

The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

May 2017

And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

(Matthew 14:20)

I love a potluck. It gives me a chance to learn new dishes. But hosting a meal gathering makes me worried. When I plan a gathering over a meal, my mind is occupied with worries: Do we have enough food? How many people will come? Will they like the food I prepare? Shall I bake more cakes? My anxiety-driven questions arise constantly. My friends tell me to relax, and I always envy the people who can sit back and not worry too much.

This year's Lenten season taught me a lesson. Every Wednesday night we had an evening service. I told our confirmation class to do the puppets. I had no idea how the youth would respond. To my surprise they not only did a marvelous job but they also grew each week. They were hilarious. (If you have not seen the puppet shows, you must see them!) And the light suppers went well. Every week different committees hosted a light supper. I had no idea how many people would show up every Wednesday, but each committee provided just enough amount of tasty food for everyone, and just enough leftovers to take home.

When Jesus fed 5000 people, his disciples were worried. They only had 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, and they thought there was not enough food to feed everyone. Jesus was calm. He blessed the food, broke the bread, and distributed the food to the people. To their surprise, all were filled and there were 12 baskets full of leftovers. People were satisfied physically and spiritually.

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Thanks Be To God.
Pr. Miho

His Time

The shadow of a rugged cross looms across ominous skies
Shadowing faces of cheering throngs and scattered palms
Gethsemene's Garden stands in the growing darkness
And storms gather near Calgary.
Feel the saving warmth He leaves in His path, Kneel and pray
with His gentle soul Watch and wait for His appointed time.,
A time not chosen but destined Directed for necessary payment
Pause in silent wonder at His ultimate sacrifice
And humbly accept His unearned agony Watch as the sinful world
awaits His needed glory, Eat the Bread and drink the Wine;
The time is near.
Stand in awe as miracles unfold
And the deliverance of Mankind is revealed.
His time is at hand
Know the skies will clear as Son-light beams on holy hills
And our Savior comes again.
Hosanna, Alleluia, Amen
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Worship News

Graduation Recognition May 7th

Sunday School Recognition May 14th

May Meetings at Good Shepherd

PIECE CORPS QUILTERS will meet Wednesday May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st from 8:00 am to 11:30 am.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet May 17th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. (Last class before summer vacation)

HANNAH CIRCLE will not meet in May

WOMEN'S MOTHER/DAUGHTER, SISTER/FRIEND POTLUCK SUPPER and Bingo May 2nd at 6:00pm

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING Sunday May 7th at 11:00am.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL May 7th.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION DAY Sunday May 7th.

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP will meet May 8th at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with guest speaker Robin Woolcock, from Lena Friendship Center topic will be "Lena Friendship Center."

HYMN SING at the Lena Living Center will be Tuesday, May 9th at 9:45am

CHURCH COUNCIL meets on Tuesday May 9th at 6:30pm

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet Thursday May 11th for a Potluck Dinner & entertainment with "*Glenda Linneman.*"

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER RECOGNITION DAY May 14th.

PINE RIDGE MISSION TRIP May 23rd—May 28th.

MEN'S GROUP MEETING Saturday May 27th at 4:30pm

GOOD SHEPHERD at Lena Food Pantry Saturday May 27th

"Save the Date"
July 16th. Anniversary Sunday

Happy Birthday!

May Birthdays

- 5/1 Shannon Albright
- 5/1 Coralyn Hudik
- 5/1 Dennis Luke
- 5/2 Lynn Meyers
- 5/2 Laurie Meyers
- 5/3 Angie Jones
- 5/5 Dawn Diffenderfer
- 5/7 Bill Jacobs
- 5/7 Krystal Schlichting
- 5/8 Degan Euler
- 5/10 Marcia Meyers
- 5/11 Ellen Kyles
- 5/13 Steve Fahr
- 5/14 Nicole Sullivan
- 5/17 Mark Raders
- 5/19 Sarah Geiseman
- 5/20 Nathan Lones
- 5/21 Faye Fulfs
- 5/23 Susan Koppean
- 5/23 Sheila Keene
- 5/24 Deb Hesselbacher
- 5/24 Quinten Green
- 5/24 Nathaniel Baker
- 5/25 Elizabeth Martin
- 5/26 Drew Solace
- 5/27 Chris Brinker
- 5/28 Brad Boeke
- 5/29 Eugene Hesselbacher
- 5/30 Nick Baker
- 5/30 Alexander Stabenow
- 5/31 Scott Luke

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



Let us pray.

Prayer is essential for our lives. Through prayer we communicate with God. We lift up our joys and concerns to God. At Good Shepherd, we have several prayer opportunities. One is the Prayer Chain. If you have specific prayer requests (ex. surgery, an accident, one is dying), you may call the church office or Vivian Hesselbacher to start the prayer chain. The members of the prayer chain will pray individually and then pass the prayer on to the next person in the chain. Another prayer opportunity is to add a prayer to the prayers of intercession at Sunday worship. You may call the church or write down your prayer request on the prayer request sheet in the sanctuary. We usually keep the prayer petition for four weeks unless the office receives a request to keep the prayer on the list for another four weeks or to remove the prayer from the list.

Your prayer requests can be submitted in various ways. You may give us names (first name only or first and last names of the person) or you may ask for a general prayer (such as praying for those who are going through chemotherapy). If you would like to give a name, please ask the person for permission; sometimes people do not want their names to be listed. Praying is a vital part of being disciples of Jesus. As the Bible says, “Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.” (Ephesians 6:18) Let us grow in the Spirit through prayer.

We lift up the following loved ones in assisted-living facilities/ nursing homes, homebound, etc. in prayer:

Verl Price, Steve Fahr, Lois Paulsen, Laura Derr, Ray Stamm, 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 are in need of an address.



*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)*



**Northern Illinois Synod
Assembly 2017
In-Kind Offering
Are collecting Gift
Cards and Smoke/**



Carbon Monoxide Detectors for foster care services in Illinois. Please bring your donations of a new smoke/ carbon monoxide detectors and/or gift cards to the church to help LSSI Care for the children of the Northern IL Synod by June 4th 2017. See Bulletin Board or call the church office for suggested gift cards and gift card items.

**Need of a ride to church on Sunday?
Call:**



Troy Doubler 369-5117
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



Trip

Our Boundary waters canoeing trip was in the Summer of 1988. Steve Hauger was the Intern that led the trip . Marcy Fahr , Amy Graff, David Graff, Mike Engel, Duane Christian, Tara Wybourn, Tom Brinker and myself . The boundary waters is in northern Minnesota and makes up the largest tract of wilderness east of the Mississippi with over 1 million acres of untouched lakes rivers and forests. The wilderness canoe base is a year round ELCA Camp. We actually had two trips one to the Apostle islands on Lake Superior and this on to the Boundary Waters. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to have experienced not one but two trips. The most vivid memory for me must have been the second day on the water ,with a storm on our heels the lighting was hitting the water around us and splashing high in the air, I cannot remember another time feeling Gods Presence so close. The rocks trees and water were everywhere, we saw a large moose crossing a lake, and I think it rained every day we were there. They had a sauna when we got back to base camp and we went back and forth between the lake and the sauna, our tour guides name was Jenny and she did a fantastic job. A huge thank you to the congregation for giving me this opportunity.

Chris Brinker

"Go .Get out there. Feel the wind. Taste the rain. Find the magic."--author Sam Cook



160th Anniversary Sunday
mark your calendars for Sunday
July 16th. This will be our Special
Anniversary Sunday.

*Bishop Clements will be with us for
worship and we will have a potluck dinner and
a program. Hopefully we will have some past
Ministers here to help us celebrate too. A
Sunday filled with food, folks and fun for our
Special Day.*



Summer Camp

It's time to start thinking about
summer plans. We have summer
camp information in the church of-
fice. Luther dale (Elkhorn,
WI), EWALU (Strawberry Point,
IA), and LOMC (Oregon, IL) are offering various
camps from K 2 up to parents and grandparents. If
you are interested in, please check the church bulle-
tin boards as well as their website

www.lutherdale.org;

www.ewalu.org;

www.LOMC.org



May 7th

GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY



Sunday School Teachers and Staff Recognition

Sunday, May 14th at 9:30am

Worship Service with a reception following
in the fellowship hall.



VBS July 17th thru July 20th to be shared by Lena Methodist Church and Beloved Church. More information will be forthcoming



Called Forward Together in Christ

Lutheran Youth Organization

Northern Illinois Synod Youth Assembly

June 15 and 16, 2017 at

Augustana College Erickson Residence Center,
Rock Island, IL

Join the LYO in learning about discipleship and vocation! This year the youth will gather the night before synod assembly to have fun and learn how God calls us to share the Good News.

Registration is due by June 1st, 2017

If interested in attending talk to Pastor Miho or call the church office at 815-369-5552

Update from Northern Illinois Synod for Tanzanian Missionary Carol Stubbs who is battling cancer.

Carol has successfully returned to the US and is hospitalized in Milwaukee, WI. She was hospitalized in Pretoria, South Africa, and has been diagnosed with Plasma Cell Leukemia with many complications. For more information, please see the updates on the Caring Bridge site

(<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/love4carolstubbs>) (Please note, donations on the CaringBridge page do NOT go to the Stubbs family. See below to find out how to donate).



Want to help?

- You may pray for them at any time, day or night.
- You may email Randy directly at stubbsrcs@mac.com.
- Their financial needs are significant. You may support them financially in either of two ways (Please note, donations on the CaringBridge page do NOT go to the Stubbs family):
 - PayPal to stubbsrcs@mac.com. Please note that PayPal does not charge a fee to send money to friends and family. It is 100% safe!
 - You may send checks to **First Lutheran Church, Stubbs Fund, 324 N. 3rd Street, DeKalb, IL 60115**
- Please [check here](#) regularly for updates and please post something for them to read!

Visit Carol's CaringBridge page

Prayers

Graduate Recognition

Will be held during the Sunday Worship Service on May 7th at 9:30am. Be sure to send in your graduate information sheet to the office so we can include you in the program. Please let (Darlene), the church secretary, know by May 1st if you or a family member is graduating. Please turn in your Graduate Information Form by May 1st as well. Thank you! And Congratulations!

Graduate Information Form

Name: _____

What high school, college, or tech school are you graduating from:

What activities/groups have you been involved in?

Have you received any awards, recognitions, etc.? If so what are they?

Are you planning to continue your education? If so, where?

What are your interests?

What are your plans for the future?



Pine Ridge Mission Trip
 We are going back to Pine Ridge. We leave from Lena on May 23 and returning on May 28. If you have not gone on our mission trip before, this will be a great opportunity for you. Sign-up sheet is in the north hallway. As Jesus said, “you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35). We hope you will join the mission trip.



WANTED



- **Blankets or Quilts**
- **Diapers: Sizes 3,4,5, and 6**
- **Adult Size Toothbrush**
- **Toothpaste**
- **Bath Size Bar of Soap**
- **Shampoo**
- **Comb**



FOR MISSION TRIP TO PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION

- Monetary donations will be accepted

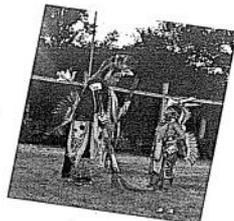
COLLECTION ENDS: May 21st

PLEASE DROP OFF @

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Council Members for 2017

Dennis Luke—President Coralyn Hudik—Vice President
Secretary—Darci Meier, Youth Representative—Krista Keene
Council Members: Karen Niemeier, Tim Gordon, Troy Keene, Troy Doubler, Eugene Hesselbacher, Kristy Patterson, Pastor Miho

Highlights from April Council Meetings

- Colton Brinker has prepared a list of items requested to support the May Mission Trip to Pine Ridge. Five youth will attend. The list will be posted in various areas.
- Colton is part of the youth mission trip, but he will extend his stay at Pine Ridge for an additional 10 weeks beyond the regular trip. During that time he will act as guest host and will be responsible for various tasks in the absence of the full time host. Brinker asked the Council for a donation to help cover his expenses, which will include gas, for the 10-week stay.
- Prior to the close of the meeting, the Council approved a donation of \$200 to be drawn from the Current Account. Troy Keene made the motion to approve the donation and Coralyn Hudik seconded. All approved .
- On behalf of the Property Committee, Chris Brinker presented a proposal from Quinn Construction for the roof project over the sanctuary. The \$22,873.00 bid includes labor and material for 29-gauge white steel roof with exposed fasteners. This material will match the new roof over the classroom section. Existing shingles will not be removed. Two other local construction companies chose not to bid the project. A 50% down payment will be required before materials can be ordered and to secure the spot with Quinn Construction. The work is expected to take 2-3 weeks to complete.
- Pastor Miho presented her report. The Pine Ridge Mission Trip will be May 23–28. The NW Conference Pre-Assembly meeting will be April 27 at St. John's, Pearl City, and the Youth Assembly will be June 15-16.
- The Learning Committee Report highlighted April and May events. The last day of Sunday School will be May 7. Teacher Recognition will be May 14 and a reception will follow
- Vacation Bible School is set for July 17-20 to be shared by Lena Methodist Church and Beloved Church.
- The Men's Group has removed pews from the choir loft and they hope to relocate the chimes there.
- Tim Gordon said Mediacom sent a \$50 gift card for employing their services. Troy Doubler made the motion to apply the money toward the Anniversary celebration Troy Keene seconded. All approved
- Wayne Kurth was nominated as the male delegate to the Synod Assembly. Troy Doubler moved to accept the nomination. Coralyn Hudik seconded and the motion was approved
- Complete copy of minutes will be posted on bulletin board

Hannah Circle will not meet in May in lieu of the Women's Mother/Daughter Sister/Friend Potluck Supper.



Circle members and helpers will meet at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 to set-up for the Mother/Daughter Sister/Friend Potluck Supper.

Mother/Daughter Sister/Friend Potluck Supper. Is Tuesday May 2, 2017 starting at 6:00 pm. We will play bingo at 7:00 pm and there will be prizes

All Women of the church and their quests are welcome to attend all circle functions.



Joyce Tessendorf, Ellen Kyles, Beth Martin, Donna Gullickson, Joanne Martin, Cindy Doubler, Darlene Aurand, Kelsey Albrecht, Vivian Hesselbacher and Shirley Fox for helping with the April Newsletter.

Thank You



To all who made Easter Sunday special especially Beth Martin, Angie Brinker, our youth and children, the Chime Choir, Good Shepherd Choir and Brass Choir.

Easter Breakfast fundraiser donation of \$375.33

Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

Incoming March 2017	\$10,826.38
Expenses March 2017	\$10,372.75
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 453.63
Income, Year to Date 2017	\$37,507.09
Expenses, Year to Date 2017	\$32,180.15
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 5,326.94

May 2017 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:00pm Women's Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Potluck Supper and Bingo	3 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout 10:00am-12:00pm Pastor Miho at PLC Committee Meeting at LOMC	4	5	6
7 9:30 am Worship Service Graduation Recognition Day 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Scholarship Committee Meeting 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice	8 1:30pm Parkinson Support Group	9 9:45am Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center 6:30pm Council Meeting 7:30 Baccalaureate Service	10 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout 9:30am-12:00pm Pastor Miho at NW Conference Meeting at Prince of Peace Freeport	11 12:00 pm Friendship Club Potluck/ Glenda Linneman	12	13
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21 9:30 am Worship Service Congregational Meeting 10:30am Fellowship	22	23	24 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters 10:00am-12:00pm Pastor Miho at First Call Theological Education, Synod Office, Rockford	25 Ascension of Our Lord	26	27 Good Shepherd at Lena food Pantry 4:30pm Men's Group
MAY 23rd—May 28th PINE RIDGE MISSION TRIP						
28 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship	29 Memorial Day "Office Closed"	30	31	May Communion Set-up/Clean up Jay and Michelle Andrews		

May Worship Volunteers

May 7

Lector	Jay Andrews
Acolyte	Ashtyn Brinker
Assisting Minister	Taylor Bastian
Worship Assistant	Sondra Winters
Communion Ushers	Chris and Angie Brinker
Communion Assistant	Colton Brinker, Sheila Keene
Sound System	Austin Andrews, Hanna Brinker
Greeters	Jay and Michelle Andrews, Darlene Aurand
Ushers	Chris and Angie Brinker, Clair and Helen Cross
Elevator Operator	Willie Kayser

May 14

Lector	Sue Diddens
Acolyte	Hanna Brinker
Assisting Minister	Sheila Keene
Worship Assistant	Dennis Luke
Communion Ushers	Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon
Communion Assistant	Cora Hudik, Shirley Fox
Sound System	Jay Andrews, Taylor Bastian
Greeters	Gary and Cynthia Boeke, Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker
Ushers	Chris and Angie Brinker, Clair and Helen Cross
Elevator Operator	Chris Brinker

May 21

Lector	Janis Kurth
Acolyte	Braden Diddens
Assisting Minister	Dennis Luke
Worship Assistant	Tena Rackow
Communion Ushers	Mike and Kelley Geiseman
Communion Assistant	Wayne Kurth, Beth Martin
Sound System	Troy Doubler, Ashtyn Brinker
Greeters	Chris and Angie Brinker, Curt and Sue Diddens
Ushers	Troy and Cindy Doubler, Mike and Kelley Geiseman
Elevator Operator	Jean Engel

May 28

Lector	Beth Martin
Acolyte	Madi Diddens
Assisting Minister	Jay Andrews
Worship Assistant	Kayla Runkle
Communion Ushers	Mike and Kelly Geiseman
Communion Assistant	Austin Andrews, Taylor Bastian
Sound System	Austin Andrews, Braden Diddens
Greeters	Bill and Jean Engel, Donna Gullickson
Ushers	Troy and Cindy Doubler, Mike and Kelly Geiseman
Elevator Operator	Anna Patterson, Kristy Patterson

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/or 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

Pastor Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Church Secretary Darlene Barr

Month's Highlights!

May 2 Women's Mother/Daughter, Sister/Friend Potluck Supper - Bingo 6:00pm

May 7 Graduation Recognition Sunday

May 8 Parkinson Support Group 1:30PM

May 9 Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45am

May 11 Friendship Club/Potluck 12:00pm

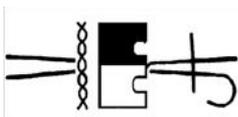
May 14 Sunday School Teacher Recognition Sunday

May 23rd to May 28th Pine Ridge Mission Trip

May 27 Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry

May 27 Men's Group Meeting 4:30pm

NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE for June 2017
Newsletter is May 15th, 2017 .
Thank You!



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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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