



## Holding Space

Greetings in Christ! By the time you receive this Newsletter we will have begun the season of Lent. For me Lent is a time of holding space: creating and nurturing sacred space in ourselves to encounter God; space within where we do the holy work of growing in relationship with the Divine Presence in our lives and learn to see the Divine Presence in others. This internal space is where we encounter our questions, our doubts, our mistakes and, through all of it, we become aware of our Belovedness.

By doing this holy work we hold space to wrestle with the heavy things we encounter in life and for the life-changing work of God within us and the world. This space is necessary for our own growth; if we do not wrestle with the difficult things, if we do not give our doubts and questions and prayers a space to be heard we become disconnected from the One who hears those prayers, who answers those questions and who eases those doubts.

This Lent I encourage you to engage in this holy work; to hold space within yourself to engage with your own questions, heavy experiences, prayers, doubts, and wonderings. This may look like fasting from an activity or a particular habit, it may look like taking on a spiritual practice, or it may look like engaging more fully with the Lenten practices of fasting, prayer and charity.

The Community of Good Shepherd is committed to walking with you on this journey by offering a weekly Bible Study on Sundays after worship, a weekly online devotional video that you can find on our YouTube page\* and our Facebook page\*, and an opportunity to try different spiritual practices on Wednesdays, along with Holden Evening Prayer.

In addition to our Lenten devotional offerings, you may also find it helpful to tune into my Monday-Thursday devotional time—appropriately called “Holding Space”—on the Good Shepherd Facebook page. Each day I post a short devotion where I invite you to “hold space” for a scripture passage, question, topic or ‘wondering’. During Lent, these topics will tie into the holy work that we are invited to engage in during this Lenten season.

It is my prayer that this Lenten season is one of rest, growth, and renewal for you and for all of us together as the community of Good Shepherd.

God open space within you, Quiet and calm, To meet face to face your questions, your worries, your hopes and dreams, Your disappointments and your delights.

God meet you in that holy, holding space, Companion you on the journey, Deepen Holy connection And awaken in you Life abundant.

Amen.

Yours in Christ

Pastor Jess

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## ASH WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES



### Ash Wednesday Activities

12:00 - 1:00 pm: Drive Through Ashes

7:00 pm: Ash Wednesday Service in person and via Zoom

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87525508195?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87525508195?pwd=MmtjVENGaUg3ODFuaXhhUHR1TVR3Zz09)

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Meeting ID: 734 156 1296

## LENTON BIBLE STUDY



### Lenten Bible Study

This Lenten season we will explore the Five Gifts of Discipleship: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Join us in a Bible Study as we explore these gifts, following Sunday worship.

March 6 - April 3, 2022, 11:15 am after worship.

## ONLINE DEVOTIONS

### Online Devotions

Join us for a weekly online devotional video that you can find on our YouTube page\* and our Facebook page\*,

Or tune into Pastor's Monday-Thursday devotional time—called “Holding Space”—on the Good Shepherd Facebook page. Each day Pastor posts a short devotion where I invite you to “hold space” for a scripture passage, question, topic or ‘wondering’.

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## PRAYER STATIONS AND HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

### Prayer Stations and Holden Evening Prayer



Prayer Stations:

Join us every Wednesday during Lent when we will offer prayer stations based on the gift for that week, from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

Holden Evening Prayer, in person or via Zoom:

Following the Prayer Stations we will have Holden Evening Prayer starting at 7:00pm.

## ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

The annual meeting for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church was held on Sunday February 27, 2022. The meeting convened at 11:15 am. It was established that there was a quorum for voting. Continuing council members include Vicki Russell, Jessica Bacon and Rob Parrott. Outgoing members are Elliott Eisaman and Bryan Blank. The newly elected council members are Julie Wolff and Steve Johnson. The annual Synod Assembly will be held virtually again this year. Attending online to represent Good Shepherd will be Michael and Vicki Russell.

The 2021 expenses were reviewed by Mike Russell, GSLC treasurer. We are on track to pay off our mortgage in 2025. The 2022 budget was presented with some changes noted. A vote was taken to approve the budget as presented with 22 yeas votes and 1 nay vote.

Pastor spoke on her focus for the future of GSLC and requested that everyone complete a survey that was included in the meeting packet.

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 am with prayer.

## MONTHLY CALENDAR IS LIVE!!

### Good Shepherd Calendar

Where do I find the calendar?

You can locate the live GSLC calendar anytime on the GSLC website.

<https://goodshepherdhollandmi.com>

Click on the calendar tab.

What will I find on the calendar?

- Sunday worship service with the zoom link
- Office hours
- Pastor's in-office hours
- Committee or team meetings
- Choir rehearsals
- Quilter meeting time
- Events or service opportunities
- During Lent :
  - Sunday Bible Study time
  - Prayer station time
  - Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer service with the zoom link



What if a meeting date or time changes?

Because the calendar on the website is live, any changes made will automatically be displayed on the website calendar.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the office or Vicki Russell.

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Vicki Russell: 616.796.8606 or [vicki0528@gmail.com](mailto:vicki0528@gmail.com)

## WALK FOR WARMTH



Our brave, cold weather walkers:

Carolyn Willaman, Pastor Jess, Mike Russell, Vicki Russell and Dennis Willaman.

Saturday, February 5, 2022

## BOOK GROUP NEWS

Book Group

March Book Selection:

*We Need New Names*  
by NoViolet Bulawayo



The March Book Group selection is *We Need New Names* by NoViolet Bulawayo. Her debut novel brings to life a young girl whose world is on the brink of transformation, full of danger but also possibility. A potent story of displacement and arrival.

Ten year old Darling and her friends navigate their shantytown in Zimbabwe with the exuberance and mischievous spirit of children everywhere. But they are shadowed by memories of Before. Before their homes were destroyed by paramilitary policemen, before the schools closed, before their fathers left for dangerous jobs abroad.

Darling has an escape; she has an aunt in America. [But] Darling must reckon with the sacrifices and mixed rewards of assimilating to her new home.

Next Book Group Meeting is Wed., March 16, 2022, 5:00 pm.

## PASTOR'S SCHEDULE



Pastor Jessica is available Monday - Friday  
(Fridays for emergencies only.)  
via phone, text, email and Facebook messenger.

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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)

# CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

| Dates                                           | Name(s)                            |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Weeks of<br>March 6 - 12<br>March 13 - 19       | Lynda Parrott<br><br>Lynda Parrott |
| Weeks of<br>March 20 - 26<br>March 27 - April 2 |                                    |
| Weeks of<br>April 3 - 9<br>April 10 - 16        |                                    |
| Weeks of<br>April 17 - 23<br>April 24 - 30      |                                    |
| Weeks of<br>May 1 - 7<br>May 8 - 14             |                                    |
| Weeks of<br>May 15 - 21<br>May 22 - 28          |                                    |
| Weeks of<br>May 29 - June 4<br>June 5 - 11      |                                    |

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



## SUNDAY SERVANTS — MARCH

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/<br>Communion<br>Assistant | Reader          | Usher | Communion Set-Up/<br>Clean-Up |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------------|
| March 6<br>1st Sunday<br>of<br>Lent | WL -<br>CA -                              | Brian Underhill |       | Deb Ludwig                    |
| March 13<br>2nd Sunday<br>of Lent   | WL -<br>CA - Sharon Wendt                 | Deb Ludwig      |       | Lynda Parrott                 |
| March 20<br>3rd Sunday<br>of Lent   | WL -<br>CA -                              | Tom Ludwig      |       | Deb Ludwig                    |
| March 27<br>4th Sunday<br>of Lent   | WL -<br>CA -                              | Branden Bacon   |       |                               |

## CHOIR NEWS

### Choir News



Rehearsals for March:

March 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2022 — 6:30 pm

Choir sings during Sunday Service, March 20, 2022

Rehearsals for April:

April 11, 18 25, 2022 — 6:30 pm

Choir sings during Sunday Services, April 10, 17 & 24, 2022

No rehearsal on April 4, 2022 due to Spring Break



# NOISY OFFERING – NESTLINGS DIAPER BANK

## March & April Noisy Offering Recipient: Nestlings Diaper Bank



I run the risk of dating myself with this story, but when my daughter was born, disposable diapers were a “new” thing. In my decision making as to the use of cloth or disposable diapers, my mother, who came to help the first week, said she didn’t care what I did after she left, but while she was there she would use disposable diapers. After her three children, all of whom wore cloth diapers, she thought disposables were the greatest invention of the 20th century!



I was fortunate in that we could afford the cost. Not everyone can do so, however. That’s what the Nestlings Diaper Bank is all about. One in three families in the U.S. struggle to diaper their babies. There is no Federal or State program to help families get diapers. The second highest unmet need locally is diapers. Wet crying babies risk physical abuse. Babies have been known to wear dirty diapers for hours and days. Cloth is not an easy solution since they cannot be washed at a Laundromat in Michigan and transportation to washing machines is not always available. Detergent is also not covered by assistance programs. Last year Nestlings gave out 316,000 diapers. This year they hope to raise \$40,000 to get a semi-truckload of diapers. Good Shepherd hopes to raise \$667.00 to buy a skid of diapers for this truck load.

Please help with whatever you can to support Nestlings Diaper Bank. Just think of all those precious little baby butts!

Questions? Contact Dennis Willaman for more information, [willamandennis780@gmail.com](mailto:willamandennis780@gmail.com) or 616.335.2447.



## 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

Ash Wednesday Service, March 2, 2022, 7:00 pm also available via Zoom

Lent: Bible Study, March 6 - April 3, 2022, 11:00 am after Worship Service

Prayer Stations, March 9 - April 6, 2022, Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Holden Evening Prayer, March 9 - April 6, 2022, Weds. at 7:00 pm (via Zoom also)

Choir Rehearsals, 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, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 4:30 - 6:00

(\* link also available on the Breeze calendar)

## OUR THANKS AND PRAISE

To the Members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Holland/Zeeland,

In grateful appreciation for giving \$16,441.28. Thank you for your steadfast support of the mission of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod and the ELCA.

Craig A. Satterlee, Synod Bishop  
Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop, ELCA

rec'd Feb. 14, 2022



### *The Measure of our Love*

Computers connected to Zoom link = Families

Total Sunday Attendance: 148

families: 25

Average Sunday Attendance: 30

# March

## Birthdays

Shane Hurt 2  
Patricia Bradfield 11  
Tessa Hurt 12  
Lincoln Hardy 14  
Kerry Johnson 15  
Jonas Person 27



## Anniversaries

Jon & Tessa Hurt 24



## COUNCIL MEMBERS

### Church Council Members:

|               |                                                                                                |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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## IN OUR FEBRUARY PRAYERS

### *In Our February Prayers...*

- **Our Sympathies:** Peace and comfort for Judy Bell on the death of her husband Harold Bell (friends of Vicki Russell).
- **Healing/Peace:** Marijo & Dale Cramer, Brian (Jessica Bacon's uncle), Lucas Barton, diagnosed with Dushanes Muscular Dystrophy (son of friends of Julie Wolff), Zach Bergland (Beckers' nephew), Clarence Born, (brother of Howard Born), 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), 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, (Norvell niece) diagnosed with a very aggressive form of Leukemia, a blood cancer, Chad Stettichs (cousin of Perry Pearson), Russ & Rita Taylor (Julie Wolff's parents) Rita has dementia, Justin Walker (Pastor's husband), Jon Wienen.
- **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 & Andrew Delo, friend of (actually like a daughter of) Kris & Floyd Norvell.
- **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:** Harbor of Grace Lutheran Church, Rev. Jane Mountain, Muskegon, Emanuel Lutheran Church, Rev. Domingo (Mick) Shriver, Ludington, Victory Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. Ron Iris, Ludington, Trinity Lutheran Church, Rev. William Huether, Manton.

