

Pastor Keri
Rainsberger
815-369-5291 or
Cell 614-542-9197

September Servants

Song Leader

5 – Scott Stich
12 – Roberta Rogers
19 – Bonnie Broge
26 – Scott Stich

Liturgist

5 – Scott Stich
12 – Roberta Rogers
19 – Bonnie Broge
26 – Tiffany Nieman

Audio/Video Tech

5 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
12 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe
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26 – Dean, Cathy, Sharon, Chloe

Dial-a-Devotion

5 – Janet Lobdell
12 – Norma Klipping
19 – Eleanor Holmes
26 – Pat Phillips

Fellowship

(sign-up sheet is in Fellowship
Hall)

5 –
12 – Education Committee
19 – Faye Wybourn
26 –

Sunday School Teachers

Lynne Howe
Lisa Dascher
Cathy Rich



September 2021 Newsletter



Photo by Larry Nelson

Pray for Healing: Shirley Goldsmith (Pat Edler's friend), Cindy Kerchner, Rhys Stone (Larry & Kim Nelson's great grandson), 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, 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, 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);
Pauline Lutz, Chris Liles; 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, Drive #M32 Appleton, WI

***Save the date – Wednesday, October 27 - Church Conference
with DS, Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer. (SPRC will meet at 5:45
pm, conference begins at 6:30 pm). All members are invited.***

Happy Birthday

- 9/2 Lyle Temperly, Jr.
- 9/5 Beulah Haeft, William Haughan
- 9/6 Cody Rogers
- 9/7 Lynn White
- 9/9 Lisa Oellerich
- 9/11 Rebecca Edler, Kim Nelson, Kathie Schulz
- 9/12 Grace Potter
- 9/13 Greg Broge, Josef Edler, Brent Taft
- 9/14 Austin Simmons
- 9/15 Eric Boyer, Mervin Mader, Ruth Wingert
- 9/16 Sharon Hammill, Curt Oellerich, Marty Voreis
- 9/19 Carol Borchardt, Laverne Pax, Brandon Seuring
- 9/20 Jared Kempel, Theresa Kepner
- 9/21 Seth Dascher
- 9/22 Kent Seuring
- 9/23 Peyton Heitkam
- 9/25 Mitchell Temperly, Sarah Todd
- 9/26 Brad Lobdell, Gary Price, Lori Robieson
- 9/27 David Kepner Chloe Mader, David Peight
- 9/28 Tom Smith, Conor Stanley
- 9/30 Natalie Heitkam, Elsie Lobdell



- 9/6 Wayne & Olga Benson, Randy & Renee Buisker
- 9/11 Darryl & Faye Wybourn
- 9/13 Bill & Sherry Bohnsack, Jan & Cathy Daniels
- 9/17 Brad & Diane Kempel
- 9/20 Kyle & Trinity Zimmerman
- 9/21 Bill & Rhonda Hooker, Brad & Keelee Lobdell
- 9/22 Duane & Peggy Eilders
- 9/27 Adam & Karen Kryder
- 9/30 Nick & Dee Wybourn

From the Pastor's Desk:

On my run this morning I saw a few tree leaves starting to turn. I wanted to scream "No! Not yet!" I love the warm summer months, and although I like fall, my enthusiasm for it is always dampened by the season that follows after it. I become so focused on the dreaded long, VERY long, hard winter to come that I often find it hard to stop and enjoy the beauty of fall.

So this time of year I find myself always wanting to stop time, to stay in the warm pleasant months of summer, enjoying flowers and gardens, birds and walks in parks. However, time doesn't stop. It keeps moving forward.

This fall I sense we as a congregation are sort of feeling in a state of suspended animation. We are projecting low energy, are nervous about our future, are irritated by how things STILL aren't "normal," and generally aren't knowing how to move forward.

We aren't alone in these feelings. Many of the stories in the Bible are about people just like us who don't quite know how to move forward. Yet, God always finds a way to move them forward, sometimes joyfully, and sometimes kicking and screaming.

God will move us forward too. In that we can trust, even when our own energy is not at its peak. God will be with us through all of the seasons. We don't know if what comes will be the patient (or for me not so patient) waiting of winter, storing energy for what is to come or if it will be the frenetic growth of spring, the long fruitfulness of summer, or the glorious display of fall.

At the end of August we visioned together about how we can be in ministry with our youngest members. We committed together to be centered in prayer, to develop relationships, to extend invitation, and to offer concrete programs like Sunday School and a Parent's Night Out. Now we step out of faith to carry out ministry. We don't know what our future holds for these ministries, but we can be sure that no matter what season we find ourselves in, God will be with us.



I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, food contributions, memorial money and anything else you did for me since losing Ken. It's been a hard 3 months, but every day gets a little easier. Without my family and our church family, it would have been a lot worse to deal with. God bless you all for being there for me. **Maryanne Gritmaker**

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.

No chair yoga at Lena UMC on Thursday mornings until further notice.

September 2021 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 8 am – Men's Breakfast 9:30 - UMW
5 9 AM Worship- In person and online through Facebook + Communion	6 Labor Day – Office closed	7 1 pm Quilters	8	9	10 Lena Lions Fall Festival	11 Lena Lions Fall Festival and Parade
12 9 AM Worship- In person and online through Facebook.	13 1-3:30 pm – Stagecoach Quilters – Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm – Trustees meeting	14 1 pm Quilters 6:30 pm – Finance; 7 pm – Ad Council	15	16	17 Newsletter Deadline Wedding Rehearsal	18 7 am Men's Bible Study – at the Church Rachel Edler & Bobby Meiners Wedding
19 9 AM Worship- In person and online through Facebook.	20	21 1 pm Quilters	22	23	24 5-6:30 pm Girl Scouts – Fellowship Hall	25
26 9 AM Worship- In person and online through Facebook.	27	28 1 pm Quilters	29	30		



CALLING ALL YOUTH!
RALLY DAY

Lena UMC
118 W. Mason Street.
September 12th at 9 AM

**COME JOIN US FOR A FUN MORNING
OF WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION.**

**Ice Cream Sundaes served at
Fellowship Time.**

August 17, 2021

Lena United Methodist Church
Attn: Scholarship Committee
118 W Mason Street
Lena, Illinois 61048

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am honored that you chose me to be the recipient of the Lena United Methodist Church Scholarship. Your generous contribution has allowed me to continue in my dream of pursuing a degree in Elementary Education at North Central College.

During my time at North Central College, I have worked hard to maintain a high GPA and stay focused on my schooling. I have also been an active member of the Teach First and Cardinal First Programs on campus. As this upcoming semester approaches, I will continue to focus on my studies and work towards obtaining a degree in Elementary Education. I will also continue in both the Teach First and Cardinal First Programs. New this semester, I will assume the role of President of the Educators Rising Club on campus and begin my field experience at the local elementary schools in Naperville.

The Lena United Methodist Church Scholarship will go towards tuition and other school expenses for my upcoming semester at North Central College. I appreciate your support and investment in my future as I continue my schooling to become an Elementary Teacher.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Edler".

Rebecca Edler

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

Tuesday, 9/21/2021

4:00 – 5:30 pm

St. John Lutheran Church

625 County Lane Dr, Lena, IL

**** Note new Location**

FAMILY FUN DAY



Sponsored by Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church

Date: Sat. Sept. 4, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

**Location Citizen's State
Bank, parking lot**

Please join us for a Fun afternoon. Face Painting! Giant Jenga! Spin the Wheel! Pick a duck! Labyrinth! Bicycle tune-up 101! Chalk art! And more.

Contact: 815-369-5552

Rain date; Mon. Sept. 6, 2021 from 1:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

*****VISIT OUR RUMMAGE SALE*****

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

Our Mission: To know Christ and to make Christ known.



Dates: September 8-11
Hours: W-F 8AM-5PM
Saturday 8-Noon

SAT: FILL A BAG
MAKE A DONATION

We have something for everyone!
 TOOLS, CLOTHES, TOYS, KITCHEN SUPPLIES, FURNITURE,
 EVEN LUNCH!!



4TH ANNUAL
PIG ROAST BENEFIT

September 18, 2021

Harmony United
 Methodist Church
 2600 West Pearl City Rd.
 Freeport, IL. 61032

Food Served from 3:30-6

\$11 in Advance
\$12 at the Door

To order tickets in advance
 call the church office: **815-233-0057**

Please leave a message

Entertainment

No Worries

Carl Cole & Y.E.S.

100% of Proceeds

NASH HARNISH Born: 7/23/2018

Nash has already undergone several surgeries in his short life to repair his condition. He was born with FIBULAR HEMIMELIA. A very special doctor has taken on Nash's case and has made great improvements increasing Nash's quality of mobility. The process has separated the family as his surgeries take place in Florida. His journey is far from over. He will need more procedures as he grows.



Darin Davis

January 19 of 2019, Darin was rushed to the hospital after suffering a stroke caused by a staph infection in his heart. The infection destroyed his aortic valve and resulted in a massive brain bleed, and the loss of the use of his entire right side. After a month in the hospital, he was able to have his heart valve replaced which saved his life. However, during the recall process, the doctors realized that the staph infection from Darin's heart had now seeded in his right knee which had been replaced two years earlier.



Darin underwent subsequent surgeries and hospital stays. Due to the trauma caused by the multiple surgeries, Darin will all ways have limited mobility, but he is working hard every day to obtain a his "normal life" while continuing to work with his doctors to treat the possible lingering staph infection in his body. Darin has been a teacher at Lincoln for 21 years and has spent every year coaching football at the DeWitt, Diamond, Freeport, and Lewis High Schools.

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September 2021

Sundays 9am – Worship in person
 And online thru Facebook
 4th – 8 am – Men’s Breakfast, 9:30 am UMW
 6th - Labor Day holiday – Office closed
 13th - 1-3:30 pm Stagecoach Quilters ;
 6:30 pm – Trustees Meeting
 14th – 6:30 pm – Finance; 7 pm – Ad Council
 17th - Newsletter Deadline; Wedding rehearsal
 18th – Rachel Edler- Bobby Meiners Wedding
 24th – 5 – 6:30 pm Girl Scouts – Fellowship Hall

Or Current Resident

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