



## A Broken Hallelujah

Grace and peace to you!

As I write this I am in the process of planning for the season of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year is “A Broken Hallelujah”, meaning that throughout the 40 days of Lent we will be reflecting on how God shows up in the brokenness of the world. This theme feels particularly appropriate as we are living through times of extreme divisiveness and anger, and as we wade through an election year it seems as though we as a society are more polarized than ever. Our everyday experience is punctuated by messages about who is right and who is wrong, mixed with religious rhetoric that claims that God is on one side or another. In the middle of all of this, each of us is dealing with the joys, grief, anxiety and questions of normal life: How will I pay the bills? Am I parenting my child well? Am I enough?

This Lenten season, through guided group study, worship, conversation and creative expression, we will explore God’s presence in our lives and how God invites us to give our broken pieces over to Christ, culminating in an Easter surprise that reminds us that God can and will transform our lamentations into hallelujah’s! And so, as we look toward the season of Lent I leave you with this blessing, may it stay close to you throughout these 40 days.

In Christ,

Pastor Jess



## A BROKEN BLESSING

### A Broken Blessing

This blessing is for the broken.

For the fractured and fragmented.

The shattered and sharp-edged

pieces that lay glittering upon the floor.

Of dreams that did not become reality.

Of love that did not last.

Of bodies that grew weak.

Of relationships that could not handle strain.

For that is where this blessing can be found,

along the sharp edges of grief and anger that make you bleed,

scattered amongst the pieces of yourself that lay discarded and forgotten,

swept up with the glittering dust of past hopes and future dreams.

But, that is not where this blessing stays.

For this blessing gathers and sweeps,

pieces together and polishes,

glues and sews.

Holy hands doing holy work.

Until

A new thing emerges,

whole and holy

Not perfect but beautiful and beloved,

stitched together and sacred.

Unbroken.

Amen.

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## LENT @ GSLC — CONGREGATIONAL ART PIECE

### Congregational Art Piece

Beginning on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> through Palm Sunday you will have the opportunity to contribute to a cross mosaic that will be revealed on Easter Sunday. A wooden cross will be placed in the fellowship area along with a basket of broken tile; you are invited to take pieces of tile—if you are so moved you may write prayers, worries, hopes, etc. on the back of each piece—and glue them to the cross to create the mosaic.



### The Smashing of the Tiles

Sunday, February 11, 2024, Transfiguration Sunday,  
during the worship service.

## LENT @ GSLC — ASH WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES



### Drive - Thru Ashes

12:30 - 2:00 pm. Drive through ashes at the church.

### Ash Wednesday Worship

7:00 pm at the Church

## LENT @ GSLC — GROUP LENTEN STUDY



### Group Lenten Study:

“Have a Beautiful, Terrible Lent” by Kate Bowen

Sundays

11:15 - 12:15

February 18, 2024

March 3, 10 and 17, 2024

## LENT @ GSLC — MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES



### Holden Evening Prayer & Midweek Meditation Online

Wednesdays,

February 21 & 28, 2024

March 3, 20 & 17, 2024

## LENT @ GSLC — WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



**Palm Sunday:** 10:00 am, March 24, 2024



**Maundy Thursday:** 7:00 pm, March 28, 2024



**Good Friday:** 7:00 pm, March 29, 2024



**Easter Sunday:** 10:00 am, March 31, 2024

## ANNUAL MEETING — 2024



### Annual Meeting - 2024

This year's Annual Meeting will be at 11:15 am, Sunday, February 25, 2024 following the Worship Service.  
Refreshments provided.

## ROOF SNOW SCULPTURE



Photographed  
January 19, 2024



## FAMILY GAME NIGHT

**FAMILY  
GAME  
NIGHT**



### Family Game Night

Bring:  
Your favorite Games,  
Your favorite Beverages,  
Your favorite Snack.

Saturday, February 3, 2024, 6:00 pm

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

### Another enjoyable day of breakfast and service.

"We were able to take care of the Christmas trees in the closet off the Sanctuary. In addition to putting away the Christmas decorations, we vacuumed the closet by the sanctuary and the maintenance closet (removed lots of bugs!). We did some reorganizing of the maintenance room and took out the old bulbs for recycling. We replaced the broken snow plow markers and evaluated the broken lamp from the west driveway." Branden B.

Thank you to all of our men for their hard work!



**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**

## BOOK GROUP NEWS

January Selection:

### *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post* by Allison Pataki



Book Group

*“Mrs. Post, the President and First Lady are here to see you...”*

“So begins another average evening for Marjorie Merriweather Post. Presidents have come and gone, but *she* has hosted them all. Growing up in the modest farmlands of Battle Creek, Michigan, Marjorie was inspired by a few simple rules: always think for yourself, never take success for granted, and work hard - even when deemed American royalty, even while covered in imperial diamonds. Marjorie had an insatiable drive to live and love and to give more than she got. From crawling through Moscow Warehouses to rescue the Tsar’s treasures to outrunning the Nazis in London, from serving the homeless of the Great Depression to entertaining Roosevelts, Kennedys, and Hollywood’s biggest stars, Marjorie Merriweather Post lived an epic life few could imagine.

...an intimate portrait of a larger-than-life woman, a powerful story of one woman falling in love with her own voice and embracing her own power while shaping history in the process.”

*from Goodreads, Jan. 10, 2024*

Next Book Group meeting is February 21, 2024 at 4:30 pm

## SPONGEBOB THE MUSICAL



### Shaina Underhill in *SpongeBob the Musical*

Shaina Underhill is taking part in Zeeland East’s production of *SpongeBob the Musical*. She is playing the part of Karen. Ticket information is on the blue board in the Commons. Or go to [zeelandhighplayers.com](http://zeelandhighplayers.com). Let’s support Shaina and all her hard work.

7:00 pm March 6, 7 & 8, 2024

2:00 pm March 9, 2024

## NOISY OFFERING

### January/February Noisy Offering: Ottawa County Community Action Agency Walk for Warmth



Walk for Warmth, an annual two-mile walk organized by the Ottawa County Community Action Agency, raises money to keep the heat on for financially qualifying families in Ottawa County who have received a utility shut-off notice for gas, electric, water or deliverable fuels like propane. 100% of the funds raised stay in Ottawa County to help your neighbors. The one-time assistance provided by Walk for Warmth funds might be just the help these working families need to settle bills and feel hope for the future.

Last year, Walk for Warmth raised \$10,888 in order to assist 224 families with utility payments. Community Action Agency also plugs these residents into programs that increase the energy efficiency of their homes, reducing utility costs in the future.



The Walk for Warmth 2024 event will be:

Friday, March 8, 2024

6:00pm - 8:00pm,

and start at

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86 E. 6th St.

Holland, MI 49423



The event is scheduled in the evening this year. You are welcome to wear your glow gear and join us for a night of fun that will include walking, a bonfire, food trucks, prizes, warm hearts, and more! A sign-up sheet will be placed in the commons for interested families.

Those interested in helping plan our MOC events can join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 @ 6:30pm.

We appreciate your support!

**Mission and Outreach Committee**

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING



### ***The Measure of Our Love***

Computers connected via internet = Families

Total Sunday Attendance: 145

Families: 13

Average Sunday Attendance: 48

(3 services in Jan.)

## FROM SAMARITAS

Samaritas recently posted a holiday thank you on their web site. Good Shepherd was specifically mentioned as one of their donors. At right is a screen shot of our recognition.



## SUNDAY SERVANTS — FEBRUARY

### Sunday Servants Needed for 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(s)	Usher	Communion Set- Up/Clean-Up	Counters
<b>February 4 5th Sunday of Epiphany</b>	WL- CA-	Vicki Russell	Mike Russell	Terry Grossman	1. 2.
<b>February 11 Transfigura- tion of Our Lord</b>	WL - CA-			Terry Grossman	1. 2.
<b>February 18 1st Sunday of Lent</b>	WL - CA-			Terry Grossman	1. 2.
<b>February 25 2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	WL - CA -			Terry Grossman	1. 2.

# FELLOWSHIP — FEBRUARY

## Fellowship Sign-up.



Treats and Set Up & Clean Up	
February 4, 2024	
February 11, 2024	Parrotts
February 18, 2024	
February 25, 2024	

## CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

### Cleaning Schedule: February 4 — April 27, 2024

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



Dates	Name(s)
Weeks of February 4 - 10 February 11 - 17	Dennis Willaman & Gary Bowman Dennis Willaman & Gary Bowman
Weeks of February 18 - 24 February Feb. 25 - Mar. 2	Parrotts Parrotts
Weeks of March 3 - 9 March 10 - 16	
Weeks of March 17 - 23 March 24 - 30	
Weeks of March 31 - April 6 April 7 - 13	
Weeks of April 14 - 20 April 21 - 27	



# February

## Birthdays

Steve Johnson 1  
Gigi Howard 14



## SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday Services 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 Zoom

Choir Rehearsals, Mondays at 6:30 pm, September - May, begins Sept. 13, 2023

Quilter's Meet, Tuesdays, 10:30 am on site. No Quilting in December.

Women's Bible Study, Wednesdays, 10:30 am, September - May

Book Group, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 4:30 pm. September - May

## 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](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)

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

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## IN OUR JANUARY PRAYERS

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

- ***Our Sympathies:*** to husband David Baar, and family and friends of Beverly Baar who passed away (college friends of Tammy Walters), to the family and friends of Jon Weining who passed away Sunday, Jan. 7, (nephew of the Ludwigs.) to the family and friends of Johanna who passed away Mon. Jan. 8, (friend of Pastor Jess) and to Eileen Jenkins and the family and friends of church organist, Steve Jenkins who passed away the end of December; to Tracy and Jason Lovell (former members) and their family on the sudden death of Jason's father Bill Lovell.
- ***Healing/Peace:*** Lucas Barton, diagnosed with Dushanes Muscular Dystrophy (son of friends of Julie Wolff), Karson Becker (Russell's grandson) healing prayers, Zach Bergland (Beckers' nephew), Greg Bolton, (friend of Julie Wolff), Patricia Bradfield has cancer again, Tom & Elizabeth Brookover, (friends of the Wentz') Tom has a rare form of ocular cancer, Dylan Brophy, age 26, (nephew of Kris Norvell's friend), stage 4 melanoma, Kory Casey, (mother of Kris Norvell's friend), stage 4 breast cancer, Bret D'Agostino, Mark DeGraaf, stage 4 cancer, Diane (close friend of Kris Norvell) at Mayo clinic for treatment for inoperable cancer, John & Amber Fanthorpe (friends of Russells) John is recovering from brain surgery, Jessie George (Deb P-G's daughter), Carol Grossman, (Steve's mom), cancer has returned on top of Parkinsons, Rose Heckel, Tessa Hurt (out-of-town member) diagnosed with Myelofibrosis, Johanna (friend of Pastor Jess) diagnosed with lung cancer, Cathy Kelly, Tiffany Letourneau, being treated for breast cancer, Kory Mace (friend of Kris Norvell), Iris Mears, (PJ's godmother), Molly (friend of Deb P-G) diagnosed with uterine cancer, Diane Oberlin (former attendee) has cancer, Lori Ponstein diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer, Roland Rivera, Casey Rostos (friend of Norvells), Richard Russell's cancer has returned, Kathy Shoup, (friend of Larry Heckel) recovering from hip surgery, Katherine Slee (friend of Beckers), Stella, 6 yrs old, (Sally Ponstein's friends grdaughter) needs a kidney transplant, Suzanne (Ellie's daughter) prayers for resolution of gastrointestinal problems, Russ & Rita Taylor (Julie Wolff's parents), Justin Walker (Pastor's husband), Jon Weining.
- ***Healthy Pregnancy:*** Sarah Hitchcock, (Naomi Wahl's daughter), Madison Visser (Norvells granddaughter-in-law).
- ***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), Zachery Wiesner (Gigi Howard's son-in-law).
- ***Prayer Partners:*** Advent Lutheran Church, Rev. Timothy Jahn, Lake Ann; Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Revs. Matthew Smith & John Burow, Lansing; Grace Lutheran Church, Rev. Christin Fawcett, Lansing; Redeemer Lutheran Church, Rev. Janice Hite, Lansing.