

While Pastor Jess is on vacation, please enjoy this reprint from the Aug. 2018 newsletter.

Rest for Your Soul

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

I have been thinking about rest lately; I am writing this article just as I am coming back from a family vacation during which I thought a lot about rest and its opposite—stress. Stress is a part of the fabric of our existence, so much so that most of us have become accustomed to it and the idea of living stress-free is almost laughable. We need rest. We need to recharge and remember who is in charge of our daily lives.

Matthew 11:28-30 states:

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

In Christ Jesus, God promises us rest for our weary, stressed out and overburdened souls, promises us hope when we feel hopeless, and takes on our burdens. In exchange, he makes us new and gives us new life and courage to love in the face of fear. When we are stressed out and overburdened with life, and when we feel as though we will never get a break, God gives us the Peace that comes only in Christ. My hope for you is that you are able to rest, to give to God what cannot be controlled in your life and to be open to the Peace that comes through Christ.

I want to conclude with this blessing:

The God who enters into our humanness and defeats death, fill us with Holy peace, heal the wounds that cut deeper than even we know and take the burdens that weigh us down.

The God who created us, open us to the unknown Other, opening our eyes to the image of God in all people.

The God who forgives us, allow us to feel the guilt we need to feel, forgive us in our own sin and make us new—bringing us out of the darkness of guilt and shame and into the light of hope.

And the God who makes all things new, sustain us with the Holy Spirit, move us to action in love, and breathe in us the Peace of Christ.

In the name of God, the Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor Jess

CHURCH MISSION TRIP

Your Generosity helped send our church members on a successful Mission Trip!



Assisting with devotions.



Serving meals.



Free time! Laser tag and mini golf.



Providing companionship.



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.

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 to come.



SCHOOL KITS



Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults – continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

Each student needs:

- 4 70 page spiral bound notebooks
- 1 ruler (needs centimeters)
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pair safety scissors
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils
- 5 blue or black ink pens
(no markers or gel pens)
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 2.5" eraser

Please:

- Give new items only.
- Do not donate items with religious symbols or messages or a congregational name.
- Do not donate items with US flags, military or patriotic symbols, references to the armed forces, or anything with camouflage.

We are also collecting money to help off-set the cost of backpacks and postage.

Questions? contact Lynda Parrot, Maryjo Gillette or Ellie Buggeln.

FIT 4 MOM



Classes continue for
Fit4Baby and Stroller Strides.

Fit4Baby - 8:00 am

Stroller Strides - 9:30 am

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday

June 22, 2019 - October 26, 2019

Meet at Helder Park,
Good Shepherd if raining

New!! Body Back Classes

Free preview classes

August 13 and 22, 2019, 5:15 am

at Good Shepherd

Everyone is Welcome!

New Body Back Classes

September 3 - October 24, 2019

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:15 am

at Good Shepherd

Yoga in the Great Outdoors - Helder Park

6:30 pm Last Wednesday of the month

August - October

Everyone is Welcome!!

NEWS FROM NIGER

From Michael and Rachel Ludwig:

Fish farming has come to the desert! Check out the latest newsletter from Michael and Rachel Ludwig on the bulletin board in the Commons.

It was wonderful to have Rachel, Michael and their family share time with us on July 7th. Thank you to the Ludwigs also for providing the Children's Sermon that day. Michael's Children's Sermon focused on the New Testament Lesson for July 7 (Galatians 6:1-16), where St. Paul says that each of us should carry our own load, but yet urges us to bear one another's burdens. Michael talked about the difference between "carrying our own load" of ordinary daily responsibilities and "bearing one another's burdens" when those physical or emotional burdens are weighing a person down.

Michael, Rachel and their children then demonstrated a Community Health Evangelism project that helps families in the villages of Niger bear the burden of carrying fresh water long distances every day. This project teaches families to protect their water by using an old plastic bottle, a stick, and a piece of string to create a "tippy tap". By stepping on the stick, which is attached to the bottle with the string, it allows a small amount of water for hand washing to trickle out of the bottle. This keeps the family's limited water supply from contamination by constantly dipping hands in the drinking water to wash. A unique, low cost solution for a serious health issue.



CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE



The celebration committee and subcommittees have been hard at work. Plans for the reception/luncheon are under way; the invitations have been printed; addresses have been collected; the worship committee has met to plan the service, and the presentations are being researched and developed.

Look for your invitation via email or through the post office soon. If you are able to attend please RSVP to the church office: (616) 772-4075 or to "gslc.office@icloud.com".



HOLD THAT THOUGHT!

Purchases for the Church.

The church council so much appreciates everything you do for GSLC! In the future, however, if you would like to purchase something to donate to our building, you will need council approval. Sometimes what seems to be a good idea, just creates more work for someone else. So, if you are out shopping and see a great deal on a...(insert item here)..., please do not purchase it thinking "we could use this at church". Please contact a council member first. If we do have a need, we will spread the word.

THANKSGIVING

The Measure of our Love

Total Sunday Attendance: 225
Average Sunday Attendance: 56



Dear Good Shepherd,

Thank you for including us in your worship service a few weeks ago.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

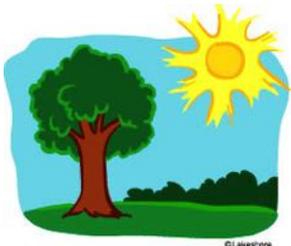
Thank you.

Rachel, Michael,
Adeline, Zach, Simeon & Isaac
Ludwig.

SUMMER HOURS!

Summer office hours are now in effect.

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



WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO - MUSIC AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Music at Good Shepherd



Hello! My name is Eve Andrus, I am the Music Director for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. I have a bachelors in Music Education, completed college courses in Music Therapy, and have a Masters in Music Education. I live in Grandville with my two wonderful girls and our dog. I was hired to work at GSLC in June of 2016.

I am so honored to be able to work with many of the members in a choir setting. The choir meets on Monday evenings at the church every week during the school year. We work on many wonderful pieces of music. I make a point to pick a variety of songs from the choir library and to add new ones during the season. Having a variety of music to sing is important. I try to pick music that has a message, and a different tempo from performance to performance. We sing in 2-3 and 4 part harmony. We also showcase some solos as well throughout the year.

The children sing on average once a month during the school year. My goal with the kids is to sing songs that fit the message of the service, help them understand, through music, what church is all about, and have fun doing it. There are many strong singers in the group. Most of them are so young that they do not read music or words yet and learn by ear!

Every December we put on a musical that spreads the joy of music and the mission of our church to the congregation through this performance. This is a wonderful addition to being the director and we have a blast working together.

I am also working on forming a handbell choir in the future. Details on this are pending, please see me if you are interested.

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity. I look forward to being your church music director for many years to come!



In Our Prayers... for July

- **Thanksgiving:** Torrey Ollermann, (Carol & Craig's son), has retired from the Air Force. We thank him for his many years of service and dedication. He and his family will continue to live in Minot, North Dakota.
- **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, Tom Lindsley, Bob Lutz, Joan Jose, Allan Malan, (Eve's dad), Michael Meyer (Ron's son), Sue Norwick, 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, Kyle Wolff, Bonita Zielke.
- **Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Homebound:** Ruth Bergan (relative of Corinne Becker).
- **Healthy Pregnancy:**, Erin Peer (granddaughter of Kohsels).
- **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:** Peace Lutheran Church, Rev. Gary Grieger, Gaylord; Christ the King Lutheran Church, Rev. Emily Olsen, Gladwin; Settlement Lutheran Church, Tom Redig, VICAR, Gowen; Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rev. Charles Foerster, Grand Ledge; South Carolina Synod, Bishop Herman Yoos, Columbia, SC.

ALL-CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

Save the Date!

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019

We need YOUR help. There will be an all-church clean-up, inside and out, on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019.

Watch for sign-up sheets in the Commons.

We will tackle windows, weeding, trimming and vacuuming; cleaning walls, chairs, floors, tables, and more.

Can't make it Saturday? Weekday opportunities exist for you.

Questions? Contact: Mike Russell (616) 796-8606.



LET'S SING AND MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Choir begins.

Choir resumes, Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, September 9, 2019. This will include preparation of a special piece for the 25/10 celebration.



Handbells.

Join us for handbell choir practice Sunday Sept. 8 and Sept. 15 from 11:30 am-12:00 pm. Please come and join us in preparing music for the upcoming Sept. 22 celebration service on. Our final rehearsal is Sept. 22 at 9:30 am. No previous musical experience or knowledge needed

PICNIC POPS FUN



Picture time while waiting for the concert to begin.

(rear, l-r) Kris and Floyd Norvell, Dennis and Carolyn Willaman, Mike and Vicki Russell

IT'S A BREEZE!!

Breeze Church Management Software

July has been a busy month getting our Breeze Church Management Software ready for member access. Members and regular attenders have received, either in person on Sunday or via mail, an information sheet with contact information. We are asking you to proofread that contact information and make corrections. We are also looking for milestones from your faith life such as baptism, confirmation, marriage dates and locations. This is information that churches maintain as a "permanent roll of members." With your assistance we can have accurate and complete information.



As these information sheets are returned we are entering that data into our software records. Be assured that Breeze provides a secure, reliable and efficient way for Good Shepherd to collect, organize and manage our member data. After your information is entered you will be sent, via email, an invitation to create your Breeze account choosing your user name and password. At that point you will be able to access your records, a directory of contact information for Good Shepherd members/ friends and the Good Shepherd calendar from your phone, computer or tablet. We already have over 20 people who have signed on and have access to Breeze.

Please return the Breeze information sheets as soon as possible. If you have questions, speak with Elizabeth Rohrer or Vicki Russell any Sunday after worship.

ATTENTION ALL BOOK READERS!

Before we know it September will be here and Good Shepherd's book group will be starting up again! First of all, everyone is welcome! And I am looking for input from anyone who would be interested in joining with others for interesting, intelligent discussions about the variety of topics that our reading brings to light!

We currently do not have a book selection for September, so I am looking for suggestions. We try to select books that have a spiritually, morally, or socially relevant message.

Also, we have historically met at the church on the third Wednesday each month. Is this the best place for everyone? Other options - meet at a coffee shop. Meet at someone's house. Meet somewhere else - open to suggestions!!

Meeting time is 5:00 pm - best time to meet? For those of us who work, daytime is not an option, but it may be best for others who are available during the day and don't like to drive in the evenings. Again - open to discussion.

Please email me at: laurie.schuldt@gmail.com with any ideas or suggestions. I am hoping for a robust, active book group this year and look forward to hearing suggestions or thoughts from everyone!



August

Birthdays

Channa Sauer 1
 Teeghan Sauer 1
 Debbie Kleinjans 5
 Chan Vixayphone 13
 Heath Zylstra 15
 Ellery Pearson 27
 Elliott Eisaman 30



Anniversaries

Chris & Ed Manzo 29

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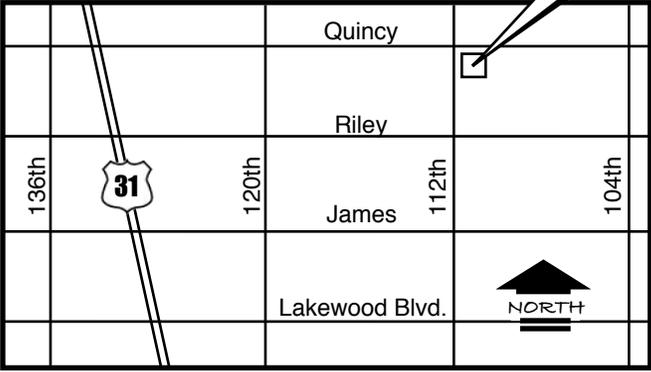
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SERVANTS OF THE DAY: LEADERS AND HELPERS FOR WORSHIP

Date	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Worship Leader	Tom Ludwig	Carolyn Willaman	Dennis Willaman	Brian Underhill
Reader(s)	Kris Norvell	Chris Manzo	Dennis Willaman	Carolyn Willaman
Wine Servers	Chris Manzo Ellie Buggeln	Kleinjans	Russells	Shaina & Jessica Underhill
Ushers	Elliott Eisaman Dan Gutknecht	Jim Dyke Mike Russell	Andy Rohrer Duane Schuldt	Jon Hurt Steve Johnson
Comm. Prep/ Clean-up	Deb Ludwig	Kris Norvell	Vicki Russell	Jesica Underhill
Bread Baker	Elizabeth Rohrer	*****	Julia Wentz	*****
Nursery	Underhills	Eisamans	Laurie Schuldt	Hurts

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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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