



The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

October 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

These are exciting days at Good Shepherd! We are in the midst of fall ministries with Sunday School, Confirmation, the After School Program, Bible Study, Fall Festival Hospitality Tent & Parade. It is great to see men, women, girls, & boys learning, playing, and serving together!



I am thankful for our Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, Confirmation guides, and After School Program volunteers who have committed to sharing their time and love with children and youth this year! They serve out of a love and grace that they first received from God. **"We love because God first loved us!"** Giving in Gratitude

Thank you to you all for your service throughout your lives in so many ways in your families, your schools, your workplaces, through community organizations, amongst your neighbors, within the church, and as we gather together to serve as a church on **"God's Work. Our Hands."** Sunday September 27th! Our giving is a thankful response to the joyful abundance of God's rich grace and love in Christ.

These are days filled with God's blessings and gratitude as ministries strengthen and grow. This fall the After School Program has had record numbers of youth participating every week with 77-81 youth hearing the Good News of Jesus' Love and having a safe and fun place to gather after school weekly. Blessings and gratitude are the focus of this year's stewardship program, *First, We Give of Ourselves: Giving in Gratitude*. Together, we will explore the many ways we are blessed by God, especially with **God's grace in Christ and how a response of gratitude moves us to be a blessing to others.**

Over the next number of weeks, through Bible Study, sermons, opportunities to acknowledge and express gratitude, and congregational activities expressing gratitude, we immerse ourselves in the delight of blessing and thanksgiving. These weeks will focus **our attention on God's gracious giving in Christ and how gratitude** for these blessings enable us to grow in our lives as disciples and in our sharing of blessings – to give of ourselves in gratitude.

The Kick Off Sunday for **“First, We Give of Ourselves: Giving in Gratitude”** will be Sunday October 11th. On Sunday, November 15th we will celebrate Gratitude Sunday, which focuses on the blessings God has shared with us and our cumulative expressions of gratitude as individuals and congregation. Our Celebration and Commitment Sunday will be Sunday November 22nd. At this service, we will celebrate the ministry we have as a congregation and indicate how we will share our gifts in gratitude for **God's blessings and the ministry of our congregation.**

“Giving in Gratitude” All Congregation Bible Study
An integral component of our program is the all congregation Bible Study, **“Giving in Gratitude”**. This is a four week series that **explores God's giving and our response of gratitude. Together, we explore questions such as God's blessings, their impact upon our lives, how we receive and use God's blessing, and the difference gratitude makes in our lives as disciples and stewards.** The Bible Study will meet on October 11th & 25th and November 1st & 8th in the Fellowship Hall.

Plan to be on hand in worship and join a “Giving in Gratitude” Bible Study this fall as we consider how **“First, We Give of Ourselves”**. How exciting it will be to grow together in discipleship and the delight of gratitude.

Rejoicing in God's Grace,
Your sister in Christ Pastor Miranda

October Meetings at Good Shepherd

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

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will meet every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, October 1st, at 9:00 am at Good Shepherd, Joyce Tessendorf is the hostess.

FAITH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, October 6th at 1:00 pm at LLC.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet for a pot-luck dinner and entertainment with “Del Heim” at noon on Thursday, October 8th, in the church Fellowship Hall.

PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP will meet October 12th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Speaker will be Leanne Christians-hygienist from FHM Family Dental topic will be “Dental Health in Parkinson’s.”

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

CHURCH COUNCIL meets on Tuesday October 13th at 6:00 pm.

MEN’S GROUP will meet October 24th at 4:30 pm for Steak Fry along with the monthly meeting..

The Newsletter for November and December will be a combined Newsletters for the Holidays
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for November/December Holiday Newsletter will be October 19th, 2015.

Thank You!

Happy Birthday

10-03 Chase Huneke
10-04 Doug Wybourn
10-05 Vivian Hesselbacher
10-05 Jim Doyle
10-06 Beth Fahr
10-06 Cindy Fahr
10-07 Rene' Johnson
10-08 Brice Swift
10-08 Lisa Schlichting
10-09 Lloyd Ferris
10-09 Krista Keene
10-10 Val Ockerman
10-10 Brad Smith
10-15 Steve Wybourn
10-15 Troy Keene
10-16 Jeff Raders
10-16 Denise Winder
10-17 Dustin Drye
10-17 Leesa Kurth
10-18 Sherry Freitag
10-18 Jennifer Gile
10-22 Dennis Bergman
10-24 Greg Andrews
10-25 Taryon Cornwell
10-26 Fern Harnish
10-26 Joanne Martin
10-26 Duane Torkelson
10-26 Kyle Albrecht
10-27 Nick Rice
10-27 Jonathan Hudik
10-27 Danielle Koning
10-28 Kurt Schlichting
10-29 Mike Meyers
10-29 Tricia Meyers
10-30 Jason Huneke
10-30 Lance Mueller

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

Prayer Chain: **If you have a request for the Prayer Chain:** Please call Pastor Miranda at 815-291-5793 or the Church Office at 815-369-5552.

We lift up the following loved ones in assisted-living facilities/nursing homes, homebound, etc. in prayer:, Alice Price, Dorothy Weimer, Gladys Staderman, Verl Price, Steve Fahr, Dorothy Wagner, Evelyn Hutmacher, Lois Paulsen, Laura Derr, Gerry Harnish and Ray Stamm. They would love to hear from you, consider visiting, calling, or sending them a note. Please call the church office if you are in need of an address.

Pastoral Care: If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, or in need of pastoral care; please call me, Pastor Miranda, at 815-291-5793. 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 Visits

It is such a joy to journey with you as your pastor! Please know that I am available to set up a visit with you in your home or if you would rather meet at the church for a visit, that would be a joy as well. If you would like to meet together, you may call the church office or call me directly at 815-291-5793 in order to find a time that will work well.

With Thanksgiving, Pastor Miranda

New Babies

If there is a birth within the Good Shepherd church family, please call the church office at 815-369-5552 with all family information. We want to share in the celebration by placing a rose on the altar and announcing it in the bulletin.

Special Property Committee Updates
**Continuing the Vision of Growing the Ministries
of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

- The Property Committee led two Capital Campaign Information Meetings in June which communicated recommended projects for building maintenance, increased efficiency, and improved hospitality.
- The Property Committee reviewed feedback from the congregation during and following the information meetings, making initial adjustments to recommended project list.
- They submitted a proposal to Church Council requesting that the council start a Capital Campaign Fund feasibility study to assess the realistic potential of gifts available for the proposed projects.
- Church Council approved the proposal.
- Council formed a Capital Campaign Feasibility Task Force.
- Task Force met and set up interviews with NI Synod leaders for advice about Capital Campaigns.
- Task Force began the process of creating better communication materials that help tell why each of the recommended projects is needed and helpful for ministry together.
- Members of Task Force met with Pastor Mark Luepke and Director for Congregational Ministries Julie Lee from Prince of Peace in Freeport to hear about the process and materials used for their last two capital campaigns.
- Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Kurt Nordby met with the Church Council and Task Force to advise on capital campaigns and what is likely feasible based on our annual giving. He recommended working on communication this fall, and then launching a capital campaign in January/February.
- Please be prayerfully considering what you would like to contribute to a potential Capital Campaign.

Thank You! Chris Brinker, Property Committee Chair
Phone Number: (815)-990-0228



Christian Rock Concert

TobyMac and Colton Dixon live in concert!

November 8th at 7pm

Aliant Energy Center in Madison, WI

Cost: \$15.50 if we have a group of 10 or more

We'll meet at church at 5pm to drive to Madison



Need of a ride to church on Sunday?

Call:

Troy Doubler 369-5117

Donna Gullickson 369-4708

Jean Wenzel 369-2777

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 369-5552



Exciting Updates and Info
for our children and youth!



Sunday School:

Fun, learning, and worship for Preschool-6th Grades!

The Preschoolers and Kindergarteners gather for their small group Sunday School time during worship

following the Children's Message. Following worship

all children gather in the Sanctuary for Opening at

10:45am, and the children in 1st-

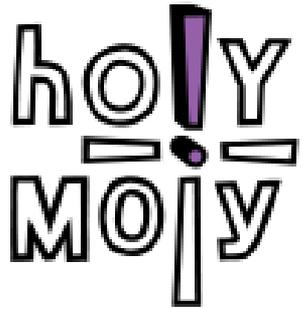
6th grades will gather with their teachers following the opening. 1st

-6th Graders are using a fun new

curriculum called Holy Moly

that helps kids ignite a biblical

imagination for a lifetime!



Save the Dates:

Sept 27th: **"God's Work. Our Hands."**

Day of Service

Oct 11th: Kids will sing for worship and
do a service project

Oct 18th: Start music for Christmas Program

Dec 20th: Christmas Program

After School Program:

For 4th-8th Graders at The Hangout in downtown

Lena Wednesdays 3:30-5:00pm. Games, Fun,

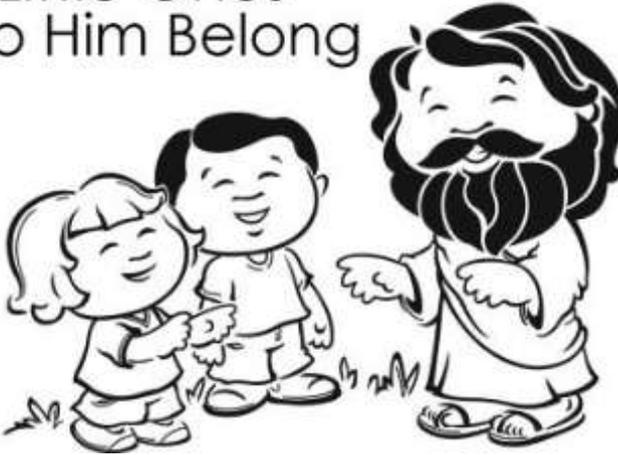
Christian message, homework help, fun worship

songs, food, cool challenges, and friends!

Let the Children Come

Little Ones to Him Belong

Mark 10:13-16



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PEOPLE	JESUS	INDIGNANT	GOD	ENTER
BRINGING	TOUCH	COME	BELONGS	ARMS
LITTLE	DISCIPLES	HINDER	TRUTH	HANDS
CHILDREN	REBUKED	KINGDOM	ANYONE	BLESSED

DIRTY FEET RETREAT!

for Youth in Grades 6-8

Youth Ministry Event

- + **Friday 8 pm - Sunday 11 am,
October 2-4**
- + **Faith, Food, Adventure!**
- + **Where: Camp Ewalu in
Strawberry Point, Iowa**

Get charged up for Christ... as a group! You'll find cool counselors, the ZIP LINE, meaningful games, real life talks, fun music, campfires, the great outdoors, snacks & new friends at Camp Ewalu. Register today!

*"The world and its desire are passing away,
but those who do the will of God will
live forever." - 1 John 2:17*



Confirmation youth and chaperones will meet at Good Shepherd at 5:30pm to head to Iowa. Total retreat cost is \$85. Your cost is \$40. The Youth Fund will cover \$45 of the cost.

Confirmation Ministry
for 7th –8th Graders

6:30-8:00 PM

Wednesday nights

Learning, Prayer, Fun, and Friendship!
This year we are studying the Bible using Echo the Story, where youth experience the biblical narrative through storytelling, creative reflection, and dialogue.



YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT
LEAF RAKING

If you wish to have your yard raked or know of someone who needs their yard raked, please call the Church office (815-369-5552) and leave your name and telephone number for the youth to contact you.



Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Events, Family
Fun and Service events, Summer Ministries

Mission: to team with families in the growth of their child's faith by providing a fun, loving, and safe community where children meet, love, and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Volunteer Schedule for Lena Food Pantry
Open 8:30 to 11:30 Saturdays
Good Shepherd works the 4th Saturday
of each month



October 24, 2015

Jean Wenzel
Maxine Dittmar

November 28, 2015

Donna Gullickson
Karen Niemeier

December 26, 2015

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Maxine Dittmar

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369-4366

Donna Gullickson

369-4780

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Karen Niemeier

369-2366

Cell 815-990-7520

Jean Wenzel

369-2777

Mary Lloyd

369-4049

Work 815-599-3410

Thrivent Financial

Thrivent Choice—Keys to Success!

Over the last 5 years, eligible members have recommended that Thrivent Financial distribute more than \$225 million in charitable grant funds to more than 25,600 enrolled churches and organizations through Thrivent Choice.

Congratulations!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has received \$2,015 in Choice Dollars grant funds since enrolling in the program.

Hymn Histories: From Choir Director Janis Kurth

Back in the 1960's and 1970's, there was a children's program called "Davey and Goliath." It was a show about a young boy named Davey and his talking dog Goliath (only Davey and the viewer could hear Goliath talk). The show was sponsored by the Lutheran Church to teach core values to children. It used as the theme son "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" or in English "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by Martin Luther.

Martin Luther is thought of as a great reformer, Bible translator, political leader, fiery preacher, and theologian. But he was also a musician, having been born in an area of Germany known for its music.

When the Reformation began, Luther was determined to put worship back in the German churches. One way he did this was to translate the Bible into the common language of the people. Another way was to write hymns for the people.

Luther's most famous hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God", is based on Psalm 46. The hymn is a celebration of the power of God over all earthly and spiritual forces, and of the sure hope we have in God because of Christ.

This has been a difficult hymn to translate because the original German is so vivid. There has been around 80 different translations of the hymn. Currently, there are two different, yet similar translation in our current ELW Hymnal.

This hymn has been sung by poor Protestant emigrants on their way to exile, and by martyrs at their death. It is woven into the web of the history of the Reformation, and it became a nation hymn for Protestant Germany. The hymn has become closely associated with Martin Luther himself, as it embodied in its words and melody so much of the character of its author.

References include "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan, plus several websites about the history of Hymns

MEN'S GROUP

MEN'S STEAK FRY: Saturday October 24th
starting at 4:30pm.

along with the monthly meeting.

Men of all ages are invited to attend.



MEN'S GROUP

*the men will hand out treats at the
church on Halloween*



ROAD TRIP FOR FUN

Sign up for a tour of the
Minhas Brewery in Monroe, WI ,
on Saturday October 10 2015.

The brewery has been in business since 1845, tours are \$10.00 and also include samples and a take home pack of beverages. They make beers and sodas. We will learn about how their product is made and how it's bottled or canned. We will plan on doing the 3:00pm tour which takes 45 to 60 minutes. Meet at the church to carpool or you can meet the group in Monroe. Must sign up by October 4th at the latest. Any questions contact Troy Doubler.



Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

Incoming August 2015	\$ 10,064.61
Expenses August 2015	\$ 10,229.61
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (165.00)
Income, Year to Date 2015	\$ 92,715.39
Expenses, Year to Date 2015	\$ 89,234.78
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 3,480.61

GOOD SHEPHERD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES September 8, 2015

Members present; Wayne Kurth, Nick Baker, Michelle Andrews, Jay Andrews Treasurer , Pastor Miranda Klosterboer, Karen Niemeier, Shirley Fox, Colton Brinker, Tim Gordon, Mary Lloyd, Coralyn Hudik.

Council opened at 6:00pm by President Wayne Kurth.

- A guest speaker from Synod Pastor Lisa Burbank to talk about mission support. She asked about what our congregation has done both in and outside of our community. Also what our congregation could use to improve our outreach.
- Mary Lloyd shared devotions in the form of a bible weather quiz! Very fun and informative.
- Council shared personal check in and update.
- Motion to approve agenda as written made by Nick Baker seconded by Coralyn Hudik motion passed on voice vote.
- Changes to secretaries report spelling and usage concerns and that Mary Lloyd was present at the meeting.
- Motion to approve secretary's report as amended made by Pastor Miranda Klosterboer. Motion seconded by Shirley Fox. Motion passed on voice vote.
- Pastor Kurt Nordby visited to discuss the Capital campaign. He asked how our regular giving came in with our last budget.
- Treasurer's report. Motion made by Colton Brinker to accept the report seconded by Tim Gordon motion passed.
- Pastors report submitted and accepted.

GOOD SHEPHERD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2015 (Continued)

- Motion to approve standing committees reports made by Colton Brinker Seconded by Wayne Kurth motion passed on voice vote.

Old business

- 1 Safe Child Policy tabled until lawyer review.
- 2 endowment policy update was given
- 3 memorial list letter was shared

New business

1 Fall festival Hospitality tent motion made by Nick Baker to approve list of activities for the fall festival including the use of a free will donation box to raise funds for after school program. Seconded by Shirley Fox motion passed on voice vote.

Motion to adjourn made by Michelle Andrews. Motion passed on voice vote. Council adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Nicholas Baker



SAVE THE DATE!!
Good Shepherd to host
the NI SYNOD
Northwest Conference
Fall Discipleship Gathering
Thursday November 19th

The 2015 Gatherings will focus on church leadership and the election of a new synod bishop, which will happen for us in 2016 with the retirement of Bishop Wollersheim.

Registration will begin at 6:15 pm. A light supper will be served from 6:30-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions will begin at 7 pm, followed by the program. The evening will end by 8:45 pm. Topics will include congregational leadership, the constitutional responsibilities as well as the joys and challenges of a bishop, and the election process for a bishop. Find out more at nisynod.org/gatherings



Good Shepherd
Piece Corps Quilters

The Piece Corps Quilters made 575 quilts this year: Quilts went to Lutheran World Relief, St. Vincent DePaul in Monroe, and 15 quilts were sent with the Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation Indian Reservation in South Dakota and 40 quilts were given

“God's work. Our hands” Sunday
***Jesus said. "As the father has sent me,
I am sending you" John 20: 21***

Thank You to everyone that helped in anyway on Saturday the 19th, 26th and Sunday the 27th of September. It was good to serve in our community for the second year in a row, and hope to do more in the future.

Thank You again for your service.
Troy Doubler

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* Thank You! to Joyce Tessororf, Beth Martin, Donna Gullickson, Joanne Martin, Cindy Doubler and Shirley Fox for helping with the September Newsletter *

Hannah Circle will meet on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 9:00 am at church in Fellowship Hall. Joyce Tessendorf is the hostess (815) 369-2331. Rene' Johnson is the Bible Study leader.



We continue with our 3-part Bible Study - "Slow Faith" by Liv Larson Andrews in the October 2015 issue of "Gather" magazine.

Session Two: "Make Haste, O Lord"

Faith Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 1:00 pm at the Lena Living Center.

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

Upcoming

Lena Area Church Cooperative Activities

Just a reminder, that starting in

November the LACC will be in need of

your help! The LACC will be doing the Thanksgiving

baskets for those in need this holiday season but

new this year is that we will be purchasing food boxes

from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Details

coming soon how you can be a part of this very important cause along with the Angel Tree.

Any questions please contact Mary Lloyd.



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!

October 1 Hannah Circle at Good Shepherd 9:00am

October 6 Faith Circle at Lena Living Center 1:00pm

October 7 Confirmation 6:30-8:00pm

October 8 Friendship Club 12:00pm

October 12 Parkinson Support Group 6:30pm

October 13 Hymn Sing LLC 9:45am

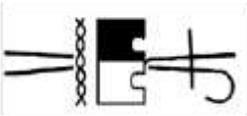
October 14 Confirmation 6:30-8:00pm

October 21 Confirmation 6:30-8:00pm

October 24 Men's Group Steak Fry and meeting 4:30 pm

October 28 Confirmation 6:30-8:00pm

October 31 Men's Group passing out candy at church for Halloween



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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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