

"Taps"

"Taps" is a bugle call sounded to signal "lights out" at the end of a military day, and during patriotic memorial ceremonies and military funerals conducted by the United States Armed Forces. The official military version is played by a single bugle or trumpet, although other versions of the tune may be played in other contexts (e.g., the U.S. Marine Corps Ceremonial Music site has recordings of two bugle versions and one band version). It is also performed often at Girl Guide, Girl Scout, and Boy Scout meetings and camps. The tune is also sometimes known as "Butterfield's Lullaby", or by the first line of the lyric, "Day Is Done". The duration may vary to some extent.

The tune is a variation of an earlier bugle call known as the "Scott Tattoo", which was used in the U.S. from 1835 until 1860. It was arranged in its present form by the Union Army Brigadier General Daniel Butterfield, a Medal of Honor recipient. Butterfield commanded the 3d Brigade, 1st Division, V Army Corps, Army of the Potomac while at Harrison's Landing, Virginia in July 1862, and wrote it to replace the customary firing of three rifle volleys at the end of burials during battle. Butterfield's version in July 1862 replaced the previous French *Pour Eteindre les Feux* bugle call used to signal "lights out". Butterfield's bugler, Oliver Wilcox Norton, of was the first to sound the new call. Within months "Taps" was used by both Union and Confederate forces. It was officially recognized by the United States Army in 1874.

Captain John C. Tidball, West Point Class of 1848, started the custom of playing "Taps" at military funerals. In early July 1862 at Harrison's Landing, a corporal of Tidball's Battery A, 2nd U.S. Artillery, died. He was, Tidball recalled later, "a most excellent man". Tidball wished to bury him with full military honors, but, for military reasons, he was refused permission to fire seven rifles three times over the grave. Tidball later wrote, "The thought suggested itself to me to sound 'Taps' instead, which I did. The idea was taken up by others, until in a short time it was adopted by the entire army and is now looked upon as the most appropriate and touching part of a military funeral." As Tidball proudly proclaimed, "Battery A has the honor of having introduced this custom into the service, and it is worthy of historical note."

It became a standard component to U.S. military funerals in 1891.



May 2025 Newsletter

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Thoughts from the Pastor

Greetings in Christ,

All through the month of May, the season of Easter, the season of resurrection, continues. All around us trees and plants and grass are getting greener and greener as life around us blossoms and blooms. The cold of winter is finally behind us and even the air seems light and full of hope.

And we do have hope. Christ is risen indeed. He has given us new life in the waters of baptism and has given us the Holy Spirit.

Life goes on and our struggles continue, but God is with us. Jesus is Immanuel, God with us, and he promised even as he ascended into heaven that "I am with you always, to the end of time".

So we see Christ's presence in the new life of Spring and we feel his presence in our hearts. And we know that no matter how dark or wintry cold our life may seem, no matter what sorrows or troubles we face, he is with us. And because he himself has risen from death to eternal life, the darkness that sometimes surrounds us will also fade away and we will live eternally with him, our risen Lord.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Thomas

Make-A-Smile

Cards for Lena Living Center

Each month we will send cards to the Lena Living Center. This is a simple yet profound way to share the love of Christ and to put a smile on their faces to the residents in the nursing home. We are responsible for 10 cards each month. If you would like to make more that would be great too. 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!



You have no idea how much your help has meant to me. I want to express my sincere gratitude and thanks for all the extra hands helping with unloading and loading of donations from the kind folks at Galena Territories. Your assistance was a big benefit, more than expected but much needed. I am truly grateful.

*My Sincere Thanks
Shirley Fox*

Le-Win Food Pantry For June 24th

Good Shepherd will be at the Le-Win Food Pantry June 28th, thank you to the volunteers who have signed up for June's Food Pantry.

The needs in are high and we are looking always looking for volunteers.

Upcoming months are : August 23rd, October 25th and December 27th. If you are interested, put your name on the sign-up sheet at the ramp or contact the church office at 815369-5552.

Food Pantry Needs

The Le-Win Food pantry is in need of personal hygiene items, paper products, canned soups and boxed meals. Please remember to check for expiration dated, the Food Pantry is not able to accept expired food items.

Thank you for your donation.

Northwest Conference WELCA 2025 Spring Gathering

**Lord of Love Lutheran Church
219 Summit Street
Galena, IL 61036**

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Registration: 9:30am (Cost \$15)

Brunch served at 10:15am

Program: Lord of Love Giving and Charitable Missions in the Community
United Churches of Galena Food Pantry, Mop Shop, Welcome Table, etc)

A free will offering will be taken

Open to all women of the ELCA & guest.

Thank you

Thanks to the Men's Group, Choir and Chime Members for providing the congregation with beautiful music throughout the year.

Thanks to the musician's who played during the year.

Thanks to Karen Niemczer and Tena Rackow for playing beautiful music to us weekly.

Thanks to Janis Kurth for being music director.

Thank You

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 prayers 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.



We lift our Prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, 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, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig Josh and Ellie Joy, Hannah, Ray Phillips, and Allison Biddick.

THANK YOU!

**Wayne Kurth, Troy Doubler and
Chris Brinker,**

Thank you for your work moving the church pews and installing the new lights in the sanctuary. Good Shepherd is very fortunate and thankful for all you do.

An Old Irish Proverb-

**"Never iron a four-leaf clover,
because you don't want to press
your luck."**





Many Thanks to Pastor Thomas and Coral, Wayne and Janis Kurth Eleanor Stadler, Darlene Barr, Curt and Sue Diddens, Kristy Patterson, Anna and Taylor, Jerry and Beth Martin, Donna and Dale Gullickson, Troy and Sheila Keene, Marybeth Brinker, Karen Niemeier for your kind donations for Easter lilies decorating the church.

A special thanks to Janis Kurth for decorating the sanctuary for all seasons.

Thank you

Bible Wordsearch

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Matt. 17:1-16

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HEAL	COMING
JAMES	CROWD
JESUS	DISCIPLES
JOHN	GROUND
JUST	MOUNTAIN
KNELT	MOSES
LIGHT	RAISED
LISTEN	RESTORE
LORD	SHELTERS
LOVE	SUFFER
MERCY	TALKING
PETER	TEACHERS
SHONE	TOUCHED
VOICE	WISHED
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Appreciating God's Creation

As we step into the month of May, we are reminded of the abundance of God's creation. Each bloom, each vibrant color we see in spring reflects the beauty and intricacy of God's handiwork.

Source: [30 Powerful bible verses about the month of may \(Full Commentary\)](#) - Bible Study For You



"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."

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$25.63 supporting the ministries of Women of the ELCA. Your gift makes a real difference to the organization and those we serve.

As the new Interim Executive Director of WELCA, it is a great joy to be part of this community in church members share their gifts of time, talent and financial resources in order to support each other in our callings, engage in real action and healing ministry. And promote love and justice in the church, society and the world. Your gift helps the organization do its work.

It is an honor to be part of an organization whose funding began with women over a hundred years ago, women who did not yet have the right to vote nor the ability to be ordained in the Lutheran church. These women knew they had great gifts and they could do great things. By coming together and pulling their resources, their faithful generosity continues to support women today and continues to inspire others to give. Thank you for being part of the faithful community of givers with your financial contribution.

Indeed thank you for your generosity. Together we can do so much good in the world. For regular updates on our ever-growing work together, please see our website www.womenoftheelca.org

With gratitude,
Jennifer Hockenbery
Interim Executive Director

THANKOFFERINGS

This donation was made possible by your donations to Thankofferings.

Thankofferings are a long-standing custom among Lutheran women. We give in thanksgiving for blessings received – and we do receive so many blessings, don't we? And we are so grateful. That's why we give Thankofferings.

The founders of Women of the ELCA decided back in 1988 that Thankofferings are to support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization. Our founders would be amazed to see what that covers these days!

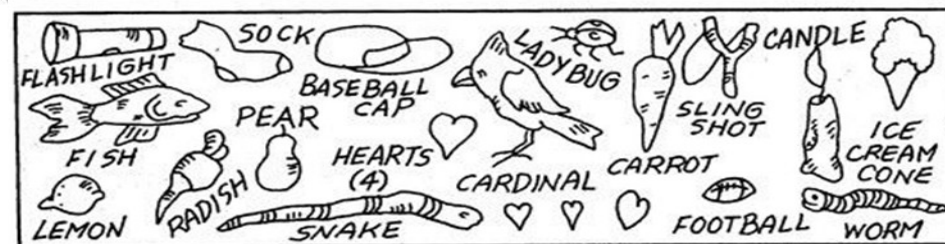
Once more, thank you for your kind donation.

Good Shepherd WELCA



The Lost Sheep Luke 25:1-7

Like a good shepherd, Jesus searches for people who don't know him.



Good Shepherd's Scholarship recipients for 2025

Congratulations to Jacob Runkle and Jared Runkle will each receive a \$1000 scholarship after they complete their first semester in college.

Join us at worship on Sunday May 18th as we congratulate the 2025 graduates during the Service.

Reception following Church Service

Please join us in congratulating them!

May Birthdays



5/1	Shannon Albright	5/19	Sarah Geiseman
5/1	Coralyn Hudik	5/20	Nathan Lones
5/1	Dennis Luke	5/21	Faye Fulls
5/1	Chloe Kurth	5/23	Susan Koppean
5/2	Lynn Meyers	5/23	Sheila Keene
5/2	Laurie Meyers	5/24	Deb Hesselbacher
5/3	Angie Jones	5/24	Quinten Green
5/5	Dawn Diffenderfer	5/24	Nathaniel Baker
5/7	Krystal Schlichting	5/25	Elizabeth Martin
5/8	Degan Euler	5/26	Drew Solace
5/10	Marcia Meyers	5/27	Chris Brinker
5/14	Nicole Sullivan	5/28	Brad Boeke
5/17	Mark Raders	5/30	Nick Baker
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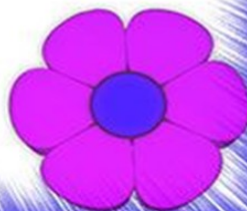
If we missed your birthday (or someone in your family) please call the office so that we may update our records!

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all our volunteers, all the worship assistants, all the kitchen help, all the committee members and Piece Corps.

Our sincerest gratitude for all of the extraordinary volunteers in our lives.

We are infinitely grateful for these selfless volunteers who constantly strive to make an impact in our world.



Sing to the Lord a New Song



June 29th, will be the 5th Sunday in June. Good Shepherd will celebrate with St. Peter and St. Paul folk/rock service at 9:30am. Hope to see you then!