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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, November 9, 2022

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



After two and a half years in a Covid world, conditions now are very improved. We have vaccines, we understand more, and once again, we are adapting. Our intention is to restore the Sunday Worship to it's fuller expression. Part of that expression is a greater participation by the gathered community. That includes the ministries of "Lector", (lay readers of the scriptures) and Communion assistants. Please consider serving in these ways at Worship. We plan on returning to a schedule of assigned Sundays on which to serve. Please see me, or Larry Black if you can serve, or if you have questions.

Help to make Worship more meaningful and joyful for our congregation!

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Worship Information -

*** On September 11th, we began recognizing our Fall schedule. That means there are two Worship services every Sunday. Please choose from the 8am, or 10:30am service. Also, please see next newsletter page for the Choir and Sunday School schedules.**

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.

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

- 1) Go to the Good Shepherd website 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!

Prayer List -

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Helen, Cliff Jr., Audrey, Miriam, Hassinger Family, Lane Family, Lee Family, Kevin, Margaret, Desi, Bill C's Family, Todd, Nicolette, Mike's Family, Kelly, Sue, Andrea, D.A., Robert, Kathy, Beverly, Doree, Amy, Mark, Scarlet, Ryan, Louis, John, 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



Our regular Fall Worship schedule is in effect. There are two services on Sundays. Please choose from the 8am, or 10:30am service.

11/12/22 - Red Cross Blood Drive will take place - NO quilting.

11/13/22 & 11/27/22 - Sunday School and Confirmation classes will be held at 9:15am. (and every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.)

12/6/22 - Book Club will meet at 2pm to discuss, "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks. Join us!

* **Choir practice** - held on Sundays at 9:30am.

* **Shepherd's Flock Quilters** - generally meet at 10am each Monday, and Saturday. **QUILTING WILL NO LONGER TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAYS.** * For quilting on Mondays, please contact Barbara by phone, or text at: 203-305-0321. If you prefer to quilt on a Saturday, please text Donna Duessel at: 203-482-5598.



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**APPOINTMENTS
ARE STILL
AVAILABLE!**

**DONATE BLOOD
THIS WEEKEND,
OR HELP SPREAD
THE WORD!**

Blood Drive

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Held in the Church Hall
466 Elm Street
Monroe, CT 06468

**Saturday, November 12, 2022
7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or
visit RedCrossBlood.org and
enter: GoodShepherd to schedule an appointment.



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WHERE THE WORLD MEETS TO PRAY

GOD'S WORD IN OUR HEARTS

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READ Proverbs 4:20-23

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

— Psalm 119:11 (NIV)

My friend once encouraged me to memorize Bible verses — one beginning with each letter of the alphabet. I took up the challenge and carefully chose 26 passages of scripture. These memorized verses have grown to be an essential part of my faith journey.

I've found that God's word is powerful. It is the truth. As Proverbs 4:22 says, it brings life and healing. When I fill my heart and mind with scripture, it brings me peace and encourages me to worship. If I lie awake at night and can't get back to sleep, I recite these memorized verses to focus my thoughts. If I am anxious during a medical procedure, I think through these verses to calm myself. I have discovered that worship and worry cannot inhabit me at the same time.

Following Jesus' example, we can use scripture to speak truth against temptation, include it in our prayers, or say it as a blessing over the lives of those we love. This is all so much easier when we have God's word memorized, living in our hearts. It is a spiritual discipline that I have found to be very helpful and encouraging.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
I can find healing and new life with God's word in my heart.

Prayer: Loving Father, thank you for the treasures and truth we find in your life-giving word. Grant us the strength and fortitude to meditate on your scripture, study it, and memorize it. Amen.

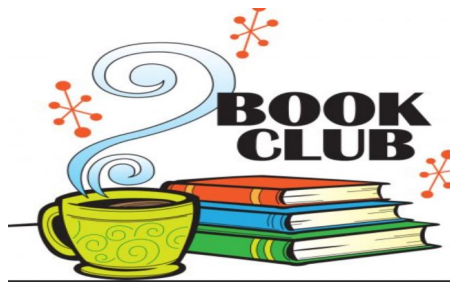
Ann Stewart (South Australia, Australia)



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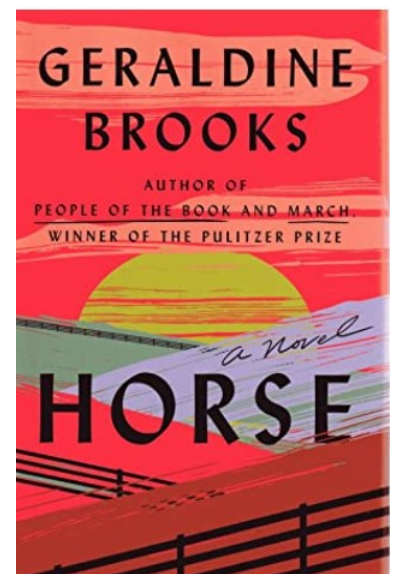
Please leave your grocery tote bags in the narthex on Sunday, November 20 for pickup the following day. Include only non-perishables. No gift cards are needed.

Thanks to everyone for your ongoing generosity!



Please join us in the GSLC lounge on December 6th at 2pm!

The Book Club is excited to meet up and discuss "Horse", by Geraldine Brooks.



HOLIDAY PAJAMA DRIVE -

Monroe Social Services is collecting pajamas for Monroe families in need. If you would like to help out, please head to the table in the narthex and pick a child's tag. Once you have your tag, please write your name and "client #" on the sign up sheet. Thanks for considering making a child's holiday season brighter!



*** Please wrap your pajamas and drop them off in the narthex by November 27th. Kindly attach your tag to the outside of the wrapped gift. Thank you!**

Client # 1151-A	
Age: 10 Gender: M	
Gift Requested: Winter pajamas - size youth	
t # 941-A	
11 Gender: M	
1. Pajamas - size 12/14	
in need. Please	
Client # 1051-B	
Age: 7 Gender: F	



**Boy Scout Troop 203, is selling fresh wreaths
this Christmas Season.**

Let us help you decorate!!

We will be offering large wreaths with red bows.

Large Wreath - \$22

Order forms can be found inside the church

**Please leave the completed order forms and checks made out to:
Scouts, BSA Troop 203, in the designated boxes.**

THE LAST DAY FOR ORDERS is November 20

**Wreaths will be available for pick-up between masses:
Sunday December 4**

Thank you for your support!

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.

*Monroe Food Pantry Needs -

- Juice (apple, cranberry, etc.)
- Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup
- Canned Vegetables (corn, carrots, olives, peas, green beans, etc.)
- Canned Beans (kidney, pinto, chickpeas, cannellini, black)
- Grape Jelly, Strawberry Jam
- Hamburger Helper, Knorr Pasta/Rice Sides, Macaroni & Cheese
- Egg Noodles
- Rice (brown or white)
- Hot & Cold Cereal
- Breadcrumbs (Italian or regular)
- Canned Tomatoes (crushed, whole, diced, stewed, paste)
- Chicken, Beef, or Vegetable Broth
- Cooking Oil
- Canned Fruit (regular or low sugar - preferably in juice)
- Baked Beans, Refried Beans, Pork and Beans, Chili with or without beans
- Baking Supplies - including sugar & flour
- Syrup (regular or sugar free)
- Pancake Mix
- Jarred Pasta Sauce
- Salad Dressing (any flavor)
- Ground Coffee, Tea (regular, decaf), Instant Coffee & Hot Chocolate
- Canned Soup
- Ensure
- Snack Items
- Personal hygiene products - including feminine hygiene products. **We are particularly low on bars of soap, toothpaste, floss, shampoo / conditioner, and deodorant**
- *Household cleaning supplies



Any donation is appreciated. Thank you!

Ways to Help Summerfield -



Snacks for Summerfield are needed! We are collecting snacks for the youth of Summerfield. If you would like to donate, please add your snack items to the marked blue bin in the narthex.

Also, there is an ongoing need for nutritious food/protein for the kids of Summerfield. GSLC Council has challenged the congregation to provide funds for the purchase of nutritious food. GSLC will match donations from members 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!

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, 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, November 13, 2022 - Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalms 98 (9)

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19



2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.