



Dear Siblings in Christ...

Good Shepherd has always been an active part of our community through our noisy offerings and service projects. We give thanks for God's abundance, which we see in the joy we take in service and in the generosity of our faith community. By embodying the love of Christ in our actions, providing for the needs of our neighbors, and sharing the time, talent, and treasure that God has given us, we participate in bringing God's abundance to our neighbors.

Over the next few weeks, you will be receiving an Estimate of Giving card. These cards are simply a tool to help you and your family prayerfully discern what you feel called to give toward the sharing of the Gospel and the ministry of Good Shepherd. Your generosity and willingness to participate in God's abundance has sustained our ministry through these recent lean years, when individual, family and church finances have been affected by Covid and other factors.

On Sunday, October 22nd, we will spend time in worship acknowledging and celebrating the ways in which God has been abundant in God's gifts and grace. On that Sunday you are invited to bring those completed Estimates of Giving that you have been praying over and place them in front of the Altar to be prayed over and blessed as our response to and participation in, God's abundance. These gifts provide the seeds for the growth of our ministry which is to embody the love of God in Holland and beyond.

Thank you for participating in God's abundance, and may God give us a spirit of generosity and grow our Gospel witness in this community. In Jesus' name, Amen.

We look forward to seeing you on the 22nd as we celebrate our participation in God's abundance!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jess

MORE CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES

Some More Opportunities for Connection:

Wednesday, October 4, 2023: Drive-thru pet blessings in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, 12:00 - 1:30 PM and 5:00 - 6:30 PM.

Wednesday, October 25, 2023: Trunk-or-Treat, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the parking lot—you will have the opportunity to decorate your car and hand out candy to trick-or-treaters or hang out and play games with kids in the fellowship area—connection and candy!!



GWOH CHILI COOK-OFF CELEBRATION

Chili Cook-Off Winners

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Chili-Cook-Off. Whether you cooked, ate or both, it was a fun time of fellowship.

The winners are:

The Bacon Family - Spiciest Chili
Steve Johnson - Most Unique Chili
The Fosters and Sally Ponstein tied - Best Beefless Chili

And the winner of the Golden Ladle for Favorite Chili, 2 year champion, Ellie Buggeln.



LWR QUILTS

Congratulations Quilters!

This past year our quilters completed 104 quilts from classic to contemporary, traditional to modern, some whimsical, some wild and some vintage.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

LWR School Kits

Final Tally for School Kits: 110

Thank you! to everyone who donated supplies for the School Kits.



GWOH - BENJAMIN'S HOPE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Benjamin's Hope was the final recipient of our God's Work Our Hands Summer of Service. Our volunteers assisted with their Harvest Festival children's activities. Thanks to all who helped!



I-r, Floyd Norvell, Rob Parrott, Kris Norvell, Lynda Parrott



I-r, Dennis Willaman, Pastor Jess, Julie Wolff



I-r, Karrie & Bill Foster, Rob Parrott

GWOH - BENJAMIN'S HOPE HARVEST FESTIVAL CONT.



Floyd & Kris Norvell



Vicki Russell & Rob Parrott



l-r, Suzanne House, Ellie Buggeln, (facing away), Carolyn Willaman



Julie Wolff, above

Kris Norvell, left



BOOK GROUP NEWS



Book Group

October Selection:

Death Comes to Pemberley
by P. D. James

This novel gives us a look into how Darcy and Elizabeth are coping after 6 years of marriage. With a ball in progress in honor of Darcy's late mother, the evening is cut short when a shout of murder is heard. But who is dead and who killed whom? And who will go to trial?

Next Book Group meeting:
Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

ON THE GROUNDS



A red hibiscus, about 9 inches across, found in our garden on September 13.

Our Dogwood tree has set its buds for next spring. When the leaves start dropping, we'll be able to find any seeds.



OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Deb is traveling with extended family October 30 - November 14. Volunteers are needed to help in the office during her absence. Dates available are Oct. 30, and Nov. 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, & 13. Contact Deb in the office if you would like to help out.

Thanks!

TIPS FOR USING BREEZE

Tips for Using Breeze Going Forward

As we move forward in this month of October, Vicki Russell and I wanted to reach out with a couple of things going on with Breeze so that we, as a congregation, are able to use the website to its fullest capacity.

The first thing we wanted to point out is that, not only is Breeze the online platform we use for electronic giving, it also serves as our official directory. In place of a bound paper directory with contact information for everyone (address, email, phone numbers), every attendee here is able to search for the contact information for someone else online, just like you could with a paper copy. Along with contact information, Breeze has an option to add a photo to your profile as well. Now, due to certain restrictions Breeze has in place, only administrators to the site like Vicki and myself can add a photo to a profile, so if you would like a photo to be attached to your church profile, I would welcome an email with the photo as an attachment sent to elliott.eisaman@gmail.com. If you don't care for a photo to be tied to your profile, that's perfectly fine as well. This is a fully opt-in feature that we thought that some people would like to take advantage of.

Another note Vicki and I wanted to make is in terms of Estimate of Giving cards. On October 22nd, our church will ask you to prayerfully consider filling out an Estimate of Giving card that gives a picture of what you expect your gifts for the coming year might be. This is a needed step for the Council and our treasurer to start to prepare a budget for the coming year. Once you determine an amount that you are comfortable with, if that amount differs at all from what you already give online (whether you want to move it higher or lower), you as the giver are the only one who can change it in Breeze. Not even administrators like Vicki and I can change it for you. If you are unsure about how to change it, please reach out to either of us and we will gladly help you through the process.

Finally, Vicki and I, along with Pastor Jessica and our Council, want to extend the utmost thanks for everything you, our members and regular attendees, contribute to this place of worship. Without these contributions of time, talents, and treasures, Good Shepherd wouldn't be able to function like it does.

God Bless,

Elliott Eisaman



ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2024 ESTIMATE OF GIVING

In response to God's generosity in Christ Jesus, I/we intend to offer these gifts in support of the ongoing Ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church:

\$ _____

Please circle frequency of giving:

Weekly, Bi-Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly, Annually, Other _____

Name(s) _____

If you contribute online using Breeze you must make the necessary changes on the Breeze website yourself.

********You may use the above form if you need one.********

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS

ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS

Please fill out an Estimate of Giving card to be placed on the altar on Oct. 22nd. This has a two-fold purpose. It provides the church council some information to create a required 2024 budget but it also gives you an opportunity to pray and reflect on your relationship with God and encourages you to deepen that relationship.

The card has a line for an amount and then asks how often you plan to contribute that amount. Please circle one of these or designate another frequency. Please sign your name(s) and return the EOG card in this envelope on Abundance Sunday, October, 22, 2023.

Over half of our contributions are received online through the BREEZE system which the church has been using for some time now. If you want to contribute online this way we will be happy to help you set that up. If you are already giving online using the Breeze system, you will have to make any changes to the account you have established on the BREEZE system because you are the only one who can. If you need any help please see Vicki Russell. She knows what to do.

Your Stewardship Committee:

Dennis Willaman

Ellie Buggeln

Elliott Eisaman

Brian Underhill

Pastor Jess

GOOD SHEPHERD — — — WORD SEARCH

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NOISY OFFERING

September/October Noisy Offering: Benjamin's Hope



Our September and October noisy offering will go to support the programs available at Benjamin's Hope.

Benjamin's Hope provides innovative options for adults, 18 and over, affected by autism and developmental disabilities. Thirty adults live at Benjamin's Hope in independent or semi-independent apartments, uniquely designed for adults with autism and other disabilities, within welcoming farm-style homes. There are also weekday programs, both full and part time, available for those who live elsewhere. These participants engage in community-based daytime activities that focus on whole-person development and work toward mastery in tasks of daily living, social, leisure, fitness and vocational skills.

In addition to the homes, the 52 acres provides a barn with a variety of animals, even alpacas, a garden for raising flowers and vegetables and activities for creating a variety of products (including notecards, soap, hand and lip balm, lavender sachets) that are available for sale. To shop online visit their website at benjaminshope.net

The Church of Benjamin's Hope, with Pastor Eric Peterson, provides a Sunday evening service at 6pm and draws people of all abilities from all over West Michigan. Worship is open to anyone, of any ability, who wishes to stop by. There is also Club Connect on Thursday evenings for time to meet with friends and play games.

Visit Benjamin's Hope at benjaminshope.net for more information, to see photos, or to contact them.



PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

The Measure of Our Love

Computers connected via internet = Families

Total Sunday Attendance: 145

Families: 8

Average Sunday Attendance: 36



SUNDAY SERVANTS – OCTOBER

Sunday Servants Needed for October

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
Oct. 1 18th Sunday of Pentecost	WL- CA- Kris Norvell	Carolyn Willaman	Floyd Norvell	Deb Ludwig	1. 2.
Oct. 8 19th Sunday of Pentecost	WL - CA- Sharon Wendt	Tom Ludwig		Deb Ludwig	1. 2.
Oct. 15 20th Sunday of Pentecost	WL - CA-				1. 2.
Oct. 22 21st Sunday of Pentecost	WL - CA -		Floyd Norvell	Kris Norvell	1. 2.
Oct. 29 Reformation Sunday	WL - CA -				1. 2.

FELLOWSHIP – OCTOBER

Fellowship Sign-up.



Treats and Set Up & Clean Up	
October 1, 2023	Chili Cook-Off
October 8, 2023	
October 15, 2023	
October 22, 2023	
October 29, 2023	

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

October 1 - November 25, 2023 Cleaning Schedule.

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 October 1 - 7 October 8 - 14	Parrotts Parrotts
Weeks of October 15 - 21 October 22 - 28	Ludwigs Ludwigs
Weeks of Oct. 29 - Nov. 4 November 5 - 11	Fosters Fosters
Weeks of November 12 - 18 November 19 - 25	

OCTOBER

Birthdays

Floyd Norvell 2
Suzanne House 5
Edwin Eisaman 8
Brian Underhill II 9
Som Vixayphone 9
Floyd Norvell 12
Justin Walker 12
Tom Lindsley 14
Tori Lindsley 15
Bret D'Agostino 19
Aaron Miller 26
Pastor Jess 27
Kathy Burmeister 29
Liam Johnson 30



Anniversaries

Pastors Justin & Jessica
Rivera-Walker 22
Stan & Debbie Kleinjans 25

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

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Church Council Members:

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Steve Johnson	(616) 212-6833, sgjcfp@gamil.com
Brian Underhill (Pres)	(616) 292-7194, underhillbrian@yahoo.com
Julie Wolff (VP)	(616) 566-6251, wolffwife@gmail.com
Pastor Jess (Sec)	(616) 403-4660, pj.gslc@gmail.com

IN OUR SEPTEMBER PRAYERS

In Our September Prayers...

- **Congratulations:** to the Eisamans on the birth of Quinton Kenneth, at 4:04 am Friday, Sept. 8, 2023, 8lb. 7oz., 19.5 inches long. Everyone is home and doing well.
- **Our Sympathies:** to the friends and family of Steve Bolin, who passed away Sept. 10, 2023. Steve is a former member of our congregation. Please pray for his wife, Martha, and family.
- **Congratulations:** to the Eisamans on the birth of Quinton Kenneth, at 4:04 am Friday, September 8, 2023, 8lb. 7oz., 19.5 inches long. Everyone is home and doing well.
- **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, 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, Christine (PJ's aunt), Bret D'Agostino, Mark DeGraaf, stage 4 cancer, Kody De Haan, Diane (close friend of Kris Norvell) at Mayo clinic for treatment for inoperable cancer, Jim Dyke, broken shoulder blade and clavicle, Jessie George (Deb P-G's daughter), Kensei Greene is in Helen DeVos Children's Hospital (Ellen L's gr-grandson), Carol Grossman, (Steve's mom), cancer has returned on top of Parkinsons, Rose Heckel, Johanna (friend of Pastor Jess) diagnosed with lung cancer, Cathy Kelly, May Kingsley & family, Joan Lamb broke her hip, Tiffany Letourneau, diagnosed with breast cancer, Kory Mace (friend of Kris Norvell), Iris Mears, (PJ's godmother), Trudy & Dale Medendorp, (close friends of Vicki R.), Dale diagnosed with stage 4 cancer now at home and on hospice care, 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, A.J. Rosally (Grossman's son-in-law) heart attack, Koa Rosally (Grossman's grandson), Casey Rostos (friend of Norvells), Kathy Shoup, (friend of Larry Heckel) in pain waiting for hip surgery, Katherine Slee (friend of Beckers), Stella, 6 yrs old, (Sally Pontstein's friends grdaughter), needs a kidney transplant, Russ & Rita Taylor (Julie Wolff's parents), Justin Walker (Pastor's husband), Jon Wiening.
- **Healthy Pregnancy:** Dylana Eisaman, Sarah Hitchcock, (Naomi Wahl's daughter), Madison Visser (Norvells grdaughter-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), Andrew Wagner (Patricia Bradfield's grandson), Zachery Wiesner (Gigi Howard's son-in-law).
- **Prayer Partners:** Faith Lutheran Church, Rev. Kevin Sullivan, Grand Rapids; Trinity Lutheran Church, Revs. Robert Linstrom, Daniel Schewe and Kari Fast, Grand Rapids; St. John Lutheran Church, Supply Pastors, Grayling; St. Paul Lutheran Church, Rev. Betsy Kamphuis, Greenville.