



The SHEPHERD'S VOICE *October 2019*

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them. (Matthew 18:20)

This year's Quilt Sunday was very nice. It was little earlier than usual, but it turned out just beautiful. I say "Thank You" to all the hands who sort out, cut, iron, sew, tie, box, and drive. It is a team work. Each share her/his times, skills, money, laughter, prayers and joys. It is a holy activity.

One day I was at a meeting with area ministers After hearing the reports and upcoming schedules, we share our joys and concerns. I told about our Quilt Sunday. I said that we made 652 quilts. (In fact our total count is 659 for this year. Piece Corps was rolling. They finished 7 more quilts after we printed bulletin for the Quilt Sunday!) Then the other ministers gave me a puzzled look, "652 quilts?" I explained to them that Good Shepherd has been making quilts for over 40 years so that we receive abundance of material donations which helped us to make quilts. Then our conversation went like this: "So you mean the total for 40 some years?" one minister asked while others were nodding. "No, it is just past year. We had a good year!"

I hear a lot of people's amazement and complements on our quilt ministry. Our quilts are pretty and comfortable. They bring smiles and joys to people. When I talked to this year's Fall Festival Quilt Raffle winners, they were so excited. I gradually realize that these quilts are not just blankets to keep us warm but they are the loving presence of God. As Rene said on the Quilt Sunday that each quilt is our prayers for all God's children.

You know, we are doing God's ministry. Our quilts reach out to God's people who are hurt and grieving. Thank you. Thank you for all you do to share the love of God to the world. I am so proud of our Piece Corps Quilting Group's accomplishment every year. Thank you for all you do for God's people. And keep up good work! Pr. Miho

Quilt Sunday Blessing (excerpt from the Quilt Sunday)

(prayer written by Joci Post and adapted for our Quilt Sunday Service)

We thank you for the many gifts you have bestowed upon us and now ask to bless the work of our hands, that it might become a blessing to others. Lord we know that these quilts alone are only ordinary things, but through your power and love they become extraordinary.

Bless these gifts we lay before you, that they would not be from our own hearts and hands but from yours. Let each quilt be your unfailing arms of comfort and your trusted means of hope; assurance to those who despair, and light to those who live in darkness. Transform us Creator, from idle beings into those who do your work. Help us to recognize our own limitations and acknowledge our need for your strength. Motivate us Lord to fulfill your desire to feed the hungry, give water to those who thirst, and clothe those with nothing.

Let these humble offerings become tools of your service, bringing love into the lives of those in need around the world. Bless these quilts Lord, and the work of Lutheran World Relief and our Piece Corps Ministry in answering your call to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Renew our hands for your work, O God, today and every day. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we ask all these things. Amen.



A Special Birthday Party at Good Shepherd On November 10th

We are looking for cupcakes and ice cream for the party. If you can help with treats or have any questions, please talk to Virgil Gordon.

October Meetings at Good Shepherd

PIECE CORPS QUILTERS will meet Wednesday October 2rd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet Sunday October 6th and 20th at 11:00am.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet Thursday October 3rd at 9:00am at the home of Rene' Johnson.

HYMN SING at the Lena Living Center will be Tuesday, October 8th at 9:45am.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet Tuesday October 8th at 6:30pm.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet Thursday October 10th at noon for a Potluck Dinner & entertainment by Mississippi Man.

Family Outing to LOMC Autumn Fest, Saturday October 12th from 10:00am-3:00pm *meet at the church at 9:00am for carpool.

FHN Flu Shot will be Monday October 14th from 12:00pm until 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Parkinson Support Group will not have a meeting this month.

MEN'S GROUP STEAK FRY Saturday October 26th at 4:30pm.

REFORMATION SUNDAY, October 27th.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY November 3rd

Devotion Books

October issue of Pockets and October-December issue of Christ in Our Homes and The Word in Season are available now. These devotion books are helpful way to growing our faith. Take one home today!

Evening Prayer

Be our light in the darkness, O God, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen. (ELW p. 326)



October Birthdays



10-03 Chase Huneke
10-04 Doug Wybourn
10-05 Vivian Hesselbacher
10-05 Jim Doyle
10-06 Beth Fahr
10-06 Cindy Fahr
10-07 Rene' Johnson
10-08 Brice Swift
10-08 Lisa Schlichting
10-09 Krista Keene
10-10 Joyce Tesdahl
10-10 Val Ockerman
10-10 Brad Smith
10-13 Stacy (Lones) Johnson
10-15 Steve Wybourn
10-15 Troy Keene
10-16 Jeff Raders
10-17 Dustin Drye

10-17 Leesa Kurth
10-18 Sherry Freitag
10-18 Jennifer Gile
10-22 Dennis Bergman
10-24 Greg Andrews
10-25 Taryon Cornwell
10-26 Fern Harnish
10-26 Joanne Martin
10-26 Duane Torkelson
10-26 Kyle Albrecht
10-27 Jonathan Hudik
10-27 Danielle Koning
10-28 Kurt Schlichting
10-29 Mike Meyers
10-29 Tricia Meyers
10-30 Jason Huneke
10-30 Lance Mueller
10-31 Sean Cory

If we missed 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, or homebound, in prayer: *Lois Paulsen and Fern Harnish*. They would love to hear from you, consider visiting, calling, or sending them a note

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.



September & October are Food Pantry Months

The Lena Food Pantry serves residents in the Le-Win and Orangeville School Districts.

Donations of food, hygiene products, and paper products can be placed in the Food Pantry boxes and on the table in the Sanctuary.



Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran;

Thank you for your donation to the 33rd Annual Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction on August 10th. We offer our heartfelt appreciation to you and all donors who contributed to the silent auction for our fest. Thank you for your generosity.

Casey Rhode
Lutherdale Fest Quilt Auction

CONGREGATIONS

"A life-changing experience"

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Kay Ressel, an ELCA pastor and director of Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministries, stresses that a pillar of her work in Jesus' name is to challenge people's beliefs about Native Americans and to "hold people accountable for how they engage in ministry."

"My job is to push you out of your comfort zone so you come to a different way of knowing the Lakota people," said Ressel, who is not Native American.

Headquartered on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and funded in part by Mission Support from the South Dakota Synod and the churchwide organization, Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministries serves a geographic area that, at 3,500 square miles, is larger than Rhode Island and Delaware combined.

In 2009, Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministries opened a retreat center to house visiting teens who came to do missionary projects on the reservation.

"It was very appropriate in that time, but we knew we could do better," Ressel said. "Our focus now is on learning and listening to people's stories, getting to know one another, sharing time together, sharing meals. ... After we develop relationships, we find ways to work together."

The ministry still offers what Ressel refers to as "threshold ministries," with household items — diapers, sandwiches, hygiene kits, blankets — passed out the door to those in need.

In addition, there's the Lutheran/Lakota Job Corps, which employs about a dozen community members

in numerous roles. Staffers work with visitors who have come to the reservation to lend a hand and, more importantly, to gain a new perspective. This cultural-immersion ministry receives a variety of groups annually.

Tammy Jacobi did a 10-day immersion in January 2018 as part of her studies at Wartburg Theological Seminary. The experience brought her face-to-face with her own privilege, which she found humbling.

"Given what we take for granted as daughters, mothers, wives living in western Christianity, the immersion was eye-opening," Jacobi said. "[It] was a life-changing experience. Everyone had a lesson to teach, a story to tell."

To find a video story about Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministries, visit ELCA.org/SOFIA.



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

Stewardship Committee

Included in this months newsletter is the Time, Talent and Pledge form for 2020. Please take time for fill out the form and return to Good Shepherd by November 10th.

Friendship Club

The Lena Friendship Club is a non-denominational club sponsored by the Lutheran Social Service of Illinois and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The club started October 21, 1959.

We meet the **2nd Thursday** of each month at **12:00pm** (noon) for

potluck lunch and entertainment by local musicians

No dues ...free will offering only. We invite and welcome all older folks to our club for fun, food and fellowship.

For more information: contact the church office

Phone: 815-369-5552 or

E-mail: goodshepherdlc@mediacombb.net

Entertainment for: October 10th: Mississippi Man

November 14th: Take Two—Ray and Jane

December 12th: Bobby Edler and John Waelti

Looking for

FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

for Christmas services.

Do you feel that we do not sing enough Christmas carols? This is the year for you. We have 5 Christmas worship services (Dec. 24, 25, 29, and January 5) this year. We need your help to plan these services. Please submit your favorite Christmas carols to the church office (or place it in the offering plate) by November 3rd.

Favorite Christmas Carol

Hymn Title:

Hymn #: ELW or WOV (circle one) _____



Men's Group

The Good Shepherd Men's

Group will hold their annual
steak fry on
Saturday, October 26th at
4:30pm. Cost of the meal will be
\$13.00.

Come and Get it... FLU SHOTS

On Monday, October 14th, from
12:00pm (noon) until 3:00pm, FHN will
offer flu shots at Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church in Fellowship Hall.
The cost of the High Dose shot this
year will be \$62.00 for persons over 65 if not covered by
Medicare Part B or Medicare Replacement Plan accepted
by FHN. Persons under 65 will be given the Quadrivalent
vaccine with an out of pocket cost of \$28.00. No
insurance plan claims can be processed other than
Medicare Part B or Medicare Replacement Plan.



Because so many participants are confused by the
Medicare Replacement Cards versus Medicare Card,
our Central Business office has requested that we
make a copy of all available medical cards so that the
appropriated charges can be made and third party pay-
er identified at all locations possible. A picture ID will
also be requested and copied. Medicaid restrictions
preclude our acceptance of Medicaid at your
location.

2019
Lena
Fall
Festival

5K Team



Parade



We would like to **thank** everyone that helped with at the Fall Festival, hospitality tent, walking in the parade and participating in the 5K run/walk for Good Shepherd. Everyone's hard work is greatly appreciated.





Go & Cheer!

We are your “grandparents.”

October schedule

October 3rd (Thursday) 6:00pm
5th and 6th grade Volleyball game @ Lena

October 10th (Thursday) 6:30pm
Flag Football games @ Lena

October 17th (Thursday) 6:00pm & 7:00pm
High School Volleyball games @ Pearl City
***this is a Senior Night**

October 18th (Friday) 7:00pm
EPC Football game @ Pearl City

**We, as the Good Shepherd family, will go
and cheer our members!**



**If you know upcoming games/meet/concert/etc.,
please let the church office know.**

THANK YOU!

LOMC Autumn Fest

Good Shepherd Family outing, at LOMC, will be Saturday,
October 12th, from 10:00am-5:00pm

There will be 5k Fun Run/Walk, Apple Cider Pressing, Pumpkin Carving, Hiking, Fishing, Lunch, silent auction, and more. We will meet at church at 9am for carpool. No admission charge, free will donations accepted.

If you have questions, talk to Kristy Patterson or Pr. Miho.

Hope to see you all there.

LOMC is located in Oregon, IL

Highlights from October Council Meetings

- The Secretary's Report was reviewed and approved with a motion from T. Gordon and second by K. Patterson.
- J. Andrews presented the treasurer's report which included an August electric bill of \$189.67 and gas bill of \$133.27. A motion made by K. Patterson received a second by B. Raymer and Council fully approved the report.
- Pastor Miho reviewed past and future activities and highlighted: Four examples of our church's ministries; Volunteering at the Le-Win Staff Appreciation Picnic; taking part in Lena Lions Fall Festival; Praying, visiting, singing, making quilts; and cheering and caring at youth events.
- Pastor also pointed out the FHN Flu shot event will be held at the church Oct. 14 as part of the Parkinson's Support Group gathering. Go & Cheer is set for Oct. 17 at the high school volleyball game at Pearl City. Pastor reminded all that September and October are food pantry months.
- The annual Fall Gathering will be held on three days in different areas, Oct 6, Nov. 3, and Nov. 17. A flyer is available for further details. Pastor also noted volunteers are needed to provide transportation for members who are unable to drive to Sunday worship.
- K. Patterson moved to accept the report and C. Hudik made a second. Council approved.
- Committee reports were also received. Highlights included: Confirmation class begins Sept. 15 and Property Committee will meet Sept. 16. Men's Group buffed the floor in fellowship hall and installed an additional exterior outlet. The group also provided candy for the fall festival parade and members are discussing developing a possible retreat with LOMC. The group also volunteered for yard work at a member's home. Stewardship Sunday is planned in October.
- In new business, Council approved the continuation of Pastor's health plan with Portico Health Benefits. The ELCA recommended Gold+ plan was approved following a motion by K. Patterson and second by V. Gordon. This year's premiums show an annual increase of \$271.20. Pastor has the right to upgrade to a higher-level plan at her own expense if desired.

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Highlights from October Council Meetings

- Council also discussed alternative methods of distributing the monthly newsletter as a cost-saving measure. Members brought forward the possibility of emailing the letter to those wanting that delivery method and making printed copies available to other members. Discussion was tabled until further details can be gathered.
- Council also discussed a potential purchase or lease of a color printer for the office. Final quotes are being obtained for further discussion.
- In another matter, the Council agreed to lock the doors of the church building by 6 pm during future fall festivals. Motion was made by C. Hudik with second by V. Gordon. Council will look further into participating in Lena Park District's Trunk or Treat event Oct 19. This will be at no cost to the church.

Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

Incoming August 2019	\$7,387.00
Expenses August 2019	\$9,437.83
Net Income (Loss)	\$(2,050.83)
Income, Year to Date 2019	\$78,674.48
Expenses, Year to Date 2019	\$98,447.316
Net Income (Loss)	\$(19,722.68)

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 3rd



We will remember each "Saint" or loved one who died since last November. We will remember them with a carnation on the altar and also by lifting their names during prayer of the people. If you would like your loved ones who died past year to be included this year's All Saints Sunday, please contact the church office by October 29th.



Hannah Circle will meet on Thursday, October 3rd at 9:00am at the home of Rene' Johnson, 621 Deer Trail Drive, Lena, IL. Rene' is the Bible Study Leader. It's "Biscuits and Gravy Time"-all are welcome at our table!

We begin a new three-session Bible Study-"Poetry of the Old Testament" by Anna Madsen. In this study we will explore selections of Old Testament poetry from Job, Psalms and Lamentations. Drawing from the experiences of these ancient writers, we will learn to look for God in time of deep emotions, such as joy, anger, celebration, depression, misunderstanding and contentment, finding hope and grace along the way. **No hard feelings?** Session One: "The angst of anger" is in the **September 2019 Gather Magazine**. Please join us as we look at Psalms 44, 51, 69 and 137. Our sessions are very informal. We always have extra magazines. Contact Rene' Johnson or Pastor Miho to get one. We may look at Session Two: "The ache of grief" in the October issue if time permits. All women are welcome to attend all circle functions.

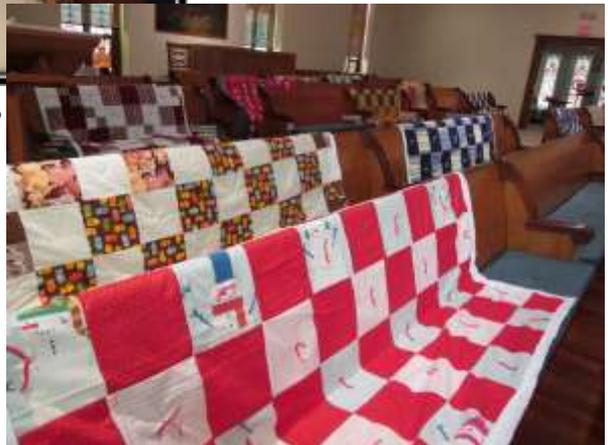


This year our Quilt Ministry made 659 quilts.

Where did our quilts go?

Lutheran World Relief (LWR)
Pine Ridge Indian Reservation
Rockford Rescue Mission
Lutheran Outdoor Ministry
Center (LOMC)
Veterans in Rockford
(to set-up housing, etc.)

Tyler's Justice Center for
Children (in Stockton)
For local fundraisers & benefits



The History of Our Quilting Ministry at Good Shepherd and The Piece Corps Group

Why do we make quilts? We know they are needed, both here and around the world. But how did all this get started? Who asked us to do this? Or did someone just wake-up one morning and decide to start a quilt ministry in Lena? I didn't know-so I called Joyce Tessendorf. She said that Women's Group Chairman-Pat Dameier had called her and said she had a "sewing project" and some of the churches were already involved and would our church get involved also? Joyce asked what kind of a sewing project? Well Lutheran World Relief (LWR) needed quilts and the request had come from the synod, and so they asked the women's groups to help. Joyce asked what all this would involve and what would we use to make these quilts, we needed some guidelines. Heavy, old wool coats would be used, rip them apart, cut them into squares and sew them into tops, layer the quilt with a back and some inner lining, and pin them on a quilt frame to tie. Then finish binding the quilt. In the Fall the quilts were packed up and taken to Monroe, Wisconsin for shipment to LWR. The call went out and not only our church members, but the Lena Baptist, Catholic, Methodist, and St. John's Lutheran members also got involved. What should we call ourselves? We need a name! Jeannie Engel, Bill Engel's sister, came up with the name-The Piece Corps. Jeannie Engel drew and cut out the letters that are still on the bulletin board downstairs. Even though there were as many as 25 to 30 people-mainly women-in those first years, the quilt count was not high, by today's counts. Today we use cotton and other lightweight fabrics, we still rip things apart and cut squares, but the quilt frames have been replaced by long tables.

That call to make quilts came in 1974-45 years ago, and since that time we have made over 16,716 quilts. (See orange sheet in Fellowship Hall bulletin board to see the latest tally and each year's total.) None of this would be possible without the help of many, many hands, lot's of donations, and God's Love and Prayers. Thank you!

Rene' Johnson

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

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Pastor Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Church Secretary Betty Allen

Month's Highlights!

October 3 Hannah Circle 9:00am

October 8 Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45am

October 10 Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment 12:00pm

October 12 Family Outing to LOMC Autumn Fest & Quilt Auction 10:00am-3:00pm

October 14 FHN Flu Shot/ Parkinson Support Group 12:00pm-3:00pm

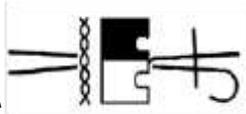
October 19 Trunk or Treat at Lena Lion's Park 10:30am-4:00pm

October 26 Men's Group Steak Fry 4:30pm

October 27 Reformation Sunday

For More Good Shepherd
Pictures and highlights go to
Facebook: "GSLClena"
Or www.GoodShepherdLena.org

NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE for November 2019
Newsletter is October 15th, 2019 .
Thank You!



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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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