

Pastor Keri
Rainsberger
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March Servants

Vocalist

7 – Roberta Rogers
14- Bonnie Broge
21 – Scott Stich
28 – Roberta Rogers

Liturgist

7 – Rose Black
14- Sally Buchenau
21 - Scott Stich
28 - Roberta Rogers

Video Tech

7 – Cathy Rich, Chloe Mader
14 – Cathy Rich, Chloe Mader
21 – Cathy Rich, Chloe Mader
28 –Cathy Rich, Chloe Mader

Dial-a-Devotion

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

Fellowship

7 –
14 –
21 –
28 –

Sunday School Teachers

Lynne Howe, Lisa Dascher
Roberta Rogers, Cathy Rich



March 2021 Newsletter



Pray for Healing: Charlotte Engel (Laverne Pax's aunt), Dave Mader, Don & Kathy Boatman (friends of Elaine Williams), Vivien Rose Dascher, Pat Edler, Audrey Adleman (Tam Kryder's mom), Brandon Russell (friend of Lyle Rich), Jeff Smith (brother of Debbie Smith), Evelyn Herman, Gary & Aileen Schreiner, Sylvia Barr (Pat Phillips' niece), Mervin Lobdell, Ken Gritzmaker, Pat Milliken, Judy Baer, Rhys Stone (Larry & Kim Nelson's great grandson), Dennis Dunn (friend of Bruce Wuebben), Dorothy Montgomery, Arlene Kryder, Mark Mader, Bonnie Vondra (friend of Sally Buchenau), Pauline Lutz, Johanne Wingert, Eileen Snapp, 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, Dave (Bonnie Broge's brother-in-law), Vernon Baer, Tam Kryder

In treatment:

Linda Farwell (friend of Ryan Stockton), Triscia Nickel, Pat Campbell (Mick Flynn's sister)

Our home-bound members and friends:

Lois Thrasher (Liberty Village/Hawthorne Inn); Pauline Lutz, Al & Dorothy 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
Gail Mayer- Alden Estates- Jefferson Rehabilitation – Jefferson, WI

Our deepest condolences to the Lobdell, Buchenau and Fuchs families on the death of Marcia Lobdell on February 20th. Marcia had been an active member of Lena UMC since 1978 and enjoyed being involved in several committees and groups. A private family service will be held at 11 am on February 25th at Lena UMC. The service can be livestreamed on the church's Facebook page. Marcia will be greatly missed by everyone.

Your offerings can be mailed to Lena United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 336, Lena, IL 61048

Thank you to Cindy Drye for the donation of a picture that will be hung in Fellowship Hall. The picture belonged to her parents.

More worship options! The COVID mitigation measures for our area have been reduced, allowing for gatherings of up to 50 people with masks and physical distancing. We will now add in-person worship in the sanctuary and Fellowship hall (via video feed) as ways to participate in Sunday worship services, while continuing to offer online participation through Facebook.

Please provide info on 2020 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.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

3/2 Carol Robieson
3/3 Pookie Schubert
3/4 Kathy Phillips
3/5 Blaine Stamm
3/5 Vivien Rose Dascher
3/6 Bill Hooker
3/12 Michelle Liphart
3/13 Cole Gerber
3/16 Johanne Wingert
3/17 Sharon Holland
3/18 Janet Lobdell
3/23 Rachel Edler
3/26 Christine Liles
3/27 David Busch, Tabitha Roenneburg
3/28 Pastor Keri Rainsberger
3/29 Darlene Pauley
3/31 Roger Schulz

Anniversaries

3/4 Boyd & Johanne Wingert
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

From the Pastor's Desk: Unsure what to write for this month's newsletter I looked back to prior March letters. Last March, our newsletter was being put together just a few weeks before COVID-19, became a part of our vocabulary. The letter was filled with all the activities we thought we would be doing.

A few weeks later it would be clear that Lent would be even more quiet and reflective than usual. As Lent should, we were shaken out of our complacency. We struggled to keep ourselves connected to each other and to God even as everything we knew seemed to crumble around us.

At first, we thought it would be just a few weeks. We were hopeful that by Easter, we would all be back together like nothing had happened. Then we got stuck in the silence of Saturday. A year later we are still there. We long for Easter morning, but this year it will not come until April.

Perhaps the greatest gift this year has been finding Resurrection even in the quiet, lonely, isolated, reflections of Lent. We have seen that no matter where we turn, no matter how much our world is in upheaval, Jesus lives and walks among us.

May our waiting and longing continue to be active. May we not grow complacent again but remain shaken up, agitated, ready for God to call us into new life. May we continue to find ways to support each other as we walk the lonely paths through Lent to the cross.

Hang in there through this long month. We will likely have both a long slog of unchange where we want change and sudden change where we want stability. Some things will likely seem to turn upside down while others will seem frustratingly unmovable. Even the weather will likely throw every possible variation at us. But hang on, Easter always comes.

Due to church office by May 2, 2021

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,
Elaine Williams (coordinator)

Following are thank you's to Lena United Methodist Church for our Thanksgiving collection gift to FHN Hospice and Christmas collection gift to the Le-Win Benevolent Fund.

January 25, 2021



Lena United Methodist Church
c/o Pastor Keri Rainsberger
118 W Mason St
Lena, IL 61048-9778

Dear Pastor Keri,

Thank you for thinking of the families we serve through FHN Hospice with this very thoughtful gift.

Donations received positively impact the patients, families and the caring FHN Hospice staff and volunteers. Because of givers like you, we can purchase helpful supplies and literature to assist families during their time in need. This fund also supports our staff with their professional training and certification programs so they can continue to be experts in their field. The true benefit is the compassionate care received for both the patient and their family.

We are deeply grateful for this gift.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tonya Thayer".

Tonya Thayer, Executive Director
FHN Foundation

Thank you so much for supporting our Hospice Team!

"What if the journey at the end of life is not a lonely path into eternity, but rather, an incredible reunion with those we have loved and lost? - David Kessler

*A cash contribution of \$1,561.50 was received on 1/25/2021.
No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution.*

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January 20, 2021

Re: Gift To Lena Ministerial Association

The Le-Win Ministerial Association would like to thank you for your \$3,776.00 donation to the Le-Win Benevolent Fund.

Gifts such as yours keep the Fund as a valuable Social Ministry in our area communities. The Ministerial continues to be used heavily this year because of the economy and its effect on employment in the area. This ministry has become a very important asset in helping people in special need.

We have been helping with many utility bills and given some rental assistance to help people scrape by. We helped families all over the area during the Christmas season making sure they have their needs met for the Christmas season.

Your help is greatly appreciated, needed, and will be used. Thank you for being such a special part of this ministry and for being so faithful with your continued support!

Blessings!


Pastor Rick Bader
Le-Win Ministerial Association

Member Churches working together in service to Christ include:

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	Lena United Methodist Church
St. John's Lutheran Church	Lena Evangelical Free Church
Salem United Church of Christ	Pearl City/McConnell United Methodist Churches
St. Joseph's Catholic Church	
The Father's House Church	Grace Free Methodist--McConnell

March 2021 Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30-7:30 pm Girl Scouts – Fellowship Hall	2 1 pm - Quilters	3	4	5	6
7 9 AM Worship on-line/in person 10 am – Book Study “White Fragility” – Zoom /in person Fellowship Hall	8 6:30 pm – Trustees Meeting	9 1 pm – Quilters 6:30 pm – Finance 7 PM Ad Council	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time starts 9 AM Worship on-line/in person 10 am – Book Study 6pm – Edler/Kryder Bible Study _ Zoom, if needed- Fellowship Hall	15 5:30-7:30 pm Girl Scouts – Fellowship Hall	16 1 pm - Quilters	17	18	19 Newsletter Deadline	20
21 9 AM Worship on-line/in person 10 am – Book Study	22 6 pm – Stagecoach Quilters	23 1 pm - Quilters	24	25	26	27
28 9 AM Worship on-line/in person 10 am – Book Study Palm Sunday 	29	30 1 pm - Quilters	31			

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7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - 10 am – Book study “White Fragility”
8th – 6:30 pm – Trustees Meeting
9th – 6:30 pm Finance Meeting, 7 pm – Ad Council
19th - Newsletter Deadline

Or Current Resident

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Worship hours:	Sunday 9 A.M.	Children’s worship 9 A. M. 2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School	10:30 A.M.	