



## Recharging

Grace and Peace to you in this New Year from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!

By the time you receive this Newsletter it will be 2022; some of you may be working on setting goals, or reflecting on 2021, some of you may simply be glad that you made it through 2021. All of us, I think, are desperately hoping that 2022 will be a much better year, a year when we can get together more and worry less, a year when we can get back to normal.

It has to be said that 2021 has been a difficult one; we have weathered new variants of Covid-19, conflict in our country and in our world, and the demands of daily life during a pandemic. All of this has no doubt left all of us feeling weary and in need of a recharge. I once heard it explained like this: People are like laptop computers...One of the remarkable things about laptops is that they are not stationary, they can go out in the field with a charge and work wonderfully...for a while. Eventually though, the battery dies and they need to find a place to plug in, at least, if they want to keep working.

We are sent out into the world to do God's work, but after awhile we can get burned out and we are in need of a charge. Being part of a faith community is one of the best ways to recharge your faith, grow your relationship with Jesus and experience the support that community can bring. There are many ways in 2022 to plug into the community here at Good Shepherd; Bible Studies and Adult Education opportunities, worship and leadership. As we look forward to 2022 we will focus on getting our name out into the community through connection and through print and social media, we look forward to creating child-friendly spaces and family friendly events as well as adult education opportunities.

Participation in the life of the community is an important part of faith, because it gives you an opportunity to be supported and to connect to others. As we continue to worship and gather in-person we look forward to seeing all of you and re-connecting. You can reach me at 616-403-4660 or [pj.gslc@gmail.com](mailto:pj.gslc@gmail.com), I am always happy to schedule time to chat one on one.

I know that this has been a challenging and exhausting year, I have continued to keep each of you in my prayers and will continue praying for you. Each of you is important to the life of our faith community and it is my hope that we can gather, re-connect and recharge as a community to go out and bring God's love to the world.

May 2022 be a year of re-charging, re-connecting and re-discovering joy, hope and community.

Yours in Christ

Pastor Jess

# SAMARITAS

## Samaritas Gift Cards for Foster Children

Once again, due to Covid, we were limited to buying gift cards for the Samaritas children. We collected a total of 23 gift cards, for \$25.00 each. Ashley, a supervisor at Samaritas, picked up the gift cards on Friday, December 3, 2021. She was very grateful for our donation.

Thank you to everyone who participated.



## WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Women's Christmas Dinner was an enjoyable event. Several guests took part including guests from Peace Lutheran Church. (See their thank you note in the Thanks and Praise section below.)

The dinner started with a prayer, and included time for hors d'oeuvres and desserts as well as a Christmas carol sing-along with Corinne Becker accompanying on the piano.

The evening also included writing cards to hand out to residents of local assisted living facilities and nursing homes.

Thank you to all those who helped to put on the dinner.



## BOOK GROUP NEWS

January Book Selection:

Book Group



*Killers of the Flower Moon:  
The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*  
by David Grann, non-fiction

David Grann, an American journalist, takes readers back to 1921 and the lands of the Osage Nation. It was a time when the Osage gained notoriety as the wealthiest people on earth following discovery of oil under their land. *Killers of the Flower Moon* describes a series of murders investigated haphazardly by various law enforcement personalities until a young J. Edgar Hoover—barely 30 years old—sends a former Texas Ranger turned Bureau of Investigation agent to take the lead. Readers join Special Agent Tom White as he uncovers a conspiracy—a culture of killing—that exploited an outdated guardianship system prohibiting Native Americans from administering their own wealth. The story then moves on to tell how the FBI came into being.

Next Book Group meeting: January 19, 2022, 4:30 pm.

February Selection: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng, fiction

## CHOIR NEWS

### Choir Is Back



Choir is resuming Monday rehearsals January 10, 2022, 6:30-7:30. Depending on attendance, rehearsals may be cancelled for February. With Covid numbers still very high, we will be singing with masks on during January. My top priority is the health and safety of all members of the choir. I have purchased paper and k95 masks for choir members. If you don't feel comfortable singing with a mask, please refrain from attending choir for the time being. Thank you, Eve.

## PASTOR'S SCHEDULE



Monday: 10:30 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  
Email: [pj.gslc@gmail.com](mailto:pj.gslc@gmail.com)

## SUNDAY SERVANTS – JANUARY

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)

Date	Worship Leader/ Communion Assistant	Reader	Usher	Communion Prep/ Clean-up
<b>January 2</b> <b>2nd Sunday of</b> <b>Christmas</b>	CA - Brian Underhill	Brandon Bacon		Terry Grossman
<b>January 9</b> <b>Baptism of Our</b> <b>Lord</b>	CA - Som Vixayphone			Corinne Becker
<b>January 16</b> <b>2nd Sunday of</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	CA -	Brandon Bacon		Lynda Parrott
<b>January 23</b> <b>3rd Sunday of</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	CA -			Vicki Russell
<b>January 30</b> <b>4th Sunday of</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	CA -			Vicki Russell

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If church service on Sunday is cancelled, regular attenders that have a correct mobile phone number recorded in Breeze, our church management system, will receive a text message stating that:

“Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Holland has cancelled Sunday morning service on...” and the date will be given.

This text will come from the number 874-47, not from church. Sunday cancellations will still be posted on WZZM 13 and WOOD TV 8.

Weekdays will remain the same: if West Ottawa or Zeeland schools are closed due to weather and/or road conditions, Good Shepherd events for that day are cancelled.



# CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

November 28, 2021 - March 5, 2022 — Cleaning Schedule Sign-up

Dates	Name(s)
Weeks of November 28 - December 4 December 5 - 11	Lynda and Rob Parrott Lynda and Rob Parrott
Weeks of December 12 - 18 December 19 - 25	Sharon Wendt Sharon Wendt
Weeks of December 26 - January 1 January 2 - 8	Sharon Wendt Sharon Wendt
Weeks of January 9 - 15 January 16 - 22	Parrotts Parrotts
Weeks of January 23 - 29 January 30 - February 5	Russells Russells
Weeks of February 6 - 12 February 13 - 19	
Weeks of February 20 - 26 February 27 - March 5	

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](mailto:gslc.office@icloud.com)  
616.772.4075



# NOISY OFFERING — OCCAA — WALK FOR WARMTH

## The Ottawa County Community Action Agency Walk for Warmth



Our January and February 2022 Noisy Offering recipient will be The Ottawa County Community Action Agency Walk for Warmth. This year's walk, "BACK IN ACTION!," is being held in person with the hope of raising \$25,000. All money received, 100%, goes directly to utility assistance for Ottawa County residents. That's right, it all stays right here in Ottawa County.



Last year, with the pandemic and the 'virtual' walk, less than \$12,000 was raised. Luckily there was federal COVID funding to help out. That extra help will expire in 2022 so it is important to raise as much as possible this year allowing OCCAA to help everyone who needs assistance.

A few Good Shepherd souls ventured out last year for our own walk and with your generous support we were named a 2021 SILVER SPONSOR. Let's show our support again this year!

This year's in person walk will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. and will start at City on a Hill, 100 Pine Street, Zeeland. There is a signup sheet in the commons so we know who will be there to represent Good Shepherd. Let's be sure to gather for a group photo.

Save your coins, donate on line, send in a check; all noisy offering money will help those in need.

Contact a member of the Mission and Outreach Team (Elizabeth, Vicki, Julie, Carolyn) for more information.



Images from our 2021 Walk for Warmth.



## 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

Choir Rehearsals (starting Jan. 10), 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, January 19, 2021, 4:30 - 6:00

(\* link also available on the Breeze calendar)

## OUR THANKS AND PRAISE

Ladies of Good Shepherd,

Thank you so much for including us in your Christmas Celebration. We really enjoyed the evening!

Diane Oberlin, Jennifer Cooper, Pat Bergeron, Connie Shakley, Shirley Beck

rec'd Dec. 17, 2021

### ***The Measure of our Love***

Computers connected to Zoom link = Families

Total Sunday Attendance: 104  
families: 10

Average Sunday Attendance: 26

Christmas Eve Attendance: 51

Total Overall Attendance 155



Dear Members of Good Shepherd,

Thank you so much for my lovely Christmas gifts. The bright red and gold pillow especially is helping to make a spot in our living room more cheerful. Your kindness and friendships are much appreciated.

Deb Postema-George

rec'd Dec. 22, 2021

# January

## Birthdays

Dan Gutknecht 1  
Dennis Willaman 2  
Laurie Schuldt 2  
Jessica Bacon 5  
Lois Robinson 10  
Alex Johnson 17  
Andy Rohrer 21  
Annika Pearson 22  
Brian Hurt 23  
Lisa Pearson 27  
James Walker 30



## Anniversaries

Dennis & Carolyn Willaman 13

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

### Church Council Members:

Jessica Bacon	(920) 889-8706, <a href="mailto:jessica.lois.bacon@gmail.com">jessica.lois.bacon@gmail.com</a>
Elliott Eisaman	(716) 785-0918, <a href="mailto:elliott.eisaman@gmail.com">elliott.eisaman@gmail.com</a> (President)
Rob Parrott	(616) 836-0172, <a href="mailto:parrott@chartermi.net">parrott@chartermi.net</a> (Vice President)
Vicki Russell	(616) 796-8606, <a href="mailto:vicki0528@gmail.com">vicki0528@gmail.com</a> (Secretary)

## IN OUR DECEMBER PRAYERS

### *In Our December Prayers...*

- **Our Sympathies:** to the family and friends of Dan Vertanen (Julie Hardy's uncle) who passed Nov. 20 due to complications from Parkinsons.
- **Military News:** Steve Dyke, (Jim's son), will be retiring from the Navy as a Master Chief Petty Officer after 20 years of service.
- **Praise and Thanksgiving:** Stephanie (Kris Norvell's niece) was declared cancer free this week. Seth Zimmerman, (Ludwig family member), released from hospital and recovering at home. Bill Geerlings' back surgery was very successful, (friend of Norvells).
- **Healing/Peace:** Allan Anderson (brother to Lois R.) undergoing radiation for cancer, Chuck (friend of Lois R.) for cancer, Paula Born, diagnosed with lung cancer and Covid, & her husband, Clarence Born, (brother & sister-in-law of Howard Born), Brian (Jessica Bacon's uncle), Lucas Barton, Zach Bergland (Beckers' nephew), Patricia Bradfield, Selena Casillas, 8 yrs old-diagnosed with cancer (friend of Ellen Lichtman), Chuck (friend of Lois R.) for cancer, 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), Bill Geerlings, back surgery (friend of Norvells) Jessie George (Deb P-G's daughter), Alyssa Gorraiz, Carol Grossman (Steve's mother), diagnosed with cancer, Randy Kasdorf (friend of Parrotts) suffered a stroke, Cathy Kelly, Iris Mears, (PJ's godmother), Gene Mohr, (Uncle of Tori Lindsley) who is recovering from 3rd degree burns, Roland Rivera, Janice Russell (Mike's sister-in-law), Katherine Slee (friend of Beckers), Jan Stemens (sister of Cathy Sytsma), Chad Stettnichs (cousin of Perry Pearson), Russ & Rita Taylor (Julie Wolff's parents) Rita has dementia, 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,
- **Healthy 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, 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:** Bethany Lutheran Church, Rev. Zachary Nelson, Kaleva; Mamrelund Lutheran Church, Rev. Michael Conklin, Kent City; Ascension Lutheran Church, Father Michael Wernick, Episcopal, Kentwood; Advent Lutheran Church, Rev. Timothy Jahn, Lake Ann; North/West Lower Michigan Deans, Revs. Gary Bunge, Julia Schneider-Thomas, Joan Oleson, Emily Olsen, Chrisy Bright, Scott Torkko, and Sarah Samuelson.