Bearing Fruit for Jesus!

Coming Soon … Bearing Fruit for Jesus

In the next month, you will hear a lot about bearing fruit because our stewardship theme for this year is **Bearing Fruit for Jesus!: His Grace and Power at Work within You.** Together we will look at our ministries here at Lena UMC, the Scriptures, hear from church members, and ponder the use of our gifts, talents and treasure.

Fruit trees are one of the many wonders of God's creation. To see the beauty of the tree and its fruit, to enjoy its taste, and to realize that it all came from a tiny seed is almost beyond our comprehension. An apple seed is planted in the ground, and, with water and sun as nourishment, miraculously a seedling surfaces that develops into a fruit tree. After a period of time, the apple tree fulfills its mission by bearing apples.

We, as Christians, are like that apple tree. We, too, have been fed and nourished by God so we can bear fruit. *"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last"* (John 15:16). Jesus tells us *"I am the Vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing"* (John 15:5). The life and power of any plant is found in its vine. The vine uses the branches to produce its fruit. The branch is simply a growth of the vine, produced by it and appointed to bear fruit. The branch exists only because the vine makes it possible.

Fruit characterizes the life of the Christian steward. When we stay firmly connected to Jesus, we are told that we *"will bear much fruit."* Christ has given us the task of ministering to the needs of others and spreading the Gospel. As we stay connected to him through his Word and Sacraments, we discover God's perfect will for us, and we are empowered to please him by bearing fruit (Colossians 1:9-10). God has created us to bear fruit (Ephesians 2:10), but only through Christ is it possible for us to do so.

"Since we live by the Spirit," Paul exhorted, *"let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other"* (Galatians 5:25-26). As children of God, we have this fruit because his Spirit lives in us, not as a result of our own efforts. We do cease to bear fruit when we give in to our sinful natures, becoming, in Paul's words, *"Conceited, provoking and envying each other."* We are to *"Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness"* (Ephesians 5:11a), but are to *"Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord"* (Ephesians 5:8b-10).

Go and bear fruit! Pastor Brian LeBaron

October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 **10 am – Grief Support group** **3:15 pm – Afterschool Program** 8 pm - AA	2 **6 pm Food & Fun**	3 **After the game 10 pm – 5th Quarter at Jr. High**	4 8 am – Men's Breakfast
5 **9 am Worship** **10:30 Sunday School** **2-4 pm Open House "Nevin & Arlene's 60th** **2-4 pm – Confirmation Kick off at Calvary UMC** 6 pm – Bible Study at Edler's 6:30 pm – Bible Study at Holmes'	6 1 pm - UMW 8 pm - AA	7 1 pm Quilters **6:30 pm – Finance meeting** **7 pm – Worship Meeting**	8 10 am – Bible Study at Chapin's **3:15 pm – Afterschool Program** 8 pm - AA	9 **6 pm Food & Fun**	10	11
12 **9 am Worship** **9 am Kid's worship** **10:30 Sunday School**	13 8 pm - AA	14 1 pm Quilters	15 **3:15 pm – Afterschool Program** 8 pm - AA	16 **6 pm Food & Fun**	17	18 6:45 am – Men's Bible Study 3 pm - Clarissa Borchardt/Chris' Wedding
19 **9 am Worship** **10:30 Sunday School**	20 8 pm - AA	21 1 pm Quilters	22 **3:15 pm – Afterschool Program** 8 pm - AA	23 **6 pm Food & Fun**	24	25 8 am – UMW Bazaar
26 **9 am Worship** **9 am Kid's worship** **10:30 Sunday School**	27 7 pm – Stagecoach Quilters 8 pm - AA	28 9:45 am – Hymn Sing 1 pm Quilters	29 **3:15 pm – Afterschool Program** 8 pm - AA	30 **6 pm Food & Fun**	31	

Birthdays

10/2 Katelynn Phillips, Michaela Saavedra

10/4 Marsha Tessendorf

10/5 Tammy Wybourn, Mike Tessendorf

10/6 Carlos Lingle, Nancy Seuring

10/7 Merton Holland
10/8 Elmer Hybarger, Jennifer Foster
10/10 Jennifer Edler, Marvin Kempel
10/11 Bob Bussian, Emory Hixson, Karlyn Kempel
10/12 Mary Hudson
10/15 Dave Finkenbinder, Diane Burke
10/16 Bob Buss, Beth (Kempel) Haughan
10/17 Tyler Bussian

10/19 Allie Brown
10/21 Pauline Schubert, Connie Kempel
10/22 Larry Buchenau
10/23 Joanne Gruendler, Vera Kempel
10/24 Joelle & Katie White,
Letha Leverton, Leveta Bussian
10/25 Olga Benson, Laura Setterstrom
10/26 Melvin Polhill, Shannon McFadden
10/27 Maryanne Gritzmaker, Jim Burke
10/28 Jeff Stamm
10/29 Deanna Boyer

10/31 Duane Eilders

Anniversaries

10/3 Mick & Kristie Flynn
10/4 Nevin & Arlene Kryder (60)
Marshall & Pauline Schubert
10/5 Mike & Marsha Tessendorf
Gordon & Jackie Edler
10/6 Kenneth & Sharon Koch
Dave & Joanne Gruendler
Curtis & Kelsey Goeke

10/18 Harold & Betty Meeker
10/19 Don & Elsie Lobdell
10/21 Tom & Kirsten Hollister
10/22 Maurice & Lynne Howe

10/24 Jr. & Lisa Dascher
Gene & Gail Brister
10/25 Mike & Margery Liphart

10/27 John & Jody Bell

10/30 Duane & Bev Rakowska

Our Family Prayer List.....
Melissa LeBaron, Ron Buchenau, Barb Young, Wayne Herrmann, Linda Korte, Scott Baldauf, Phyllis Hulbert, Ron Chappell, Blaine Stamm, Adam & Karen Kryder & Triplets, Bob Vohlken, Shawn Smith

In Treatment:
Pat Campbell, Eleanor Flynn, Christine Dayton, Marvin Kempel, Kelli Huneke, Les Prince, Sonny Chrisman, Anna Hancock, Rhonda Hooker

Greeters

Oct. 5	Wayne & Olga Benson
Oct. 12	David & Joanne Gruendler
Oct. 19	Tom & Tammy Edler
Oct. 26	Tom & Tammy Edler

Liturgists

Oct. 5	Roberta Rogers
Oct. 12	Jackie Edler
Oct. 19	Gary Rich
Oct. 26	Sally Buchenau

Video Tech

Oct. 5	Lisa Dascher
Oct. 12	Elaine Williams
Oct. 19	Cathy Rich
Oct. 26	Cathy Rich

Dial-a-Devotion Team

Oct. 5	Kristie Flynn
Oct. 12	Janet Lobdell
Oct. 19	Jackie Edler
Oct. 26	Norma Klipping

Offering Counters Schedule

Oct. 5	Pete & Allie Brown, Tam Kryder
Oct. 12 & 19	Richard & Eleanor Holmes, Pat Phillips
Oct. 26	Tom & Tammy Edler, Pat Edler

Sunday Kitchen Hostess
Oct. 5
Oct. 12
Oct. 19
Oct. 26

Church Choir Schedule

Rehearse On:	Sing on:
Oct. 2 & 23 at 7 PM	Oct. 5 & 26

Saturday, October 25 – Country Breakfast Buffet & Bazaar - 8 AM - 11 AM

Youth Events for October

Friday, Oct. 3rd - *5th Quarter Party at Le-Win Jr High*

Sunday, Oct. 5th (2-4pm)-
Confirmation Kick-Off at Calvary UMC in Stockton

Sunday Oct. 12th and 26th - Children's Worship

Saturday Oct. 18th (2-4 pm) - *Youth Pumpkin Carving*
Open to all students in grades 6-12
Join us at church for an afternoon of fall fun and creativity!

Come hang out with friends, carve/decorate your very own pumpkin, and enjoy some tasty fall treats like caramel apples and apple cider. There is no charge for this event and pumpkins will be provided for anyone who **RSVPs by Wednesday, October 15th**.

After that you are still welcome to come, but will need provide your own pumpkin. Also, if anyone has pumpkin carving tools you'd be willing to let us borrow that day, please talk to Christin!

Le-Win Food Pantry items:

Canned vegetables, cereals, soups; (Veggie, Cream of Chicken, Chicken Rice, and Cream of Potato), macaroni, tomato sauces, shampoo, moisturizer, deodorant.
Please bring to Fellowship Hall or contact
Larry Buchenau at 369-4625

Activities at the Lena Living Center for the month of October:

Wed. Oct. 1 at 2:00
Afternoon Coffee Break, Held at "Lena Mercantile Eatery" (sponsored by Lena Living Center)
Enjoy a complimentary piece of pie or ice cream and a drink, Educational Speaker
RSVP to 815-369-4561 (limited seating)

Thurs. Oct 9
Fundraiser for Deb Hesselbacher, Deb is a lifelong Lena resident and long time employee of Lena Living Center. She is fighting liver failure due to Crohn's Disease. Lena Living Center is hosting a Drive Thru Lunch/Supper from 11-1 and 4-6 on Thursday Oct 9th
For a $5 donation, you get a sack lunch/supper of a pulled pork sandwich, chips, cookie and a drink. Delivery available to shut-ins and businesses. Drive thru and pick up a yummy meal and help our Friend, and co-worker, 100% of the proceeds will be donated to help with Deb's medical expenses.
815-369-4561

Thursday Oct. 15th
5:00-6:00 Lena Living Center Community supper, No cost, no obligation, just good food and good fellowship.

Friday Oct. 17th
Flu Shots Sponsored by FHN Community Services
8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Doll Apartments Community Room 1008 S Logan, Lena Il.
Please bring Medicare card and a photo ID

Thursday Oct. 30th
Community Bingo Day! Lunch at Lena Living Center at 12:45 p.m.
Bingo at the Doll apartments at 1:30 Food, Fun and prizes!

Lisa Lobdell
Marketing/Admissions Coordinator
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Lena United Methodist Women's Annual

COUNTRY BREAKFAST BUFFET & BAZAAR

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Saturday, October 25th, 2014
8am to 11am,

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Featuring: Egg Casserole, Biscuits & Gravy, Baked French Toast,
Sausage, Chicken Salad Croissants, Fruit Bowl,
Breakfast Shortcake, Homemade Cinnamon Rolls, Milk, Juice & Coffee.
Adults$7.00; Children under 10: $3.00

Grandma's Attic & Cherished Treasures

Nature's Bounty: Featuring Fresh Produce, Flower Bulbs, and Jellies

Christmas Corner

Down Home Candy & Baked Goods

Crafters Mall

Be sure to sign up for the Raffle.
You need not be present to win.

Lena United Methodist Church
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