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Lena United Methodist Church

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

May 2021 Newsletter



May Servants

Vocalist

- 2 – Scott Stich
- 9 - Roberta Rogers
- 16 – Scott Stich
- 23 – Roberta Rogers
- 30– Bonnie Broge

Liturgist

- 2 – Rose Black
- 9 – Sally Buchenau
- 16 – Scott Stich
- 23 – Roberta Rogers
- 30 – Bonnie Broge

Video Tech

- 2 – Cathy Rich, Chloe Mader
- 9 – Cathy Rich, Chloe Mader
- 16 – Cathy Rich, Chloe Mader
- 23 – Cathy Rich, Chloe Mader
- 30 – Cathy Rich, Chloe Mader

Dial-a-Devotion

- 2 – Eleanor Holmes
- 9 – Pat Phillips
- 16 – Janet Lobdell
- 23 – Norma Klipping
- 30 – Eleanor Holmes

Fellowship

- 2 –
- 9 –
- 16 –
- 23 –
- 30 –

Pray for Healing: Jackie Edler, Helen Edler, Brady Eilders, Rhys Stone (Larry & Kim Nelson's great grandson), Vivien Rose Dascher, Gordon Brown (Pete & Allie Brown's nephew), Judy Baer, Colleen Rakowska, Mila Jean Rakowska (great-granddaughter of Colleen Rakowska), Eileen Snapp, Jerry White (Lavone Gabel's son-in-law), Joey (Pat Phillips' grandson), Debra Smith, Gretchen Kempel, Richard Weber, Ruth Wingert, Charlotte Engel (Laverne Pax's aunt), Dave Mader, Don & Kathy Boatman (friends of Elaine Williams), Irene Rainsberger and Grace Cassaday (Pastor Keri's grandmothers), 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, 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, Dave (Bonnie Broge's brother-in-law)

In treatment:

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

Our home-bound members and friends:

Ruth Wingert; Lois Thrasher (Liberty Village); Pauline Lutz, Al & Dorothy Owens, & Carol Fluegel, Helen Edler (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

May Birthdays

5/2 Jacob Edler
5/3 Jamie Eilders
5/7 Flo Chapin, Marilyn Klever, Pauline Lutz,
Ronald Martin
5/8 Michael Bollman, Ryan Buss
5/9 Mark Voreis, Faye Wybourn
5/12 Kendra Snyder, Alyssa Williams
5/13 Sarah Edler, Kayla Lobdell
5/14 Anthony Knoup, Norma Robieson
5/15 Dana Borchardt, Kristie Flynn,
Jeff Morrison, Linda Scheider
5/16 Gail Brister, Nic Bussian, Judith Polhill
5/18 Evan Edler, Jonathan Stockton
5/19 Beverly Lindenman, Mark Lobdell
5/22 Marcia Buss, Jordon Oellerich
5/23 Brian Borchardt, Jeff Knoup, Paige Williams
5/25 Kelsey Goeke, Donald Grunder
5/27 Randal Kryder, Emma Lampard
5/30 Jeff Baer
5/31 Cherie Biehl

May Anniversaries

5/11 Larry & Judy Buchenau
5/13 Marvin & Terry Hixson
5/22 Eric & Erin Korte
5/25 Cody & Taylor Rogers
5/27 Dan & Sarah Todd

Tithes and offerings can be mailed to LUMC at P.O. Box 336, Lena, IL 61048

Thank you from Lena UMC Worship Committee: Many blessings and special thanks to those who so generously brought the lovely Easter lilies, spring plants and fresh flowers to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday!

Lena United Methodist Church UMW will gather at 9:30 am on Saturday, May 1st at the church. There will not be a formal meeting or lessons. We will gather to see what getting back together feels like and to see what the next year looks like. All women of the church are invited to attend.



From the Pastor's Desk... “In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.” Natalie Sleeth's “Hymn of Promise” is filled with both contradictions and hope. Things that seem to be endings are really beginnings, and beginnings are often

endings.

This month we celebrate graduates. They are ending one stage of study, but this ending is also the beginning of something new – different studies or new careers or a period of exploration. We celebrate what they have finished but also look forward and pray for what is still to come.

At the end of the month we also celebrate those who laid down their lives for our country. We mourn the lives lost, but we also recognize that sacrifices like theirs have allowed for new life to continue. Although on memorial day we specifically remember those who laid down lives in combat, we also recognize that many lay down their lives, figuratively or literally on the home front to help make this world a better place.

This is also the month where we transition from the liturgical season of Easter to the time of Pentecost. In Easter season we celebrate the many ways that the Risen Christ appears among us. In Pentecost, we are reminded that Christ's Spirit is within us, empowering us to go out and be the hands and feet of the Living Christ in our world. Sometimes doing so requires the death of our old ways and our old selves so that we can take on the new life of Christ.

May – a word for a month and for possibilities. May this month bring us new beginnings for our endings.



Lena United Methodist Church offers its warmest congratulations to the following graduates:

1. Marissa Buss, daughter of Steve and Lindsay Buss and granddaughter of Gary and Marcia Buss. Marissa is graduating from Carthage College with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work. In the fall she will attend Aurora University to pursue her Masters in Social Work.
2. Tavor Buss, son of Ryan and Holly Buss and grandson of Gary and Marcia Buss. Tavor is graduating from Le-Win High School. He will attend Highland Community College and then transfer to Southern Illinois University to pursue a degree in architecture.
3. (Rebecca) Becca Edler daughter of Tom and Tammy Edler completed her Associate Degree in General Studies in December, 2020 at Highland Community College. She is now attending North Central College working towards completion of her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She is on track to finish in the Spring of 2023.
4. Cole Gerber, son of Shane and Liz Gerber and grandson of Jeff and Judy Baer. Cole is graduating from Le-Win High School. He will be attending college but has not yet finalized his decision.
5. Kayleigh Gerber, daughter of Shane and Liz Gerber and granddaughter of Jeff and Judy Baer. Kayleigh is graduating from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Relations and Policy. She will be attending law school at the University of Illinois.
6. Jack Setterstrom, son of Brian and Laura Setterstrom and grandson of Wayne and Olga Benson. Jack is graduating from Le-Win High School. He will be attending college at the University of Wisconsin at Platteville to study Agricultural Business.
7. Grace Baldino, daughter of Richard and Mary Kay Baldino and granddaughter of Jeff and Judy Baer. Grace is graduating from Prospect High School. She plans to attend Harper College, a community college in Palatine for the first two years.
8. Carter Burke, son of Terry and Sherry Burke and grandson of Carol Borchardt. Carter is graduating from Le-Win High School. In the fall he will attend the University of Iowa.
9. Owen Kempel, son of Jason and Jennifer Kempel and grandson of Brad and Diane Kempel. Owen is graduating from Le-Win High School. Owen will be enlisting in the United States Marine Corps.



ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Harmony United Methodist Church
2600 W Pearl City Rd., Freeport, IL 61032
(815)233-0057

Dates: May 5-8

Hours: Wed-Fri 8AM-5PM

Sat 8-Noon

If you would like to volunteer to help before, during or after the sale please contact the Harmony office at (815) 233-0057 for details.

Due to Covid-19 guidelines:

- **Mask will be required as you shop**
- **The sale will be held outside of church**
- **Social distancing will be required**
- **food will be served**

2021 Stephenson County National Day of Prayer

Lord, Pour Out Your LOVE, LIFE & LIBERTY

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty." (2 Corinthians 3:17)

STOP BY AND PRAY

ANYTIME BETWEEN 7am – 7pm

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

Stephenson County Farm Bureau

Masks will be required according to Stephenson County Farm Bureau's Covid-19 policy.
Attendees will receive prayer guides, patriotic cross pins, special books, and treats to go.
50-person capacity per room.

May 2021 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:30 UMW meeting
2 9 AM Worship- In-person and On-line + Communion 10 am – Book Study	3 5:30 – 7:30pm Girl Scouts- Fellowship Hall	4 9:30 am – Worship meeting 1 pm Quilters	5	6 9 am– Chair Yoga Fellowship Hall	7	8
9 9 AM Worship- In-person and On-line Happy Mother’s Day! Recognize Graduates 10 am – Book Study 6pm – Edler/Kryder Bible Study – Fellowship Hall	10 6:30 pm – Trustees meeting	11 1 pm Quilters 6:30 pm – Finance meeting 7 pm – Ad Council	12	13 9 am– Chair Yoga Fellowship Hall 7 pm – SPRC meeting	14 Newsletter Deadline	15 7am – Men’s Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
16 9 AM Worship- In-person and On-line + Baptism – Ember Lane 10 am – Book Study	17 5:30 – 7:30pm Girl Scouts- Fellowship Hall	18 1 pm Quilters	19	20 9 am– Chair Yoga Fellowship Hall	21	22
23 9 AM Worship- In-person and On-line (Pentecost)	24 5 pm – Stagecoach Quilters	25 1 pm Quilters	26	27 9 am– Chair Yoga Fellowship Hall	28	29
30 9 AM Worship- In-person and On-line	31 Memorial Day – office closed					

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13th – 7 pm – SPRC Meeting
14th - Newsletter Deadline
31st - Memorial Day holiday – Office Closed

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