

Greetings Friends in Christ!

Summer is finally here; the kids are out of school, the days are longer, the weather is warmer and we have time; time to reconnect with family and friends and time to enjoy the great bounty that God has provided for us. For me personally, summer means time to enjoy one of my favorite activities: the farmers market.

As often as I can, I pack up my empty re-usable bags and head to the closest market. (I admit that I am still trying to find a “good” one near our house). Once there, I seek out the strongest coffee before strolling down the thoroughfare, taking in the sights of beautiful fruits and vegetables, the sounds of street performers filling the air with music, and the smells of fresh flowers and green plants. Though I may only go home with a few things, my day is always brighter because for a little while on a market day I feel a connection to God’s earth and God’s people.

The experience of the market is an experience of community—everyone is happy, open to answering questions and excited to tell you about the fruits (or vegetables) of their labor; and there among the vegetables, fruits and other assorted goodies one can see the barefoot “hippie” and the affluent business owner talking together about how they raise their plants, or arrange their garden, or how they best like to use the fresh kale they both are buying. In the midst of the stalls and the crowds one can sense the spirit of activism and sense of concern for God’s creation and each other. Creation, food and the distribution of food for all people is woven into the fabric of the local market.

Maybe it is because I am a city-girl, unaccustomed to the growing of her own food; or maybe it is because I am a theologian at heart, that the market holds a deeper meaning for me. A glimpse of the community that God wants us to have—connected no matter what our differences, nourished by God’s good creation and concerned about our neighbor—all on a market morning in the summer.

God of all creation, make us aware of each other. In every heartbeat let us also hear the heartbeat of our neighbor. In every breath let us also feel the breath of this living creation. In every tear let us also catch the tears of the other. Make us aware of the connection between us as your beloved in Christ and help us to live in community with you. We pray in the name of the one who encircles all, Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

May your summer be filled with the presence of Christ.

In His service,

Pastor Jess

NOISY OFFERING



Our Noisy Offering for July and August goes to My House Ministry.
(myhouseministry.org)

Based in Holland, My House Ministry's goal is to provide stable housing environments for women and children transitioning from shelter, rehab, or re-entry programs to independent living. By offering low-cost housing, discipleship, accountability, and coordination of spiritual, mental, and emotional needs, My House Ministry seeks to develop living environments where residents can expand their life skills and responsibilities while continuing to grow in their faith.

My House Ministry is one of the few organizations in Ottawa County to provide a faith-based transitional housing program just for women and their children. My House Ministry seeks to help women willing to actively participate in their personal, spiritual, and emotional growth who seek to make permanent changes in their lives. Their program is unique in that it provides women and their children with the stability, structure, encouragement, and resources they need to successfully move on to housing of their own.

A graduate from the My House Ministry program will be at our service on July 14 to talk about her life experiences and how My House Ministry helped her successfully transition to living independently.

We will also be working with My House Ministry on "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday, September 8. We will assist My House Ministry with yard work, repairs and organization in their homes. In addition, we will help their office staff with a mailing project. Watch for more details for "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday in the August newsletter.



CHURCH MISSION TRIP



An eight member mission team left from the church on June 23, 2019 following a special blessing from Pastor Jess. They returned on June 28, 2019.

Watch for photos and an article to come in the August newsletter!



NEW CLASSES!

Classes are beginning June 22, 2019 for

Fit4Baby and Stroller Strides.

Fit4Baby - 8:00 am

Stroller Strides - 9:30 am

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday
June 22, 2019 - October 2019



THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

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Total Sunday Attendance: 282
Average Sunday Attendance: 56
Contributions through April minus DF: \$59,003
Expenses through April: \$52,209
World Hunger: \$100
March/April Noisy Offering: \$569.93



CONSIDER E-GIVING

Do you prefer doing your banking on-line?

Check out our eGiving options.

Visit the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church web page, click on "Giving," then click on "Make a Donation".

Fill out the form for a one-time gift or set up an account for weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly giving.

Questions? Contact Elizabeth Rohrer: elyrohrer@gmail.com
or 616.633.5480.



CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE

Mark your calendars!!

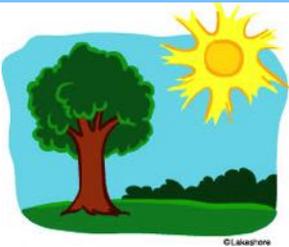
Join us on September 22, 2019 as we gather together to celebrate our anniversary praising God for the blessing of 25 years as a congregation and 10 years in our church building.

The celebration will include the 10:00 am Worship Service, special music, historical pictures and a brief presentation followed by a light luncheon.

If you are able to attend please RSVP to the church office:
(616) 772-4075 or to "gslc.office@icloud.com".



SUMMER 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



THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS

From Joan Jose,

Thank you so much for all your cards, letters, prayers, visits and rides during my illness. They are deeply appreciated. I would also ask that you continue praying for me as I still face several rounds of testing over the months ahead.

rec'd June 18, 2019

Dear GSLC, Women of the ELCA,

Thank you for supporting Katie's Fund with your gift of \$75.00. Your gift makes a real difference in women's lives...[through] global education, living theology and leadership development that your giving to Katie's Fund supports.

With gratitude,
Linda Post Gushkofsky, Ex. Dir.

rec'd June 12, 2019

Thanks

Partners in Mission,

The most exciting news...your Mission Support, the gifts you send to and through the synod...shows a 5.7% increase. It continues to show how generous God's people are.

In addition to all that we do together, in Feb. we were able to make special hunger grants to congregation food pantries in communities hit hard by the govt. shut-down and [natural disasters].

[Your gifts] also helped send...synod members to training...and to Honduras....[They] helped facilitate Spring Break Mission Trips...and will send synod members to Papua New Guinea in August.

Thank you - people of God - in the North/
West Lower Michigan Synod.

Sincerely,

Rev. David E. Sprang.
Assistant to the Bishop

rec'd June 4, 2019

In Our Prayers... for June

- **Congratulations:** Austin James Visser, son Ashley and Tyler Visser, arrived June 9, 2019 at 12:05 pm. Proud great-grandparents are Kris and Floyd Norvell.
- **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, George Preisler and wife Donna, (former members), 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, Dennis Willaman and Carolyn, 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:** Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rev. Marcia Schultz, Edmore; North Carolina Synod, Bishop Tim Smith, Salisbury, NC; Calvary Lutheran Church, Rev. Zachary Nelson, Elk Rapids; Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. Richard Stieve, Frankfort; Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. Robert Schmidt, Freeland; Edgewood Lutheran Church, Rev. Len Dahlgren, Fruitport.

IT'S A BREEZE!!

Breeze Church Management Software

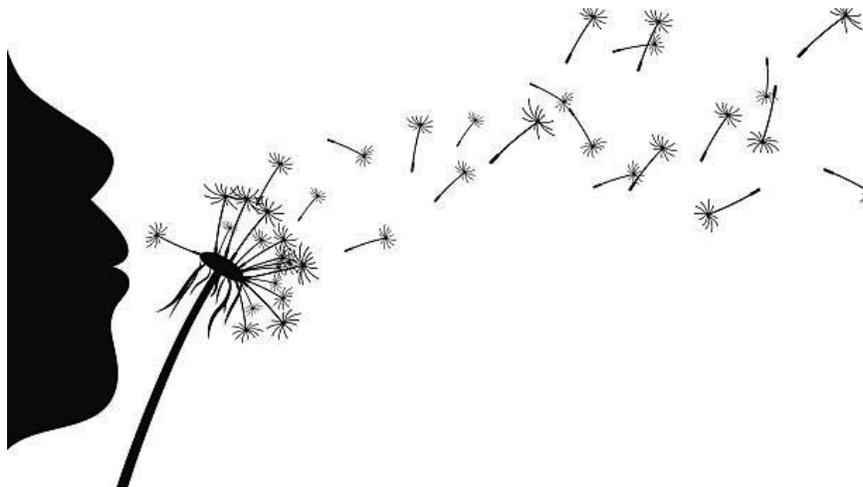
Council has made the decision to utilize a church management software program to update our office. After much reviewing and evaluating by a team of Good Shepherd members we decided to subscribe to BREEZE CHURCH MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE.

What is Breeze? What does a church management software program do? How does it affect you, the members of Good Shepherd?

BREEZE Church Management Software

- provides a secure, reliable and efficient way to collect, organize and manage church member data (current and historical).
- has an online directory that can be accessed, by those with passwords, from any device.
- stores a calendar with event information accessible from any device.
- keeps track of ministry teams and participants.
- allows communication with groups.
- tracks worship attendance and charts attendance data.
- houses giving records and donation data.
- generates quarterly and annual giving statements.
- has secure iCloud storage.
- comes equipped with role-based, user access restrictions and security.

We are utilizing several of these features already and will be adding more as time progresses. Churches are required to maintain a “Permanent roll of members” with information about our church life (membership, baptisms, confirmation etc). Record sheets will be available on Sundays so you can check your information and then be invited to create your own login and password to access our online directory. This will be a big step forward in maintaining our Good Shepherd records. If you have questions please see Elizabeth Rohrer or Vicki Russell after worship on Sundays.



July

Birthdays

Isaac McCaughan 1
 Sally Schmelter 9
 Casey Shumaker 11
 Brian Underhill 14
 Deb Ludwig 15
 Bonita Zielke 18
 Nathan McCaughan 20
 Rose Heckel 23
 Kelly Sauer 24
 Julie Wolff 27
 Larry Heckel 28



Anniversaries

Julie Wentz & Chris Simoni 4
 Mike & Vicki Russell 12
 Shane & Heather Wagner 22
 Rob & Lynda Parrott 24
 Patricia & Russell Bradfield 30

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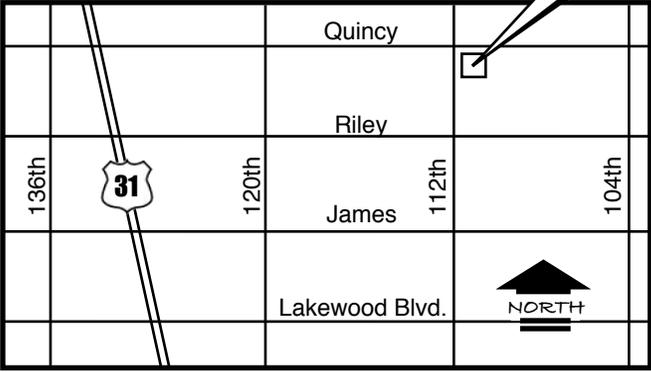
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SERVANTS OF THE DAY: LEADERS AND HELPERS FOR WORSHIP

Date	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Worship Leader	Carolyn Willaman	Tom Ludwig	Tom Ludwig	Deb Ludwig
Reader(s)	Sharon Wendt	Deb Ludwig	Carolyn Willaman	Don Burmeister
Wine Servers	Beckers	Chris Manzo Vicki Russell	Russells	???
Ushers	Jim Dyke Duane Schuldt	Jon Hurt Steve Johnson	Stan Kleinjans Dennis Willaman	Floyd Norvell Don Burmeister
Comm. Prep/ Clean-up	Deb Ludwig	Kris Norvell	Vicki Russell	Pam Evans Dan Gutknecht
Bread Baker	*****	Terry Grossman	*****	*****
Nursery	???	Laurie S.	???	???

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Holland Township

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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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