

The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

July 2013

Jesus sent him... "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." Luke 8:39

Mission is on our hearts and minds here at Good Shepherd. God is drawing us to see Christ in others and to tell others about what God has done and is doing in us (Luke 8:39)...

- Our Piece Corps Quilters have crafted over 400 quilts for Lutheran World Relief and local mission work so far this year. Their goal is to craft 600 quilts this year!
- Our Mission Trip Team just returned from Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. The Mission Trip Team has indeed returned home and told of how much Jesus has done for them! Members have shared heartfelt testimonies about what God was up to in and through them on the team
- We have young adults sharing lives with young adults as they work at summer camps (Danica Balbach at an ELCA Bible Camp, Good Earth Village; and Dan Kurth serving at Canyon Scout Camp)
- Our Ministry Teams are gaining energy as they invite new members to join them and gather together to plan local mission and ministry (Service Team with outreach at the Lena Living Center, the Food Pantry, Lena Area Church Cooperative, and more; Worship and Music; Learning and Youth)
- Youth and Adults are studying the book of Galatians together, learning about the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the freedom we have through faith in Jesus Christ, and the fruit of the Spirit.
- We are in full swing with summer ministry and outreach activities... Wild Wednesdays, 2nd Annual Good Shepherd Canoe Trip, our Outdoor Service at Dodd's Park in Lena, and planning for one of our biggest outreach ministries of the year... Vacation Bible School Vacation Bible School this year will focus on God's love for us. What a powerful message! Check out the daily themes and look up the key verses! God loves us ALL! (Psalm 145:9) God loves us and takes care of us (1 Peter 5:17). God loves us when others don't (Psalm

118:6). God loves us and sent his Son, Jesus (John 3:16). God loves us and wants us to share his love (John 13:34). The Bible stories will be from Apostle Paul's Missionary Journey in Acts 15-18.

Our Mission here at Good Shepherd is "Leading All To Christ".... This summer we are learning more about who "ALL" are¹. "ALL" includes our brothers and sisters here at Good Shepherd of all ages. It includes the children in the park that we welcome to join us as we are out in the parks of Lena for Wild Wednesdays. It includes our sisters and brothers in Christ in Pine Ridge, who have tender, courageous, hopeful hearts... who welcomed us as family even though we were strangers. This summer we are learning, growing, strengthening, and becoming bolder in our ability to lead others to Christ as we follow Jesus daily. We are Leading All To Christ. It is Gods Work, but it is Our Hands.

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Miranda



¹ Quote by Marybeth Brinker

Great News!



Our Picture Directories are scheduled to be shipped to us from the printers on July 2nd!

Watch bulletins in July for information about how/when to pick up your directory! This will be a wonderful way for us to stay connected and get to know one another more as a church community! **Thank you again for everyone who has participated in our directory!** A special thank you to Cindy Doubler and Caroline Jam for heading up our Picture Directory Design Team!! If you submitted a photo or had a picture taken of you for the directory, your directory will be available for you for free. If you chose to not submit a picture or have your picture taken this time, we will have some extra directories available for you, too, for a cost of \$5; that way you can stay connected with updated contact information as well. **THANK YOU!!**

God's Global Barnyard

WAY TO GO SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN!!

Your generous Sunday School Offerings will go to families in need to provide, food, work, income (for clothes, school supplies, etc.), milk, eggs, and more through your mission project of buying animals through God's Global Barnyard. On May 26th the children chose the animals they wanted to use their offerings toward. You almost bought enough for a whole farm! Many families will benefit from your offerings given to God out of what God first gave you!

The Children chose for their offerings to go towards:

2 pigs @ \$30 each

4 goats @ \$50 each

5 ducks @ \$20 each

1 Alpaca @ \$175 each

69 Chicks @ \$1 each

For a total of: \$604 Way to go! What a year!

Lutheran Marriage Encounter in Northern Illinois wants to help churches keep families strong. That's why we have a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend scheduled for July 12 - 14, 2013 at the DoubleTree Hilton in Schaumburg, IL. Keep Your Marriage Strong with the new set of communication tools you'll receive on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! You'll reconnect, renew, and re-energize your relationship on the Weekend at the DoubleTree Hilton in Schaumburg, IL from July 12 - 14. For more information or to apply, visit GodLovesMarriage.org, or contact Jan Gerzevske at luthmarrencounter-northil@gmail.com 630--294--5014. Call Jan for availability after July 1. Weekends fill fast and applications are due soon - don't miss out!

Twenty-Sixth Annual Northern Illinois Synod Assembly

The **Twenty-Sixth Annual Northern Illinois Synod Assembly** was Friday, June 14th and Saturday June 15th. Taylor Bastian was our Youth Voting delegate, and she also attended the NI Synod Youth Gathering on Thursday June 13th, where she was elected to be one of the NW Conference delegates to LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization). Congratulations Taylor! Our adult voting delegates were Wayne Kurth, Cindy Doubler, and Pastor Miranda Hinrichs. Troy Doubler went as a visitor.

There were wonderful workshops, Bible studies, worship services, meals, and conversations throughout the weekend. Thank you Taylor, Troy, Wayne, and Cindy for representing Good Shepherd at Synod Assembly! The Friday evening **Worship with Ordinations** at Assembly was an amazing service! Rev.-elect Brandon Nelson and Rev.-elect Nord Swanstrom were ordained to the ministry of word and sacrament. It was a wonderful night.

News, photos, videos, and other highlights will be posted to the Synod Assembly website at nisynod.org/assembly/highlights for updates. The **Bulletin of Reports is available for download** from the [Synod Assembly website](http://nisynod.org).

Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, or 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

July Meetings at Good Shepherd

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

FAITH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at 1:30 pm at the Lena Living Center.

HANNAH CIRCLE does not meet in July or August.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP will meet July 8, 2013, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Program: "Parkinson's and Pain" Sarajane Wise, RN from FHN

HYMN SING at the Lena Nursing Home will be Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 9:45 am

COUNCIL meets on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet for a pot-luck dinner at noon on Thursday, July 11, 2013 in the church Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP AND MUSIC committee meeting Sunday July 28, 2013 at 11:00 am

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: July 28, 2013—August 1, 2013 from 6:00pm-8:15pm. Pool Party August 1st

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the August Newsletter is July 15, 2013 Thank You!

Happy Birthday

July Birthdays

- 7/1 Billie Jo Runkle
- 7/2 Connie Kraft
- 7/4 Craig Raders
- 7/6 Lori Timms
- 7/6 Ben Huber
- 7/6 Shane Becker
- 7/6 Sondra Winters
- 7/8 Scott Boeke
- 7/11 Jace Raders
- 7/11 Jace Schlichting
- 7/12 Austin Andrews
- 7/14 Danica Balbach
- 7/17 Dorothy Wagner - **Happy 90th Birthday!**
- 7/20 Shirley Fox
- 7/20 Bob Roettger
- 7/24 Claire Cross
- 7/25 Dale Gullickson
- 7/27 Tara Wolfrom
- 7/27 Heather Clifton

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

PRAYER CHAIN

We lift up the following loved ones in assisted-living facilities/ nursing homes, homebound, etc. in prayer. Eugene Becker, Ruth Pieper, Climena Getschow, Alice Price, Dorothy Weimer, Gladys Staderman, Philis Maher, Esther Bergman, Verl Price, Steve Fahr and Dorothy Wagner. They would love to hear from you, consider visiting, calling, or sending them a note. Call the church office for their address.

2013 LOMC Swing Choir Tour

Choir members are all high school students from throughout Illinois. The 2012 Swing Choir tour will perform concerts beginning Friday July 19 and concluding on Friday July 26. **On July 26th the choir will be in Freeport at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for a 7pm concert.**

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois: **Home Care Services**

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) offers affordable home care service in Stephenson County through Intouch Home Care Services. The program's mission is to help seniors maintain their independence and remain in their homes as long as possible. Services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Intouch's trained home care assistants provide non-medical services, such as a person care, companionship and supervision, grocery shopping and errands, laundry and transportation to appointments. For further information, or to inquire about part-time employment as a home care assistant, call Ruth Rummel at 815-233-2196. For information on LSSI and Intouch Home Care Services, visit [www LSSI. Org](http://www.LSSI.Org). EOE



Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Six Flags Great America Days

July 14 – July 21, 2013

**(All Dates will print on one ticket –
you choose the day to go)**

Go To: www.sixflags.com

Choose a Park: Six Flags Great America

Enter PROMO CODE: "Thrive"

in the Upper Right Hand Corner

Your Cost \$32.00 (age 3 and older /NO Processing Fee)

Tickets are Print and Go From Home Computer

For more information contact your local

Financial Representative, Gregg D. Walther 815-275-8329



VBS 2013

“Athens”

Learn the Truth of God’s Love

Sunday, July 28 - Thursday, August 1

6:00 PM - 8:15 PM

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Join your friends for Fun, Food, Learning, and Music

Swim on the last night at the Lena Pool

Call 369-5552 or 369-2501 or turn in the short form below to pre-register children preschool through 5th grade. Those 6th grade and above may register to be helpers.

Registration Forms are available at the church office and by the bulletin board heading into the Fellowship Hall.

Who will you invite to join us for VBS?

The "Athens" theme centers around a marketplace where people gather for fun, fellowship, food, and ministry. To transform the fellowship hall we could use colorful (especially striped) sheets and drapes to make canopies. We could also use fake greens to give the "place" that Grecian look. Ideas and helpers are also very welcome. If you have an interest in helping with the decorating the week before VBS, call Marybeth at 369-2501. Thank you for your prayers and support of this mission to our children and youth.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Name _____

Street address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home telephone: _____

Age & Last grade attended: _____

Date of birth: _____

Highlights from June 11, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes

Members present: Pastor Miranda, Rita Lobdell, Willie Kayser, Michelle Andrews, Mary Lloyd, Ruth Ann Freitag, Troy Keene, Jean Wenzel, Youth Rep-Brianna Andrews, and Treasurer Jay Andrews.

Absent: Nick Baker, Chris Brinker.

- Treasurer's report was given by Jay Andrews who stated the revolving cash was defunct. Troy Keene moved that special funds be transferred. Troy Keene made a motion to authorize treasurer to use the Community Bank for transfer to resolve cash to offset the difference – Total Cash \$587.72
- Worship and Music-met on Monday, June 10th Pastor Miranda did devotions from Luke 7: 1-11. Members shared highs and lows. All times and Places liturgy will be used for the summer. Continue to print bulletins large and small. Discussed pulpit supply for July 7, 21, & 28. Discussed getting the Friendly Mugger up and running. Looking into new mugs and possibly something to share in the mugs. August 4th church picnic at Dodd's park with worship at 10am and picnic to follow. Games for children in the afternoon. Members to bring 2 dishes to pass and table service. Committee will furnish the drinks. Committee to meet on July 28th at 11:00am to finalize plans for park worship.
- Pastor's Report: Mission trip-great experience; Baccalaureate – Preached & led worship; it was attended well; Canoe trips- looking forward to that event; VBS July 28th -August 1st with pool party on 8/01; Mutual Ministry- planning historical night, tabled; Synod Convention – Friday June 14th and Saturday, June 15th was discussed. Delegates for convention Cindy Doubler, Wayne Kurth, Pastor Miranda, Taylor Bastian, Troy Doubler as a visitor.

Meeting was closed by praying the Lord's Prayer

Complete copy of the June 11, 2013 council minutes is posted on the bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report

Incoming May 2013	\$9,963.29
Expenses May 2013	\$15,731.39
Net Income (Loss)	\$(5,768.10)
Income, Year to Date 2013	\$53,555.29
Expenses, Year to Date 2013	\$60,307.79
Net Income (Loss)	\$(6,752.50)



Worship Service and Picnic In The Park August 4, 2013

Good Shepherd's annual outdoor service and potluck will be

August 4, 2013 at Dobb's park, Lena, IL. Service will begin at 10:00 am. With special music from the Vacation Bible School children. Potluck to follow around 11:15 am. Games for children in the afternoon. Please bring 2 dishes to pass. Coffee and punch will be furnished. Plan to attend. In case of rain service and potluck will be held at Good Shepherd



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

Special Music for July

July 7th	Aaron Phillips
July 14th	Green County Harmony Chorus
July 21th	Glenda Linneman
July 28th	Ben Randecker

GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION TRIP TO PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION



The Mission Trip Team had a powerful week of serving alongside the Oglala Lakota People who live in Pine Ridge. growing in faith, ministering to children, working on home repair and upkeep projects, and learning from Lakota elders. There were many opportunities for worship, learning, and devotions alongside the children and adults there. Team members included: Colton Brinker, Taylor Bastian, Sue Diddens, Darci Meyer, Wayne Kurth, Janice Kurth, Nancy Hinrichs, Ellen Kyles, Cindy Doubler, Troy Doubler, and Pastor Miranda Hinrichs.



Many Lena area community members, Good Shepherd members, and local organizations donated items to be taken to Pine Ridge. These items included Piece Corps quilts, prayer shawls, diapers, power tools, hand tools, clothing for youth and adults, hand-made mittens, work gloves, and more. **The Mission Trip Team is thankful to all who offered support through prayers and donations.**



While in Pine Ridge, the Mission Trip Team coordinated with a mission and outreach center that ministers to adults; coordinates work projects; hosts daily children's ministry activities, provides food, diapers, quilts, clothing, and children's meals; and more. This ministry is The Pine Ridge Retreat Center (A shared ministry of the ELCA, The Lakota people, and The Presbyterian Church USA). The Retreat Center leads a daily afternoon children's ministry outreach called Sanctuary; Sanctuary is a safe place for children and youth to come to play, worship, hear God's Word, hear that they are loved, and receive a healthy hot meal. This ministry was a focus of our time in Pine Ridge. The Center also offers a weekday sandwich ministry providing food for those in need of any age. There are many in need, for Pine Ridge is located in the county with the 1st or 2nd highest levels of poverty in the United States and with an unemployment rate of over 70%. There were many stories of hopefulness for the next generation and of people's generosity with little.

The Mission Trip Team will offer a special program on Pine Ridge during Good Shepherd's Annual Fall Luncheon on October 1st. Pine Ridge will also be the Mission Focus for Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd. All VBS donations will go to help support much needed ministries and outreach in Pine Ridge.



PARK MINISTRY at Hickory Hills-

Saturday Nights 6:30pm

JULY 6	Tyger Johnson
JULY 13	Dave Ruter Ministries (Dave and Duska Ruter)
JULY 20	Warren United Methodist Praise Team
JULY 27	Martintown Worship Team
AUGUST 3	Professions of Faith (John Tallacksen and Company)
AUGUST 10	Worship Team from the Evangelical Free Church (Becky and Ward Dawson)
AUGUST 17	SET FREE, with Lloyd Wubbena, Shannon
AUGUST 24	Deb Leininger
AUGUST 31	Worship Team from the Evangelical Free church (Zach Walters)



Stephenson County Wheel-A-Thon
Thursday, July 25, 2013 RAMP's Wheel-A-Thon events have become a tradition – a tradition that takes an ordinary event (like a walk) and introduces a disability awareness aspect by focusing on the abilities of people using a wheelchair. As people with and without disabilities navigate a two mile route, they will encounter some challenges as they face curbs, uneven sidewalks, and tired arms, however; in the end will realize their accomplishments and prove there are NO LIMITS TO WHAT YOU CAN DO! The Wheel-A-Thon is a fun, family friendly event to help support the efforts of RAMP in each of the communities RAMP serves. Click on the Wheel-A-Thon event websites www.Stephenson County Wheel-A-Thon

HANNAH CIRCLE does not meet in July or August.



FAITH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at 1:30 pm at LLC. The Bible Study leader is Rene' Johnson.

We continue our Summer 2013 Bible Study

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

written by Audrey Novak Riley - associate program director for ELCA World Hunger, in “Gather” magazine, the July/August, 2013 issue: **Session 2 - “Do We Have Enough?”**

We all know the story: A crowd of people follows Jesus out to the countryside, and by the time evening rolls around they're all hungry. The disciples tell Jesus to send the people away so they can go get supper in town, and he answers, **“You** give them something to eat.”

All four gospels give us this story. Three of them give us the command from Jesus in exactly the same words:

“You give them something to eat” (Matthew 14:16; Mark 6:37; Luke 9:13). Is Jesus talking to **us**? Please bring your Bible!

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

Installation Invitation

By the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit
The Reverend Pat S. Esker has been called to serve as
Minister of Word and Sacrament at Trinity Lutheran Church in
Durand, Illinois.

You are cordially invited to attend the service of Holy Communion with rite of installation of pastor on Sunday July 14th, 2013 at 2:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church 15585 Durand Road Durand, Illinois. Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall

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

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Pastor Miranda Hinrichs

Church Secretary Darlene Barr

Month's Highlights!

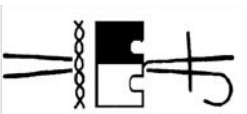
July 2 Faith Circle at LLC 1:30pm

July 8 Parkinson's Support Group 6:30pm

July 9 Hymn Sing at LLC

July 11 Friendship Club 12:00pm

July 28– August 1 Vacation Bible School



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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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