



## Living Our Baptism—A Lenten Practice

Grace and Peace to you! We are now one month into 2022; and one of the goals that the leadership of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has set for this year is to dig into how we see ourselves as a faith community and how we live out that faith identity beyond our doors. We will accomplish this goal through adult education opportunities, Bible Studies and conversations beginning with a series during Lent called Living Our Baptism—the Five Gifts of Discipleship. This series is from ELCA Churchwide and explores how we live out our Baptismal identity in our daily lives. During Lent this means that each week we will focus on one of five gifts of Discipleship:

- ∞ Live among God's faithful people
- ∞ Hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper
- ∞ Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- ∞ Serve all people, following the example of Jesus
- ∞ Strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Each week will feature a Bible Study on Sunday mornings, a weekly online devotional video and discussion question based on the letter to the Philippians and a midweek worship experience. During this midweek experience prayer stations will be available from at 6 p.m. Wednesday evenings with prayer practices and activities centered around the gift and Philippians passage for the week, culminating in Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Though Lent begins in March, I am sharing this theme with you now to invite you to begin thinking about these five gifts of discipleship and how they are present in your own day to day lives. By centering our Lenten Practice around these five gifts and exploring them through worship, study and spiritual practices we will develop a deeper relationship with God, a deeper understanding our own baptismal identity as disciples and what discipleship means, and we will grow and learn together how we as a community of faith can live out those gifts in Holland and beyond.

I am excited to begin this journey of faith formation and baptismal living with you, together we will grow our faith and in our witness to the community.

God guide us on our journey and give us peace.

Yours in Christ

Pastor Jess

## ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Congregational Meeting  
February 27, 2022  
11:00 am  
in person or via Zoom

If you wish to attend via Zoom, we will need to know by Sunday, February 20 to make the necessary arrangements.  
Contact Deb at 616.772.4075  
or at [gslc.office@icloud.com](mailto:gslc.office@icloud.com)

## MONTHLY CALENDAR GOING LIVE!

### The Good Shepherd Calendar Is Going LIVE

The calendar for Good Shepherd can now be found on our website at [Goodshepherdhollandmi.com](http://Goodshepherdhollandmi.com).

In order to see what is happening at Good Shepherd:

- Go to our website [Goodshepherdhollandmi.com](http://Goodshepherdhollandmi.com);  
the second item in the menu bar at the top is CALENDAR.
- Click CALENDAR and scroll down to see the current month.

All changes will appear in real time which means the minute something is added or changed you will see it on the website. This will allow you to check on any changes that may be made as soon as they are posted. Also, you can click on the Sunday Worship posting (or any worship opportunity) to see the zoom link. Click on the link to join that worship opportunity. Worship cancellations due to weather can also be noted on the calendar so you can check for that on Sunday mornings.

What you will see:

- Pastor Jess' in-office hours
- Office/building open hours
- Worship opportunities
- Bible Study/Confirmation classes
- Committee/team meetings
- Choir rehearsals
- Events for fellowship or service



Go to the website and check it out. If you have any questions talk with Vicki Russell.

## FROM THE TREASURER

### 2022 Budget Review Round Tables

In preparation for the annual meeting, Mike Russell, the Treasurer, will hold a 'round table' to review the upcoming 2022 budget after Sunday worship.

February 13, 2022 - 11:00 am

February 20, 2022 - 11:00 am



## NOISY OFFERING — OCCAA — WALK FOR WARMTH

### The Ottawa County Community Action Agency Walk for Warmth



For February we continue to support the Ottawa County Community Action Agency Walk for Warmth. Their goal is to raise \$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.

The actual walk is being held Saturday, February 5 at 8:30 am but we are collecting money throughout the entire month for this worthwhile cause. Save your coins, donate on line, send in a check; all noisy offering money will help those in need provide heat and light for their homes.

Your Mission and Outreach Committee is always looking for ideas to support our Noisy Offering Recipients. Consider joining this Good Shepherd team to share your ideas and support nonprofit organizations in our area. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm.

Contact a member of the Mission and Outreach Committee (Elizabeth, Vicki, Julie, Carolyn) for more information about the Walk for Warmth or to join our team. Everyone is welcome.



Images from our 2021 Walk for Warmth.

## BOOK GROUP NEWS

February Book Selection:

Book Group



*A Gentleman in Moscow*  
Amor Towles

The February Book Group selection is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles, a beautifully transporting novel about a man who is ordered to spend the rest of his life inside a luxury hotel.

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

Next Book Group Meeting is Wed., February 16, 2022, 4:30 pm.

## CHOIR NEWS

### Choir News



Rehearsals for February:

February 7, 2022 — 6:30 pm

February 21, 2022 — 6:30 pm

February 28, 2022 — 6:30 pm

Sunday, February 27, 2022 — 9:30 am

Choir sings during Sunday Service, February 27, 2022

No Rehearsal on Valentine's Day, February, 14, 2022

## 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 — FEBRUARY

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>February 6</b> <b>5th Sunday of</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	WL - Julie Hardy CA - Julie Hardy	Branden Bacon		Terry Grossman
<b>February 13</b> <b>6th Sunday of</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	WL - CA -			Terry Grossman
<b>February 20</b> <b>7th Sunday of</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	WL - CA -	Vicki Russell		Vicki Russell
<b>February 27</b> <b>Transfiguration of</b> <b>Our Lord</b>	WL - Brian Underhill CA -			

## CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

We are in need of cleaners for the weeks of  
February 6 - 12 and 13 - 19, 2022

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



## 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

Dear Friends,

As the temperatures drop this winter, your kindness is spreading warmth and comfort in our community! Thanks to your heart of compassion, our neighbors who've been struggling to survive... have a safe shelter....

...Your gift is bringing them inside and offering a warm welcome through nourishing meals, clean clothing and warm shelter.

You are blessing so many with your support — Thank You!

With a grateful heart,  
Darryl Bartlett, Executive Director  
Gateway Mission  
(Holland Rescue Mission)

Rec'd Jan. 21, 2022

Thanks to the Good Shepherd Church for bringing us some Christmas cheer. It was greatly appreciated.

Donna Vargo and Jim Dyke

Rec'd Jan. 28, 2022



### *The Measure of our Love*

Computers connected to Zoom link = Families

Total Sunday Attendance: 148

families: 25

Average Sunday Attendance: 30

# February

## Birthdays

Steve Johnson 1  
Caroline Lindsley 1  
Emma Manzo 13  
Gigi Howard 14  
Kennedy Sauer 14  
Lylie Lindsley 17  
Stan Kleinjans 26



## Anniversaries

No known anniversaries for this month.

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

### Church Council Members:

Jessica Bacon	(920) 889-8706, <a href="mailto:jessica.lois.bacon@gmail.com">jessica.lois.bacon@gmail.com</a>
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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 JANUARY PRAYERS

### *In Our January Prayers...*

- **Congratulations:** to Ashley & Tyler Visser on the birth of Emersyn Jo-Lynn Visser, great granddaughter of Kris & Floyd Norvell, at 5:03am, Jan. 21, 7 lbs 14 ozs, 20" long. Mom, Dad & baby doing well. Kris adds that dad is very tired.
- **Our Prayers and Sympathy:** to Bret D'Agostino on the death of his brother Durwood who passed away New Years weekend. Please hold Bret, his siblings and Durwood's wife, Tammy, and children, Gage, Tracy and Jade, in our prayers as they grieve. And to the family and friends of Paula Born (Howard's sister-in-law) who passed away last week, and for her husband Clarence.
- **Healing/Peace:** Allan Anderson (brother to Lois R.) undergoing radiation for cancer, Brian (Jessica Bacon's uncle), Lucas Barton, Zach Bergland (Beckers' nephew), Paula Born, diagnosed with lung cancer and Covid, & her husband, Clarence Born, (brother & sister-in-law of Howard Born), 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), 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), 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), Kindi Smith, (Norvells niece) diagnosed with a very aggressive form of Leukemia, a blood cancer. 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), 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. John Lutheran Church, Rev. Russell Logston, UMC, Lake City; Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Revs. Matthew Smith & John Burow, Lansing; Grace Lutheran Church, Rev. Christin Fawcett, Lansing; Redeemer Lutheran Church, Rev. Janice Hite, Lansing; St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Rev. Alex Aivars, Lansing.

