



Lena United Methodist Church

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

June 2022 Newsletter

Pastor Keri Rainsberger

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June Servants

Liturgist

5 – Bonnie Broge
12 – Tiffany Nieman
19 – Liz Gerber
26 – Lynn Howe

Audio/Video Tech

5 – Dean/Cathy/Chloe/Sharon
12 – Dean/Cathy/Chloe/Sharon
19 – Dean/Cathy/Chloe/Sharon
26 – Dean/Cathy/Chloe/Sharon

Dial-a-Devotion

5 – Pat Phillips
12 – Janet Lobdell
19 – Norma Klipping
26 – Eleanor Holmes

Fellowship

5– Cathy Daniels
12–
19–
26–Jack & Sara Rausch

Sunday School Teachers

Lynne Howe ,Lisa Dascher (K-5th grade)
Cathy Rich (Youth)



Larry Nelson Photo

Pray for Healing: Tammy Wybourn, Sherry Pierce (Sharon Hammill's daughter), Linda Korte, Johanne Wingert, Joe Wede (Richard & Eleanor's grandson), Verda Werkheiser (Eleanor's cousin), Bruce Wuebben, Aleese & Rhys Stone, Rachel Zipse, Vivien Dascher, Angie Murray (Sharon Hammill's daughter), Dennis Shultz, Debra Smith, Rich & Nancy Plager (Nancy is Eleanor's cousin), Amy Buchenau, Dean Condell (Colleen Rakowska's friend), Jeff and Judy Baer, Dana Rakowska, Lisa Wienand's family, Cindy Kerchner, Kathie Schulz, Kim Pluss (Dot Spielmann's daughter), McConnell family (Tammy Edler's sister), Norman Wybourn, Tammy Riemers, Richard Weber, Shirley Goldsmith (Pat Edler's friend), Sharon Hammill, Bert & Jessica Beverage (friends of Kirsten Hollister), Jackie Edler, Debra Smith, Gretchen Kempel, Ruth Wingert, Dave Mader, Audrey Adleman (Tam Kryder's mom), Sylvia Barr (Pat Phillips' niece), 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, Stacey Biehl (daughter of Sherrie Biehl).

In treatment:

Dan Kempel, 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, Carol Fluegel, Burdene Meyers – L L C

Joyce Brinkmeier, Ruth Wingert – Presence St. Joseph Center

Viola Sargent – Graceland Manor Assisted Living – Monroe, WI

Gail Mayer- Touchmark, Drive #M32 Appleton, WI

Happy Birthday



June Birthdays

- 6/2 Jax Korte
- 6/5 Murry Lobdell, Dave Etnyre
- 6/6 Kendra Setterstrom, Scott Heitkam
- 6/7 Kara Thomasson
- 6/8 Michael Liphart, Nancy Etnyre
- 6/8 Dan Todd
- 6/10 Sharon Schwartz
- 6/12 Casey Roenneburg
- 6/15 Nancy Price
- 6/17 Drew Rogers, Eric Korte, Brendyn Smith
- 6/18 Sylvia Vehmeier
- 6/19 Curt Goeke
- 6/20 Meagan Mader
- 6/21 Betty Daws
- 6/23 Payton Scace, Gretchen Heitkam
- 6/24 Jr. Dascher
- 6/25 Gary Schwartz
- 6/26 Kade Lobdell, Susan Bussian, Steve Rothschadl, Mick Flynn
- 6/27 Logan Thomas
- 6/28 Rory Schulz
- 6/29 Dot Spielmann, Joanne Snyder
- 6/30 Bob Boyer

June Anniversaries

- 6/2 Stephen & Jenica Roenneburg
- 6/7 Larry & Kim Nelson
- 6/7 Laverne & Marcia Pax
- 6/9 Doug & Lori Robieson
- 6/14 Dick & Kara Thomasson
- 6/15 Pete & Allie Brown
- 6/16 Darin & Tammy Wybourn
- 6/24 Doug & Connie Kempel
- 6/25 Jack & Sara Rausch
- 6/28 Matt & Kathy Phillips
- 6/30 Doug & Darlene Pauley
- 6/30 Gary & Aileen Schreiner

Pastor Keri's schedule in June: Pastor Keri will be out of town several days in June. She will be at NIC Annual Conference in Schaumburg June 8th through 10th. Her ordination ceremony is at 1:30 pm on June 10th. She will be on her annual Illinois bike ride June 12th through June 19th.

Kid's Night Out

THURSDAY, JUNE 2 5:30-8:00PM

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

YAY FOR SUMMER!

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!

invite a friend, everyone is welcome!

KIDS WILL BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES BY ADULTS & OLDER CHURCH YOUTH
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 or call 815.369.5291



From the Pastor's Desk....



Pastor Miho of Good Shepherd always laughs at me because I have such a hopeful view of humanity's state. I tend to focus on God's declaration of "So Good!" after each piece of creation, including humanity, is brought into existence and set in its place within the web of relations that brings the world to life. The reality, however, is that within a few short chapters that "So Good!" is also accompanied by the horrors and pain of sin and evil.

I am writing this letter after another week of violence is filling our news streams. Wars continue around the world. Elders were murdered while shopping for birthday cakes and supplies to care for brothers. Fourth graders and their teachers were murdered two days before they finished the school year. Those are the ones that made our national news. We also know there are communities around the country, even our own, where violence takes our young people with senseless indifference and such regularity that they don't capture the news for very long.

Our baptismal vows acknowledge the reality of the world we live in. It is a world that is filled with potential, filled with goodness and love, filled with strong bonds of relationship and care. Yet it is also a world where sin and evil abound. It is a world where we hate, and fear, and harm each other. It is a world of brokenness.

Each time we baptize, confirm, or accept new members, we recite together vows. We ask the person (or their sponsors if they are a baby) to join with the whole church to "renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world and repent of your sin." A little bit later the congregation as a whole is asked to reaffirm our "rejection of sin."

There is an acknowledgment in this vow that the evil we resist is bigger than our actions, but also intertwined with them. We may be overwhelmed by the enormity of the violence around us, but that does not excuse us from looking at the ways our actions contribute to violence, and resisting in participating and growing that violence. We are called to actively resist those forces of evil with our whole being. We are called to choose to live differently, and this is a choice we must make over and over and over again, each time we are confronted by the forces of wickedness that would lead us to a life of violence and evil.

"Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?" What a powerful gift! We are not on our own power, but have been given power by God to resist. That power is a freedom, a freedom to take responsibility for our actions, a freedom to choose God's ways over the ways of evil. We need this freedom and power from God, because the last part of the vow is a hard reality – evil, injustice, and oppression is good at hiding itself in new and different forms. Without God's discernment to guide us it can be easy to overlook, or to be misled by evil into complicity.

We continue on in the vows by recognizing our need for salvation, and that Jesus Christ is that salvation. We cannot pull ourselves out of evil on our own power. Instead we put our trust in Christ's grace to heal and mend our brokenness, correct our wrongs, and set us back on the right path. Yet, we also promise to serve Christ, joining in the church that Christ has made.

This is the duality we have. Evil is overwhelmingly bigger than we can handle, it is something only God can save us from. Yet we are also called to be in the struggle, not to give up but to continually strive for a more perfect love and to be a part of the transformation of the world from a world of sin into a world of love.

So in times like these we pray. We pray with tears of anguish and lament, with sighs of resignation and defeat, with angry questions, and with a small ember of hope. We pray because the grief, pain, and brokenness is more than we can handle. We also think. We hold close our siblings who have been deeply impacted, empathizing with their pain. We try to reason out ways to prevent this particular violence from

taking hold again. We also act. We hug our loved ones a little closer. We resist evil, injustice, and oppression with God's power. We renounce our own complicity in evil. We actively spread love. We transform systems that allow evil to continue unchecked. Finally, we hope. We hope for the day when evil will be no more. With that hope we carry on, one foot in front of the other, finding "So Good!" hidden in among all the pain and hurt. May God give us the power to continue resisting.

Back in April, Devin Pax of AJ's Lena Maid meats, contacted us about our church running the cookout trailer, June 11, 2022 during Car Show/Taste of Lena. It did not take us long to decide what a great way for our church to do a fund raiser for our upcoming new parking lot project. We would greatly appreciate some help that day – youth, parents, and others. We will have 3 2-hour shifts (9-11 am, 11 am – 1 pm and 1-3 pm). We will need 5 people per shift. You may call Eleanor Holmes at 815-238-2372 or Richard Holmes at 815-238-6896 to sign up for a shift. Please come and support us; we'll be amongst the food vendors. Thank you.

LENA UMC TRUSTEE MINUTES May 9, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Members present were Pete Brown, Richard Holmes, Linda Korte, Jeff Stamm, Linda Voreis, and Bruce Wuebben. Absent members were Gary Black and Gary Myelle.

Opening Prayer was led by Richard Holmes.

Secretary's Report: There weren't enough trustees present at the March meeting for a quorum so items waited until the May meeting. Minutes from the January 10, 2022 meeting were discussed. Pete moved to accept the minutes and Jeff seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes were approved as read.

Election of Officers are President Richard Holmes, Vice President Linda Korte, and Secretary Linda Voreis. Motion by Pete and seconded by Bruce. Elected officers were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Tuck Pointing on the back of the church building will start when the weather gets warmer.

Electrical Outlet in the quilting room has been repaired. No more outlets have been installed in the control center yet. Electrical outlets in the fellowship hall need to be completed. They are waiting for plastic surface conduit.

Pfile Plastering has not been here yet to do the window in the library that we missed.

Meeker Memorial Money (\$5,500) was used to purchase a new computer and 3 wireless mikes for a total of \$2,428. Two representatives from Midwest Computer Products met Dean Gerbick and Richard. Nothing has

been heard back yet. Meeker Memorial Committee is as follows: Larry Nelson, Dean Gerbick, Scott Stich, Jeff Stamm and Richard Holmes. Four small tables are needed for the church. Richard will contact Chuck Kraft about price.

NEW BUSINESS

Leaking Heat Exchanger on the 3rd floor storage area was removed. The door to the 3rd floor has been left open for heat to travel up the steps. Lowest temperature on the 3rd floor got down to 56 degrees. Due to the high cost to replace the heat exchanger, an electric heater with 220 wiring would be cheaper.

New vacuum needed to be replaced for \$349.00. Linda K. moved to approve, Bruce seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Elevator repairs of four relay switches were replaced.

Boiler repairs of a new float valve in the overflow tank needed to be replaced.

Parking lot Bruce contacted four companies, and Civil was chosen at the price of \$47,980 including striping. Work will be done in June.

Motion to approve by Jeff and seconded by Bruce. Motion approved.

Church bus's catalytic converter was stolen. The insurance covered the cost of \$2,158.26, minus the \$500 deductible.

Security cameras were discussed. Richard will contact Advanced Technologies to look into it.

Church Lawn fertilizer will be done by Bruce for free labor and \$40 cost of the material.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting will be July 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by secretary Linda Voreis

June 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 5:30-8 pm Kid's Night Out	3	4 8 am – Men's Breakfast
5 9 AM Worship In Person & On -line through Facebook + Communion UWIF Sunday	6 10 am – UWIF meeting	7 Le-Win Ministerial Assoc. meeting at Lena UMC 1 pm Quilters	8 NIC Annual Conference at Schaumburg	9 NIC Annual Conference at Schaumburg	10 NIC Annual Conference at Schaumburg 1:30 pm – Pastor Keri's ordination	11 9:30-11:30 am Girl Scouts – Fellowship Hall 9 am–3 pm – Lena UMC fundraiser at Taste of Lena
12 9 AM Worship In Person & On -line through Facebook Pastor Keri- Vacation 6 pm – Edler/Kryder Bible Study	13 Pastor Keri - vacation 1:30 – Stagecoach Quilters	14 1 pm Quilters Pastor Keri- Vacation	15 Pastor Keri- Vacation	16 Pastor Keri- Vacation	17 Newsletter Deadline Pastor Keri- Vacation	18 <i>6:45 am Men's Bible Study</i> Pastor Keri- Vacation
19 9 AM Worship In Person & On -line through Facebook Pastor Keri- Vacation Happy Father's Day!!!	20	21 1 pm Quilters	22	23	24	25
26 9 AM Worship In Person & On -line through Facebook	27	28 1 pm Quilters	29	30		

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2nd – 5:30-8 pm – Kids Night Out
4th – 8 am - Men's Breakfast
5th, 12th, 19th, 26th - 9 am Worship in person and On Line through Facebook
6th - 10 am – UWIF meeting
11th -9 am-3pm – Lena UMC – AJ's cookout trailer at Taste of Lena
12th – 6 pm – Edler/Kryder Bible Study
13th - 1:30 pm – Stagecoach Quilters
17th - Newsletter Deadline

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Sunday School	9:45 am	