



When We Are Weary

Grace and Peace to you Brothers and Sisters

from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

It is August. In a year that seems to have gone on forever already, this August is part of a surreal summer. Things are different. We can't go as many places or see as many people. Debates are raging about whether to open our schools again after many of us spent the last months of this previous school year homeschooling. We are weary. We are tired. It feels as though 2020 has been a relentless gauntlet of anxiety, outrage and change. It is at these times that the verses from Matthew 11 come to mind:

28 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 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. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Jesus promises us rest for our weary 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. In this time when we are burdened and weary, let us rest in the promise that we do not bear these things alone; we are yoked to Christ who teaches us and empowers us to persevere with hope, with grace and with love.

I will 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

LIVESTREAM SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Until further notice, services and activities are online.

- *Sunday Services, 10:00 -11:00 am via YouTube link provided by Pastor Jess Quilter's Zoom Chat, 11:00 - 12:00 pm via Zoom
- *WELCA Bible Study, 10:00 -11:00 am via Zoom
- *Happy Hour with PJ, 7:30 - 8:30 pm via Zoom
(* link also available on the Breeze calendar)

BAPTISM



Kyle Evan Hurt

Kyle Evan Hurt,
son of Tessa and John Hurt,
was welcomed into our faith family on July 5th, 2020
by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
We welcome Kyle, and promise to surround him with our
prayers and faith. Amen.



SUMMER HOURS NOW THROUGH LABOR DAY



Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Beginning Memorial Day week, May 25, 2020, —
Ending on Labor Day, Sept. 7, 2020.

Be aware that though Deb is still working in the office, during the Covid-19 crisis, the outer doors are remaining locked. If anyone should need to come to church during open hours, Deb will need to be notified ahead of time to let them in.

WEED & FEED

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Join us on Wednesday,
August 5 and 19, 2020
6:00 pm
for a Weed and Feed



WAIT! WHAT?

A weed (the church property) and feed (your face with pizza).

We will meet at 6 pm outside at the church building to share some pizza and then get to work on those pesky weeds around the parking lot and building. Bring your own drinks, gloves and garden tools. If it is raining (or whatever else Michigan has to throw at us), we will reschedule for Thursday, August 6 and 20.

Please RSVP to Jessica Underhill so we know how much pizza is needed:
brianjessunderhill@yahoo.com or (616) 848-9367.

There will be no access to the building so please plan ahead.
We will wear face masks and social distance.

NEWS FROM NIGER

Michael & Rachel Ludwig and family are in the U.S. for their son, Isaac's surgery for congenital hip dysplasia. The first of two surgeries took place on June 19th with a 6 week recovery to be followed by a second surgery and recovery. It was especially difficult to leave Niger with the COVID-19 crisis beginning since there will be many changes when they return. Rachel commented, "So many people die suddenly or have to relocate in a fluid situation around here."



Michael has remained in close contact with his colleagues in Niger developing individualized training units. There is also a strong push to translate "the Community Health Evangelism (CHE) lessons into the native Hausa language so that local evangelists can better use the lesson plans themselves."

Michael and Rachel have also become more grateful for the many and varied partnerships that are in place that impact Niger and it's people. A farmer who visited is now helping a Bible school provide their students with micro loans for fertilizer to increase crop yields. Hiring youth to drive taxis to raise funds for a local CHE trainer's travels. Forming local groups that loan seeds, fertilizer and operating funds. They are most grateful for "the power of prayer and networking with like-minded people."

WATER FOR THE HOMELESS

Help meet the dire need of

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The Holland Community Action House Kitchen has been providing take-out meals for the homeless since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Good Shepherd has been providing the Kitchen with bottled water to pass out with the take-out meals for the past 2 months. Three of our Good Shepherd households have been providing the water or finances to purchase the water. Thrivent has given a \$250 gift card as seed money for us to begin and to continue this project.



At this time we have enough resources to last for another 3 weeks. Someone from our church has been delivering 10 cases of bottled water to the Kitchen every Monday morning.

We only have enough funds to continue this ministry until August 16th.

To help, you can take cases of bottled water to the church or give money to continue this ministry to Deb Postema-George, in the church office open Tues/Wed/Thurs, 9:00-2:00. Someone will pick up the water at the church and any money that is given for this effort and see that 10 cases of bottled water are delivered to the Kitchen each Monday morning until the weather cools to the point it will no longer be needed.

Thank you for considering this ministry. It has been humbling to be a part of this effort to serve the homeless. If you have any questions please contact Dennis Willaman at 616-335-2447 or by email at willamandennis780@gmail.com.



It's LWR School Kit Collection Time



Yes, we are collecting items for LWR School Kits!

See the list of needed supplies below.

Sales are already happening at Meijer, Walmart, Target, Staples and Menards.

Purchase the supplies yourself or donate money to “underwrite” specific items.

\$7.00 for a complete kit

\$6.00 for a case of 24 70-page spiral notebooks.

\$1.47 shipping cost per kit.

Our goal, at present, is 40 kits.

Questions? Contact
Ellie Buggeln
(616) 399-0591

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.

Drop off supplies at the church,
Tues/Wed/Thurs
from 9:00 - 2:00

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

Our Hands doing God's Work during the Pandemic

Because of the pandemic and adhering to safety guidelines, for God's Work Our Hands Sunday this September we will not have participation projects scheduled. Disappointing? Yes but instead, we want to celebrate YOU!! We want to highlight what you have been doing to help others during this uncertain time.



We know you have found ways to be God's Hands. It may have been making phone calls, shopping for groceries, creating sidewalk drawings, donating to food pantries, sewing masks, homeschooling via FaceTime, putting together care bags for essential workers, sending notes or cards. The list goes on.

We want to highlight all that you have been doing to reach out to others since our building closed in March. We would like to see photos, videos, and notes about what you have done. Even if you think it was a small thing please share so we can see the hands of Good Shepherd. Please send your photos and videos to Deb at gslc.office@icloud.com by September 1st. If you did not take a photo you could stage a recreation and take a picture. You could also write a description and email it to Vicki at vicki0528@gmail.com. Don't want to email? Call Vicki at 796-8606 and chat about what you did. We will gather them together in a video that we can share with all of you and on social media for God's Work Our Hands Sunday!!

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Monday: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm —in the office

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Wednesday: 10:00 - 11:00 am —Welca Bible Study via Zoom

11:00 am - 3:30 pm —in the office

7:30 - 8:30 pm —Happy Hour with PJ via Zoom

Thursday: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm —in Holland, available by appointment.

Pastor Jessica is available Monday - Friday

via phone, text, email and Facebook messenger.

Phone: (616) 403-4660

Email: pj.gslc@gmail.com



GATHERING TOGETHER

Good day to you all!

You may be wondering when and how Good Shepherd will move forward with in-person worship. Will we meet in the sanctuary? How will I be sure the seat I'm sitting on is clean? If we meet in the parking lot, can I still use the restroom? And so on... Feel free to email your questions to me or call me to share them.

Council has been discussing the options. At our meeting on July 21 we expected to discuss, edit and approve a re-gathering plan. However, we did not receive the plan with sufficient time to evaluate it.

Re-gathering is not something that council takes lightly. Since council did not receive the reopening plan in a timely manner, the announced parking lot worship on August 23 is delayed. Reopening is a major step and needs the appropriate time for review and council approval. Your safety and comfort is our primary concern.

Prior to opening our building we need to form three teams of volunteers. We ALL need to work together to make this work!

1. Facilities accessibility – This team will be in charge of roping off common areas and creating the seating arrangement for the Sanctuary.
2. Cleaning – This team will research cleaning options, including costs – volunteers? or professionals? - and be in charge of keeping us stocked with wipes and sanitizer.
3. Videography/technology – We need sound and video equipment research for outdoor service as well as online presentation while worshipping in the sanctuary. We also need volunteers to operate the equipment. What equipment is needed for each worship option and how much will it cost?

So, as it stands now, we will continue with worship on Youtube.

Please contact me for anything regarding our re-gathering. If you have questions, comments or concerns – call me! **If you want to be part of a team – for sure call me!** If you have any suggestions – call me! If you want pizza – DON'T call me! ;-)

May the Peace of the Lord be with you always,
Jessica Underhill
Council President
(616)848-9367

 Jessica

LOWERING OUR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS



We are close to our goal!

Our contributions to date are **\$28,575.**

Only \$6,425 left to go.

We are more than halfway to our goal of \$35,000.

Our current principal owed is \$193,000. If we can lower our principal owed before Sept. 15, 2020 we could decrease our monthly payment for the next 5 years. **This may reduce our loan payment to \$40,404 annually. A big drop over the \$51,096 we are paying currently.**

The new interest rate will be set on September 15th. The monthly payments will be set based on our principal owed on September 15. Sunday, September 6, will be the last collection taken and processed before September 15. **All funds for this project must be received by Sunday, September 6, 2020. Any amount will help the cause.** As always, please put 10C-P on any contributions.

If you have any questions please contact Dennis Willaman, at 616-335-2447 or by email at willamandennis780@gmail.com.

August

Birthdays

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



Anniversaries

Chris & Ed Manzo 29

IN OUR PRAYERS

In Our Prayers...

- **Sympathies:** Our sympathies to the Sauer Family on the death of Rob's dad, Jim. Also to Tammy Walters on the death of her step-brother John; please keep his mother Pat, his wife Jamie and siblings Lori, Lisa and Mark in your prayers. And to the friends and family of Dale Schmelter Jr. who passed away on May 29, 2020.
- **Healing/Peace:** Channa Sauer, Gordy Haskin, Dave Vander Wal (friend of the Lamb family), Patricia Bradfield, Merle Malmquist, Rick Artwick (Dawn Sjaarda's uncle), Lucas Barton, Zach Bergland (Beckers' nephew), Bryan Blank, Olivia Boomershine (friends of the Norvells, youngest daughter of Ross and Kelly), Cassie, (friend of Chris Manzo), Kody De Haan, Carol Essig (Bret D'Agostino's aunt), Judy Forsten (Marijo's Sister), Alyssa Gorraiz, Kate Haaser (daughter of Rose Heckel), Erlene Haskin, Hilda (member of Emanuel A. de D.), Jared P-H, (Dawn Sjaarda's cousin) JM & RM (friends of Sjaardas), Julie and family (friend of Dawn S.), Cathy Kelly, Brandi Ketchum (friend of Underhills), Andrew Linn (friends of the Beckers), Isaac Ludwig, Helen Lynam (friend of the Beckers), Bob Lutz, Joan Jose, George Preisler and wife Donna (former members), Roland Rivera, Richard Russell (Mike's brother), Katherine Slee (friend of Beckers), Christopher St. John (Son of Bonita Zielke), Roland Walters, (Father-in-law of Tammy), Jon Wiening, Bonita Zielke.
- **Prayers for Our World:** We remember those in Michigan and around the country who are dealing with floods and severe storms during this time; families who have lost loved ones due to Covid-19; and families affected by the economic downturn as a result of Covid-19.
- **Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Homebound:** Allan Malan, (Eve's dad), Ruth Bergan (Corinne Becker's rel.).
- **Healthy Pregnancy:** Samantha Wagner (Patricia's granddaughter-in-law), Myariah Vixayphone, (Som's granddaughter).
- **Serving Our Country:** John Bounthapanya (Som's nephew), Kody DeHaan, Steve Dyke, Ben Johnson (Parrotts' nephew), Courtney and Konstantin Ivanov (Gigi Howard's daughter and son-in-law), Kayla Kleinjans (Stan & Debbie's granddaughter), Alex Miller, Andrew Wagner (Patricia Bradfield's grandson), Zachery Wiesner (Gigi Howard's son-in-law).
- **Prayer Partners:** Messiah Lutheran Church, Rev. Jeff Bonn, Roscommon; Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Rev. Nan Dehnke, Rose City; Faith Lutheran Church, Rev. John Soyster, Saginaw; Pacifica Synod, Bishop Andrew A. Taylor, Santa Ana, California; Ascension Lutheran Church, Rev. Julie Bailey, Saginaw.



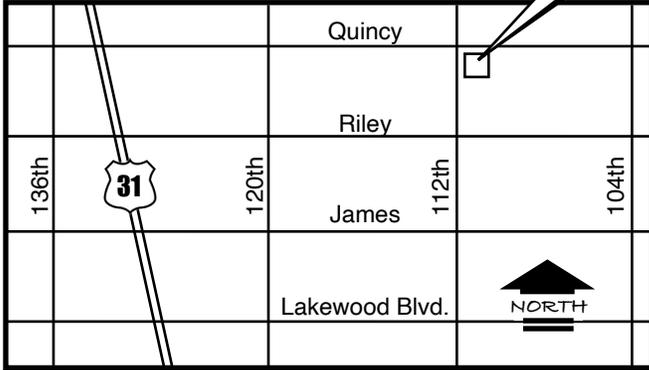
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Worship & Celebration • 10:00 am
Coffee & Conversation • 11:15 am
Sunday School (September - May) • 10:20 am

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