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### August Servants

#### Song Leader

- 1 – Scott Stich
- 8 – Wayne Benson
- 15 – Bonnie Broge
- 22 – Roberta Rogers
- 29 – Wayne Benson

#### Liturgist

- 1 – Tiffany Nieman
- 8 – Liz Gerber
- 15 – Judy Baer
- 22 – Rose Black
- 29 – Wayne Benson

#### Audio/Video Tech

- 1 – Dean/Cathy/Chloe/Sharon
- 8 – Dean/Cathy/Chloe/Sharon
- 15 – Dean/Cathy/Chloe/Sharon
- 22 – Dean/Cathy/Chloe/Sharon
- 29 – Dean/Cathy/Chloe/Sharon

#### Dial-a-Devotion

- 1 – Pat Phillips
- 8 – Janet Lobdell
- 15 – Norma Klipping
- 22 – Eleanor Holmes
- 29 – Pat Phillips

#### Fellowship

- 1 –
- 8 –
- 15 –
- 22 –
- 29 –

#### Sunday School Teachers

Lynne Howe, Lisa Dascher,  
Roberta Rogers, Cathy Rich



### August 2021 Newsletter



**Pray for Healing:** Jerri Wilson (Bonnie Broge's mother), Sharon Hammill, Gordon Brown (Pete & Allie Brown's nephew), Bert & Jessica Beverage (friends of Kirsten Hollister), Helen Edler, Jackie Edler, Vivien Rose Dascher, Rhys Stone (Larry & Kim Nelson's great grandson), Judy Baer, Jerry White (Lavone Gabel's son-in-law), Debra Smith, Gretchen Kempel, Richard Weber, Ruth Wingert, Charlotte Engel (Laverne Pax's aunt), Dave Mader, Irene Rainsberger and Grace Cassaday (Pastor Keri's grandmothers), Audrey Adleman (Tam Kryder's mom), Jeff Smith (brother of Debbie Smith), Sylvia Barr (Pat Phillips' niece), Mervin Lobdell, Pat Milliken, Dennis Dunn (friend of Bruce Wuebben), Dorothy Montgomery, Arlene Kryder, Mark Mader, Pauline Lutz, Johanne Wingert, 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, and Bonnie Broge's dad Jim, Darold Wubbena (brother of Darlene Pauley) Stacey Biehl (daughter of Sherrie Biehl).

#### **In treatment:**

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

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

Ruth Wingert; Lois Thrasher (Liberty Village); Chris Liles, Pauline Lutz, Al & Dorothy Owens, Carol Fluegel, Helen Edler (all at Lena Living Center); Dorothy Montgomery (Oakley Courts); Joyce Brinkmeier – Presence St. Joseph Center  
Viola Sargent – Graceland Manor Assisted Living – Monroe, WI  
Gail Mayer- Touchmark #M32 Appleton, WI



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| 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 |      |  |

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



My garden is a tangled mess. I am not one of those careful planners who puts things in nice neat rows. Instead, I get a seed mix of all kinds of random things and I scatter it in my garden beds. What comes up is what I get. I honestly can't always tell what is planted vegetable and what is blown in weed. The squash, cucumbers, and peas climb all over everything. The sunflowers shot up over my head and the tomatoes drowned out the onions and herbs planted at their feet.

I love the tangled mess. When I go out there, the whole garden hums with multiple pitches as bees, wasps, flies, and butterflies of all shapes and sizes rush around in a pollinating frenzy. Getting brave, I wade into the tangles of vines and the mass of leaves and I will suddenly spot some bean pods or a cucumber – or the greatest joy - a tomato that is red! Each visit to the garden is an adventure.

Sometimes our lives seem like tangled messes too. Maybe we look longingly over at neighbors that seem to have well planted rows in their lives. Yet sometimes even with all the tangles, something wonderful is hiding. Know that God is with us when we are looking at the tangle, shaking our heads in despair and also when we take a breath, dive in and discover a sweet piece of fruit hiding in the mess.

In my garden, there is a kind of order hidden under all the tangles. The tall sunflowers provide a pole for the vines to climb on. The squash leaves bigger than my head provide relief from the scorching sun for leafy vegetables.

May we learn to trust God to be working life even in the seeming chaos of a tangle mess. May we be planted by God in wild and random places as support for each other when the messiness gets overwhelming. May together we grow into a bountiful and fruitful garden. Amen.

**Our deepest sympathy** to the family of Eileen Snapp. Eileen died on July 24<sup>th</sup> and had been a member of Lena UMC since 1967. She was actively involved with UMW and was a member of the Tuesday quilters. Her visitation will be at Leamon's Funeral Home in Lena on Friday, July 30 from 4 to 8 pm with funeral services on Saturday, July 31 at 10 am at Lena United Methodist Church with Pastor Keri officiating. Friends may visit with family and say final good-byes to Eileen during the hour prior to the service. Lunch will be held in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

**Additional information** on 2021 graduate Carter Burke: Carter is also the grandson of Jim and Diane Burke. He will be attending the University of Iowa majoring in computer science engineering. Carter was selected as an Illinois State Scholar student. He has been an honor student all through high school. (We apologize for this oversight from the previous graduation list announcement)

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**Thank you:** The Lena Methodist Men would like to thank the congregation for their generous offering of \$200.00 from the Mustard Seed donations on Sunday morning at our church service. It was greatly appreciated since we had not met in almost 1 1/2 years. Lena UMC Men

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**Prayer of thanksgiving:** Rose Black shares a prayer of thanksgiving that her yearly mammogram was able to detect cancer early enough that she was able to have surgery that went well and she is back on the mend. She wanted the prayer shared with the congregation because she hopes her story will encourage others to keep up with their health checks. Sometimes God works miracles through the hands of skilled healthcare providers!

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## **Worship Meeting Minutes 6-30-21**

**Those present:** Pastor Keri Rainsberger, Sally Buchenau, Richard & Eleanor Holmes, Lisa Stich and Cathy Rich.

**Review of the events since the last meeting:** Christmas season through Easter season, all felt everything went well.

**Summer:** Discussion on different ideas for summer, it was suggested and agreed to go with a series on the Lord's Prayer. Keri will come up with ideas for extra "hands on" activities that people can pick up and do during the week.

**Outdoor Worship Opportunity:** Pastor Keri would like to target those who are not connected on Sunday morning, although everyone would be welcome to attend. She has spoken to the park district members at the Hideaway Park and they are willing to let the church use the property. Events will be held on Saturday mornings at 11AM, starting July 24<sup>th</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup>. People will gather for a short introduction, then go off on their own to follow the outlined activity based on Psalm 104. Everyone will gather again around noon for a picnic. Keri will put the advertising out in various places, such as Shoppers Guide, Facebook, etc. Lisa mentioned that having the piano where it is now causes a congestion problem for Sundays when Communion is served. She will move the piano and play the Clavinova on those Sundays.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM

Cathy Rich

**LENA UMC TRUSTEE MINUTES**  
**July 12, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Members** present were Gary Black, Pete Brown, Gary Buss, Dennis Bussian, Richard Holmes, Gary Myelle, Jeff Stamm and Linda Voreis. Also present was Pastor Keri. Absent member was Linda Korte.

**Opening Prayer** was led by Richard Holmes.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the May 10, 2021 meeting were discussed. Jeff moved to accept the minutes and Gary Buss seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Realty Energy** report was given by Pete. The Realty rate was charged index plus, with a 24 month term sign up and automatically renewed. Because of the higher rates, Pete told Realty to drop services. June was the last month for Realty. NiCor is a \$100 minimum charge for commercial use. Church and parsonage are now NiCor only, to save additional costs.

**Light in the women's bathroom**, in the education wing, will be installed by Gary Buss after the ladies choose the new fixture.

**Pfife Plastering's Bid** is \$1520 for 7 areas inside the church. The areas are in the fellowship hall, women's bathroom, nursery and elevator room, sanctuary windows, right side of front doors, 3rd floor by center window, and one window in both 3rd floor rooms. Waiting for the exterior water issue to be addressed first. Pete will contact someone about the water issue.

**Furnace filters** in the education wing arrived and Richard installed them.

**Electrical work in the quilting room** is ongoing. Gary Buss will talk to Kirk Polhill.

**Parsonage siding** still needs repair. Who to get to do the repairs was discussed? Pete or Richard will contact Craig Robinson.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Tuckpointing** should be done at the back of the church. Richard will ask about available funds during the finance meeting, before getting a bid.

**Electronic recycling** will be available at HCC in Freeport on August 21st. Pete and Richard will gather items for recycling.

**Dehumidifiers** will be emptied twice a day by Gary Buss and Pastor Keri while Richard is gone during the beginning of August.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 7:20 p.m.

**Next Meeting** will be September 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by secretary Linda Voreis

***Lena United Methodist Church - Finance Committee Minutes –July 13, 2021***

Finance Chair, Kim Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and Pastor Keri led us in prayer. Attendees by Zoom: Jeff and Judy Baer. Attendees at the Church: Kim Nelson, Larry Nelson, Richard Holmes, Randy Kryder, Pastor Keri and Chris Bartelt.

The May 11, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

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

**Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2021:** At the end of June, the balance in the General Fund is \$32,079.71. The designated fund balance is \$24,523.94. Comments on balance sheet: We will pay out the Easter collection on July 20 to Le-Win Ministerial Association Benevolent fund and UMCOR. The amount in the Memorials account scholarship fund is \$14,433.69. We will be paying \$4000 from that account in the near future to this year's scholarship recipients.

**P&L Reviews- May Profit & Loss comments:** We were short on income in May. Income was \$8,721 Budgeted income was \$14,239. To note on trustee expenses: internet expense account is over budgeted amount as one invoice was for two months instead of one. Net ordinary income for May was -\$1740.66.

**June Profit & Loss:** Income was good in June at \$12,069 against a budgeted income of \$10,392. Under trustee expenses Richard noted that Realgy Energy is no longer our gas supplier beginning in July. Gas will be supplied by Nicor. Net ordinary income was \$3,076.26

**June 30, 2021 Year to Date Profit & Loss:** Net income was \$2,638.13. Comments: Income for January through June was 74,739.13 which includes the PPP loan of \$12,637. Expense review: in SPRC account we are about \$4800 under budget as we have money budgeted for ministry staffing and we do not presently have a youth minister. Gas bill YTD is over budget due to the large Realgy charge on the March bill.

**Other comments:**

Kim commented on her "Net Income/Loss Report from 2017 to current" that at the end of 2019 we ended with \$17,393 in the general fund checking account. In 2020 we received a PPP loan of \$17,800 and this year's PPP loan was \$12,637. If we had not received these extra funds, our general fund checking balance at the end of June would be only \$1,642.71.

Kim said Jodi has submitted the information required to get a credit for the church on the 941 tax form, but we haven't heard anything yet. Judy is going to check on this.

We received a letter from Small Business Administration that the PPP loan for the amount of \$12,637 was forgiven. The forgiveness amount remitted was \$12,637 in principal and \$45.98 in interest; and the forgiveness payment date was June 14, 2021.

We received notice from the Conference that for one of the months July through December 2021 that they will waive the Pastor's health insurance amount of \$1600.

Larry made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Randy. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Next meeting: September 14, 2021 @ 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Chris Bartelt, Financial Secretary

***Lena United Methodist Church – Ad Council Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2021***

Randy Kryder, Ad Council chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Attendees by Zoom: Jeff and Judy Baer. Attendees at the Church: Kim Nelson, Randy Kryder, Richard Holmes, Pastor Keri and Chris Bartelt. Other attendees: Larry Nelson.

Joys and concerns: Roberta Rogers has asked for prayers for her mom, Eileen Snapp. Prayers are also for Pete Brown's grandson, Charlie, who had surgery on July 12.

The minutes from the May 11 meeting were approved as written.

**Committee Reports: Membership** – We received notice that Gretchen Heitkam graduated from HCC in the spring. A gift has been ordered for her. We will honor her at a future worship service to be determined. There will be a meeting after church on July 18 to plan a float for the Lena Lions Fall Festival (theme: Traditions must go on). Jeff Stamm has a garage space where we can keep the float.

**Trustees** – Richard reported that the UMW will pay for a new light in women's bathroom. He will talk to trustees Linda Voreis and Linda Korte about picking out a suitable light. Pfile Plastering gave us a bid of \$1520 to repair 7 areas inside the church. We won't proceed with plastering until the outside water problem is fixed. Pete will contact someone about the outside problem. Richard will get a bid from Dana Keefer for tuck pointing in the back of the church.

**SPRC** – No report

**Lay Leader's Report** - No report

**Finance** – Finance reports were covered at the Finance Meeting earlier tonight. Our accountant has submitted the information to get a credit on the 941 tax form, but we have not had a response yet. Judy will check on this. The PPP loan of \$12,637 in principal and \$45.98 in interest was forgiven on June 14, 2021.

**Education** – Sunday School teachers are talking about Rally Day and getting Sunday school going. Lynn sent out a "newsletter" to each of the children in the pre-K, K and 1<sup>st</sup> graders group and will continue to do that monthly. Approximate date for Rally Day is Sept. 12. School starts on August 19.

Bible School will most likely be a 1-day event in August along with the other Mason Street churches.

There have been some requests to start up the Adult Sunday School class. A new leader is needed.

The anti-racism study group has started up again with a new format.

Pastor Keri presented her idea to involve a HCC elementary education student to coordinate religious education for our group of youngsters. The Education committee and SPRC need to discuss this. **There will be a special Ad Council meeting on August 10 at 7 pm** to discuss progress and start-up of this program.

**Missions:** No report. Missions committee has not reconvened.

**Worship** – No report

**Other Items:** - The Council decided the Mustard Seed collection in process will go to RAMP Wheel-a-thon. Richard thanked the Council for the Mustard Seed collection received by the Lena UMC Men's Group. A recent Mustard Seed donation went to the Fighter jet project. It was noted that the amount we donated (\$200) would qualify for having a brick imprinted with the Church's name on it. The group decided we do not wish to have the church name on a brick.

Richard made a motion that was seconded by Kim to discontinue the "Early Adopters" coaching program at this time. This program was offered by the conference. Cost to the church for phase one was \$350 and cost for phase two would be \$800. All voted in favor to discontinue.

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm with a prayer by Pastor Keri. The next regular meeting will be September 14, 2021 @ 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris Bartelt, Secretary

# August 2021 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9 AM Worship in person and on line through Facebook + Communion Sunday Anti-Racism study shortly after 10:0 in person or Zoom	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>1 pm Quilters</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9 am – Chair Yoga	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:00 am Men’s Breakfast  9:30 – UMW  11 am – God in the Park – Hide-a-way park Pearl City
<b>8</b> 9 AM Worship in person and on line through Facebook Anti-Racism study shortly after 10:0 in person or Zoom  6 pm – Edler/Kryder Bible Study at the church	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>1 pm Quilters</b>  <b>7:00 pm – Ad            Council</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9 am – Chair Yoga	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  11 am – God in the Park – Hide-a-way park Pearl City
<b>15</b> 9 AM Worship In person and on line through Facebook Anti-Racism study shortly after 10:0 in person or Zoom	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>1 pm Quilters</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30 am – Worship Meeting	<b>19</b> 9 am – Chair Yoga	<b>20</b> <b>Newsletter            Deadline</b>	<b>21</b> 7 am – Men’s Bible Study Fellowship Hall  11 am – God in the Park – Hide-a-way park Pearl City
<b>22</b> 9 AM Worship In person and on line through Facebook Anti-Racism study shortly after 10:0 in person or Zoom	<b>23</b>  7pm - Stagecoach Quilters	<b>24</b> <b>1 pm Quilters</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9 am – Chair Yoga	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  11 am – God in the Park – Hide-a-way park Pearl City
<b>29</b> 9 AM Worship In person and on line through Facebook Anti-Racism study shortly after 10:0 in person or Zoom	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>1 pm Quilters</b>				

Date: August 14 - 15, 2021

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



54th Annual



# Willow folk festival

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one mile and turn left (South) on to  
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Morning with  
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10:15 - 11:15

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Saturday (11:am - 10:00 pm)  
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**August 2021**

Thursdays at 9 am – Chair Yoga  
Saturdays at 11 am – God in the Park Hideaway Park  
Pearl City (weather permitting)  
Sundays after worship – Anti-Racism study  
7<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 am Men’s Breakkfast; 9:30 - UMW  
10<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm – Ad Council meeting  
18<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am Worship meeting  
20<sup>th</sup> - Newsletter Deadline  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Stagecoach Quilters

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Sunday School	10:30 A.M.	