

of Children and Mothers

Grace and Peace to you, Siblings in Christ!

It's the merry month of May and that means, Mothers Day! The second Sunday in May has traditionally been a day wherein we celebrate Mothers (and all women who impact the lives of children), but this year before we celebrate Mothers, I wonder if we first must focus on children.

What does this mean? May 5th, the first Sunday in May, has been set aside by the Women of the ELCA as Rachel's Day; a day to remember and support children facing violence, specifically gun violence, as the excerpt below from the WELCA website states:

“What is Rachel's Day?

In 1994, one woman urged her congregation, Bethel Lutheran Church on the west side of Chicago, to support children facing violence. They began by clearing a vacant lot and turning it into a garden— Rachel's Garden. It became a place where folks—mostly mothers—could come to mourn children killed by gun violence in the past year. They also planted a white cross and flowers in remembrance of these young ones.

Two years later, the Metro Chicago Synodical Women's Organization brought a memorial to the Third Triennial Convention (1996) of Women of the ELCA to broaden awareness of the violence children face and actions to address it. The convention passed the memorial, resolving ‘That ELCA women encourage their congregations to recognize the first Sunday in May each year as Rachel's Day, based on Jeremiah 31:15–17 wherein Rachel grieved for her children, to mourn the loss of our children and to renounce the forces of evil and fear that plague our nation.’”

It seems only right that in the month that we celebrate Mothers day, we must also recognize the Mothers, Aunties, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Stepmothers and Foster Mothers who have wept tears of pain at losing their children; and it seems right that we also, as people of faith, should pray for those children and seek to understand how we can support and protect children at risk. So, on Sunday, May 5th we will recognize Rachels Day in worship, coming together to learn and to pray for all our Children. We will have information on Rachel's Day, as well as information about the many different ways that we can lift up, surround, protect and love all of God's Children. It is my prayer that one day all children may know love, may know joy, and may know peace.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jess

WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO: USHERS



Are you willing to be an usher at our worship service? Ushers don't have to give the sermon. They don't have to play the piano or sing in the choir. So what do ushers do?

First of all an usher distributes the worship folder to people coming to the worship service. They distribute the worship folder but more importantly they offer it with a warm, welcoming smile. What better way to start out your worship experience.

Second is the important duty of reminding those serving the wine during communion that they are responsible to take the communion elements to the altar following the General Offering.

Third is the responsibility to ask two individuals to ring the chimes to start the service. This is a tradition that our church has had for a number of years. We let children, adults, seniors, people who can play a rhythm and those who have no idea what a rhythm is to ring the chimes. It doesn't matter who rings them or how they are rung. It just lets everyone know that it is time to start the service. This is our custom. It is not essential. It is not required. It does, in a small way, remind us of the historic church bells that were rung to call people to worship.

Fourth is the important part of collecting the congregation's financial generosity through the General Offering and Noisy Offering. Generous financial support is a hallmark of our Christian identity. Without it we wouldn't truly be Christian. When the offerings are collected, ushers place them on the altar, presenting them as gifts.

Fifth is counting attendance. Each year, Pastor is responsible for reporting what our attendance has been. The Synod uses this statistical information to determine whether churches are growing or declining. Our ELCA church leadership is constantly concerned about the growth and/or decline of the church and supporting efforts towards continued growth.

Sixth is assistance with communion by holding the platter of bread and bowl of fish crackers for those administering communion to the congregation.

Ushers have many responsibilities during the worship service. None are extremely difficult nor require lots of preparation. Without them, however, actions during our worship service would be sorely missed.

God's Peace - Dennis

Dennis Willaman is currently scheduling the ushers. If you would like to participate, please contact him at your convenience at "willamandennis780@gmail.com" or (616) 335-2447.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

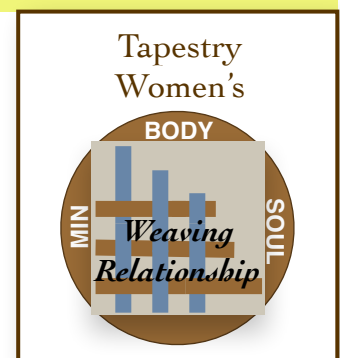
Please join us for the 2nd Annual Mother's Day Brunch,
Sunday, May 12, 2019, 11:00 am. directly after the service.

Enjoy the hand-made goodies made especially to honor the
women in our congregation.



For those who want to help with this event, a
sign up sheet will be in the Fellowship area.

A menu will be posted as soon as possible.



CONGRATULATIONS EISAMAN FAMILY



Congratulations
to the Eisaman Family
on the baptism of
Edwin Owen,
April 28, 2019.



HAND-CHIME CHOIR - COMING SOON



A hand-chime choir is forming soon to play at the anniversary celebration in September.

More details to come.

Contact Eve Andrus if you are interested.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Success!!

Once again THOUSANDS of eggs discovered by children bring joy to their faces. Although the weather was cold, bright sunshine helped to keep everyone warm. A happy event.



WHERE'S MY CALENDAR !?!?

Missing something? The Calendar perhaps?

The calendar has moved. With the purchase of the new membership software, we will soon be able to offer access to our calendar through the new on-line program, "Breeze". Until everyone has access, the calendar will be emailed or mailed to everyone.

The Breeze calendar allows more flexibility in scheduling. It also allows changes at any time keeping the it up to date.



COUNCIL MEMBER DEDICATION



Dedication of our new council members: l-r Steve Johnson, Tessa Hurt, Julie Wolff, Debbie Kleinjans, Pastor Jessica, Sharon Wendt, Ellie Buggeln, Vicki Russell, Elliott Eisaman and Jessica Underhill

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SERVANTS OF THE DAY: LEADERS AND HELPERS FOR WORSHIP

Date	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Worship Leader	Deb Ludwig	Carolyn Willaman	Brian Underhill	Tom Ludwig
Wine Servers	Beckers	Chris Manzo & Needed	(Russells)	Russells
Reader(s)	Chris Manzo	Sharon Wendt	Needed	Needed
Ushers	Floyd Norvell Don Burmeister	Elliott Eisaman Dan Gutknecht	Andy Rohrer Mike Russell	Jim Dyke Dennis Willaman
Comm. Prep/ Clean-up	Deb Ludwig	Lynda Parrott	Pam Evans Dan Gutknecht	Jessica Underhill
Bread Baker	*****	Lynda Parrott	*****	*****
Nursery	Hardys	Shaina Annika	Hurts	Underhills

YOGA IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS



Come join us for yoga in the great outdoors.

God's creation is a beautiful thing. Let's enjoy it together.

Meet at Helder Park (at church if raining)

Wednesday, May 29, 2019, 6:30 pm.

for a truly refreshing experience.

CALLING ALL TREATS !

Do you enjoy the delicious treats after church? We all do!

Please sign up to provide treats for our fellowship time after church.

Work together with two or three families to share the wealth.



If each family signed up 3 times a year- we could easily be covered with great fellowship and food.

There is a monthly signup sheet for your convenience in the Common Room.

Thank you so much.

May

Birthdays

Marilynn Wickens 2

Chris Simoni 5

Donna Vargo 7

Jessica Underhill 8

Lynda Parrott 10

Jeff Hardy 15

Terry Grossman 22

Corinne Becker 23

Carol Ollerman 24

Jonathan Hurt 26



Bryan Blank 26

Kris Norvell 27

Vicki Russell 28

Anniversaries

Carol & Craig Ollerman 18

Merle Malmquist & Wayne Nestander 23

Kris & Floyd Norvell 24

Perry & Lisa Pearson 25

Laurie & Duane Schuldt 28

NOISY OFFERING



The Noisy Offering for May and June will be used to replenish the Congregational Care Fund.

The Congregational Care Fund, established a few years ago, provides funds to assist persons in our congregation in a time of need. Supporting this fund with our Noisy Offering is a way to serve and strengthen our immediate community.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS

Greetings Body at Good Shepherd Lutheran,
Thank you! We received your generous in-kind donations. It means the world to us that you want to love your community in this way....We are so lucky to have you as a donor....Thank you Good Shepherd. We are grateful for you!

Meagan Maas
Community Engagement Officer

rec'd April 26, 2019

To the Members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Holland.

Thank you. In grateful appreciation for giving \$13566.19 in Mission Support in 2018.

North/West Lower Michigan Synod

rec'd April 5, 2019

The Measure of Our Love

Total Sunday Attendance in April: 317

Average Sunday Attendance in April: 79

In Our Prayers...

- **Our Sympathies:** to the Dick and Susan Straith family on the death of their daughter Jane Straith Rose, Apr. 7, 2019 and to the Ron Meyer family on the death of his uncle, Julius Gene Meyer, Apr. 19, 2019.
- **We Celebrate:** the baptism of Edwin Owen Eisaman, son of Dylana & Elliott Eisaman.
- **Thanksgiving:** Eli Norvell (Kris & Floyd's grandson) is home from the military and is now in the reserves. Alec Lamb-Venecia (Joan Lamb's grandson) has completed his military service and is home.
- **Healing/Peace:** Lucas Barton, Zach Bergland (Beckers' nephew), Karen Blank, Cassie, (friend of Chris Manzo), Carol Essig (Bret D'Agostino's aunt), Erlene Haskin, Cathy Kelly, Myra Kohsel, Bob Lutz, Joan Jose, Allan Malan, (Eve's dad), Patty Pantano, Sue Norwick, Roland Rivera, Richard Russell (Mike's brother), Ana Lilia Salinas, Lucina Salinas, Katherine Slee (friend of Beckers), Som Vixayphone, Myariah Vixayphone, (Som's granddaughter), Roland Walters, (Father-in-law of Tammy) Myrlene Weishaar, Kyle Wolff, Bonita Zielke.
- **Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Homebound:** Ruth Bergan (relative of Corinne Becker).
- **Healthy Pregnancy:**, Erin Peer (granddaughter of Kohsels), Ashley Visser (Norvell's granddaughter-in-law).
- **Serving Our Country:** John Bounthapanya (Som's nephew), Kody DeHaan, Steve Dyke, Ben Johnson (Parrotts' nephew), Cortney and Konstantin Ivanov (Gigi Howard's daughter and son-in-law), Eric Johnson (Steve & Kerry's son), Kayla Kleinjans (Stan & Debbie's granddaughter), Alex Miller, Torrey Ollermann (Carol & Craig's son), Andrew Wagner (Patricia Bradfield's grandson), Zachery Wiesner (Gigi Howard's son-in-law).
- **Prayer Partner:** St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Rev. David Hueter, Cheboygan; Christ United Church, Rev. Terry Williamson, DeWitt; Virginia Synod, Bis. Robert Humphrey; Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. Julie Schneider-Thomas, Comstock Park; Messiah Lutheran Church, Rev. Christopher Laughlin, Constantine.

It's Picnic Pops Time!

Experience the magic of **MOTOWN!**

Featuring smash hits made famous by artists like

**Marvin Gaye,
The Four Tops,
Martha Reeves,
Michael Jackson,
Diana Ross,
The Temptations**
and the one and only
Stevie Wonder.



Songs include

Ain't No Mountain High Enough,
Reach Out I'll Be There,
Dancing In The Street,
I Heard it Through The Grapevine,
My Girl,
Superstition
and more.

July 25, Cannonsburg Ski Area

Bring your own beverages, picnic, and chairs/blankets.
Carpooling from commuter lot at 5:00 pm near Walgreens on Chicago Drive.
The music begins at 7:30.

Sign up by June 3rd and we will order tickets.
The quantity determines the rate we can get but they will be \$18 or less.
Money will be collected when we know the exact price.

Questions: Ask Mike or Vicki Russell 616-796-8606.

HELPING OUR YOUTH



Please donate your **returnable** (not recycleable) bottles and cans to the GSLC youth.

It's really easy! Just rinse out your bottles or cans and put them aside. When you're sick of looking at them, bring them to the church and put them in the large grey can in the building entry way. We are always accepting year round.

Once the grey can is full, the bottles and cans are returned. The amount collected is deposited in the youth fund where it helps pay for the mission trip, youth gatherings and other service projects.

Thank you for supporting the youth of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS - NO MORE

Thank you to everyone who has donated their Campbell's soup labels. Unfortunately, the company is no longer doing the program. That said, we are no longer collecting them at GSLC.



From the Campbell's Company website:

"During the past few years, we had been assessing the impact...and through this, we saw that participation in Labels for Education declined considerably. Sadly, it was at the point where we had no choice but to make the very difficult decision to end the program...we want to thank all the schools and families that have made the program so special over the years."

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thank you to everyone who has donated Box Tops at GSLC. They have been passed on to schools in the surrounding districts. When clipping or tearing your Box Tops please be sure that the product acronym and expiration date are included. Expired box tops will be rejected.

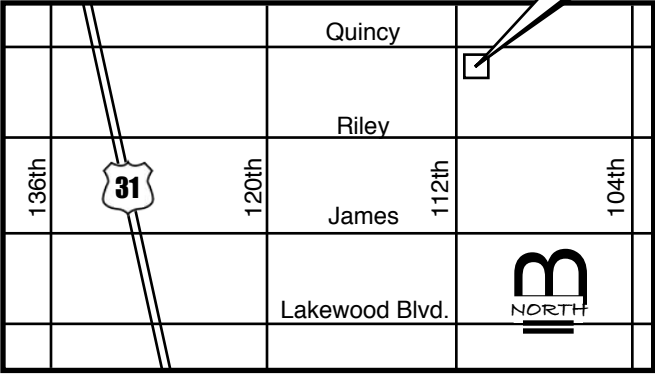


From the General Mills website:

"It all started in California in 1996. General Mills wanted to create a program to help support education and benefit America's schools – and so, Box Tops for Education™ was born.... Today, America's schools have earned over \$868 million, and you can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the grocery store and online."

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
 Worship & Celebration • 10:00 am
 Coffee & Conversation • 11:15 am
 Sunday School (September - May) • 11:20 am

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