

The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

November 2013

In our readings in worship we have learned that a response to seeing what God has done that leads to wholeness is Praise and Thanksgiving, and we have talked about the truth that we can *continually* come before the Lord in prayer; in Praise and Thanksgiving and also as we call out to God in grief, in wrestling, in joy, in honesty, and in a willingness to be transformed.

This next week we will celebrate alongside three of our young adults in our congregation as they affirm their baptism before us in worship on Confirmation Sunday. It has been a joy to pray with, to bless, to teach, and to learn alongside Austin Andrews, Colton Brinker, and Sondra Winters throughout this special time of faith formation during confirmation classes. Austin, Colton, and Sondra have completed their Confirmation classes and have chosen to testify to their faith before the congregation and affirm their baptism in Christ.

It has been inspiring and such a joy to meet with them one-on-one in preparation for this special day. It is a joy to see what God is up to in the lives of these three. Let us respond with thanksgiving to God. Thanksgiving to God for the equipping of the Spirit; for the teaching of Sunday School teachers, parents, families, and youth leaders; for the gift of God's Word to study; and for God's grace and God's presence with each of them on their journey of faith.

The amazing things that the Lord is up to do not stop there but bubble forth in the calling of New Members to Good Shepherd; in God's call on Chuck Kraft to the waters of Baptism; in God's equipping of volunteers for the Food Pantry, the After School Program, the Hymn Sing, Sunday School, and so much more; in God's provision of strength and wisdom for work, parenting, loving others well, and living this life of faith.

Let us look for what God is doing, and come before the Lord with Thanksgiving.

Your sister in Christ
Pastor Miranda



Welcome New Members... part one

We are excited to welcome Chuck Kraft, Sue Kraft, and Jesse Klosterboer as members of Good Shepherd. New Member Sunday will be November 10th! It will be a special day of celebration as Charles Kraft is baptized, and as Jesse and Sue affirm their baptism. We welcome Chuck, Sue, and Jesse into the mission that we share as a congregation!

Membership Profile: Charles L. Kraft

I have lived in Lena all my 50 years plus some months. I have 4 sisters, 3 older 1 younger. One sister we lost at age 53. My mother and father were Walter Kraft and Virginia Dampman. I have 2 daughters with Connie (Stilson) Kraft. Bri is 24 years old with a degree of Masters in Architecture. Allyson is 17 years old and a senior in high school.

I have been a carpenter 32 years, not including pounding nails at 13 years old (I do custom cabinets and furniture, plus tile, etc.). I worked for Bonebright Construction for 27 years. I started my own business starting back in 2000. I worked nights and weekends to help pay bills. The work became popular enough to go on my own.

Meeting Sue Vanderheyden was very helpful in my decision to completely go on my own with the business. We were married on January 17, 2009.

When I can find some free time from everything I enjoy hunting deer in the fall and turkey in the spring. I don't really care if I get one, but the tranquility is really the main reason. But they do taste good! (Sorry... but a deer almost took my life 10 years ago. It knocked me off my bike @ 45 miles per hour midday in summer. Ouch! Gave up bikes.)

Membership Profile: Susan Kay Kraft

I grew up in Stockton the daughter of Mason and June Vanderheyden. Born to a large family (2 brothers & 4 sisters) was great growing up. I remember growing up with the large family meals on Sundays at grandma and grandpa's with all of my cousins, aunts, and uncles; it was wonderful-to this day I enjoy cooking big meals and having family over.

I have worked in the manufacturing industry for 36 years-I am blessed to be able to work this long. I met the love of my life, Chuck; and married on January 17, 2009, and welcomed 2 daughters into my life, Ally and Bri.

I love the outdoors, traveling, and seeing this beautiful country God has created.

To be continued... We will have a membership profile for new member Jesse Paul Klosterboer in the upcoming newsletter.



God's Global Barnyard

Sunday School offerings this fall will go towards ELCA's God's Global Barnyard. All of the animals in God's Global Barnyard help families who are poor and hungry throughout the world. Sunday School children are also gathering coins and bills in their "barns" throughout the week. If you want to join in the fun with your own barn or ELCA World Hunger coin bank, contact the church office at 815-369-5552. God's Global Barnyard is a part of ELCA World Hunger.

"CHILDREN of the CROSS" LEAF RAKING



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

Youth Group Nights at Good Shepherd!

Join us on **Wednesday November 6th and November 20th** from 7-8pm for a night of Fun and Connection. We will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays throughout the year! Let's grow together! Feel free to invite friends! Who will you invite?

Sunday School Volunteer Meeting and Lunch:

November 3rd at noon. Come join in the sharing, good food, and planning time together.

Save the Date!

- Sunday November 3rd** SS Children sing for worship!
- Sunday December 1st** SS Children sing for worship!
- Sunday December 8th 2013** Christmas Caroling
- Sunday December 22nd 2013** at 9:30am Christmas Program at Good Shepherd. Join us for a festive worship service led by our children and youth! Rehearsal will be on December 21st from 9:30am-11:30am



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 369-5552

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, 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 or check out your Picture Directory :)

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

Thank You!

Thank you to Cindy Doubler, Joyce Tessororf, Beth Martin, Ellen Kyles, Donna Gullickson for helping with the October Newsletter.

November Meetings at Good Shepherd

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

FAITH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday November 5, 2013 at 1:00pm at the LLC. Bible Study leader in Rene' Johnson

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet Thursday November 7, 2013 at 9:00 at good Shepherd in the Fellowship Hall. Sheila Keene is the hostess. The Bible Study leader in Rene' Johnson.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP will meet November 11, 2013, at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Program: "Bring a Dish to Pass" (No Speaker)

HYMN SING at the Lena Nursing Home will be Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 9:45 am.

COUNCIL meets on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

Women of the ELCA Board Meeting will be Wednesday November 13, 2012 at 10:30am at Good Shepherd in the Fellowship Hall.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet for a pot-luck dinner at noon on Thursday, November 14, 2013 in the church Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will be with Tyger Johnson

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the December Newsletter is November 15, 2013 Thank You!

Happy Birthday

11-01 Margery Ference
11-03 Brian Albrecht
11-04 Kathy Andrews
11-04 Ashtyn Brinker
11-04 Hanna Brinker
11-06 Lorene Solace
11-06 Neal Shumaker
11-07 Amanda Raders
11-15 Sarah (Huber) Andrews
11-18 Deanna Drye
11-20 Melinda Reed
11-20 Wade Flack
11-21 MaryAnne Stabenow
11-22 Leona Block
11-22 Sue Diddens
11-23 Peggy Roettger
11-28 John Huneke

If we missed a birthday (or someone in your family) please call the office (815-369-5552) to update our records!



Wednesday Evening Small Group Bible Study

We will join together on Wednesday November 13th at 6:30pm for discussion, study, prayer, and connecting with one another more deeply in faith and life. If you are interested in joining in, please sign up downstairs in the fellowship hall.

See you soon!



Lena Area Church Cooperative



November and December are exciting and busy times for the Lena Area Church Cooperative (LACC). Two of the biggest projects of the year take place during this time, the Thanksgiving food baskets and the Angel Tree. The people of Good Shepherd have given generously to both of these projects in years past and we hope for the same this year also!

The LACC will be giving out **Thanksgiving food baskets** again this year. Last year the LACC handed out 35+ baskets to families and individuals in need and we are planning for at least that many for this year. The drive for the Thanksgiving food baskets will begin here at Good Shepherd on Sunday, November 3rd and the last day to donate is Sunday November 24th. Good Shepherd has been assigned to collect boxes of Stuffing Mix (any flavor) and Gravy (jars or cans, any flavor). A table has been set up in the fellowship hall for you to leave your donations. The members of the LACC will put the baskets together on Monday the 25th for delivery that night.

Then, starting Monday, November 25th, the **Angel Tree** will be up in the fellowship hall here at Good Shepherd. Last year over 125 children in our community were identified as “angels” in need. Please make sure you have your Angel Tree donations back to Good Shepherd on December 15th as distribution begins that next week. Details are listed on the angels.

Monetary donations are always accepted for both the Thanksgiving food baskets and the Angel tree. Checks can be made payable to the Lena Area Church Cooperative or LACC. Checks can be given to either Pastor Miranda or to Mary Lloyd who is the Good Shepherd representative to LACC. If you would prefer, checks can also be mailed to the LACC, PO Box 75, Lena IL 61048.

Thank you in advance for your love and support to these very worthy causes!

Your Church Council:

President: Willie Kayser

Vice-President: Chris Brinker

Secretary: Jean Wenzel

Youth Representative: Brianna Andrews

Members: Michelle Andrews, Nick Baker, Ruth Ann Freitag, Troy Keene, Pastor Miranda Klosterboer, Mary Lloyd, Rita Lobdell.

Highlights from October 9, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes

Members Attending: Nick Baker, Pastor Miranda, Mary Lloyd, Willie Kayser, Rita Lobdell, Michelle Andrews, Jean Wenzel, Treasurer Jay Andrews, and Troy Keene. Ruth Ann Freitag, Chris Brinker, and Brianna Andrews were not present.

- Devotions were led by Willie Kayser reading from Psalm 116 verses 1 – 9.
- Jay Andrews presented the treasurer's report by stating that monies are slow in coming in.
- Pastor's report: Written Report Submitted. Pastor Miranda has been busy with inside and outside commitments. Pastor's recommendations: (1) estate gifts for congregation unless otherwise stated a minimum of tithing 10% for mission/ministry beyond Good Shepherd
(2) church tithing - working towards a tithe for missions by increasing mission support by 1%.
- Service: Mary Lloyd attended Lena Area Church Cooperative meeting October 24th. Working on Thanksgiving baskets and angel tree. Karen Niemeier and Cindy Doubler volunteer for the After School Program at Hangout.
- Discussed insurance for Pastor and Jesse. Rita Lobdell moved and seconded by Nick Baker to purchase the Gold Package for Pastor and Jesse. Motion carried.
- \$475 has been donated to the cost of a 2nd projector. Nick Baker moved to approve funding for 2nd projector labor to install, and any other extras required for Pastor to operate it, second by Michelle Andrews. Motion carried.

Meeting closed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Complete copy of the October 9, 2013 council minutes is posted on the bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report

Incoming September 2013	\$8,359.25
Expenses August 2013	\$9,992.90
Net Income (Loss)	\$(1,633.65)
Income, Year to Date 2013	\$97,397.16
Expenses, Year to Date 2013	\$103,495.96
Net Income (Loss)	\$(4,465.15)

Take A Look at Our New Website

On the website you will find information about our ministries and mission work, pictures, an updated calendar, newsletter articles, staff info, a map to access direction to GSLC, and much more. You can stay up to date, and it offers a chance for outreach as well! Please pass on helpful feedback to website team or Pastor Miranda. You can find it by entering **www.goodshepherdlena.org**

Also: **"Like us" on Facebook @ GSLCLenaIL**

<https://www.facebook.com/GSLCLenaIL>

Ink Toner Cartridges:

Please bring your ink toner cartridges and place them in the blue collection box in the hallway by the Fellowship Hall.

We receive Staple Rewards for these, and are able to use rewards to purchase office supplies.

Thank You!



Mystery Dinner November 9th

Get your thinking caps on!

November 9th will be a fun-filled evening of deciphering clues as to what is on the Mystery Supper Menu this year. The supper will be a three course meal with appetizer, main dish, and dessert. The fun will start at 5:50 pm in the fellowship hall at Good Shepherd with the selection of your meal for the evening. Come and enjoy the adventure and fun. Sign up by November 3rd so that supplies may be purchased. A good will donation will be taken to cover the cost of the meal and to help with the Sandwich Ministry at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun and laughs as we enjoy a good meal. Questions: contact Janis Kurth

Fall Clean-Up Day:

Monday November 11 at 4:00pm

The Property Team is sponsoring a Fall Clean-Up day. Come for a fun day of cleaning, organizing, and preparing our church building for the upcoming worship seasons. We will be cleaning windows inside and out, doing some indoor deep cleaning, working outside, organizing, and even doing some sprucing up of some of our meeting spaces. Whatever your area of interest or expertise there will be a job for you! Come join in the fun and service together!



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Fall Discipleship Gathering

**Congregations and Rostered Leaders
Congregational Presidents, Vice Presidents,
Treasurers, and Stewardship Committees**

Re: NI Synod Northwest Conference Discipleship Gathering – November 7, 2013

The Northern Illinois Synod is hosting a **Discipleship Gathering in the Northwest Conference on Thursday, November 7 at First Lutheran Church, 303 S. Galena Ave., Freeport**. Through this Discipleship Gathering we will explore the practice of **“Giving.”**

The evening will begin with registration, a **Ministry Fair**, and refreshments at **6:00 p.m.** The Ministry Fair will be composed of displays with representatives from our synod agencies, institutions, ministry committees, and ministry task forces, as well as a few Northwest Conference congregations sharing one of their special ministries. Participants will gain valuable insights about the outreach of these ministries taking place in and around Northern Illinois Synod. We are excited about the Ministry Fair!

Following the Ministry Fair at 7:00 p.m. there will be a **program that addresses the topic of “Giving” with the main speaker being Synod Vice President, Mr. Bill Bartlett**. Together we will explore the areas of stewardship in a more in depth way and how gifts for mission support are used in God’s mission. A 2014 Mission Support resource packet will be provided your congregation. The evening should end about 8:00 p.m.

Bishop Wollersheim encourages your participation. Be sure to invite your congregational presidents, vice presidents, treasurers, stewardship committee members, and any others who may be interested in exploring the practice of “Giving,” and/or who may want to dig further into what it means to be a disciple in our faith walk!

It is always good to come together as the church. See you there!

– *Pastor Kurt Nordby*



Ordering Poinsettias

Each year, Good Shepherd's chancel is decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Services. You may order

poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one; or in celebration of the birth of Jesus! Orders must be placed by December 8th. (Cost will be \$9.00). Please complete the form below and mail it or drop it off at the church office.

Thank you!

Poinsettia Order

Given by: _____

phone # _____

Given (check one) in memory of... in honor of...

Name (s) _____

Stewardship Team Update

There is much to be thankful for here at Good Shepherd. Mission and ministry are being actively lived out through individuals; groups (Sunday School, Piece Corps, Bible Studies, and more!); and valuable start-up ministries like our Men's Group, Service Team, Youth Nights, and outreach through the After School Program. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving of resources that supports these ministries. **Our Fall Stewardship Emphasis this year will be on Thanks-Giving. Please watch your mail for an important mailing inviting you to prayerfully participate in our Thanks-Giving Sunday on November 23rd.** The Stewardship Team will be hosting our fellowship time together on that Sunday as a *Thank You* and as a *celebration of all that God is doing through you*. We are a congregation that not only engages in Thanks-Giving, but also in Thanks-Living, in living lives of grace and sharing the grace we have been shown with others through word and deed.

Memorials to be Dedicated
on All Saints Sunday November 3rd

New Refrigerator for Kitchen

Violet Ferris

New Laptop Computer and Projection Stand

Minnie Hardel, Harold Wagner, Astrid Matson, Jack
Kauffman, Caroline Merckle And an Anonymous gift

Acolyte and Assisting Minister Robes

Esther Kayser

Oak Lectern

Esther Kayser, Verna Mantei

Projector Screen for Fellowship Hall

Star Hauki

Chancel Oak Railings

Violet Ferris

Projector Screens for Sanctuary

Doris Lobdell

New Sunday School Window

Ruth Watson

Projector for Sanctuary

Star Hauke, Joan Hoffman, Estell Becker, Ardeth Lobdell,
Raymond and Helen Lapp, Brenda Montgomery, Lavone
Buchenau

FAITH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at **1:00 pm** at LLC. The Bible Study leader is Rene' Johnson. **Please note our new meeting time!**



HANNAH CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 9:00 am at Church in Fellowship Hall. Sheila Keene is the hostess (815) 369-5101. 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 two "Deborah, A Determined Leader" is in the October 2013 "Gather" magazine. Our lesson will be on Psalm 81 and Judges chapters 4 & 5.

If you would like information about our Circle Groups, Women of the ELCA, and/or our Bible Study material please contact Rene' Johnson (815) 369-2818.

Women of the ELCA Board Meeting - Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 10:30 am, at Church in Fellowship Hall.

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

Thank You!

Thank you to all who attended and helped with our Combined Meeting/Fall Luncheon on October 1, 2013. We especially want to thank our program presenters; you did a wonderful job and shared your mission story with many others. Thank you for all those who helped with the food preparations, set-up and clean-up. We could not continue without all your help and support. Thank you!

NOVEMBER IS THANK OFFERING TIME:

Please bring your Women of the ELCA Thankofferings to your circle meeting. The November "Gather" magazine has some good articles about Thankofferings: "A Season of Gratitude" by Emma Crossen and "Gift of Gratitude" by Linda Post Bushkofsky.

**All women of the church
and their guests
are welcome to attend.**

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 Klosterboer

Church Secretary

Darlene Barr

Month's Highlights!

November 3 All Saints Sunday

November 3 Children sing for worship

November 5 Faith Circle at LLC 1:00pm

November 6 Youth Group Night 7:00pm

November 7 Hannah Circle at GSL 9:00am

November 9 Mystery Supper

November 10 New Members Sunday

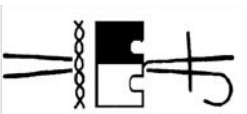
November 11 Parkinson's Support Group 12:30pm

November 12 Hymn Sign at LLC 9:45am

November 13 Women of the ELCA Board Meeting 10:30am

November 14 Friendship Club 12:00pm

November 20 Youth Group Night 7:00pm



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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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