

The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

February 2014

Throughout February our Gospel readings during worship will be from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in the book of Matthew. The last Sunday in January, we hear Jesus calling the disciples and proclaiming the good news among the people. Then "Epiphany" (revealing) continues as Jesus' teaching and preaching reveal God. In Jesus ministry of healing, reaching out to those excluded, radically welcoming others, and in his authoritative and loving teaching; Jesus reveals who God is

**"You are the light
of the world...
Let your light shine!"**

Matthew 5:14a,16b

Follow along or read ahead in order to dive more deeply into Jesus' teaching:

- **February 2nd:** Matthew 5:1-12; The Beatitudes "Blessed are those..."
- **February 9th:** Matthew 5:13-20; Salt and Light "You are the light of the world... Let your light shine!"
- **February 16th:** Matthew 5:21-37; Anger and Reconciliation "Be reconciled to your brother or your sister"
- **February 23rd:** Matthew 5:38-48; Retaliation and Love of Enemies "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"

We are in the midst of a New Year of mission and ministry here at Good Shepherd! There are many opportunities for growing in discipleship! You are disciples... followers of Jesus. In the next weeks you have the opportunity to hear some of the call stories of Jesus' first disciples and to hear what some of the important lessons Jesus had for them (for us) as we follow him.

- **Join us for worship as we learn and grow together.**
- **Join us for our Annual Meeting on February 9th as we plan for and look forward to mission and ministry for 2014.**
- **Join us for Wednesday Night Small Group on February 5th as we look at Matthew 5:13-20 and other upcoming Sunday texts.** Simply bring yourself, a Bible, and any prayer requests that you have. We will spend time in prayer, in discussion of the Bible texts, and in conversation with one another. Join us in getting to know our Savior Jesus Christ as we hear and study the teaching and encouragement that he shared with his early followers.
- **Join us for the Congregational Resourcing Event on Saturday March 8th**
 - ◇ Mark your calendars for this important training day.
 - ◇ It is a great opportunity to grow in discipleship and to learn about specific areas of ministry of interest to you.
 - ◇ Keynote speaker: Nathan Dungan, CEO of Share, Save, Spend
 - ◇ This year's topic: Money, Meaning, and Faith: Practical help for you and your family. Stewardship for families and individuals: money sanity solutions

Your Sister in Christ,
Pastor Miranda



Annual Congregational Meeting February 9th, 2014 at 10:45 am



February Youth Planning Mtg

All Youth 6th-12th Graders and Loving Adults: You are invited to join us for a Pizza Lunch on Sunday February 23rd at 12:00pm. Join with youth and adults from Lena United Methodist. Plan upcoming youth events. Sledding Fun in the afternoon (Or if indoors... Fun Camp Games)

“Souper Bowl” Sunday at Good Shepherd



The Youth Group of Good Shepherd are asking worshippers on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, to place a monetary donation in a large soup pot held by youth at each sanctuary exit. We will report our total collection on game day on the Souper Bowl of Caring website. Our report will be included in the national totals given to the media. We will deliver 50% of the funds directly to the Lena-Winslow Food Pantry and 50% to the ELCA World Disaster Relief. None of the money collected on Souper Bowl Sunday is sent to Souper Bowl headquarters. They are just the promoters of this event in which 100% of the offering goes directly to the agencies designated.

More than \$90 million has been collected since the movement began in 1990! Help us grow this movement and tackle hunger in America!



Winter Jam Christian Rock Concert Madison, WI Sunday March 23rd, 2014 Cost: \$10

Bands: Newsboys
Tenth Avenue North
Thousand Foot Krutch
Colton Dixon
Lecrae
Newsong, Love and the Outcome, and more!

Come join in the worship and fun!
We'll leave at 4pm and return before midnight!



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, Dorothy Wagner, Evelyn Hutmacher, Margie Swain, and Kathleen Shumaker. 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, has had a baby, or is 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 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

February Meetings at Good Shepherd

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

CONFIRMATION Tuesday February 4th, February 11th, February 18th, and February 25th at 3:30 pm

FAITH CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday February 4th 2014, at 1:00pm at the Lena Living Center (LLC). Bible Study leader is Rene' Johnson.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY Wednesday February 5th, 2014 at 6:30pm

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet Thursday February 6th, 2014 at 9:00 at good Shepherd in the Fellowship Hall. Joyce Tesendorf is the hostess (815-369-2331) Rene' Johnson is the Bible Study leader.

HYMN SING at the Lena Living Center will be Tuesday, February 11th, 2014 at 9:45 am.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meets on Tuesday, February 11th, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, February 17th at 6:30pm

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet for a pot-luck dinner at noon on Thursday, February 11, 2014 in the church Fellowship Hall. The entertainment will be BINGO and Music with Jesse Klosterboer.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the March 2014 Newsletter is February 15, 2014. Thank You!

Happy Birthday

February Birthdays

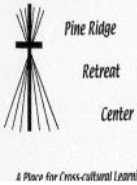
02-01 Allyson Kraft
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02-02 Robert Kurth
02-03 Norma Eilders
02-03 Larry Fulfs
02-05 Jerry Martin
02-08 Denise Balbach
02-08 Jonathon Kurth
02-09 Duane Tessororf
02-09 Angie Brinker
02-10 Paige Tessororf
02-11 Tammy Freitag
02-12 Jeanine Raders
02-12 Bentley Euler
02-15 Laura Derr
02-15 Corey Luke
02-15 Michelle Meyers
02-16 Whitney Shumaker
02-18 Andrea Winder
02-19 Jason Broege
02-19 Ryan Becker
02-20 Millie Koppean
02-21 Jesse Klosterboer
02-27 Kayla Runkle
02-27 Brady Broshous
02-28 Tom Holtz

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



Wednesday Evening Small Group Bible Study

We will join together on Wednesday **February 5** at 6:30pm for discussion, study, prayer, and connecting with one another more deeply in faith and life. There is no preparation necessary. We will look at the texts coming up the next Sunday. We will study them through context, application, and maybe even some video clips. Join us as we connect with God and one another!
All are welcome. See you soon!



Dear Friends at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena

Thank you so much for your donation of \$187.25 & \$500.00 to support the Lutheran Dakota Shared Ministry at Pine Ridge. We are very grateful for your ongoing prayer, words of encouragement and generous hearts, hands & minds. We were able to provide gifts to over 165 young people for Christmas and gift cards to their families to help with the Christmas meal. We keep you all in our prayers.

Blessings
Pastor Karen



Thanks go out to my Good Shepherd family for the cards, calls and prayers of healing. A broken bone will heal given time, with continued prayers time will pass quickly. Just knowing that I'm in God's care will get me back on my feet soon.

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 January 14th Council Meeting Minutes

Chris Brinker and Brianna Andrews were absent.

Pastor Miranda had devotions taken from the Ecclesiastes, checking in was done simultaneous. Rita Lobdell shared she received the “Lion of the Year Award from the Lion’s Club which was very humbling to her.

- Budget was reviewed by Jay Andrews, treasurer. Nick Baker approved 2014 budget as written. Motion carried.
- Jean Wenzel moved to ask Erik Rundquist to serve as supply pastor on Jan 26th and Feb. 2nd. Motion carried.
- Pastor Miranda made a motion that Estate Gifts be tithed 10% to mission support. Motion failed for lack of a second vote.
- Nick Baker made a motion that Good Shepherd host a Lifetime Screening in April 28 -29 Good Shepherd should waive our fees for hosting the event. Motion carried.
- Pastor’s Report:
 - Did pastoral care at nursing home, home visits and did communion for homebound members, as well as Christmas visits to homebound members
 - Met with Rader family in preparation for the Baptism of Korban Raders on Feb. 9th during the 9:30 service
 - Attended multiple continuing education events in Dec.
 - Reserved Dodd’s Park Shelter for August 3rd, 2014 for our outdoor worship
 - Led worship service at the LLC on Dec. 13th
 - Jesse and Pastor hosted a GSLC staff Christmas party
 - Mutual Ministry Team January 12th
 - Working with Nominating Committee for Annual Mtg.
 - Many more events

Respectfully submitted, Jean Wenzel, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Incoming December 2013	\$23,540.89
Expenses December 2013	\$21,608.10
Net Income	\$1,932.79
Income, Year to Date 2013	\$126,533.90
Expenses, Year to Date 2013	\$122,697.20
Net Income (Loss)	(\$-7,163.30)

TRI-STATE FORUM

At Wartburg Theological Seminary

333 Wartburg Place, PO Box 5004, Dubuque, IA

February 13, 2014

"Vibrant Small Churches in the Post-Modern Age"

Presenter: **Dr. Elizabeth Dilley**

In an age when the institutional church is losing credibility in the public sphere, and when more than half of all congregations in the U.S. have fewer than 100 people in worship on an average Sunday, how can our small-membership congregations continue to live the Gospel vibrantly, passionately and sustainably? What does "faithfulness to the Gospel" look like in such contexts, anyway, and how can our smaller churches (often located in small and rural communities) minister effectively in their communities and in the world? Join the Rev. Elizabeth Dilley for day-long exploration of the ways that small congregations contribute meaningfully to the building up of the Body of Christ, and how the intimacy and deep knowing of others in such churches is both a return to ancient patterns and a way to connect authentically in a post-modern milieu.

Northern Illinois Synod 2014

Congregational Resourcing Event

Saturday, March 8th

8:30 am - 3:15 pm

We'll meet at 7am to carpool to CRE!

**Kishwaukee College 21193 Malta Road, Malta, IL
with keynote speaker Nathan Dungan of ShareSaveSpend**

Sponsored by the Northern Illinois Synod Congregational Life Committee, the Congregational Resourcing Event is one of this synod's finest yearly events. Church council members, teachers, musicians, staff, volunteers, and leaders--just about everyone in a congregation--can take advantage of this learning event to strengthen skills, gather resources, network with others, and discover new ways to enhance congregational and individual ministries. Come, experience and bring home new ministry tools.

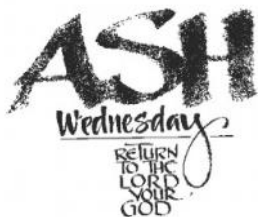
- Kishwaukee College is **handicap accessible**.
- **Supervised child care** in Kishwaukee College's on-campus Early Childhood Center is provided with pre-registration. A free-will offering will be accepted to cover child-care costs.
- Invite your whole congregation to the **Congregational Resourcing Event, Saturday, March 8** at Kishwaukee College in Malta IL. There will be something for everyone!

There will be workshops under each of these categories:

- Administration/Council/Treasurers
- Education
- Evangelism/Outreach/Hospitality
- Global/Specialized Mission Trips
- Leadership
- Social Justice
- Spirituality/Prayer/Health & Wellness
- Stewardship
- Technology
- Volunteers
- Worship
- Youth/Family/Children



Save These Dates



Ash Wednesday March 5

Join us at 6:30 pm for a meaningful worship service with hymns, reflection, confession, and the distribution of ashes.

Family Friendly

Midweek Lenten Worship

Mark your calendars for
March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 12th, 9th

Midweek Evening Worship
and Fellowship during Lent.

Watch for more information in bulletins
and the March Newsletter.



Ecumenical Lenten Lunches

Join the people from the community and local churches for a meal and Lenten reflection over you lunch hour during Lent.

March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, April 12th, 9th

Good Shepherd will host the lunch on March 12th.

“30 Hour Famine”

April 25th and April 26th

(The Friday and Saturday after Easter)

Overnight Retreat

combined event with the Lena UMC

For 6th-12th graders

Caring adults will be needed as chaperones.

Starts: Friday evening and goes through Saturday evening

Includes:

- World Hunger learning
- Service Project: Canned Food Drive
- Fun, Games, Worship



OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP - STUDY - SERVICE

SING SONGS OF PRAISE:

Senior Choir

Practice is on Sunday Mornings at 11:00 am for singing bi-weekly anthems.

CHIME CHOIR

Practice is on Sundays at 5:00 pm for playing special music once per month.

WILD WEDNESDAYS and YOUTH GROUP

Activities are organized for ages K-8th grader and 7th-12th graders throughout the year from lock-ins to Confirmation Camp.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

For seniors citizens meets 2nd Thursday of each month at noon for a potluck dinner and program following.

WOMEN'S FAITH CIRCLE

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. for Bible Study and discussion at the church.

WOMEN'S HANNAH CIRCLE

Meets first Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. usually in individuals homes for fellowship and Bible study.

YOUNG AT HEARTS

Meets monthly for various activities of service, fun and fellowship.

PIECE CORPS

Meets every Wednesday morning from 8:00 am to 11:30 am. Their mission is to provide quilts where they are needed anywhere in the world. The group enjoys fellowship and refreshment time.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Meets every other month to provide leadership and support to those with Parkinson's, family members, friends, and caregivers,

HYMN SING

Hymn Sing the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:45am Lena Living Center. Singing hymns with resident at LLC. (looking for caring volunteers to join in the singing and help residents find page numbers in hymn books.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

A community-oriented outreach Wednesdays after school for any interested youth. Each day there is devotions; pizza; homework help; and lots of time for all sorts of games, challenges & play. The Hangout provides a safe and supervised place to hangout with friends.

*Thank
You*

Thank You! to Joyce Tessendorf, Beth Martin, Ellen Kyles, Donna Gullickson, Joanne Martin, Dale Gullickson for helping with the January Newsletter.

Thank you... Denny Luke and Sheila Keene for leading worship on December 30th!

Thank you... our Good Shepherd Church Council members, for your faithful service during this last year. Your leadership in matters of faith, finances, mission, service, education, stewardship, and ministry here at Good Shepherd is greatly appreciated! Your commitment has included time away from family and other activities in the evenings, and it does not go unnoticed. Thank you for your leadership, honesty, sharing, and willingness to grow and guide this congregation together. I thank you for your partnership in the Gospel! It is a joy to serve and lead beside you! A special thank you as well to Troy Keene, Willy Kaiser, and Chris Brinker, who are finishing up their terms on Church Council; thank you for leadership and dedication! We look forward to hearing about what you feel called to next in your life of leadership and discipleship! Willy and Chris and Jean, thank you for serving as our Executive Committee this last year. There is extra time involved and planning as well. Thank you!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with the Christmas Program. We had multiple planning meetings and co-led the Rehearsal on December 21st. A huge thank you as well to Wayne Kurth (sound and props), Bob Kurth (props), Billie Jo Runkle (costumes), Angie Brinker (costumes), and Marybeth Brinker (gift bags)! A special Thank You to Annie Statfield, Cara Schriener, and Kristy Patterson for leading the program this year. Thank you Annie, Cara, and Kristy!

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HANNAH CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 9:00 am at Church in Fellowship Hall. Joyce Tessendorf is the hostess (815-369-2331). Rene' Johnson is 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 Five "Abigail, A Calm Strategist"** is in the January/February 2014 "Gather" magazine. Our lesson will be on Psalm 131, 1 Samuel 25:1-42, and Luke 12:25-37.

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.

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

Mission Trip to Appalachia

Dates; June 28th to July 5th

Chavies, KY

We are in the beginning planning stages for 2014 Good Shepherd Mission Trip. The focus of this year's trip will be on doing home repair and improvement for those living in poverty in the area. **Theme Building! Discipleship! Relational Ministry! Home Repair!**

If you are interested contact Troy Doubler 815-369-5117 or Pastor Miranda 651-895-2879.

Watch for details in next few weeks bulletins. Contact Troy Doubler or Pastor Miranda by Feb. 9th if interested.

"Come and see" what God will do in you and through you!

February 2014

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 am Worship Service “Souper Bowl Sunday” Offering 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School Opening 11:00 Choir Practice 5:00 Chime Practice	3	4 1:00 pm Faith Circle at LLC 3:30 Confirmation	5 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps 3:15-5:00 pm After School Program at the Hang-Out 6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study	6 9:00 am Hannah Circle at GSLC	7 Pastor Miranda at Wartburg for Clergy Financial Workshop	8
9 9:30 am Communion and Baptismal Worship Service KIDS SING for Worship 10:45 am Annual Meeting 5:00 Chime Practice	10	11 9:45am -Hymn Sing at LLC 3:30 Confirmation 6:00 pm-Council Meeting	12 9-2 Pastor Miranda at NW Conference in Rockford 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps 3:15-5:00pm After School Program at the Hang-Out March Newsletter Deadline	13 12:00 pm Friendship Club Potluck and 8-4:30 Tri-State Forum on Vibrant Small Churches at Wartbrug Sem	14	15
16 9:30 am Communion Service/ Installation of Church Council 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 Sunday School Opening 11:00 Choir Practice 5:00 Chime Practice	17 6:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting	18 3:30 Confirmation	19 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps 3:15-5:00 pm After School Program at the Hang-Out	20 9-3pm Pastor Miranda at FCTE in Rockford	21	22
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February Worship Volunteers

Duties

Volunteers

February 2

Lector	Beth Martin
Acolyte	Kayla Runkle
Assisting Minister	Denny Luke
Worship Assistant	Denny Luke
Friendly Mugger	Joyce Tessendorf
Sound System	Jon Hudik, Troy Doubler, Hanna Brinker
Greeters	Troy, Sheila and Krista Keene, Dana Diddens
Ushers	Virgil and Joanne Martin, Willie Kayser, Lee Wenzel

February 9

Lector	Beth Martin
Acolyte	Braden Diddens
Assisting Minister	Colton Brinker
Worship Assistant	Vivian Hesselbacher
Communion Ushers	Troy Keene, Krista Keene,
Communion Assistant	Sue Diddens, Marybeth Brinker
Friendly Mugger	Wayne Kurth
Sound System	Jay Andrews, Austin Andrews, Taylor Bastian
Greeters	Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker, Neal and Cyndy Shumaker
Ushers	Troy Keene, Krista Keene, Claire and Helen Cross

February 16

Lector	Lee Wenzel
Acolyte	Taylor Patterson
Assisting Minister	Sheila Keene
Worship Assistant	Sheila Keene
Communion Ushers	Chris Brinker, Mike Geiseman
Communion Assistant	Colton Brinker, Beth Martin
Friendly Mugger	Jean Wenzel
Sound System	Jon Hudik, Troy Doubler, Ashtyn Brinker
Greeters	Ellen Kyles, Joyce Tessendorf, Curt and Sue Diddens
Ushers	Sheridan Brinker, Chris Brinker, Mike Geiseman, Willie Kayser

February 23

Lector	Colton Brinker
Acolyte	Krista Keene
Assisting Minister	Jay Andrews
Worship Assistant	Jean Wenzel
Communion Ushers	Dana Diddens, Troy Doubler
Communion Assistant	Sheila Keene, Brianna Andrews
Friendly Mugger	Donna Gullickson
Sound System	Wayne Kurth, Jon Hudik, Delbert Scheider
Greeters	Bill and Jean Engel, Sue Koppean
Ushers	Jerry and Beth Martin, Dana Diddens, Troy Doubler

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!

February 4 Faith Circle at LLC 1:00pm

February 5 Small Group Bible Study 6:30pm

February 6 Hannah Circle at GSLC 9:00am

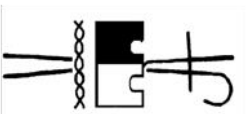
February 9 Annual Congregation Meeting 10:45am

February 11 Hymn Sing at LLC 9:45am

February 13 Friendship Club Potluck 12:00pm

February 23 Pizza lunch, planning for youth 6th-12th

graders & Loving Adults w/Lena UMC
12:00pm



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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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