

The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

May 2014

Resurrection Mission:
Easter Worship and Witness
*Embracing forgiveness, grace, and the
Living Hope that we have through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!*

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Happy Easter! It was such a joy to celebrate our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with you on Easter Morning. We are now in the Season of Easter, 50 days of celebrating together the truth that Jesus was raised from the dead! Join us as we hear accounts of the Risen Jesus meeting with disciples; hear His words of encouragement and His invitations to faith. We will also have readings from Acts (which describes the life and mission of the first followers of Jesus as they seek to live out Jesus' command to go and make disciples of all nations) and from 1st Peter (with words of encouragement for the church from the Apostle Peter).

*³Blessed be the God
and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ! By his
great mercy he has given
us a new birth into a
living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus
Christ from the dead,
1st Peter 1:3*

The Sunday School children and volunteers have been actively growing, serving, and learning about Jesus all school year! Join us on May 18th as we celebrate our Sunday School volunteers. The Wednesday Evening

Small Group will meet again in May, and we will study some of these texts together in more depth. Come and join us! The After School Program continues to be a wonderful outreach, reaching up to 65 4th-8th graders with the Good News of Jesus Christ every week. We are planning for summer youth activities, discipleship opportunities, our mission trip, and more! Mark your calendars for some great upcoming times of fun and growing in faith.

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is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

It has been a full and meaningful Lent together. I am so thankful for our brothers and sisters in Christ who shared their stories of faith with us during our Lenten Holden Evening Prayer services (Thank you Taylor Bastian, Leland Wenzel, Jesse Klosterboer, Annie Statfield, and Willy Kayser!). Thank you to the wonderful servants who prepared delicious Lenten meals for us on Wednesday nights! It was a joy to gather with JH and HS students as we engaged in discussion and Bible study about Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection using the movie "Hero" as a stepping off point. Thank you to all of the worship volunteers who served, led, shared, and decorated for Lent and Holy Week worship services.

I look forward to continuing to grow in faith and love alongside you this Easter as we worship the Lord together and witness to God's work in and through Jesus and in and through us.

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Miranda





Sunday School Staff

Recognition

Sunday, May 18th at 9:30am

Worship Service with a reception following
in the fellowship hall.

Outstanding Sunday School Attendance

Jan Geisman

Shayleigh Albright

Cierra Hatelak

Treyton Pafford

Ella Wolfrom

Khayne Albright

Sarah Geisman

Cadie Wolfrom

Sarah Geiseman

Krista Keene



Graduate Recognition

Will be held during the Sunday Worship Service on May 18 at 9:30 am. We will have a reception following the service in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to send in your graduate information sheet to the office so we can include you in the program.



Looking... For Special Music for Summer Worship

*If you or someone you know would like to share
your talent, please call*

*Vivian Hesselbacher at (815-369-4496) or
Good Shepherd at (815-369-5552)*

Graduate Recognition

Graduate Recognition for all Good Shepherd graduates will be May 18th during 9:30am worship with a reception following. Please let (Darlene), the church secretary, know by May 12th if you or a family member is graduating. Please turn in your Graduate Information Form by May 12th as well. Thank you! And Congratulations!

Graduate Information Form

Name: _____

What high school, college, or tech school are you graduating from:

What activities/groups have you been involved in?

Have you received any awards, recognitions, etc.? If so what are they?

Are you planning to continue your education? If so, where?

What are your interests?

What are your plans for the future?

May Meetings at Good Shepherd

PIECE CORPS will meet every Wednesday from 8:00 am to 11:30 am for the month of May.

CONFIRMATION Tuesday May 6th, May 13th, May 20th, May 27th at 3:30 pm.

FAITH CIRCLE will not meet in May in lieu of the Women's Spring Supper.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 9:00 am at Church in Fellowship Hall. Vivian Hesselbacher (815-369-4496) is the hostess. The Bible Study leader is Rene' Johnson. Please join us as we continue our 9-month Bible Study: *"In Good Company: Stories of Biblical Women"* by Dr. Kay Ward. **Session Eight "Rizpah, A Vigilant Mourner"** is in the April 2014 "Gather" magazine.

WOMEN'S MOTHER/DAUGHTER, SISTER/FRIENDS SPRING SUPPER May 6, 2014 (Tuesday), Time: 6:00 pm Supper in Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm. We will play Bingo.

HYMN SING at the Lena Living Center will be Tuesday, May 13th, 2014 at 9:45 am.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, May 13th, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet for a pot-luck dinner at noon with entertainment to follow with Mississippi Man & Debra Kay on Thursday, May 8th, 2014 in the Fellowship Hall.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the June 2014 Newsletter is May 15th, 2014. Thank You!

Quilting Material Needed



"Piece Corps" Quilting is in need of backs for quilting. Any size (twin, full, queen or king) flat sheets or blankets are welcome as well as material of any size. Quilts are given to those in need locally and throughout the world.

Happy Birthday

- 5/1 Shannon Albright
- 5/1 Coralyn Hudik
- 5/1 Dennis Luke
- 5/2 Lynn Meyers
- 5/2 Laurie Meyers
- 5/3 Angie Jones
- 5/5 Dawn Diddens
- 5/7 Bill Jacobs
- 5/7 Krystal Schlichting
- 5/8 Degan Euler
- 5/10 Marcia Meyers
- 5/11 Ellen Kyles
- 5/13 Steve Fahr
- 5/14 Nicole Sullivan
- 5/16 Hulone Scheider
- 5/17 Mark Raders
- 5/18 Esther Bergman *"Happy 95th Birthday!!"*
- 5/18 Gerald Harnish
- 5/19 Sarah Geiseman
- 5/20 Nathan Lones
- 5/21 Faye Fulfs
- 5/23 Marjorie Swain
- 5/23 Susan Koppean
- 5/23 Sheila Keene
- 5/24 Deb Hesselbacher
- 5/24 Quinten Green
- 5/24 Nathaniel Baker
- 5/25 Elizabeth Martin
- 5/26 Drew Solace
- 5/27 Chris Brinker
- 5/28 Brad Boeke
- 5/29 Eugene Hesselbacher
- 5/30 Nick Baker
- 5/30 Alexander Stabenow
- 5/31 Scott Luke

If we miss your birthday (or someone in your family) please call the office to update our records!



Appalachia

SERVICE PROJECT SM

Mission Trip to Appalachia

Dates: June 27th- July 5th Chavies, KY

Theme Building! Discipleship!

Relational Ministry! Home Repair!

The focus of

this year's trip will be on doing home repair and improvement for



those living in poverty in the area. If you are interested and

not signed up yet, contact Pastor

Miranda at 651-895-2879 to see about availability. We

are in the midst of training and team-building in

preparation for the trip. "Come and see" what God

will do in you and through you!

Synod Youth Assembly

Augustana College

9:00 am June 12- 10:00 am June 13, 2014

LOST AND FOUND BAND WILL BE HERE!

THIS IS A CAN'T MISS EVENT!

Join the LYO in learning about discipleship and vocation!

Cost: \$50 per person



**Lutheran Youth
Organization**

Where Youth are the voice

Your 2014 Church Council:

President: Wayne Kurth

Vice-President: Mary Lloyd

Secretary: Nick Baker

Youth Representative: Brianna Andrews

Members: Michelle Andrews, Troy Doubler, Jean Wenzel,

Pastor Miranda Klosterboer, Shirley Fox, Jon Hudik.

April 8th Church Council Minutes will be on bulletin board by office.

2014 CHURCH COMMITTEES

If you are interested in joining one of the committees, contact the chair of the committee or Pastor Miranda. More help for mission, ministry, and leadership is always needed!

STANDING COMMITTEES

Worship/Witness: Denny Luke-Chair, Karen Niemeier, Sue Diddens, Tena Rackow, Vivian Hesselbacher, Pastor Miranda (CR)

Stewardship: Chair-Open, Mary Lloyd, Pastor Miranda, Shirley Fox

Learning/Youth: Chair- Chris Brinker, Beth Martin Leesa Kurth, Sue Diddens, Michelle Andrews, Troy Keene, Marybeth Brinker, Taylor Bastian, Pastor Miranda

Service: Barnabas/Health & Wellness: Chair-Mary Lloyd, Co-Chair-Nick Baker, Karen Niemeier, Darlene Aurand

Finance: Chair- Wayne Kurth, Chris Brinker, Marion Fahr, Sharon Schlachter, Jay Andrews, Leland Wenzel

Property: Chair- Chris Brinker, Wayne Kurth , Ray Stamm, Delbert Scheider, Leland Wenzel, Troy Doubler, Nick Baker

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES /Task Teams/Organizations

Staff Support./ Mutual Ministry: Tena Rackow, Gene Hesselbacher, Sheila Keene, Pastor Miranda, Bill Engel, Sue Kraft

Executive: Pres. Wayne Kurth, V.P: Mary Lloyd,
Secretary: Nick Baker

Scholarship: Mary Beth Brinker (Chair) Mike Geiseman,
Shirley Fox, Denise Balbach

Nomination: Open, Jean Wenzel, Troy Doubler

Audit: Tena Rackow

Memorial: Janis Kurth (Chair), Donna Gullickson, Lynn Lyvers

Building Trust Fund Board: Chair-Jay Andrews , Bill Engel,
Lynn Lyvers, Ray Stamm, Ellen Kyles

Website: Chair-Troy Doubler, (CR) Brianna Andrews, Dan Kurth,
Colton Brinker, Austin Andrews, Taylor Bastian

Save These Summer Dates!

Summer Registration Forms will be available on May 11th! Sign up for the fun, worship, and growing with Jesus!

Vacation Bible School Summer 2014

Sunday, July 27th thru Thursday, July 31
from 6 to 8pm.



A Family swim night
will be held

Thursday July 31st at
8pm at the Lena Pool.



Worship Service and Picnic In The Park August 3rd, 2014 at 10am

Good Shepherd's annual outdoor service and potluck
will be August 3, 2014 at Dodd's park, Lena, IL.



Wild Wednesdays Outings

for K-8th graders

and high school mentors

June 11th-12th: Two Day Overnight
with fishing and campfire at the cabin

July 9th: Mini-Golf and a Movie

August 13th: Hiking & Lunch & Laughs
at Le-Aqua-Na



Treasurer's Report

Incoming March 2014	\$12,834.48
Expenses March 2014	\$13,392.78
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (558.30)
Income, Year to Date 2014	\$29,988.30
Expenses, Year to Date 2014	\$34,548.48
Net Income (Loss)	(\$4,559.68)



Need of a ride to church on Sunday?

Call:

Troy Doubler	369-5117
Donna Gullickson	369-4708
Jean Wenzel	369-2777
Willie Kayser	369-2215
Leland Wenzel	369-4337

We love worshipping with you, and we want to help make sure you can get here to join us!

If you are interested in being added to this list of available drivers, please contact the church office at 815-369-5552

Twenty-seventh Annual Synod Assembly
2014 Synod Assembly
June 13-14



Thank you!

Thank You! to Joyce Tessendorf, Beth Martin, Ellen Kyles, Donna Gullickson, and Joanne Martin for helping with the April Newsletter.

THANK YOU! from the Children of the Cross to all who helped with the Easter Breakfast and for all the donations. Your contributions are GREATLY appreciated!

THANK YOU! to Janis Kurth for decorating the Sanctuary so beautifully for Palm Sunday and the Easter Season.



Thanks to Pastor Miranda for her wonderful, comforting words of peace at Rita's funeral; for Jesse's piano playing; and Louise for singing "In the Garden" so beautifully. Thank you to the ladies for the delicious food they provided for Rita's funeral lunch and the people who served it. Thank you so much to the ladies who brought my dinner when Rita was home. I want everyone to know I appreciated it so very much; you all took time out of your busy lives to make mine easier. I love you all. I have learned through the years that truly helping hands make sorrow so much easier -- I'm blessed to know you all. Again, thanks. Ethel Lobdell

LOVE
you
God
from Addi
to god

PRAYER CHAIN

We lift up the following loved ones in assisted-living facilities/ nursing homes, homebound, etc. in prayer. Eugene Becker, Ruth Pieper, Alice Price, Dorothy Weimer, Gladys Staderman, Esther Bergman, Verl Price, Steve Fahr, Dorothy Wagner, Evelyn Hutmacher, Margie Swain, Lois Paulsen, Laura Derr, and Kathleen Shumaker. They would love to hear from you, consider visiting, calling, or sending them a note. Call the church office for their address or check out your Picture Directory :)

Request for Prayer Chain: Please call Pastor Miranda @ 651-895-2879 or the Church Office @ 815-369-5552.

Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, has had a baby, or is in need of pastoral care; please call me, Pastor Miranda, at 651-895-2879. With changes to rules about confidentiality at many of our healthcare institutions, I will not know that you or your family member is sick or in need unless you call. It is a joy and an honor to journey with you to pray with and for you.

Thank you!

Pastor Miranda

Pastoral Home Visits:

It is a joy and an honor to come alongside you as your pastor. If you would like to set up a pastoral visit in your home or here at Good Shepherd, know that I always look forward to those opportunities to get to know you and your family more. You may call me directly at

651-895-2879 in order to find a time that will work well.

- Pastor Miranda

Chime Choir and Chancel Choir Update:

Chime Choir, Chancel Choir: May 11th will be the last day this season that the Chime Choir will play, and May 25th will be the last day the Chancel Choir sings. We hope that you have all enjoyed the musical selections of this past choir season. We have had a fun time preparing them for worship. I would like to thank all the members of the Chime Choir and Chancel Choir for their devotion and support of the Choirs. We will be needing some more help next season. Brianna Andrews will be leaving us to go off to college and she will be missed greatly. So we will need help to fill her shoes. If anyone would like to come and join the Chime Choir or Chancel Choir, please do so. You do not need to read music but a love for music is helpful. Thank you again to the Chime Choir and Chancel Choir members for all their great music this past season.

-Janis Kurth Director



Wednesday Evening **Small Group Bible Study**

We will join together on Wednesday **May 14th** at 7:00 pm for discussion, study, prayer, and connecting with one another more deeply in faith and life. There is no preparation necessary. We will look at the texts coming up the next Sunday (Acts 7:55–60, Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16, 1 Peter 2:2–10, John 14:1–14). We will study them through context, application, and maybe even some video clips. Join us as we connect with God and one another! All are welcome. See you soon!

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Circle Members will meet at 9:00 am on Monday, May 5, 2014 at church to set-up and decorate tables for the Women's Mother/Daughter, Sister/Friends Spring Supper.

Women's Mother/Daughter, Sister/Friends Spring Supper

Date: May 6, 2014 (Tuesday)

Time: 6:00 pm Supper in Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm We will play Bingo

Mother/Daughter, Sister/Friends Spring Supper hosted by the women of Faith and Hannah Circles will be a potluck supper: if your last name begins **A-L please bring a salad that will serve 10 adults**, and if your last name begins **M-Z bring a casserole that will serve 10 adults**. Dessert will be provided. A free-will offering will be taken. Please sign-up by May 4, 2014, using the bulletin insert or call the church office (815) 369-5552, with the total number attending in your group. (See flyer on bulletin boards for more program information.)

Please join us for a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship and prizes.

All women of the church and their guests are welcome to attend all circle functions.

July 24-27, 2014 is the Ninth Triennial Gathering of the Women of the ELCA in Charlotte, NC. We would like to send an in-kind gift to this event from our women.

In-Kind Gifts are about relationships and partnerships. They are a way for all women to participate in the Triennial Gathering, whether attending the event or not. We want to send - **Dental Hygiene Products: Toothbrushes (in original packaging), Toothpaste, and Dental Floss.** Please bring these items to church by July 7, 2014 and place in Box in Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

May 2014

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> Communion Set up/Clean up: Jay and Michelle Andrews </div>			April 30th 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps 3:15-5:00 pm After School Program at the Hang-Out 5:30 Mission Trip Training Meeting 6:30 Worship Committee Meeting	1 National Day of Prayer 9:00 am Hannah Circle Bible Study at Good Shepherd 12:00pm Prayer Service at Lena Burial Park 7:00pm Prayer Service at Lena UMC	2	3
4 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School Opening 11:00 Choir Practice 11:15 Mutual Ministry Team Mtg 2:30 Good Shepherd leads worship at the Lena Living Center 5:00 Chime Practice	5 Pastor Miranda at Clergy Spirituality Retreat at LOMC	6 3:30pm Confirmation 6:00 Women's Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Supper	7 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps 3:15-5:00 pm After School Program at the Hang-Out	8 12:00 pm Friendship Club Potluck with Entertainment from Mississippi Man and Debra Kay 7am-9pm Pastor Miranda at Kern Foundation Clergy Meeting	9	10
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18 9:30 am Worship Service Graduate Recognition Sunday School Staff Recognition 10:30 am Fellowship/ Reception 7:00 pm Baccalaureate Service for Pearl City Seniors at Zion Church in Pearl City	19 Pastor Miranda at Grace Place Board Meeting	20 3:30pm Confirmation	21 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps 3:15-5:00 pm After School Program at the Hang-Out (Office Closed)	22 Office Open (9:00am -12:00 pm)	23	24
Pastor Miranda at Festival of Homiletics for Continuing Education in Minneapolis, MN May 19 th through May 24 th						
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May Worship Volunteers

Duties

Volunteers

May 4

Lector	Tena Rackow
Acolyte	Kayla Runkle
Assisting Minister	Austin Andrews
Worship Assistant	Sondra Winters
Communion Ushers	Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon
Communion Assistant	Shirley Fox, Sue Diddens
Welcome Visitor	Jean Engel
Sound System	Jon Hudik, Troy Doubler, Hanna Brinker
Greeters	Jerry and Beth Martin, Joyce Tessendorf
Ushers	Bob and Peggy Roettger, Lee Wenzel, Willie Kayser

May 11

Lector	Coralyn Hudik
Acolyte	Coltin Coonts
Assisting Minister	Denny Luke
Worship Assistant	Betty Koehn
Communion Ushers	Paul and Shirley Fox
Communion Assistant	Marybeth Brinker, Colton Brinker
Welcome Visitor	Jean Wenzel
Sound System	Troy Doubler, Jon Hudik, Ashtyn Brinker
Greeters	Ellen Kyles, Curt and Sue Diddens
Ushers	Bob and Peggy Roettger, Lee Wenzel, Willie Kayser

May 18

Lector	Corlyn Hudik
Acolyte	Braden Diddens
Assisting Minister	Colton Brinker
Worship Assistant	Jean Wenzel
Communion Ushers	Gary and Cynthia Boeke
Communion Assistant	Brianna Andrews, Taylor Andrews
Welcome Visitor	Wayne Kurth
Sound System	Jay Andrews, Austin Andrews
Greeters	Donna Gullickson, Darlene Aurand
Ushers	Claire and Helen Cross, Jerry and Beth Martin

May 25

Lector	Tena Rackow
Acolyte	Taylor Patterson
Assisting Minister	Sheila Keene
Worship Assistant	Janis Kurth
Communion Ushers	Lee Wenzel, Richard Freitag
Communion Assistant	Austin Andrews, Jay Andrews
Welcome Visitor	Bob Schlachter
Sound System	Wayne Kurth, Taylor Bastian
Greeters	Troy and Cindy Doubler, Willie Kayser
Ushers	Claire and Helen Cross, Jerry and Beth Martin

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am

Pre-K & K Sunday School after Children's Message

Fellowship Hour 10:30 am

Sunday School 10:45 am

CHURCH OFFICE 815-369-5552

Pastor **Miranda Klosterboer**

Church Secretary **Darlene Barr**

Month's Highlights!

May 1 Hannah Circle 9:00am in Fellowship Hall

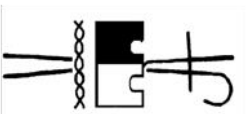
May 6 Women's Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Spring Supper 6:00pm

May 8 Friendship Club Potluck 12:00pm

May 13 Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center 9:45am

May 18 Sunday School Staff Recognition & Reception 9:30am

May 18 Graduate Recognition and Reception 9:30am



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*The Good Shepherd cares for us.
He gives His Life for us and to us.
We give and use our lives in love,
care and service of one another.*

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