



## Summer Fun

Greetings in the name of the risen Christ!!

Finally! The sun is out, the air is warm, and we can finally emerge from indoors to gather and play in the Sunshine! I am very excited to announce that we have a couple of different ministry and fellowship opportunities this summer.

First, we will begin forming our “wiggle-friendly” ministry for kids of all ages and needs. As I wrote in last month’s newsletter, this ministry is about creating spaces and opportunities for kids to participate in the life of our faith community. By creating a place where kids can be engaged in the act of worship we are saying to all families, particularly families with kids who might have different needs: We see you. We welcome you. We affirm you.

As part of this ministry, we will need supplies in the form of toys, cushions, books, etc. and so we are opening a “Pray-Ground Supply Fundraiser.” Beginning Sunday, June 5th and lasting through August we will post a paper list as well as an Amazon Wish List of supplies that we need for the activity bags, nursery and pray-ground. You are invited to sign-up to purchase one or more of these supplies and bring it to the church or have it delivered. The items range from coloring supplies to toys to a shelving unit and they do not need to be new. So, if you are an avid thrifter/garage-saler and would like a challenge...check out this list. If you know when every single summer sale is going to be...check out the list. If you have kids stuff in your house that needs a good home...check out the list. (If something is not on the list but you think it would be great addition, please talk to Pastor Jess.) Together we can create worship and fellowship that is engaging and affirming for people of every single age and ability. I am excited about where the Spirit will lead us!

The second ministry and fellowship opportunity for this summer is Bible Study. Every second Wednesday of the month, beginning June 8th, Good Shepherd will host a women’s “Bring Your Own Supper” Bible Study called “Crafted in Christ.” From 6:00 - 8:00 pm we will study the Word and let our creativity flow as we explore where God is leading us in our lives.

“Crafted in Christ” will not be the only Bible Study opportunity this summer. Together with the education team we will offer a short-term bible Study for everyone so please stay tuned for details.

I am looking forward to summer with Good Shepherd and I pray that each of you experiences rest and renewal in your lives as well.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jess

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



Congratulations to our High School Graduates

Brian Hurt  
Annika Pearson  
Kaitlin Zylstra

## GODSPEED TO THE HARDY FAMILY



Goodbye Hardy Family

Sunday, June 5, 2022 we will honor the Hardy family, Julie, Jeff, Elliott, Lincoln, and Duncan, with a blessing of farewell and send them with our prayers and love on to the next part of their journey as they move to Mississippi.

## CRAFTED IN CHRIST

Crafted in Christ Bible Study

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6:00 - 8:00 pm  
June 8, July 13, August 10



## PRAY-GROUND SUPPLIES FUNDRAISER



"Pray-Ground Supplies" Fundraiser

During the months of June, July and August we are inviting people to purchase (new or used) items for the "Pray-Ground" Areas from the supplies list in the fellowship area.

See Pastor Jess' article above. Contact her directly with any questions: [pj.gslc@gmail.com](mailto:pj.gslc@gmail.com) or 616.403.4660.

## OUR MAY FLOWERS



## SURGERY

### Volunteers Needed During Surgical Absence

I (Deb P-G), your Administrative Secretary, am having surgery on July 18, 2022 to correct facial defects that are impacting my vision. I will be out for two weeks, July 18 - 29.

During my absence I need volunteers to be in the office. I only need to fill the Tues. and Thurs. hours (July 19, 21 & 26, 28) since Vicki has volunteered to take Weds. (20 & 27). I will provide training on mail handling, phones and basic computer use.

Please contact me (Deb) in the office if you can help.  
[gslc.office@icloud.com](mailto:gslc.office@icloud.com) or 616.772.4075.



## NESTLINGS DIAPER BANK

### Nestlings Diaper Bank

Adel Mendenhall and Carolyn Willaman



The Noisy Offering for March and April this year was for “NESTLINGS DIAPER BANK”. In this photo Carolyn Willaman is delivering the Good Shepherd contribution of \$1,072.28 to Adel Mendenhall who runs the organization.

Adel worked for the State in social services for 30 years. Her friends said they wanted to do something to help less fortunate neighbors and Adel knew that one overwhelming item that the less fortunate needed was diapers. Diapers are too expensive for these people to purchase but without them the family living situation can become very difficult.

Nestlings mostly handles disposable diapers but they also have cloth diapers. Cloth diapers cannot be washed at public laundromats and therefore, it becomes very difficult for most of the less fortunate to use them.

Nestlings purchases diapers and then wraps them in packs of 10 for distribution to social agencies in the community. There is always a need for help at the Nestlings facility located near the intersection of Butternut and Riley.

Thanks to your generosity we contributed 150% of what we had hoped to be giving. Adel thanks you for your generosity. (See the thank you note below.) You can reach Adel at (616) 399-2158

## OUR LWR QUILTS

Thanks to Lutheran quilters in the United States, 7,400 quilts stored in Lutheran World Relief’s Dubai warehouse, were rushed to Poland. When refugees arrive to safety, your support shows up in the form of a comforting quilt.



## ONLINE DEVOTIONS

### Online Devotions

Join us for a weekly online devotional video that you can find on our YouTube page\* and our Facebook page\* Each day Pastor posts a short devotion where she invites you to “hold space” for a scripture passage, question, topic or ‘wondering’.

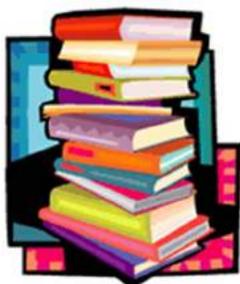
\*Find us on YouTube: GSLC Holland, MI

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

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

## BOOK GROUP NEWS

### Book Group



The Book Group is taking a seasonal break and will return next September. Thank you to all who selected a book and lead a session. And thanks to all who participated.

See you in the Fall.

## FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

### Climate Change?

Is there really Climate Change or is it all a big Hoax? Well, there is a lot of evidence that the glaciers are receding more rapidly than anticipated. There have been more wildfires, hurricanes and droughts than in recorded history. The ocean is rising in elevation and in temperature.

Science tells us that there is too much CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere which is trapping the heat from the sun and warming the planet. This may be the same circumstance that precipitated the extinction of the dinosaur, 66 million years ago. I, for one, do not want our future generations to be the last to inhabit the earth. I want to do my part and I hope you want to do yours.

What can we do? What causes CO<sub>2</sub> in our atmosphere. The best I have found is that burning fossil fuels — oil, gas, coal, — creates CO<sub>2</sub>. What absorbs CO<sub>2</sub>? One thing we have been told is that trees and plants absorb CO<sub>2</sub> and store it in bark and in the ground. We have room to plant a few more trees on our church property. Maybe we should investigate that possibility.

Your Stewardship committee is investigating the possibility of installing a wind turbine or solar panels to supplement the church’s electric demand. It will probably be too expensive but until we ask we won’t know for sure.

If you have any ideas and/or would want to join us please let me know: at [willamandennis780@gmail.com](mailto:willamandennis780@gmail.com) or 616-335-2447.

Dennis Willaman

# SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2022

Being able to vote is both a right and a responsibility. The annual North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly is about voting for things that are important to everyone in our Synod. We attended this year's meeting, and some pre-sessions, virtually, and experienced voting online with strict protocol to ensure integrity.

The meeting convened at 9 am. After a review of procedures there were elections for Synod Council and Consultation Committee positions.

The next item, reviewing the Treasurer's report, was helpful in understanding the Synod financial support to others and the commitment from the N/WLMS congregations.

For 2021-2022 fiscal year, operating revenue contributions were up over \$184,000 from the previous year to \$1,921,000. Total net assets increased over \$400,000. This is remarkable. This puts our Synod in a position to continue sharing 50% of N/WLMS Mission Support with the larger church.

The 2023 Compensation Guidelines were also presented and approved. Compared with Cost of Living Increase for 2022 of 5.9% and other Midwest congregations, the base increase was held to 4.5%.

## RESOLUTION A: LIVING WATER MINISTRIES WELCOME TO ALL.

Living Waters has camp programs for children in elementary, junior and senior high, specialized programs for children in foster care, families experiencing homelessness and adults with developmental disabilities. "Living Water Ministries is a safe place for all of God's children." Resolution A was a request to enter the process to become a Reconciling in Christ organization, publicly declaring Living Waters a safe place for all including members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Discussion at a pre-session, that we attended virtually, talked about training for staff, ways for inclusion, and things that were already being done. This resolution passed.

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

For clarification: a memorial is a statement that will be sent to the ELCA Office of the Secretary so it can be submitted for consideration at the Churchwide Assembly. A memorial committee will craft a statement, combining this with other synod memorials to be presented to the ELCA Assembly.

Based on feedback from a pre-session, there were three amendments to the original memorial presented. With many interesting comments regarding a Pastor's role in this arena there was an amendment to Amendment 3. It is important for us all to be good stewards of the earth that God has given us but just how much time should be spent in the pulpit on environmental issues rather than teaching the Word of God was a debated topic. This was an interesting look at the way meetings are run and the ideas discussed. Memorial A was approved but certainly not by the margin that other items had.

There was an Assembly Book available on the N/WLM Synod website (<https://www.mittensynod.org/events/assembly/>) containing a lot of information that was helpful in following the discussion.

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2022 CONTINUED

Of particular interest in that Assembly Book was one article “Indeed, Bishop Satterlee is Legally Blind.” Written by Bishop Satterlee, it listed 13 points or protocol in working with someone who manages a disability. It explained things that would make Bishop Satterlee’s life a little easier if you are meeting him or working with him. An important take away in being with anyone with any disability is: talk to them, not for them, don’t decide for them, let them participate in the decisions, don’t avoid, include. A quote from this article, written by Bishop Satterlee, merits our attention:

“I applaud and am deeply committed to our church’s mission of bringing the power of the Gospel to bear on issues of diversity related to race, gender, culture, sexual orientation, and the environment. At times, I find this limited understanding of diversity painful because those most passionate about these issues are often the most oblivious, insensitive, and intolerant when it comes to issues of disability. I hope and pray for that time when the ELCA naturally counts persons who live with disabilities among the diverse voices that the church is called to struggle with and by which the church is blessed.”

Submitted by Michael and Vicki Russell

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS



Yes! It’s that time of year!

Summer office hours are:

Memorial Day — Labor Day

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday

9:00 am — 2:00 pm

Welcome to  
**June**

# TAKING CARE OF GOD'S WORLD

## Our Stewardship Emphasis

The Community Action House receives eggs in bulk to make available for their clients at their store at the corner of Eighth Street and Paw Paw. They do not have egg cartons, however. At home, when we finish a carton of eggs I have been taking the cartons to the store at that location and they are glad to receive them. If you have an empty egg carton that you want to contribute you may take it to the store at 8th and Paw Paw or leave it on the shelf above the coat rack at church and I will pick them up weekly and deliver them to the Community Action House store.

If you have any questions please contact Dennis Willaman at [willamandennis780@gmail.com](mailto:willamandennis780@gmail.com) or 616-335-2447.

Thank you.

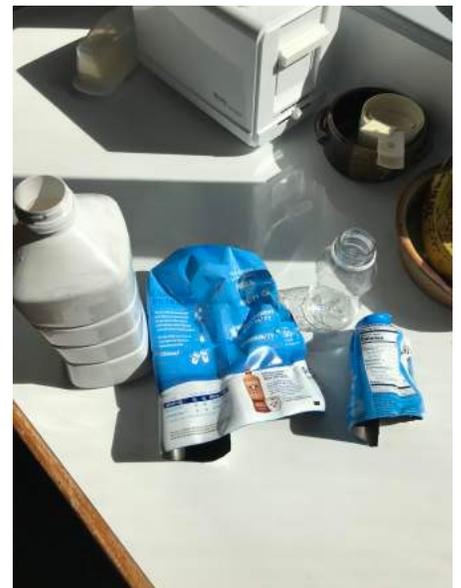
Dennis Willaman



## Recycling Plastic Wrapping

Some plastic containers have a plastic wrapping that is printed with the container contents. This wrapping is not recyclable by the City of Holland and should be recycled in a different way. Meijer recycling bins say that this plastic wrapping can be recycled with the plastic bags that are recycled by Meijer. That is where I have been taking this plastic wrapping. Meijer's website says that they use this plastic to mix with other materials to pave parking areas.

The attached photos may help explain the plastic wrapping I am talking about. If you have any further information about this subject please let me, Dennis Willaman, know at [willamandennis780@gmail.com](mailto:willamandennis780@gmail.com) or 616-335-2447.



## CHOIR NEWS

Choir will resume,  
Monday, September 12, 2022 in the fall.



*Thank You Choir for all your dedication, work and the joy you bring to our worship services through your music. We look forward to your return in the fall.*

## NOISY OFFERING — ESCAPE MINISTRIES

May and June Noisy Offering Recipient:  
Escape Ministries

It was wonderful to hear the message from Pastor Todd Krygsheld last Sunday and to hear of the important work that Escape Ministries is doing in the community for our students at risk of leaving school. Again Escape Ministries provides job training, internships, mentoring and fellowship, nutritional and fitness education.



Our congregation will be serving lunch to their students and staff on June 15th, attached to the poster to the left of the door as you are entering the sanctuary you will find a sign up sheet for food items needed for the upcoming luncheon. If you can help with this it is so appreciated. I can pick up your items at the church (no later than June 12th) or you can drop them by my home if that is more convenient for you. We are in need of hamburger buns, bottled water, prepackaged chips and cookies, and fresh vegetables and fruit.



Our goal for the noisy offering is to offer financial assistance as well as lunch. It costs \$250.00 for a work sponsorship for each person in the program and so we would like to support 3 students at a total cost of \$750.00. Please prayerfully consider supporting this vital ministry to our community.

Also, if you would like to assist in serving at the luncheon please contact me or sign up on the form on the information board as soon as possible as June 15th is just around the corner and feel free to call me at 616-399-4153 with any questions. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

Yours in Christ,  
Lynda Parrott

## FROM YOUR TREASURER

### *From your Treasurer...*

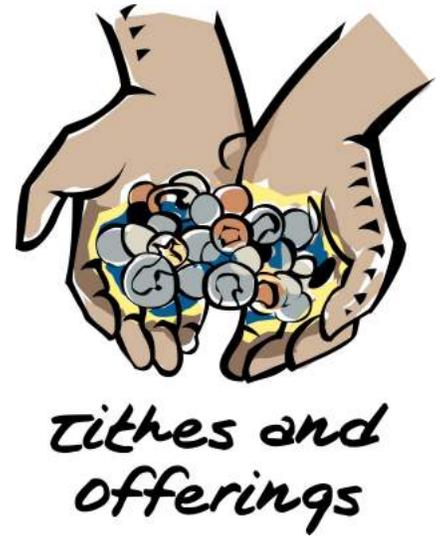
It has been heartwarming to meet in person. Attendance seems to be creeping up a bit every week or so. This is a wonderful thing!

Contributions year-to-date have been fairly steady, albeit \$10,000 behind what was anticipated. With this, we are leaning on savings again.

We are reserving funds to complete the exterior painting this summer. The office computer worked hard for 10 years, but could no longer keep up. A new computer has arrived and is 'flying thru' any task given. An additional \$3,000 is planned for overdue building maintenance.

Thank you all for your dedication to Good Shepherd and your financial support.

Mike Russell



## FELLOWSHIP — JUNE 2022

*Fellowship Sign-up*  
*All dates are currently open!*

	Set Up & Clean Up	Treats
June 5, 2022		Pastor Jess Sharon Wendt
June 12, 2022		
June 19, 2022		
June 26, 2022		

# CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

## We Need Cleaners!!!

Nobody has signed up to clean during the next cleaning cycle.

Please!  
Check the schedule and sign up today.

Dates	Name(s)
Weeks of June 12 - 18 June 19 - 25	
Weeks of June 26 - July 2 July 3 - 9	
Weeks of July 10 - 16 July 17 - 23	
Weeks of July 24 - 30 July 31 - August 6	
Weeks of August 7 - 13 August 14 - 20	
Weeks of August 21 - 27 August 28 - Sept. 3	

Sign-up is for a 2-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](mailto:gslc.office@icloud.com)

616.772.4075



# SUNDAY SERVANTS — JUNE

## Sunday Servants Desperately Needed for June

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](mailto:gslc.office@icloud.com)

**Most Positions Are Open!**

**Please help us fill the spaces.**

Date	Worship Leader/ Communion Assistant	Reader	Usher	Communion Set- Up/Clean-Up	Counters
<b>June 5 Day of Pentecost</b>	WL - CA - Julie Hardy	Elliot Hardy	Dennis Willaman		1. 2.
<b>June 12 Holy Trinity</b>	WL - CA -			Terry Grossman	1. 2.
<b>June 19 2nd Sunday of Pentecost</b>	WL - CA -			Terry Grossman	1. 2.
<b>June 19 3rd Sunday of Pentecost</b>	WL - CA -				1. 2.



## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday Services and Activities are also on-line.

Sunday Services, 10:00 -11:00 am, also available via YouTube 10:00 am

Choir Rehearsals, Done for the season. See you September 12, 2022

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

"Crafted for Christ" Women's Bible Study, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, 6:00-8:00 pm

Book Group, done for the season, starting again in the fall

## OUR THANKS AND PRAISE

To All,

Thank you very much for your donation of \$1027.08 to Nestlings Diaper Bank's fund raiser to purchase a semi-load of diapers.

Thanks for your on-going support of Nestlings to provide diapers and wipes to babies in need.

Tania Snyder, Adel Mendenhall  
and the Nestlings Team

### *The Measure of our Love*

Computers connected to Zoom link = Families

Total Sunday Attendance: 186

Families: 8

Average Sunday Attendance: 37 (5 Sundays)



## June

### Birthdays

Carolyn Willaman 3  
Wayne Nestander 9  
Jim Dyke 15  
Jacob Bacon 16  
Rob Parrott 23  
Meggan McCaughan 25  
Perry Pearson 28  
Elliot Hardy 29



### Anniversaries

Steve & Terry Grossman 4  
Don & Kathy Burmeister 18  
Dave & Sharon Wendt 26  
Jeff & Julie Hardy 29

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

### Church Council Members:

Jessica Bacon, Secretary	(920) 889-8706, <a href="mailto:jessica.lois.bacon@gmail.com">jessica.lois.bacon@gmail.com</a>
Steve Johnson	(616) 212-6833, <a href="mailto:sgjcfp@gamil.com">sgjcfp@gamil.com</a>
Rob Parrott, President	(616) 836-0172, <a href="mailto:parrott@chartermi.net">parrott@chartermi.net</a>
Vicki Russell	(616) 796-8606, <a href="mailto:vicki0528@gmail.com">vicki0528@gmail.com</a>
Julie Wolff, Vice President	(616) 566-6251, <a href="mailto:wolffwife@gmail.com">wolffwife@gmail.com</a>

## 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](mailto:pj.gslc@gmail.com)

To view Pastor's weekly in-office hours, look on the Breeze  
calendar on our website at [goodshepherdhollandmi.com](http://goodshepherdhollandmi.com)

## IN OUR MAY PRAYERS

### *In Our May Prayers...*

- **We Rejoice:** Kindi (related to Kris and Floyd Norvell) is in remission. Please continue prayers for a cancer-free diagnosis.
- **Congratulations:** to Nikki & Andrew Delo (like a daughter to Kris & Floyd Norvell) on the birth of Jordan Parker Delo, March 29, 4:14 pm, 6 lbs, 10 oz, 18.5" long. Mom and Baby are doing well, Dad is overjoyed.
- **Our Sympathies:** to the family of Erlene Haskin who passed away Tuesday, May 3, 2022. And to Howard Born and family on the death of his mother Tena.
- **Healing/Peace:** Eve, Ali & Bethany Andrus have Covid, 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), 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, Erlene Haskin, has entered Hospice Care, Larry Heckel has Covid, Randy Kasdorf (friend of Parrotts) suffered a stroke, Cathy Kelly, Deanna Malan, (Eve's) difficulty recovering from Covid, Iris Mears, (PJ's godmother), Howard Reister diagnosed with cancer (Sally & Ellen's brother), Roland Rivera, Casey Rostos' brain tumor has returned, needs surgery again (friend of Norvells), 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:** 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,
- **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:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, New Era; Bethany Lutheran Church, Rev. Chrysanne Timm, Northport; Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. Wayne Shearier, Niles; Faith Lutheran Church, Rev. Ellen Schoepf, Okemos; Hope St. John's Parish, Supply Pastors, Oscoda; Synod Assembly 2022, Bishop Craig Satterlee, VP Sandy Schlesinger, and Attending Members.