

## New Things Are Coming...

Grace and peace to you, siblings in Christ!

It's fall—my favorite season—and everywhere we look school supplies are on sale (or have been on sale) alongside Halloween decorations and candy. In the air there is a hint of the crispness of changing leaves and new things. After all, kids are starting a new year with new expectations and in the life of our church we are beginning a new time of activity and excitement after a (hopefully) relaxing summer.

So, what new opportunities are opening up this fall? In September we will have a chance to learn a little bit more about how the ELCA churchwide and our own Synod are living out God's call to love and serve our neighbor through advocacy, education, service and activism. Because we believe that we are doing God's work in the world with our hands we (the ELCA) have ministries, programs and projects around the world and in communities across the U.S., addressing everything from care of creation to racism.

Also in September the WELCA Bible Study will begin studying women of the Bible, each week we will hear the story of a different matriarch of faith and finding ourselves in her story. The biggest event of September will be our Celebrating God's Love event commemorating our 25th anniversary as a congregation and the 10th anniversary of this building. In worship, song and fellowship we will remember our past and look ahead to where God is calling us in the future.

October will bring new Bible Study and fellowship opportunities and more celebrations as we celebrate God's abundance and support our young people who are affirming their faith. New things certainly are coming to us this fall, enticing us into new ministry opportunities and reminding us of the ministry we have been doing for the last 25 years, let us greet the fall with excitement and joy as we continue our journey together as Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

In Service of Christ,

Pastor Jess

### September, 2019 Events:

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| Wednesday, September 4: | WELCA Bible Study Begins. 10:00 a.m.   |
| Sunday, September 8:    | Service and Advocacy Q&A after worship in the commons  |
| Saturday, September 14: | Make our building beautiful for Celebration Sunday   |
| Sunday, September 15:   | Back to school Blessing during worship. If you are heading back to school in ANY capacity (student, faculty, staff, volunteer, security, helper) please bring your backpack or anything that represents your role so we may pray a blessing over you for a safe, joyous school year. |
| Sunday, September 22:   | "Celebrating God's Love" Celebration!!!  |

## FAITH, LOVE AND LEARNING



Faith, love and learning spanning three generations at Good Shepherd.

Jurgen Becker reading a german storybook (with translations) to Edwin and Dylana Eisaman during Fellowship Time.

Sunday, August 25, 2019

## CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE

It's almost time to Celebrate!



The invitations were sent. Now all we need are your RSVPs. We need to know if you are attending or not. We also need to know the number of people in your family party.



Please RSVP to the church office:  
(616) 772-4075 or to "gslc.office@icloud.com".

## 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.



## NOISY OFFERING

Our Noisy Offering for September and October goes to The Gift of Giving 2019.



Last year we held our first ever “Gift of Giving” at the Family Hope Center of Fairbanks Ave. This year we will again collect and purchase items to “sell” at our own “store” at the Hope Center. The items listed below are suggestions that the staff at the Hope Center feels would be useful but also special for the ladies who reside there. The children are our shoppers with each child choosing 2 items as gifts for their mother. We will provide wrapping supplies and assist the kids with the wrapping. The gifts are hidden until Christmas so that the children can surprise their mothers. As much as children want to receive gifts on Christmas there also is a joy that they feel when they can give a gift, in this case, to their mother, something they were able to “purchase” and wrap. The joy of giving is one of the many lessons we want children to learn.

Remember we want NEW items with the tags left intact. Prices will be cut off or blackened with a marker. We will use the Noisy Offering funds to purchase items beyond the donations. Remaining money will be given to the Family Hope Center for the benefit of the moms and children.

You can participate in several ways:

Place your coins in the Noisy Offering.

Purchase items from the list below leaving the tags on to stock our store.

Volunteer to set up and/or staff the store on Tuesday, December 11.

Donate Christmas wrapping supplies - wrapping paper, bows, boxes, gift bags, tissue paper, tape.

Gift suggestions: Please, only NEW items.

Fashion scarf

Perfume

Small purse

Small backpack

Hair accessories

Small cosmetic bag

Jewelry

Wallet

Pretty tote bag

Decorative basket

Manicure Set

Small lotion

Small jewelry cases/holders

Journal with a decorative pen

Makeup (eye shadow, eyeliner)

Adult coloring book with pencils

Nail polish and remover

Please **NO** candles, food, knick knacks, winter hats, scarves or gloves.

## FIT 4 MOM



**Yoga in the Great Outdoors**

Weather permitting

***New Place and Time to be Announced***

Everyone is Welcome!!

Classes continue for  
**Fit4Baby and Stroller Strides.**

Fit4Baby - 8:00 am

Stroller Strides - 9:30 am

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday

Now through October 26, 2019

Meet at Helder Park,

or Good Shepherd if raining

## YOUR GENEROSITY WORKS



Because of your GENEROSITY, the Emanuel Asamblea de Dios congregation has been meeting in the Good Shepherd building for several years. They are a lively, energetic, and very friendly group of people. The rent they contribute supplements our mortgage fund payments. They, also, share the weekly cleaning of the church building.

Like Emanuel, we shared a building until we could afford to construct our present church. We are very pleased to share our building with the Emanuel Asamblea de Dios congregation and look forward to our continued warm relationship.

Pictured are a few members of their congregation.

## 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.

# BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Back to School Blessing--Sunday, September 15, 2019



If you are heading back to school as a student (of any age) a Teacher, Bus Driver, Para, Janitor, Security or Volunteer please bring your backpack, keys, or other "tool of the trade" for a special Back to School blessing during worship.



## NOTES AND THANKSGIVING

### *The Measure of our Love*

Total Sunday Attendance: 181  
Average Sunday Attendance: 45  
Noisy Offering May/June: \$1566.06

Dear Pastor Rivera-Walker and Members,

Greetings from Holy Trinity in Niles.

We, the members of Holy Trinity are thinking of you. As fellow Lutherans, we ask God to be with you and help you to continue His work.

God bless you!

Joyce L. Hickok

rec'd August 9, 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

I just got back from the ELCA Assembly and received your joyful reminder of our wider partnership and the prayers you have prayed for God's mission here in the South Carolina Synod.

Last night we broke ground for our 1st Latino Mission congregation called Cristo Rey. In the past 2 years they have had 77 baptisms. It was a joyous service.

Thanks for your prayers and partnership in the gospel.

In Christ,

Bishop Herman Yoos

rec'd August 15, 2019



### *In Our Prayers... for August*

- **Thanksgiving:** Torrey Ollermann has retired from the Service.
- **Our Sympathies:** to the family of Ana Lilia Salinas who passed away last week.
- **Healing/Peace:** Lucas Barton, Zach Bergland (Beckers' nephew), Bryan Blank, 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, Brandi Ketchum (friend of Underhills), Tom Lindsley, Andrew Linn (friend of the Beckers), 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), 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, Julie Wolff, Bonita Zielke.
- **Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Homebound:** Ruth Bergan (relative of Corinne Becker).
- **Healthy Pregnancy:**, Emily Driy (friend of Underhills), 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:** St. John Lutheran Church, Supply Pastors, Grayling; Florida-Bahamas Synod, Bishop Pedro Suarez, Tampa, FL; St. Paul Lutheran Church, Rev. Betsy Kamphuis, Greenville; Grace Lutheran Church, Rev. Kenneth Scheck II, Hastings; St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Rev. Leslie Nye, Herron; Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. Jessica Hahn, Hillsdale.

## ATTENTION ALL BOOK READERS!

Welcome to the GSLC Book Group.

Our September selection is *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones. From *Good Reads*: “Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of both the American Dream and the New South. He is a young executive, and she is an artist on the brink of an exciting career. But as they settle into the routine of their life together, they are ripped apart by circumstances neither could have imagined... This is a deft exploration of love, loyalty, race, justice, and both Black masculinity and Black womanhood in 21st century America.”



## NEW! BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

### New schedule for Book Club Meetings!

After consulting with interested readers, the Book Club will be meeting the 3rd Wednesday of every month at changing locations.

Our first meeting is: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 4:30 pm.

Meet at: Simpatico on the north side of Holland

We are reading: *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones

This is a library book bag selection, so please contact Laurie Schuldt at [laurie.schuldt@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.schuldt@gmail.com) if you are interested in a book but have not gotten one yet.

October book selection: *Where'd You Go Bernadette?* by Maria Temple, also a book bag selection, which is also a recently released movie.

Please join us for coffee, fellowship, and lively conversation!

## 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

## SCHEDULE FOR PASTOR JESS

Beginning September 9, 2019, Pastor Jess' schedule will be as follows:

<b>Mondays:</b>	10:00am-1:00pm, GSLC Office, after 1:00 by appointment, cell phone or email
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	By appointment, cell phone, or email
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	10:00am-12:00pm, GSLC Office, after 12:00 by appointment, cell phone or email
<b>Thursdays:</b>	By appointment, cell phone or email.
<b>Fridays:</b>	DAY OFF--Unavailable except for emergencies
<b>Saturdays:</b>	By cell phone or email
<b>Sundays:</b>	GSLC Worship, Fellowship and Events. After 12:00 available by cell-phone and email.

Pastor Jess' email is: [pj.gslc@gmail.com](mailto:pj.gslc@gmail.com), and cell phone is: 616-403-4660.

## GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS UPDATE



Due to a recent staff changes at My House Ministry, we no longer have the opportunity to work with them on September 8<sup>th</sup>, God's Work Our Hands day. Our Noisy Offerings for July and August will still be donated to My House Ministry to help them with their housing rent needs.

As a substitute, we will explore how the ELCA offers opportunities to congregations for advocacy in several areas of need. Information and options for participation will be available in the Fellowship Area

after service on September 8<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>.

This change in plans also gives us the ability to focus on preparations for our 25/10 celebration. We encourage you to come out on September 14<sup>th</sup> to help with our cleanup efforts. Signup sheets are in the Fellowship Area.

Please talk to any member of our Mission and Outreach Team to learn more about how you can help at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church: Elizabeth Rohrer, Vicki Russell, Carolyn Willaman, Kris Norvell and Pastor Jessica.

## 2018 CHURCH AUDIT COMPLETE



The 2018 Good Shepherd financial records audit is now complete. A copy is posted on the bulletin board near the entrance to the church administrative office. If you would like a copy, email or call Deb at the office, 616.772.4075 or [gslc.office@icloud.com](mailto:gslc.office@icloud.com), and she will print you a copy.

The results were very clear. Nothing unusual was found for the congregation to be concerned about. Steve Grossman, Julie Wolff, and Dennis Willaman were the church's representatives and they asked questions to get clarification from our bookkeeper, Sarah Whitmer, at Simply Counted Business Services, Inc.

If you have any questions please contact either Julie Wolff or Dennis Willaman. We will be glad to address your concerns.

# September

## Birthdays

Dylana Eisaman 1  
 Karen Blank 6  
 Pam Evans 10  
 Julia Wentz 14  
 Nolan Hurt 18  
 Alyssa McCaughan 25  
 Autumn Manzo 29  
 Jake Wagner 29



## Anniversaries

Elliott & Dylana Eisaman 5

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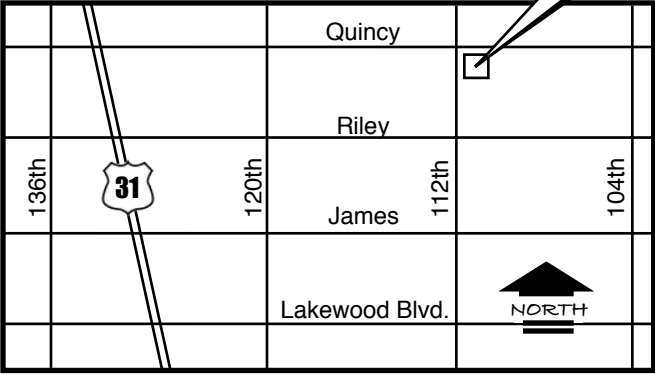
### SERVANTS OF THE DAY: LEADERS AND HELPERS FOR WORSHIP

Date	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Deb Ludwig	Carolyn Willaman	Dennis Willaman	Pastor Jessica	Julie Hardy
<b>Reader(s)</b>	Sharon Wendt	Chris Manzo	Tammy Walters	Children of GSLC	Floyd Norvell
<b>Wine Servers</b>	Wendts	Chris Manzo Kris Norvell	Russells	The Fosters	Beckers
<b>Ushers</b>	Stan Kleinjans Dennis Willaman	Floyd Norvell Don Burmeister	Elliott Eisaman Dan Gutknecht	Mike Russell Andy Rohrer Child of GSLC	Jim Dyke Duane Schuldt
<b>Comm. Prep/ Clean-up</b>	Deb Ludwig	Kris Norvell	Jessica Underhill	Pam Evans Dan Gutknecht	Tammy Walters
<b>Bread Baker</b>	*****	Lynda Parrott	*****	*****	Steve Johnson
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Needed</b>	<b>Needed</b>	Jessica Underhill	<b>Needed</b>	Laurie Schuldt



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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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 e-mail to [gslc.office@icloud.com](mailto:gslc.office@icloud.com)