



Rediscovering Macedonia

¹I rejoice, because I have complete confidence in you.

⁸We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; ²for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— ⁵and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ⁶so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you.

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking

2 Corinthians 7:16-8:7, NRSV

The above passage from 2 Corinthians speaks about the spirit of generosity and gratitude that is present in the people of the churches of Macedonia. What is it that spurs such generosity and gratitude? How do we live with gratitude and generosity in a culture that speaks so much of scarcity and fear? How were the Macedonians able to have abundant joy “during a severe ordeal of affliction” as Paul describes?

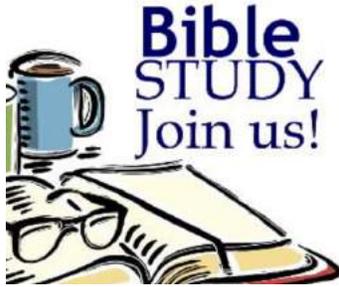
Two thousand years later these questions, and the story of the people of Macedonia, are still relevant; we too are living during what some would call “a severe ordeal of affliction” after two years of pandemic, supply chain issues and global unrest and we too find ourselves anxious and in need of “abundant joy”. Beginning in mid-September we will be offering a Bible study on this text called “Rediscover Macedonia: A Biblical Conversation with 2 Corinthians 7:16-8:7”. Over the course of seven sessions we will explore this passage, the history and context of this particular letter, and our own feelings and thoughts about gratitude and generosity.

I invite you to join us for this series and to invite others to join us as well; in-person sessions will be held on Sunday’s after worship beginning September 21st (a full schedule is below), if you can’t make it in-person you can catch up by attending a live streaming session on YouTube at 6pm on Tuesdays or watching it after it has been posted. Together let’s explore scripture and learn how to cultivate a spirit of gratitude and generosity.

May the Peace of God surround you,

Pastor Jess

REDISCOVERING MACEDONIA BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE



Rediscovering Macedonia: A Biblical Conversation with 2 Corinthians 7:16-8:7 Bible Study Schedule

*Dates with an * will be presented only online—there will be no Sunday session*

Sunday, August 21 and Tuesday, August 23

Sunday, August 28 and Tuesday, August 30

*Tuesday only (online) September 6

*Tuesday only (online) September 13

Sunday, September 18 and Tuesday, September 20

Sunday, September 25 and Tuesday, September 27

Sunday, October 2 and Tuesday, October 4

Introduction

Session 1: Generosity

Session 2: Commitment

Session 3: Share

Session 4: Giving Freely

Session 5: Sacrifice

Session 6: Abundant Joy

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

God's Work Our Hands 2022

God's Work Our Hands work day will be held on Saturday, September 10 with a celebration planned for after worship on Sunday, September 11. We have 4 opportunities for you to help out in our community scheduled for Saturday (Community Action House and Best Pals Animal Rescue) and a chili cook-off and pot luck celebration which will be held on Sunday. Get your best chili recipe ready. Will you be the chili cook-off winner? Our noisy offering will be divided between the recipients. We will also collect items needed by both organizations with a list available in September.



Watch for 4 sign up sheets to appear during August. It will be very important for you to sign up so we know who will be participating and because our work locations need to know how many to expect within the limits they have given us.

Saturday, September 10

8:30am - 11:30am Community Kitchen (6)

12:00pm - 2:00pm Community Action House Food Club (15)

9:00am - 11:00am Best Pals Animal Rescue (6 people each time slot)

11:00am - 1:00pm Best Pals Animal Rescue

Sunday, September 11 Celebration Chili cook-off

Knowing how many to plan for is helpful so please sign up.

Sign up will include:

chili chefs

salads

desserts

The Mission and Outreach Team will provide, crackers, rolls, lunch meat/cheese, condiments for sandwiches and table ware.

CRAFTED IN CHRIST

Crafted in Christ Bible Study

Our last “Crafted in Christ” Bible Study is this month. “Bring Your Own Supper” as we study the Word and let our creativity flow as we explore where God is leading us in our lives.

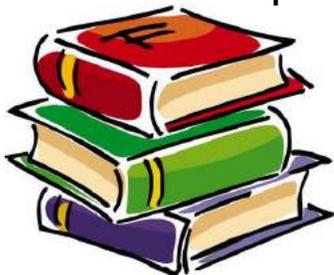
6:00 - 8:00 pm
August 10, 2022



BOOK GROUP

Book Group Starting Soon!

Book Group



Book Group will be starting soon with the first meeting on September 21, 2022.

Watch for more information to come regarding book title and meeting times.



BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS



Pastor will be conducting Back to School Blessings during Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.
August 28, 2022

Back to School Blessing

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 week 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>

NEW PRAYER PARTNER CARDS

We have updated the Prayer Partner cards with a new photo. It is brighter and lends an uplifting and cheerful feeling to the cards. Also, since the colors aren't as dark or saturated it costs less to print.



OUR SWALLOW NEST



Four baby Northern Rough-Winged Swallows hatched in early July in this nest built on top of an exterior sprinkler head. The nest is under the eaves where the white Sanctuary wall meets the dark Commons wall on the east side of the building. This image was taken July 14.

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

GETTING TO KNOW BREEZE

Getting to Know Breeze

All of our people, events and giving data are now stored within Breeze. This has improved our record keeping, saving us time and money. See what information is available to you by accessing Breeze.

Login at gslchollandmi.breezechms.com

Enter your user name and password. (If you do not have or do not know these, contact Elliott Eisaman or Vicki Russell.)

Across the top you see

Dashboard **People** **Events** **My Profile** **More**

Click on '**Dashboard**' any time to return to this main screen.

People

by clicking on '**People**' you can see the directory of Good Shepherd People. By choosing a person's name you can see their contact information: phone, email address, street address and family members.

Events

By clicking on '**Events**' you can see the current month's calendar for Good Shepherd. This will show you what is happening and when, our office hours and Pastor's in-office hours. The arrows (< >) can take you to previous or future months.

My Profile

By clicking here you can see what information is stored within Breeze about you. You can edit the contact information if you change your phone number, email address or residence.

More

Click here and you will see the '**Give Now**' button which will take you to the contribution page. You also see links to '**Recurring Gifts**' and '**Payment Method**' on the left. You can make changes to these here.



It's LWR School Kit Collection Time

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. That learning leads to a better life for the students, their families and their communities.

This year we are starting out with a surplus of supplies left from last year. Below is a list of items we still need.



- 180 - 70-page spiral bound notebooks
- 61 - rulers (needs centimeters)
- 36 - pencil sharpeners
- 15 - pairs safety scissors
- 370 - blue or black ink pens
(no markers or gel pens)
- 54 - boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- 18 - 2.5" eraser

No Pencils Please — We Have What We Need

Supplies will be collected
August 1 - September 4, 2022

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

Questions? Contact:

Ellie Buggeln: 616-399-0591, elliebuggeln@gmail.com

Sharon Wendt: 616-399-0204, kiwiynk@yahoo.com

Drop off supplies at the church,
Tues/Wed/Thurs
from 9:00 - 2:00,
Sunday Mornings or
Anytime you're in the building.

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.



Reducing Our CO2 Footprint

The church purchases electricity from Consumers Energy. Our budgeted electric bill is currently over \$300 per month. If we were to use solar panels we are estimated to be able to reduce that bill by 66%. Is it possible to put solar panels on our roof? Above is a picture of what it may look like. The estimated cost is around \$36,000. The solar panels are warranted for 25 years but expected to last much longer. Maintenance is practically nil.

- Would this be a way we can honor God by taking care of his creation?
- Will this be a visual statement to our community and potential members that this congregation cares about the future existence of life on this planet?
- Would we be doing something good for future generations and their quality of life on this planet?

These are questions the Stewardship Committee is asking. If you have something to add to this discussion, please speak to a committee member. We would love to know your feelings.

Dennis Willaman Elliott Eisaman Brian Underhill Ellie Buggeln Pastor Jess

NOISY OFFERING – CASA



July & August Noisy Offering Recipient:
CASA: Children’s After School Achievement

For the months of July and August we will be donating our noisy offering to CASA, which stands for “Children’s After School Achievement.” CASA is a community program out of Hope College that seeks to “promote educational achievement among underrepresented children.” They do this by offering one-on-one tutoring to students during the school year and a six-week summer program which just started last week. In addition to tutoring and academic support CASA also supports families by providing transportation to sessions, works with families and schools on communication and provides snacks and or meals for their students.



FELLOWSHIP – AUGUST 2022

Fellowship Sign-up
All dates are
currently open!



	Set Up & Clean Up	Treats
August 7, 2022		Sally Ponstein Ellen Lichtman
August 14, 2022		Lynda Parrott
August 21, 2022		
August 28, 2022		

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

We Need Cleaners!!!

Plenty of Openings Left!
Check the schedule and sign up today.

Dates	Name(s)
Weeks of June 12 - 18 June 19 - 25	Joan Lamb Joan Lamb
Weeks of June 26 - July 2 July 3 - 9	Willamans Willamans
Weeks of July 10 - 16 July 17 - 23	Dennis Willaman & Gary Bowman Russells
Weeks of July 24 - 30 July 31 - August 6	Russells Dennis Willaman & Gary Bowman
Weeks of August 7 - 13 August 14 - 20	Parrotts Parrotts
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

616.772.4075



SUNDAY SERVANTS — AUGUST

Sunday Servants Needed for August

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

Most Positions Are Open!

Please help us fill the spaces.

Date	Worship Leader/ Communion Assistant	Reader	Usher	Communion Set- Up/Clean-Up	Counters
August 7 9th Sunday of Pentecost	WL - CA-	Tom Ludwig		Deb Ludwig	1. 2.
August 14 10th Sunday of Pentecost	WL - CA - Som Vixayphone		Elliott Eisaman		1.Elliott Eisaman 2.
August 21 11th Sunday of Pentecost	WL - CA -				1. 2.
August 28 12th Sunday of Pentecost	WL - CA -		Elliott Eisaman		1.Elliott Eisaman 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

(5K walk/run event, GSLC was the turn around spot and hosted a water station)

Thank you!

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Out On The Lakeshore's Holland PRIDE committee thanks you for your support of our biggest Holland PRIDE season to date. We truly are Stronger Together!

With gratitude,

Bethany, Judy West, April Johnson, Kris Locker, Sarah Tyria, Dayna Rowekamp and Jeff Sorenson

rec'd July 13, 2022

The Measure of our Love

Computers connected via internet = Families

Total Sunday Attendance: 159

Families: 7+

Average Sunday Attendance: 32

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards and notes during my recent surgery and recovery. They lifted my spirits.

Deb P-G

rec'd August 2, 2022



August

Birthdays

Debbie Kleinjans 5
Chan Vixayphone 13
Ellery Pearson 27
Vaughn Aikens 30
Elliott Eisaman 30



Anniversaries

No anniversaries listed
for August

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Church Council Members:

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PASTOR JESS' SCHEDULE



Pastor Jessica is available Monday - Friday
via phone, text, email and Facebook messenger.

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Email: pj.gslc@gmail.com

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

IN OUR JULY PRAYERS

In Our July Prayers...

- ***In Thanksgiving:*** Kindi Smith (Norvell's niece), is in remission and doing well.
- ***Healing/Peace:*** Richard and Joanne Mueller (Terry's parents), Lucas Barton, diagnosed with Dushanes Muscular Dystrophy (son of friends of Julie Wolff), Zach Bergland (Beckers' nephew), Patricia Bradfield, Beth Brumbalow undergoing kidney removal surgery (friend of Lois Robinson), Selena Casillas, 8 yrs old-diagnosed with cancer (friend of Ellen Lichtman), Dale Cramer, Bret D'Agostino, prayers for secure housing, Kody De Haan, Merissa DelaGarza (Deb P-G's daughter), recovery from ankle surgery, Carol Essig (Bret D'Agostino's aunt), Jim Flier (friend of Brian Underhill) has cancer. Jessie George (Deb P-G's daughter), Carol Grossman (Steve's mother), diagnosed with cancer, Larry Heckel, Randy Kasdorf (friend of Parrotts) suffered a stroke, Cathy Kelly, Iris Mears, (PJ's godmother), Linda Payne, (Lois' daughter), upcoming back surgery, Rita Ponstein, (Sally's sister-in-law), having kidney transplant June 27, 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), Russ & Rita Taylor (Julie Wolff's parents) Rita has dementia, 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. We also pray for the victims of gun violence, their families and friends.
- ***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), Andrew Wagner (Patricia Bradfield's grandson), Zachery Wiesner (Gigi Howard's son-in-law).
- ***Prayer Partners:*** Leer Lutheran Church, Supply Pastors, Posen; St. Paul Lutheran Church, Rev. Kara Shaw, Reed City; Hope Lutheran Church, Rev. Roger Bauer, Rhodes; Hope Lutheran Church, Rev. Julie Schneider-Thomas, Rockford; St. James Lutheran Church, Rev. Mary Hughes, Rogers City.