

The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

August 2013

Jesus taught them saying,

“Just as I have loved you, you should love one another.”

John 13:34

It is summer- a time for invitations...backyard BBQ invitations, invitations to the pool or to go fishing, invitations to family reunions, invitations to weddings, invitations to come in out of the heat. As we head into these last weeks of summer... Let's challenge ourselves to Invitation. For Good Shepherd this is a time of the year where a lot of outreach and ministry happens... who will you ask to join you? Who will you invite to Vacation Bible School? Who will you invite to join you for the Outdoor Service and Potluck at Dodd's Park, the Canoe Trip, or Wild Wednesday? Or to Piece Corps Quilting or Bible Study? Who will you invite to join you for worship and fellowship? Who will you invite to sit by you? Or to serve alongside you? Who will you invite to share a glass of cold lemonade with you? Or to share part of their story with you?

Who will you invite to get to know Jesus better, learning and praying alongside you?

It is a time of invitation. In ATHENS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL we are learning about Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth that... God Loves Us All (Sunday); that God Loves Us and Takes Care of Us (Monday); that God Loves Us When Others Don't (Tuesday); that God Loves Us and Sent His Son, Jesus (Wednesday); and that God Loves Us and Wants Us to Share His Love (Thursday). Paul risked his life and reputation to invite people from different nations, regions, religions, and social classes to KNOW JESUS and GOD'S LOVE. Let us, too, INVITE and SHARE GOD'S LOVE this summer!

And let us be open to love and relationship with those who invite us, accepting some summer invitations, trusting that Jesus is the One who connects us together..

Thankful to God for you,
Your sister in Christ Pastor Miranda



Wedding Celebration and Thank You

We love because God first loved us.

1 John 4:19



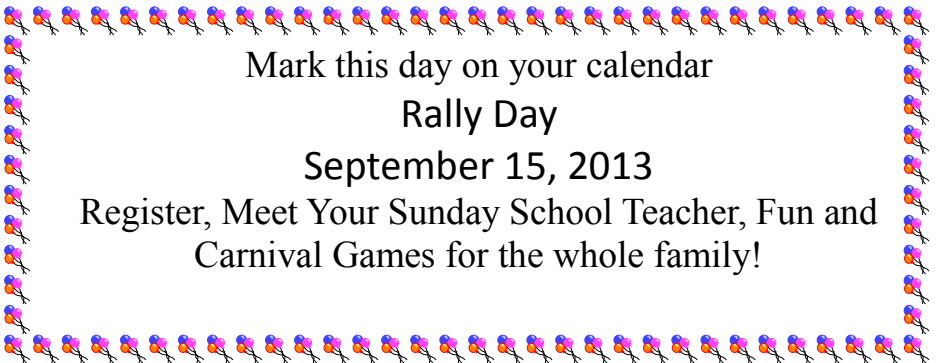
Jesse Klosterboer and Pastor Miranda (Hinrichs) Klosterboer were married on July 20th, and would like to invite you to a reception following worship on August 11th. We look forward to celebrating with you all together here in Lena as we host coffee hour in thanksgiving to God for the many ways that you as a congregation have loved and supported us on our journey of faith and relationship. We will bring pictures from the wedding to share with you. Please join us on August 11th for a special time all together. We ask for no gifts, as we consider your continued prayers for us and presence with us as your gift to us.

Mark this day on your calendar

Rally Day

September 15, 2013

**Register, Meet Your Sunday School Teacher, Fun and
Carnival Games for the whole family!**



Thank You!

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your recent gift of \$240.00 to the ELCA
Malaria Campaign. Your faithful generosity makes a life-
changing, life –saving difference. Your gift is greatly
appreciated.

Thank You.

In Christ's service,

Jessica Nip Hacker

Coordinator ,ELCA Malaria Campaign

Dan Bower Benefit:

If you helped in any way, no matter how small, together we all
did a great thing for the Dan Bower family. Thank you from
the bottom of our hearts.

The Committee for the Benefit

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

We offer thanksgiving to God for the generous memorial gifts
given to Good Shepherd that provided us with our screens and
projector for use in worship and for use in teaching and disci-
pleship ministries with all ages. We are excited to worship
God with children from throughout the Lena area in our Sanc-
tuary utilizing the helpful screens for Vacation Bible School
Opening and Closing worship as we learn more about God's
Love!



Worship Service and Picnic In The Park August 4, 2013

Good Shepherd's annual outdoor service and potluck will be
August 4, 2013
at Dodd'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
369-5552

August Meetings at Good Shepherd

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

FAITH CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 1:30 pm at the Lena Living Center.

HANNAH CIRCLE does not meet in July or August.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet for a pot-luck dinner at noon on Thursday, August 8, 2013 in the church Fellowship Hall

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP will meet August 12, 2013, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Program: "Group Sing Along" *Bring a finger food to share.*

HYMN SING at the Lena Nursing Home will be Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 9:45 am

COUNCIL meets on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

WILD WEDNESDAY August 14, 2013, 10am-3pm. "Hiking & Lunch & Laughs at the Lake"

Mutual Ministry Team meeting August 20, 2013 at 6:30pm.

WELCA Board Meeting on August 21, 2013 at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 28, 2013 thru August 1, 2013 from 6:00pm-8:15pm.

Pool Party August 1st

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

Happy Birthday

8/2 Madison Tessendorf
8/3 Virgil Gordon
8/3 Susan Gordon
8/4 Jean Wenzel
8/5 Karen Cross
8/7 Bob Lyvers
8/7 Tim Huber
8/10 Steve Carlson
8/10 Abbea Schlichting
8/13 Sheridan Brinker
8/15 Mercedes Freitag
8/16 Larry Huneke
8/16 Dennis Broege
8/19 Bill Engel
8/19 Brianna Kraft
8/21 Virgil Martin
8/21 Marlene Jones
8/21 Lydia Smith
8/21 Alec Aurand
8/23 Gia Schlichting
8/24 Donna Gullickson
8/24 Curt Diddens
8/25 Chad Baldauf
8/25 Emily Meyers
8/26 Paul Fox
8/26 Ethan Fye
8/29 Pastor Miranda
8/30 Thomas Andrews
8/31 Layton Albright

**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 or check out your brand new 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 you.

Thank you!

Pastor Miranda

Pastoral Home Visits

It has been a joy to visit with many of you through home visits! I would love to come to your home for a home visit, if we haven't had the opportunity so far. We could also meet at the church for a visit, which would be a joy as well. You may call the church office or call me directly at 651-895-2879 in order to find a time that will work well.

-Pastor Miranda



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?

To transform the church into the “Athens” theme 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.

Volunteers should plan to be here from **5:45-8:30pm each night**. We will be set and ready to welcome children prior to VBS each night, and we will meet for a short prayer and devotion at the end of each night.

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: _____

SUMMER Junior High Lock-in @ LOMC

For youth entering 6th-8th grades

August 16th-17th

7pm-9am

(Registration begins at 6pm)

Cost:\$35.00

(Good Shepherd will pay \$15.00 of your registration)

Come join the fun! Games, Midnight Pizza, Fun...
even Glow In The Dark Games!

Bring items for overnight... sleeping bag, pillow, change
of clothes, flashlight, bug spray, water bottle, Bible,
Pen, etc.

We will meet at Good Shepherd at 5:00pm to head to
LOMC (Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center).

Loving Adult Chaperones will be needed 😊

Lock-In Sponsored by the NI Synod LYO
(Lutheran Youth Organization)



Wild Wednesday Outing #3

Hiking & Lunch & Laughs at the Lake

August 14th 10am-3pm

Cost: Free

Wild Wednesdays are for children that have
completed K-8th grade

(Older youth are welcome to join in as mentors).

We will play games, hike, share a picnic together, sing some
songs, learn more about Jesus, and have a great time!

**Feel free to invite friends! Sign up by the Sunday prior
to the Wild Wednesday.**

Bring: Bible, sack lunch, sunscreen, clothes to play in, a
water bottle, and your registration form (if not already on file).

PARENTS and other LOVING ADULTS: Please let Pastor
Miranda know if you can assist with rides or would like to
join in on the fun! (651-895-2879)



Good Shepherd Canoe Trip on the Pecos River

Saturday August 17th

9am to approximately 1:30pm

Cost: Free will donation to the *Friends of the Pecos River Foundation*

Bring: Potluck Grill-out Item (we'll give you a call), sun-screen, water bottle, bug spray, and shoes and clothes that could get wet.

We had to postpone our Canoe Trip that we had planned for June, because of the Pecos River being at flood stage. It has been rescheduled for this date: August 17th!

Join us for a morning of canoeing and enjoying God's Creation! Feel free to invite your friends! At 9am we meet at McConnell's "bob town" Landing. We will then take some cars to McNeil's Damascus Landing before launching in McConnell. The route is 7.9 miles (about 2.5 hours). We will share a meal together at the end of our route at the Damascus Landing.

A sign-up sheet and release forms are available. Please sign up or call to reserve your spot by Sunday August 11.

For those who are excited about joining in the fun, but aren't sure about stepping into a canoe... You can still join us for the picnic at McNeil's Damascus Landing. We should start arriving around 12:00pm. We could even use some help with driving cars back to the picnic spot **Please make sure to sign up for canoeing and/or picnicking, so that we can let you know if there are any changes.**

Contact Roger Schamberger (815)-238-7888

Dale Gullickson (815)-369-4708 or

Pastor Miranda Hinrichs (651)-895-2879

Wild Wednesday's 2013

We have had fun on our Wild Wednesdays so far this summer! June 12th we went mini-golfing, played games, and learned about welcoming and loving others as Jesus. July 10th we headed over to Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park for fishing and fellowship. We have one more Wild Wednesday left this summer... August 14th for Hiking, Lunch, and Laughs at the Lake! Sign Up today!



Northern Illinois Synod Assembly 2013



Cindy Doubler, Troy Doubler, Wayne Kurth, Taylor Bastian and Pastor Miranda Hinrichs traveled to Rock Island to learn, worship, vote, and pray. Pictured are Pastor Miranda leading an opening prayer and Taylor Bastian alongside other LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization) Youth with Bishop Gary Woldersheim. Taylor Bastian was elected to serve as one of two NW Conference Youth Delegates for LYO. Congratulations Taylor!



PARK MINISTRY at Hickory Hills
Saturday Nights 6:30pm

- 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)



Lena Living Center (LLC)
1010 S. Logan, Lena, IL
Skilled Nursing Care Rehabilitation
815-369-4561

Invites All to:

Coffee Hour-Every Thursday at 9am
Saturday, July 27, 1-3pm

Tractor Show
at the Lena Living Center



Potluck for Randy & Carol Stubbs Family

Our Missionaries to Tanzania

August 3rd 4:30

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church,
2715 S. Mulford Rd., Rockford IL

The Stubbs family will show pictures, update all on their mission in Tanzania and share their music with us.

Bring a small dish to pass.

Sponsored by

Alpine Lutheran, Rockford, IL,
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran, Rockford, IL
Good Shepherd Lutheran, Lena, IL





Calling for Favorite Hymns!

Submit the names of your favorite hymns during fellowship time the next few weeks, and we will sing some of the top favorite of the congregation during worship in September.

Slips will be available during coffee hour
July 28, August 4, August 11

Special Music for August

August 4,	VBS and Volunteers service in the park,.
August 11	Jesse Klosterboer
August 18	Brianna Andrews
August 25	Deb Leininger

Galatians Bible Study

Come join us for our Galatians Bible Study on Sunday Mornings. Our next study is August 18th at 11am. We will be looking at chapter 5 and the Fruit of the Spirit as we continue to learn about the freedom we have in Christ. On August 25th, we will have our final Galatians study of the summer. We will look at chapter 6 and also take some time to review the entire book of Galatians. You are invited to grow in your understanding of God's Word and grow in relationship with others as we study and pray together.

Highlights from July 9, 2013 Council Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Willie Kayser, Chris Brinker, Jean Wenzel, Ruth Ann Freitag, Nick Baker, Mary Lloyd, Michelle Andrews, Pastor Miranda, Youth rep, Brianna Andrews, Treasurer Jay Andrews.

Rita Lobdell and Troy Keene were absent.

Marybeth Brinker and Troy Doubler were in attendance

- Troy Doubler showed the new web site and explained the web site to the council members, will keep members up on current events and activities as well as worship services, however the web site is not up and running at this time.
- Marybeth Brinker reported on Mutual Ministry committee, She recommend Good Shepherd include Jesse Klosterboer on Pastor Miranda's health insurance plan. Chris Brinker moved to accept Jesse on health insurance plan. Second by Nick Baker. Motion carried. Marybeth reported things going well with Bible school. Were blessed with lots of volunteers.
- Ruth Ann Freitag moved to accept secretary minutes from June 2013, second by Mary Lloyd
- Treasurer's report was given by Jay Andrews. Chris Brinker moved to accept the report and Jean Wenzel second the motion. Motion carried.
- Pastor Miranda's report: Ministering to the Joe Green family and presiding at funeral. Communion visits with homebound members. Hymn sing at LLC—23 present, would enjoy visiting members at work places, VBS July 28- Aug. 1st, pool party on Aug. 1st, Bible study on Galatians has been a joy, NW conference retreat at Sinsinawa, vacation planned for 7/19 – 7/28, Pastor & Jesse to host a reception on August 11 to celebrate their marriage and for wonderful welcome to Lena. God bless Pastor and Jesse.
- Jean Wenzel reported the August 4th picnic at Dodd's Park on August 4th with an outdoor worship service beginning at 10:00 a.m. with picnic lunch at around 11:15 with afternoon games for the children. Hope to see everyone there. Pastor reported on synod assembly. Pastor Miranda made a motion to accept reports. Nick Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Treasurer's Report

Incoming June 2013	\$11,675.00
Expenses June 2013	\$10,203.40
Net Income (Loss)	\$1,471.60
Income, Year to Date 2013	\$65,230.29
Expenses, Year to Date 2013	\$70,511.19
Net Income (Loss)	\$(5,280.90)

Our new Website has launched!

A huge THANK YOU to our website team for your dedicated work in putting this together! 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



Great News!

Picture Directories

Picture Directories are here! 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 is at the north entrance of the church with your name on it. You may pick it up at anytime. If you chose to not submit a picture or have your picture taken this time, we 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. Call the church office at 369-5552 if you would like a directory.

THANK YOU!!!!



Northern Illinois Synod

Diakonia

"The Teacher is here and is calling for you"

John 11:28

This wonderful quote of Martha's is just after she says to Jesus, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God." She then goes to find her sister, Mary. Is the Teacher calling you? Are you looking for a connection with God but haven't found one? Perhaps the answer might be Diakonia.

Diakonia gives you time with God through a series of classes on the Bible, our church, possible ministry gifts, and a variety of other courses. But it is more than just a class, it is a chance to listen with your heart and soul too. Diakonia is a two year program which meets once a week.

A new class has begun in our own neighborhood in Stockton.

All the classes are taught by pastors and they will give you an opportunity to meet with brothers and sisters in Christ to learn about the good news of Jesus Christ.

There will be 2 'Come & See' Events in our area of the synod this summer.

Rockford, Come & See St Mark's Lutheran Church Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013. 6:30 - 8:00 pm Contact: [Julie Lewis](#)

Stockton, Come & See Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2013, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Schapville, 6:30 - 8:00 pm Contact: [Duane Olivier](#)

These events are designed for any one who might be interested in diakonia - a chance to see what the courses are all about, experience a 'sample' lesson and get any questions answered.

FAITH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 1:30 pm at LLC. The Bible Study leader is Rene' Johnson.



We conclude 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 3 - “All Ate and Were Filled.”**

Prayer:

Creator God, when you ask us to do your will you give us everything we need.

Grant that we may leave our fear behind and trust your Son when he asks us to go beyond what we see as our limits.

This we ask through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

HANNAH CIRCLE does not meet in August.

Please join us in September, as we begin a new 9-month Bible Study:

“In Good Company: Stories of Biblical Women” by Dr. Kay Ward.

Company’s coming! Bible study author Kay Ward, a bishop in the Moravian Church, has invited nine women from the Old Testament, several from the New Testament, and a handful of women she knows to stop in for a visit. They will be companions with us each month, long enough for us to get to know them and to also get to know ourselves a bit better. Their stories will draw us into Bible study, worship with the Psalms, and opportunities to tell our own stories. Ward was elected to be a bishop in the Moravian Unity in 1998, the first woman to be chosen in its 550 years of history. She has served as a parish pastor, and in 2006 retired as professor and administrator of Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pa. Kay has written three collections of essays and lives in a log cabin in central Wisconsin.

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

Please Contact Rene' Johnson (815) 369-2818 for more information about our Circle Groups, Women of the ELCA, and/or our Bible Study material.

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 (Hinrichs) Klosterboer

Church Secretary Darlene Barr

Month's Highlights!

July 28-August 1 Vacation Bible School 6:00pm—8:15pm

August 4 Worship Service at Dobb's Park with Potluck

August 6 Faith Circle at LLC 1:30pm

August 8 Friendship Club 12:00pm

August 11 Wedding Reception

for Jesse Klosterboer and Pastor Miranda (Hinrichs) Klosterboer 10:30am

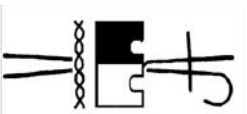
August 13 Parkinson's Support Group 6:30pm

August 14 Wild Wednesday Outing #3 10am-3pm

August 16-17 Summer Lock-in at LOMC 7pm-9am

August 17 Good Shepherd Canoe Trip 9am

August 21 WELCA Board Meeting 10:30am



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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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