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## Cecil Frances Alexander

*Fanny as she was known to family and friends was born April 1818 in Dublin, she passed away on 12 October 1895. She was an Anglo-Irish hymn writer and poet. Amongst other works, she wrote "All Things Bright and Beautiful", "and the Christmas carol "Once in Royal David's City". She was the third child and second daughter of Major John Humphreys of Norfolk (land-agent to 4th Earl of Wicklow and later to the second Marquess of Abercorn), and his wife Elizabeth (née Reed).*

*She began writing verse in her childhood, being strongly influenced by Dr Walter Hook, Dean of Chichester. Her subsequent religious work was strongly influenced by her contacts with the Oxford Movement, and in particular with John Keble, who edited *Hymns for Little Children*, one of her anthologies. By the 1840s she was already known as a hymn writer and her compositions were soon included in Church of Ireland hymnbooks. She also contributed lyric poems, narrative poems, and translations of French poetry to *Dublin University Magazine* under various pseudonyms. In Strabane in October 1850 she married the Anglican clergyman William Alexander, afterwards Bishop of Derry and Archbishop of Armagh. Her husband also wrote several books of poetry, of which the best known is *St. Augustine's Holiday and other Poems*.*

*Source: Wikipedia*



## March 2025 Newsletter

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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### **Don't give up!**

Growing together, February 2025  
By Kimberly Knowle-Zeller

January bought our first official snowstorm of the season. To my children's delight, they had four snow days off from school. Each day they bundled up with their snow pants, gloves, hats and boots and ventured outside. They made snow angels and snowmen and threw snowballs at one another. Across from our house, a pile of snow had been plowed, creating a child's dream: I watched them slide down on their backs and make a fort, and I watched them and the neighbor kids try to move a large snow boulder from the top of the fort (it wouldn't budge).

Each time I looked out our laundry room window, I saw the children. They kept trying. They didn't give up. I watched them chisel away with a shovel. Their bodies stood in line, pushing and pushing. They had a plan, and they weren't giving up until they met their goal.

Could this be where we are right now in the new year, both with our faith and with our parenting? We're dreaming and envisioning how the year will unfold but also encountering stumbling blocks. We may feel that creating a discipline of prayer or Bible study as a family is a constant uphill battle. Perhaps we get so far and then come spiraling down in doubt, sickness or an unexpected transition. There are no shortages of things that can knock us off track or derail our plans.

Yet, thinking of the kids climbing the snow pile and working toward moving the boulder, I can't help but trust that the gifts come when we don't give up. We learn along the way what it means to persevere through challenges and to pray through the situations in our path. We keep trying and know that when we face an obstacle, it's best to work together.

Source: Living Lutheran

May you remember God's presence. May you lean into rhythms of both rest and work. May you delight in the blue skies and the **sparkling snow**. May you always remember that you

### Mystery Dinner

Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at 6:00pm

Menu includes: Unknown!

**Sign up sheet by entrance to Fellowship Hall.**

Please sign up before March 10, 2024

**A freewill donation welcome to cover expenses would be welcomed; anything donated above expenses will go to the church.**

### Treasurer's Report

Jay Andrews

Incoming January 2025	\$10,845.19
Expenses January 2025	<u>\$14,552.32</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (3,707.32)
Income, Year to Date 2025	\$10,845.19
Expenses, Year to Date 2025	<u>\$14,552.51</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (3,707.32)

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting Highlights  
January 9, 2025**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council was held on January 9, 2025. The meeting was called to order by President Kristy Patterson.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report was reviewed. The Secretary's Report was approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jay Andrews reviewed the December report and it was accepted as presented.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Thomas provided his December report which noted a Christmas Eve attendance of 75. The report was accepted

**Committee Reports:**

**Stewardship Committee:** Coralyn Hudik reviewed her Stewardship Committee Report which will be submitted for the annual meeting report.

**Learning Committee:** Kristy Patterson stated the Christmas program went well and that Sunday School continues.

**Property Committee:** Jay Andrews stated that the boiler had gone down, but following cleaning of the burners, it is now functioning.

**Nomination Committee:** It was noted that three vacancies for church council are open for election at the annual meeting. Those completing their term are Virgil Gordon, Coralyn Hudik and Darci Meier.

**Memorial Committee:** Funds in the Memorial fund include \$3,747.27 in undesignated funds and \$5,526.11 for designated items.

A motion to approve the committee reports was presented and was fully approved.

**New Business:** The annual meeting is slated for Jan. 16 and back up dates of Feb. 2 and Feb. 9 were approved .

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was approved. The meeting closed with all members reciting The Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting is set for Feb. 13, 2025.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Darci Meier, Secretary

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\* **Narcissus Flower:** The wild daffodil, also known as the Lent Lily, is associated with \*  
\* March. It blooms in early spring and is linked to the Greek myth of Narcissus. \*  
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**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
January 26, 2025**

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council met on January 26, 2025 following the Annual Church Congregational Meeting.

Members attending: Dale Gullickson, Donna Gullickson, Michelle Andrews, Kristy Patterson, Treasurer Jay Andrews, and Pastor Thomas Mosbo. Also attending were newly elected Council Members, Chris Fahr and Janis Kurth.

Election of officers was held as follows:

President Kristy Patterson  
Vice President Michelle Andrews  
Secretary Janis Kurth

Meeting date was set for the second Thursday of each month at 6:30pm.

Having no other business, Michelle Andrews moved to adjourn the meeting. Dale Gullickson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Janis Kurth  
Church Council Secretary

**Lenten Music Services**

*Join us each Wednesday during Lent at 1p.m. at E-Free Church on Lake Road, Lena, in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate with music. Each week a different group will perform.*

March 5	Steve Sheffey	April 2	Glenda Linneman
March 12	Tyger Johnson	April 9	Brian/Sharon Lieb/ Gone Fishin'
March 19	Deb Leininger	April 16	Delta II

**We are looking for volunteers at the  
Le-Win Food Pantry**

**Good Shepherd helps with Le-Win Food Pantry on the 4th Saturday of even numbered months from 8:20am-11:30am. Needs are high and we are looking for 2 volunteers for the upcoming months (April 26<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup> August 23<sup>rd</sup>, October 25<sup>th</sup> and December 27<sup>th</sup>). If you are interested, put your name on the sign up sheet at the ramp or contact the church office.**

**Make-A-Smile cards for  
Lena Living Center**

*Each month we will send cards to the Lena Living Center. This is a new ministry to share love of Christ to the residence in the nursing home. We are responsible for 10 cards each month. If you would like to help with this ministry, just bring cards to church by the 10th of each month. Please sign and include short encouraging words. Our hope is to make them smile!*

*Questions? Contact the church office.*

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting Highlights  
January 28, 2024**

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council met at 12:10 p.m. on January 28, 2024 following the Annual Congregational Meeting Outgoing President Jonathon Kurth called the meeting to order.

The purpose of the meeting was to choose the President, Vice President and Secretary for the Council as well as the meeting date and time.

Those selected or volunteering for a position were:

President:	Kristy Patterson
Vice President:	Coralyn Hudik
Secretary	Darci Meier

A made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the Church Council Officers. The motion was approved.

Discussion followed as to what day would best fit the Council to meet. It was decided that the Second Thursday of each month from 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m. would be best.

Having no other business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting, motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Janis Kurth  
Church Council Secretary

*We lift up our prayers*

*Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Marilyn Fulfs, Caroline Jam, Curt Diddens, Cyndy Schumacher, Duane Tessendorf, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Jeri, Allie, Al, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Anita, Eric, Roger, Larry, Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier, Susan Anderson, Brenda, Madilyn Yeager, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz, prayers for stroke patients, Kenny Frie, Pete Grandstad, Steve Rothschadl, Nathan Lott, Gary L. Hartwig Josh and Ellie Joy, Hannah, Ray Phillips and Bob Stufflebeam. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrection for the family and friends of Sylvia Jones, Hannah, Mary Lou Otte and Marilyn Hardel.*

*Prayer Chain:*

*If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, please call the Church Office to submit your request at 815-369-5552. We are also looking for anyone who would like to join the prayer chain.*

*We send prayer through the phone chain and e-mail. You pray your own and pass on to the next person in the prayer chain. God hears our prayers.*

*If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.*

# Good Shepherd Scholarship Applications for 2025

## **I. Criteria for eligibility:**

- A) Participating member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church;
  - 1. Membership involves having been baptized and/or confirmed and attending worship at Good Shepherd.
  - 2. Participation involves attending worship at Good Shepherd as often as possible and showing a willingness to help with church programs and activities.
- B) Graduating senior presently enrolled in college, or a returning college student.
- C) Full time student with a minimum of 12 credit hours.
- D) Student entering an Associate or Bachelor degree program.
- E) Thorough completion and timely return of application.
- F) Adult student returning for courses toward certifications, associates or bachelor degrees.

**II.** Applications may be picked up at the church beginning March 1. They must be returned to the church office by March 31. Place applications in a sealed envelope marked "GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION".

**III.** Amount of scholarship depends on number of applicants. Scholarship not to exceed \$1000.00.

**IV.** Recipients of scholarship may not reapply.

**V.** Scholarship recipients will be awarded.

- A) A certificate on Graduation Recognition Sunday.
- B) Money will be distributed at the end of first semester upon verification of passing grades (end of January).

**VI.** Decision of Scholarship Committee is final.

3/1 Cheryl Torkelson  
 3/3 Connor Kurth  
 3/3 Cindy Tessendorf  
 3/3 Duane Christen  
 3/4 Jessica Alexander  
 3/8 Raeger Sullivan  
 3/9 Michelle Andrews  
 3/13 Bob Schlachter  
 3/13 Ella Wolfrom  
 3/14 Don Wienand

3/15 Logan Fahr  
 3/15 Larynn Schumaker  
 3/16 Nakoah Cornwell  
 3/19 Barbara Price  
 3/20 Pr. Sarah Schaffner  
 3/23 Paige Hancock  
 3/23 Pr. Pat Esker  
 3/24 Chuck Kraft  
 3/27 Kristy Patterson  
 3/28 Matthew Huber  
 3/31 Caroline Jam

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



*The Hardel family are saddened to announce the passing of their mother,*

**Marilyn June Hardel**

**September 2, 1929—February 19,**

*Marilyn married Paul Hardel on December 25, 1950. She and Paul farmed outside of Lena for 30 years.*

*Marilyn was a lifelong member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. She enjoyed crocheting, needlepoint, and making quilts for family. After moving from the farm, Marilyn and Paul enjoyed traveling and visiting family.*

*Visitation will take place from 11:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at the Leamon Funeral Home in Lena. Private family graveside service to be held.*

*In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in her memory.*



### Our Purpose Statement

*“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”*

The Northern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA (NIS WELCA) retreat committee has been diligently making plans for the annual retreat. The presenters will be from PATHWAYS, A Center for Spiritual Renewal. This is a ministry from Christ Lutheran Church in Belvidere. The theme of the day will be Walking the Ancient Path. It will be held at LOMC on Saturday, April 26 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The registration fee is \$30.00 and half-scholarships are available. The forms will be posted on the WELCA bulletin board when they become available.

### **Walking the Ancient Path**

“Thus says the LORD: Stand at the crossroads and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.” Jeremiah 6:16

Life today pulls us in many different directions. Work, family life, social calendars, and the endless news cycle all vie for our attention on a daily basis. We invite you to join us as we explore ways to connect with the ancient paths that have been walked by thousands of pilgrimages before. During our time together we will introduce different practices that will help you to press pause, center yourself in the present, and connect with the divine. This will be an experiential retreat with a brief history/description of the practice and an opportunity to practice it and table interaction. We will also make a prayer bracelet (The Pearls of Life).

All women of the ELCA are members of WELCA and are welcome at all of our Good Shepherd, synod and churchwide activities.



## SAVE THE DATE: April 12, 2025

All are welcome to join the Northeast and South regions for a  
Retreat on April 12, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

*Join Jen Miller from Jen Miller Music Collective for a morning of songs and stories about hope through depression and anxiety.*

First Lutheran Church  
324 N. Third Street  
DeKalb, IL

For more information visit [www.nisynod.org/welc](http://www.nisynod.org/welc)

RSVP is not required but appreciated – but don't let that hold you back from coming! For more information and to RSVP email:

Deb Quinn (NE Rep) at [debraquinn1@comcast.net](mailto:debraquinn1@comcast.net)  
or Sandie Weckerly (South Rep) at [san2one@aol.com](mailto:san2one@aol.com)

### Schedule:

9:00 Registration

9:30 Breakfast

10:30 Storytelling & Music with Jen Miller and her band

11:30 Closing – Pastor Megan Vaughan

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

*Pricing for lilies is not available at this time plants can be ordered by using the flower envelopes provided in the magazine rack by the entrance. Please place them in the offering plate or you can drop them off at the church office.*

*Orders must be in by April 6<sup>th</sup>.*

*Lilies may be picked up after the 9:30 am Easter Sunday Service.*

### *Holy Week Services*

*Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>*

*9:30am Whole Family Palm/Passion Sunday service*

*Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>*

*7:00pm Maundy Thursday service  
with communion.*

*Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>*

*Service at 7:00pm.*

*Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>*

*7:00am Sunrise Service*

*8:00am Easter Breakfast*

*9:30am Worship Service with Communion*

