

Pastor Keri Rainsberger

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March Servants

Liturgist

6 – Bonnie Broge
13 – Tiffany Nieman
20 – Liz Gerber
27 – Judy Baer

Video Tech

6 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
13 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
20 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
27 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe

Dial-a-Devotion

6 – Eleanor Holmes
13 – Pat Phillips
20 – Janet Lobdell
27 – Norma Klipping

Fellowship

6–
13–
20–
27–

Sunday School Teachers

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



Lena United Methodist Church

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

March 2022 Newsletter



Pray for Healing: Angie Murray (Sharon Hammill's daughter), Randy Buisker, Linda Batterberg's 6 month old grandson, Debra Smith, Rich & Nancy Plager (Nancy is Eleanor's cousin), Amy Buchenau, Dean Condell (Colleen Rakowska's friend), Jeff and Judy Baer, Dana Rakowska, Vivien Rose Dascher, Rhys Stone and his parents, Rachel Nelson, 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, Kathie Schulz, Kim Pluss (Dot Spielmann's daughter), 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), Sharon Hammill, Bert & Jessica Beverage (friends of Kirsten Hollister), Jackie Edler, 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, 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, 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

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

3/2 Carol Robieson
3/4 Kathy Phillips
3/5 Vivien Dascher
3/5 Blaine Stamm
3/6 Bill Hooker
3/13 Cole Gerber
3/16 Johanne Wingert
3/17 Sharon Holland
3/18 Janet Lobdell
3/23 Rachel Meiners
3/26 Christine Liles
3/27 Tabitha Roenneburg
3/28 Pastor Keri Rainsberger
3/29 Darlene Pauley
3/31 Roger Schulz

Anniversaries

3/10 Gary & Cathy Rich
3/12 Robert & Theresa Kepner
3/13 Randy & Tam Kryder
3/15 Richard & Eleanor Holmes
3/16 Bob & Carol Buss

Thank You's:

Dear Pastor and Church members,

We appreciate your generous donation of \$2,576 to the Lena Winsow Food Pantry. Your support enables us to further our outreach effort to provide assistance in order to feed our hungry neighbors.

We thank you for helping to strengthen our outreach effort. Your donation will continue to make a difference in the Lena-Winslow and Orangeville School District communities.

Sincerely,

Larry Buchenau, Food Pantry Director

Thank you for your donation to the Lena Area Church Co-Op. This organization is made up of members from the McConnell UM church, Salem Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, Evangelical Church, St. Joseph Catholic Church and Lena UM Church. We help people from Lena, Winslow, McConnell and Eleroy. Sometimes people need help with rent, utilities, car repairs, gas and food. Most of us take life's necessities for granted, because we can afford them, but some among us live week to week. With donations from all of the churches every year, we are able to help these families. We are very grateful to all of you for helping our organization to be there to help those who need a little extra help to get through tough times.

Thank you, Judy Buchenau and Maryanne Gritzmaker

Your offerings can be mailed to our P O Box 336, Lena, IL.



From the Pastor's Desk....

Wednesday March 2 begins the 40 days of Lent (Sundays are not counted!), a time of preparation before the celebration of Easter. This year we will be sharing the theme of "Full to the Brim" and be using art of various forms as a tool to aid our prayers and reflections. Even the title of the series caught my heart when I first read

about it. After going on two years now of feeling like we are constantly being emptied, and pushed beyond their boundaries, I want to feel filled to the brim again. Yet, even in recognizing that, being filled pushes us just as much to our boundaries as being empty. For most of our Sunday worship gatherings, the gospel of Luke will guide our reflections. Luke's telling of the Good News of Jesus is one that both comforts and afflicts. In the book of Luke we constantly see Jesus filling up those who are empty and challenging those who are filled to the brim to follow him in filling others. All of this is a push toward repentance – a turning away from old lives of emptiness and toward lives filled with God's love. This prepares us to be Easter people, people for whom death and emptiness can have no hold.

Another way we will be exploring this is in a study that explores the traditional Christian Lent practices and asks how the transformation that brings us closer to Easter may also bring us closer to being an anti-racist people. We will gather after church in person or by Zoom for the study. Lent transformation is not something of the past, or a one-time thing that we can check off and be done. It is a constant turning toward God and God's ways in all of our interactions.

May you find yourself filled to the brim and overflowing with love as we enter this season of preparation and anticipation.

Special Lenten Opportunities:

Wednesday, March 2nd, Ash Wednesday Service,

2 pm at Lena Burial Park (or Good Shepherd if weather is bad)

6:30 pm at Lena UMC

Sundays after church March 6- April 10

“Faithful Lent: Connecting the practices of Lent and anti-racism” study

Thursday, April 14, Maundy Thursday Service

6:00 pm beginning at Lena UMC

Friday, April 15, Good Friday Service

6:00 pm at Good Shepherd ELCA

Sunday, April 17, Easter

7:00 am Sunrise service at Lena Burial Park

9:00 am Easter Service at Lena UMC

Kid's Night Out

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

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



MARCH 3
ALL THINGS GREEN



APRIL 7
EASTER 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!

invite a friend, everyone is welcome!

KIDS WILL BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES BY ADULTS & OLDER CHURCH YOUTH. WE ASK THAT MASKS BE WORN BY ALL DINNER WILL BE SERVED. PLEASE LET US KNOW OF ANY FOOD ALLERGIES WHEN YOU RSVP

KIDS NIGHT IS FREE! PLEASE RSVP SO WE CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY. EMAIL umclena@gmail.com OR CALL 815.369.5291



Due to church office by May 1, 2022

Lena United Methodist College Scholarship Application

This scholarship award was founded by the Helene Dunn Memorial and other contributors through the years are: Orville Litwiller, Rose Korte, John Rampenthal, Josephine Grunder, Gerey Myers, Berto Heiler, Eleanor McNair, Esther Rowe, Roland Haubach, Cheryl Brinkmeier, Dick Korte, Mike Taylor, and Marvin Kempel memorials. And the Lena United Methodist Women.

The criteria in determining the eligibility of a candidate is as follows:

1. Must be a member of the Lena United Methodist Church.
2. Must be at least sophomore status in a four-year school working towards a degree.
3. Exception: 1 year Vocational/Tech School working towards a certificate, will be eligible at mid-term. 2-year certificate, eligibility will be second year.
4. A person may receive a scholarship for 3 years. (Higher education above 4 years will reviewed by the committee each year for each applicant.)
5. Must be of good Christian character.
6. Completing this form and applying for this scholarship does not ensure that you will receive a scholarship.
7. The lines with the *asterisk is a required field and must be answered.

Please add any information that you believe the committee should know about, in regard to your plans and goals, we are interested in you and your achievements.

* Your information:

Name _____

• School Name* _____

• School Address* _____

• Your phone (at school) or cell phone number # * _____

Parent's information: *

Names _____

Addresses _____

Phones _____

School information:*

Your major _____

Hours/credits last term _____

Grade point average (A= 5 B=4) or (A= 4 B=3) (please specify) _____

The year you joined the church* _____

Which activities have you participated in here at the Lena UMC _____

How many years will it take for you to reach your Degree or Certificate _____

Thank you for your interest.

The LUMC Scholarship Committee: Lynne Howe, Vera Kempel, Scott Stich,
Rose Black

Jane Rubietta needs our help

February 17, 2022

Dear Pastor and UMW President,

On behalf of the Grace UMW in Rockford IL, Karen Messley (Grace UMW president) and Rev. Pam Rossmiller (Pastor of Grace UMC) invite your church's UMW to join us in a challenge to help raise funds for **Jane Rubietta**.

Jane Rubietta is one of the brightest lights we know for women's ministry. Jane has recently experienced a traumatic injury that has left her needing others to walk alongside. While we may not be able to do everything, we can certainly do some things. There has been a [GoFundMe](#) page created for Jane's recovery.

Jane has given 100's of talks all over the country and world, leads bible studies with participants joining internationally, runs writers conferences, officiates weddings, coaches budding authors, and authors her own devotionals, articles and books. Her husband **Rev. Rich Rubietta** is also well-known throughout the NIC as a Conference Evangelist. Together, their ministries have impacted many here in the NIC and beyond.

Grace UMW in the Prairie North District, challenges the UMW groups in each and every church to donate \$50 to help with her medical bills or to hold a fundraiser to offer a larger amount.

Grace church, under the leadership of Karen Messley is holding a potato bar fundraiser. All of the proceeds will be donated to Jane's **GoFundMe page**. Our hope and prayer is that we can help defray the costs of her hospital bills and current expenses at the rehab facility. There are times when our prayers spur us to act.

We pray you will join the effort of women around the District to partner together to give hope to a dear sister in Christ who has given so much hope to us.

Please forward to the women who make such a tremendous difference in your congregation.

Sincerely,
Karen Messley, Rev. Pam Rossmiller and Grace UMW

March 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1 pm Quilters	2 Ash Wednesday	3 5:30-8 pm Kid's Night Out	4 5:00 – 6:30pm Girl Scouts- Fellowship Hall	5 8 am – Mens Breakfast 9:30 am - UMW
6 9 AM Worship In Person & On -line through Facebook + Communion 10:15 – Small group “Faithful Lent”	7	8 1 pm Quilters 6:30 pm – Finance Committee, 7 pm – Ad Council	9	10 6-8 pm (Tentative) - Ceramics Worksop)	11	12
13 9 AM Worship In Person & On -line through Facebook 10:15 – Small group “Faithful Lent” 6 pm –Edler/ Kryder Bible Study at the Church Daylight Savings Time Starts	14 1:30 pm – Stagecoach Quilters – Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm - Trustees	15 1 pm Quilters	16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18 Newsletter Deadline 5:00 – 6:30pm Girl Scouts- Fellowship Hall	19 <i>7:00 am Men's Bible Study Fellowship Hall</i>
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5th – 8 am – Men’s Breakfast 9:30 am - UMW
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th - 9 am Worship in person and On Line through Facebook
8th - 6:30 Finance; 7 pm Ad Council
13th – 6 pm – Edler/Kryder Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
14th - 1:30 pm – Stagecoach Quilters; 6:30 pm Trustees
18th - Newsletter Deadline
19th – Men’s Bible Study

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Worship hours:
Sunday School

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Sunday 9 A.M.
9:45 A.M.