

The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

June 2018

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure lives in you. (2 Timothy 1:5)

Finally spring or rather summer is here. This winter was long. I was tired of icy winds and the outdoors looking brown. It was a long dormant season; but finally the outside is green and flowers are blooming. All the sudden the air is filled with life. Looking at fresh green leaves coming out from the ground, I am amazed how plants grow. When the time comes, sprouts come up.

Like seeds and bulbs our faith sprouts when it is time. In April our young members shared their faith through messages in worship, through raising money for our sisters and brothers in Puerto Rico, and through taking leadership roles for Youth Sunday. I was touched by their sincere faith in God and compassionate love for others. I did not know them when they were small toddlers running around the sanctuary or when Sunday school teachers were teaching them Bible stories about how Jesus healed the broken and hurt. But when I was sending e-mail messages back and forth to plan for worship asking if there were special songs or scripture passages to use, a youth picked a song from the Rejoice Song Book which our Sunday School has been using for years. In a reply message she wrote "I remember singing 'Let me be your servant, Jesus' when I was in Sunday School, and it fits well with my message." This song which she sang at Sunday school stayed with her. It nurtured her faith.

Isn't it amazing? Faith sprouts and grows and blooms when the time comes. It's God's timing and we do not know when it will come. Sometimes it looks dormant with nothing happening but God continues to water and nurture our faith through words, meals, and through each other. I give thanks for the faith our Good Shepherd family shares with one another. It helps me to grow, too.

Peace in Christ, Pr. Miho



ELCA National Youth Gathering

Ephesians 2:8 *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”*

Youth and adults from across the nation gather in Houston, TX from June 26th to July 1st to pray, praise, serve, and love at the national youth gathering under the theme of “This Changes Everything.” According to the youth gathering website, “[the logo] incorporates the coming together of a mosaic to reflect the diverse host city of Houston, as well as the idea that we are a church where *all* are imperfect and incomplete, yet we each belong in – and have an important place in – God’s masterpiece. The cross at the center of the logo is the focus – it is God’s grace, through Christ’s life, death and resurrection, that changes everything for all people.” Anna Patterson is attending the gathering from our church. Please pray for her and all the participants at the gathering.

WORSHIP NEWS

Summer is here. This summer we will have simple, reflective services with lots of singing, and eating and drinking together. The liturgy setting will be, "God Give Us Life". With lovely melodies, this liturgy proclaims the joy and new life in Christ. We encourage you to look closely at the liturgy text while you worship. The 3rd Sunday of each month will be a Fellowship Sunday which means that we will meet in the FELLOWSHIP HALL for the service. Fellowship Sunday worship will be interactive service which includes hymn requests, conversational sermon, and a potluck lunch afterwards. Worship nurtures our faith and is essential for our Christian life. We hope to see you on Sunday morning at 9:30am.



Our sympathy and prayers go out to the family and friends of Carol Stubbs, may you feel the kindness love and warmth of those who care for you.

June Meetings at Good Shepherd

PIECE CORPS QUILTERS will meet Wednesday June 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet June 7th 9:00am at Rene Johnson's home

RECGNITION FOR DARLENE during Fellowship Hour June 10th

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP will meet June 11th, at 1:30pm., "VOXX LIFE" Wearable Neuro-technology socks & insoles. Speaker, Karen Healer VOXXLIFE distributor

VBS All Volunteer Training June 11th 6:00pm at UMC

HYMN SING, Lena Living Center, June 12th at 9:45am

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, June 5th at 6:30pm

FRIENDSHIP CLUB/POTLUCK, June 14th at noon, entertainment by Tyger Johnson

NIS YOUTH ASSEMBLY at Augustana College, Rock Island, IL June 14-15th

SYNOD ASSEMBLY, June 15-16th Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

MEN'S GROUP FELLOWSHIP/POTLUCK SUNDAY June 17th, 10:30am

VBS June 18-21st 5:00-8:00pm at Lena UMC

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTO SHOOT, June 21-23rd

ECLA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING, June 26-July 1st Houston, TX

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the July 2018 Newsletter is July 15th, 2018. Thank You!



June Birthdays

06/02 Aaron Smith
06/03 Jay Andrews
06/05 Marion Fahr
06/06 Jerry Cross
06/06 Kevin Huttenlocher
06/06 Madilyn Diddens
06/09 Sarah Andrews
06/10 Sue Holtz
06/10 Tammy Baldauf
06/10 Jase Baldauf
06/12 Robin Cross
06/13 Richard Rutter
06/14 Seth Cory
06/14 Autumn Ockerman
06/19 Corey Wybourn
06/20 Darlene Aurand
06/20 Karen Niemeier
06/20 Gary Boeke
06/21 Sue Kraft
06/25 Deb Mammoser
06/25 Kelsey Albrecht
06/25 Jessica Koning
06/29 Kelly Derr
06/29 Jacob Runkle
06/29 Jared Runkle
06/29 Darci Meier
06/29 Katie Jo Huber

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

Prayer Chain:

If you have a request for the Prayer Chain:

Please call the Church Office at 815-369-5552. We lift up the following loved ones in assisted-living facilities/ nursing homes, those who are homebound, etc. in prayer: Verl Price, Steve Fahr, Lois Paulsen, Laura Derr, Carol Wybourn, Fern Harnish. They would love to hear from you. Consider visiting, calling, or sending them a note Please call the church office. if you need an address.



Need of a ride to church on Sunday?

Call:

Donna Gullickson 369-4708

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 @ 369-5552



Looking for Special Music for Summer Worship

*If you or someone you know would like to
share your talent, please call
Vivian Hesselbacher at (815-369-4496) or
Good Shepherd at (815-369-5552)*

Pictorial Church Directory. Coming soon, Coming soon.

Get your smiles ready for the new Pictorial Directory. We will start to pick out times to come to the church and get your photos taken. Signup times will start in May. Pictures will be taken on June 21st, 22nd, & 23rd. Thursday and Friday times will be 2 PM till 9 PM, and on Saturday times will be from 10 AM till 5 PM. Every family will receive a new directory and an 8"x 10" photo. So start looking at your calendars and think about times you can come to the church for you photo session. Any questions please contact Denny Luke at church or call him at 815-985-5552. Look for more details at church and we will be calling you in the near future. Thank You. Church Council.

The logo features the word "Upcoming" in a green, rounded font with a blue outline, and "EVENTS" in a blue, serif font below it. A blue outline of a house with two red stars is positioned above the text.

Upcoming EVENTS

June 14-15 Synod Youth Assembly at Augustana College in Rock Island. If you are interested talk to Pr. Miho.

June 18th-21st VBS at Lena UMC, 5pm (registration starts)-8pm; Theme: All Aboard! Gospel Express

June 26-July 1st ECLA National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX

July 20th LOMC Swing Choir at Good Shepherd. Concert starts 7pm.

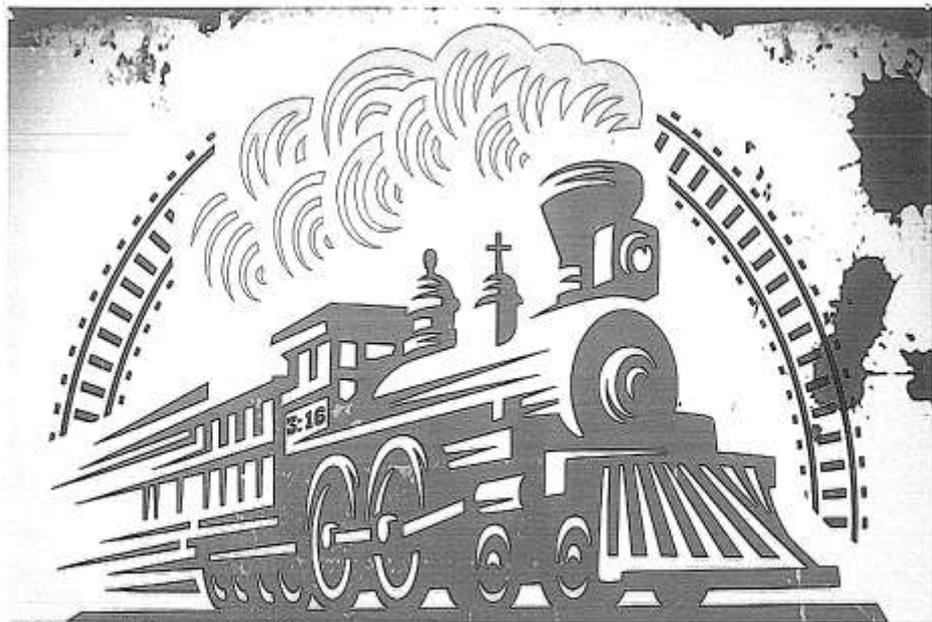
If youth or adult are involved in activities which the public is invited, please provide summer schedule or contact of- fice by Tuesday am for it to be in the following Sunday's bulletin

The text "THANK YOU" is written in a blue, stylized font with a blue wave-like underline.

THANK YOU

We thank God for these Christian Education teachers, helpers, and staff who have nurtured our children and youth of Good Shepherd. Thank you to: Sue Diddens, Tena Rackow, Sheila Keene, Kelly Geiseman, Darla Cornwell, Krista Keene, Karen Niemeier, Coralyn Hudik, Marybeth Brinker, Pastor Miho, Taylor Bastian, Kristy Patterson, and Michelle Andrews. We, also, would like to recognize and thank all those volun- teers who have stepped in to help with various pro- grams: Mike Geiseman, Chris Brinker, Heather Fye, An- gie Brinker, Beth Martin, Billie Jo Runkle, Kelsey Al- brecht, Jean Engle, Troy Doubler, Donna Gullickson, Dale Gullickson, Rene Johnson, Ryan Fye, Linda Hei- denreich, Wayne Kurth, and Troy Keene.

Thank you all Good Shepherd family for your prayers and support.



Mason Street VBS presents...

GOSPEL EXPRESS "ALL ABOARD!"

AGES 3 THROUGH GRADE 5

June 18th - 21st
5-8 pm

...includes
supper &
snack!

LENA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Highlights from May Council Meetings

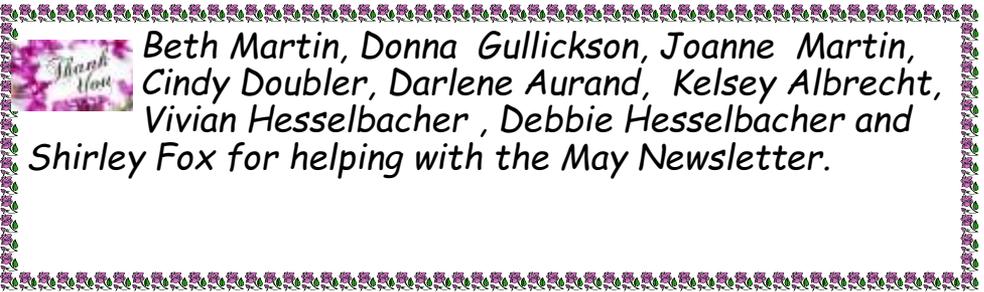
- Treasurer, Jay Andrews presented the April report and it was approved by Bari Raymer and seconded by Don Wienand. The electric bill was \$212.16 and gas bill was \$553.20.
- Worship committee – 1st Sunday in August is the outdoor service @ 10:00 a.m. followed by potluck.
- Stewardship committee - May 20 will be cling on Sunday and potluck. There are 2 different designs available. It is also Pentecost and everyone is encouraged to wear red.
- Property committee – regulator needs to be replaced. It has been quoted around \$1700 plus.
- Scholarship committee - scholarship checks have been mailed out for last year's recipients. This year, the committee reviewed and accepted the scholarship application form from Anna Patterson. She will be award the \$1000 scholarship at worship on Sunday, May 6 and Honor's Night on May 9 at Lena Winslow High School.
- Learning committee – Owl Night coming up on May 18-19. We are working on VBS to be held on June 18-21 at United Methodist Church. Looking for volunteers.
- Men's Group – Meat and potluck on June 17th.
- Youth Gathering in Houston, TX . Anna Patterson reported that she had raised \$1002 through fund raisers and requested \$498 from the council to fund her trip, which costs \$1500. The \$1500 includes transportation and place to stay. It was discussed where the funds could come from. Virgil Gordon made a motion to have Jay contact the donor for the camp fund to see if they would be ok for us to use the funds from there for Anna's trip. In the event the donor would like to keep the funds in the account for a future camper, the 2nd source would be the interest fund.
- A motion was made to reimburse mileage plus compensation for previous guest speaker
- Pastor Miho's vacation – August 27 – 31st. And possible sometime in July. July 1st, Pastor Miho will contact Tyler's Justice Center to see if they could come and speak. If not, plan B would be supply Pastor.
- LOMC supper for singers on July 20. We will discuss at next meeting.
- A complete copy of minutes will be posted on the bulletin board.

Hannah Circle will meet on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 9:00am at the home of Rene' Johnson—

621 Deer Trail Dr. Lena. Rene' Johnson (815)369-2818 is the hostess and Bible Study leader.

We begin a new summer Bible Study: "Prayer" by theologian Anna Madsen of the OMG: Center for Theological Conversation. Anna shares three sessions focused on the practice of prayer. Beginning in the June 2018 issue of "Gather Magazine" - Session One: The Paradoxes of Prayer (1 Samuel 12:16-23) In this session on prayer, we will investigate the paradoxical truths of this spiritual practice.

Come and join us for breakfast and share a few hours with us. We laugh a lot, sometimes cry a little, and share the ups and downs of our daily lives with each other. We also always have chocolate! All women of the church and their guests are welcome to attend all circle functions.



Beth Martin, Donna Gullickson, Joanne Martin, Cindy Doubler, Darlene Aurand, Kelsey Albrecht, Vivian Hesselbacher, Debbie Hesselbacher and Shirley Fox for helping with the May Newsletter.

Thank You

To all who made Easter Sunday special especially Beth Martin, Angie Brinker, our youth and children, Sunday School teachers, Chime Choir, Good Shepherd Choir, musicians, artist and worship volunteers.

Thank you to the Men's Group for waxing the Fellowship Hall floor it is bright and shiny!

Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

Incoming April 2018	\$ 13,016.20
Expenses April 2018	\$ 11,396.84
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (1619.36)
Income, Year to Date 2018	\$ 39,052.47
Expenses, Year to Date 2018	\$ 44,542.80
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (5,490.33)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Miho Yasukawa

Church Secretary

Betty Allen

Month's Highlights!

June 7

Hannah Circle 9:00am

June 11

Parkinson Support Group 6:30pm

June 12

Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45am

June 14

Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment 12:00pm

June 17

Men's Group Fellowship Luncheon

June 18-21

VBS at Lena UMC

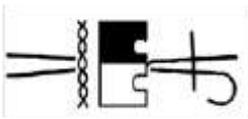
June 21

Good Shepherd at Friendship Center for Devotions & Dessert 1:00pm

June 26-July 1

ECLA National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX

For More Good Shepherd
Pictures and highlights go to
Facebook: "GSLCLena!"
or www.GoodShepherdLena.org



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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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