

# The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

February 2016

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins early this year on Wednesday, February 10. We will have worship with the Disposition of Ashes and Holy Communion that evening at 7:00 pm. There will be no confirmation class that evening but we have asked the youth to attend the service with their families.

## GOD'S LOVE BREAKS THROUGH

That's the title of the series that will be the theme of our mid-week Lenten services following Ash Wednesday. Each Wednesday evening will begin with a light supper at 5:30 pm followed by worship at 6:30 pm. Pastor Stees and Denny Luke will be worship leaders while members of the confirmation class will assist in various capacities. We think "God's Love Breaks Through" will be an interesting series for our Lenten devotions.

## COMMUNITY MID-WEEK SERVICES AT NOON

As has been traditional in the community the churches of Lena area will be hosting Wednesday mid-week services at noon during the Lenten season. The services begin with a soup luncheon followed by a message by the host pastor.

Here is the schedule:

Feb 10 – McConnell Methodist churches at Lena Methodist Church

Feb 17 – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Feb 24 – Lena Methodist Church

March 2 – Lena Evangelical Free Church

March 9 – St Joseph Church

March 16 - Beloved Church at Lena Methodist Church

March - 23 Salem United Church of Christ at Lena Methodist Church

## **Annual Congregational Meeting January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 10:45 am**

- Capital Campaign Resolutions
- Electing new Church Council members
- Feedback on proposed revisions to  
Endowment Policy
- Information on Safe Child Policy
- Celebrating 2015 and planning for a new year of  
mission and ministry in 2016
- Possible nominations for a Call Committee

### **The 2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

will be available for you to pick up at the annual meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>. However, if you would like a copy mailed to you please call the church office at 815-369-5552.

### **2016 Flower Calendar**



The flower calendar for 2016 is now posted by the north entryway to the sanctuary. Please sign up for the Sunday of your choice. If you are providing flowers for a special occasion or in memory of someone, please indicate that on the calendar or call the church office the week prior to the occasion so that it might be noted in the bulletin.

## **February Meetings at Good Shepherd**

**PIECE CORPS QUILTERS** will meet Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 11:30 am for the month of February except for February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** will meet Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**FAITH CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm at LLC.

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will meet on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall at Good Shepherd. This is a potluck meeting, so there is no hostess. Rene' Johnson is the Bible Study leader.

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY** February 7<sup>th</sup>, youth from Confirmation program and Sunday School will collect donation at each sanctuary entrance.

**HYMN SING** at the Lena Living Center will be Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am

**CHURCH COUNCIL** meets on Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** will meet Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup> for a Potluck & Bingo at 12:00pm

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** February 10<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepherd 7:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN LUNCH** February 17<sup>th</sup> hosted by Good Shepherd. Faith and Hannah Circles

**LENTEN SUPPER** Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup>, February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

**LENTEN WORSHIP** Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup>, February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** for the February 2016 Newsletter is February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Thank You!

# Happy Birthday

## February Birthdays

02-01 Allyson Kraft  
02-01 Caleb Mammoser  
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 Tessendorf  
02-09 Angie Brinker  
02-10 Paige Tessendorf  
02-11 Tammy Freitag  
02-12 Jeanine Raders  
02-12 Bentley Euler  
02-14 Doug Mueller  
02-15 Laura Derr  
02-15 Corey Luke  
02-15 Michelle Meyers  
02-16 Whitney Shumaker  
02-16 Andrew Wenzel  
02-19 Jason Broege  
02-19 Ryan Becker  
02-20 Millie Koppean  
02-21 Jesse Klosterboer  
02-21 Taylor Bastian  
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!



**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Volunteer Schedule for Lena Food Pantry  
Open 8:30 to 11:30 Saturdays**

**Good Shepherd works the 4th Saturday of each month**

January 23, 2016	Donna Gullickson Karen Niemeier	
February 27, 2016	Jean Wenzel Maxine Dittmar	
March 26, 2016	Donna Gullickson Karen Niemeier	
April 23, 2016	Jean Wenzel Maxine Dittmar	
May 28, 2016	Donna Gullickson Karen Niemeier	
June 25, 2016	Jean Wenzel Maxine Dittmar	
July 23, 2016	Donna Gullickson Karen Niemeier	
August 27, 2016	Jean Wenzel Maxine Dittmar	
September 24 2016	Donna Gullickson Karen Niemeier	
October 22, 2016	Jean Wenzel Maxine Dittmar	
November 26, 2016	Donna Gullickson Karen Niemeier	
December 24, 2016	Jean Wenzel Maxine Dittmar	
Maxine Dittmar	369-4366	
Donna Gullickson	369-4780	Cell 815-541-7249
Karen Niemeier	369-2366	Cell 815-990-7520
Jean Wenzel	369-2777	



## Exciting Updates and Info for our children and youth!



### Sunday School:

Fun, learning, and worship for Preschool-6th Grades! The Preschoolers and Kindergarteners gather for their small group Sunday School time during worship following the Children's Message. Following worship all children gather in the Sanctuary for Opening at 10:45am, and the children in 1st-6th grades will gather with their teachers following the opening. **1st-6th Graders are**

**using a fun new curriculum called Holy Moly that helps kids ignite a biblical imagination for a lifetime!**



### Confirmation Ministry

for 7th -8th Graders

6:30-8:00 PM Wednesday nights

Learning, Prayer, Fun, and Friendship! This year we are studying the Bible using Echo the Story, where youth experience the biblical narrative through storytelling, creative reflection, and dialogue.



## After School Program:

For 4th-8th Graders at The Hangout in downtown Lena Wednesdays 3:30-5:00pm. Games, Fun, Christian message, homework help, fun worship songs, food, cool challenges, and friends!

## 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  
of  
ELCA World Hunger.



Learning Committee and children, youth, and parents will prepare, set up, and serve Easter Breakfast on Sunday, March 27. This will count as a service day for children as they will be serving Breakfast to others.



## "Souper Bowl of Caring" Sunday at Good Shepherd

The Youth Group of Good Shepherd is asking worshippers on Super Bowl Sunday,

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, to place a monetary donation in a large soup pot held by youth at each sanctuary exit. We will deliver 50% of the funds directly to the Lena-Win 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. 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!



The Learning Committee is looking for volunteers to coordinate VBS 2016.

We will look into partnering with the Methodist Church in Lena. A Barnyard

theme was suggested. It would be held from Sunday, July 31 to Thursday, August 4 with a pool party at the Lena pool on Thursday evening. The participants would take part in the Outdoor Worship at Dodd's Park on Sunday, August 7. The park is being reserved for Good Shepherd for that Sunday.




# Hear & Celebrate Lent


## Jesus is tempted by the devil



Luke 4:1-13



The church season of Lent is 40 days long. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness. Write the word God inside each stone. Have an older person help you quietly read the story.


Jesus spent 40 days in the desert with the devil. In all that time, Jesus ate nothing and was hungry. The devil said to Jesus, "If you are 's Son, turn this stone into bread."

But Jesus said, "People cannot live on bread alone. They need 's word."

Then the devil said, "I will give you all of the kingdoms of this world if you worship me."

Jesus said, "Worship the Lord your ."

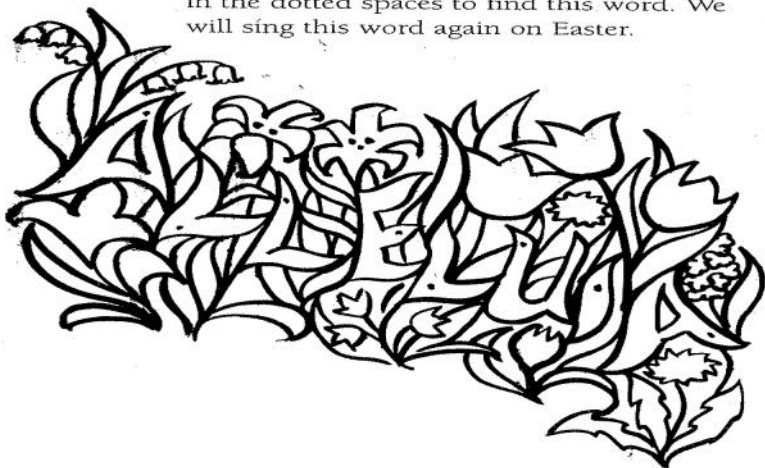
Then the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem. He set Jesus on the highest part of the temple and said, "If you are 's Son, throw yourself down from here. 's angels will protect you."

Jesus said, "Do not test ."



The devil gave up and went away.

During Lent, we give up something during worship. We put away a happy word. Color in the dotted spaces to find this word. We will sing this word again on Easter.



*Dear God, please help me to pray each day as I wait for Easter—the best springtime surprise of all. Amen*

### **this week**

Save coins during the 40 days of Lent. Bring them to church for offering on Easter Sunday.



## Want to shake the winter blues?

How about a night out at the Crooked Roof in Lanark on February 19, 2016. Meet at the church at 5:15 pm to carpool to Lanark or meet us at the Crooked Roof at 6:00pm. Sign up on the sheet on the ramp by February 14 so a reservation may be made. Questions? Talk to Wayne or Janis Kurth. Open to all ages!!!

### **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, homebound, etc. in prayer: Dorothy Weimer, Gladys Staderman, Verl Price, Steve Fahr, Dorothy Wagner, Lois Paulsen, Laura Derr, Gerry Harnish and Ray Stamm. They would love to hear from you, consider visiting, calling, or sending them a note Please call the church office if you are in need of an address.



### **Need of a ride to church on Sunday?**

#### **Call:**

Troy Doubler	369-5117
Donna Gullickson	369-4708
Jean Wenzel	369-2777
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

# Newsletter

**Thank You!** to Joyce Tessendorf, Beth Martin, Donna Gullickson, Joanne Martin, Cindy Doubler, Darlene Aurand, Kelsey Albrecht and Shirley Fox for helping with the January Newsletter



Thank you for letting us use Fellowship Hall yesterday for Paul and Marilyn's anniversary. Despite the cold it was a wonderful turnout.

Thanks again,  
Sharon Moore



We greatly appreciate the ice salt given to Good Shepherd by Virgil Martin.  
Thank You Virgil!



## NEEDED MATERIAL

Piece Corp is in need of material for quilting any kind, any size.

## INK TONER CARTRIDGES

***Please save your empty ink toner cartridges and place in container by Fellowship Hall for: Staple Rewards. This helps with buying office supplies. Thank You!***

## **Ash Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Wednesdays During Lent** **GOD'S LOVE BREAKS THROUGH**

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### **It is time to order Easter Lilies**

Lilies will be \$10.00 per plant and can be ordered by using the envelopes provided in the pews. Please place them in the offering plate or you can drop them off at the church office. Orders must be in by March 13<sup>th</sup>. Lilies may be picked up after 9:30 am Easter Sunday Service.

## Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

Incoming December 2015	\$ 21,358.78
Expenses December 2015	\$ 20,786.85
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 571.94
Income, Year to Date 2015	\$ 148,202.77
Expenses, Year to Date 2015	\$ 145,330.28
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 2,872.49



## Worship Volunteers

We are setting up the Worship Volunteer schedule for the new year starting February 2016. 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. We would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped in the past. You make this church work and we really appreciate it!

**Faith Circle** will meet on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 1:00 pm at LLC.



**Hannah Circle** will meet on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 9:00 am at church in Fellowship Hall. This is a potluck meeting, so there is no hostess. Rene' Johnson is the Bible Study leader.

We continue our 4-part Bible study "Christian Citizenship 101 -- Paul's letter to the Philippians" written by Phyllis Kersten and E. Louise Williams. In this four-session Bible study, we'll discover more about the church in Philippi and its founding, the challenges it faced and the context of some of its most beloved passages. We'll also explore ways in which Philippians relates to our lives today and invites us to engage in fuller service to the world around us.

This Bible study's first 2 sessions are in the January/February 2016 issue of "Gather" magazine. Please call Rene' Johnson (815)369-2818 if you would like more information, or to get a copy of the Bible study material and "Gather" magazine.

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

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**February 17, 2016 is the Wednesday Noon Lenten Lunch hosted by Good Shepherd.** Faith and Hannah Circles are coordinating the soup and sandwich meal. We will meet at 9:00 am on Wednesday, February 17, to set-up and prepare the meal. If you would like to help with set-up and preparation before, or clean-up after, or both, please contact Rene' Johnson at 815-369-2818 or just show up. We welcome all who would like to participate. Come and enjoy a Lenten message along with soup and a sandwich.

# February 2016

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 1:00 pm Faith Circle at Lena Living Center	<b>3</b> 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout 6:30-8:00 Confirmation	<b>4</b> 9:00 am Hannah Circle Meeting/Potluck at Good Shepherd	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7 9:30 am Worship Service/ Souper Bowl Sunday</b> 10:30 am Fellowship <b>10:45 am Sunday School</b> 11:00 Choir Practice 5:00 Chime Practice	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:45am Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center  6:00pm Council Meeting	<b>10</b> 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service	<b>11</b> 12:00 pm Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment Bingo	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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## **February Worship Volunteers**

### **February 7**

Lector	Beth Martin
Acolyte	Hanna Brinker
Assisting Minister	Colton Brinker
Worship Assistant	Tena Rackow
Communion Ushers	Troy Keene, Krista Keene
Communion Assistant	Wayne Kurth, Marybeth Brinker
Welcome Visitor	Jean Wenzel
Sound System	Troy Doubler, Ashtyn Brinker
Greeters	Bill and Jean Engle, Curt and Sue Diddens, Jean Wenzel
Ushers	Jim Swain, Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher, Curt and Sue Diddens
Elevator Operator	Dana Diddens, Braden Diddens

### **February 14**

Lector	Karen Niemeier
Acolyte	Ashtyn Brinker
Assisting Minister	Sheila Keene
Worship Assistant	Jean Wenzel
Communion Ushers	Jay and Michelle Andrews
Communion Assistant	Eugene Hesselbacher, Taylor Bastian
Welcome Visitor	Jean Engel
Sound System	Troy Doubler, Austin Andrews
Greeters	Virgil and Joanne Martin, Jerry and Beth Martin, Darlene Aurand
Ushers	Jay and Michelle Andrews, Wayne Kurth, Sue Kraft
Elevator Operator	Sue Diddens

### **February 21**

Lector	Denny Luke
Acolyte	Kayla Runkle
Assisting Minister	Denny Luke
Worship Assistant	Sondra Winters
Communion Ushers	Bill and Jean Engel
Communion Assistant	Shelia Keene, Colton Brinker
Welcome Visitor	Sue Diddens
Sound System	Wayne Kurth, Hanna Brinker
Greeters	Jeremy and Cara Schriner, Tony and Jackie Lobdell, Donna Gullickson
Ushers	Bill and Jean Engel, Chris Brinker, Sheridan Brinker
Elevator Operator	Kristy Patterson, Taylor Patterson

### **February 28**

Lector	Janis Kurth
Acolyte	Coltin Coonts
Assisting Minister	Austin Andrews
Worship Assistant	Taylor Bastian
Communion Ushers	Troy and Cindy Doubler
Communion Assistant	Beth Martin, Sue Diddens
Welcome Visitor	Donna Gullickson
Sound System	Jay Andrews, Braden Diddens
Greeters	Neal and Cyndy Shumaker, Dana Diddens, Braden Diddens, Jean Wenzel
Ushers	Troy and Cindy Doubler, Virgil and Joanne Martin
Elevator Operator	Willie Kayser

Please mark your calendars for the dates that you have been assigned, if you cannot serve on the day that you have been assigned please switch with someone and call the church office with the change by Wednesday AM of the week that you have been assigned. If you cannot switch with anyone please call the church office by Tuesday of the week that you are to volunteer so that arrangements can be made.  
Office Hours-Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
9:00am-2:00pm  
Telephone: 815-369-5552



## **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**

Interim Pastor starting January 1st Pastor Art Stees

Church Secretary Darlene Barr

## **Month's Highlights!**

February 2 Faith Circle at Lena Living Center 1:00pm

February 4 Hannah Circle at Good Shepherd 9:00am

February 7 Souper Bowl Caring Sunday

February 9 Hymn Sing at LLC 9:45am

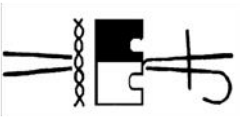
February 10 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00

February 11 Friendship Club 12:00pm

February 17 Lenten Lunch at Good Shepherd 12:00pm

February 17 Lenten Worship Service at 6:30pm (with dinner at 5:30pm)

February 24 Lenten Worship Service at 6:30pm (with dinner at 5:30pm)



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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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