

**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.



## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, April 13, 2022

*Our mission is to be more visible, to become more connected, and to draw closer, with Christ as our center.*

Two good prayers...

Lord, we ask you to place a hedge of protection in this Holy Week around all church secretaries, around all church computers and around all church copiers and printers. Protect also the preacher's vocal cords and the organist's fingers.

Amen.

Lord, as you sent our Savior to take on our human nature and to share in our human lot, grant that we may share in carrying His cross and share also in His Resurrection. In His name we ask this.

Amen

I look forward to being together on the Great Three Days.

LV,  
PD





## **Worship Information -**

**We have two regular in person Worship Services per week. They are held on Sundays at 8am and 10:30am. (See calendar for revised Holy Week schedule.)**

Hymnals are available for use. Please note that if you are uncomfortable using the hymnals, there will be a limited number of freshly copied "Hymn Packets" available upon request at each service.

Please continue to read Friday's weekly "Worship E-mail", or check our Facebook Page for any updates / changes.

**\* Masks are no longer required at any time \* (note that the Pastor and Communion Assistant will still wear masks during Communion Distribution.)**

**If you prefer to join us for prerecorded online worship instead, you can:**

1) Go to the Good Shepherd website [www.gslc-ct.org](http://www.gslc-ct.org). Under "News & Events", click on youtube to be directed to our church's YouTube page.

2) Go to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Good-Shepherd-Lutheran-Church-220717937953573/> Scroll down until you see the post with the current "Church Service (date)". Click on it to be directed to our church's YouTube page.

3) To find us directly on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/> enter Good Shepherd Monroe CT in the search field and you will be directed to our page. From there, select the worship video you would like to see. Subscribe to our channel to make it even easier.

Whichever worship choice works best for you, we are delighted to have you worship with us!

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## **Prayer List -**

**Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Audrey, Miriam, Beverly, Doree, Amy, Scarlet, Ryan, Sharon & Rosemary.**



**Do you have something you would like to discuss with Pastor Doug?**

Should you be in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Doug Ryniewicz. You can reach him by text, or phone at: 860-595-9560. His email is: [dearynos@gmail.com](mailto:dearynos@gmail.com)

FROM JANET SZULGA -



## A THANK YOU FROM THE CONNECTICUT FOOD BANK -

March 24, 2022

Pastor  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
466 Elm Street  
Monroe, CT 06468-2202

Dear Pastor,

We are incredibly grateful for your gift of \$1,000.00 to Connecticut Foodshare. Now more than ever, your generosity plays a vital role in supporting our neighbors who live with hunger. You make it possible for us to meet our clients' needs, no matter what comes next.

Families across Connecticut still struggle to put food on the table and too many of those people affected are children. Your investment powers our efforts to serve our most vulnerable neighbors who rely on the food *you* help us provide. You allow us to:

- Lead 125 mobile food distribution sites focusing on fresh produce and serving individuals, families, and seniors.
- Support more than 700 member pantries and meal programs as they distribute nutritious food across our communities.
- Address root causes of hunger to increase economic stability and build long-term food security.

On behalf of all of us at Connecticut Foodshare, we are very thankful for your partnership. Stay safe and well!

With gratitude,

Jason Jakubowski, President and CEO

**This letter certifies that no goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution.**

**\$1,000.00 on 3/7/2022**



**4/14/22 - Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm.**

**4/15/22 - Good Friday Service at 7pm.**

**4/17/22 - Easter Sunday Services at 8am and 10:30am.**

**4/24/22 - Sunday School & Confirmation classes held at 9:15am.**



**\* Choir practice will be every Sunday at 9:45am.**

**\* Shepherd's Flock Quilters** - We generally meet at 10am each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. \* Please contact Barbara Abraham by phone, or text at: 203-305-0321 if you wish to come on a Monday morning. If you'd like to join on a Wednesday, contact Ellie Noll at: 203-888-7009, or Eileen Holleran at: 203-426-0005. If you prefer to quilt on a Saturday, please text Donna Duessel at: 203-482-5598. Anyone is welcome!

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**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!**

Church Council has announced that our Annual Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship Service will be held at Wolfe Park in Monroe. The date is Sunday, June 26th. More details to follow, but please mark your calendars as we would love to see you there!



## \* COVENANT TO CARE EASTER BASKETS -



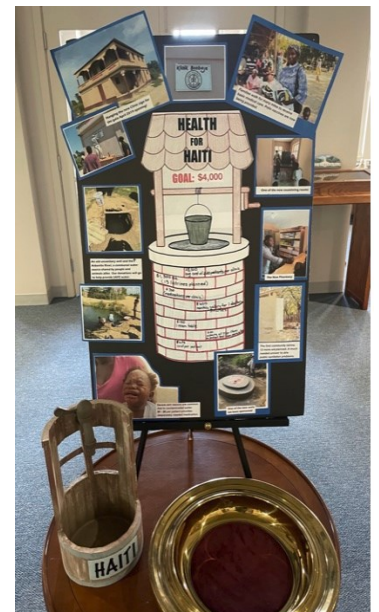
### Covenant to Care Thanks You

Thanks to everyone for your generous support of these kids with whom we have a "covenant to care." We fulfilled all the requests for Easter baskets. Happy Easter!

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## \* THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOUNDATION IN HAITI -

Just a reminder that during Lent, GSLC's mission is to fundraise for TGSF Haiti. Please see the display in the narthex and consider donating!





**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

*Thank You!*

March 14, 2022

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
466 Elm St  
Monroe, CT 06468-2202

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous \$ \$500.00 emergency gift to help the people of Ukraine, who are enduring unimaginable hardship and suffering. Please continue to lift them up in your prayers.

Your gift is being put to use immediately to deliver emergency food, shelter, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, medicines and other critically needed items for children and their families who are trying to survive the horrifying fighting ... or are being forced to flee their homeland with a few meager belongings.

Your willingness to share your blessings during a global crisis like this is a godsend to your neighbors in Ukraine who are hurting. They can feel your love and are deeply grateful to know you are keeping them in your thoughts and prayers.

If you have any questions regarding your donation, please feel free to reach out to us anytime at 800 597 5972 or via email at [lwr@lwr.org](mailto:lwr@lwr.org). You'll also find inspiring stories of the life-changing work you make possible at [lwr.org](http://lwr.org). And if you haven't already, be sure to subscribe to our e-newsletter to receive bi-weekly updates on the impact of your generosity.

Thank you again, and God bless you!

Warm Regards,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (ret.)  
President and CEO

*As required by the IRS, this receipt confirms that Lutheran World Relief has given you no goods or services in return for your charitable contribution of \$500.00.*



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Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous \$ \$2,960.00 emergency gift to help the people of Ukraine, who are enduring unimaginable hardship and suffering. Please continue to lift them up in your prayers.

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## Shepherd's Pantry -

The Monroe Food Pantry provides emergency food assistance for over 100 needy individuals and families in Monroe each month. The Social Ministry and Community Outreach Committee invite you to contribute items to the Shepherd's Pantry located in the narthex. You may drop them off during office hours, or on Sunday mornings. The items are delivered to the Monroe Food Pantry once a month.

## APRIL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS -

Here is a list of items the pantry could use at the moment:

- \* **Cooking oil**
- \* **Egg noodles**
- \* **Jarred pasta sauce**
- \* **Tomato paste**
- \* **Sugar and flour**
- \* **Oatmeal (regular and instant)**
- \* **Solid white tuna**
- \* **Crunchy peanut butter**
- \* **Grape and strawberry jelly**
- \* **Soups (Condensed- regular and low sodium - like clam chowder/vegetable/chicken/tomato/cream of chicken/lentil/split pea - Progresso - low sodium chicken/clam chowder/lentil/split pea/tomato)**
- \* **Snack items like crackers/popcorn/chips/nuts/dried fruit**
- \* **Chicken/beef/vegetable broth**
- \* **Bread crumbs (Italian and regular)**
- \* **Rice and pasta sides**
- \* **Brownie mix**
- \* **Corn muffin mix**
- \* **Salad dressings (Italian/French/Thousand Island/Balsamic)**
- \* **Pancake mix**





## Summerfield -



There is an ongoing need for nutritious food for the kids at Summerfield. Protein is especially needed. GSLC Council has challenged the congregation to provide funds for the purchase of nutritious food. GSLC will match donations from members for up to \$250 per month. Pastor Gaston has told us that \$500 per month would meet their nutritious food needs. If you wish to donate, please write a check out to "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church" with the notation, "Food For Summerfield". Thank you!

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## VANCO - ELCA PREFERRED ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM -



Please feel free to try our online giving platform, Vanco. Vanco is an ELCA preferred vendor, that gives you the option of using their free mobile app to make donating to Good Shepherd easy and contactless. Simply download the Vanco Mobile App, select "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Monroe" and follow the prompts to donate.

If you are hesitant to download the app, just go to our website, [www.gslc-ct.org](http://www.gslc-ct.org), scroll down to the Vanco link, click and donate.

The traditional ways of giving, like bringing, or mailing envelopes to Church still stand. Vanco is just another way to make giving easy. If you do choose to use Vanco for online giving, please know that the Church will incur a fee per transaction. However, you can offset this cost by selecting the "cover processing fees" option at checkout.

If you are interested, but have questions, please feel free to contact Stephanie in the office!



## Sunday, April 17, 2022 Easter Day

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection, you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 (24)

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Luke 24:1-12



### 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

### Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.