



Connectedness and Sharing at Home

Greetings in the name of Christ!

Happy June! For me, May seemed to fly by. Part of that is due to my attendance at two back-to-back continuing education events that I had been looking forward to. Now that I am back and have had a chance to catch my breath and process everything I learned, I would like to share with you some of the insights I came away with.

The first event was the North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly. I had the privilege to attend this event with our voting members, Eric and Melinda Mueller. The theme of the Assembly was “Connected” and featured Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry as our keynote speaker. Bishop Curry shared that over the next three years, he is focusing on the themes of Connection Sustaining, and Reforming. He preached on Jesus as the vine and emphasized that we, as the Church, must be willing to tend to our connection to one another and to Christ. Bishop Curry stated that the Church is not an institution by that it is a living body, and then, when things go wrong, recommitting to our connectedness is the path forward. Bishop Curry’s words reminded me that being the body of Christ means listening to one another, leading with curiosity, and tending to the things that bind us to one another and to Christ. That is the way we model God’s love in the world.

Energized and inspired, I carried these insights to the conference I attended at Grand View University in Des Moines, Iowa. This conference is part of the Faith Forward initiative funded by a Lily grant and focused on faith formation in families and at home, with the specific goal of equipping parents and grandparents to share faith at home. Over the next two days, we learned and experienced fun ways to connect the church and the home. Our ongoing mantra was “We model it here (church) so that they can take it there (home).”

This summer at Good Shepherd, I am excited to explore all of the ways that we can stay connected to our families and to one another and practice our faith in the world beyond our doors, and I am looking forward to events and opportunities to have fun, learn, and grow in faith together. Let’s have a great summer!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jess

WINGS OF MERCY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Pancake Breakfast

Pancake
Breakfast



Grab your spatulas and smiles! We are helping with the Wings of Mercy Pancake Breakfast again!

An information sheet, with the various roles, and a sign up sheet are on the table in the Commons. Please pick your preferred time slot(s) and role(s).

Saturday, August 15, 2026

Set up: 6:30 - 8:00 am

Breakfast: - 8:00 - 10:00 am

Wrap-up/Clean-up: 10:00 am- 12:00 pm (Noon)

West Michigan Regional Airport

60 Geurink Blvd., Holland, MI

Shortly after turning onto Geurink Blvd. look for a large red and grey hangar on the right.

Wings of Mercy generously shares some of the raised funds with Good Shepherd. This year, the money will go toward a new electronic sign for the front of the church.



COMMUNITY ACTION HOUSE

Volunteer Sorting Event with Community Action House



Volunteers from Good Shepherd have helped with two Community Action House Resale Store Sorting events back in November and February. We are volunteering again!

For this volunteer event, CAH has reserved for us,
Saturday, June 13, 2026 from 10:00am to 12:30pm.

**Northside Resale Store
650 Riley St., Holland, MI 49424.**

Up to 15 volunteers are needed.

The sign up sheet is on the table in the Commons.

Thank you all for continuing to support our community!
MOC (Mission and Outreach Committee)

BLESSINGS

Blessings for Safe Travels

Shaina Underhill received travel blessings May 17, 2026 for her travel to and work in New Zealand for an internship this summer.

I-r Brian, Jessica & Shaina Underhill and Pastor Jess



BAPTISM OF ESTI WELLING

Esti Welling, daughter of Rachelle and Ryan Welling, was baptized, Sunday, May 3, 2026. Welcome to God's family,



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



It's Blood Drive Time Again!

Donors needed for blood and treats.
Use the sign-up sheet on the table in the Commons.

June 25, 2026
11:00am - 5:00pm

LADIES TEA

Ladies Tea

A Tea was held on May 30, 2026 to study, have fellowship time, and to provide much needed feminine hygiene products to women around the world. We packed 80 period packs that have been shipped to Church World Services and we collected menstrual pads and tampons for Community Action House. Our work will be felt globally and locally. There were wonderful treats, many flavors of tea and good conversation to accompany our work.



I-r, Ellie Buggeln, Joan Maring, and Melinda Mueller assembling period packs



I-r, Judy, Joan Maring, Ellie Buggeln, Melinda Mueller, Karen Goethe, Michelle Kent, Ginger Dykstra, Sally Ponstein, Kris Norvell, Karrie Foster, Sharon Wendt, Vicki Russell.



NOISY OFFERING



RESILIENCE

ADVOCATES FOR ENDING VIOLENCE™

May/June Noisy Offering Recipient Resilience

Our Noisy Offering for May/June Resilience, Advocates for Ending Violence. “Our mission is to respond to, reduce, and prevent domestic and sexual violence in Ottawa and Allegan counties. We offer supportive services and safe housing to survivors of domestic and sexual abuse, and we provide programs to engage and educate community members to help end abuse before it begins.”

RESILIENCE MAY BASKETS

Annual May Baskets Campaign

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Each May, Resilience hosts our May Baskets Shop at our program office.

The shop is filled with personal care items and household essentials, allowing survivors we serve to select the products they need most. Each individual leaves with a laundry basket full of items at no cost to them.

Your donations help make this possible!

We provide services to survivors from diverse gender and ethnic backgrounds. We kindly request donations of a wide range of products, including those tailored for men, BIPOC individuals, as well as unscented and allergy-friendly options.

Personal Care Items

Baby wipes
Body wash
Brushes/Combs
Shampoo
Conditioner
Hair Products
Lotion
Lip Care
Nail Care
Hand Sanitizer

Menstrual Products
Razors
Shave Cream
Floss Picks
Q-Tips
Face Wash
Deodorant
Sunscreen
Tissues

Cleaning Products

Dish Soap
Dishwasher Detergent
Laundry Detergent
All-Purpose Cleaner
Glass Cleaner
Toilet Cleaner
Cleaning Wipes
Toilet Paper/Paper Towel
Trash Bags
Laundry Baskets

SNACKS & SERVICE



Snacks & Service

Please join us to help keep the church shining on Saturday, June 6, 2026, 10:00am-1:00pm.

Four ways to contribute:

Helping with church cleaning,
Building maintenance,
Grounds maintenance,
Providing snacks.

The priority item is the garden beds.

The sign up sheet is on the table in the Commons.

Thank you!



BOOK GROUP NEWS



Selection Sign Up - 2026 - 2027

This Book Group year, we will continue to give you, the reader, the opportunity to select a book that you would like to read and discuss. You may sign up for a meeting date, (3rd Wed.), without knowing the book title.

When you have selected a book, please write name and author on the sheet and indicate whether it is a book bag or if we are acquiring our own copy. (The book bags are increasingly difficult to obtain.) For September's selection, the book will need to be picked by the middle of August to be included in the newsletter.

Please write a brief intro for the book and send it to Deb, in the office, for that month's newsletter. It would be helpful if you could locate some discussion questions. Some books include questions or questions are available on the internet as well.

The sign up sheet runs from September 2026 - May 2027 and is on the shelf under the bulletin board in the Commons

WEEKEND BIBLE STUDY



The Weekend Bible Study

The Weekend Bible Study is now on summer break.
See you in September.

PRIDE!

GSLC at Holland PRIDE!



GSLC will have a booth at Holland PRIDE at Kollen Park from 1:00-6:00 pm.
We will be hanging out, offering prayer, blessings and rock painting.

If you are interested in helping out,
please take a look at the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship area!

Set up is 12:00-1:00pm.

Break down begins at 5:45pm.

June 27, 2026

CRAFTS & CONVERSATION



Crafts & Conversation

Thanks to everyone who painted rocks for PRIDE.

Next Crafts & Conversation is
Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 6:00-8:00pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Programing

After the Children's Message during the worship service, children will be directed to meet their teachers in the Commons for Sunday School.

Each class will include a lesson, singing songs, and doing a craft.



GREEN THUMB SUNDAYS

Green Thumb Sundays

A new initiative to Tend
to Our Plants and Garden Beds after Church.

2nd Sunday of Each Gardening Month

Bring: work gloves, pruners, buckets, wheelbarrows,
and any other tools needed for gardening.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING



Christian Education Meeting

June 14, 2026

11:15 am, after the worship service

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING



The Measure of Our Love

Computers connected via internet = Families

Total Sunday Attendance: 254

Families: 4

Average Sunday Attendance: 51

NOTES TO GOOD SHEPHERD

Dear People of Good Shepherd,

Thank you so much for your generous gift for our Community Campaign at Community Action House. Your support helps nourish our neighbors, provides families with resources they need to build a strong foundation, and supports our guests in achieving financial stability. Thank you for showing up for our neighbors during these very uncertain times.

With much gratitude,

Becky Parnell, Faith Community Liaison
& the CAH team

rec'd May 13, 2026



To the GSLC and its wonderful team
& Community members,

Thank you for being so kind and welcoming. From day one, everyone was incredibly warm and treated each other as family. We are thrilled to have baptized our daughter, Esti, here with such loving members surrounding us.

Rachelle & Ryan Welling

rec'd May 4, 2026

SUNDAY SERVANTS

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
June 7 5th Sunday of Easter	WL- CA- Sally Ponstein	Sally Ponstein		Terry Grossman
June 14 6th Sunday of Easter	WL - CA-	Branden BAcon		
June 21 7th Sunday of Easter	WL - Tom Ludwig CA - Joan Maring	Joan Maring		Deb Ludwig
June 28 Sunday of Pentecost	WL - Brian Underhill CA -			Deb Ludwig

FELLOWSHIP SIGN-UP — JUNE

Fellowship Sign-up.



Treats and Set Up & Clean Up	
June 7, 2026	Sally Ponstein
June 14, 2026	Bacons
June 21, 2026	
June 28, 2026	

JUNE

Birthdays

Sam Rogers 2
Carolyn Willaman 3
Brian Dixon 10
Esti Welling 10
Jacob Bacon 16
Sheila Dixon 18
Jill Letourneau 20
Meggan McCaughan 25
Perry Pearson 28



Anniversaries

Steve & Terry Grossman 4
Dave & Sharon Wendt 26
Eric & Melinda Mueller 27

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.
Weekend Bible Study, Saturdays, 10:00 am, September - May.
Book Group, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 4:00 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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IN OUR MAY PRAYERS

In Our May Prayers...

- ***Our Sympathies:*** to Ruth Lange (Dave Wendt's Sister) and family. Ruth's husband Reiner Lange passed away May 1, 2026.
- ***Traveling:*** Alex McCaughan is studying in Austria at present. Shaina Underhill is interning in New Zealand. Blessings and prayers for you both.
- ***Praise & Thanksgiving:*** Chan Vixayphone is at home. Surgery was deemed unnecessary. All issues are being handled with medication. Also, the kidney cancer surgery for Dawn Sjaard's sister, Laura, was successful. No chemo or radiation is necessary. "We are very thankful!"
- ***Congratulations:*** Pastor Jess is an Auntie! Her brother James and partner Mackenzie welcomed twins Fiona and Celeste on May 13, 2026. Babies and mom are doing well.
- ***Ministries of the Month, May:*** Resilience and the Synod Assembly Voting Members.
- ***Healing/Peace:*** Barton Family (friends of Julie Bolton), Corinne Becker, breast cancer, Zach Bergland (Beckers' nephew), Bryan Blank, former member, needs a kidney transplant, Greg Bolton, (brother-in-law of Julie Bolton), Mary & Wayne Cagle (friends of Sally Ponstein) Wayne diagnosed with lung cancer, Mark DeGraaf, stage 4 cancer, Diane (close friend of Kris Norvell) cancer diagnosis, Brian Dixon, the Dixon family, Shawn Felgenhauer (Kerry Johnson's sister) prayers for continued healing, Jessie George (Deb P-G's daughter), Gigi Howard, gastrointestinal issues and swelling, Tessa Hurt (out-of-town member), Jan (Cathy Sytsma's sister), Holly Johnson, (Steve & Kerry's daughter), Jeanne Klynstra, severely broken right arm near shoulder, Laura and family (Dawn Sjaarda's sister) cancerous kidney removal surgery, Mon. May 4, 2026. Connie Lentz (friend of Kathy Shoup), John & Judy Madison, (Lois' neighbors) both undergoing cancer treatment, Ron Meyer, Pat Ponstein (Sally's sister-in-law) having treatments at home but not progressing well, Dorothy Postema (Deb P-G's mom), Lois Robinson, gallbladder surgery April 30, 2026, Greg Russell, (Mike's brother), back surgery and heart attack, Janice Russell (Mike's sister-in-law) continuing to improve, Katherine Slee (friend of Beckers), Stella, 7 yrs old, (Sally Ponstein's friend's granddaughter) prayers for non-rejection of transplant, surgery recovery, Sara Thompson (Corinne's friend) cancer diagnosis, Steve Unruh (Corinne's bro.) colon cancer treatments, Joe Vanderlaan (nephew to Sally P. & Ellen L.) severely injured in a car accident, Julia Wentz, chemotherapy treatments.
- ***Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Homebound:*** Craig & Carol Ollerman, Christopher St. John (Son of Bonita Zielke), Dick Straith, Susan Straith, 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), Koa Rosally (Grossman's grandson), Zachery Wiesner (Gigi Howard's son-in-law).
- ***Prayer Partners:*** Ascension Lutheran Church, Rev. Julie Bailey, Saginaw; Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. Tina Schultz, Saginaw; Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Supply Pastors, Saginaw; Resurrection Lutheran Church, Supply Pastors, Saginaw; Faith Lutheran Church, Supply Pastors, Sidney.