



Celebrating 30 Years

Greetings in the name of Christ!

The first Sunday in November, All Saints Sunday, is the day of the church year dedicated to honoring and celebrating the ancestors in the faith who have been called home to God. All Saints is also an opportunity to celebrate and remember our own origin stories and to imagine how we will continue to live out God's love in our community. Thirty years ago a community of people gathered in an elementary school, on November 6th (the first Sunday in November) to worship God and live out God's love in their community. Through courage and perseverance, this new Good Shepherd Lutheran church grew into a faith community that continues to worship, gather and serve in the name of Christ.

As we approach All Saints and the 30th anniversary of our first worship service, I give thanks for all those forgiven sinners, those saints, who gathered together for that first service, for all those who joined our community along the way, for the service of those who have gone home to God, for the service of those who have left this community for other one, and for those who have been steadfast in their presence for the last thirty years. I give thanks for the people who have just started to gather with us, and for the saints we haven't met yet. May the God who calls us by name, gathers us together, and feeds us with one holy meal strengthen us and give us courage to continue to show the love of THE Good Shepherd in Holland, Michigan and beyond.

In the name of Christ, the one in whom we live and breathe and have our being,

Pastor Jess



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Time for the Change!

Set your clocks back one hour Sunday,
November 3, 2024. 2:00am is the
official time to change.



OUR CHURCH PORTRAIT

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Reformation Sunday 2024*



Our newest church portrait!

Thank you to Mark Reiman for your time and talents!

ELECTION DAY OASIS OF CALM

Election Day Oasis of Calm:

If you are looking for a break from politics on Tuesday, November 5th, you are invited to drop in to the Church anytime between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. We want to be a calm, politics-free oasis in the middle of what may be a stressful day; take a quiet moment in our Sanctuary or out by our Prayer Tree, grab a snack, sit in the fellowship area and color, play a game or just scroll mindlessly on your phone. Pastor Jess will be available if you want to talk or want someone to pray with you.



Let us be an Oasis of Calm for you.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Thank you...for supporting our Dad in his faith journey.... May his memory live on with this contribution to the building fund. With the warmest of regards —

The Jim Dyke Family

Rec'd Oct. 11, 2024

Thank you for your cards, sympathy and prayers during the loss of my dear friend, James Dyke.

Donna Vargo

Rec'd Oct. 14, 2024



The Measure of Our Love

Computers connected via internet = Families

Total Sunday Attendance: 233

Families: 6

Average Sunday Attendance: 58

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Pastor Jess, Floyd & Kris Norvell with Daisy and Knut.

Pastor, Ozzie and Mark Reiman.

At BestPals Animal Rescue Center, Pastor holding Sophia and then blessing the cats.



MISSIONARY COMMISSIONING

Pastor Jess commissions Som Vixayphone for missionary work prior to Som's departure.

Som left for Laos and Thailand the beginning of October where she met up with a group from Texas to provide ministry to the Laotian and Thai people.



BOOK GROUP NEWS

November Selection:

*The Boys in the Boat:
Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold*
by Daniel Brown



Daniel Brown is a nonfiction novelist of historical events. When Daniel Brown met Joe Rantz, a member of the 1936 University of Washington rowing team, he learned of the team's creation, their struggles, and their eventual defeat of Germany's team that rowed for Adolf Hitler in the 1936 Olympics. This UW team was comprised of, not rowers, but sons of farmers, loggers and shipyard workers. *The Boys in the Boat* is a feel good story about an underdog Univ. of Washington rowing team that not only defeats elite East Coast teams but shocks the world when they win the gold at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

Next meeting will be at church, November 20, 2024 at 4:30 pm.

If you have suggestions for future books for our book group to read and discuss or if you would like an email with the list of books we have read since our beginning, contact Vicki Russell (vicki0528@gmail.com).

Happy reading!

FALL CLEAN-UP

Thank you...

...to everyone who helped with the Fall Clean-Up.

At right-Julie Wolff with proof that bluebirds are using the Boy Scout's bluebird houses.

At left-Bill Foster

Below-Eric

Below left-Dennis Willaman



Brandon Bacon



CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Celebrating our Blessings

A special worship service and blessing to celebrate the people and the ministry of Good Shepherd.



Drawing our hands during the Children's Sermon as we learn about God's Work Our Hands.



After church we share a catered meal by Lake Effect Kitchens



CELEBRATION SUNDAY-MORTGAGE RETIREMENT



A celebration of blessing as we prepare to burn the mortgage.

Burning the Mortgage!



CHIME CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN



Chime Choir Begins

If you would like to participate in the Chime Choir this year, rehearsals are Sundays, November 24, December 1 & 8 and is performing during the December 15 service. No musical experience necessary.

LWR QUILTS



Our Quilters completed over 100 quilts this year! Many of the quilts are pictured at left and below.

This year the quilt boxes were specifically marked to go to Lutheran Disaster Response-North Carolina.



Assisting in boxing up the quilts are L-R Branden & Jessica Bacon, Dylana Eisaman, Sharon Wendt, Ellie Buggeln and Dave Wendt.

LWR QUILTS TRANSPORT



Quilts and School Kits boxed and ready to roll. Bill and Suzanne House dropped off the boxes at the Lutheran High School where they were loaded onto the semi.

And They're Off!



BIBLE BLESSINGS SUNDAY



On Bible Blessings Sunday, October 20, 2024, all of the 2nd through 7th graders received a Bible for their own use and to keep. Those who received Bibles are L-R: Navaeh McCaughan, Caroline Lindsley, Tenley Letourneau, Kylie Lindsley, James Walker, Becca Dixon and Isaac McCaughan. Also pictured are Toad & Brian Dixon and Pastor Jess.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU PUT SOMETHING IN A RECYCLE BIN?

Well that is the question 9 of us had when we went to the Republic Services recycling center south of Holland on Monday October 14th. The center is located approximately 2 miles south of the Holland City limits on Graafschap Rd. We had a tour organized with the manager of the facility at 9:30 am. They put yellow vests and hard hats on us because there are a lot of large garbage trucks continually driving around on the lot.



Branden Bacon took the two pictures in this article. This is the final product produced at this facility. They are huge bundles of plastics or papers after the items have been sorted. These bundles are then shipped to a processing plant that will make something from them. One example is that Coca Cola recycles some of these plastics to make new plastic Coke bottles.

The other building we were in is where the recycled bins are emptied and then sorted into the different plastics, papers, metals, and glass. Once it is sorted it is on a conveyor belt and people will discard anything that is contaminated with food and is not clean or dry.

**That is the biggest concern for the recycling process: is it EMPTY, is it CLEAN, and is it DRY?
If not, it goes into the trash and then to a landfill.**

Here are a few things we learned:

- * Items must be Empty, Clean, and Dry. Food waste contaminates the load. They will still recycle what they can, but items with food waste (e.g. pizza boxes) will go to the landfill.
- * No plastic bags in curb side pickup. These clog up the machinery. Plastic bags can go to a store drop-off (e.g. Meijer, Family Fare)
- * Don't bundle or stuff your recyclables together into each other. Leave them loose.
- * Put plastic lids back on plastic bottles Loose, small lids will fall out of the recycle process.
- * If a plastic does not have a recycle triangle on it, it still can be recycled.
- * Plastic lids must be separated from glass jars.
- * Plastic knives, forks, and spoons are too small for recycling.
- * You can leave labels on bottles and tape on boxes. (Best practice is to remove shrink wrap labels, e.g. toilet bowl cleaner or Mio waters.) You don't need to crush things.
- * Some things indicate they are recyclable, but are not clearly in one of the categories handled by curb-side (e.g. toothpaste tubes). These usually cannot be handled by curb-side.
- * Aluminum foil is recyclable. Please make sure it is clean and dry. It can be balled up to make it easier to sort.

FROM THE CARE FOR CREATION TEAM CONT.



Here are the curb-side categories:

- Numbered plastics (each number is bundled separately)
- Glass
- Cardboard (corrugated)
- Paper and paperboard (non-corrugated)
- Metal/steel cans, aluminum, aluminum foil

Republic is piloting a program with a robotics group to take pictures of every bin in real time before dumping the bin into their trucks, then rejecting bins if they contain items that can't be recycled (e.g. tree stump). They will not empty the bin at that time and will mail you a postcard with the unacceptable item(s) circled.

Republic is very strict about picking up recycling bins only with recycling trucks. Supervisors who direct anything else are immediately fired. They take recycling very seriously.

Note: Republic said they can't handle waxed paper or cartons, but Arrowaste specifically indicates they can handle waxy cartons. Your waste company probably has a guide on their website for what they do and do not accept.

Republic Services said that the City of Holland does a pretty good job of recycling.

If you have any questions please ask any of those who took the tour:

Branden Bacon
Ellie Buggeln
Dylana Eisaman
Bill and Suzanne House
Mike and Jan Mahalak
Dennis and Carolyn Willaman

NOISY OFFERING

November/December Noisy Offering



Good Shepherd will again partner with Samaritas to collect Christmas gifts for those in need through their Christmas Wish program!

Samaritas has three options for Christmas Wish this year:

1. Receive a wish list written by a child in Foster Care, Family Preservation, or Affordable Living. Wish lists will be received around early November. Gifts are due in early to mid-December. We plan to sponsor 4-6 children. Watch for wish lists coming to the common area soon!
2. Donate individual toys to refugee children resettled through Samaritas' New Americans program. Any gifts collected beyond those for our wish lists can go to these refugees in need!
3. Collect gift cards (\$25 & \$50) that will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for children who enter care close to the holidays.

Please see the flyers from Samaritas for additional detail. You can also ask a member of the MOC with questions.

Samaritas also shared a thank you from last year as a video slideshow [here](#).

Thank you for helping bring Christmas joy to our community!

Mission and Outreach Committee
Carolyn, Suzanne, Branden, Julie, and Pastor Jessica

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

WOMEN'S
*Christmas
Dinner*

Save the date!

The 2024 Women's Christmas Dinner is
Tuesday, December 10, 2024,
6:30 pm.



SUNDAY SERVANTS

Sunday Servants Needed for November

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 |
|---|--|---------------|-------|-------------------------------|
| November 3 All Saints Sunday | WL- CA- Kerrie Johnson | Brandon Bacon | | Terry Grossman |
| November 10 25th Sunday of Pentecost | WL - CA- Kris Norvell | Floyd Norvell | | Vicki Russell |
| November 17 26th Sunday of Pentecost | WL - CA- | | | |
| November 24 Christ the King Sunday | WL - CA - | | | |

FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP NOVEMBER

Fellowship Sign-up.



| | Treats and Set Up & Clean Up |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| November 3, 2024 | |
| November 10, 2024 | |
| November 17, 2024 | |
| November 24, 2024 | |

NOVEMBER

Birthdays

Steve Grossman 8



Anniversaries

Deb & Tom Ludwig 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

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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IN OUR OCTOBER PRAYERS

In Our October Prayers...

- ***Our Sympathies:*** on the passing of Beverly Norvell, (Norvell's sister-in-law), on August 27, after a long battle with cancer. Please keep her husband, Russell, and the Norvell family in your prayers. For the family and friends of Jim Dyke who passed away Thursday morning, September 26. Also for the family and friends of Bobby (Barbara) George, Deb P-G's mother-in-law, who passed Wednesday afternoon, September 25. Private interment in Oden, MI, Thursday, October 3, 2024.
- ***Som Vixayphone*** and her Laos and Thailand Mission Trip.
- ***Ministry of the Month, October:*** BestPals Animal Rescue Center and LWR Quilts.
- ***Healing/Peace:*** Bethany Andrus, 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) for new cancer treatment success, Steven Dwyer (Lynda Parrott's cousin), Jim Dyke, John & Amber Fanthorpe (friends of Russells) John is recovering from brain surgery, Jessie George (Deb P-G's daughter), Rick House, Tessa Hurt (out-of-town member) diagnosed with Myelofibrosis, Beth Lefever (friend of Tammy Walters) for housing and employment as she returns to the Holland Area. Tiffany Letourneau, being treated for breast cancer, Jan Mahalak, back surgery, will take several weeks for recovery, Iris Mears, (PJ's godmother), Richard Mueller (Terry Grossman's dad), Diane Oberlin (former attendee) has cancer, Lynda Parrott, Nathan (Sally Ponstein's grandson), surgery complete, healing well, pray for continued recovery, Roland Rivera, Casey Rosel (Norvell in-law relation) diagnosed with cancer in her skull, surgery occurred July 9, Richard Russell's cancer has returned, Kathy Shoup, Surgery for broken femur, Katherine Slee (friend of Beckers), Claire Smith (Norvell's grandniece) recovery from transplant surgery, Stella, 6 yrs old, (Sally Ponstein's friends granddaughter) needs a kidney transplant, Suzanne (Ellie's daughter) prayers for resolution of gastrointestinal problems, Rick Taylor, (Julie Wolff's cousin) heart surgery at the Mayo Clinic, Russ & Rita Taylor (Julie Wolff's parents), Sara Thompson (Corinne's friend) cancer diagnosis, Justin Walker (Pastor's husband).
- ***Healthy Pregnancy:*** 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), Mitchell Johnson (Parrott's nephew) Zachery Wiesner (Gigi Howard's son-in-law).
- ***Prayer Partners:*** St. Peter Lutheran Church, Rev. Jeffrey Bonn, Unionville; Grace Lutheran Church, Supply Pastors, Vassar; Lebanon Lutheran Church, Rev. Douglas Ogden, Whitehall; Zion Lutheran Church, Supply Pastors, Woodland.