during which he turned with fervor to his faith. Upon dreaming that the ship in which he was to escape was ready, he fled his master and found passage to Britain. There he came near to starvation and suffered a second brief captivity before he was reunited with his family and began to prepare for ordained ministry. He later returned to Ireland, this time to serve as a bishop and missionary.

Source: sundaysandseasons.com/planner

One legend, of St. Patrick, probably the most popular, is that of the shamrock, which has him explain the concept of the Holy Trinity, three persons in one God, to an unbeliever by showing him the three-leaved plant with one stalk. Traditionally, Irishmen have worn shamrocks, the national flower of Ireland, in their lapels on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.