

# Lena United Methodist Church

## March 2019 Newsletter



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### March Servants

#### Greeters

- 3 – Jim & Diane Burke
- 10 – Jim & Diane Burke
- 17 – Bob & Carol Buss
- 24 – Richard & Eleanor Holmes
- 31 - Richard & Eleanor Holmes

#### Liturgist

- 3 – Judy Baer
- 10 – Sally Buchenau
- 17 – Pat Edler
- 24 – Scott Stich
- 31 - Roberta Rogers

#### Video Tech

- 3 – Lisa Dascher
- 10 – Elaine Williams
- 17 – Cathy Rich
- 24 – Cathy Rich
- 31 - Cathy Rich

#### Dial-a-Devotion

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

#### Fellowship

- 3 – Please volunteer
- 10 – Please volunteer
- 17 – Please volunteer
- 24 – Please volunteer
- 31 – Please volunteer

#### Sunday School Teachers

Lynne Howe  
Lisa Dascher  
Roberta Rogers  
Cathy Rich

### **WHEN YOU PRAY**

Thessalonians 5:16 Be Joyful always; 17 pray continually;  
18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

**Pray for Healing:** Mary Lu & Richard (Pastor Keri's step-mother & step-brother), Teresa Alagna (Tammy Edler's sister), Marlys Scorsolini, Judy Welch, Judy Baer, Bob Stewart, David Gerber (Shane Gerber's father), Mike Rider (Judy Baer's brother), Les (husband of Jackie Edler's friend, Cheryl), Carl Munz, Bud Mertz (friends of Bruce Wuebben), Scott, Sharon and Avery Hagemann (Friends of Renee Buisker), Pauline Lutz, Tami (Williams) McClellan, Robert Hartwig, Darryl Wybourn, Dave (Bonnie Broge's brother-in-law), Todd Miller (Myrna Seuring's nephew), Beulah Klaus (requested by Norma Klipping), Kim Pluss (Dot Spielman's daughter), Eileen Snapp, Loren Brown (Holly Buss' father), Scott Bonnett, Bob Hendry, Vernon Baer, Myron Coaty, Tam Kryder, Gretchen Heitkam, Vivien Rose Dascher John Gorz (Sue Bussian's brother), Joanne Gruendler, Arlene Kryder, Irene Schubert, Richard (Jeff & Judy Baer's grandson)

### **In treatment:**

Pat Campbell (Mick Flynn's sister); Bev Rakowska (Rockford)

### **In Hospice Care:**

Myrna Seuring, Marilyn Holmes

### **Our home-bound members and friends:**

"Butch" and Judy Polhill (home); Lois Thrasher (Liberty Village/Hawthorne Inn); Lorraine Bonebright (Pearl Pavilion); Pauline Lutz, Marilyn Holmes, Al Owens, & Carol Fluegel (all at Lena Living Center); Chris Liles (Oakley Courts)

**Our condolences** to Mervin Mader and family on the death of his grandson, Patrick Reimers, on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Funeral Service was held at Eastgate Christian Center, Freeport on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Our condolences** to Colleen Rakowska on the death of her sister in law, Marilyn Rakowska on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn's funeral service was held on February 25 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Stockton.

**Thank you from Elaine:** Tami and I want to thank each one of our prayer warriors for helping Tami during these months of illness, surgery and rehab. Tami has an inherited heart disease that usually affects the males in the family, but with the wonderful heart doctors and new meds she is now on the mend. Just a little update on what has happened; October 2016 - 2 stents on right ventricle, August 2018 - 2 stents in the left ventricle, November 2018 - 1 stent in the LAD (this one is called the widow maker) (left anterior descending). Her cholesterol was LDL138 and needs to be 50 or lower, but with this new medication it's down to 22. Praise the Lord!

There has been a "GoFundMe" link set up for funeral expenses for Patrick Reimers. See below:

<https://www.gofundme.com/5wb4z-my-sons-medical-and-maybe-feunral-cost?>

Pastor Jeff Baer's Grief Support Group is tentatively scheduled to meet on Wednesday, March 6 at 7 pm in the LUMC Library

Please provide info on 2019 Graduates from our church family to Judy Baer. This can be students graduating from High School, Jr. College, College or Trade School. Contact info: 815-541-6358 or email [stocktonbaer2@yahoo.com](mailto:stocktonbaer2@yahoo.com) . Thank you.

## March Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

3/2 Carol Robieson  
3/3 Pookie Schubert  
3/4 Kathy Phillips  
3/5 Blaine Stamm  
3/6 Bill Hooker  
  
3/11 Donald Lobdell  
3/12 Michelle Liphart  
3/13 Cole Gerber  
3/17 Sharon Holland  
3/18 Janet Lobdell  
3/19 Jayden Clinton, James Hudson  
3/23 Rachel Edler  
3/26 Christine Liles  
3/27 David Busch, Tabitha Roenneburg  
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  
3/15 Mervin & Verla Lobdell  
3/16 Bob & Carol Buss



Photo by Larry Nelson

Thanks, Cathy, for all the work you do on the church's website, facebook page, preparing the weekly slideshows for worship service and being the Video Tech numerous times each month. Your dedication and excellent work does not go unnoticed and is appreciated by all.

### **From the Pastor's Desk:**

This year lent will begin on Wednesday, March 6. Lent is a 40-day (not counting Sunday) period before Easter that calls the church to a time of repentance and reflection. It is a period that is usually more somber, something reflected in our hymns, liturgies, and banners. We begin the season with ashes. A reminder of our mortality and of our faults. The annual Lenten reflections help turn our focus back to God and to right relationship with God and with one another. In a world so often bent on division, this return to a grounding center in God is so important.

### **Lenten Lunch Schedule – 2019 (12 noon on the following Wednesdays)**

March 6 – Ash Wednesday – McConnell hosting at Lena UMC Building

March 13 – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

March 20 – Lena Evangelical Free Church

March 27 – St. Joseph Catholic Church

April 3 – St. John's Lutheran Church

April 10 – Lena UMC

April 17 – Salem UCC and Beloved Church at Lena UMC Building

## March Calendar 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8 am Men's Breakfast  9:30 am UMW Meeting
3 9 AM Worship+ Communion  10:30 am Sunday School  6:30pm – Bible Study @ Holmes'	4  6 pm – Girl Scouts	5 1 pm Quilters	6 12:00 Lenten Lunch here hosted by McConnell Methodist churches 12:45 – Ash Wednesday Service at LUMC 7 pm – Ash Wednesday Service at Good Shepherd  7 pm – Grief Group – LUMC Library	7	8	9
10 9 AM Worship  10:30 am Sunday School  6 pm – Bible Study @ Kryder's	11	12 12 pm – Daytime Food n Fun Potluck  1 pm Quilters	13 12:00 Lenten Lunch @ Good Shepherd	14  6:30 pm – Knitters & Knotters	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 6:45 am Men's Bible Study @ Flynn's
17 9 AM Worship  10:30 am Sunday School	18  6 pm – Girl Scouts	19 10:30 am – Worship Meeting  1 pm Quilters	20 9 am - Hannah's Helpers  10 am Bible Study @ Chapin's  12:00 Lenten Lunch at Lena EFree Church	21	22	23
24 9 AM Worship  10:30 am Sunday School  31 9 AM Worship  10:30 am Sunday School	25  7 pm Stagecoach Quilters	26 9:45 am Hymn Sing  1 pm Quilters  1 pm Elizabeth Circle	27 12:00 Lenten Lunch at St John's Lutheran	28  6:00 pm Food and Fun  6:30 pm – Knitters & Knotters	29	30

# MONROE CLINIC HOSPICE

## 2019 Schedule for Grief Education and Community Programs

### HEAL Grief and Education Groups

St. Camillus Center  
2101 6th Street, Monroe, WI

Six-week sessions open to anyone 18 years & older. Learn about the grieving process, ideas for coping and healing in a safe and supportive setting.

- Feb. 27 - April 3, 2019, 10-11:30 am (Wednesdays)
- June 5 - July 10, 2019, 6-7:30 pm (Wednesdays)
- Sept. 4 - Oct. 9, 2019, 6-7:30 pm (Wednesdays)

### Handling the Holidays

Saturday, November 2, 2019  
1:30-3:30 pm  
St. Camillus Center  
2101 6th Street, Monroe, WI

For anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one during the holiday season. The program explores common holiday concerns, practical strategies for coping with the holidays and ways to honor the memories of loved ones. Registration requested, seating is limited.

### Celebration of Lights

Thursday, December 5, 2019  
6:30-8:00 pm  
United Methodist Church  
2227 4th Street, Monroe, WI

A service to honor and remember special people in our lives, living or deceased, during the holiday season. Ornaments may be ordered October and November.

# Monroe Clinic

A Member of  SSMHealth.

Monroe Clinic  
**HOSPICE**   
*Making every day count.*

All programs are free and open to the public. To register, or for more information, contact Monroe Clinic Hospice at 608-324-1230 or 800-367-8406 or visit us online at [monroeclinic.org](http://monroeclinic.org).





NIC - United Methodist

# Night with the Chicago Bulls

*to benefit the 2019 Bishop's Appeal  
for NIC Youth Camps*

**Chicago Bulls vs Portland Trail Blazers**

**Wednesday, March 27 @ 7 pm**

Gates Open at 5:30 pm

**Discounted tickets, all three levels**

**\$5 per ticket will go to the Bishop's Appeal for NIC Youth Camps**

**Final Purchase Deadline Mar 27th @ 5:00 PM**

**<https://groupmatics.events/event/Northernillinois21>**

**If we sell 500 tickets by Mar 1, our NIC artist/choir will sing *The National Anthem*.**

***Choose your own level: \$28- \$90***

*Tickets sent to you via Chicago Bulls*

**♦ *Bring a group from your church***

**♦ *Invite your neighbors***

**♦ *Support NIC Youth Camps***

***See Portland Trail Blazer Evan Turner, native of Chicagoland and  
Maywood's Neighborhood UMC family!***



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2<sup>nd</sup> - 8 am - Men's Breakfast; 9:30 am UMW Meeting  
4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 6 pm - Girl Scouts  
6<sup>th</sup> - 12 pm Lenten Lunch at LUMC hosted by McConnell churches  
12:45 pm Ash Wednesday service at LUMC  
7 pm - Ash Wednesday Service at Good Shepherd  
12<sup>th</sup> - 12 pm - Daytime Food n Fun Potluck  
13<sup>th</sup> - Lenten Lunch at Good Shepherd  
15<sup>th</sup> - Newsletter Deadline  
14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm - Knitters & Knotters  
20<sup>th</sup> - Lenten lunch at Lena Evangelical Free Church  
25<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm - Stagecoach Quilters  
28<sup>th</sup> - 6 pm - Food n Fun Potluck

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Sunday 9 A.M. Children's worship 9 A. M. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
10:30 A.M.