



Introducing Boundless— the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering

This July 24th–28th youth in 8th through 12th grade from across the nation will be gathering in Minneapolis, MN for the ELCA Youth Gathering to worship together, have fun together and serve together. This years Boundless theme is based on **Ephesians 3: 14-21:**

I kneel in prayer to the Father. All beings in heaven and on earth receive their life from [God]. God is wonderful and glorious. I pray that [God's] Spirit will make you become strong followers and that Christ will live in your hearts because of your faith. Stand firm and be deeply rooted in [God's] love. I pray that you and all of God's people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep. I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is. I pray that Christ Jesus and the church will forever bring praise to God. [God's] power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine. Amen.

Through the stories of God's people, both in Scripture and modern-day, youth explore the boundlessness of God; boundless love, boundless mercy, boundless freedom, boundless creation, boundless strength that is offered from a gracious and loving God who knows and adores them.

Sunday, November 7th youth and adults who are interested in going to the Gathering will meet after worship to learn about the details.

I am excited at the idea of leading a group to the National Youth Gathering this summer and I hope that you are excited to sponsor our youth on this trip. Leading up to the Gathering, our congregation can pray for the Gathering planning team, workers, volunteers and participants that this Gathering may be a safe and faith affirming experience of God's Boundless love.

Yours in Christ

Pastor Jess

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Daylight
Saving Time

Ends

Sunday,
November 7, 2021



Remember to move
your clocks
back one
hour.



SAMARITAS CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS — 2021



Good Shepherd has partnered with Samaritas for many years during the Christmas giving season by donating gifts to foster children in our community.

Although the pandemic continues to hurt our community, we still want to help. So, we have decided again to assist Samaritas' foster children by purchasing \$25 gift cards for as many children as we can.

Suggested gift cards are from Walmart, Meijer and Amazon. Please drop off your gift cards to the GSLC office by November 29, 2021. If you are not able to come to church, you can order a gift card from any of these stores online and send the printed version to our office at gslc.office@icloud.com. Deb will print the card out and give it to the Samaritas representative for the families.

ALL ARE WELCOME

This Praying Mantis was spotted outside our doors two weeks ago. He must have known we are a welcoming congregation.



ESTIMATE OF GIVING

Dear Friends of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

For the past several years we have asked our contributing membership to estimate how much money they will be contributing to the church. This year is no exception. This gives our council an estimate of next year's income.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church wants you to develop a strong, personal relationship with God. We have done so much as a small community of faith and we have the potential to do even more. Your support by giving of your Time, Talents, and Treasures will strengthen your relationship with God and the church. Attached is an Estimate of Giving form that will provide the council with some of the information it needs to develop a budget for next year.

More importantly though, filling out this Estimate of Giving card will give you an opportunity to review your relationship with God and the church and determine just how much of your Time, Talents, and Treasures you are using to develop that relationship. Pastor's sermon on Sept. 12th reminded us that everything we do each day should be actions that show God's love in the world. **GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS.**

Please use this Estimate of Giving form and send it to the church office, or contact the church in anyway you see fit to help us estimate the church's 2022 budget; but more importantly to help you review and strengthen your personal relationship with God.

Please return your Estimate of Giving form to the church office by November 15, 2021.

May God give us Peace,
Your Stewardship Committee

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Estimate of Giving 2022

In gratitude for all that I/we have received from God, I am/we are returning to God the following in 2022:

\$ _____ Weekly Monthly Annually
Please circle one.

Please adjust this estimate of giving at any time by contacting the financial secretary.

Name: _____
Please print.

LWR QUILT NEWS

The quilters were very busy this past year. Despite the quarantines, 109 quilts were completed for Lutheran World Relief.



Fabrics included the fun and whimsical to traditional and classic sophistication.



1970's floral reproduction,
Victorian paisley,
Traditional floral stripe.



Gummy Bears
and Trains

BOOK GROUP NEWS

Book Group



November 17, 2021, 4:30 pm at Good Shepherd

The November book selection is ***The Nature of Fragile Things*** by Susan Meissner which takes place in the early 1900's in San Francisco.

Sophie Whalen is a young Irish immigrant so desperate to get out of a New York tenement that she answers a mail-order bride ad and agrees to marry a man she knows nothing about. Sophie becomes attached to Martin's 5 year old daughter but has an uneasy feeling about his odd behavior.

Then one early-spring evening, a stranger at the door sets in motion a transforming chain of events. Sophie discovers hidden ties to two other women. The first, pretty and pregnant, is standing on her doorstep. The second is hundreds of miles away in the American Southwest, grieving the loss of everything she once loved.

The fates of these three women intertwine on the eve of the devastating earthquake, thrusting them onto a perilous journey that will test their resiliency and resolve and, ultimately, their belief that love can overcome fear.

Sign out a copy of the book at the welcome center or contact Vicki Russell (616) 796-8606 or vicki0528@gmail.com).

CHOIR NEWS

Chime Choir News

Eve is starting a chime choir to play special music on December 12, 2021. She has a music booklet with 8 copies pulled ready to go. You do not have to read music as it is a booklet used years ago with text and words circled where you play.

Rehearsals: Sundays; Nov. 14 & 21 and Dec. 5.

Time: 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Performance: Sunday Dec. 12



PASTOR'S SCHEDULE



Monday: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:30 - 3:30 pm —in the office,

Tuesday: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm —in the office,

after 1:00 pm—by appointment

Wednesday: 10:15 - 11:45 am —Welca Bible Study

11:45 am - 3:30 pm —in the office

Thursday: Available by appointment.

Pastor Jessica is available Monday - Friday

(Fridays for emergencies only.)

via phone, text, email and Facebook messenger.

Phone: (616) 403-4660

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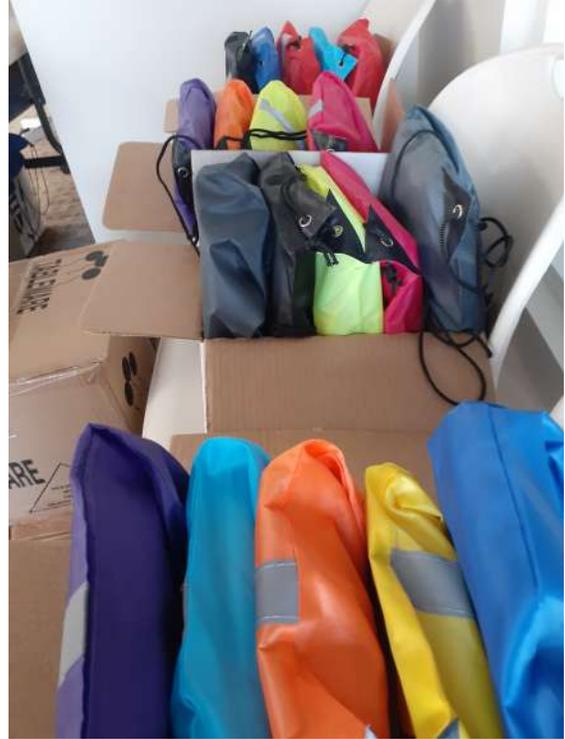
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

Final Tally for School Kits: 82

Thank you Everyone for your help and generosity.



33 of the 82 colorful school kits prepared for Lutheran World Relief



Dale Cramer busy loading the Quilts and School Kits to transport to the in-gathering drop off site.

Thank you Dale and Marijo



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL



Advent Devotional Reflections

Pastor Jess is collecting reflections for an Advent Devotional. The Bible texts are in a folder on the shelf in the Commons. Pick out a reading then sign up on the form provided. Each devotional reflection should be 1-2 paragraphs with a prayer. Reflections for the devotional should be returned to the office by Monday, November 22, 2021. Questions? Contact Pastor Jess.

NOISY OFFERING – HOLLAND RESCUE MISSION (GATEWAY MISSION)

Holland Rescue Mission (Gateway Mission)
The Great Thanksgiving Banquet



Our November and December noisy offering will be collected for the Holland Rescue Mission in support of the Great Thanksgiving Banquet and other programs. The Great Thanksgiving Banquet is an annual event offered by the Holland Rescue Mission to serve a Thanksgiving dinner to families in need in our community. Every donation of \$2.05 will cover the cost of the Thanksgiving dinner for one person. The Great Thanksgiving Banquet will be on Wednesday, November 24. Many volunteers are needed - see their website for more information if you would like to volunteer (www.hollandrescue.org/gtb2021).



The demand for this, and other services provided by the Holland Rescue Mission, is great. Bring your coins to church or contribute online! We will also be collecting Direct Your Dollars receipts for them. Please put yours in the box labeled "Direct Your Dollars" on the welcome table. They need the entire receipt not just the Direct Your Dollars portion. Thank you for your participation.

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP FOR BRET'S YARD



On Saturday November 13 at 9:00 am we will be raking leaves and cleaning gutters at Bret's yard. Some of the church members are planning to be there. You will need gloves, rakes, tarps, and a step ladder to get to the gutters.

If you are available to help, even for an hour, with this project please contact Dennis Willaman so your efforts can be coordinated with the others. 616-335-2447 or willamandennis780@gmail.com

SUNDAY SERVANTS – NOVEMBER

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 Prep/ Clean-up
November 7 All Saints Sunday				Terry Grossman
November 14 25th Sunday of Pentecost	Dennis Willaman	Deb Ludwig		Deb Ludwig
November 21 Christ the King	Carolyn Willaman		Dennis Willaman	Terry Grossman
November 28 1st Sunday of Advent				Terry Grossman

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Weeks of October 31 - November 6 November 7 - 13	Lynda Parrott Lynda Parrott
Weeks of November 14 - 20 November 21 - 27	

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



OUR THANKS AND PRAISE

To my friends and Long Distance Christian Family @ GSLC

Thank you so very much for your good thoughts and prayers during my recent bouts with Liver and Pancreatic Cancer. I am so blessed by HIM to be able to tell you that I met with the Oncologist this afternoon and based upon my bloodwork and the recent PET & MRI scans, he has officially pronounced me CANCER FREE!! Praise The Lord !! God is so good and faithful and there is not doubt that your prayers were felt and I thank you so much for them. Blessings to all of you and I look forward to coming to Holland in the future and worshipping again with you.

With Christ's Love,

Richard Russell

rec'd Oct. 25, 2021

The Measure of our Love

We have started to count computers connected to the Zoom link as families since not everybody signs in to the worship services.

Total Sunday Attendance: 141
families: 4

Average Sunday Attendance: 28
documented persons



November

Birthdays

Mathew Zylstra 4
Chris Martinson 5
Steve Grossman 8



Anniversaries

Deb & Tom Ludwig 24

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

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, November 17, 2021, 4:30 - 6:00

(* link also available on the Breeze calendar)

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Church Council Members:

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Rob Parrott	(616) 836-0172, parrott@chartermi.net (Vice President)
Vicki Russell	(616) 796-8606, vicki0528@gmail.com (Secretary)

IN OUR OCTOBER PRAYERS

In Our October Prayers...

- **Our Sympathies:** for the family and friends of George Visser (Norvell's son-in-law's dad) who passed during the night, Sept. 28. To the family and friends of Clara Klime, sister of Sally Ponstein and Ellen Lichtman, who passed on Sunday October, 24, 2021. And to the family and friends of Laura Hardy (Jeff Hardy's mother), who passed after a long battle with ALS, Friday, October 22, 2021.
- **In Thanksgiving:** Ben Johnson, (Rob & Lynda Parrott's nephew) is discharged from the Army after 5 successful years of service. Richard Russell received a cancer-free diagnosis this past week. To ensure the diagnosis does not change, he will be continuing his treatment.
- **Healing/Peace:** Jessica Underhill, Janet Baumgartner, hospitalized for pulmonary embolism, (Lois R.'s daughter-in-law's mother), Allan Anderson (brother to Lois R.) starting radiation for cancer, Chuck (friend of Lois R.) starting treatment for cancer, Brian (Jessica Bacon's uncle), Lucas Barton, Zach Bergland (Beckers' nephew), Bryan Blank, Patricia Bradfield, Selena Casillas, 8 yrs old-diagnosed with cancer (friend of Ellen Lichtman), 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), Alyssa Gorraiz, Sally H. (Laurie Schuld's friend, stage 4 lung cancer), Randy Kasdorf (friends of Parrotts) suffered a stroke, Cathy Kelly, Gene Mohr, (Uncle of Tori Lindsley) who is recovering from 3rd degree burns, Rob Parrott, Roland Rivera, Mike Russell, Richard Russell (Mike's brother), Katherine Slee (friend of Beckers), Chad Stettnichs (cousin of Perry Pearson), Russ & Rita Taylor (Julie Wolff's parents) Rita has dementia, Donna Vargo, 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.
- **Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Homebound:** Christopher St. John (Son of Bonita Zielke), Bonita Zielke,
- **Health Pregnancy:** Nikki and Andrew Delo, friend of (actually like a daughter of) Kris and Floyd Norvell. Ashley & Tyler Visser, expecting a girl in April, (Norvell's granddaughter/son).
- **Serving Our Country:** John Bounthapanya (Som's nephew), Steve Dyke, Ben Johnson (Parrotts' 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:** St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Rev. Leslie Nye, Herron; Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. Jessica Hahn, Hillsdale; Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rev. Jessica Rivera-Walker, Holland/Zeeland; Peace Lutheran Church, Rev. Clay Bates, Holland; Bread of Life Lutheran Church, Rev. Katherine VanValkenburg, Hudsonville.