

# The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

December 2013

It has been a month of Thanks-Giving here at Good Shepherd as we have come before our Lord with thanks for the marvelous works that God is doing among us and throughout the world!

What a joy to gather together for a special Thanks-Giving worship service, filled with special music and reminders of the abundance of grace, love, forgiveness, and provision that the Lord provides.

We come before God with thanksgiving for our three youth who affirmed their baptism: Austin, Colton, and Sondra; for the 60+ 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders who regularly attend the After School Program at the Hang Out; for other GSLC ministries that reach out to the community: Friendship Club, the Parkinson's Support Group, the LLC Hymn Sing, Piece Corps Quilters, LLC Bible Study, the Lena Area Church Cooperative, the Food Pantry, Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA missionaries, and ELCA World Hunger.

What a joy to welcome New Members to Good Shepherd (Chuck Kraft, Sue Kraft, and Jesse Klosterboer); to be a part of the baptism of Chuck Kraft; and to worship alongside so many friends, visitors, and brothers and sisters in Christ during worship!

What a comfort to proclaim together that even though we are Sinners (hurting ourselves, one another, and God's creation, not loving our enemies and our friends as we should), we are also Saints. Why? "Because of Jesus!" Our identity as children of God will not end in death. Why? "Because of Jesus!" Because of the love and grace offered through Jesus. It is a hope that we proclaimed on All Saints Day and a hope that we proclaimed through word and song in the three funerals we had this past month. Therefore, even in the midst of great loss and grief in the face of death we have hope and can come before the Lord with thanksgiving.

We venture from this season of Thanks-Giving to the season of Advent: a time of "hoping, waiting, yearning, and preparing". We celebrate the Christ that came to Bethlehem to save the world; and we celebrate the Christ that will come again. We wait and prepare together. We worship and celebrate the story of God... the story that we will proclaim through song... the story that we will minister to others with through Caroling... the story that we will see enacted through the Christmas Program... the story that connects with our story... bringing hope and salvation and purpose.

With thanksgiving,  
Pastor Miranda

## **Join us for Christmas Eve Worship Services**

Join us on Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepherd as we celebrate Christmas Eve Candlelight worship with Holy Communion at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Christmas Eve worship will include special music, choir anthems, the singing of beloved Christmas hymns, children's message, brass choir, readings from the Gospel of Luke, and Pastor Miranda Klosterboer will share the evening message.

## **Welcome New Members... part two**

We are excited to welcome Chuck Kraft, Sue Kraft, and Jesse Klosterboer as members of Good Shepherd. We welcome Chuck, Sue, and Jesse into the mission that we share as a congregation!

### **Membership Profile: Jesse Klosterboer**

Thank you all for the warm welcome! Moving to Lena has been a blessing. Most of all, it has been a joy coming here to marry the most amazing, wonderful woman I've ever met! And I'm grateful to God for being welcomed into the community, especially at Good Shepherd.

I came from a rural area near Rochester, Minnesota. For two years, I directed outdoor ministry programs for the youth and adults of 145 churches through Good Earth Village. Only a week after moving to Minnesota, I met Miranda, the beautiful woman who was to become my wife! Prior to this, I spent six years directing programs at Ewalu Camp and Retreat Center, a camp serving the ELCA churches of the eastern half of Iowa.

Northeastern Iowa holds my roots, in the small town of Elkader. My father is a Lutheran pastor there, and my mother is a recently retired teacher. One sister, Sara, teaches in Iowa City; she and her husband have two very young (and very cute) kids. After graduating from Luther College in 2001, I worked as a youth counselor and group therapist for high school juvenile delinquent boys in Cedar Rapids until 2005. This prepared me for leading the type of powerful Christian retreats that happen at camps, and helping people discover and use their gifts.

Christian ministry is my passion. I currently serve as Director of Public Relations for Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, IL. Sadly, this brings me out of town many Sundays to speak or lead worship in other churches, but whenever I'm back, I'm grateful to take part in what God is doing through the people of Good Shepherd. Miranda and I look forward to serving and growing with you in the years to come. God is good!



## 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.

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## Youth Group Nights at Good Shepherd!

7th-12th graders, come join in the Fun and Connection on Wednesday nights at 7pm! Prayer, Games, and Conversation.

Let's grow together! **Feel free to invite friends!**

Who will you invite?

- Next Youth Night: **Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange:** 7pm December 18th.
- Bring a snack to share and a small wrapped gift (something you have that you don't want anymore... or something less than \$2)



## 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



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, 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 :)

**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, 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

## **December Meetings at Good Shepherd**

**PIECE CORPS** will meet every Wednesday from 8:00 am to 11:30 am for the month of December, except for Dec. 25th.

**FAITH CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday December 3, 2013 at 1:00pm at the LLC. Bible Study leader in Rene' Johnson

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will meet Thursday December 5, 2013 at 9:00 at good Shepherd in the Fellowship Hall. Rene' Johnson is the hostess and the Bible Study leader.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING** will be December 8, 2013 at 2:00.

**HYMN SING** at the Lena Nursing Home will be Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 9:45 am.

**COUNCIL** meets on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

**SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Wednesday December 11th at 6:30pm

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** will meet for a pot-luck dinner at noon on Thursday, December 12, 2013 in the church Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will be with "Take Two".

**LLC CHRISTMAS PARTY** is Thursday December 19, 2013 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm, hosted by Faith and Hannah Circles.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** Rehearsal will be December 21 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am

**CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be December 22 at 9:30 worship.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES** Tuesday December 24th at 5:00pm and 7:30pm.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** for the January 2014 Newsletter is December 15, 2013 Thank You!

# Happy Birthday

## December Birthdays

12-01 Jacob Doyle  
12-01 Daniel Kurth  
12-01 Noah Wenzel  
12-08 Marybeth Brinker  
12-10 Sharon Schlachter  
12-10 Ron Cross  
12-10 Jarod Timms  
12-11 Ryan Fye  
12-14 Chris Fahr  
12-16 Dan Lawson  
12-16 Cali Smith  
12-16 Mary Freitag  
12-17 Jim Kurth  
12-18 Ray Stamm  
12-18 Jean Engel  
12-20 Cyndy Shumaker  
12-21 Brian Kurth  
12-22 Richard Johnson  
12-22 Wayne Kurth  
12-23 Paul Fahr  
12-23 Abigail Brinker  
12-24 Paul Hardel  
12-24 Paula Schoenhard  
12-27 Tom Brinker  
12-29 Joyce Tessoroff  
12-30 Lynn Lyvers



## Wednesday Evening

### Small Group Bible Study

We will join together on Wednesday December 11th at 6:30pm for discussion, study, prayer, and connecting with one another more deeply in faith and life. We will be discussing the book Kisses from Katie, an inspiring true-life tale of a young adult missionary in Uganda. We will also be choosing our topic for our study in January (Jan 15th). All are welcome. See you soon!

## **Reminder for all Committees of Good Shepherd:**

Please turn in your Budget Requests for 2014 to Wayne Kurth, Finance Chairperson, by December 9th.



### **Lena Area Church Cooperative LACC**

The Lena Area Church Cooperative, LACC, is organizing an “Angel Tree” this Christmas. Angels will be displayed and available to you on 11/25/13 at the church in the fellowship hall. Each angel represents a child from a family in need this holiday season and contains their wish list for Christmas. If you would like to sponsor a child, please take an angel (top card), fill out the information card attached (leave that here), and return your gift(s) to the church by December 15<sup>th</sup>, with the top angel attached to it. Please make sure that if you have multiple packages, that they are all marked or tied together. Any questions can be directed to Mary Lloyd, Good Shepherd’s representative to the LACC.

Thank you for your generosity.

*To see an angel, you must see another’s soul. To feel an angel, you must touch another’s heart. To hear an angel, you must listen to both. –Unknown.*

### **Men’s Group at Good Shepherd:**

All men of Good Shepherd Lutheran are members of the Men’s Group, but all men are welcome.

- We will be ordering the Master Builders Bible (an NIV Bible specifically designed for men). If you are interested in ordering a Bible, contact Troy Doubler (815-369-5117). The cost is \$15.00. We will be ordering soon.
- Our Next Men’s Group Meeting will be in January... watch bulletins and the January newsletter for date/time
- Save the Date for the One Year to Live Retreat at EWALU Bible Camp February 7th-9th, 2014

## **Your Church Council:**

*President:* Willie Kayser

*Vice-President:* Chris Brinker

*Secretary:* Jean Wenzel

*Youth Representative:* Brianna Andrews

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

## **Highlights from November 12th Council Meeting Minutes**

Troy Keene and Brianna Andrews were absent.

- Michelle Andrews was in charge of devotions, taken from Psalm 138.
- Treasurer's Report given by Jay Andrews.
- Pastor's Report: Written Report Submitted. Pastor expressed a thank you to all who offered care and hospitality to the families of Ruth Ann Freitag, Ardith Stabenow, and Phylis Maher. Planned special services for Confirmation Sunday, All Saints Day, and New Member Sunday (with the baptism of Chuck Kraft). Beginning to plan for Thanks-Giving Sunday, the Advent Season, and Christmas Services. Pastor submitted a Grant Proposal to the NI Synod that goes toward Educational Loans from seminary; this is a great program offered by our NI Synod. Meeting with the Lena UMC to network and plan some more joint youth activities.
- Service Committee: Report from Mary Lloyd from the Lena Area Church Cooperative regarding Angel Tree, Thanksgiving Baskets, and needs in the area at the Christmas season. Discussed the request for 30 dozen cookies for the distribution by the Lions Club.
- Property Committee: 2<sup>nd</sup> Projector installed. Good work night on Monday night; lots of things were done.
- Stewardship Committee: Rita Lobdell discussed pledge cards and informed Church Council that Shirley Fox is a new member.
- Pastor Miranda made the motion to have the Annual Meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> 2014 due to commitments in her schedule. Motion carried.
- Old Business: 1) Continued discussion of previous Council Goals regarding church facilities and programming.
- The Church Council voted to distribute the Special Funds Trust Bequest Interest of 2013 as follows: Lutheran Disaster Relief: \$1000; Stubbs Family, Missionaries to Tanzania: \$1000; Lena Area Church Cooperative: \$500; Lena Area Food Pantry: \$500; Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center: \$500; Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI): \$500; Pine Ridge Retreat Center: \$500; Total: \$4500
- Meeting was adjourned by praying the Lord's Prayer.

**Complete copy of the November 12, 2013 council minutes is posted on the bulletin board.**



## Treasurer's Report

Incoming October 2013	\$11,707.60
Expenses October 2013	\$12,057.41
Net Income (Loss)	\$(349.81)
Income, Year to Date 2013	\$110,484.70
Expenses, Year to Date 2013	\$115,553.37

## Worship Volunteers

We are setting up the Worship Volunteer schedule for the new year starting February 2014. If you are interested in assisting in any capacity with the services, please contact the office or put a note in with your offering. New volunteers are welcome! If you have been signed up to do something in the past, you will stay on the list unless you request to be taken off. We are looking for people to do all tasks, such as: Lector, Assisting Minister, Worship Assistant, Communion Ushers, Communion Set-up and Clean-up, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Ushers, Special Music, Sound System, Video Camera Operators, and Power Point Operators for the new screens. We would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped in the past. You make this church work and we really appreciate it! **Watch for a special training coming up in January for new Sound, Video, and Power Point volunteers. Come join the fun!**

## **Annual Reports are Due January 6, 2014**

Annual reports are required for each committee and organization of the congregation. These reports are assembled and made available to the congregation members prior to the meeting. The reports are the responsibility of the chairperson or offices. We will be sending out the reports from last year for you to update your reports and turn them into the office by Monday, January 6, 2014. If possible, please type up the report and email it to [gslchurch@aeroinc.net](mailto:gslchurch@aeroinc.net) in Word format.



## **Christmas Program at Good Shepherd** **Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013 at 9:30am**

Join us for a festive worship service led by our children and youth! We will hear the life-changing story of Jesus' birth, of God coming to earth. The children will lead us in song and actions. There will be special music from our children and youth. We will have congregational hymns, and we will hear and see the story unfold.

Join us on December 22<sup>nd</sup>!

Attention Families and volunteers: The Christmas Program rehearsal will be on December 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:30am-11:30am

## **Christmas Caroling, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Meet at the church at 2:00 pm, dress warmly, to bring the Joyful sounds of the Christmas Season to others in our community. After Caroling, enjoy a hot bowl of soup back at Good Shepherd. Bring finger foods to share.

## **Celebrate Giving with ELCA GOOD GIFTS**

**Make a difference in the world as you give gifts to loved ones this Christmas.** In lieu of traditional gifts, consider supporting meaningful projects of the ELCA in honor of friends and loved ones through **ELCA Good Gifts**. Honor friends and loved ones with gifts that grow the church, fight hunger, and transform lives. You can buy a chicken that will provide eggs and income, you can support a missionary, support a church plant, buy a well or a portion of a well, and so much more. Consider creating a new family tradition! Maybe you can decide to go in together and choose together what would be meaningful to do. **Check out the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall for more ideas!**

## **A letter of gratitude from Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson**

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

**With gratitude for God’s amazing grace, your ministries and our partnership in the gospel, I conclude my ministry as ELCA presiding bishop. I thank God for your prayers that have sustained me and continue to undergird the ministries to which God has called us.**

These have been 12 years of phenomenal changes in the religious landscape of the world, the church, our capacity to communicate, and our increasingly pluralistic society. With change often comes anxiety, sometimes nostalgia and increased tension, but always the opportunity to proclaim and trust the good news that we are justified by God’s grace through faith. This is all on account of Christ, crucified and risen for all. I can think of no better time to be a Lutheran Christian than now. **In a culture weary from political gridlock and divisive rhetoric, we have good news to share – God has reconciled the whole creation in Christ. This is God’s doing, not ours.** God entrusts this message and ministry of reconciliation to us.

**When so many feel excluded for what they lack and who they are not, we have good news to share – you are a beloved child of God, created in God’s image.** God is not in the sin-accounting business. You are forgiven. When there is pressure in a competitive, consumer-driven, religious marketplace to define our ministries on the basis of what sets us apart, in Christ we find ourselves defined on the basis of our relatedness to others. Yes, Christ unites diverse people and gifts in one body, and this unity is God’s gift in the church and creation. Among the questions that draw us into conversation is this one: How do we share this wellspring of God’s grace in Christ in a culture suspicious of doctrine, disengaged from institutions, distrustful of leaders, and increasingly pluralistic?

**As Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton begins her call, I join in thanking God for her many gifts for leadership, and I pray that the Holy Spirit will give her great joy in this marvelous call.**

From the gospel reading for Reformation Day, we hear these words from Jesus, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. . . so if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:31-32, 36). In all of our endings and beginnings may we continue to abide in this Word, Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life.

**It has been a great blessing to have served with you as partners in the gospel. I will continue to pray, with joy, thanksgiving and confidence, that the good work begun among us God will bring to completion in Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:3-6).**

In God’s grace,



Mark S. Hanson  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## 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 8<sup>th</sup>. (Cost will be \$9.00). Please complete the form below and mail it or drop it off at the church office. Thank you!

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**Poinsettia Order**

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Name (s)** \_\_\_\_\_

## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE RESPONDING TO TYPHOON HAIYAN

One of the most powerful storms ever recorded, Super Typhoon Haiyan, crashed across the central islands of the Philippines. With winds of over 200 miles per hour and torrential rains, it has caused massive destruction, loss of lives and forced millions of people to flee their homes. Your help is needed to make a difference in affected areas. Through partnerships and as a member of ACT Alliance, **Lutheran Disaster Response** is responding to the most urgent needs of food, water, clothing, shelter, sleeping material and medicine. Possible assistance may also include helping those whose livelihood of fishing or farming has been destroyed. **Gifts made out to "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church" and designated to "LDR: Pacific Typhoon Response" in the memo line will be used in full – 100 percent – to help with immediate and long-term need.** Your generous offerings of prayer and financial support will help those affected as they journey to recover. Our church is reaching out in response to this devastating storm and assessing the needs —working together for as long as it takes. Thank you for your gifts, your prayers and your partnership.

## **A Thank You from your Stewardship Team:**

Dear Members and Friends of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

Thank You for your prayerful thought and consideration in completing your 2014 Stewardship Commitment Forms. Knowing your plans will make it possible for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to plan and implement ministries without hesitation. It will allow wise management of resources throughout the 2014 calendar year. All ministries in our church are dependent upon the generosity of God's people: You are God's People!

*"Well done, my good servant!" His master replied.*

*"Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities." -Luke 19:17*

Everything we have is a gift entrusted to us from God. You are generous stewards of all that we have been given- of the gift of time, of the gift of talents, of the gift of money and material goods.

**Thank you** for all that you do to make possible the ministry and mission work of our church here and around the world.

**Your stewardship counts!**

With thanksgiving,  
The Stewardship Team

### ***Thank You!***

A great big thank you to all those who helped us with the three funerals we had in one week. Those who helped in the kitchen, those who brought food (some gave to all three) and those who helped with clean-up. We couldn't have done it without you.

God Bless All!

Joyce Tessendorf, Rene Johnson and Ellen Kyles

***Thank You!*** to Cindy Doubler, Joyce Tessendorf, Beth Martin, Ellen Kyles, Donna Gullickson for helping with the October Newsletter.



**FAITH CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, December 3, 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, December 5, 2013 at 9:00 am at Church in the Fellowship Hall. Rene' Johnson is the hostess (815) 369-2818 and the Bible Study leader.

Please join us as we continue our 9-month Bible Study: ***"In Good Company: Stories of Biblical Women"*** by Dr. Kay Ward. Session Three "The Widow of Zarephath, A Trusting Follower" is in the November 2013 "Gather" magazine. Our lesson will be on Psalm 65, 1 Kings 17:1-24, and Mark 12:41-44.

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.

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**LENA LIVING CENTER (LLC)  
DECEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY - is -**

**Thursday, December 19, 2013 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm**, hosted by Faith and Hannah Circles. We will provide birthday gifts, bring treats and wish Happy Birthday to some very special people. Please join us for fun and fellowship in sharing Christ's love.

Circle members are asked to bring 2 dozen cookies to share with the residents. Contact Rene' Johnson at (815) 369-2818 if you have any questions, need a ride, or to have your cookie donation picked-up. We will meet at 1:45 pm at the LLC to set-up for the party.

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

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**Circle members will share in providing cookies and refreshments for the Fellowship Hour after the Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 22, 2013.**

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

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## **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!**

December 1 Children sing for worship

December 3 Faith Circle at LLC 1:00pm

December 5 Hannah Circle at GSLC 9:00am

December 8 Christmas Caroling 2:00pm at GSLC

December 10 Hymn Sing at LLC 9:45am

December 11 Small Group Bible Study 6:30pm

December 12 Friendship Club Potluck 12:00pm

December 18 7th-12th Grade White Elephant Christmas Party

December 19 LLC Christmas party 2:00pm

December 21 Christmas Program Rehearsal 9:30am

December 22 Christmas Program 9:30am

December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at 5pm and 7:30pm

## December Worship Volunteers

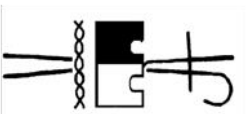
<u>Duties</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>	<u>Duties</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>
		<u>December 24 5:00PM Service</u>	
			<u>December 24 7:30PM Service</u>
<u>December 1</u>		Lector	Colton Brinker
Lector	Shirley Fox	Acolyte	Krista Keene
Acolyte	Braden Diddens	Assisting Minister	Denny Luke
Assisting Minister	Austin Andrews	Worship Assistant	Denny Luke
Worship Assistant	Ellen Kyles	Communion Ushers	Jay and Michelle Andrews
Communion Ushers	Ed and Jean Wenzel	Communion Assistant	Colton Brinker, Brianna Andrews
Communion Assistant	Sue Diddens, Marybeth Brinker	Sound System	Austin Andrews, Jon Hudik
Friendly Mugger	Ed Wenzel	Greeters	Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker
Sound System	Troy Doubler, Austin Andrews		Joanne and Virgil Martin
Greeters	Tena Rackow, Marion Fahr, Dana Diddens	Ushers	Dana Diddens, Mike Geiseman
Ushers	Jerimy And Cara Schriener, Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher		Jay and Michelle Andrews
<u>December 8</u>			
Lector	Sue Diddens		
Acolyte	Krista Keene		
Assisting Minister	Jay Andrews		
Worship Assistant	Denny Luke		
Communion Ushers	Troy and Cindy Doubler,		
Communion Assistant	Eugene Hesselbacher, Denny Luke		
Friendly Mugger	Jean Wenzel		
Sound System	Delbert Scheider, Jon Hudik		
Greeters	Troy ,Sheila and Krista Keene, Joanne and Virgil Martin		
Ushers	Dana Diddens, Mike Geiseman Chris Brinker, Sheridan Brinker		
<u>December 15</u>			
Lector	Denny Luke		
Acolyte	Taylor Patterson		
Assisting Minister	Sheila Keene		
Worship Assistant	Lee Wenzel		
Communion Ushers	Bill and Jean Engel		
Communion Assistant	Troy and Cindy Doubler		
Friendly Mugger	Sharon Schlachter		
Sound System	Jay Andrews, Wayne Kurth		
Greeters	Denny Luke, Willie Kayser		
Ushers	Jim Swain, Willie Kayser, Bob and Sharon Schlachter		
<u>December 22</u>			
Lector	Colton Brinker		
Acolyte	Coltin Coonts		
Assisting Minister	Colton Brinker		
Worship Assistant	Sue Diddens		
Communion Ushers	Donna Gullickson, Rita Lobdell		
Communion Assistant	Jay Andrews, Austin Andrews		
Friendly Mugger	Bob Schlachter		
Sound System	Troy Doubler, Jon Hudik		
Greeters	Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher, Deb Hesselbacher		
Ushers	Andrew Martin. Donna Gullickson, Lee Wenzel, Rita Lobdell		
<u>December 29</u>			
Lector	Taylor Bastian		
Acolyte	Kayla Runkle		
Assisting Minister	Sheila Keene		
Worship Assistant	Sheila Keene		
Friendly Mugger	Donna Gullickson		
Sound System	Jay Andrews, Austin Andrews		
Greeters	Troy and Cindy Doubler, Chris and Angie Brinker		
Ushers	Darlene Aurand, Donna Gullickson, Austin Andrews, Andrew Martin		



**December 2013**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena, IL**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b> 9:30 am Communion Service  <b>Children Sing for Worship</b>                      10:30 am Fellowship                      11:00 Choir Practice                      5:00 Chime Practice</p>	<p><b>2</b>                      8am-6pm                      Pastor Miranda at Spirituality Retreat at LOMC</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9am-3pm Pastor Miranda at FCTE                      1:00 pm Faith Circle at LLC                      3:30 Confirmation</p>	<p><b>4</b> 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps                      9:00 am Pastor at Text Study                      3:15-5:00pm After School Program at the Hang-Out</p>	<p><b>5</b>                      9:00 am Hannah Circle at GSLS</p>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">                         Pastor Miranda at the Region 5 Outdoor Ministry Conference                     </div>						
<p><b>8</b>                      9:30 am Communion Service                      10:30 am Fellowship                      10:45 Sunday School Opening                      11:00 Choir Practice                      2:00 <b>Christmas Caroling:</b> starting from Good Shepherd</p>	<p><b>9</b> <i>Committee Budget Request Deadline</i>                      11:00 Pastor at mentor meeting                      6:30pm Worship Committee Mtg                      7:30pm Finance Committee Mtg</p>	<p><b>10</b>                      9:45am -Hymn Sing at LLC                        3:30 Confirmation                        6:00pm-Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b> 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps                      3:15-5:00pm After School Program at the Hang-Out                      6:30pm Small Group Bible Study</p>	<p><b>12</b>                      12:00 pm Friendship Club Potluck</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      6:00pm Good Shepherd Staff Christmas Party at 224 Hickory Dr., Lena</p>	<b>14</b>
<p><b>15</b> 9:30 am Communion Service                      10:30 am Fellowship                      10:45 Sunday School Opening                      11:00 Choir Practice                      2:30 GSLS Service at LLC                      5:00 Chime Practice</p> <p><i>January Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<b>16</b>	<p><b>17</b>                      1:30 Pastor Miranda leads devotions at Friendship Center                        3:30 Confirmation</p>	<p><b>18</b> 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps                      3:15-5:00pm After School Program at the Hang-Out    <b>7:00 pm 7th-12th Grade Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange</b></p>	<p><b>19</b>  <b>2:00 pm LLC Christmas Party</b></p>	<b>20</b>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>9:30am-11:30am Christmas Program Rehearsal</b></p>
<p><b>22</b> 9:30 am Communion Service/  <b>Christmas Program</b>                      10:30 am Fellowship for all ages with Christmas Cookies                      11:00 Choir Practice                      5:00 Chime Practice</p>	<b>23</b>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>Christmas Eve Services</b>  <b>5:00 Candlelight</b>  <b>7:30 Candlelight</b></p>	<p><b>25</b>  <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>    <b>Merry Christmas!</b>    <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">                         Pastor Miranda out of town for family commitments: December 26th through January 1st.                     </div>						
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<p><b>29</b> 9:30 am Worship Service                      10:30 am Fellowship                      11:00 Choir Practice                      5:00 Chime Practice</p>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<p><b>January 1<sup>st</sup></b>    <b>Happy New Year!</b>    <b>Office Closed</b></p>		<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">                         Secretary Hours                          Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday 9:00am-2:00pm                          Thursday-Friday Office Closed                     </div>						



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