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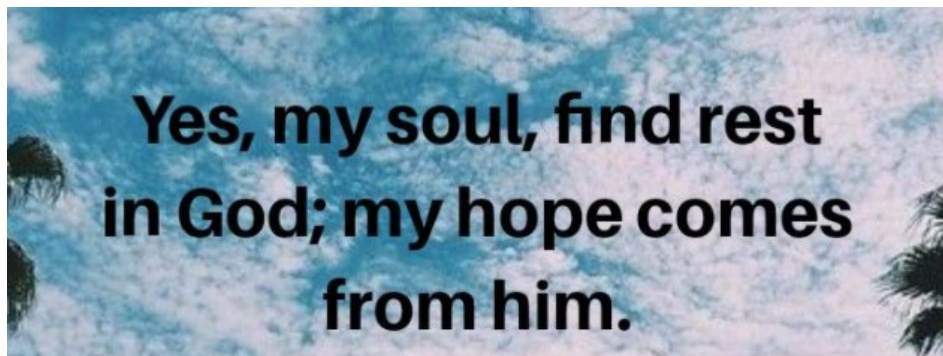


Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, March 9, 2022

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

From Pastor Doug -

Lenten Bible Study: "The Parables of Jesus" will start TONIGHT, 3/9/22, and run for four Wednesdays at 7pm. It will be held by Zoom, so no soup for you! Please join us! (See Page 5 for Zoom invite)



Much of our suffering in life is the result of trying to cling and hang on to things that are passing away. Jesus knew when we try to keep life from changing, instead of surrendering and trusting, letting go and accepting, we have little hope of finding peace. Nothing in this life is permanent and lasting. In God alone, our souls find rest.

It is the Lent of life.

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*** Confirmation & Sunday School - March 13, March 27. * Optional is March 20th, which is our famous "PRETZEL SUNDAY!"** Come, enjoy making and eating this traditional Lenten food! Members of all ages are invited! (see page 3 for more details)



Worship Information -

We have two regular in person Worship Services per week. They are held on Sundays at 8am and 10:30am.

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 now mandatory for singing hymns, but optional otherwise.**



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:

Audrey, Miriam, Amy, Scarlet, Ryan, Sharon & Rosemary.



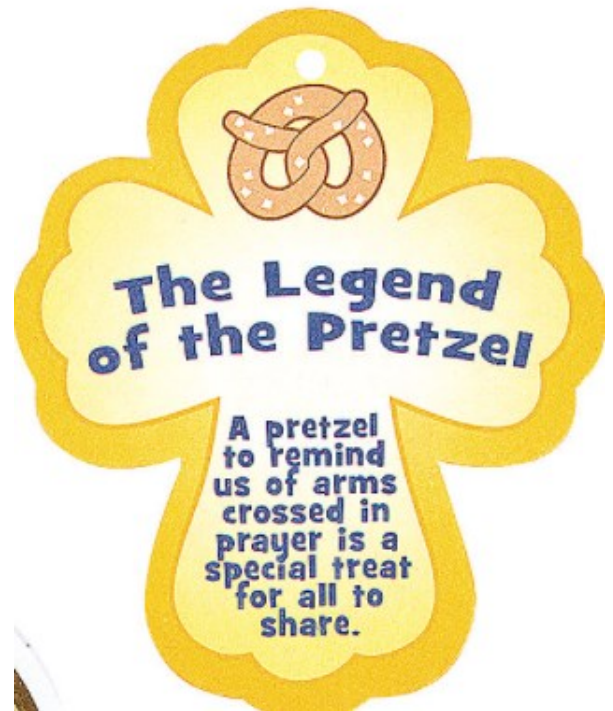
Do you have something you would like to discuss with Pastor Doug?

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

* PRETZEL SUNDAY—

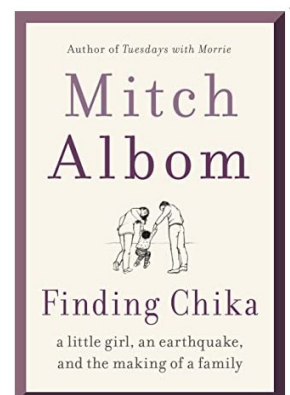
On 3/20/22, all Sunday School children, Confirmation students and all GSLC members are invited to help bake pretzels with us on GSLC's "Pretzel Sunday". All ages are welcome!

Please join us for our 9:30am start!



On 3/1/22, **The Good Shepherd Book Club...** was transported to Bourbon Street for their Mardi Gras discussion of "The Personal Librarian". Laissez les bon temps rouler!

Their selection for April is, "Finding Chika" by Mitch Albom. Come join the fun!





3/9/22 - Lenten Zoom Bible Study Begins at 7pm.

3/13/22 - Sunday School & Confirmation classes held at 9:15am.

3/13/22 - Choir Practice at 9:45am.

3/16/22 - Lenten Zoom Bible Study at 7pm.

3/20/22 - "Pretzel Sunday" at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome!

3/20/22 - Choir practice at 9:45am.

3/23/22 - Lenten Zoom Bible Study at 7pm.

3/26/22 - GSLC Blood Drive

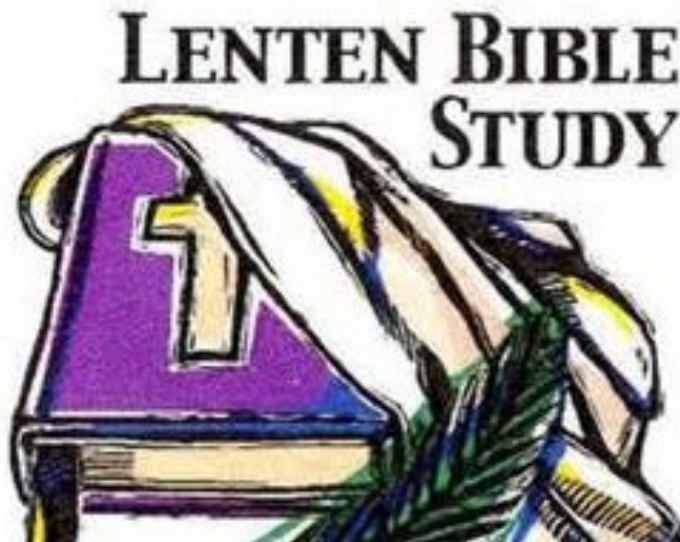
3/27/22 - Sunday School & Confirmation classes held at 9:15am.

3/27/22 - Choir practice at 9:45am.

3/30/22 - Last Lenten Zoom Bible Study at 7pm.

Shepherd's Flock Quilters - 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!

*** Lenten Bible Study -**



Our new Lenten Bible Study will be starting TODAY, 3/9/22. Please join us at 7pm to discuss "The Parables Of Jesus"!

It will be led by Pastor Doug and since it will take place on Zoom, we hope to see a lot of familiar faces! Please join us again on March 16th, 23rd and 30th!

Topic: GSL Lenten Bible Study

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

*** PLEASE CHECK OUR PRIVATE FACEBOOK PAGE, CALL THE GSLC OFFICE, OR SEE E-MAILED NEWSLETTER FOR OUR ZOOM LINK.**

Hello GSLC Members and Friends,

We are heartbroken for Ukraine and would love to help in any way possible.
Luckily, we've received tremendous news from Lutheran World Relief:

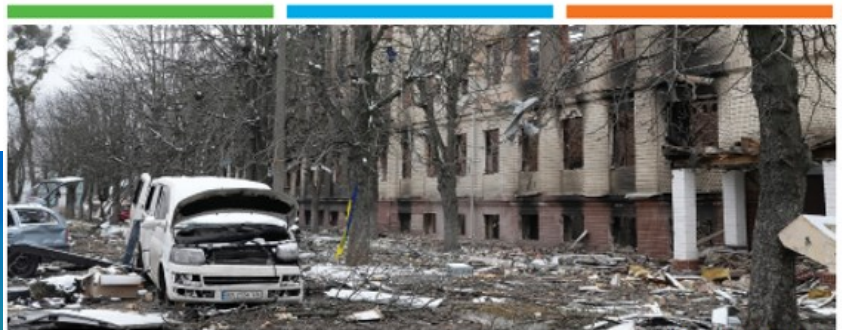
For a short period, Nelsonville Lutheran Church in Wisconsin will double all gifts from congregations – THE MATCH AMOUNT IS NOW UP TO \$258,000 – for our neighbors suffering in the Ukraine crisis. Right now, Lutheran World Relief teams are working with partners in and around Ukraine. Your congregation's gift will deliver urgent support and care, like: food, shelter and other critically needed items; Mission Quilts and Kits for families who fled their homes; and medicine and supplies for clinics.

Our GSLC quilters have already donated \$500 that was in the quilting account, which will be doubled to \$1000. To further take advantage of this wonderful matching gift program, GSLC took up a special collection last weekend. Thank you to all that donated! If you haven't contributed yet, but are willing and able, **the deadline for the match has been extended.** Please mail, or bring your donation to GSLC by 4/10/22 with a notation to send it to LWR/Ukraine. **You can also give online by typing lwr.org/match into your web browser.** If you can't donate, please help by spreading the word!

Thank you!!!

A graphic with a blue and green background. At the top, it says "CRISIS IN UKRAINE" in large white letters. Below that, in yellow, "YOUR CHURCH'S GIFT WILL BE MATCHED UP TO". Then, in large white letters, "\$258,000". Below that, in white, "GIVE NOW AT LWR.ORG/MATCH". At the bottom, there is a logo for Lutheran World Relief, which consists of three interlocking circles, and the text "LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF" to its right.

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CRISIS IN UKRAINE **YOUR GIFT WILL BE DOUBLED**

Thanks to the generosity of Nelsonville Lutheran Church and Peace Lutheran Church in Amherst, WI – both of the Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish – all congregational gifts given through Lutheran World Relief will be doubled – up to \$258,000!

Your love will provide food, shelter and emergency funds for refugees impacted by the Ukraine crisis. Lutheran World Relief expects that their initial response will also include supporting critical health needs through the provision of medical supplies or support for emergency medical services. **And thanks to the generosity of Lutheran congregations across the country, LWR will be air-lifting Mission Quilts and Personal Care Kits already pre-positioned in their Dubai warehouse.** These urgently needed supplies will reach Ukrainian families who have fled for safety.

You can give directly through Lutheran World Relief at lwr.org/match or by mailing to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write "Ukraine Match" in the memo line. Gifts can also be made through our congregation. Write "Ukraine Match" in the memo line and we will send one check from the church immediately following Easter Sunday.

Until your love reaches every neighbor.

Dear Pastor Regewicz and the people of Good Shepherd,
Thank you for your generosity in your missions support
pledge. We know that these are challenging times for
congregations, so your commitment to growing giving is
all the more noticed and appreciated. Thank you sincerely
for your commitment to our shared work of being
Church in the world.

Sincerely,
Pastor Steven Wilco
Associate to the Bishop

**From Pastor Wilco at
New England Synod...**



Blood Drive

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

**Saturday, March 26, 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.



Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15
minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to
complete your pre-donation reading and health history
questions on the day of your appointment.



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.

**** THE MONROE FOOD PANTRY NO LONGER ACCEPTS COUPONS ****

PLEASE DO NOT DROP COUPONS OFF AT GSLC. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP THE FOOD PANTRY, PLEASE SEE THE MONTHLY LIST OF NEEDS.

THANK YOU!!!

MARCH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS -

Canned fruit: apple sauce, mandarin oranges, pineapple, peaches

Canned meat: Solid White Tuna, Spam, Sardines

Canned vegetables: beets, olives, sauerkraut

Baking Goods: pancake mix, brownie mix, sugar, flour, corn muffin mix

Condiments: cooking oil, brown or yellow mustard, mayo, ketchup

Salad Dressing: Italian, Balsamic, Blue Cheese, French, Thousand Island, Ranch

Staples: Jelly (strawberry or grape), Peanut Butter (crunchy)

Low-sodium Progresso soups: (vegetable/split pea/minestrone/clam chowder/tomato/bean/beef/sausage)

Snacks - any kind but people seem to like breakfast bars, chips, crackers, popcorn

Coffee (regular or decaf)

Tea (regular or decaf)

Oatmeal (regular and flavored)

Juice (apple/cranberry, etc.)



Seltzer / V8

Ensure

**We have had such great response for toiletry items. However, due to demand, we are starting to run low on: shampoo/conditioner/deodorant/razors/soap

**We are also starting to run low on toilet paper, and paper towels.



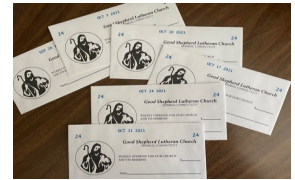
Thanks again for all your support. This community is amazing!

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!

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, March 13, 2022 - Second Sunday in Lent

Prayer of the Day: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27 (5)

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35



Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"