

## SON-Shine

Grace and Peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit;  
One God, Mother of us all.

Happy Spring! The sun is finally shining and we are finally able to shed the layers of winter clothing in favor of the t-shirts and sandals that allow us to feel the sun's rays on our skin. For those of us who live in "The North" the first peek at the sun is a joyful event—indeed any glimpse of the sun is a joyful event—the days between October and May being mostly shrouded in cloud and fog and snow. So when the sun makes a consistent appearance we emerge blinking in its light and ready to soak it up; to store some of that precious vitamin D for days when the sun is once again shrouded. Kind of like Easter.

The season of Easter spans roughly seven Sundays, from the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord to the Day of Pentecost, the day on which we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. This season is filled with readings from Scripture that remind us of the Glory of the Resurrection, the call God gives to all the baptized and the promise that we are not alone. The Resurrection, the Giving of the Holy Spirit and the Sending of the disciples to proclaim the Gospel are the highlights of the Easter season and serve as a shot of Son-shine as we go into the long season of Pentecost; the season in which we are encouraged and fortified for our work of growing the gospel in the world.

And growing the gospel is hard, and sometimes draining, work. It is difficult on days when we are exhausted and when it seems that the clouds will never part, to remember the rush of the Holy Spirit or the exhilaration of an empty tomb. When we are feeling trapped under the weight of daily life it is difficult to remember the promises of freedom in Christ. At these times, through the long work of growing the gospel, we need a dose of Spiritual Vitamin D; a reminder that the Son is still here, that the Spirit is still blowing and dancing among us and that God still stirs our hearts, moves our tongues to speak and empowers us to proclaim the good news of Jesus! Just as we Northerners soak up every minute of sun and warmth to prepare ourselves for the long season of winter, we as followers of Christ soak up every promise in Scripture, every ounce of grace in the Bread and the Wine, the Body and Blood, every drop of life-giving water in baptism to prepare us for the long work of growing the gospel in the world.

This summer, as we soak up every bit of sunshine we can, let us also remember to gather together with our faith community every week so that we may share our burdens, offer strong shoulders to cry on and tender arms to wrap around one another as we soak up the SON in the promises of Scripture, the sharing of the Holy Meal and the remembrance of our call in Baptism.

May the Creator, Father and Mother of us all, bless you.  
May the SON shine upon you, fill you with Hope and renew you.  
May the Holy Spirit dance within you, moving you out into the world in love  
that you may grow the gospel in the world.  
Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jess

## NEWS FROM NIGER

From Michael and Rachel Ludwig:

“It felt like progress worth celebrating when we recently hit the milestone of starting to train some of our Community Health Evangelists to take over the training of other CH Evangelists.”

“We highlight the concept ‘use the things you have’”. Hamidou, a graduate of the local Bible school sent to a nearby village, used this philosophy to obtain housing for himself and his family and to increase his income through varied enterprises. This, in turn, is allowing him to further educate the villagers in healthful living practices.

Another evangelist is helping to train his neighbors on cleaning food containers and utensils, sanitizing them using sunlight and covering food to keep pests out. Many of his neighbors contributed ideas on how to accomplish these goals with the use-what-you-have concept. They, in turn, became empowered to help themselves. “Now we have lots of things we can do with the tools we have around us: we don’t even need someone to come in and give us a lot money to do ‘sanitation’ in our village!”

The Ludwigs are asking for continued prayers for their 18 mon. old son’s hip dysplasia. His brace has not improved his condition and they are waiting for the possibility of surgery in the future. They also ask for prayers for the family’s strength and endurance as Michael trains and travels more and as Rachael balances the home schooling of three very different students’ educational needs.

Michael, Rachel and family will be visiting Michigan in July and will be attending services at Good Shepherd July, 7, 2019. Keep them in your prayers for travel mercies.



## WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO: GOOD SHEPHERD BOOK GROUP



The Good Shepherd Book Group is an informal group of avid readers who meet monthly, (except June, July, & Aug) usually at the church . Most selections are agreed upon by the group and the topics and genres are as varied as the readers themselves. We try to alternate fiction with non-fiction and tend to select books that have a spiritual, moral, or local connection. The conversations are always lively, we sometimes have snacks, and we love to laugh! We welcome new members and hope that you will join us when Book Group starts up again in September!

Please contact Laurie Schuldt for more information, or if you have any suggestions for books to add to our list!

## FREE YOGA CLASS

### Free Yoga Class

Last Wednesday of every month 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Everyone is welcome and bring a friend.

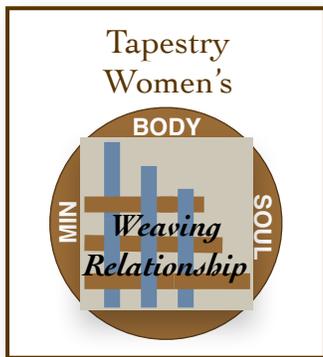


Use the 104th Street entrance on the east side of Helder Park south of Quincy. Drive to the far end of the parking lot. We will be meeting near the pavilion by the tennis courts. Jaclyn is a wonderful instructor and even brings extra mats so no equipment needed.

# MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH!



Thanks  
for a  
wonderful  
brunch!



## SYNOD RECAP by Kris Norvell

### North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly, May 16-18, 2019, in Review

Kris and Floyd Norvell attended as lay voting members along with Pastor Jessica and Pastor Justin.

**Called to be Living Stones in a Changing World** is the initiative the Synod is focusing on. Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. St. Paul describes Living Stones as joined together and rising as a holy temple in the Lord. This initiative has many parts: Reviving congregations, Raising up lay leaders and rostered ministers, reducing educational debt for pastors and ministers, increasing opportunities for inspiration and continuing education, expanding ministry with youth, welcoming all God's people, inviting people from outside the church to come to Jesus, listening and learning from other communities, accompany and assist struggling congregations to realistically assess their sustainability and discern their future and to recruit 100 Living Stone Givers.

**Bishop Craig Satterlee was voted in and appointed to a second 6-year term as Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod.** Several other Synod council members were also voted in and appointed.

**Initiatives our Synod is working on with ELCA** were discussed in detail: Living Stones, International Women Leaders and Leadership Development, Church Vitality Program, Sabbatical program seminary debt reduction, Conflict Resolution process, World Hunger, Disaster Response, the Rostered Minister Initiative and more.

**Additionally, a social statement "Faith, Sexism and Justice – A Lutheran Call to Action has been published. Go to [ELCA.org/womenandjustice](http://ELCA.org/womenandjustice) to read this.**

**The ELCA also announced an International Decade for People of African Descent 2015-2024.** It includes an apology to the people of African descent for the church's complicity in slavery and racial inequality.

**Pastor Jessica spoke about the Open Hearts Open Church Initiative.** As a Publicly Engaged Church the ELCA does God's work in the world, restoring and reconciling communities. Pastor discussed how congregation members need to have open conversations with other congregations. It is important that we ensure that the churches are open and welcoming to ALL people; committed to full inclusion and to giving churches tools to learn what this means. Her team is currently discussing ways to engage the LBGTQ community in ELCA churches and worship.

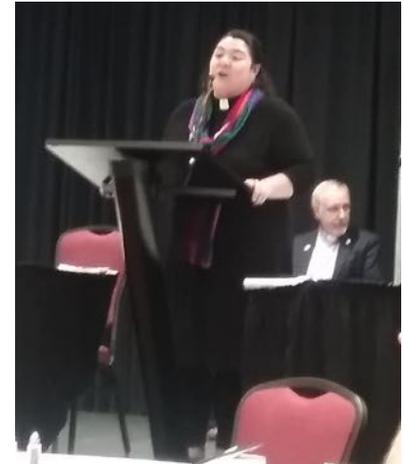
**There are several areas of work that a publicly engaged church (PEC) takes responsibility for:** advocacy, immigration/refugee issues, community outreach, social responsibility, justice for women, peace in the world, hunger, racial injustice and more. For more information about the PEC, go to the North/West Lower Michigan Synod website.

**Mikka McCracken, Director of ELCA Planning and Engagement spoke about ELCA World Hunger.** Hunger is a symptom of sin and we must work to continue closing the gap of insecurity. Last year the ELCA gave \$23.6 million to the hungry and food-insecure throughout the world, including in the US. These funds came through not only donations and food, but transformational and holistic programs to help individuals sustain themselves through farming, new skills and business. Mikka spoke about an experience in Indonesia, when a young woman did not have running water or the means to have a toilet in her house. Consequently, one day she was attacked on the way to the village water supply to use the facilities. After this experience, she came to the local ELCA church and attended classes on starting her own business. A while later, she posted a picture of a toilet on Mikka's Facebook page. It was the one she was able to purchase herself for her home! ELCA purchased a bamboo screen for her to use for privacy for the space. The point of Mikka's story was whether we donate a pig, chicken, cow or a toilet to ELCA World Hunger, we are helping a community in need become self-sufficient by giving them the tools they need to succeed.

Kris Norvell talked briefly about the Synod assembly during announcements on May 19<sup>th</sup>. She said "There was never a moment where we didn't feel the presence of Jesus or the Holy Spirit during our time at the Assembly. Truly this was an edge of your seat experience for us. I hope that some of you can experience this yourselves in the coming years."

So much more was presented, reviewed and discussed during the 2 ½ day Synod Assembly. If you are interested in learning more, please see Kris, Floyd or Pastor.

# VIEWES FROM THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY



## June

### Birthdays

Gordy Haskin 3  
Carolyn Willaman 3  
Jim Dyke 15  
Barb Mann 19  
Rob Parrott 23  
Ken Kelly 23  
Meggan McCaughan 25  
Perry Pearson 28  
Elliot Hardy 29



### Anniversaries

Wade & Jana Heckel 1  
Steve & Terry Grossman 4  
Elmer & Chris Martinson 10  
Rob & Kelly Sauer 12  
Julie & Jerry Wolff 15  
Don & Kathy Burmeister 18  
Stan & Debbie Kleinjans 21  
Bryan & Karen Blank 26  
Jeff 7 Julie Hardy 29

## RETURN OF THE PIGGY BANKS!

Remember to bring your piggy bank back!

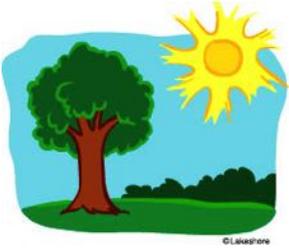
Your ELCA World Hunger piggy bank is due back to church on June 9th, 2019, Pentecost Sunday!



## NEW!! SUMMER OFFICE HOURS!

Summer office hours are now in effect starting May 28, 2019.

Summer hours are Memorial Day through Labor Day:  
Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm



## HELP FEED THE PAPERGATOR!

### Our PaperGator is hungry!!

Help us feed the PaperGator a healthy diet so he continues to work for us. Each time we fill the PaperGator's tummy, Good Shepherd earns money and the environment is cleaner.

#### A healthy diet includes:

Newsprint,  
Catalogs,  
Magazines,  
Junk Mail,  
Phone Books,  
Office and School Papers,  
Hard and Soft Cover Books.

#### Please NO:

Cardboard,  
Pressboard or  
Paperboard (i.e. cereal boxes,  
pasta boxes and the like.)  
These just clog his arteries and  
make him sluggish.



*PaperGator says "Thanks!"*

## 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 it up to date.



# 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.



## The Measure of Our Love

Total Sunday Attendance in May: 237  
 Average Sunday Attendance in May: 59  
 Contributions YTD minus DF: \$59,003  
 Expenses YTD: \$52,209  
 World Hunger: \$100  
 March/April Noisy Offering: \$569.93



## Church Council:

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## SERVANTS OF THE DAY: LEADERS AND HELPERS FOR WORSHIP

Date	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Brian Underhill	Dennis Willaman	Deb Ludwig	Tom Ludwig	Brian Underhill
<b>Reader(s)</b>	Carolyn Willaman	Sharon Wendt	Chris Manzo	Ellie Buggeln	Deb Ludwig
<b>Wine Servers</b>	Beckers	Wendts	Chris Manzo Ellie Buggeln	Bryan Blank Dennis Willaman	Russells
<b>Ushers</b>	Jon Hurt Steve Johnson	Stan Kleinjans Duane Schuldt	Floyd Norvell Don Burmeister	Dan Gutknecht Elliott Eisaman	Andy Rohrer Mike Russell
<b>Comm. Prep/ Clean-up</b>	Deb Ludwig	Deb Ludwig	Vicki Russell	Pam Evans & Dan Gutknecht	Tammy Walters
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Jessica Underhill	*****	*****	Steve Johnson	*****
<b>Nursery</b>					

# THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS

Dear Body at Good Shepard Lutheran,

Thank you! We just received your generous donation to Community Action House, and it means the world to us....Thanks for your continued financial support of our work helping our most financially vulnerable neighbors.

Scott Rumpsa, Executive Director  
Community Action House

rec'd May 15, 2019



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On May 2 we delivered to Community Action House all of the food and personal care donations that were collected during March and April.

We also sent them a \$569.93 check from the coins contributed in our Noisy Offering containers on Sunday mornings.

What a wonderful example of your generosity!

## *In Our Prayers...*

- **We Celebrate:** the baptism of Edwin Owen Eisaman, son of Dylana & Elliott Eisaman.
- **For Hope and Strength:** Christop & Benita Muganza, (friends of the Norvells) trying to bring their children to the United States from Uganda.
- **For Justice:** Pastor Betty Rendón of Emaus Lutheran Church in Racine, Wisconsin.
- **Healing/Peace:** Lucas Barton, Zach Bergland (Beckers' nephew), Karen Blank, Olivia Boomershine (friends of the Norvells, youngest daughter of Ross and Kelly), Cassie, (friend of Chris Manzo), Lynn Durkin & Ralph Hensley (friends of Corinne Becker), Carol Essig (Bret D'Agostino's aunt), Erlene Haskin, Cathy Kelly, Myra Kohsel, Tom Lindsley, Bob Lutz, Joan Jose, Allan Malan, (Eve's dad), Michael Meyer (Ron's son), Joy Norvell (daughter-in-law of Kris & Floyd), Sue Norwick, Patty Pantano, 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 Partners:** Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. Ken Lein, East Jordan; St. Paul Lutheran Church, Rev. Julie Winklepleck, East Lansing; Synod Assembly 2019, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Sandy Schlesinger, VP; University Lutheran Church, Rev. Julie Winklepleck, East Lansing; Grace Lutheran Church, Rev. Matthew Carpenter, East Tawas

# 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

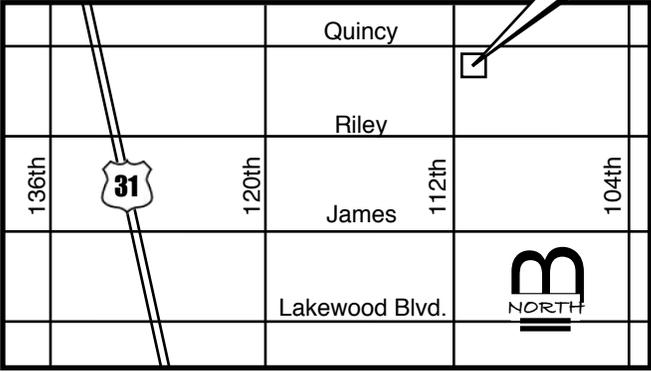
Bring your own beverages, picnic, and chairs/blankets.  
Carpooling from commuter lot at 5:00 pm near Walgreens on Chicago Drive.  
The music begins at 7:30.

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.

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 corner Quincy & 112th, two miles east of US 31  
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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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