

Lena United Methodist Church

August 2017 Newsletter

Pastor Keri
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815-369-5291 or
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August Servants

Greeters

6 – Tammy, Rachel,
and Rebecca Edler
13 – Bob & Carol Buss
20 – Bob & Carol Buss
27 – Norma Robieson &
Norma Klipping

Liturgist

6 – Judy Baer
13 – Sally Buchenau
20 – Pat Edler
27 – Scott Stich

Video Tech

6 – Lisa Dascher
13 – Elaine Williams
20 – Cathy Rich
27 – Cathy Rich

Dial-a-Devotion

6 – Janet Lobdell
13 – Jackie Edler
20 – Norma Klipping
27 – Eleanor Holmes

Fellowship

6 – UMW
13 – Pat Edler, Judy Buchenau
20 – Kristie Flynn & Olga Benson
27 – Lavone Gabel, Beulah Haft

Sunday School Teachers

Lynne Howe
Lisa Dascher
Roberta Rogers
Cathy Rich



Pray for Healing: Bill Hooker, Tami Williams, Evelyn Herman, Sage Smentowski (Pauline Lutz's great-granddaughter), Sherry Stichter (Joan Stake's daughter), Marilyn Holmes, Kathie Schulz, Sharon Schwartz, Elaine Williams, Ruth Wingert, Judy Baer, Garry Parker, Marci Borchardt, Nevin Kryder, Arlene Kryder, Dick Wuebben, Ron Buchenau, Rhonda Hooker, Larry and Christine Woolcock

In treatment:

Vern Pax, Melody Maly, Gerry Koertner, Pat Campbell (Mick Flynn's sister, David Scheider

Lena Living Center Residents:

Carol Fluegel, Orval & Dorothy Schoonhoven, Pauline Lutz, Marjorie Klever

In Hospice Care:

Phyllis Hulbert, Norma Streeb

Condolences:

- To the Nevin Kryder family on the death of Rosalee Buss. Rosalee was Arlene's sister who passed away in Kentucky on July 13.

- to the family and friends of Marjorie Rolando. Marjorie passed away on July 24 and Pastor Keri officiated her funeral at Warren UMC on July 28. She was a former member of Lena UMC.

Thank you:

To the Lena United Methodist Church Scholarship Committee, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the generous scholarship award you have given me. The \$750 scholarship will be very beneficial for my future educational expenses, and I greatly appreciate the opportunity. Thank you very much for supporting me in my future educational and career path." *Sincerely, Rachel Edler*

Thank you:

Thanks to everyone who came to see me at the Lena Living Center. Thank you for your prayers, flowers, gifts, calls and cards. I appreciated everything. A big thank you to Ron & Larry Buchenau for picking me up with the bus and taking me to church on Sundays. I am still at the Living Center and love to have company.

Pauline Lutz

Thank you from Joe Edler and his family for the many prayers during his recent illness.

Calendar note: the small group Bible Studies will not meet in August.

From the Pastor's Desk.....

"When the storms of life are raging, stand by me; when the storms of life are raging, stand by me. When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea, thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me." Charles Albert Tindley's hymn floated to my ears as the parsonage basement was being cleaned up following the storms that brought floods to our area. Storms can be amazingly terrifying displays of power. Some of the storms on July 21 felt like they were right over the house, lighting and thunder perfectly in sync and the whole house shaking at their rumble. I felt very small and scared. Just two days earlier another storm had caught our Vacation Bible School as we walked back from Good Shepherd. Soaked and wet many of us were scared. Tindley, in his hymn, goes on to tell of tribulation, loss of strength, faults and failures, hurt friendships, persecution, war, and "growing old and feeble." All of these storms can seem overwhelmingly powerful and leave us devastated. However, in each stanza, Tindley names a time when God has overcome and asks God to "stand by me." As alone as we may feel as we cower from the thunder or wade through flood waters, we are not alone. God is with us, and God has the power to work even in the midst of storms. God also sends us people to help us in the journey. At VBS older kids comforted younger ones even though they themselves were scared. Hugs and hand holds were shared and even songs and skits. The storm raged all around us, but inside, God ruled the wind and water and stood by us.

UMW meeting July 1, 2017

We had a really short meeting this month. We got things situated for our UMW Sunday, which is August 6th.

Lavonne's granddaughter will play the violin, Tammy, Racheal and Rebecca Edler will be our greeters, Roberta Rogers and Bonnie Broge will sing together.

Lavonne is contacting mothers and daughters to do the ushering and I will be presenting pins to 2 people who have done a lot for the church.

We will be having a meeting on August 17th at 1:30 to make plans for the October bazaar. Anyone that is interested in helping with it should plan on attending.

The next UMW meeting is August 5th at 9:30. Judy Bear will do the program. Maryanne Response Moments. Pat Edler and Marcia Lobdell are hostesses.

God Bless everyone,
Maryanne Gritmaker, UMW President



August Anniversaries

- 8/1 David & Sara Kepner
- 8/1 Ryan & Lily Stockton
- 8/12 Merton & Sharon Holland
- 8/22 Ryan & Danielle Thomas
- 8/26 Jeff & Judy Baer
- 8/26 Jim & Marilyn Klever
- 8/29 Ryan & Holly Buss
- 8/29 Brian Laura Settterstrom
- 8/30 Melvin & Judith Polhill
- 8/30 Gary & Nancy Price



August Birthdays

- 8/1 Julie Lobdell
- 8/2 Keegan Knoup
- 8/3 Marvin Hixson
- 8/4 Terry Hixson, Raylan Nieman
- 8/5 Ronald Fluegel, Robert Kepner
- 8/7 Jason Boland, Bennett Morrison
- 8/8 Jackie Edler, David Gruendler, Cheryl Hartney, Dee Anne Temperly
- 8/9 David McFadden
- 8/10 Dwayne Robieson
- 8/13 Tiffany Nieman, Aileen Schreiner
- 8/14 Matt Yeager
- 8/16 Brady Eilders, Myrna Seuring, Thomas White
- 8/17 Karen Kryder, Corey Nelson
- 8/18 Douglas Pauley
- 8/19 Larry Nelson, C J Nickel, Kelly Short
- 8/20 Scott Borchardt, Genevieve Kraft, Dolores Solace
- 8/21 Heidi Edler, Burdene Meyers
- 8/22 Sherry Sandell
- 8/24 Wayne Benson
- 8/25 Rachel Setterstrom, Carroll Smith
- 8/26 Lynne Howe
- 8/27 Kelly Lobdell, Roberta Rogers
- 8/28 Lisa Stich, Cole Wickersham
- 8/30 Jay Kempel, David Scheider, Raymond-John Schulz
- 8/31 Caitlyn Kryder, Ben Kryder, Triscia Nickel, Patricia Phillips, Tracey Williams

Lena United Methodist Church - Finance Committee Minutes - July 11, 2017

Mick opened the meeting at 6 pm with a reading from Lamentations 3:22-27 and a prayer. Attendees: Kim Nelson, Judy Buchenau, Larry Nelson, Pastor Keri, Randy Kryder, Tam Kryder, Steve Rothschadl, Mick Flynn, Chris Bartelt

Chris read the minutes from the May 8th meeting. Kim made a motion and it was seconded by Larry to approved the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Old Business -- No decision was made on whether we will make a pitch about electronic giving. Mick and Kim will talk to the committees about budgets and procedures.

Account 3120 \$3,671.89 balance - Tam reported that Eric Korte will suggest which AED the church should get with the money that is in the Parish Nursing Program account. He said one AED instead of two would be enough and suggested getting a wide wheelchair with the rest of the money.

New Business - We would like to add an additional person to the finance committee. Some finance members and others are encouraged to call for the offering during Sunday worship and also read the finance update or share reasons "why I give".

The Lena Winslow ministerial food pantry is moving in September/October timeframe to the old UPS building. Rent will be \$525 per month including utilities. It was felt the monthly rent figure was reasonable because it includes electricity for 5 freezers and 1 refrigerator. The Food Pantry is a missions account in the LUMC budget and some discussion followed on how much could we put toward this mission. No decision was made at the present time.

Judy reviewed the Memorials/Endowment report. The CD has rolled over for 60 months at an interest rate of 2.15%. We made \$960 in interest on the CD and there is \$1125 in the Nudd account. Memorials - (3) Scholarships for \$750 each were given in June. Current balance is \$15,574. \$115.37 was spent for outside flowers from the Meeker memorial.

Kim reviewed the balance sheet and P&L. General fund has a balance of \$270.56 at the end of June, but that is without paying conference bill and apportionments (carried over to be paid in July). The May Office Supplies account was under budget, because copy machine expense was budgeted to be paid in May, but bill not received until June and was paid in June. May conference bill and apportionments was paid in June.

Decision was made to cancel the Frontier landline and internet service at the parsonage. Pastor Keri said she does not need a landline. She has set up a Google local number that rings to her cell phone. She also can use her cell phone data plan instead of paying Frontier internet charge. In turn, the church will pay her cell phone bill which is less than the monthly charge we were paying to Frontier.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12 at 6 pm. The meeting closed with a prayer at 7:15 pm.

Submitted by Chris Bartelt,
Financial Secretary

Lena United Methodist Church – Ad Council Meeting Minutes - July 11, 2017

The meeting opened with a hymn reading/reflection by Pastor Keri at 7:15pm. Those present were: Kim Nelson, Judy Buchenau, Larry Nelson, Pastor Keri, Randy Kryder, Tam Kryder, Roberta Rogers, Mick Flynn, Chris Bartelt. There were no special prayer requests. Minutes from the May 8th meeting were approved as printed.

Old Business -- **“Church Bus”** - We will keep driving the bus for now. No action/decision on new vehicle at this time. We have been using the bus weekly to bring people to worship service. A “J” license is needed to drive the bus. **Church Directory** – Tabled until September meeting. **Church articles in Journal-Standard, Scoop, Shoppers Guide.** Roberta Rogers and Lisa Stich will work together to put articles about activities at LUMC in the various papers and an article introducing Pastor Keri. **Bishop’s 2017 Appeal** – United Methodist AIDS Fund. Discussion followed as to whether we still want to have a special collection and give to the 2017 fund or wait and contribute to the 2018 fund instead. If we do a collection it will be late in the year.

New Business - **Pastoral Report** – Pastor Keri reports all is going well in her first 1 ½ weeks since assuming the appointment to LUMC. The biggest challenge so far is that when she tries to reach out to someone who has requested a pastoral call is that they do not recognize her phone number. She has set up a local Google phone number 815-324-2746 that will ring thru to her cell phone. She also may be reached at the church (815-369-5291) or on her cell phone 614-542-9197. The parsonage phone 815-369-4899 has been disconnected as of July 17 and the Frontier account was closed as of July 17 as it will no longer be needed. In turn the church, will pay Pastor Keri’s cell phone bill. Minor repairs of blinds, bathroom tub drain and staining the deck have been completed. Judy said that funds from Ham Loaf Supper will cover those repairs at the parsonage. She said the After School Program will start again in August. This again brought up discussion about safety at the Hangout. Larry will again check with Fire Chief Strong to see if he has a copy of the state fire marshal’s report. Chris stated she will look in the insurance file to see if we’ve received a copy of the owner’s insurance policy on the Hangout.

Youth ministries/vision and direction - No decision was made. Pastor Keri will review the report done by Dr. Carroll and Maryanne Smith.

Eleanor Holmes was not at the meeting, but asked that the Council be advised LUMC will have a float again this year at Fall Festival and that some people have already been working with this year’s theme, “Lions – 100 years of Service”.

Chris reported she had a request for use of Fellowship Hall on Sat. Sept 9 from 4:30-7:30pm for a gathering by Lee Shadle, Jr’s family following the 4pm committal service at Lena Burial Park for his father, Lee Otis Shadle, Sr. He asked if the women of the church could serve coffee and lemonade and possibly a light meal. The Council instructed Chris to advise him due to Fall Festival weekend that parking at the church may be an issue; also that we would need to have someone unlock and lock the church, and possibly the ladies are not available to serve due the busy weekend. Lee should fill out the building use form, but we would waive the security deposit.

Committee Reports: **Finance** – update covered in the July 11 Finance Committee minutes.

Trustees – items covered above. **Membership, Worship, SPRC** – No reports

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12 at 7 pm. The meeting closed with a prayer at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Bartelt, Secretary

This message came to us from St. John's – Lena:

CENTENNIAL SERVICE PROJECT: At the district Cabinet meeting, District Governor Pam Graney recommended that for its Centennial Service Program we should help our Homeless Veterans. Lena Lions agreed to also help. In the city of Rockford alone, 80 plus homeless veterans have been placed into housing. IT IS APPALLING THAT OUR VETERANS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES, LIMBS, AND SERVICE AREN'T HONORED FOR THEIR SERVICE AND THAT SOME OF THEM REMAIN OR WERE HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITITES. Some may ask, "How does this affect me?" Many who are homeless or need help will move where the services they need are available. Hence the large number of homeless veterans in the Rockford area. Yet there still may be Veterans Homeless or in need of our help in your area. We are collecting items and/or money that the District can go and purchase the items needed, or for starting a new life in adequate housing and off the streets.

On Saturday, August 5, 2017, during the AJ Meats Cookout there will be a collection area for you to drop off your contributions. Items most needed are:

Kitchen: pots/pans, plates/bowls/cups (sturdy), utensils, washcloths/towels

Bath: towels/washcloths, shower curtain

Bedroom: sheets, pillows, blankets

Misc: cleaning products (bleach, comet, pine sol, etc.), brooms, mops, vacuums, dish soap, laundry detergent, lamps/bulbs, waste baskets (various sizes)/bags, paper products, toilet paper, paper towels.

Our veterans need our help. For more information contact Bill Crichton at [815-369-4946](tel:815-369-4946) (home) [815-291-9361](tel:815-291-9361) (cell) bcrichton204@gmail.com You may also contact Mary Anne Keith at [815-238-3289](tel:815-238-3289).

Sleezer Youth Home Annual Picnic – Thursday, September 7th 4:30-6 pm Picnic food, Yard games, Resident-guided tours // 1401 S. Sleezer Home Rd, Freeport IL, **RSVP: 815-232-8336**

The Willow/Kent Churches will hold the "50th " Annual Willow Folk Festival August 12th and 13th in the Willow Church yard.

Saturday: Amateur Musicians perform from 11 am to 10 pm. At 6 pm: Music "Remembering" , a short "Memoria" for those no longer with us.

Sunday: Breakfast available, 6:30 -9:30 am; "Bluegrass Express" will lead/perform the Worship Service at 10:15 am. Following the morning service, entertainment by Amateur Musicians will run from 11:45 am until 5 pm.

Food and drink available on the grounds. The Folk Festival funds support the two churches and their mission work.

Date: August 12 - 13, 2017

11:00 am - 10 pm Saturday
10:15 am - 11:15 Sun Service
11:30 am - 3:30 pm Sunday



Willow folk festival

For more information call
815-947-3789

MUSIC IN THE VALLEY

From the west :

Go 2.5 miles east of Stockton on Rt. 20
take Willow Road south (right)
for 5.5 miles.

From the East :

Go West on Rt. 20 from Freeport
past the Kolb Lena Cheese Plant
one mile and turn left (South) on to
Willow Rd. Go 5.5 miles to music.

Church services on Sunday
Morning with
"Bluegrass Express"
10:15 - 11:15

Open Stage Performance all day
Saturday (11:am - 10:00 pm)
and from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm
on Sunday

Food and
Drink
available on
grounds!!!

ADMISSION
\$5.00
Children under
6 free



August 2017 - Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 8 am – MM Breakfast 9:30 am – UMW
6 9 AM Worship + Communion <i>(UMW Sunday)</i> 10:30 Adult Sunday School	7	8 1 pm Quilters	9	10 6:30 pm Knitters and Knotters	11 11am – 1 pm Men's Group Cook-out at AJ's Lena Maid Meats	12
13 9 AM Worship 10:30 Adult Sunday School	14	15 1 pm Quilters	16 1:30 pm Hannah's Helpers	17 1:30 pm – Bazaar Planning Meeting	18 Newsletter Deadline	19 11am – 1 pm Youth Group Cook-out at AJ's Lena Maid Meats
20 9 AM Worship 10:30 Adult Sunday School	21	22 9:45 am Hymn Sing 1 pm Quilters 1 pm Elizabeth Circle	23	24 6 pm – Food n Fun Potluck 6:30 pm Knitters and Knotters	25	26
27 9 AM Worship 10:30 Adult Sunday School	28 6 pm – Girl Scouts? 7 pm Stagecoach Quilters	29 1 pm Quilters	30 3:15-5:00 pm After School Program			

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- 5th - 8 am - Men's Breakfast; 9:30 am UMW Meeting
- 11th - 11am - 1 pm - Men's Group Cookout - AJ's Lena Maid Meats
- 17th - 1:30 pm - Bazaar Planning Meeting
- 18th - Newsletter Deadline
- 19th - 11am-1pm - Youth Group Cookout @ AJs
- 24th - 6 pm - Food n Fun Potluck
- 28th - 7 pm - Stagecoach Quilters

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Sunday 9 A.M. Children's worship 9 A. M. 2nd & 4th Sundays
10:30 A.M.