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August Servants

Liturgist

7 – Liz Gerber
14- Lynne Howe
21 - Judy Baer
28 - Rose Black

Audio/Video Tech

7 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe,
Lisa
14 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe,
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21 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe,
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28 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe,
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Dial-a-Devotion

7 – Janet Lobdell
14 – Norma Klipping
21 – Eleanor Holmes
28 – Pat Phillips

Fellowship

7 –
14 – Beulah Haeft
21 – Cathy Daniels
28 –

Sunday School Teachers

Lynne Howe, Lisa Dascher,
Cathy Rich

Lena United Methodist Church

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Fruit of the Holy Spirit, Spreading Seeds for the Future.*

August 2022 Newsletter



Larry Nelson Photo

Pray for Healing: Judi (friend of Kirsten Hollister), Cherie Biehl Judy Baer, Jim Lawson (Bruce's cousin), Cole Gerber, Pete Brown, MaryKay & Grace, Allison (Jeff Baer's niece in New Jersey), John Andry (Judy Baer's brother-in-law), Betty Leverton (Marcia Buss' mother), Tammy Wybourn, Linda Korte, Joe Wede (Richard & Eleanor's grandson), Verda Werkheiser (Eleanor's cousin), Bruce Wuebben, Aleese & Rhys Stone, Rachel Zipse, Vivien Dascher, Dennis Shultz, Debra Smith, Rich & Nancy Plager (Nancy is Eleanor's cousin), Dean Condell (Colleen Rakowska's friend), Jeff 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), Bert & Jessica Beverage (friends of Kirsten Hollister), Jackie Edler, 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

From the Pastor's Desk:

Over the long stretch of summer we will be exploring together the book of Isaiah. This is a rich prophetic text that spoke not only to its own time, but was a great influence on the early church, and still speaks to our day.

The book of Isaiah spans a long and troublesome period in the people of Israel's history. First they are their own nation, but things are falling apart. Inequality and immorality violate God's desire for justice and righteousness, leading the people to also lack shalom, or peace and wholeness. Then later they lose their sovereignty to yet another empire and the elites of society are carted off into exile in complete defeat. Their capital, the place they considered the very home of God, lay in ruins. Finally, the conquerors are conquered by yet another even greater power and the people return home. The excitement and hope of return soon give way to despair, however, as divisions in society grind progress to a halt and old ways of corruption return as rampant as ever.

Through all of this, Isaiah hears God speaking. Isaiah helps his people shift their understanding of God and continue on through all the different storms that come their way. Isaiah does not shy away from the reality of his people's problems, but neither does he consider the situation hopeless. Isaiah sees God moving in mysterious ways that will ultimately bring justice, righteousness, wholeness and peace.

It is perhaps this relentless hope through all situations that has made Isaiah such a powerful book through the ages. The early church heard in Isaiah's prophecies their own experiences in the Roman empire and the liberation they saw God working through Jesus. Isaiah is quoted throughout the New Testament, and Jesus uses words from Isaiah to announce his own ministry. As we face the storms of our own age, may we too find a word of challenge, hope, and assurance in in this powerful word of scripture.



8/1	Julie Lobdell	8/1	David & Sara Kepner,
8/2	Keegan Knoup, Kenny Broge	8/12	Merton & Sharon Holland
8/3	Marvin Hixson	8/22	Ryan & Danielle Thomas
8/4	Terry Hixson, Raylan Nieman	8/26	Jeff & Judy Baer, Jim & Marilyn Klever
8/5	Ronald Fluegel, Robert Kepner	8/29	Ryan & Holly Buss
8/7	Jason Boland, Bennett Morrison	8/29	Brian & Laura Setterstrom
8/8	Cheryl Hartney, Dee Anne Temperly	8/30	Gary & Nancy Price
8/9	David McFadden		
8/10	Dwayne Robieson		
8/13	Tiffany Nieman, Aileen Schreiner		
8/14	Matt Yeager		
8/16	Brady Eilders, Thomas White		
8/17	Karen Kryder, Corey Nelson		
8/18	Douglas Pauley		
8/19	Larry Nelson, Kelly Short		
8/20	Scott Borchardt		
8/21	Heidi Edler, Burdene Meyers		
8/22	Sherry Sandell, Kara Short		
8/24	Wayne Benson		
7/25	Rachael Setterstrom		
8/26	Lynne Howe		
8/27	Kelly Lobdell, Roberta Rogers		
8/28	Lisa Stich, Cole Wickersham		
8/30	Jay Kempel, Raymond-John Schulz		
8/31	Caitlyn Kryder, Ben Kryder, Patricia Phillips, Tracey Williams		

So where do our offerings, memorials, and gifts go?

Unless you regularly read our budget, you may not know the kinds of things that our congregation needs to pay for to carry out our ministries. Here is just a small sample...

We pay for our ministry staff including the pastor, office administrator, custodian, book keeper, pianist, and music director. We also had budgeted for a youth ministry intern, but we have not filled the position. Our pastor is currently our only full-time position. We pay our pastor \$2803 a month in salary plus additional amounts to provide healthcare and retirement.

We pool our resources to help out around our community and our world. For example, we contribute \$100/month to help with the rent of our town food pantry, sent 3 \$200 mustard seed checks in the first half of 2022 (two local food pantries, and the down syndrome buddy walk), and we sent about \$5000 to the United Methodist Committee on Relief for relief efforts in Ukraine from our Easter Offering and Missions Memorial Fund.

We take care of the physical resources that help us carry out ministry, like our building! For example we spent about \$5200 this year to finish up tuckpointing of our brick to ensure the building stays in good shape. We also spent \$2463 to upgrade our sound and visual systems used for worship so that folks in the sanctuary and on Facebook can see and hear the service better.

The Friendship Center is urgently looking for Bus Drivers, Van Drivers, Bus Aides, Cooks, Cooks helpers, RN's and CNA's. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining their team please reach out to the Friendship Center/St. John's Lutheran Church.

UWIF Outing – Please make a reservation by August 7th :

Methodist women's outing will be to the Orangeville Mighty Richland Players Theater on August 14th 2:00 to see "The Queen of Bingo". It is a show based on a skit from the Carol Burnett Show with Harvey Korman and Tim Conway, but this one is with two women instead. They will also play bingo at intermission for someone to win a turkey. We will meet in the church parking lot at 1:00, so we can carpool or you can drive yourself. The cost is \$17.00. If you are interested in going, contact Maryanne Gritzmaker [369-4827](tel:369-4827) or Lynne Howe [541-2595](tel:541-2595). We need to know by August 7th, it has to be paid in advance.

Library News:

Lynne and MaryAnne are trying to clean out the library closet. Wish them luck, it's a mess. Here is a list of new books that have been added.

They will be on the card file cabinet for a short time, so you can find them easier.

This is a series about people from different nationalities, learning to not judge and learning of different religious practices. It is a fun learning read.

Please take the time to read it.

Book #1 Yada Yada Prayer Group by Neta Jackson

book #2 Yada Yada Prayer Group Gets Down

book #3 Yada Yada Prayer Group Gets Real

book #4 Yada Yada Prayer Group Gets Tough

book #5 Yada Yada Prayer Group Gets Caught

book #6 Yada Yada Prayer Group Gets Rolling

Three Sisters by Susan Mallery

The Invitation by Jude Deveraux

My Favorite Bride by Christina Dodd

Dashing Through the Snow by Debbie Macomber

Home for the Holidays by Debbie Macomber

The Winter Lodge by Susan Wiggs

The Shunning by Beverly Lewis

The Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett

Speaking Mom-Ese by Lisa Whelchel

Blind Trust by Terri Blackstock

Not a Sparrow Falls by Linda Nichols

Sugar Cookie Murder by Joanne Fluke

The Singing Stones by Phyllis Whitney

Naomi and Her Daughters by Walter Wagnerian Jr.

Wanderlust by Danielle Steel

Recently Added:

Killing Jesus - Bill O'Reilly

My Story - Daniel O'Donnell

Starry Night - Debbie Macomber

Sisterchicks do the Hula - Robin Gunn

Sisterchicks in Sombreros - Robin Gunn

CSI: Killing Game - Max Allan Collins

More Library News:

If you use the church library, please check the basket with the sign out cards. Some have been signed out for a very long time, we are talking years. If you see a card with your name on it, please check around your house for the book. If you can't find it, please let us know so we can pull the cards from our card file. You don't have to buy a book to replace it. We just want to get rid of cards if we no longer have the books available. Thank you, Maryanne and Lynne

NEED GROCERIES?

If you don't have enough to eat, Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Pantry can help.

Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Pantry distributes nutritious food to high-need areas. Food is free to neighbors in need; no ID, proof of address or income is required. Food is distributed on a first-come, first served basis, while supplies last.

➔ Due to COVID-19, Mobile Pantry distributions have moved to a contactless drive-thru model, with pre-packed boxes of groceries.



For additional food resources, visit www.SolveHungerToday.org/GetHelp

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

3:00pm - 4:30pm

Jane Addams Trail Parking Lot
West High St. & Ewing Dr. (East of IL26)
Orangeville, IL 61060

Date: August 13 - 14, 2022

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



55th Annual



Willow folk festival

For more information call
815-947-3789

Church services on Sunday
Morning with
"Christ's Country Choir"
10:15 - 11:15

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.

Open Stage Performance all day
Saturday (11:am - 10:00 pm)
and from 11:45 am to 3:30 pm
on Sunday

Food and
Drink
available on
grounds!!!

ADMISSION
\$5.00
Children under
6 free



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COMMUNITY PICNIC: AUGUST 7TH

*farewell to
Pastor Miho &
Terry*

HOSTED BY: GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOON TIL ALL THE FOOD IS GONE

BURGERS/HOT DOGS/ BRATS & SIDE DISHES

GAMES (YOUTH AND ADULT)

MUSIC BY LOCAL ARTISTS

FELLOWSHIP QUILT RAFFLE

ENJOY THE AFTERNOON AT THE CORNER OF
MASON STREET & WASHINGTON

ALL ARE WELCOME: YOUNG/OLD RICH OR POOR

COME FOR A GOOD TIME.



PUZZLE
& GAMES

Kid's Night Out

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 5:30-8:00PM

Lena United Methodist Church 118 W. Mason St., Lena

FUN IN THE SUN

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: lunlclena@gmail.com or CALL: 815.369.5291



LENA UMC TRUSTEE MINUTES

(July 11, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.)

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

Also present was Pastor Keri.

Opening Prayer was led by Pastor Keri.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May 9, 2022 meeting were discussed. Jeff moved to accept the minutes and Linda K. seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes were approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS

Tuck Pointing on the back of the church building is complete.

Parking Lot resurfacing is complete.

Electrical Outlets in the fellowship hall need to be installed. Kirk Polhill has the parts. Richard will speak with Kirk to complete.

Window in Library plastering and painting is complete.

Meeker Memorial Money could be used for one speaker in the fellowship hall and four wooden stands by Chuck Kraft. Richard got a bid from Chuck Kraft for the four wooden stands for the sum of \$1,650.00. Gary B. motioned to proceed with the 4 stands and Jeff seconded it. Motion passed.

Church Lawn fertilizer was done by Bruce W.

NEW BUSINESS

Parsonage Dishwasher and Refrigerator needed to be repaired.

The water softener was reset to recycle two times a week, instead of one. That remedied the dishwasher issue. The defrost timer on the refrigerator was repaired.

Church's three Air Conditioner Units needed to be repaired.

Currently, one unit is working. Funds are available if needed for repairs or replacement.

Security Cameras for the church and the church bus are under consideration. Richard spoke with Steve Buss about security options. Richard will discuss more options.

Church Pews that are at the front of the church were discussed to remove to allow more room for funerals and communion. It was suggested to place them somewhere else in the church. Jeff motioned to move the two front pews. Gary B. seconded it. Motion carried.

Exterior Boiler Room Door needs painting. Richard will ask his son-in-law what type of paint should be used.

Closing prayer led by Richard Holmes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting will be September 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by secretary Linda Voreis

Lena United Methodist Church - Finance Committee Minutes – July 12, 2022

Finance Chair, Kim Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and Pastor Keri led us in prayer. Attendees: Kim Nelson, Larry Nelson, Richard Holmes, Pastor Keri, and Chris Bartelt. Jeff and Judy Baer attended by Zoom.

Larry made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 31st meeting. Richard seconded the motion and everyone voted yes to accept the minutes as presented.

Kim reviewed the Net Income/Loss Report stating that through June the general fund checking account was \$43,475.24 which was up a little from the checking account balance at the end of May of \$37,678.58.

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

Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2022: All accounts have been reconciled. At the end of June the balance in the General Fund is \$43,475.24. The designated fund balance is \$61,748.18. In July, the Nudd account net balance was \$36,393.04. We paid the tuck pointing bill of \$5160 in June. We have received \$35,245 in donations to the parking lot project, which were deposited in the parking lot account, but will be transferred into the Nudd account as the bill for the parking lot of \$47,980 was paid out of the Nudd account. In reviewing the memorial funds accounts of the balance sheet, there is \$2,177 available in undesignated memorials, \$4,386 is available in the audiovisual account, and \$10,528 is available in the building funds account. The trustees are looking at uses for the audiovisual funds and said that the building funds monies are set aside for air conditioners when needed.

In the Restricted Funds “Mens Account”, Richard mentioned that the balance is low at \$279.44 and they will be working the cookout stand at Sullivan’s on July 16th to earn some money for the account.

P&L Reviews

May Profit & Loss comments: May income was about average at \$8508, but the budgeted amount was \$15,051. In the Nurture account, there was a charge for Mothers and Fathers day gifts, and money will be transferred in June from the designated account to cover this charge. In the Trustees Church Gas account an adjustment will be made in June. Net ordinary income was -\$4,118.19.

June Profit & Loss: Income for June was \$3,901 over the budgeted amount of \$12,401. In the Annual conference account there is \$-96.58 as this was paid from a designated account. Total trustee expenses was under budget by \$214. Net ordinary income for the month was \$6,036.

June 30, 2022 Year to Date Profit & Loss: Income was \$64,609 against a budgeted amount of \$78,266.50 (-\$13,657.50). Comments: Trustee expense of church gas was over budget by \$2,155.60. Net ordinary income year to date is -\$11,977.24.

The meeting adjourned at 7 pm. Next meeting: September 13, 2022 @ 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Chris Bartelt, Financial Secretary

Lena United Methodist Church – Ad Council Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2022

Pastor Keri called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the absence of Randy Kryder. Attendees: Kim Nelson, Richard Holmes, Lynne Howe, Pastor Keri, and Chris Bartelt. Jeff and Judy Baer attended by Zoom. Other attendees: Larry Nelson.

The minutes from the May 31st meeting were reviewed and then approved following a motion by Richard that was seconded by Kim.

Committee Reports: Membership – Judy said they were unable to distribute all graduation gifts. Ad Council members will help with distribution.

Trustees – Trustees met on July 11. Tuck pointing and parking lot are complete. Polhill Electric needs to put outlets in fellowship hall. We still need a speaker in fellowship hall. There is approximately \$3000 left in the Meeker memorial. Chuck Kraft gave the Trustees a quote of \$1650 for 4 pedestal tables. The church bus is back today. It had been being used by St. John's church while their bus was in the repair shop. Lynne made a motion that was seconded by Richard that we not charge St. John's for using the bus. All voted in favor. Pastor Keri will call St. John's and tell them there was no charge for using the bus. There was some discussion, but no decision made about selling the bus. Richard talked briefly to Steve Buss about security cameras for the church bus and the church. Discussion followed about a camera system for the church that one of the trustees has at their home and also a Ring Doorbell system. More to come on this. We discussed removing the two front pews in the sanctuary which would allow more room in the front of the church during funerals and for communion Sundays. Parsonage dishwasher seems to be working better with the water softener set to cycle two times per week instead of once. Parsonage refrigerator defrost timer has been replaced. Three air conditioning units at the church were not working last weekend. One unit is working now. One unit needs a new compressor. Funds are available for repair/replacement as needed.

SPRC – Lynne reported the SPRC presented Pastor Keri with a personalized shirt for her ordination in June. SPRC will have a meeting in August.

Lay Leader's Report, Missions: - No report

Worship - Pastor Keri reported we are using a six-week series from General Commission on Religion and Race and may do a study of the books of Isaiah after that. We had special music (John and Sandy Butler) on Sunday and will have special music again at the end of October (No Worries band). Pastor Keri asked the Council if we should send a donation to the Butlers and what account it should come from. After some discussion, Richard made a motion and Larry seconded it that we send a check to the Butlers for \$150 and that it should come out of the Designated Fund Memorials Music account. All voted in favor.

Finance – Finance reports were covered at the Finance Meeting earlier tonight. All council members present received a copy of the updated “Lena United Methodist Church – Designated Funds Policy and Procedures” which had been updated with suggested changes from the last meeting. Kim highlighted changes made to the document. Lynne made a motion that was seconded by Richard to approve the Designated Funds Policy and Procedures. The motion was approved by all.

Education – Lynne reported Lisa Dascher will be Education committee chairperson. Rally Day is set for September 18. Pastor Keri said Kids Night Out is still going, but future is uncertain if a new leader is not found this fall.

The meeting closed at 8:15 pm with a prayer by Pastor Keri. The next meeting will be September 13, 2022 @ 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Bartelt, Secretary

August 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1 pm - Quilters	3	4 5:30 – 8 pm – Kids Night Out	5	6 8 am – Men’s Breakfast
7 9 AM Worship In person and on-line + Communion; Fellowship 9:45 – Sunday School	8 10:00 am – M&M Group	9 1 pm – Quilters	10	11	12	13 9:30-11:30 am Girl Scouts- Fellowship Hall
14 9 AM Worship In person and on-line; Fellowship 9:45 – Sunday School 2 pm – UWIF Outing 6pm – Edler/Kryder Bible Study -	15	16 1 pm - Quilters	17	18	19 Newsletter Deadline	20 7 am – Men’s Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
21 9 AM Worship In person and on-line; Fellowship 9:45 – Sunday School	22 10:00 am – M&M Group	23 1 pm - Quilters	24	25	26	27
28 9 AM Worship In person and on-line; Fellowship 9:45 – Sunday School	29	30 1 pm - Quilters				

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7th, 14th, 21st, 28th – 9 am Worship In – person and On-line
14th – 2 pm – UWIF outing
8th and 22nd - 10 am – M&M Group
19th - Newsletter Deadline

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