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## July Servants

### Liturgist

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

### Audio/Video Tech

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

### Dial-a-Devotion

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

### Fellowship

3 – Pat Phillips  
10 – MaryAnne Gritzmaker  
17 –  
24 –  
31 –

### Sunday School Teachers

Lynne Howe  
Lisa Dascher  
Cathy Rich

# Lena United Methodist Church

*Rooted in Christ, Growing Towards God, Producing the  
Fruit of the Holy Spirit, Spreading Seeds for the Future.*

## July 2022 Newsletter



**Pray for Healing:** Jim Lawson (Bruce's cousin), Pete Brown, Cole Gerber, MaryKay & Grace and Indiana family members (Judy Baer's family members with COVID), 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), 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, Tammy Riemers, Richard Weber, Shirley Goldsmith (Pat Edler's friend), Bert & Jessica Beverage (friends of Kirsten Hollister), Jackie Edler, Debra Smith, 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  
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.

## July Anniversaries

7/6 Bruce & Lois Shelton  
7/9 Scott & Lisa Stich  
7/10 Ray & Leticia Boland  
7/21 Gary & Rose Black  
7/28 Steven & Glenda Rothschadl



## July Birthdays

7/1 Suzanne Daws, David Schulz  
7/5 Tom Edler, Erin Korte  
7/6 Wayne Werkheiser  
7/7 Amy Buchenau, Carol Fluegel, Darryl Wybourn  
7/8 Max Knoup  
7/10 McKenzie Temperly  
7/11 Charlie Short  
7/14 Leticia Boland, Tanya Knoup  
7/15 Alison Kepner  
7/18 Shaun Dascher, Nick Haas  
7/22 Marlys Scorsolini  
7/24 Carol Buss, Rhonda Hooker  
7/27 Gary Black, Kayleigh Gerber, Xavier Sheppard  
7/28 Bethany Howe  
7/29 Bonnie Broge, Gary Rich

**Thank you:** Thank you to parishioners who bring the extra vegetables and fruits from their gardens to share with the congregation. It is much appreciated by your fellow parishioners and oh so tasty!

**Thank you** to the parishioners who worked a shift at the Pork Chop stand or came to patronize the stand at Taste of Lena on June 11. We added \$510 to the Parking Lot fund for our efforts. Richard and Eleanor Holmes

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

In July we often turn to thoughts of independence. There are many things to celebrate about being independent including the ability to make decisions and do things for yourself, and freedom from control from outside forces. On July 4, the United States celebrates when our country was no longer governed by the whims of a far-off ruler but could make its own path forward in independence. As Christians, we celebrate the freedom from dependence on sin that is given to us in Christ, allowing us to take a path forward in love.

As I celebrate independence, however, I can't help but also think about dependence and interdependence. While dependence to the wrong forces is clearly dangerous, dependence on God actually gives us greater freedom. With dependence on God, the world doesn't rest solely on our shoulders and our limited abilities. We aren't left to deal alone with the mistakes our independent choices have led us into. We are freed to live again, finding in our dependence our independence.

Interdependence recognizes that we are tied together in mutual care. When Christ ascended after Easter he promised that the Spirit would come to tie us together into a body that we have

come to call the church. There is a vulnerability in admitting our dependence on each other, and sometimes we do end up hurting each other. Yet in being willing to take the risk of being brought together into one body, we also find love and care. Our mutual relationship is stronger than any of our separate independent parts. In supporting and lifting each other up in interdependence, we find we have the freedom to do so much more than we could do alone.

So let us forge forward, independent, dependent, and interdependent all at the same time. May we be supports for each other, and may God guide us always, so that we can confidently make decisions to step out and live boldly in freedom.

**UWIF (formerly UMW) Meeting notice:** For the July meeting, we will meet in the church parking lot on Tuesday, July 5 at 10:45 am to car pool to Route 20 Bar & Grill for lunch and our meeting. All women of the church are invited to attend.

### **UWIF Request**

The Methodist Women have decided it would be nice if our church families would help the food pantry with items they need or have trouble getting.

Judy and I put together a list of what they could use. Some things can be purchased in the dollar aisle at Dollar General and Sullivan's. If you think of items that aren't on this list, contact Judy Buchenau or Maryanne Gritzmaker. Please check the dates on the packages. If it just has a date and it's expired, it can't be used. If it has a "Best by date", and is past that day, it's still usable. There will be a box at the back of the church and one in fellowship hall marked for the "food pantry". We are planning to have the boxes available for the rest of the year.

elbow macaroni  
macaroni shells  
scallop potatoes  
instant mashed potatoes  
cake mix  
brownie mix  
biscuit mix  
jello  
jelly  
cookies, store packaged  
spices

toothpaste  
toothbrushes  
mouthwash  
deodorant  
shampoo  
conditioner  
body wash  
bar soap  
liquid hand soap  
wet wipes  
diapers  
depends

kleenex  
paper towels  
toilet paper  
laundry soap  
fabric softener  
dish soap  
soft scrub  
Comet cleanser

## ***Lena United Methodist Church - Finance Committee Minutes –May 31, 2022***

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

Larry made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Richard seconded the motion and everyone voted to approve the minutes.

Kim reviewed the Net Income/Loss Report stating that year-to-date income through April was \$13,895.37 short. The general fund checking account April-end-of-the-month balance is \$41,655.93, but would not be as good if we had not received SBA payments in 2020 and 2021 and the 941 refund in 2021. (Total of those amounts is: \$38,192.56)

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

**Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2022:** At the end of April the balance in the General Fund is \$41,655.93. The designated fund balance is \$64,404.05. The designated account balance is higher right now due to Parking lot donations. The Nudd CD came due in May and was moved to the Nudd checking account.

### *P&L Reviews*

**March Profit & Loss comments:** March income was a little low and the church gas bill was higher than budgeted. Net ordinary income was -\$1,990.54

**April Profit & Loss:** April was Easter month and income was not as low as March. Income for April was \$924 below budgeted amount. In the Mission accounts the \$100 Food Pantry rent payment for April was paid in May instead. Again, the church gas was over budget for the month – actual \$ 764 versus budgeted amount of \$455. The church insurance was paid in April. Net ordinary income for the month was -\$3,949.10.

**April 30, 2022 Year to Date Profit & Loss:** Income was \$40,159 against a budgeted amount of \$51,174.25 (-\$11,015.25). Comments: Trustee expenses were over budget by \$1,795.88. Net ordinary income year to date is -\$13,895.37

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm. Next meeting: July 12 , 2022 @ 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Chris Bartelt, Financial Secretary

## ***Lena United Methodist Church – Ad Council Meeting Minutes –May 31, 2022***

Randy Kryder, Ad Council chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Attendees: Kim Nelson, Roberta Rogers, Richard Holmes, Lynne Howe, Pastor Keri, and Chris Bartelt. Other attendees: Larry Nelson.

The minutes from the March 8 meeting were reviewed and approved as printed.

**Committee Reports: Membership** – Pastor Keri reported Jeff and Judy are not officially chairs of this committee any longer, but still handled the Mothers and Father's Day and Graduation gifts and gathered info on graduates.

**Trustees** – Trustees met on May 9 and elected officers . Tuck pointing work started on May 31. Lift rental from Monroe will be over \$1200 instead of \$1000. Approximate cost of tuck pointing is \$4000 + the amount for the rental of the lift. Helm will do the parking lot re-surfacing in June as they have a total of 6 jobs in Lena at the same time. \$2,428 of the \$5500 Meeker memorial money was used to purchase a new computer and 3 wireless mics. Midwest Computer Projects met with Dean and Richard on possible use of more of the Meeker memorial money, but we haven't heard back from them yet. The bus's catalytic converter was stolen. The insurance covered the cost to replace the converter minus the \$500 deductible. Trustees will look into security cameras and also re-visit possible uses for the bus. Bruce Wuebben fertilized the church lawn for free labor plus the cost of the fertilizer. Lisa and Junior Dascher have a new church sign for Highway 73 south of Lena and Richard will check with them about getting it put up

**SPRC** – Lynne reported Pastor Keri's ministerial review was submitted to the conference on May 24.

**Lay Leader's Report, Worship Committee, Missions:** - No report

**Finance** – Finance reports were covered at the Finance Meeting earlier tonight. Kim said a meeting was held with the congregation March 27 after church worship service to discuss the parking lot project. The project was approved by the majority in attendance. Minutes of that meeting are filed in the Ad Council book. The LUMC Designated, Memorial, Endowment ADHOC met on March 17. Minutes from this meeting are filed in the Ad Council book. Kim then reviewed the Designated Funds Policy and Procedures with the council and will make changes as discussed. Plan for use of excess funds in memorial accounts in a timely manner rests with Ad Council. She also reviewed the memorial form and will make changes to that form as discussed and will add an endowment section to the form. From the minutes of the ADHOC four designated accounts were identified by the ADHOC for no activity for 5 years. 3108 – Leadership Training: It was discussed and decided that this money could be used for lay person(s) expenses to Annual Conference. 3110 – Outreach Funds: \$224.29. It was discussed and decided this money could be used for Mother's and Father's Day gifts. 3116 – Youth Mission Trip: It was discussed and decided that we would contact Tom and Tammy Edler, Chloe, Mikaela, Raylan and Morgan and ask what mission they would like to give this money to. 3127 – Food n Fun: It was discussed and decided that this account would be re-named "M&M group" and that the group that meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday morning at the church can use those funds. Other items: Discussion followed on disbursement of designated funds for Christmas and Easter. Funds will be sent to Lena Winslow Ministerial Association for \$7000 from the Christmas collection. The Easter donations of \$2585 will be sent to UMCOR for Ukraine relief.

**Education** – Kid's Night Out is the only youth activity right now, and it's more of an outreach activity and not Christian education. There is no Sunday School youth activity happening right now, however, Lynne mails a packet out each month to each child who would be in the Sunday School program. Feedback on the packets has been favorable.

**Pastor's report:** - Annual conference is June 8–10 in person at the Renaissance Conference Center in Schaumburg. Pastor Keri and Scott Stich will attend. Pastor Keri will be ordained on June 10.

Discussion was held on the possible restructure of the Methodist church and the impact it would have on the Lena United Methodist Church. The direction of the church is uncertain due to the continuing struggle over the anticipated split.

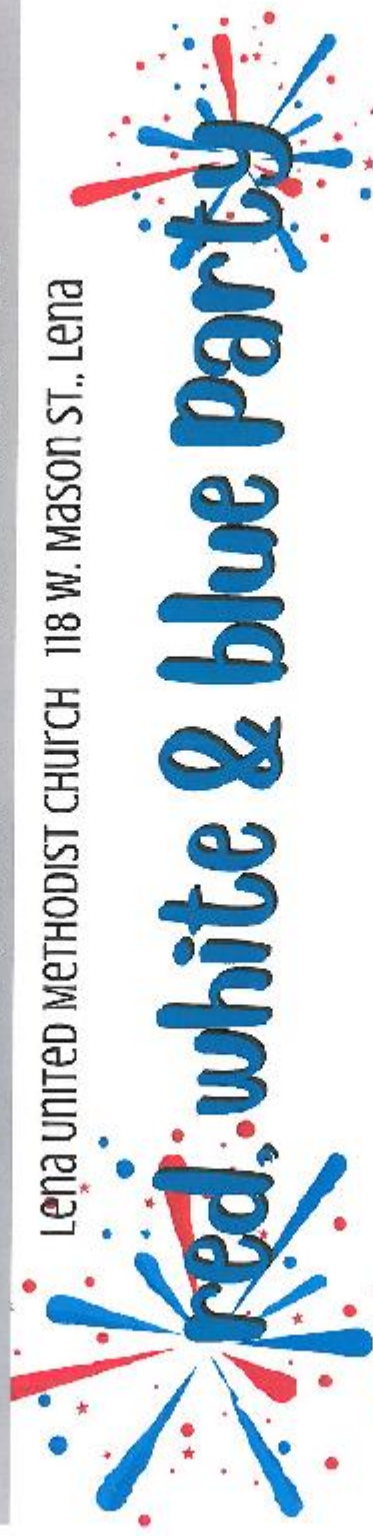
The meeting closed at 8:40 pm with a prayer by Pastor Keri. The next meeting will be July 12, 2022 @ 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Bartelt, Secretary

# Kid's Night Out

THURSDAY, JULY 7 5:30-8:00PM

Lena UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 118 W. Mason St., Lena



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

KIDS NIGHT IS FREE! PLEASE RSVP SO WE CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY: email [umclena@gmail.com](mailto:umclena@gmail.com) or call 815.369.5291



# 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](http://www.SolveHungerToday.org/GetHelp)

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

3:00pm – 4:30pm

St. John Lutheran Church

625 Country Lane Dr.

Lena, IL 61048

## July Calendar - 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8 am – Men's Breakfast  Johanne Wingert services at the church
3  9 AM Worship – In person and On Line through Facebook, Fellowship 9:45 – Sunday School	4  Independence Day – Holiday  Office Closed	5  10:45 am – UWIF meet at church parking lot to go to Route 20 for lunch and meeting.	6	7  5:30 – 8 pm – Kids Night Out	8	9  Al Owens memorial service at Lena UMC
10  UWIF Sunday 9 AM Worship – In person and On Line through Facebook, Fellowship 9:45 – Sunday School  6pm – Edler/Kryder Bible Study	11  10:00- Monday Morning group (M&M)  1-3:30 pm – Stagecoach Quilters – Fellowship Hall  6:30 pm – Trustees Mtg	12  6:30 pm – Finance Meeting 7 pm – Ad Council	13	14	15  Newsletter Deadline	16  7 am – Men's Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
17  9 AM Worship – In person and On Line through Facebook, Fellowship 9:45 – Sunday School	18	19	20	21	22	23
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- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8 am Men's Breakfast
- 7<sup>th</sup> - 5:30-8pm – Kids Night Out
- 9<sup>th</sup> -
- 10<sup>th</sup> - UWIF Sunday; 6 pm- Edler/Kryder Bible Study
- 11<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 pm – Stagecoach Quilters; 6:30 pm – Trustees
- 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm – Finance; 7 pm – Ad Council
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Newsletter Deadline
- 16<sup>th</sup> - 7 am – Mens Bible Study

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