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"Day by Day"
Carolina Sandell Berg,1832-1903

The daughter of a Lutheran minister, Sandell grew up in the rectory at Fröderyd parish in the Diocese of Växjö in Småland, Sweden. Lina greatly loved and admired her father. Since she was a frail youngster, she generally preferred to be with him in his study rather than with comrades outdoors. When Lina was just 12 years of age, she had an experience that greatly shaped her entire life. At an early age she had been stricken with a partial paralysis that confined her to bed much of the time. Though the physicians considered her chance for a complete recovery hopeless, her parents always believed that God would in time make her well again. One Sunday morning, while her parents were in church, Lina began reading the Bible and praying earnestly. When her parents returned, they were amazed to find her dressed and walking freely. After this experience of physical healing, Lina began to write verses expressing her gratitude and love for God and published her first book of spiritual poetry when she was 16. At the age of 26 she accompanied her father, Jonas Sandell, on a boat trip across Lake Vättern, during which he fell overboard and drowned in her presence. Although Lina had written many hymn texts prior to this tragic experience, now more than ever poetic thoughts began to flow from her broken heart. All of her hymns reflect a tender, childlike trust in her Savior and a deep sense of his abiding presence in her life.

Sandell went on to write over six hundred hymns, including Children of the Heavenly Father and Day by day. Some were published in the 1819 Church of Sweden hymnal, *Den svenska psalmboken*. She was friends with fellow hymnwriter Agatha Rosenius.

She was married in 1867 to wholesale merchant and future member of the Swedish Parliament, Oscar Berg (1839–1903). They established their residence in Stockholm. Their only child died at birth. Sandell was friends with and mentored by member of Parliament Thor Hartwig Odencrants. In 1892, Carolina became ill with typhoid fever. She died in 1903 at the age of seventy and was buried at Solna Church in greater Stockholm. Berg died due to complications caused by diabetes in October that same year.

Source: Wikipedia

October 2025Newsletter

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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50Years of ELCA World Hunger Recognized

50 years of ELCA World Hunger recognized since 1974, hundreds of thousands of generous people from across this church have contributed more than $650 million to support ELCA World Hunger.

Throughout the past year, we have commemorated this momentous anniversary by sharing stories about the ways our church and our world have been impacted by ELCA World Hunger, and by coming together at the ELCA Youth Gathering and on World Food Day. We have looked back on our church's long tradition of meeting human needs, and we have renewed our commitment to addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty around the world.

Thank you for observing this milestone with us and for being a part of this life-changing work!

> Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger are at work in 66 countries and 41 states and territories. Your generosity supports projects focused on: Health Peace, justice and human rights Housing and LGBTQ+ youth homelessness Agriculture and sustainable livelihoods

A gift of goats changed Alldin Pujari's life and strengthened her whole family's future in Palsapada, India. Your generosity to ELCA World Hunger helped provide her with livestock, along with supplies and training in goat-rearing. The goats have helped her increase her income and provide for her family. Your gifts are sharing hope with individuals, families and communities through agriculture around the world!

Tapestry Farms, an ELCA World Hunger partner, is an urban farm system in the Quad Cities of Iowa and Illinois that reclaims underutilized local land to grow culturally specific fresh produce and flowers. Refugees and volunteers work together in 10 plots throughout the Quad Cities to improve access to fresh, healthy food for all. Tapestry Farms also supports refugee families as they rebuild their lives with meaningful work, quality education and childcare, safe and affordable homes, good medical and mental health care, citizenship, and caring communities. In rural western Hungary, economic opportunity is especially limited for women and the marginalized Roma people. In partnership with ELCA World Hunger, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary helps members of these vulnerable populations access the tools they need to build community and enhance their livelihoods. Program participants have learned to grow fresh vegetables and cultivate mushrooms; taken workshops in pottery, basket-weaving and other crafts for sale; bonded with their neighbors in social groups for older adults or for moms and babies; and much more.

Source: ECLA; Boundless; media resources winter 2025



10-03 Chase Huneke
10-04 Doug Wybourn
10-05 VivianHesselbacher
10-06 Beth Fahr
10-06 Cindy Fahr
10-07 Rene' Johnson

10-09 Krista Keene
10-15 Steve Wybourn
10-15 Troy Keene
10-16 Jeff Raders
10-17 Leesa Gerke
10-18 Sherry Freitag
10-22 Dennis Bergman
10-26 Fern Harnish
10-26 Joanne Martin
10-26 Duane Torkelson
10-26 Kyle Albrecht
10-27 Jonathan Hudik
10-27 Danielle Koning

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

All Saint's Sunday, November 2, 2025

We will remember each "Saint" or loved one who has died since November 2024. 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 2024-2025 to be included this year's All Saints Sunday, please contact the church office at 815-369-5552 by ***October 27th.***

Devotion Books

October-December issues 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 and enjoy.

Make-A-Smile cards for Lena Living Center

Each month we will send cards to the Lena Living Center, 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 note of encouraging words. Our hope is to make them smile! Questions? Contact the church office, 815-369-5552.

Thank you to all who help make cards.



Have you ever seen a Sun Dog?

Sun dogs and sun halos may occur at any time of the year, but are almost always noticeable when the Sun is lower in the sky—about an hour or two before the Sun rises or an hour or two after sunrise. If wispy clouds are in the sky, their colors are more pronounced.

Sailors who saw a halo or ring around the Sun or Moon often believed that unsettled weather was 18-24 hours away.

Source: Farmers Almanac

A Quilt Ministry

Piece Corps—Good Shepherd Quilt Ministry-Thank You

To all the angels of Good Shepherd and the Piece Corps
When we needed you most you were all here to lend a helping hand.

Thank you to those quilters who loaded and delivered over 600quilts to Monroe on September 10th. This is a large mission and all came together as a team. A BIG shout out to; Wayne Kurth , Duame and Genise Tessendorf, Troy and Cindy Doubler, Beth and Allie Martin, Donna Gullickson, Vivian and Deb Hesselbacher for taking the quilts to Grace Lutheran in Monroe for delivery to Lutheran World Relief.

Thank you to everyone helping load the quilts.

Thanks to those that have helped to get the items from the motels. We hope to continue this great mission. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated.

The Piece Corps meets every Wednesday from 8-11:30am , stop by any Wednesday, we would love to see you.

Shirley Fox
Piece Corps Quilters

Where did our quilts go??

This year the Piece Corps made 601quilts. Most quilts go to Lutheran World Relief, some quilts are donated locally;. Quilts have beendonated to Rockford, Freeport and area veterans, Salvation Army, Lutherdale , SSM Health E.R in Monroe, WI, families who have been displaced. Several have been purchased and 2 were raffled off during Lena Fall Festival.

A heartfelt expression of gratitude to Shirley Fox for her blessings on our Quilt Sunday, September 14th. Thank you Shirley for all that you do!
Many Thanks,
Good Shepherd and the Piece Corps

Winners of the 2025
Lena Fall Festival Quilt Raffle
Terry Stauffacher
And
Loretta Humphrey

Lutheran World Relief
History and Core Values

Lutheran World Relief was born out of a desire to assist those affected by the aftermath of World War II. The organization was initially established as an expression of American Lutherans' commitment to help their brothers and sisters in need around the globe. Over time, LWR expanded its reach beyond immediate emergency response efforts to include long-term development programs.

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. Your all wonderful.



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."

All women of the ELCA are members of WELCA and are welcome at all of our Good Shepherd, synod and churchwide activities.

We in the Northwest Conference are blessed to have a committed and active Conference Coordinating Committee. They have planned a Fall Gathering to be held in Freeport. Thanks to the generosity of First Lutheran, there is no registration fee. A freewill offering will be taken and a Dutch treat lunch will follow. More information is included in this newsletter and on the WELCA bulletin board. Registration is due by Thursday, October 16.

In November we will be collecting our Thankofferings. Maybe you've been dropping coins in a Thankoffering box since you were a young lady or maybe this is a tradition that's new to you. We have many things to be thankful for throughout the year and we especially acknowledge our gratitude in the month of November. The Thankofferings of Good Shepherd women are combined together and sent to the churchwide Women of the ELCA. There our Thankofferings are combined with those received from all over America so that churchwide Women of the ELCA can continue their work. More information can be found at https://www.womenoftheelca.org/thankofferings

Correction: The NIS WELCA resolution pertaining to the Arcot Lutheran Church Women's Fellowship Desk was in the July newsletter. There was an incorrect reference last month that it was featured in August.

The NIS WELCA resolution supporting Women of the North Central Diocese in Tanzania will be presented here in the future.

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, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, 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 DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Gene Medeke, Demetrio Velazco, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy Pat McCluskey and Kathy.

Highlights
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Council Minutes August 14th, 2025

Agenda Approval: The Agenda was reviewed. There were no additions or corrections. The Agenda was approved.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report was presented. Having no additions or corrections, the Secretary's Report was approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented. Currently the budget is $2,700.00 short for the month of July. The current account is $7,000.00 behind. After discussion, Dale Gullickson moved to take $2,000.00 from the Enduring gifts Interest and $3,000.00 from the BMI interest to put into the current accounts. Michelle Andrews seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Electric Bill $217.45 Gas Bill Credit $573.26

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented

Pastor's Report: Pastor Thomas Mosbo presented his report. Upcoming events for August and September were highlighted. Pastor noted that he worked on the bulletin, worship service preparation and baptism preparation as well as the 5th Sunday bulletin. He also made Pastoral phone calls and several Pastoral visitations. The Pastor's Report was approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Worship and Music Committee: Worship and Music Committee met on July 14, 2025. Upcoming events include: Rally Day September 21, Liturgy change on July 27, looking into going back to using individual communion cups and the cost of it, Choir begins on September 7, Reformation Sunday October 26, and all saints day November 2.

Learning Committee: Rally Day Sunday will be on September 21, with Sunday School starting on September 28 with Sunday School Teacher installation that day also.

Memorial Committee: The Fellowship Hass is painted. Mr Shane Redding turned in a bill of $500.00 for completing the work. The bill is to be paid from the Paul Fox memorial.

Men's Group: The Men's Group will sing on August 25 during Worship Service.

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

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Highlights from August 14th Church Council Meeting

Old Business:

Constitution: The Constitution has been sent to the Synod. Waiting for a reply.

New Business:

Fall Festival Booth: The space has been reserved. A suggestion was made to hand out pens with the Good shepherd name on them. The pens could be purchased for under $300.00. Tim Gordon will provide his truck for the church for the parade this year.

Having no other business before the Church Council, The Council adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be on September 11, 2025 at 6:30.

Respectfully Submitted by
Janis Kurth
Church Council Secretary

Treasurer's Report
Jay Andrews

Income August 2025	$2,047.20
Expenses August 2025	$6,256.56
Net Income (Loss)	$(4,209.36)
Income, Year to Date 2025	$65,008.04
Expenses, Year to Date 2025	$68,335.79
Net Income (Loss)	$ (3,327.75)

Mystery Dinner

Double, double toil and trouble;
Fire burn and caldron bubble.

Saturday, October 25th, 2025 at 6:00pm

Mysterious Menu ???

(let your imagination run amuck, could it be eye of newt and toe of frog?)

Sign-up sheet by Fellowship Hall. Please sign up before October 12th

A freewill donation would be welcomed to cover expenses.

Fall Festival Thank you

Big Thank You to everyone helped with the hospitality tent during the weekend, for the candy donations and decorating the truck for Fall Festival Parade. An added thanks to Wayne Kurth and Troy Doubler, for setting up and taking down the Hospitality Booth. Fall Festival was a great success.

LE-WIN FOOD PANTRY

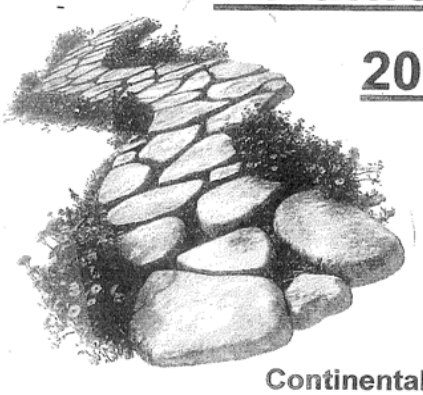
Good Shepherd will be at Lena-Winslow Food Pantry on October 25th. We are still in need of one additional volunteer.

Thank you
for supporting the feeding ministry.

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 phone chain and e-mail. You pray individually and pass it 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.*

Northwest Conference WELCA



2025 Fall Gathering



First Lutheran Church

303 S Galena Ave

Freeport, IL 61032

Friday, October 24, 2025

Continental Breakfast and registration at 8:30 am

Program 9:00 am-11:30 am

Program:

Walking the Ancient Path

First Lutheran will be sponsoring this program so no registration fee.

Free will offering taken

Open to all women of the ELCA & guest

Return to: Nancy Rice **815-275-0303**

11751 E. Greenvale Rd
Stockton, IL 61085

Name:_____ **Phone:**_____

Address:_____ **City &Zip**_____

Congregation Unit:_____

(Return lower portion of flier to registrar by October 16, 2025)

After the program which ends at 11:30, ladies and guest are invited by First Lutheran's WELCA to gather at Big O's on the Hollow, 1931 IL-75 East, Freeport, IL for lunch.
Everyone will be on their own to pay for their lunch. Circle below

Yes I will be coming for lunch or **No** I will not be coming to lunch