



But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.

-Luke 24: 1-5, NRSV

Grace to you and peace in the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As I write this, the (hopefully) last snow of winter is fading and we can see the beginnings of spring breaking through; similarly, we are in the last weeks of the season of Lent, and we are coming out of the wilderness into the bright light of the resurrection.

The above quote from the gospel of Luke captures this feeling of emerging from a place of emptiness into fullness, the feeling of life pushing up through death. When the women come to the tomb they are in a place of desolation; the desolation of grief and fear, they are numb, empty, in a wilderness where they can see nothing but death. And yet, when they arrive, they are greeted by angels bearing a message of life! It is a message that breaks through their grief and numbness, a message that jogs their memory of what Jesus had told them, death did not have the last word!

Each of us comes to the tomb bearing our own griefs and sorrows, each of us in our own way empty; may we encounter a message of life, a reminder of what our Savior has promised us—that we are not alone, and that despair and death do not have the last word. This Easter, may we experience the life that conquers death, and may we, like Mary, bear that message out into the world. Alleluia!

Yours in Christ

Pastor Jess

FINAL LENTEN BIBLE STUDY



Final Lenten Bible Study
April 3, 2022, 11:15 am after worship

This Lenten season we will explore the Five Gifts of Discipleship: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Join us in a Bible Study as we explore these gifts, following Sunday worship.

FINAL PRAYER STATIONS AND HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER



Final Prayer Stations and Holden Evening Prayer

Prayer Stations: April 6, 2022, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.
Join us as we offer the final prayer stations.

Holden Evening Prayer, in person or via Zoom: April 6, 2022, 7:00 pm
Following the Prayer Stations we will have Holden Evening Prayer.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE



Maundy Thursday Services
Thursday, April 14, 2022
7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE



Good Friday Services
Friday, April 15, 2022
7:00 pm

ONLINE DEVOTIONS

Online Devotions

Join us for a weekly online devotional video that you can find on our YouTube page* and our Facebook page*,

Or tune into Pastor's Monday-Thursday devotional time—called “Holding Space”—on the Good Shepherd Facebook page. Each day Pastor posts a short devotion where I invite you to “hold space” for a scripture passage, question, topic or ‘wondering’.

*Find us on YouTube: GSLC Holland, MI

*Find us on Facebook: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-ELCA-Holland, MI

<https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdLutheranChurchHollandMI>

MONTHLY CALENDAR IS LIVE!!

Good Shepherd Calendar

Where do I find the calendar?

You can locate the live GSLC calendar anytime on the GSLC website.

<https://goodshepherdhollandmi.com>

Click on the calendar tab.

What will I find on the calendar?

- Sunday worship service with the zoom link
- Office hours
- Pastor's in-office hours
- Committee or team meetings
- Choir rehearsals
- Quilter meeting time
- Events or service opportunities
- During Lent :
 - Sunday Bible Study time
 - Prayer station time
 - Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer service with the zoom link



What if a meeting date or time changes?

Because the calendar on the website is live, any changes made will automatically be displayed on the website calendar.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the office or Vicki Russell.

Office: 616.772.4075 or gslc.office@icloud.com

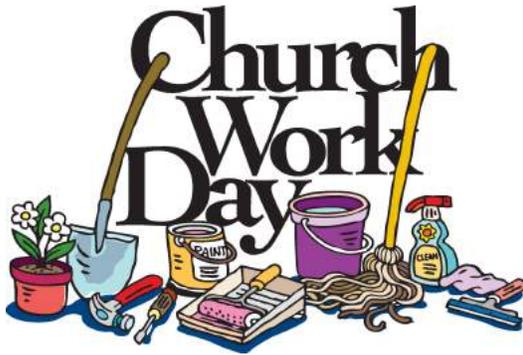
CHURCH GROUNDS CLEAN UP DAY

Come Lend A Hand
for our Church Grounds Clean Up Day

April 9, 2022, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

General activities will include weeding, tidying up flower beds, and other general outdoor maintenance activities.

Questions or Comments? Contact Elliott Eisaman at
716.785.0918 or elliott.eisaman@gmail.com



BOOK GROUP NEWS

The April Book Selection:

This Tender Land
by William Kent Krueger

Book Group



The April Book Group selection is *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. The author himself describes the book as “my own Huckleberry Finn”, and a companion book to his previous novel, *Ordinary Grace*.

The story begins at the Lincoln Indian Training School where Native American children are separated from their families to be educated. The school also houses two white orphans, Odie and Albert O’Bannion.

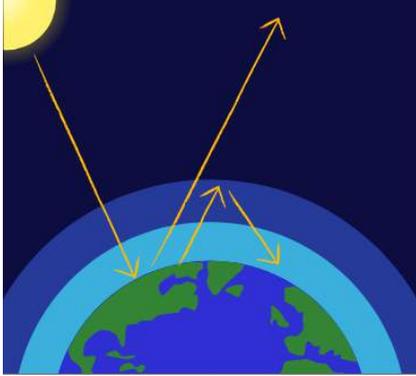
In the summer of 1932, Odie and Albert are forced to flee with their best friend Mose, a mute of Sioux heritage. Out of pity, they also take little broken-hearted Emmy. Together they steal away in a canoe down the Gilead River to the Mississippi heading toward St. Louis where they believe they have family and will be safe.

Mr. Krueger describes the children’s journey as “far richer, more complex, and a great deal more astonishing than they could ever have imagined.” The author also describes his book as “a discovery of ourselves” and calls the rivers a “metaphor of our journeys through life and of the people we interact with along the way.”

Books are available for sign-out on the desk in the Commons. The next Book Group meeting is April 20, 2022 at 4:30 pm.

TAKING CARE OF GOD'S WORLD

Your Signature Needed



The following Memorial was adopted by the ELCA National Assembly. The next step is approval by the ELCA Synods. This process starts with signatures gathered at the congregational level. From there the signatures are submitted to a synod committee which then presents the Memorial to the Synod Assembly for approval or disapproval by the voting members.

Ellie Buggeln will be available to take signatures:
Sunday, April 3, 2022
Before and after Services

MEMORIAL CALLING FOR A JUST TRANSITION TO 50% REDUCTION IN U.S. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY 2030

Whereas, “made in the image of God, we are called to care for the earth as God cares for the earth”, and “love your neighbors as yourselves” (Luke 10:27); and

Whereas, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reported that in order to avoid further catastrophic consequences of climate change, such as wildfires, hurricanes, heat waves, droughts, ocean acidification, flooding, and species loss, global warming needs to be limited to 1.5 degrees by reducing by 50% the greenhouse gas emissions by 2030; and

Whereas, Indigenous, Black, and People of Color communities impacted by poverty have contributed the least to climate change and are the most impacted by it; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the ELCA memorialize the 2022 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that the ELCA churchwide continues to call upon the leadership of the United States to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50% by 2030, generate 100% of its power from clean renewable sources by 2035, and achieve net zero emissions by 2052: and be it further

Resolved, that churchwide encourage congregations and synods to advocate, for a just transition away from greenhouse gases where at 40% of the funding goes towards projects that directly benefit Indigenous, Black, and People of Color communities impacted by poverty that bear a disproportionate cost of pollution and climate change already; and be it further

Resolved, that the ELCA Churchwide will support these actions through investments in staff, education, tools and resources that equip congregations and Synods to accomplish this goal and leverage knowledge, skills, and experience across the church encouraging rostered leaders and bishops to lift up loving our neighbor in response to the climate emergency through their preaching at last once a month.

Submitted by ESTF members: Pat Vance, Erick Johnson, John Burow, John Schleicher, Ellen Schoepf, Ellie Buggeln, Linn Kracht, Laurene Swanson, Paul Busekist, Kim Winchell

CHOIR NEWS

Choir News



Rehearsals for April:

April 10, 2022 — 11:15 - 12:00 after Sunday Service

April 18 & 25, 2022 — 6:30 pm

Choir sings during Sunday Services, April 10, 17 & 24, 2022

No rehearsal on April 4 or 11, 2022 due to Spring Break

NOISY OFFERING — NESTLINGS DIAPER BANK

March & April Noisy Offering Recipient:
Nestlings Diaper Bank



I run the risk of dating myself with this story, but when my daughter was born, disposable diapers were a “new” thing. In my decision making as to the use of cloth or disposable diapers, my mother, who came to help the first week, said she didn’t care what I did after she left, but while she was there she would use disposable diapers. After her three children, all of whom wore cloth diapers, she thought disposables were the greatest invention of the 20th century!



I was fortunate in that we could afford the cost. Not everyone can do so, however. That’s what the Nestlings Diaper Bank is all about. One in three families in the U.S. struggle to diaper their babies. There is no Federal or State program to help families get diapers. The second highest unmet need locally is diapers. Wet crying babies risk physical abuse. Babies have been known to wear dirty diapers for hours and days. Cloth is not an easy solution since they cannot be washed at a Laundromat in Michigan and transportation to washing machines is not always available. Detergent is also not covered by assistance programs. Last year Nestlings gave out 316,000 diapers. This year they hope to raise \$40,000 to get a semi-truckload of diapers. Good Shepherd hopes to raise \$667.00 to buy a skid of diapers for this truck load.

Please help with whatever you can to support Nestlings Diaper Bank. Just think of all those precious little baby butts!

Questions? Contact Dennis Willaman for more information,
willamandennis780@gmail.com or 616.335.2447.



CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

We Need Cleaners — Please Help!!

Dates	Name(s)
Weeks of March 6 - 12 March 13 - 19	Lynda Parrott Lynda Parrott
Weeks of March 20 - 26 March 27 - April 2	Willamans Willamans
Weeks of April 3 - 9 April 10 - 16	Sharon Wendt Sharon Wendt
Weeks of April 17 - 23 April 24 - 30	Russells Russells
Weeks of May 1 - 7 May 8 - 14	
Weeks of May 15 - 21 May 22 - 28	
Weeks of May 29 - June 4 June 5 - 11	

Sign-up is for a 1-week period and includes cleaning all areas of the church building: sanctuary, sacristy, entrance, hallway, bathrooms, kitchen, conference room, nursery and Commons.

To sign-up:

Use the Cleaning Schedule form in the Commons
or

Contact Deb in the office:

gslc.office@icloud.com

616.772.4075



SUNDAY SERVANTS — APRIL

Please help us fill the spaces. Volunteer to be a Sunday Servant

Use the form in the Commons or contact Deb in the office.
616.772.4075 or gslc.office@icloud.com

Date	Worship Leader/ Communion Assistant	Reader	Usher	Communion Set-Up/ Clean-Up
April 3 5th Sunday of Lent	WL - CA - Tom Ludwig	Mike Russell		Deb Ludwig
April 10 Palm Sunday	WL - CA -	Sharon Wendt		Vicki Russell
April 17 Easter Sunday	WL - CA -	Branden Bacon		
April 24 2nd Sunday of Easter	WL - CA - Kerry Johnson			Terry Grossman

Readers Needed for Holy Week

Palm Sunday:

Peter:
Pilate:
Judas:
Pharisee (one line):

Maundy Thursday:

1. Vicki Russell
2. Mike Russell
3. Sharon Wendt
4.
5.
6.
7.

Good Friday:

1. Sharon Wendt
2. Carolyn Willaman
3. Tom Ludwig
4. Deb Ludwig
5.
6.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE



Pastor Jessica is available Monday - Friday

via phone, text, email and Facebook messenger.

Phone: (616) 403-4660

Email: pj.gslc@gmail.com

To view Pastor's weekly in-office hours, look on the Breeze calendar on our website at goodshepherdhollandmi.com

FELLOWSHIP — APRIL 2022

	Set Up	Clean Up	Treats
April 3, 2022	Sally Ponstein Ellen Lichtman		Sally Ponstein Ellen Lichtman
April 10, 2022			Lynda Parrott
April 17, 2022			
April 24, 2022			

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday Services and Activities are also on-line.

*Sunday Services, 10:00 -11:00 am, also available via Zoom 10:00 am and available later via YouTube

Lent: Bible Study, April 3, 2022, 11:15 am after Worship Service

Prayer Stations, April 6, 2022, Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Holden Evening Prayer, April 6, 2022, Wednesday at 7:00 pm (via Zoom also)

Maundy Thursday Service, April 14, 2022, 7:00 pm

Good Friday Service, April 15, 2022, 7:00 pm

Choir Rehearsals, Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30

Quilter's Meet, Tuesdays, 10:30 am on site

Bible Study, Wednesdays, 10:15 - 11:30 am; Social Time 9:30 - 10:15 am

Book Group, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 4:30 - 6:00

(* link also available on the Breeze calendar)

April

Birthdays

Tom Ludwig 5
 Ellie Buggeln 9
 Elizabeth Rohrer 9
 Sharon Wendt 11
 Eve Andrus 17
 Duane Schuldt 18
 Merle Malmquist 20
 Emma Rohrer 20
 Joan Lamb 30
 Shaina Underhill 30



Anniversaries

Brian & Jessica Underhill 28

OUR THANKS AND PRAISE



The Measure of our Love

Computers connected to Zoom link = Families

Total Sunday Attendance: 136

families: 11

Average Sunday Attendance: 34

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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IN OUR MARCH PRAYERS

In Our March Prayers...

- **Our Sympathies:** Peace and comfort for Judy Bell on the death of her husband Harold Bell (friends of Vicki Russell). And to Dale Cramer, Marijo's children and friends of the Cramers on the death of Marijo, March 10, 2022
- **Healing/Peace:** Lucas Barton, diagnosed with Dushanes Muscular Dystrophy (son of friends of Julie Wolff), Zach Bergland (Beckers' nephew), Patricia Bradfield, Brian (Jessica Bacon's uncle), Beth Brumbalow undergoing kidney removal surgery (friend of Lois Robinson), Selena Casillas, 8 yrs old-diagnosed with cancer (friend of Ellen Lichtman), Marijo & Dale Cramer, Bret D'Agostino, prayers for secure housing, Kody De Haan, Jim Dyke, Carol Essig (Bret D'Agostino's aunt), Sandy Edwards, diagnosed with ovarian cancer (friend of Corinne Becker), Judy Forsten (Marijo's Sister), Jessie George (Deb P-G's daughter), Carol Grossman (Steve's mother), diagnosed with cancer, Randy Kasdorf (friend of Parrotts) suffered a stroke, Cathy Kelly, Iris Mears, (PJ's godmother), Howard Reister diagnosed with cancer (Sally & Ellen's brother), Roland Rivera, Janice Russell (Mike's sister-in-law), Katherine Slee (friend of Beckers), Kindi Smith, (Norvell niece) diagnosed with a very aggressive form of Leukemia, a blood cancer. Chad Stettnichs (cousin of Perry Pearson), Russ & Rita Taylor (Julie Wolff's parents) Rita has dementia, Tena (Howard Born's mom) hospitalized in Byron Center Justin Walker (Pastor's husband), Jon Wiening.
- **Prayers for Our World:** We remember those families in Michigan, the country and around the world who have lost loved ones due to Covid-19; and families affected by the economic downturn as a result of Covid-19.
- **Prayers for Our World:** As the body of Christ in the world we pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may know that God is with them. We pray that God will open President Putin's heart to God's wisdom and end the violence against the Ukrainian people.
- **Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Homebound:** Christopher St. John (Son of Bonita Zielke), Bonita Zielke,
- **Healthy Pregnancy:** Nikki & Andrew Delo, friend of (actually like a daughter of) Kris & Floyd Norvell.
- **Serving Our Country:** John Bounthapanya (Som's nephew), Cortney 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:** Hope Lutheran Church, Marlette; All Saints Lutheran Church, Rev. Erick Johnson, Mason; Christ Lutheran Church, Rev. Ryan Prondzinski, Michigan Center; St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Midland.