

October 2020 Newsletter
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Shepherd's Voice

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. (Psalm 121:3- 4)

Dear God's beloved,

Numbers are not my strength. I barely passed all my math classes in junior high and high school. I am not good at numbers, especially when the numbers get higher; it takes time for them to sink in. So when I heard that Piece Corps quilting group made 794 quilts since last Fall, it took me a couple days to realize how high that number was. It is definitely the highest number of quilts the Piece Corps has made since it started in 1974. I thought last year's a 659 was big number. Wow! The Piece Corps made more than 100 quilts than last year. I asked the Piece Corps members what made them grow that much, and a quilter responded, "COVID." Because of the COVID-19 pandemic which put us in shelter in place in March and April and May, the Piece Corps members took materials home, cutting squares and sewing tops (and some also sewed masks). Bless their hearts! They worked at home, and one time 100 quilt tops were brought back to church. The Piece Corps quilters continued to do God's work. They never stop doing God's mission of loving.

Their story inspires me. Honestly I am tired of this pandemic life—changing plans, not able to schedule anything, adjusting to new routines, being frustrated at not seeing much progress, and being exposed my own vulnerabilities. It is frustrating and super stressful to live each day. Yet I also hear and witness individuals helping one another, sharing burdens, and caring for each other. God's LOVE mission is continuing even in the midst of the pandemic. God never stops working.

Psalm 121 is called a song of ascent. God's chosen people sang this psalm when they made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. I've never been to Jerusalem, so I do not know how the trip to Jerusalem would look like, but I remember from my past trips near and far that traveling brings excitement, adventures, and scary feelings. Who knows what may happen on the way to your destination. We may miss the turn or we may be stuck in the bus terminal for 6 hours. Yet God's people know that God is present on each step of their journey. God does not abandon but stays awake to watch over God's children. We, too, find God who does not slumber nor sleep on our journey.

God is good!

Pr. Miho

Good Shepherd's NEW E-mail address

**Please note our updated email addresses—goodshepherdlena@outlook.com (office)
gslpastor@outlook.com (pastor Miho)**

**and also please remember to check our website www.goodshepherdlena.org
and facebook [GSLCLenaIL/](https://www.facebook.com/GSLCLenaIL/) for bulletins and monthly newsletter and more!**

Highlights from July Council Meetings

Treasure's Report: Jay Andrews gave the report from the last meeting on the July 9th. He stated in his report that he was able to make pay roll. Bills are getting paid.

Heating: \$206.31 (little less than last month)

Electric: \$101.32 (little less than previous month)

Pastor's Report: Asked for ideas to explore during the challenging times like contacting the school to find out how the church can help, also the Lena Living Center discussion on this topic. A motion was made by Virgil Gordon and a second by Bari Raymer that pastor will reach out to the Lena Winslow Schools and the Lena Living Center to find out if the Church could help in anyway. Motion carried.

More on the pastor's report included her Covid-19 update, meetings she will attend in August and September, update on her new address, sending out PEACE of CHRIST postcards to members and her new e-mail address: gslpastor@outlook.com.

Committee Reports:

Worship: The Lord has been with the Outdoor Worship, good weather.

Learning Committee: A Family Day on the 1st of August with the Methodist Church and the Beloved Church. Planning for remote Sunday school and Confirmation class.

Service Committee: Reminder that the Food Truck was going to be at the food pantry on the 20th of August between 4:30pm and 8:00pm.

Property Report: Was given by Tim Gordon that the bushes were trimmed, the curb was fixed during the work day; Monday July 27, 2020. Still working on switching the internet and phone service to Aero.

Next Meeting: 13, August 2020 at 6:30PM

Submitted by Coralyn Hudik, Secretary

Complete minutes is on the bulletin board.

August Treasurers Report

Jay Andrews

Incoming July 2020	\$6,046.04
Expenses July 2020	\$9,621.09
Net Income (Loss)	\$(3,575.05)
Income, Year to Date 2020	\$69,905.28
Expenses, Year to Date 2020	\$76,311.66
Net Income (Loss)	\$(6,406.38)

The Piece Corps Quilters are requesting the following items:

Sheets

Fabric

Blankets

Sewing thread

Clothing is not needed at this time. If you have any of these items you can drop them off at the church office or Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your donations.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—
NOVEMBER 1st**

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 Tuesday, October 27th.



happy anniversary

Let us shower Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher with cards for their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 23, 2020. Please send cards to: 8878 N Flansburg Rd, McConnell IL 61050. Gene and Vivian have two daughters, Debbie from McConnell and Amy (Brad) from Freeport. They also have two granddaughters Michaela and Celeste.

**We need your help with
CHRISTMAS season!!!**

Christmas is only 2 months away. We need your help with start preparation for the Christmas season. There are 2 ways you can help:

Make God's Eye crafts

We are thinking about decorating the hallway with God's Eye crafts. They are easy to make. Supplies are available at church.

Adopt a room to decorate

We have 5 rooms for you!

Recipe for a Friendship

Ingredients

*1 cup loyalty
2 cups kindness
3 teaspoons forgiveness
5 tablespoons thyme for each other
4 gallons honesty
1 cup faith*

Procedure

- 1. Combine all ingredients with love and affection, and mix carefully.*
- 2. Stir well, and should you notice any lumps or flaws, handle gently and overlook as often as possible.*
- 3. Sweeten generously with a firm belief in each other and keep warm with a caring heart, and watchful eye.*
- 4. Never serve hot or cold, just room temperature.*
- 5. Let stand for a lifetime of special memories.*

Source--

<https://www.famlii.com/recipe-for-a-friendship-poems-and-inspiration-for-friends>

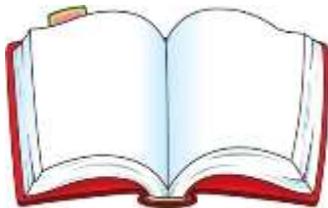
We lift up our prayers

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, grief, anger or doubt. Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. We especially pray for Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Gene Hesselbacher, Lois Paulsen, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Troy Keene, Kyle, Lisa Wienand, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Diane, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Randy, Brian, the Heimann family, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Lori, J.T., Dan and Sue White, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr., Nicole, Meghan, Hailey Bettenhauser, Kelly Thurman, Tom, Brian Gobeli, John, Jerrred, Bronwein, Matt and Julie, Susan Andersen, Ben, Linnea, Chuck, Joyce, Marcia, and Deb, Mary Gerbode, Terri. Pray for love, peace, comfort and resurrection of hope for the families and friends of David Fye.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Chain:

If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, Please call the Church Office at 815-369-5552. We are also looking for anyone who would like to join the prayer chain. We send prayer through phone chain and e-mail. You pray your own and pass on to the next person in prayer chain. If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.



Worship Volunteer needed!

We are looking for those who can help with Sunday worship.

- Temperature check person
 - Elevator operator
 - Sound system
 - Ushers
 - Lector (who will read scripture and prayer)
- If you can help, please let the church office know. We appreciate your help!

Devotion Books

October-December issue of Christ in Our Homes and The Word in Season are available now. We also have two devotional coloring book from WELCA. These devotion books are helpful way to keep growing our faith. Take one home today

*We are looking for
Your FAMILY CHRISTMAS COOKIE RECIPE for
Sunday School.
If you can share your family Christmas cookie
recipe, please bring to the church office.
Thank you.*

October Birthdays

10-03 Chase Huneke	10-17 Leesa Gerke
10-04 Doug Wybourn	10-18 Sherry Freitag
10-05 Vivian Hesselbacher	10-18 Jennifer Gile
10-05 Jim Doyle	10-22 Dennis Bergman
10-06 Beth Fahr	10-24 Greg Andrews
10-06 Cindy Fahr	10-25 Taryon Cornwell
10-07 Rene' Johnson	10-26 Fern Harnish
10-08 Brice Swift	10-26 Joanne Martin
10-08 Lisa Schlichting	10-26 Duane Torkelson
10-09 Krista Keene	10-26 Kyle Albrecht
10-10 Joyce Tesdahl	10-27 Jonathan Hudik
10-10 Val Ockerman	10-27 Danielle Koning
10-10 Brad Smith	10-28 Kurt Schlichting
10-13 Stacy(Lones) Johnson	10-29 Mike Meyers
10-15 Steve Wybourn	10-29 Tricia Meyers
10-15 Troy Keene	10-30 Jason Huneke
10-16 Jeff Raders	10-30 Lance Mueller
10-17 Dustin Drye	10-31 Sean Cory

October 2020 Brings Two Full Moons

The first full Moon of fall—in this case, the **Harvest Moon**—will appear on Thursday, October 1. Later in the month, on Saturday, October 31 (Halloween), the second full Moon appears. This is the **Hunter's Moon**, which will be special for two reasons: it's a rare [Halloween full Moon](#) and a [Blue Moon](#)!

How Rare Is a Halloween Full Moon? Despite all the creative Halloween full Moon pictures, a full Moon occurring on Halloween is not a common occurrence and only happens every 18 to 19 years.

Source: The Old Farmers Almanac

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



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

Good Shepherd helps at the food pantry on the 4th Saturday of every other month from 8:20am-11:30am. Needs are high and we are looking for 2 youth (junior high and older) volunteers for upcoming months (**October 24, December 26**, February 27, 2021, and April 24., 2021) If you are interested, contact the church office or Pr. Miho.

Your help will be appreciated.



Sunday School News!

Sunday school will be virtual. Lessons, songs, and activities will be posted. This Fall we will learn about the BIBLE. Anyone will be welcome to join.

WORLD FOOD DAY — OCTOBER 16, 2020

Where would we be without food? We certainly wouldn't be at Starbucks, grocery stores or restaurants. We wouldn't, in fact, be anywhere for very long, because we need food to live. Food is seen as a basic human right, and yet one in nine people globally experience chronic hunger. As far back as 1945 the United Nations recognized food as not a privilege, but a right, and that's why they created World Food Day, observed annually on October 16, in 1979. It's a day of observance to draw attention to the plight of the hungry. So, today, join us in eradicating hunger.

HOW TO OBSERVE WORLD FOOD DAY

- Give to local food bank.
- Support small scale farms
- Raise money to end Hunger

Please keep eye on Facebook page for information.





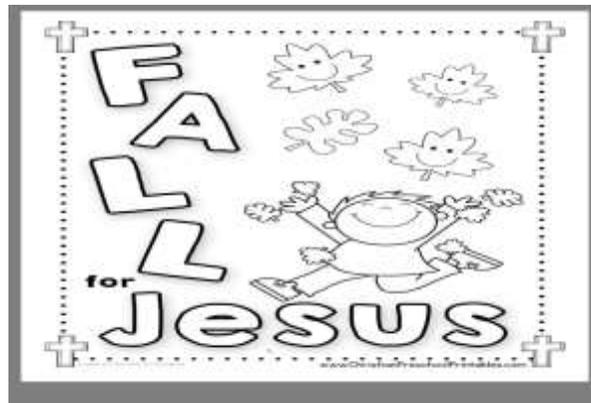
Statue of Martin Luther in Eisleben, Germany, his birthplace

Reformation Day,

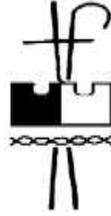
Anniversary of the day [Martin Luther](#) is said to have posted his [Ninety-five Theses](#) on the door of the Castle Church in [Wittenberg](#), Germany (October 31, 1517), later identified by Protestants as the beginning of the [Reformation](#).

The European Lutheran territorial churches at first commemorated the Reformation on various days, among them the anniversary of Luther's birth (November 10), his death (February 18), and presentation of the Augsburg Confession (June 25). The centennial celebrations of 1617 focused attention on October 31. In the sesquicentennial year (1667), Elector of Saxony John George II decreed this date as annual Reformation Day in Saxony. German Lutheran and Union territorial churches have gradually come to follow this example and specify October 31 or the Sunday following (or preceding).

*Among English-speaking Lutherans, the churches that use the *Lutheran Liturgy* (1948) keep October 31 as Reformation Day. Those using the *Service Book and Hymnal* (1958) observe October 31 as Reformation Day and may keep the preceding Sunday as Reformation Sunday. The liturgical color is red. Many churches in the Reformed and the Evangelical traditions also mark the day, often with special services focused on the Reformation and its effects.*



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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.*

Martin Luther's Small Catechism **The CREED**

The Third Article:*On Being Made Holy*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

What does this mean?

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.