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## Lena United Methodist Church

*Rooted in Christ, Growing Towards God, Producing the  
Fruit of the Holy Spirit, Spreading Seeds for the Future.*

### January 2022 Newsletter

#### January Servants

##### Liturgist

- 2 – Judy Baer
- 9 – Rose Black
- 16 – Scott Stich
- 23 – Bonnie Broge
- 30 – Tiffany Nieman

##### Audio/Video Tech

- 2 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
- 9 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
- 16 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
- 23 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
- 30 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe

##### Dial-a-Devotion

- 2 – Norma Klipping
- 9 – Eleanor Holmes
- 16 – Pat Phillips
- 23 – Janet Lobdell
- 30 – Norma Klipping

##### Fellowship

- 2 – Please volunteer
- 9 – Please volunteer
- 16 – Please volunteer
- 23 – Please volunteer
- 30 – Please volunteer



**Pray for Healing:** Eleanor Holmes, Paul, Jen and Chase Wuebben, Ryan, Stacey Ava, Carter and Hadley Wuebben, Tina Wuebben and her fiancé Justin Best, Lisa Wienand's family, Cindy Kerchner, Dan Kempel, Jeff Baer, Kathie Schulz, Kim Pluss (Dot Spielmann's daughter), Judy Baer, McConnell family (Tammy Edler's sister), Norman Wybourn, Steve and Melody Deihl, Prayers for Bill Dorsey's family since his passing, Jerri Wilson (Bonnie Broge's mother), Tammy Riemers, Richard Weber, Shirley Goldsmith (Pat Edler's friend), Rhys Stone (Larry & Kim Nelson's great grandson), Sharon Hammill, Gordon Brown (Pete & Allie Brown's nephew), Bert & Jessica Beverage (friends of Kirsten Hollister), Jackie Edler, Vivien Rose Dascher, Debra Smith, Gretchen Kempel, Ruth Wingert, Dave Mader, Irene Rainsberger and Grace Cassaday (Pastor Keri's grandmothers), Audrey Adleman (Tam Kryder's mom), Sylvia Barr (Pat Phillips' niece), Dennis Dunn (friend of Bruce Wuebben), Dorothy Montgomery, Arlene Kryder, Mark Mader, Pauline Lutz, MaryLou Bunker-Langy (Mervin Mader's cousin), Howard Rowe (friend of Jeff and Judy Baer), Michael Reimers (Merv Mader's grandson), Kris Sanders (Barb Feiner's daughter), Sharon Schwartz, Deloris Siemens, Lisa Prindle (friend of Janice Myelle), Judy Welch, Robert Hartwig, Darryl Wybourn, Vernon Baer, Tam Kryder, Frank Edler (Marcia Pax's father) and his wife Sharon, Bonnie Broge's dad-Jim, Darold Wubbena (brother of Darlene Pauley, Stacey Biehl (daughter of Sherrie Biehl).

##### **In treatment:**

Linda Farwell (friend of Ryan Stockton), Pat Campbell (Mick Flynn's sister)

##### **Our home-bound members and friends:**

Lois Thrasher (Liberty Village);  
Dorothy Montgomery - Manor Court at Liberty Village  
Pauline Lutz, Chris Liles, Carol Fluegel, Burdene Meyers – Lena Living Center  
Joyce Brinkmeier – Presence St. Joseph Center  
Viola Sargent – Graceland Manor Assisted Living – Monroe, WI  
Gail Mayer- Touchmark, Drive #M32 Appleton, WI

## *Anniversaries and Birthdays*

### **January Anniversaries**

1/12 Jered and Tiffany Nieman  
1/21 Murray and Julie Lobdell



### **January Birthdays**

1/2 Tiffanie Wilks  
1/3 Courtney Borchardt  
1/5 Mary Jacobs Bailey  
1/6 Todd Bussian  
1/9 Stephen Roenneburg  
1/10 Joseph Phillips  
1/11 Sylvia Hoggatt, Trinity Zimmerman  
1/12 Savannah Psaros, Ryan Stockton  
1/13 Kenneth Koch  
1/16 Judy Baer, Sally Buchenau, Jered Nieman  
1/17 Pat Gates, Theodore Robieson  
1/18 Kendall Lobdell, Linda Voreis, Darin Wybourn  
1/19 Sandy Taylor  
1/21 Allison Stockton  
1/22 Audra Goeke, Matt Phillips, Bruce Wuebben  
1/23 Morgan Gerber  
1/24 Keegan Zimmerman  
1/27 Judy Buchenau, Bruce Daws, Pat Sunderman  
1/28 Pat Edler, Eleanor Holmes  
1/30 Benjamin Heitkam  
1/31 Tammy Edler, David White

***Tithes and offerings can be mailed to LUMC at P.O. Box 336, Lena, IL 61048***

**Thank you to the following people who donated poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve services:** Scott & Lisa Stich, Lynne Howe in memory of Maury, Richard & Eleanor Holmes in memory of Mervin & Verla Lobdell, Jeff & Judy Baer in memory of Dean & Katherine Baer and Craig & Mary Rider.

**Lena United Methodist Church UMW** will gather at 9:30 am on Saturday, January 8th at the church. This month's meeting will be the second Saturday of the month due to the New Year's holiday on the first Saturday. All women of the church are invited to attend.



### **From the Pastor's Desk...**

As we enter a new year we also enter the church season of Epiphany. Actually, technically it is "ordinary time" by the church calendar, but we commonly refer to it by counting the Sundays after Epiphany which is January 6.

"Ordinary time" is a time that isn't a special season of preparation like Lent or Advent. Instead you count Sundays based off the time since the last big event. Ordinary comes from ordinal, or counting numbers. Yet, it ends up being ordinary as in normal or maybe too mundane and ordinary to have their own season?

Epiphany is a manifestation or appearance. We celebrate that God makes God's self known to the world. One of the traditions is to read the story of the Magi – outsiders from a distant land who God guided to young Jesus with a bright star.

How appropriate that the season of celebration of God showing up is also an ordinary one. We celebrated on Christmas that God chose to come into our lives and live among us. Now in Epiphany we look for God's appearance in our everyday lives. Where might God show up today?

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**Pastoral Visits** – If you, or someone you know, would like a visit from Pastor Keri, please call the church office 369-5291 or Pastor Keri at 614-542-9197.

Pastor Keri will be out of town on vacation January 10<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

# Kid's Night Out

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH 5:30-8:00PM

Lena UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 118 W. MASON ST., LENA



January 6

SNOW MUCH FUN



FEBRUARY 3  
VALENTINE'S PARTY

**Kids 5-10 years old can come join us for crafts, games, food, friends & fun. Moms & Dads, have a parent's night out too...we'll see you by 8:00pm!**

**KIDS WILL BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES BY ADULTS & OLDER CHURCH YOUTH**

**MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED EXCEPT WHILE EATING & DRINKING**

**DINNER WILL BE SERVED: PLEASE LET US KNOW OF ANY FOOD ALLERGIES WHEN YOU RSVP**

**KID'S NIGHT IS FREE! PLEASE RSVP SO WE CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY: email [umclena@gmail.com](mailto:umclena@gmail.com) or call 815.369.5291**

**(FREE EVENT, DONATIONS ACCEPTED....RSVPS APPRECIATED BUT DROP-INS ARE MOST WELCOME, TOO!)**



**Invitation:** Members and leaders of the congregation are invited to attend:

## **Prairie North Leadership Training**

**Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022**

**8:30 am to 12 noon**

**Freeport: Faith UMC** (1440 S Walnut Ave Freeport, IL 61032)

**COST \$10** (Snacks will be provided)

### **FLYER & REGISTRATION**

(<https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=655678&>)

## **PRAIRIE NORTH DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING: CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY IN A NEW WORLD**

In person, at Freeport: Faith UMC, and Opening Worship will be streamed online--for those who prefer to participate from home

Cost: \$10

### **Schedule:**

8:30 - 9:00 - Registration (snacks included)

9:00 - 9:45 - Opening Worship and Holy Communion

Video Message by Bishop John Hopkins

9:45 - 10:00 - Break

10:00 - 10:45 - Workshop 1

10:45 - 11:00 - Break

11:00 - 11:45 - Workshop 2

12:00 - Wrap Up & Closing Prayer (In Workshops)

### **Classes:**

All Classes will be offered at both workshop sessions.

- In Search of Congregational Vitality: Our Baptismal Covenant and Responding to God's Call – Rev. Jim Bell
- Developing an Intentional Discipleship System – Rev. Sharon Rice & Rev. Heewon Kim
- Creative Worship Experience – Rev. Melissa Meyers
- Children and Youth Ministries in a New Paradigm – Joy Hayag & Pastor Roger Bronkema
- Lay Leadership & SPRC – Rev. Arlene Christopherson
- Statistical Reports – David Quinn
- Experiencing Simplified Structure in a Local Church – Rev. Catiana McKay & Pastor Brenda Morris
- Understanding Privilege (Anti-Racism) – Rev. Mark Harkness
- Rural Ministry and/or Small Church Ministry – Rev. Libby

## January 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 9 AM Worship- In-person and On-line + Communion Fellowship 9:45 – Sunday School	3	4 1 pm Quilters	5	6  Epiphany  5:30-8pm – Kids Night Out	7  5:00 – 6:30pm Girl Scouts- Fellowship Hall	8  8 am – Men's Breakfast 9:30 am – UMW Meeting
9  9 AM Worship- In-person and On-line Fellowship 9:45 – Sunday School  6pm – Edler/Kryder Bible Study – Fellowship Hall	10 <b>6:30 pm – Trustees meeting</b>  Pastor Keri - vacation	11  1 pm Quilters  6:30 pm – Finance meeting 7 pm – Ad Council Pastor Keri - vacation	12  Pastor Keri - vacation	13  Pastor Keri - vacation	14  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  Pastor Keri - vacation	15  7am – Men's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall Pastor Keri - vacation
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**Monroe Clinic  
Hospice  
is now  
SSM Health  
at Home**

## 2022 Grief Education & Community Programs

### **Walking Through Grief**

Learn about the grieving process and ideas for coping and healing in a safe and supportive setting during six-week sessions, open to anyone 18 and older.

**February 17 – March 24, 2022**

Thursdays from 10 – 11:30 am

**June 1 – July 6, 2022**

Wednesdays from 6 – 7:30 pm

**September 7 – October 12, 2022**

Wednesdays from 6 – 7:30 pm

*Groups will be held at the SSM Health at Home's Hospice office located at 1905 5th Street, Monroe.*

### **Handling the Holidays**

This group is for those grieving during the holiday season and will explore common holiday concerns, practical strategies for coping with the holidays, and ways to honor the memories of loved ones. Registration is requested and seating is limited.

**Saturday, November 5, 2022**

1:30 – 3:30 pm

*Group will be held at the SSM Health at Home's Hospice office located at 1905 5th Street, Monroe.*

### **Celebration of Lights**

A service to honor and remember the special people in our lives, living or deceased, during the holiday season. Ornaments may be ordered in October or November.

**Thursday, December 1, 2022**

*Service will be held at the United Methodist Church located at 2227 4th Street, Monroe.*

All programs are free and open to the public.  
Contact us for more information or to register for a group.  
**608-324-1230 or [monroeclinic.org](http://monroeclinic.org)**

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## January 2022

1<sup>st</sup> – Happy New Year!  
6<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 – 8 pm – Kids Night Out  
8<sup>th</sup> – 8 am – Men’s Breakfast, 9:30 am - UMW  
9<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm – Edler/Kryder Bible Study  
10<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm – Trustees Meeting  
11<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm – Finance; 7 pm – Ad Council  
14<sup>th</sup> - Newsletter Deadline

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