

Pastor Keri
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January Servants

Greeters

3 –
10 –
17 –
24 –
31 –

Liturgist

3 – Jeff Baer
10 – Rose Black
17 – Sally Buchenau
24 – Scott Stich
31 – Roberta Rogers

Video Tech

3 – Chloe Mader
10 – Chloe Mader
17 – Cathy Rich
24 – Cathy Rich
31 – Cathy Rich

Dial-a-Devotion

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

Fellowship

3 – Cookies:
Kitchen:
10 – Cookies:
Kitchen:
17 – Cookies:
Kitchen:
24 – Cookies:
Kitchen:
31 – Cookies
Kitchen:

Sunday School Teachers

Lynne Howe
Lisa Dascher
Roberta Rogers
Cathy Rich



January 2021 Newsletter



Pray for Healing: Brandon Russell (friend of Lyle Rich), Jeff Smith (brother of Debbie Smith), Chase, Jen and Paul Wuebben, Evelyn Herman, Gary & Aileen Schreiner, Bruce Wuebben, Ryan Plager, Sylvia Barr (Pat Phillips' niece), Kayleigh Gerber, Chris Wood, Mervin Lobdell, Verla Lobdell, Ken Gritzmaker, Vivien Rose Dascher, Pat Milliken, Ryan Wuebben (Bruce Wuebben's son), Marcia Pax, Joyce Knight, Marcia Lobdell, Judy Baer, Rhys Stone (Larry & Kim Nelson's great grandson), Dennis Dunn (friend of Bruce Wuebben), Dorothy Montgomery, Arlene Kryder, Jodee Offerman (Renee Buischer's friend), Mark Mader, Bonnie Vondra (friend of Sally Buchenau), Pauline Lutz, Johanne Wingert, Larry Buchenau, Eileen Snapp, MaryLou Bunker-Langy (Mervin Mader's cousin), Judy Buchenau, 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, Dave (Bonnie Broge's brother-in-law), Kim Pluss (Dot Spielmann's daughter), Vernon Baer, Tam Kryder, John Gorz (Sue Bussian's brother)

In treatment:

Linda Farwell (friend of Ryan Stockton), Triscia Nickel, Pat Campbell (Mick Flynn's sister), Todd Miller (Myrna Seuring's nephew)

Our home-bound members and friends:

Gail Mayer – Liberty Village, Lois Thrasher (Liberty Village/Hawthorne Inn); Pauline Lutz, Al Owens, & Carol Fluegel (all at Lena Living Center); Chris Liles (Oakley Courts); Joyce Brinkmeier – Presence St. Joseph Center
Viola Sargent – Graceland Manor Assisted Living – Monroe, WI

January Birthdays

1/2 Tiffanie Korte
1/3 Courtney Borchardt
1/5 Mary Jacobs Bailey
1/6 Todd Bussian, Robert Sandell
1/8 Mervin Lobdell
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
1/18 Kendall Lobdell, Linda Voreis, Darin Wybourn
1/19 Sandy Taylor
1/21 Allison Stockton
1/22 Audra Goeke, Matt Phillips, Jennifer Sheppard, Bruce Wuebben
1/23 Morgan Gerber
1/24 Keegan Zimmerman
1/27 Judy Buchenau, Bruce Daws
1/28 Pat Edler, Eleanor Holmes
1/30 Benjamin Heitkam
1/31 Tammy Edler, David White

January Anniversaries

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



Thank you: The family of LaVone Gabel would like to thank each and everyone of you for your kind words, cards, memorial gifts, thoughts and prayers at her passing. There are not enough words to express the gratitude we feel for these heartfelt remembrances and condolences during this time of our loss. Thank you, The Gabel Family

Thank you to everyone for the Christmas cards, gifts, and good cheer. Thank you also for the support as we tried to figure out how to celebrate Christmas without gathering in our usual traditions. This has been a tough year, but we are making it through together! Keri

From the Pastor's Desk:

The change of a year is often when folks think about fresh starts. That thinking is perhaps even more heightened this year when so many of us will be glad to see the infamous 2020 and its not so perfect vision fade into the history books. It is a time when people make plans, resolutions, and vows to have a different life than before.

Perhaps more this year than any other I realized, that in Christ, every single day is New Year's day. All of our messes, even those on the 2020 scale, can be transformed into new life. Each day we find we are both sinners, and saints. We are those who mess up and those who are picked up and forgiven.

New year resolutions often chase after some idealistic vision of who we think we should be. They often come out of a feeling that we aren't very good as we are, but if we were something different we might be.

How could we be transformed if we realized that God loves us just as we are, with all our flaws and imperfections. Yet God also wants more for us, to see our flaws healed and to see us learn and grow. What difference does it make to believe that God doesn't want us to be something different than who we are but rather to see who we truly are, who God created us to be?

The book of Lamentations contains the grief of a people whose capital city, where they believed God had made a home, had been destroyed. In chapter 3 the writer vividly describes their pain crescendos to a point that they proclaim "my soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; so I say, "My endurance has perished; so has my hope from the Lord.(v.17-18)" Yet just a few short verses later, the pain still very real, the writer is able to say "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (v.21-23)"

May God bring us a new year, a new creation, a new manifestation of God's steadfast love, every day of our lives!

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Following is the 2021 Leadership list for Lena United Methodist Church. If you would like to fill any of the open spots on committees, please contact Pastor Keri. Thank you.

2021 Lena UMC Leadership

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair : Randy Kryder

Vice Chair : Roberta Rogers

Secretary : Christine Bartelt

Annual Conference Members: Sally Buchenau, **TBD**

(Scott Stich is a member by virtue of being Rockford District Lay Leader)

Lay Leader: Scott Stich

Church Council to meet on the second Tuesday of odd numbered months at 6:30 PM

COMMITTEES REQUIRED BY BOOK OF DISCIPLINE

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP (Nominations) Meets as scheduled by Chair

Pastor Keri Rainsberger (chair)

2021

Tom Edler

Wayne Benson

2022

Richard Holmes

TBD

2023

Tam Kryder

Sally Buchenau

FINANCE Meets on the second Tuesday of odd numbered months at 6:00 PM

Chair: Kim Nelson

Pastor: Keri Rainsberger

Lay Leader: Scott Stich

Lay Member to Annual Conference: (Scott or Sally)

Chair of Church Council: Randy Kryder

Representative of Staff Parish: (to be determined by the committee)

Representative from Trustees: (to be determined by the committee)

Financial Secretary: Christine Bartelt

Treasurer: Judy Buchenau

Assistant Treasurer: Steve Rothschadl

Endowment Committee Representative: (to be determined by the committee)

Auditor: Kim Nelson

Assistant Auditors: Shane Gerber and Eleanor Holmes

Members-at-Large (2): Roberta Rogers, Larry Nelson

TRUSTEES Meets second Monday evening of odd months or as called

2021

Gary Buss

Denny Bussian

Jeff Stamm

2022

Gary Myelle

Gary Black

Richard Holmes (Chair)

2023

Linda Voreis

TBD

(TBD)

STAFF PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS Meets as scheduled by Chair (closed meetings)

Pastor: Keri Rainsberger

Lay Leader: Scott Stich

2021

Tammy Edler (Chair)

Allie Brown

Todd Bussian

2022

Dwayne Robieson

Janet Lobdell

Roberta Rogers

2023

Marcia Buss

Roger Schulz

(TBD)

2020 Lena UMC Leadership
COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED BY CHURCH CONFERENCE

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Representative from Finance: to be chosen by Finance

Representative from Trustees: to be chosen by Trustees

Representative from Administrative Council : to be chosen by Ad Council

At Large (2-3): Steve Rothschadl, Kim Nelson, Lisa Dascher

MINISTRY TEAMS

EDUCATION

Chair: Janice Myelle

Teachers: Lisa Dascher, Lynne Howe, Roberta Rogers, Cathy Rich

Adult Class: Sally Buchenau, Pat Phillips, Tom Edler

MISSION/OUTREACH/EVANGELISM

TBD

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Jeff & Judy Baer

Members: Norma Klipping, Marcia Lobdell, Bruce and Lois Shelton, Joann Grundler, Richard and Eleanor Holmes, **TBD**

SHUT IN VISITATION TEAM

Evelyn Herman (Lena Living Center), Bruce Wubben (prayer list follow-up), **TBD**

Transportation Coordinator: TBD

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Sally Buchenau

Musicians: Lisa Stich, Scott Stich

Members: Eleanor Holmes, Cathy Rich, Kim Nelson, **TBD**

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Coordinator: Elaine Williams

Members: Vera Kempel, Scott Stich, Lynne Howe

YOUTH SPONSORS

Youth Director: **Currently vacant – SPRC would hire**

Coordinator: TBD

Liz Gerber, Stacey Mader, **TBD**

AUDIO VISUAL TEAM

Dean Gerbick, Cathy Rich, Elaine Williams, Lisa Dascher,

Sharon Hammil, **Chloe Mader**

PRAISE TEAM

Lisa Stich, Scott Stich, Wayne Benson, Bonnie Broge, Roberta Rogers, Darryl Wybourn

SMALL GROUP HOSTS / LEADERS

Mick and Kristie Flynn, Flo Chapin, Tom and Tammy Edler, Randy and Tam Kryder

LITURGISTS

Judy Baer, Rose Black, Bonnie Broge, Sally Buchenau, Scott Stich, Roberta Rogers, Tiffany Nieman, Liz Gerber

January 2021 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Years Day - Office closed	2
3 9 AM Worship - On Line	4 5:30-7:30 pm - Girl Scouts	5	6	7	8	9
10 9 AM Worship - On Line	11 6:30 pm - Trustees Meeting (Virtual meeting)	12 6:30 pm - Finance 7 pm - Ad Council - Virtual meetings	13	14	15 Newsletter Deadline	16
17 9 AM Worship - On Line	18 5:30-7:30 pm - Girl Scouts	19	20	21	22	23
24 9 AM Worship - On Line	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 9 AM Worship - On Line						

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Janaury 2021

15th - Newsletter Deadline
11th - 6:30 pm Trustees (In person or Zoom)
12th - 6:30 pm Finance , 7 pm - Ad Council
(Both meetings In person or Zoom)

Or Current Resident

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Sunday School	10:30 A.M.	