

February 7th 2016 at 9:30 am Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome
and to know that we are delighted to have you here*

WELCOME! We want you to be at ease - we won't ask you to stand up and be recognized, but we'd love it if you would introduce yourself. Welcome to Good Shepherd!

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion.

If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

Nursery Children are always welcome at our worship services; however, if you desire, please feel free to use the nursery located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

<u>Interim Pastor:</u>	Pastor Art Stees	<u>Custodian:</u>	Taylor Bastian
<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr	<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker
<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy&Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Lector</u>	Beth Martin
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Open	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Colton Brinker
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Tena Rackow	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Troy Keene, Krista Keene
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Jean Wenzel	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Vivian Hesselbacher
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Wayne Kurth, Marybeth Brinker		
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Dana Diddens, Braden Diddens		
<u>Sound System:</u>	Troy Doubler. Austin Andrews		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Bill and Jean Engel, Curt and Sue Diddens, Jean Wenzel		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Jim Swain, Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher, Troy Keene, Krista Keene		

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– ORDER OF WORSHIP –
ELW SETTING 3

PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Karen Niemeier

Announcements & Community Concerns

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Wayne Kurth; Vice-President: Coralyn Hudik; Council Members: Shirley Fox, Karen Niemeier, Tim Gordon, Troy Keene, Troy Doubler, Eugene Hesselbacher, Pastor Stees, Colton Brinker

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Please stand)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh,
the Lord and giver of life.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come into the light of Christ,
confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of peace,

C: we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves.

**We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families,
violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts.**

In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you.

**Let peace reign over all the earth, through the
Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: In the Word who has come to dwell with us,

God has given us grace upon grace:

forgiveness that is stronger than our sins,

love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace:

in the name of † Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins.

Rise, shine, for your light has come.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

Beautiful Savior

ELW#838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE *Please stand as you are able.* (Assisting Minister: regular print, **C: bold print**)



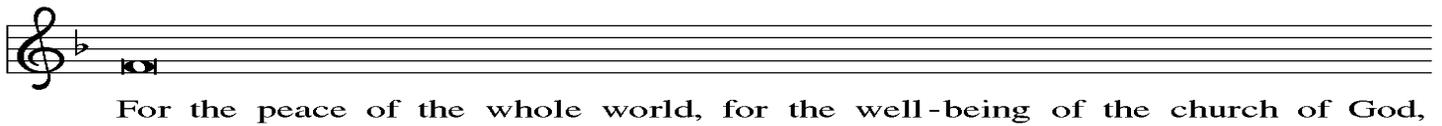
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



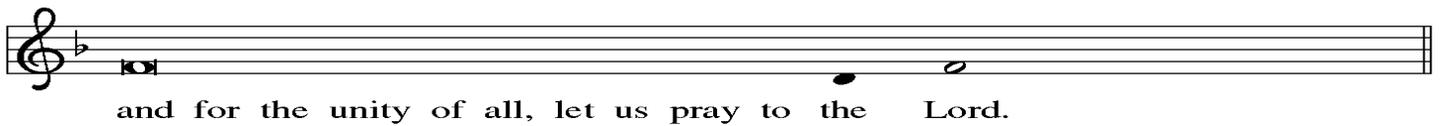
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



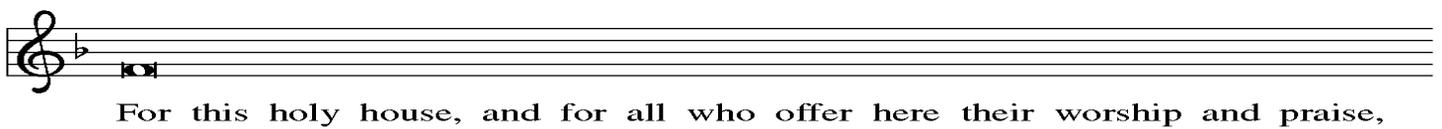
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



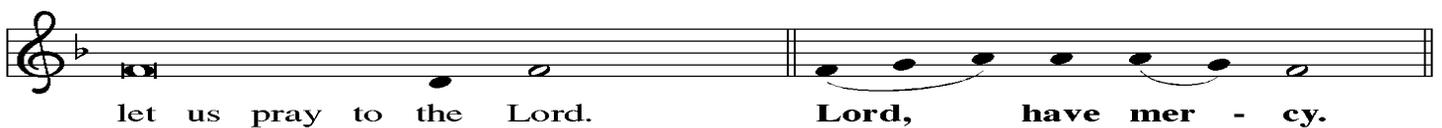
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE of PRAISE

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray **C: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. Please be seated**

L: The 1st READING is from Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the ten commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him. L: The word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 99 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) ELW#99

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²**The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,**

⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

L: The 2nd READING is from 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside.

¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old

covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. ^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. L: The word of the Lord! C: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation *Stand*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a] C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. ³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a}And all were astounded at the greatness of God. P: The gospel of the Lord!

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!** *Please be seated*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE! Meet Mr. Furr

SERMON

Pastor Art Stees

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW#815

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

APOSTLES' CREED *Please Stand*

A: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition: WA: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Rejoicing with all the faithful, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *brief silence.*

WA: God of glory, guide and empower your church's leaders to trust your promises as Moses and Elijah did. Shine the light of Christ through your church to the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

WA: God of majesty, from the highest mountain to the lowest valley, your power is seen in your creation. Help us to protect and care for soil, air, water, and all the creatures you have made. Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of hope and freedom, give just laws; fair leaders; sufficient food, water, and shelter; and abundant peace to all nations in poverty, strife, or at war. Lord, in your mercy, Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

WA: God of wholeness, bring clarity to those in confusing times, healing to those in painful times, and peace to those in trying times. We pray especially for *Lee Wenzel, Bob Lyvers, Ellen Kyles, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, and Kelly Huneke*. Strengthen and encourage *Verl Price, Steve Fahr*.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of new life, show us your will for the ministries in this place, and transform us for mission and witness. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: God of glory, we give thanks for all the beloved who rest in your loving arms. Keep us from losing heart and strengthen our faith in your promise of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all of your beloved for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Congregation may greet one another using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Karen Niemeier

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world. During this time, the table is set. After the table is set, the offering is gathered & the anthem concludes, the acolyte walks out to the edge of the chancel steps to receive the offering from the ushers.

OFFERING PRAYER (congregation stands)

A: Let Us Pray. **C:** **Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We practice open Communion here — you don't have to be a member to participate. All who share our belief that Jesus is present in his holy meal are welcome to receive the bread and cup. Children and adults who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a special blessing. Holy Communion will be celebrated today using intinction (you will dip the wafer into the chalice of wine). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you wish to commune and are unable to come forward or need other assistance, please let an usher know so that we can serve you.



COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

ELW#154

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final phrase that concludes with a double bar line.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

Love Devine, All Loves Excelling

ELW#631

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| <p>1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
 Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
 Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
 all thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesus, thou art all compassion,
 pure, unbounded love thou art;
 visit us with thy salvation,
 enter ev'ry trembling heart.</p> | <p>3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
 let us all thy life receive;
 suddenly return, and never,
 nevermore thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 serve thee as thy hosts above,
 pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
 glory in thy perfect love.</p> |
| <p>2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
 into ev'ry troubled breast;
 let us all in thee inherit;
 let us find thy promised rest.
 Take away the love of sinning;
 Alpha and Omega be;
 end of faith, as its beginning,
 set our hearts at liberty.</p> | <p>4 Finish then thy new creation,
 pure and spotless let us be;
 let us see thy great salvation
 perfectly restored in thee!
 Changed from glory into glory,
 till in heav'n we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before thee,
 lost in wonder, love, and praise!</p> |

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray, We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW#671

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
 blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
 Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
 send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain

Shine on me, Shine on me, Shine on me.

DISMISSAL (from back)

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you! C: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

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THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

February 7th thru February 14th 2016

Today	Worship Service with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center	9:45 am
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program at The Hangout	3:30-5:00 pm
	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 pm
Thursday	Friendship Club Potluck/Bingo	12:00 pm
Next Sunday	Worship Service with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance January 31 was 61

Total Offering January 31, 2016: \$2,602.00 - Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,691.05

Prayer Requests

We pray for all of those who are lonely, injured, sick, needing healing, or in need in any way. This week we especially pray for, *Lee Wenzel, Bob Lyvers, Ellen Kyles, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, and Kelly Huneke and homebound members Verl Price and Steve Fahr.*

"Souper Bowl" Sunday at Good Shepherd

The Youth Group of Good Shepherd are asking worshippers on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th to place a monetary donation in a large soup pot held by youth at each sanctuary exit. We will deliver 50% of the funds directly to the Lena-Winslow Food Pantry and 50% to the ELCA World Disaster Relief. 100% of the offering goes directly to the agencies designated. Help us tackle hunger in America!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins early this year on Wednesday, February 10. We will have worship with the Disposition of Ashes and Holy Communion that evening at 7:00 pm. There will be no confirmation class that evening but we have asked the youth to attend the service with their families.

Want to shake the winter blues?

How about a night out at the Crooked Roof in Lanark on February 19, 2016. Meet at the church at 5:15 pm to carpool to Lanark or meet us at the Crooked Roof at 6:00 pm. Sign up on the sheet on the ramp by February 14 so a reservation may be made. Questions? Talk to Wayne or Janis Kurth. Open to all ages!!!

Lena Living Center

Tuesday, Feb. 16, Highland Community College in cooperation with Lena Living Center is hosting a "lifelong learning" class. The card making class will be at the Doll Apt. Community Room, 1008 S Logan, Lena, Il. from 1:00-3:00 pm. There is a registration deadline and a \$10 fee for materials provided that needs to be registered to Highland Community college no later than Feb. 8th. For more information please call Joan Miller at 815.599.3403

Wed. Feb. 17th from 5:00-6:00 pm. Community Supper at Lena Living Center, 1010 S Logan, Lena, IL. No cost—no obligation—just good food and good fellowship.