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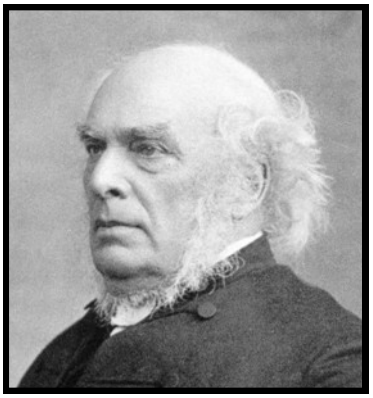

Favorite Hymn History

Horatuis Bonar

December 19, 1808 -July 31, 1889.

Horatuis Bonar was a distinguished Presbyterian divine, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, December 19, 1808; and was educated at the high school and University of Edinburgh. He was ordained in 1837, and became a minister of the Established Church of Scotland at Kelso. At the Disruption in 1843 he became one of the founders of the Free Church of Scotland. The University of Aberdeen gave him the doctorate in 1853. In 1866 he became the minister of the Chalmers Memorial Church, in Edinburgh. Dr. Bonar died July 31, 1889. He was a voluminous writer of sacred poetry, and more than one hundred of his hymns are in common use. He published the following books, in which most of his hymns are found: *Songs of the Wilderness*, 1843-44; *The Bible Hymn Book*, 1845; *Hymns Original and Selected*, 1846; *Hymns of Faith and Hope*, first series, 1857 (second series, 1864; third series, 1867); *Hymns of the Nativity*, 1879; *Communion Hymns*, 1881. Dr. Bonar was an able, pious man and a sweet singer, though as a premillenarian some of his poems are plaintive and sad almost to pessimism. His hymns include, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" and "Blessing and Honor"

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June 2025 Newsletter

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Intouch Home Care

Assists Congregation to Provide Respite Care

Since 1981, LSSI's Intouch Home Care Program has helped older adults maintain their lives in the community and in their homes. Intouch lends its support to A Caring Place, a respite care program at Christus Victor Lutheran Church in Elk Grove Village. A Caring Place offers respite for family members caring for adults with mild cognitive or physical impairments, and a community of friends for its participants. The caregivers of various participants shared the program's impact on their lives: "A Godsend." "Vital." "A lifesaver." "What a relief." A Caring Place, launched 20 years ago by Christus Victor's Senior Pastor Stefan Potuznik and two community members, has 12 to 15 regular participants. It is led by Rosa Biondo, A Caring Place Coordinator, and staffed by Intouch Home Care Assistant Terri Lucas and 10 volunteers. Lucas has been a home care assistant with LSSI for 13 years. The program expands the personalized approach Intouch takes with clients in their homes. "Intouch Home Care not only helps seniors maintain their independence, but also provides the loved ones and caregivers of our clients with support," said Jeremiah Royster, Director of Intouch Operations and Growth. "Christus Victor has taken that same commitment into a community setting with A Caring Place. We're so honored to lend our services to such a valuable, worthwhile program." A typical day's activities include word games, trivia, and lunch. In between, there is laughter, an occasional nap, conversation, and a palpable affection between participants, volunteers, and staff. "It's good trying something new," said participant Neil. "They take good care of us." Neil enjoys the history games, intellectual challenges, celebrations, and friendships. His wife Marie agrees that the group is good for him— and her. "There's a lot of people going through this," she said. "Even us talking about what we're experiencing really helps."

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Highlights
April 10, 2025 Council Meeting

- **Agenda:** The Agenda for the meeting was reviewed. Several items were added to the Agenda as follows: Lena Food Pantry Rent and Insurance, Lions Club Booth registration, and Ministerial Association.
- **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report from the February 24, 2025 was reviewed. Having no additions or corrections, the Secretary's Report was approved.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Jay Andrews presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported that the current accounts were looking good. He also stated that he had transferred the money from the Lucille Baker Fund that the congregation had approved at Annual Meeting. The Gas bill paid was $1,988.37 Electric bill paid was $305.00 The Treasurer's Report was approved.
- **Pastors Report:** Pastor Thomas Mosbo presented his report. He provided pastoral care to a number of people as well as presiding at Mary Lou Otte's graveside service. Pastor also prepared services for Holy Week and Easter Services. Pastor's Report was approved.
- **Committee Reports:**
- **Stewardship Committee:** Coralyn Hudik has resigned as Committee Chairperson. She is willing to stay on the committee though. A new Stewardship Committee Chair needs to be found.
- **Service Committee:** The Food Pantry has the opportunity to increase their area in the building they are now located. With that, there will be a rent increase. Discussion followed. Pastor Thomas Mosbo noted that later in April there will be a Lena Ministerial Meeting. He plans to attend to get more information on the Food Pantry.
- **Property Committee:** The Property Committee has installed new lights in the Sanctuary.
- **Scholarship Committee**: The Scholarship Committee has approved the scholarship applications from Jared Runkle and Jacob Runkle. The awards will be presented during Worship Service on May 18, 2025 during Worship Service with a reception to follow in the Fellowship hall. The committee has also updated the criteria to qualify for a Good Shepherd Scholarship.
- **Face Book:** Pastor Thomas Mosbo is working on the Face Book account and getting the Worship Service videos on Face Book. He is having trouble putting them on You Tube at this moment and is working on the problem.

All Standing Committee Reports were approved as presented.

Old Business:

- **Constitution:** The Constitution has been sent to Synod. Waiting for their feedback.

New Business:

- **Council Members:** There are seven (7) voting members on the current Council. That meets the Constitutional requirements for Council. The Council has decided not to appoint another Council Member at this time.

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

Respectfully Submitted by
Janis Kurth
Church Council Secretary

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."

Resolutions for the Northern Illinois Synod (NIS) Women of the ELCA (WELCA) are presented and voted on at our annual convention. The Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) accepts offerings and gives financial support for the current resolutions. These resolutions will be shared here chronologically in the coming months.

Ruthie Fairchild was involved in a fatal car accident just outside of Stockton in May 2018. She was the outreach coordinator at Zion Lutheran Church in Rockford. This congregation has several outreach initiatives including Ruthie's Closet and Ruthie's Kitchen.

Following is the 2019 NIS WELCA resolution in her honor.

> Resolution: Ruthie Fairchild Day: January 20th A Day of Remembrance, Service, Advocacy and Action
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> WHEREAS, Ruth Dell Fairchild was an active woman of color who worked in her church, as well as our organization, her community, and beyond, to eliminate racism, hunger issues, prostitution, incarceration, and human trafficking.
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> WHEREAS, Ruth Dell Fairchild actively worked in her church, as well as our organization, her community, and beyond, toward education and development of the L.S.S.I. Storybook Program, prostitution, prisoner support, and community prisoner reentry programs.
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> WHEREAS, Ruth Dell Fairchild initiated programs, in her church, community, and beyond, to implement after school education programs for children primarily of incarcerated parents, community garden programs, and farmer's market sales, to benefit those children and families.
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> WHEREAS, Ruth Dell Fairchild educated her church, our organization, her community, and beyond on complicated racial issues, by living her example of love for all God's children, and bringing together people of all races to worship, work, and learn together.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that Northern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA recognize a day of remembrance, on January 20th, to continue the Social Justice work that she initiated, for NISWO, in her Church, Community, and Synod.

RESOLVED: that, Ruthie Fairchild Day focuses on education regarding human trafficking, community reentry for prisoner support, racism, and hunger issues.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Northern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA are encouraged to act by choosing from the following options, on this day of remembrance:

1. Form a prayer group on this day to pray for Social Justice issues, in your community, or shelter, racism, hunger, prisoner support.
2. Form a Bible study on this day, each year, and invite a speaker from a Social Justice area.
3. Financially support a local shelter, food pantry, service center.
4. Collect personal hygiene items, food clothing, furniture, toys, quilts for shelters, or re-entry programs.
5. Contact police departments to assist with speaking engagements on keeping communities safe.
6. Write a Senator, Congressman, Representative, about passing laws safeguarding the victims for Human Trafficking.
7. Develop a book club focusing on Social Justice issues, Human Trafficking, Racism, Prison Ministry, Community hunger etc. and hold the book review, on this day.
8. Raise money for special events, panel discussions, or film showings.
9. Connect with interfaith groups and share common principals of Justice with them.
10. Create a service for your church, together with rostered leaders and lay women, focusing on Social

Justice issues, or hold the WELCA Thankoffering service on this day.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Women of the Northern Illinois Synod in memory of Ruthie Dell Fairchild, who served those who were victims of social injustice, to actively support this resolution and remember this Bold Christian Woman, on this day of remembrance.

Passed 9/21/19 NIS WELCA Convention

Friendship Club

Join us on June 12th (Thursday) at 12:30pm for potluck at 1pm for music by Steve Sheffey devotion, fun, and fellowship! No reservation needed. Have a wonderful afternoon with old friends and meet new friends.

Good friends are like stars;
You don't' always see them,
But you know they are there.

We lift our prayers for...

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Marilyn Fulfs, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Cyndy Schumacher, Jerry Martin, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, 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, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim De-Montigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig Josh and Ellie Joy, Hannah, Ray Phillips, and Allison Biddick. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrections for the family and friends of Jennifer Huneke and Curt Diddens.

Prayer Chain:

If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, please call or email the Church Office to submit your request , phone at 815-369-5552 or email at; goodshepherdlena@outlook.com.

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.

Thank you to the choir members, chime musicians, Choir Director, Janis Kurth, Organist, Karen Niemeier and Pianist, Tena Rackow for taking the time out of your busy schedule to prepare for and putting on the performances throughout the year. Your music touches so many on so many levels, spiritually and emotionally.

Treasurer's Report
Jay Andrews

Incoming April 2025	$ 5,477.10
Expenses April 2024	$ 9,417.22
Net Income (Loss)	$ (3,940.12)
Income, Year to Date 2024	$40,474.97
Expenses, Year to Date 2024	$41,656.91
Net Income (Loss)	$(1,181.94)

Good Shepherd Congregation and Scholarship Committee

Thank you all for the opportunity to receive this scholarship. It will help up out tremendously! Also, thank you for the beautiful church service and reception afterwards! This Congregation has had a huge impact on my life and has shaped my personality to the way it is today!

Thank You,
Jacob Runkle

Good Shepherd Congregation and Scholarship Committee

Thank you for the generous scholarship that I will use as I further my education at Wyotech. Thank you also for the nice graduation service and reception following church on Sunday, May 18th.
Being a part of a supportive congregation has helped me become the person I am today.

With appreciation,
Jared Runkle

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!

Thank You!!

A special thank you to Janis Kurth and Leesa Gerke for creating a wonderful Easter Breakfast that was enjoyed by all who were able to attend. Your generosity in preparing this feast has touched many hearts.

To those who kindly donated food items for Easter Breakfast, Thank You, your contribution helped create a very memorable meal.

June

Far up in the deep blue sky.
Great white clouds are floating by;
All the world is dressed in green;
Many happy birds are seen.
Roses bright and sunshine clear
Show us that lovely June is here.

F.G. Sanders

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

Le-Win Food Pantry
We are in need of volunteers

Good Shepherd will be at the Le-Win Food Pantry every 4th Saturday of even numbered months from 8:20am-11:30am. Needs are high and we are looking for Volunteers.

Upcoming months are:

June 28th,
August 30th,
October 31st
December 27th

If you are interested, put your name on the sign up sheet at the ramp or contact the church office.

Did you know??

During and after WWII, Germany's four-lane highways were probably the best in the world. And Eisenhower used them to move troops and travel across the country. So he thought four-lane highways were a great transport system, and fought hard for the

June Birthday's

06/02	Aaron Smith
06/03	Jay Andrews
06/06	Kevin Huttenlocher
06/06	Madi Diddens
06/06	Jerry Cross
06/09	Sarah Andrews
06/12	Maci Diffenderfer
06/13	Richard Rutter
06/14	Seth Cory
06/19	Corey Wybourn
06/20	Darlene Aurand
06/20	Karen Niemeier
06/21	Sue Kraft
06/25	Deb Mammoser
06/25	Kelsey Albrecht
06/25	Jessica Koning
06/29	Kelly Derr
06/29	Jacob Runkle
06/29	Jared Runkle
06/29	Darci Meier
06/29	Katie Jo Huber

Northern Illinois Food Bank

Mobile Market Pantry Schedule

Hours: 3:00pm-4:30pm

June 10, 2025 St. John's Lutheran Church, Lena, IL

July 8, 2025 Jane Adams Trail Parking Lot, West High and Ewing Drive, Orangeville, IL