



Giving Back to Kids in Our Community

Grace and Peace to you in the name of Christ!

As you are aware we collect Noisy Offering every Sunday, the proceeds of which go to a rotating list of local ministries and charities. 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.

CASA's mission is important because the health of kids and families is directly related to the health and stability of a community; the sad reality is that we have many underserved and underrepresented families in our Holland community. Many of the kids in our school system come from low-income families and do not have access to the same opportunities as their classmates; things that we might take for granted like regular meals and snacks, access to a quiet place to study, supplies and books are in limited supply for these kids and having access to them is necessary for kids to succeed in school and in life.

As people of faith we are called to love and care for our neighbor, which means caring for all of the children in our community. CASA cares for kids by providing academic support and social support, but more than that, by pairing kids with adults who really care about them. Through CASA kids receive the message that they are valued and capable of leadership and learning, they gain confidence and a sense of purpose. Volunteers with CASA receive the benefits of being engaged with the community and learning about diversity and different cultures, all while mentoring kids.

During the months of July and August we will have information about CASA's mission, as well as information about how you can be involved in this important work. I am also excited to announce that the Executive Director, Terra Luckett, will be joining us for worship on July 24th to tell us a little bit more about the important work that CASA is doing in our community.

Part of our work as people of faith in the world is nurturing others and giving of ourselves for the sake of others; in this day and age when so many families are struggling to provide for their kids and when so many kids are falling through the cracks of our society, we as people of faith, have an opportunity to meet some of these kids, mentor them, and get involved in helping them achieve great things. It is my hope and prayer that we will continue to give generously of our loose change and our time in order to make an impact on the lives of kids in our community.

God bless you this summer!

Pastor Jess

ESCAPE MINISTRIES LUNCH EVENT

Escape Ministries Luncheon

On June 15 Good Shepherd served lunch to 40-45 students and staff at Escape Ministries. Thank you to those who donated food items and to those who came to assist with setup and serving.

During the summer, the students at Escape go to various work sights with a supervisor from 8:00 - Noon and return to Escape for lunch. The day we were there, two of their jobs were cleaning buses and pulling weeds so they were hot, tired and hungry. As one supervisor said, "We want them to learn to do a job well even if it is a job they do not like." Fun outings are part of the summer plans, too, with street performers and a pool party on the agenda.

The youth and the staff were very appreciative. I can honestly say that every single person said, 'thank you' and some came back for a second sloppy Joe. We intentionally had extra cookies, water, fruit and veggies that we left for them to enjoy another day.

Thank You Good Shepherd for your support!



Above left and left: Students and staff enjoying lunch. T-shirts say "I Matter. We Matter. This Matters." and "We Make The World Better."

Above: Our wonderful helpers. L-R Corinne Becker, Karrie Foster, Sharon Wendt, Terry Grossman, Vicki Russell.

CRAFTED IN CHRIST

Crafted in Christ Bible Study

Every second Wednesday beginning June 8, 2022, Good Shepherd will host a women's "Bring Your Own Supper" Bible Study called "Crafted in Christ." We will study the Word and let our creativity flow as we explore where God is leading us in our lives.

6:00 - 8:00 pm
July 13, August 10



PRAY-GROUND SUPPLIES FUNDRAISER

"Pray-Ground Supplies" Fundraiser



During the summer months, we are inviting people to purchase (new or used) items for the "Pray-Ground" Areas from the supplies list in the fellowship area.

Contact Pastor Jess directly with any questions:
pj.gslc@gmail.com or 616.403.4660.

SURGERY SCHEDULE VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to those signed up to help during my surgery. Deb

Mike Russell will handle the mail.

July 19: 9:00 - 11:00 — Kerry Johnson, 11:00 - 2:00 — Pastor Jess

July 20: 9:00 - 2:00 — Vicki Russell

July 21: 9:00 - 11:00 — Steve Johnson, 11:00 - 2:00 — Pastor Jess

July 27: 9:00 - 11:00 — Kerry Johnson, 11:00 - 2:00 — Pastor Jess

July 28: 9:00 - 2:00 — Vicki Russell

July 29: 9:00 - 11:00 — Steve Johnson, 11:00 - 2:00 — Pastor Jess



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>

THANK YOU!

Thank You from Your Council

Council would like to thank everyone who helped make the move to Breeze Giving a speedy and successful transition. All online contributions are now automatically in our Breeze records, saving us valuable time. We also use Breeze to keep track of membership information, and to provide both an online directory and our church calendar.

We have a few reminders that could save you or Good Shepherd some money.

1. Because online giving involves sending money electronically there are transaction fees. If you choose to contribute to more than one Good Shepherd fund you can complete that in one transaction with one fee. If you do each fund in a separate transaction the transaction fee is charged every time. Choose "Add gift to another fund" to contribute to more than one fund in a single transaction.
2. There is also a fee based on the amount of the contribution. Credit or debit card fees are higher than ACH fees (direct from your bank account). Card fees are 2.9%. ACH fees are 1%.
3. As the contributor you can choose to pay those fees. Within Breeze, when making an online contribution, simply check the box on the "payment information" page where you are provided with the amount of the processing fee. If you choose not to, Good Shepherd pays the fees. Last year GS paid over \$1,000.00 in bank fees because the former online platform did not offer the option for all fees to be paid by the contributor.

You have the option to edit your recurring giving at any time from the dashboard of your Breeze account. If you are not signed up for online giving and would like to give it a try, we are here to help. If you do not have a Breeze account, we are here to help.

If you have any questions about any part of Breeze reach out to:

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or Elliott Eisaman - elliot.eisaman@gmail.com, 716.785.0918 cell or 616.554.9769.

Again, Council thanks you for assisting with this giving transition.



WAYS TO CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR NESTLINGS DIAPER BANK

The Noisy Offering for March and April this year was for “NESTLINGS DIAPER BANK”. In this photo Carolyn Willaman is delivering the Good Shepherd contribution of over \$1,000 to Adel Mendenhall who runs the organization.

Adel worked for the State doing social services work for 30 years. Her friends said they wanted to do something to help less fortunate neighbors and Adel knew that one overwhelming item that the less fortunate needed was diapers. Diapers are too expensive for these people to purchase but without them the family living situation can become very difficult.



Nestlings mostly handles disposable diapers but they also have cloth diapers. Cloth diapers cannot be washed at public laundromats and therefore, it becomes very difficult for most of the less fortunate to use them.

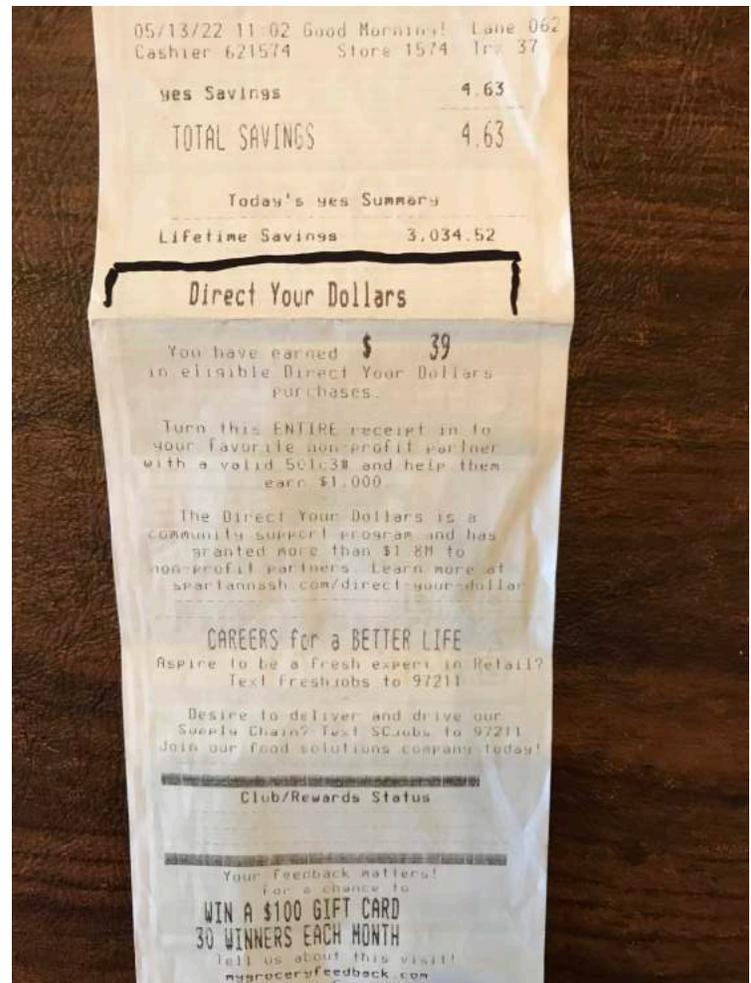
How Can We Continue to Help?

There is always a need for help at the Nestlings facility located near the intersection of Butternut and Riley. Nestlings purchases disposable diapers and wraps them in packs of 10 for distribution to social agencies in the community. Volunteers assist with wrapping, counting, inventory and other tasks. Last year Nestlings handed out over 316,000 diapers so help is always appreciated.

Another way we can continue to support these civic minded volunteers is to collect our receipts from D&W and Family Fare grocery stores. Nestlings can turn these receipts into the store and receive cash to purchase more diapers.

To continue your financial support, gather your D&W Fresh Market and/or Family Fare grocery store receipts. Look for the “Direct Your Dollars” portion of the receipts. This part must be attached to your total receipt for Nestlings to get credit. Take your receipts to their facility at Butternut and Riley or just bring them to church and place your receipts in an envelope hanging on the bulletin board marked NESTLINGS DIAPER BANK RECEIPTS. I will pick them up and see that they get to the right people.

Thank you,
Dennis Willaman



NOISY OFFERING – CASA



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

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See Pastor’s article for more details.

FELLOWSHIP – JULY 2022

Fellowship Sign-up
All dates are currently open!

	Set Up & Clean Up	Treats
July 3, 2022		
July 10, 2022		
July 17, 2022		
July 24, 2022		
July 31, 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	Russells
Weeks of July 24 - 30 July 31 - August 6	Russells
Weeks of August 7 - 13 August 14 - 20	
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 – JULY

Sunday Servants Needed for July

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
July 3 4th Sunday of Pentecost	WL - CA-Dennis W.	Carolyn Willaman	Elliott Eisaman	Deb Ludwig	1. E. Eisaman 2.
July 10 5th Sunday of Pentecost	WL - CA -				1. 2.
July 17 6th Sunday of Pentecost	WL - CA -				1. 2.
June 19 3rd Sunday of Pentecost	WL - CA -				1. 2.
July 31 8th Sunday of Pentecost	WL - CA -				1. 2.

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

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

The Measure of our Love

Computers connected via internet = Families

Total Sunday Attendance: 133

Families: 7

Average Sunday Attendance: 33



July

Birthdays

Isaac McCaughan 1
Sally Schmelter 9
Brian Underhill 14
Deb Ludwig 15
Bonita Zielke 18
Nathan McCaughan 20
Rose Heckel 23
Julie Wolff 27
Larry Heckel 28

Anniversaries

Julie Wentz
& Chris Simoni 4
Mike & Vicki Russell 12
Rob & Lynda Parrott 24

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Church Council Members:

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PASTOR'S SCHEDULE



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

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

IN OUR JUNE PRAYERS

In Our June Prayers...

- ***Our Sympathies and Prayers:*** Jessica Bacon's uncle, Brian, passed away May 30 from cancer. Please keep the families and their friends in prayer.
- ***Praise & Thanksgiving:*** Chad Stettinichs (cousin of Perry Pearson) is doing much better.
- ***Healing/Peace:*** 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), emergency 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:*** Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Rev. Sherry McGuffin, Petoskey; Hope Lutheran Church, Rev. Julie Winklepleck, Stated Supply, Plainwell; Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Rev. Joan Herbon, Portage; Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Rev. Rachel Laughlin, Portage.