



The Holy Spirit in Ordinary Time

Grace and Peace to you; and Happy Summer!!

This past Sunday (May 28th) we celebrated the day of Pentecost with readings about tongues of fire, great gales of wind, speaking in different languages and the giving of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Christian church because the scene from Acts, chapter 2, is the moment that the Good News of Christ was heard by people other than the Jews and carried back to those places; in short, it was the moment that belief in Jesus as the Messiah grew from a small movement within Judaism to a global movement.

The reading itself is an exciting one: you've got an international group of people, the Holy Spirit blowing through the place, tongues of flame, and disciples who seem to be drunk. Amazing. Exciting! As wonderful as the day of Pentecost is, it is important to ask the question: what happens after all the excitement?

What happens after the Gospel has been proclaimed in the language of all those present? What happens after they go back to their own lands and back to their own routines? What happens when the Holy Spirit has stopped her dancing and her blowing and has settled into our hearts for the day-to-day work of faith? The day of Pentecost is the beginning of an entire season in the church calendar, often called "ordinary time". During this season the readings speak to us about Jesus' work in the world, God's relationship with the world and our calling to be the body of Christ in the world. It is the season where we really dig into what it means to live "filled with the Holy Spirit" (John 20:22, Acts 2: 4).

The first thing we need to remember is that "ordinary time" doesn't mean boring. Holy Spirit might not be setting things on fire or stirring up windstorms, but that doesn't mean she isn't working or moving. That is, in many ways, the beauty of this season of the church year; we are invited to see how God is working and moving within and through the normal, ordinary, experiences of life. When we stop to remember that we are, always, infused with the Holy Spirit we can see everyday actions of love as extraordinary. We can see our part in God's work. When we remind ourselves to look for the Holy in the everyday, we see those moments when God was at work in our lives, we recognize the people who were angels unaware, bringing God's love home to us when we needed it.

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The second thing we need to remember is that being called to share the good news requires nothing other than our own openness to God's work in our lives. We do not have to wait for a perfect time when we have accomplished more, or when we have learned more, or when we feel that we have it "together" more. The Holy Spirit resides in us when we are at the best possible place in our life AND when we are not. The Holy Spirit works and dwells among communities when they are at their best AND when they are not.

And Beloved, this might just be the most radical truth of all.

In a society where perfection is almost required; when we are inundated with social media representations of perfect people doing perfect things and "living your best life" seems to mean being perfectly fit, perfectly able, perfectly rich, perfectly beautiful, and perfectly able to balance everything; accepting that God works in us, that God is present in us, when we are at our least perfect is an act of radical defiance.

The truth of it is that behind the perfectly polished images our society puts out, we are a deeply broken community. Civility and kindness and the ability to disagree with love have become rare. There are efforts to deny rights and even personhood and dignity to some of our siblings in Christ, and more people than ever suffer from loneliness despite being more technologically connected than ever.

This is our ordinary. It is messy, and complicated, and it is full of joy and full of sorrow. The radical, amazing, life-changing good news is that God is present in the messy, and the complicated. God celebrates our Joy and comforts us in our sorrow. God invites us to share this radical good news, invites us to gather at our most messy and ordinary and calls us to invite others at their most messy and ordinary so that together, we may experience the life-giving good news of Jesus.

Go in peace--knowing that Holy Spirit is at work in you—to see God in the ordinary, to be the body of Christ in the everyday, to know extraordinary love in this ordinary time.

Yours in Christ

Pastor Jess



RESILIENCE DONATION



Resilience was our March/April Noisy Offering recipient. In addition to the 6 laundry baskets full of donations we have sent a check for \$589.00.

L-R Vicki Russell, Suzanne House, Sherry from Resilience, Ellie Buggeln and Carolyn Willaman

FROM RESILIENCE

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your recent donations to Resilience: Advocates for Ending Violence. Your contributions will continue to provide life-saving services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in our community....[and] will make a significant difference in the lives of survivors.

Together, we can end domestic violence and create a safer, more resilient community for all.

With gratitude,
Beth Larsen
Executive Director

added personal note: Thank you so much!

rec'd May 22, 2023

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The Women's Bible Study Group is now on summer break.

See you in the fall!

TAPESTRY WOMEN'S GROUP EVENT

**"Let the Sonshine In",
June 10, 2023, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.**

Please join us for a celebration of faith, friendship, and creativity to herald in the warm days of Spring and Summer! Pastor Jessica will lead our event with a thoughtful discussion, which will be followed by a craft session to make our own sun catchers, led by a special guest. A light pot-luck lunch (salads, bread/rolls and light desserts) will be held before we end our event and head into the Sonshine.

We are asking for donations to WELCA at our event and Tapestry will match our total donations up to \$100.



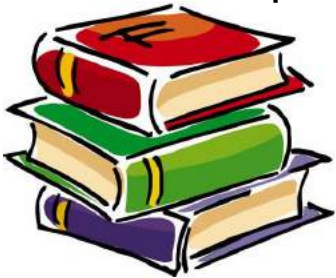
Sign up sheets for the event and pot-luck lunch are in the Commons. Please bring a salad or dessert to pass. Family and friends are invited – please indicate your number of attendees on the sign-up sheet.

BOOK GROUP

Our June Selection:

Lady Clementine by Marie Benedict

Book Group



“Here is the fictionalized account of the person who was the unequivocal wind beneath Winston Churchill’s wings - a woman whose impact on the world-shaper that was WWII has been begging to be told. A remarkable story of a remarkable woman.” - Susan Meissner

In 1909, Clementine Churchill steps off a train with her new husband, Winston to a woman shoving him into an oncoming train. Clementine grabs him by his suit coat, saving him, not for the last time. From courtship through WWII, this story follows Clementine’s life with Winston and the influence she herself had on current events.

PRIDE 5K

Please join us to cheer on the participants of the Pride 5k.

We are once again the turn around point for the Pride 5k. We will be handing out water and cheering on the runners/walkers.

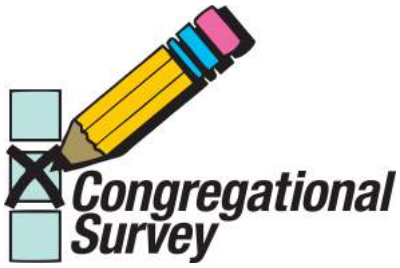
June 10, 2023, 8:00 am.

Volunteers needed to help set up for the event at 8:00 am.



CHURCH ACTIVITIES SURVEY

What Would You Like to Do?



The Membership and Events Team (The MET) is interested in your thoughts on which events you would like to have at GSLC. A survey is available in the commons that we ask you to fill out and place in the basket or return to the church office. We will work to schedule the events with the most interested participants and planners.

Please share your creative suggestions for good activities!

See a team member for more information or with questions:
Branden and Jess Bacon, Julie Wolff and Pastor Jess.

OUR ROBIN'S NEST AT GSLC

Progression of the robin's nest in our planter.
Sadly, the nestlings passed away on the 18th.



GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

God's Work Our Hands = A Summer of Service

This year our **God's Work Our Hands** service will take place all summer with one service opportunity each month. Our Noisy Offering recipients will benefit from our noisy offering collection and also from our participation in the service opportunity your Mission and Outreach Committee has planned.

The Noisy Offering Recipients for the remainder of 2023 are:

May/June: BestPals Animal Rescue Center

July/August: Wings of Mercy

September/October: Benjamin's Hope

November/December: Samaritas

The 4 service opportunities are:

June 25: BestPals Animal Rescue 10 year celebration, 12:00 - 5:00

July 15: Samaritas' Grand Ravines Senior Housing BBQ lunch/games

August 19: Wings of Mercy CareAffaire pancake breakfast, 7:00 - 12:00

September 30: Benjamin's Hope Harvest Festival, 3:00 - 6:00

Each of these service opportunities will have more information available before the event along with sign up sheets indicating time slots and locations. The sign up sheet for Best Pals' Celebration is available now in the commons.

We hope everyone will find one or more service opportunities that fit in their summer plans as we show that Good Shepherd participates in God's Work in the community.

For more information see your Mission and Outreach Committee: Branden Bacon, Vicki Russell, Carolyn Willaman, Julie Wolff or Pastor Jessica.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Summer Office Hours Begin

Memorial Day - Labor Day,
May 29, 2023 - September 4, 2023

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 am - 2:00 pm



BESTPALS PARTY - GWOH



BestPals Animal Rescue Center for GWOH, June 25, 2023.

Volunteer Sign-up Sheet is available on the shelf in the Commons.
2 sessions available: 11:30-2:30 & 2:30-5:30.

Opportunities include: Directing & Helping Attendees, Parking, Games, Assisting Shelter Visitors, Bouncy House, Prizes, Clean-Up and more.

There will be plenty of time to enjoy the free event with your family as well.

ONLINE GIVING OR BREEZE ASSISTANCE

Breeze or Online Giving Assistance

If you have questions about Breeze or online giving Vicki Russell will conduct a help session after church on Sunday June 4. She will help you sign up on Breeze, answer questions about what you can do within Breeze, or assist you with online giving setup or changes. Please bring your own device - a laptop, tablet, or phone. If you already have a Breeze login you will need to know your password. (She can look up your login name but does not have access to your password.) If you will be new to Breeze you will need access to your email in order to receive an invitation to join Breeze. If you have questions prior to those dates see Vicki.



NOISY OFFERING

Noisy Offering - May and June 2023



Our Noisy Offering for May/June is BestPals Animal Rescue Center. See their story below. BestPals is also the 1st of our God's Work Our Hands projects. We will be assisting them at their 10 Year Anniversary Party, June 25, 2023, 11:30 - 5:00 pm

BestPals Animal Rescue Center – Our Story

BestPals Animal Rescue Center is a non-profit shelter in Holland that takes in owner-surrendered cats and dogs. Our mission is to provide a guaranteed adoption for owner-surrendered companion animals and to partner with other organizations to provide a No-Kill community. We also take in transfers from local overcrowded shelters when we can. We provide a service to our community's homeless animal population that other organizations can't. We are a No-Kill Promise shelter, committed to finding a forever home for every animal that enters our doors. Most of the cats and dogs come to us in need of necessary and immediate medical treatment. As a small shelter, a large part of our donations go to emergency veterinary care for the animals we take in.



Founded 10 years ago, our Executive Director, Michelle Kenat, realized her lifelong dream to have a shelter where cats and dogs could be loved and cared for in a no-kill environment. Her love for animals led her to work in shelters in her home town of Chicago. After moving to Holland, she was able to put her plans for BestPals into place.

We believe that every companion animal should have a forever home where they are loved and cherished. Sadly, this is not always the case. Many shelters are paid by their county to take in strays, but they do not have to accept owner-surrendered pets. BestPals focuses on the owner-surrenders, the ones that no one else will take and, because we are a no-kill shelter, every dog and cat will remain with us until they are adopted. We will always take a pet back if the owner is no longer able to care for them. Our surrender program is judgement free. We work with pet owners to find solutions to keep or take back their pets if possible. BestPals' adoption process is stringent. We check every potential adopter to ensure they can and will take care of their new best pal. All pet adoptees are fostered by the potential adopter first, prior to the adoption, to ensure a good fit for the pet and the adopter.

BestPals has been voted Holland's "Best Of The Best" of all non-profit organizations the last 7 years in a row. It is truly a testament of our dedication to the cats and dogs we serve every day.

PICNIC AT GRAND RAVINE SENIOR LIVING - GWOH

Picnic Fun

The Mission and Outreach Committee has planned a BBQ picnic for the residents of Grand Ravine Senior Living Center on Saturday, July 15 this summer. The picnic will be at their facility in Allegan. About 40 residents are expected to attend.

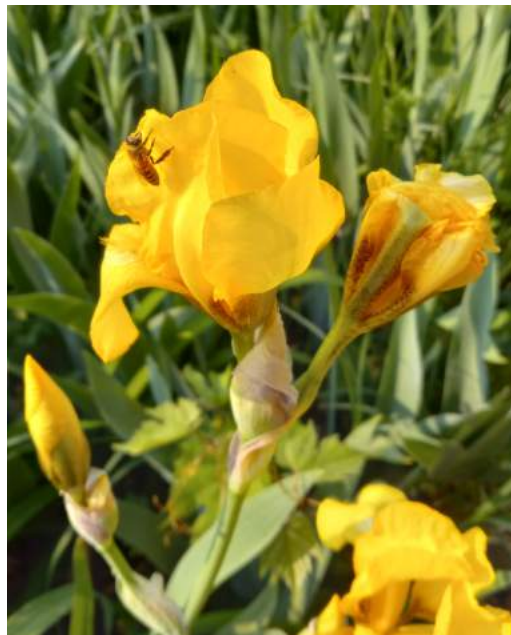
We have received a THRIVENT ACTION TEAM grant to help with the expenses. If you would like to be a part of this event please see Branden Bacon or anyone on the Mission and Outreach committee.

Grand Ravine Senior Housing is operated by Samaritas which is the new name for Lutheran Social Services.

The Christmas party at
Grand Ravine Senior Living



OUR IRIS IN BLOOM



FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

PLASTIC BAG AND METAL RECYCLING

As we continue to take care of our planet and reduce our impact on the environment, we wanted to share some information on how to recycle plastic bags and metal in the Holland/Zeeland area.

Plastic bags are not accepted in your curbside recycling bin because they can get tangled in the machinery at the recycling facility. However, you can recycle them at some local grocery stores, such as Meijer and Walmart. Look for a collection bin near the entrance of the store and drop off your clean and dry plastic bags there. This includes grocery bags, bread bags, and even plastic wrap from items like paper towels and toilet paper.

For metal recycling, there are options through the county you can find on the Ottawa County website (miottawa.org). Another option is the Padnos Black River Recycling center on Chicago Drive in Holland. Black River will offer a small amount of cash to recycle many types of scrap metal with them. Some appliances may have a fee if there are hazardous chemicals that require disposal. For appliances like refrigerators, you may want to check with your utility company. Consumers Energy will pick up full size refrigerators and freezers for free at your home and also offers a \$50 rebate on top. These must be plugged in and working at time of pick-up. If you would like to support a local crafter, you can drop off your metal scraps to Scrapper Joe at 426 Main Ave in Zeeland. He typically has a trailer in his front yard for drop offs. If you get a chance to meet him, he's a very friendly man who has spent decades keeping metal out of landfills and upcycling the material.

We encourage everyone to do their part in reducing waste and conserving resources by recycling whenever possible. Thank you for your commitment to a healthier planet.

Sincerely,
Branden Bacon
And The Stewardship Committee



“For Where Your Treasure Is, There Your Heart Will Be.”
Matthew 6:21

SUNDAY SERVANTS — JUNE

Sunday Servants Needed for June

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(s)	Usher	Communion Set- Up/Clean-Up	Counters
June 4 Holy Trinity Sunday	WL- CA-			Terry Grossman	1. 2.
June 11 2nd Sunday of Pentecost	WL - CA-			Terry Grossman	1. 2.
June 18 3rd Sunday of Pentecost	WL - CA-	Branden Bacon			1. 2.
June 25 4th Sunday of Pentecost	WL - CA -				1. 2.

FELLOWSHIP — JUNE 2023

Fellowship Sign-up.



Treats and Set Up & Clean Up	
June 4, 2023	
June 11, 2023	
June 18, 2023	Bacons
June 25, 2023	

Saving Energy: You can dry twice the amount of laundry with gas as with electricity!

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

The new cleaning schedule for May 28 - July 8 is below.
Please take a turn and sign up to clean.

Sign-up: 2-week period preferred, however, 1-week period is acceptable. Cleaning 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



Dates	Name(s)
Weeks of May 28 - June 3 June 4 - 10	Parrotts Parrotts
Weeks of June 11 - 17 June 18 - 24	Dennis Willaman & Gary Bowman
Weeks of June 25 - July 1 July 2 - 8	

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

The Measure of our Love

Computers connected via internet = Families

Total Sunday Attendance: 150

Families: 7

Average Sunday Attendance: 37



June

Birthdays

Carolyn Willaman 3
Jim Dyke 15
Jacob Bacon 16
Rob Parrott 23
Meggan McCaughan 25
Perry Pearson 28
Elliot Hardy 29



Anniversaries

Steve & Terry Grossman 4
Stan & Debbie Kleinjans 21
Dave & Sharon Wendt 26

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday Services and some Activities are also on-line.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87525508195?pwd=MmtjVENGaUg3ODFuaXhhUHR1TVR3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 875 2550 8195

Passcode: 022399

Sunday Services, 10:00 -11:00 am, also available via YouTube
Choir Rehearsals, Mondays at 6:30 pm, September - May
Quilter's Meet, Tuesdays, 10:30 am on site. No Quilting in December.
Women's Bible Study, Wednesdays, 10:15 am, September - May
Book Group, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 4:30 pm.

PASTOR JESS' SCHEDULE



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

Phone: (616) 403-4660

Email: pj.gslc@gmail.com

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

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Pastor Jess (Sec)	(616) 403-4660, pj.gslc@gmail.com

IN OUR MAY PRAYERS

In Our Prayers...

- **Healing/Peace:** Lucas Barton, diagnosed with Dushanes Muscular Dystrophy (son of friends of Julie Wolff), Zach Bergland (Beckers' nephew), Greg Bolton, (friend of Julie Wolff), Tom & Elizabeth Brookover, (friends of the Wentz') Tom has a rare form of ocular cancer, Bret D'Agostino, Kody De Haan, Diane (close friend of Kris Norvell) at Mayo clinic for treatment for inoperable cancer, Jessie George (Deb P-G's daughter), Larry Heckel, Rose Heckel fell, she is in rehab at Freedom Village, Cathy Kelly, Suzanne Kjoller (Ellie's daughter) Tiffany Letourneau, diagnosed with breast cancer, Iris Mears, (PJ's godmother), Trudy & Dale Medendorp, (close friends of Vicki R.), Dale diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, Anthony Milanowski, (friend of Larry Heckel) being treated at Cleveland Clinic, Molly (friend of Deb P-G) diagnosed with uterine cancer, Diane Oberlin (former attendee), has cancer, Rita Ponstein, (Sally's sister-in-law), Dorothy Postema, (Deb P-G's mom), Howard Reister diagnosed with cancer (Sally & Ellen's brother), Lois Robinson, fell at home, Roland Rivera, Casey Rostos (friend of Norvells), Katherine Slee (friend of Beckers), Russ & Rita Taylor (Julie Wolff's parents), Justin Walker (Pastor's husband), Jon Wiening.
- **Prayers for Our World:** We pray for the victims of gun violence.
- **Healthy Pregnancy:** Rebecca Adams, Dylana Eisaman, Ali Le Pere (Ludwig's niece).
- **Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Homebound:** Christopher St. John (Son of Bonita Zielke), Bonita Zielke,
- **Serving Our Country:** John Bounthapanya (Som's nephew), Ryan Felgenhauer, William Felgenhauer, and Evan Felgenhauer (great-nephews of Kerry Johnson), Cortney and Konstantin Ivanov (Gigi Howard's daughter and son-in-law), Koa Rosally (Terry Grossman's grandson), Andrew Wagner (Patricia Bradfield's grandson), Zachery Wiesner (Gigi Howard's son-in-law).
- **Prayer Partners:** St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Rev. David Hueter, Cheboygan; Synod Assembly 2023, Bp. Craig Satterlee & Ms. Sandy Schlesinger, Vice President; Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. Julie Schneider-Thomas, Comstock Park; Messiah Lutheran Church, Rev. Thomas Peterson, Constantine; Christ United Church, Rev. Alex Aivars, DeWitt.