



SUN'S OUT, LOVE'S OUT

Grace to you and peace! From God our Father and our Lord and Savior
Jesus the Christ!

Let me begin by saying, Happy Summer!!!

The transition month of June is over, the sun is out, and the people of Michigan are ready to soak it up. It always seems to me that we, here in West Michigan, start summer in a kind of stunned state; we have been so used to the darkness of winter that we are not quite sure the sun is going to make more than a short-term appearance. We emerge from our winter cocoons, blinking and unsure, but once we are convinced that warmth and light are here to stay then we jump into enjoying it.

This summer and early fall we have many opportunities as a community to enjoy the sun and serve our neighbor in love. From our presence at the PRIDE festival to helping out with the Harvest Festival at Benjamin's Hope at the end of September (more information later). In June we helped get the church flower beds covered, provided a water station for a 5K, and came alongside our LGBTQ+ siblings in Christ by providing sacred and safe space at PRIDE. In July, August, and September we will have opportunities to pray for the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, help host Vacation Bible School along with First United Methodist Church, have holy conversations around how to engage in the work of politics, and civil engagement as people of faith, and engage in God's Work, Our Hands activities at Best Pals and Benjamin's Hope.

When the sun's out then we bring our love out into the community!

So, friends in Christ, I encourage you to enjoy the summer. Let this be a time to emerge from spiritual slumber into the sunshine, a time to enjoy family and friends, a time to reconnect with God and with your spirit, and a time to live out our calling as people of faith and love. As you splash in the waters of lakes and rivers remember your baptism, your rebirth as a beloved one of God through Christ. As you share in barbecues with friends remember how Christ shares himself with us in the Holy Meal and calls us to be a community of faith in the world. As you enjoy the fruits and vegetables of God's creation and tend to green and growing things in your garden remember that God is greening a new thing in you; always working to tend and grow the green shoot of faith started by the Holy Spirit. And, as you take time to rest and to soak up much-needed vitamin D, remember to soak in the presence not only of the sun but of the Son; Christ crucified and risen for you; the sure and present hope of life.

My friends, may you be renewed body, mind, and spirit as you enjoy God's good creation and bask in the light of the Son, and may we be strengthened in faith and service as we share God's love in the community. Yours In Christ,

Pastor Jess

VACATION TIME

Pastor Jess will be on vacation from

July 10 – 28, 2024

Her first day back in the office will be Monday, July 29, 2024

During this time GSLC is happy to host these guest Pastors and Preachers:

Sunday, July 14 — Rev. Paul Kehnle, Retired

Sunday, July 21 — Rev. Kate Van Valkenburg, Director of Ministries at United Campus Christian Fellowship.

Sunday, July 28 — Tom Ludwig, all around amazing person!

Pastoral Care coverage will be provided by Rev. Clay Bates, Pastor at Peace Lutheran, Holland.

If you experience a pastoral care emergency during this time, please contact a member of Council.

Deb Postema-George will be on vacation

July 16, 17 & 18, 2024

She will return on Tuesday July 23, 2024



PRIDE MONTH

Holland PRIDE 5K Walk/Run

Thank you to everyone who helped out.



Runners arriving at the water station.



l-r Pastor Jess, Kris Norvell, Karrie Foster.

PRIDE MONTH

Holland PRIDE! Festival Saturday, June 29, 2024

Our Pride! booth was a success. There were many meaningful conversations and interactions. About 100 of our flyers were picked up out of 200 and almost all of our stickers are gone. Pastor reports that she gave more than 20 Glitter Blessings.

Thank you to everyone who helped with planning, preparations and helping out at the booth. You are very appreciated.



Our Pride! booth.

l-r:
Branden Bacon,
Steve Johnson,
Pastor Jess, Jess
& Jacob Bacon,
and Kris Norvell.



Working at our booth.

l-r: Branden Bacon,
Carolyn & Dennis Willaman,
Dylana & Quinton Eisiman
and Pastor Jess.

BAPTISM SUNDAY



We rejoice in the Baptism of Cooper and Mackenzie Adams, June 30, 2024, children of Tim & Rebecca Adams.



NEW MEMBER SUNDAY



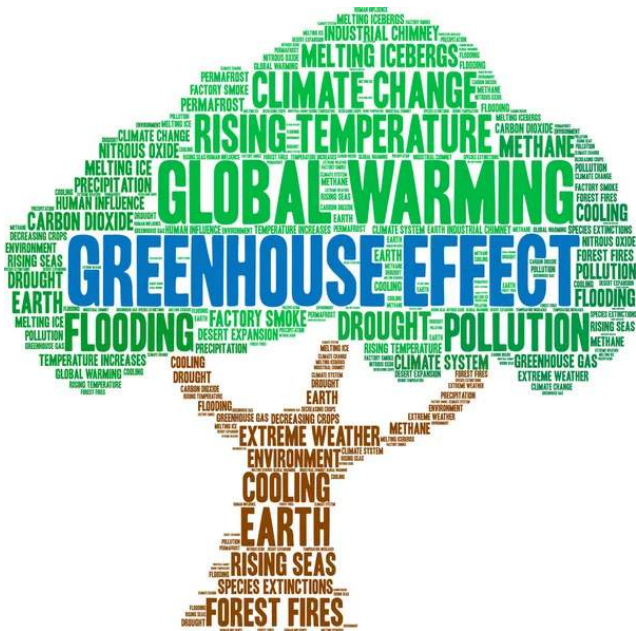
Welcome to our new members!

Joining our congregation are Tim & Rebecca Adams, Mary Sue Dawsey and Chuck Thor. As is our custom, all new members signed our church quilt.

Joining by baptism are Cooper and Mackenzie Adams.



FROM CARING FOR CREATION COMMITTEE



CARING FOR CREATION

Are you recycling yet? Have you looked into your CARBON FOOTPRINT? Have you cut back on burning fossil fuels?

If not, why? As good Christian stewards we need to take care of this earth God has provided for us. Not only that but we would want to provide a livable environment for our future generations.

Glaciers and the polar icecaps are melting. Land along our coast is disappearing under water. Extreme weather conditions seem to become more prevalent. The average temperature of the earth is rising.

The latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change compiled by hundreds of scholars and approved by the representatives of 195 countries says that if we don't stop polluting the atmosphere and completely stop by 2050 the earth will be in extreme danger of not providing an environment that will support life as we know it. The way society conducts commerce has to change.

Now these are just predictions. But they are predictions by the best scientists on the planet. Predictions can be wrong but more often than not, when they are based on scientific facts, they will have a lot of truth associated with them. To ignore these predictions seems to be very selfish on our part.

Recycling is not easy. Cleaning and drying the container, separating it into the proper recycling bin can be time consuming and frustrating at times. What can and cannot be recycled is a question I have to ask quite often. We depend on our lawmakers to set the rules for society to Care for Creation. As individuals, the one thing we can do is to recycle where possible and to encourage others to do the same. Future generations are depending on us.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS



Summer hours

Tues., Wed., Thurs.
9:00 am — 2:00 pm

through Wednesday, September 4, 2024

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School
August 7 — 9, 2024
12:00 — 3:00 pm
Lunch Included!

This year we are excited to announce that we are partnering with First United Methodist Church to provide VBS to the community. VBS will be held at FUMC, 57 W. 10th St. Holland, 49423.

Can you help?



Opportunities to Help

We are looking for volunteers (older youth and adults) to help:

- plan,
- build sets,
- serve lunch,
- help out with the kids.

If you are interested please contact Pastor Jess.



BOOK GROUP NEWS



Book Group

The Book Group is on Vacation!

Look for our next selection to arrive in August

September Selection:
Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

Time, Talent and Treasures

The Good Shepherd church building is 15 years old. The congregation was started around 25 years ago. The Christian Church was started over 2000 years ago because of Jesus Christ. That is a long history and numerous people have found joy and peace because of it.

I have benefitted in many ways. I grew up in the church. I saw my parents and others treat people with respect and share the Love of God. I attended church while in college and in the military. I met my wife in church. We have both been active in the church and tried to raise our daughter to know that Jesus is real, that there is a God, and that the Holy Spirit is with her wherever she is and under all circumstances. I hope you have had good experiences through the church also.

To continue this faith we need to keep our congregation active and growing. That requires Time, Talent, and Treasures from each of us. In October we will be asking each of you to estimate how much Time and Treasure you plan to give to the successful mission of the church in the year 2025. This will give the council some information to create a budget for 2025 and to plan events.

If you are not sure what you can do for the church, please see me or any member of the council. There are a multitude of simple, weekly, jobs that have to be done to keep the church going. Most do not require a lot of your time.

Please consider this request carefully and plan to fill out your Estimate of Giving card for the October 13th, God's Abundance, church service.

Dennis Willaman



TIME



NOISY OFFERING

July/August Noisy Offering Benjamin's Hope



The Ben's Hope Way:

Committed to loving God and others, we fiercely respect the dignity, intelligence and value of all humans. We are creative, courageous and committed to excellence. Through the love of Christ we live the abundant life together.



Benjamin's Hope is a Live, Learn, Play, Worship farmstead community seeking to welcome all peoples, all abilities and all stories. Ben's Hope believes all people are beautifully created and all people need hope. They pour their hearts into ensuring those with intellectual and developmental differences connect to their community and thrive.

"Benjamin's Hope was built around a simple question: "What makes life wonderful?" We believe life is richer when all people share access to a safe home, purposeful work, a community they enjoy, and a church where every expression of worship is recognized and all participants are affirmed as vital." Krista Mason, Co-Founder.

The 52-acre campus offers semi-independent housing opportunities uniquely designed for adults with autism and other disabilities. The walking trails, worship experiences, petting barn and gardening activities are enjoyed by people throughout Ottawa County and beyond. The neighborhood of Ben's Hope offers a place where adults of varying abilities choose to live and cultivate community with one another.

Benjamin's Hope receives national attention as a non-profit leader for the way they serve a growing autism population. Their sustainable farming practices offer common ground for growing purpose, creativity and connection for people of all abilities.

Ben's Hope currently serves over 30 adult residents. Residents are empowered to make choices throughout their day that lead to wellness, connection and growth; enjoying the control of self-autonomy while also experiencing the safety of a community environment. Residents are encouraged to enjoy life as they see fit-participating in learning and work initiatives, cooking at home, growing community and enjoying leisure activities both as part of the neighborhood and beyond it.

One of the core values at Ben's Hope is Dignity-Based Communication. "We presume intelligence, and communicate with one another accordingly." One program non-verbal residents use is a letter board to assist communication known as RPM or Rapid Prompting Method training. Another program uses images to assist with communication. Still another encourages residents to write out what they wish to express, then reading out loud what they have written giving some non-verbal residents the means to become verbal.

Central to all is The Church Of Benjamin's Hope, an interdenominational community for people of all abilities. The Sunday evening service draws people together from all over

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NOISY OFFERING CONT.

Benjamin's Hope cont.

West Michigan for a time of worship, teaching and connection and is supported by churches throughout the region.

Additional ways to support Ben's Hope:

Become a volunteer. There are many and varied ways to contribute at Ben's Hope from working with the residents to gardening and tending the animals to assisting with creating the goods made by Ben's Hope residents and sold online and in their small shop area.

Attend public events. One such event is the upcoming Harvest Festival, Saturday, September 28, 2024 from 3:00 - 6:00 pm at Benjamin's Hope (Also a GWOH project). Community programming also includes enrichment classes and activities as well as attending the on campus worship services Sunday night at 6:00pm.

Purchase Ben's Hope gift items. The items created by the residents include soaps, lip balm, hand cream, greeting cards and notecards, sachet bags and items made from hair from the alpacas on site such as yarns and dryer balls. Other items include hats, shirts and sweatshirts. These and other items can be found at benjaminshope.net or at the stand in the main building.

Purchase produce. Produce and other items can be found at the produce stand by the entrance to Ben's Hope at 15468 Riley Road.

We appreciate your support!

Mission and Outreach Committee

Carolyn W., Julie W., Branden B., and Pastor Jessica

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Road Work Ahead! Update:

The culvert replacement and ditch restoration on 112th Ave. are completed.

Still to come, repaving of 112th between Riley and Quincy. We are still waiting for a status report on when that will occur. The road will narrow down to a single lane during that time.



It's LWR School Kit Collection Time

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. That learning leads to a better life for the students, their families and their communities.

Each LWR School Kit Includes:



- 4 - 70-page spiral bound notebooks
- 1 - pencil sharpener
- 1 - 1 x 2.5 inch eraser
- 1 - pair safety scissors
- 1 - ruler (30 centimeters / 12 inches)
- 1 - box of 16 or 24 count crayons
- 5 - blue or black ink ballpoint pens
(no markers or gel pens)
- 5 - unsharpened No. 2 pencils

Supplies will be collected — Now - August 31, 2024

We are also collecting money to help off-set the cost of backpacks and postage.

Questions? Contact:

Sharon Wendt: 616-399-0204, kiwiynk@yahoo.com
Ellie Buggeln: 616-399-0591, elliebuggeln@gmail.com

Drop off supplies at the church,
Tues/Wed/Thurs
from 9:00 - 2:00,
Sunday Mornings or
Anytime you're in the building.

Please:

- Give new items only.
- Do not donate items with religious symbols or messages or a congregational name.
- Do not donate items with US flags, military or patriotic symbols, references to the armed forces, or anything with camouflage.

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

Date	Worship Leader/ Communion Assistant	Reader(s)	Usher	Communion Set- Up/Clean-Up	Counters
July 7 7th Sunday of Pentecost	WL- CA-			Vicki Russell	1. 2.
July 14 8th Sunday of Pentecost	WL - CA-	Branden Bacon	Tom Lindsley	Terry Grossman	1. 2.
July 21 9th Sunday of Pentecost	WL - CA-	Caroline & Tyler Lindsley			1. 2.
July 28 10th Sunday of Pentecost	WL - CA - Kris Norvell	Floyd Norvell		Terry Grossman	1. 2.

FELLOWSHIP – JULY

Fellowship Sign-up.



Treats and Set Up & Clean Up	
July 7, 2024	
July 14, 2024	Bacons
July 21, 2024	
July 28, 2024	Norvells

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Cleaning Schedule: July 7 – September 28, 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

To sign-up:

Use the Cleaning Schedule form in the Commons
or Contact Deb in the office:

gslc.office@icloud.com or 616.772.4075



Dates	Name(s)
Weeks of July 7 - 13 July 14 - 20	Russells Russells
Weeks of July 21 - 27 July 28 - Aug 3	Bill & Suzanne House Bill & Suzanne House
Weeks of August 4 - 10 August 11 - 17	
Weeks of August 18 - 24 August 25 - 31	
Weeks of Sept. 1 - 7 Sept. 8 - 14	
Weeks of Sept. 15 - 21 Sept. 22 - 28	

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING



The Measure of Our Love

Computers connected via internet = Families

Total Sunday Attendance: 227

Families: 9

Average Sunday Attendance: 45

JULY

Birthdays

Isaac McCaughan 1
Makenzie Adams 2
Aliana Andrus 9
Bethany Andrus 13
Brian Underhill 14
Bonita Zielke 14
Deb Ludwig 15
Bonita Zielke 18
Nathan McCaughan 20
Tammy Walters 22
Rose Heckel 23
Julie Wolff 27
Larry Heckel 28



Anniversaries

Julie Wentz & Chris Simoni 4
Patricia &
Russell Bradfield 11
Mike & Vicki Russell 12
Bill & Suzanne House 16
Rob & Lynda Parrott 24

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
Quilter's Meet, Tuesdays, 11:00 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 - Thursday
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	(616) 403-4660, pj.gslc@gmail.com

IN OUR JUNE PRAYERS

In Our June Prayers...

- ***Our Sympathies:*** on the passing of Lori Ponstein on June 22, 2024, Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. And to the family and friends of Nancy Hazekamp who passed away June 19, 2024. Nancy is Sandy Foster's mother, wife of Jim Foster our 1st pastor. And to the family and friends of Roy Goethe (Justin Walker's stepdad) who passed away on June 11, 2024. Please pray for his wife Karen, children and step children.
- ***Praise & Thanksgiving:*** Casey Rostos (friend of Norvells) is in remission now. Claire Smith (Norvell's grandniece) has received a new heart and kidney transplant. Please continue praying for her recovery.
- ***Ministry of the Month, June:*** Wings of Mercy and our Stewardship Team and their ministries.
- ***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), Gary Bowman, Patricia Bradfield, 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, Bret D'Agostino, Mark DeGraaf, stage 4 cancer, Diane (close friend of Kris Norvell) inoperable cancer, Steven Dwyer (Lynda Parrott's cousin), Jim Dyke had surgery 6/5, please pray for a speedy recovery, John & Amber Fanthorpe (friends of Russells) John is recovering from brain surgery, Jessie George (Deb P-G's daughter), Nancy Hazekamp, former member, in Hospice care with injuries from a fall, Rose Heckel is in Hospice care, Rick House, Tessa Hurt (out-of-town member) diagnosed with Myelofibrosis, Tiffany Letourneau, being treated for breast cancer, Jan Mahalak had back surgery June 27, will take several weeks for recovery, Iris Mears, (PJ's godmother), Diane Oberlin (former attendee) has cancer, Lori Ponstein diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer, Roland Rivera, Casey Rosel, (Norvell in-law relation) has tumor in her skull, surgery scheduled for 6/21/24, prayers for herself and her newborn of 6 wks., Richard Russell's cancer has returned, Katherine Slee (friend of Beckers), Claire Smith (Norvell's grandniece) transferred to Mott's Children's Hosp. in Ann Arbor, she does need a heart transplant, 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), Sara Thompson (Corinne's friend) cancer diagnosis, Justin Walker (Pastor's husband).
- ***Healthy Pregnancy:*** Kelsey Hanson, (Jan Mahalak's daughter), Shelby Ahlstrom (Norvell's granddaughter).
- ***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:*** Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Rev. Martha Porter-Reid, Portage; Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Rev. Rachel Laughlin, Portage; Leer Lutheran Church, Supply Pastors, Posen; Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Rev. David Sprang, Rose City; Ascension Lutheran Church, Rev. Julie Bailey, Saginaw.