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April Servants

Liturgist

3 – Rose Black
10 – Scott Stich
17 – Bonnie Broge
24 – Tiffany Nieman

Audio/Video Tech

3 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
10 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
17 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
24 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe

Dial-a-Devotion

3 – Eleanor Holmes
10 – Pat Phillips
17 – Janet Lobdell
24 – Norma Klipping

Fellowship

3 – Colleen Rakowska
10 –
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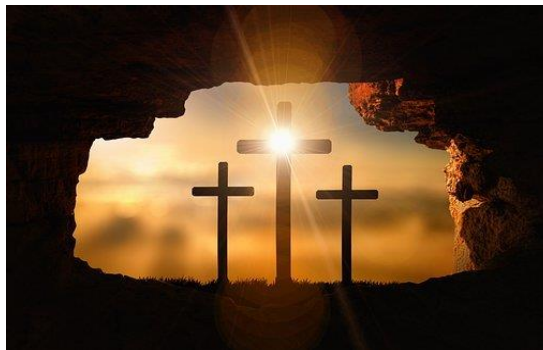
Sunday School Teachers

Lynne Howe
Lisa Dascher
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Lena United Methodist Church

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April 2022 Newsletter



Pray for Healing: Michael Taylor (Sandy Gabel Taylor's husband), Bonnie Broge, Bruce Wuebben, Aleese & Rhys Stone, Rachel Zipse, Vivien Dascher, Todd Temperly (Pat Edler's son), 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, 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 (Pastor Keri's grandma), 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, 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, Ruth Wingert – Presence St. Joseph Center
Viola Sargent – Graceland Manor Assisted Living – Monroe, WI
Gail Mayer- Touchmark, Drive #M32 Appleton, WI

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.

Note from Finance: Your offerings to the church can be made by sending them to Lena United Methodist Church, P O Box 336, Lena, IL 61048.

Graduate info: Please provide info on 2022 high school, junior college, college, trade school or graduate school graduates to Judy Baer. Judy can be reached at 815-541-6358 or email: stocktonbaer2@yahoo.com

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

4/1 Trent Knight
4/1 Benjamin Robieson
4/2 Gary Buss
4/4 Peggy Eilders
4/5 Bill Bohnsack
4/5 Dennis Bussian
4/5 Jack Setterstrom
4/8 Cooper Knoup
4/8 Dawsyn Smith
4/8 Lois Thrasher
4/9 Heather Smith
4/13 Jenica Roenneburg
4/14 Marcia Pax
4/15 Mikaela Nieman
4/15 Brooklyn Wybourn
4/20 Dean Gerbick
4/20 Sue Magiera
4/22 Brian Wybourn
4/24 Lydia Goeke
4/24 Jamie Haas

Anniversaries

4/12 Lyle & Dee Anne Temperly
4/16 Merlyn & Betty Barker
4/23 Robert & Deanna Boyer
4/25 Brian & Marci Borchardt
4/25 Dwayne & Carol Robieson
4/26 Gary & Marcia Buss

Birthdays (continued)

4/24 Sarah Stanley
4/25 Lisa Dascher
4/26 Brynlee Smith
4/26 Jill Stockton
4/27 Marshall Schubert
4/28 Nick Wybourn
4/29 Madasyn Stamm
4/29 Alivia Zimmerman
4/29 Jordan Zimmerman
4/30 Margory Liphart

From the Pastor's Desk:

Spring is a time of renewal and revival. Things that once appeared dead begin to shoot up new growth and turn green. Flowers put on a display to attract awaking insects who will use the pollen to start a new generation while helping the flowering plant to become fruitful.

It is also a good time for spiritual renewal. Our own Christian celebration of Holy Week and Easter remind us of this same pattern of life arising out of the many dead places of our lives. We come face-to-face with the worst death-dealing blows of sin, and find that God's love and insistence on life cannot be stopped even by grave sin or a literal grave. Many choose to practice a time of fasting or contemplation, altering the patterns of our lives to better focus on the abundant grace told in the stories we have passed down from generation to generation.

We Christians are not alone in celebrating this time of renewal and awareness. Our Muslim siblings will be honoring the month of Ramadan in April. During the month, many will fast while the sun is up, and celebrate meals together when it sets. Extra times of prayer and additional gifts of generosity often accompany the fasts.

Our Jewish siblings will be celebrating the feast of Passover, beginning on the day we honor Good Friday. Many will hold special feasts and services to remember the time when God delivered their ancestors from slavery in Egypt. As part of the feast, it is also remembered that the freedom came at a cost, and the suffering is recounted and acknowledged among the joyousness of liberation.

I hope this spring finds you renewed and brought to life!

Dear Fellow Former UMW members:

As you may – or may not – know by now, our name has been changed to United Women In Faith.

From the Northern Illinois Conference:

“The move is part of a refresh of our organization that includes a new logo and website. The changes introduce an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members while welcoming new women to join in putting their love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth. ... Our new brand isn't about trying to be different but about trying to better express who we are. ... The Purpose remains The Purpose. Our structure remains the same (just with more ways to join in the work). The core of who we are remains the same. ... We've been around for 153 years now – not because we stay the same, but because we're willing to follow God's call to new places. We are a faith-driven sisterhood ready to change the world. We are love in action. We are United Women In Faith!”

We have a new name. We agreed to a new meeting date and time: The April meeting will be on the first Monday, April 4th, at 10 a.m.

Sincerely,
Lynne Howe
Lena UWIF pres.

Lena United Methodist Church - Finance Committee Minutes –March 8, 2022

Finance Chair, Kim Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and Pastor Keri led us in prayer. Attendees: Scott Stich, Kim Nelson, Larry Nelson, Richard Holmes, Steve Rothschadl, Pastor Keri, Randy Kryder and Chris Bartelt.

Steve made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11 meeting. Larry seconded the motion and everyone voted to approve the minutes.

General fund checking account balance at the end of December 2021 was \$55,445.80. Expenses were more than income in January and February 2022.

Kim reviewed the Balance Sheet, January and February P&Ls and February YTD P&L. Highlights follow:

Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2022: At the end of February the balance in the General Fund is \$44,422.81. The designated fund balance is \$35,968.12. The general and designated fund balances are unaudited as of this meeting date as bank statements were not available on March 1 when the reports were generated. Comments on balance sheet: The amount in the designated fund is higher than usual because we have \$4,808 in the Youth After School Program and \$11,000 in the Children's Ministry Fund (there has been no interest in the open position for the Children's Ministry director). We paid \$1500 to LACC. \$7001 remains in the Christmas account as we are waiting on information from the Le-Win Ministerial Association. \$1250 was paid out for 3 wireless microphones and \$1178 for "crows nest" computer. These were paid out of the memorials account. Midwest Computer may be the vendor for another speaker in fellowship hall.

P&L Reviews- January Profit & Loss comments: \$9,317 in envelope giving was received against a budget of \$15,051. Total expenses for the month were \$11,810 against a budget of \$14,914. Net ordinary income was -\$2,493.

February Profit & Loss: The income from envelope giving was only \$6668. Insurance was budgeted for payment in January, but was paid in February instead. Net ordinary income for the month was -\$8,824.

February 28, 2022 Year to Date Profit & Loss: Net ordinary income year to date is -\$11,317. Comments: Total income for January through February was \$15,985 and budgeted amount was \$27,092. Total expenses for this period was \$27,302.

Other comments:

The audit was conducted on January 17 with Kim Nelson and Shane Gerber at the church and Eleanor Holmes from home. There were no findings to report on the accounting records. All persons in charge of the accounts have kept excellent records. In review of the policies and procedures from the conference, there should be in place a procedure to distribute designated gifts on a regular and timely basis. The audit committee recommends that an Ad Hoc committee review and update the policy and procedures on the designated accounts.

The meeting adjourned at 7 pm. Next meeting: May 10 , 2022 @ 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Chris Bartelt, Financial Secretary

Lena United Methodist Church – Ad Council Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2022

Randy Kryder, Ad Council chair called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Attendees: Scott Stich, Kim Nelson, Richard Holmes, Randy Kryder, Pastor Keri and Chris Bartelt. Other attendees: Larry Nelson. Prayer requests were offered.

Richard made a motion that was seconded by Kim to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Committee Reports: **Missions:** No report. **Trustees** – Richard reported there was a trustees meeting scheduled for March 7 (rescheduled from March 14). There were not enough trustees present to hold a meeting. The following people attended the meeting: Gary Black, Linda Korte and Linda Voreis; and the officers were chosen for 2022: Richard Holmes, chairman; Linda Korte, vice-chair; Linda Voreis, secretary. Richard presented an update to the Council of some items on the radar screen. Tuckpointing at the back of the church will be done this spring. Cost is \$3,000-\$4000. One spot for repairing plaster in the Library was missed. Pfile Plastering hasn't been back yet. An overflow float valve in the boiler room needed to be replaced. A heat exchanger on 3rd floor is not working and can't be replaced. Loescher Heating said a radiator could be installed instead. Cost for that would be \$3315. Trustees felt that is an expense that could be avoided just by leaving the door to third floor open. Elevator was out of order for a couple weeks. NuTrend came and replaced 4 relays to solve the problem. Richard took a vacuum cleaner to Flack Sewing for repair, but the cleaner still kept "cutting out" after some filters were replaced. A new commercial vacuum cleaner for the church was purchased from Flack Sewing on 2/21/22 for \$349. Parking lot needs to be re-coated this year and parking lines painted. Helm Group came and looked at the project and said cost would be approximately \$60,000. Richard said two other contractors will be coming to look and provide quotes.

SPRC – Pastor Keri, reported for Lynne that SPRC activities were up to date. Kim mentioned that SPRC needs to meet in March sometime according to guidelines.

Lay Leader's Report – Scott reported The Lay Servant Academy will be April 2 and 3 in person at Beth Eden UMC. Annual Conference will be in June in person and Pastor Keri will be ordained at the Annual Conference Ordination Service on June 10th at 1:30 pm.

Finance – The Financial reports were reviewed earlier in the evening at the Finance Committee meeting.

Membership – Pastor Keri reported that Jeff and Judy Baer have requested to step down as chairpersons for this committee. For the present time they are still willing to collect info on graduates and take care of Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts. They will not be able to head up the float committee.

Education – We need a chairman for this committee. Kids Night Out is still going. Number of attendees is increasing each month. We are trying to do a kids service project each month at KNO such as Valentine cards in February and placemats for LLC residents in March. We could use more volunteers to supervise the kids. Sunday morning Sunday School is not happening due to no kids. Lynne is sending newsletters to the kids monthly. There has been no interest in the Children's Ministry position.

Worship – Sanctified Art is our Lenten series this year. For Holy Week we will partner with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Maundy Thursday service will start at Lena UMC at 6 pm, then conclude at Good Shepherd. Good Friday service will be held at Good Shepherd at 6 pm. There will be a 7 am – sunrise service at Lena Burial Park on Easter, then Sunday worship here at 9 am.

Other discussion: Randy said the Ad Hoc committee has not met yet. A tentative meeting will be scheduled for March 17 at 6:30 with attendees: Judy Buchenau (Memorials), Steve Rothschild (Endowment), Kim Nelson (Finance), Richard Holmes (Trustees), Randy Kryder (chair), Scott Stich.

Richard made a motion that was seconded by Scott that the Easter 2022 collection will go to UMCOR - Ukraine Fund. The motion was approved. The Council chose recipients for the next two Mustard Seed collections: Buddy Walk for Down's Syndrome will be the recipient for the Mustard Seed Collection just started and Madonna Renewal Center will be for the following collection.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be May 10th, 2022 @ 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Bartelt, Secretary

April Calendar - 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 5-6:30 pm - Girl Scouts Fellowship Hall	2 8 am – Men's Breakfast Prairie North Lay Academy – Beth Eden UMC
3 9 AM Worship In Person & On -line through Facebook + Communion, Fellowship, 9:45 Sunday school, 10:15 – Small group “Faithful Lent” Prairie North Lay Academy – Beth Eden UMC	4 10 am – UWIF meeting – Fellowship Hall	5 1 pm - Quilters	6	7 5:30 – 8 pm – Kids Night Out	8	9
10 Palm Sunday 9 AM Worship In Person & On -line through Facebook Fellowship, 9:45 Sunday school, 10:15 – Small group “Faithful Lent” 6 pm –Edler/ Kryder Bible Study at the Church	11 1-3:30 pm – Stagecoach Quilters – Fellowship Hall	12 1 pm - Quilters	13	14 Maundy Thursday 6 pm – Service beginning at Lena UMC	15 Newsletter Deadline 6pm – Good Friday service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	16 7 am – Men's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
17 – Easter 7 am – Sunrise service at cemetery 9 AM Worship – In person and On Line through Facebook	18	19 1 pm - Quilters	20	21	22	23
24 9 AM Worship – In person and On Line through Facebook, Fellowship 9:45 – Sunday School	25	26 1 pm - Quilters	27	28	29 5-6:30 pm – Girl Scouts – Fellowship Hall	30

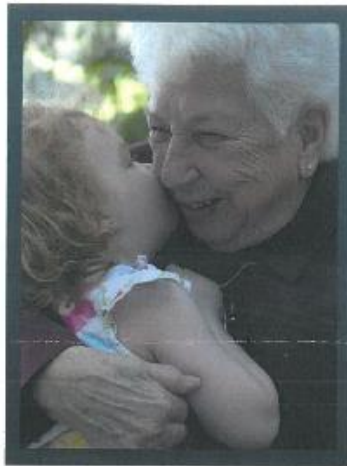
Upcoming events:

Monday, April 4 – 10 am - Lena UMC's United Women in Faith (UWIF), formerly UMW, will meet in Fellowship Hall. Meetings are now the first Monday of the month at 10 am instead of the first Saturday of the month at 9:30.

Tuesday, April 5 - 3 – 4:30 pm - Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Pantry will be in Orangeville at the Jane Addams Trail Parking Lot - West High Street and Ewing Drive - (East of IL 26)



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ACGA.web.org/current-gift-annuity-rates

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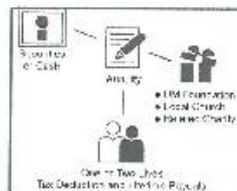
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68	4.5
70	4.7
72	4.9
74	5.2
76	5.6
78	6.0
80	6.5
82	7.0
84	7.4
86	7.8
88	8.2
90+	8.6

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1st - 5-6:30 pm – Girl Scouts
2nd - 8 am Men’s Breakfast
4th - 10 am – UWIF (formerly UMW)
10th - Palm Sunday
11th - 1:30 pm – Stagecoach Quilters
14th - Maundy Thursday
15th - Good Friday
15th - Newsletter Deadline
17th - Easter Sunday
29th - 5-6:30 pm – Girl Scouts – Fellowship Hall

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