

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Weekly Update

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



**Evangelical Lutheran
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God's work. Our hands.

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Read about St. Francis of Assisi...a valiant, but non-confrontational reformer of corruption and ignorance in the church three hundred years before Luther. He deserves to be known for more than holding up birdbaths. Traditionally, the Blessing of Pets is celebrated during this week.

Here is the famous Prayer of St. Francis found in the ELW :

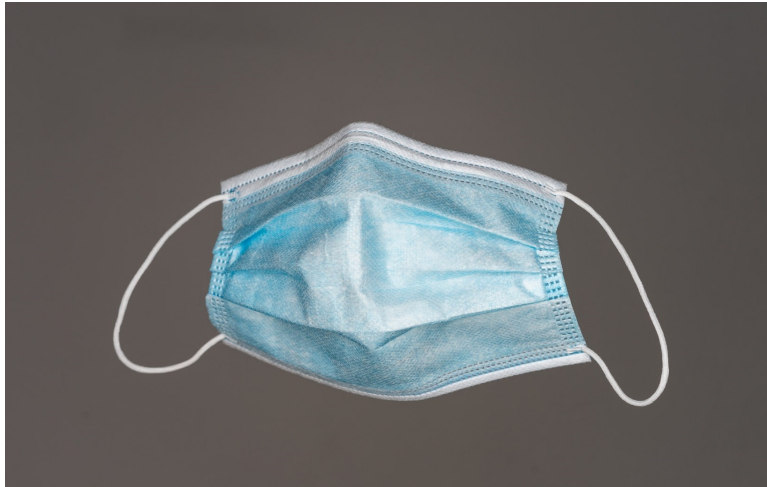


A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

Follow with LV.
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An update from the Worship and Music Committee:



***FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL...PLEASE BRING A MASK TO UTILIZE DURING INDOOR WORSHIP.**

Regardless of vaccination status, we must now revert back to wearing masks during indoor worship. Good Shepherd appreciates your patience and understanding during these challenging times!

There are several options for you to join us for prerecorded online worship:

1) Go to the Good Shepherd website www.gslc-ct.org. Click on youtube on the menu under News & Events 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 this 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, then 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!

Please keep our committee in your thoughts and prayers as we continue to provide guidance to the best of our abilities. We are delighted that our congregation has remained healthy through this crisis and look forward to the day when these considerations are no longer necessary.

Yours in Christ,
The Worship and Music Committee
Susan Chin, Chair

Worship Schedule for in person worship:

October 10th: Our "Fall schedule" is in effect. This means we will have two Worship Services every Sunday until further notice. Please choose from:

*** 8am INDOOR service with masks, or**

*** 10:30am OUTDOOR service.** (weather permitting)

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

A Community of Prayer

For those in need of healing and comfort:

Members and Friends of the Congregation: Joan, Vic, Lauren, Ray, Marie, Audrey, Elizabeth, Gordon, Miriam, Sarah, Misty, Jim, Darcy, Scarlet, Jason, Brian, David, Cate, Cecilio, Donna, Anthony, the Wilk family, Linda, Todd, Noreen and family, Maureen, Lynn, Barbara, Scott, Johanna, Glen, Durbin, Marie.

Military (on active duty), Fire fighters, and Police: Ryan, Teddy, Tyler, Ben, Kenny, Brian, Bill, Ken, John, Glen, and Vic.

Front Line workers in the COVID-19 pandemic: Diane, Alicia, Brittany, Loretta, Jay, Alyssa, Monica, Rachel, June.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Psalms 147 vs. 3

Do you wonder how to put a loved one, friend, neighbor, or yourself on the prayer list?

Simply email the church office at office@gsic-ct.org, or give us a call at 203-268-7596. If you would like a prayer card sent to your loved one, friend or neighbor, please include the full name and address. For privacy, only the first name of each individual will be listed.

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



On Sunday, October 10th, at the 10:30am Worship Service, the following children will be Confirmed:

Kylah Baron
Rachel Baron
George Blake
Molly Lenzen
Amanda Sjoblom
James Schwarz
Ava Vojtek



We celebrate them and pray for them!

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October

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Online Worship - new, weekly pre-recorded services are always available at: www.gslc-ct.org , Youtube, and Facebook					1	2 10am - Quilting
3 8am -Indoor Worship 9:55am - Choir 10:30am – Outdoor 4-6pm – Confirmation Students - Mini Retreat and Pizza	4 10am - Quilting	5 2pm – Book Club "The Splendid and The Vile"	6 10am - Quilting	7 11am – Bible Study 7pm – Bible Study	8	9 10am - Quilting
10 8am -Indoor Worship 9:15am -Sunday School & Confirmation Class 9:55am - Choir 10:30am – Outdoor Service & Confirmation	11 10am – Quilting 7pm – Finance Committee	12	13 10am - Quilting	14 11am – Bible Study 7pm – Bible Study	15	16 10am - Quilting
17 8am -Indoor Worship 9:55am - Choir 10:30am – Outdoor	18 10am - Quilting	19	20 10am - Quilting	21 11am – Bible Study 7pm – Bible Study	22	23 10am - Quilting
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Please Join Us ... And Remember

Domestic Violence Awareness Vigil

Thursday, October 14, 6 pm
Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo
Bridgeport, CT

Please join us as we gather to commemorate the 19 lives lost to domestic violence homicide in Connecticut last year, and to raise awareness about the programs and services CFJ offers.



The vigil will include area law enforcement representatives, elected officials, community leaders and will feature performances by youth groups from the communities of Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford, and Trumbull.

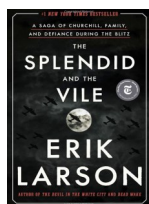
The vigil is **free and open to the public** and is a rain or shine event. Light refreshments will be served.

Please Note: In keeping with current CDC recommendations related to the Covid-19 pandemic, CFJ is requiring that masks be worn by all attendees at the program regardless of their vaccination status.

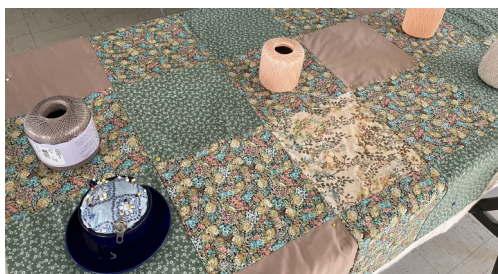
Need more information? [Email Amanda Posila](#), Director of Education & Community Engagement, or call her at 203-334-6154, ext. 114.

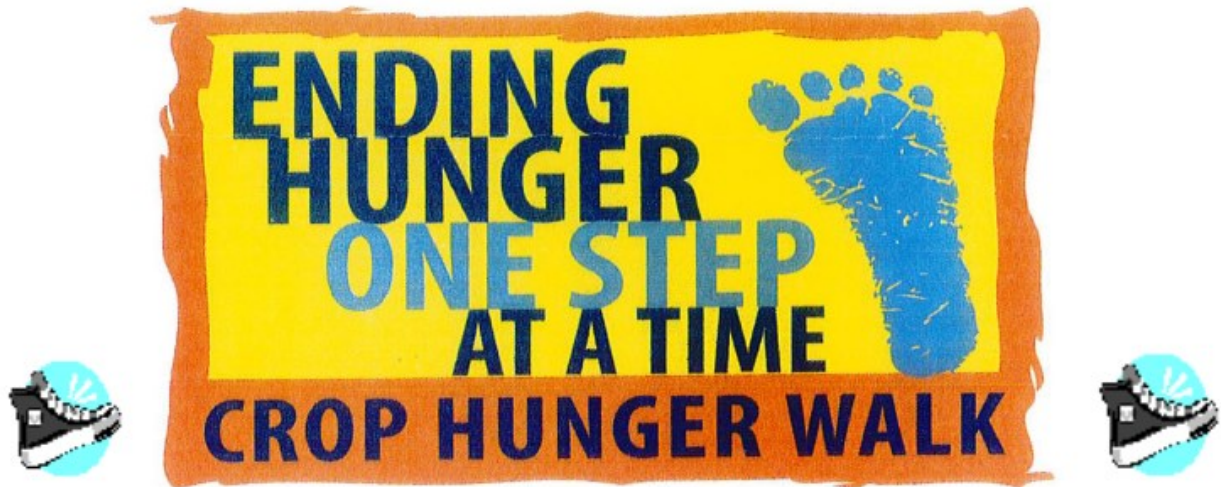
MEMBER NEWS -

BOOK CLUB - The October selection for our book club was Erik Larson's "The Splendid and the Vile"; the fascinating saga of Churchill, family and defiance during the Blitz. Despite missing several members, we had a great discussion while sipping English tea and eating Pirouettes. Please join us on November 2nd at 2pm to discuss "Sunflower Sisters" by Martha Hall Kelly!



QUILTING - The Shepherd's Flock Quilters generally meet at 10 a.m. each Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. We invite everyone to join us. Please contact Barbara Abraham by phone, or text at: 203-305-0321 if you wish to come on Monday morning. Contact Ellie Noll by phone at: 203-888-7009, or Eileen Holleran by phone at: 203-426-0005 if you wish to come on Wednesday. If you prefer Saturday, please text Donna Duessel at: 203-482-5598. There is no limit to the number of people at this time, but we would like to ensure that someone will definitely be there to work with you. If you can tie a knot, you can do this! A variety of talents can be used; we are happy to show you how to sew tops, tie, trim, and design tops if you wish to join us.





CROP Hunger Walk No. 47

Sunday, October 17, 2021

at 1:30 – 4:00 pm for 2+ mile walk (Rain or Shine)

at United Congregational Church
2200 North Avenue, Bridgeport, CT

25 % of monies raised goes to hunger related programs in the Bridgeport Area.

For more information, call 203-375-1284. www.crophungerwalk.org



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

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.



ITEMS NEEDED AT THE MONROE FOOD PANTRY

At the Monroe Food Pantry, we strive to consistently provide healthy food options for our clients. We accept and appreciate all donations, and encourage **low sodium, low sugar, low saturated fat, vegetarian, and whole wheat** selections when possible. This helps our clients manage and prevent chronic diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease.

- bread crumbs
- instant potatoes
- egg noodles
- pasta
- pasta sauce
- macaroni & cheese
- healthy snack items
- hot and cold cereal
- tuna
- canned chicken
- brown/white rice
- pancake mix & syrup
- peanut butter
- jams and jellies
- canned soup
- canned pasta
- salad dressing
- condiments
- baked beans
- refried beans
- broths and stocks
- canned fruit
- canned chili
- canned tomatoes
- canned beans & vegetables
- Ensure
- juice
- hot chocolate
- baking supplies: sugar, flour, brownie and cake mix
- decaf and regular: ground coffee, instant coffee
- decaf and regular: black tea, green tea
- Hamburger Helper, Knorr products, Ramen
- household cleaning supplies
- personal hygiene products
- feminine hygiene products
- frozen vegetables, and fresh produce
- pet food





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World Hunger focus 2021 - Rwanda & Malawi

This story below of Dahabu tells about one of six projects that our donations will support. We will match up to \$100 for each congregation, thanks to the generosity of the estate of the Rev. Robert & Rosalie Griesse; Emanuel, Hartford and the World Hunger Team. Please note "WH Rwanda & Malawi 2021" in the memo line of check donations, which may be sent to the New England Synod, PO Box 13, Worcester, MA 01614. You may also give online at www.nelutheran.org/donate and indicate "WH Rwanda & Malawi 2021" in the special instructions.

We, New England Lutherans, Can Help with these Projects!

Malawi: Primary Education Project

Dahabu, a 3rd grade student who is 9 years old, was ready to drop out of school because he was withdrawn, isolated from his peers & ridiculed because of mouth odor. No one wanted to play with him or sit with him. After the Malawi Lutheran Church started a Health Club at his school, his teacher encouraged him to join. There he learned about cleaning his teeth each day. He shares: "The Lutheran Church helped me. I would have dropped out of school because of a simple problem. Now I'm a happy person."

Financial News -

Financial Statements -

Roy Remlin has printed out Financial Statements for our members. You can get yours by stopping by the wood table in the narthex when you are at the Church. If you are not able to get to Church and need your statement, please contact Stephanie in the office to request that it be mailed out.

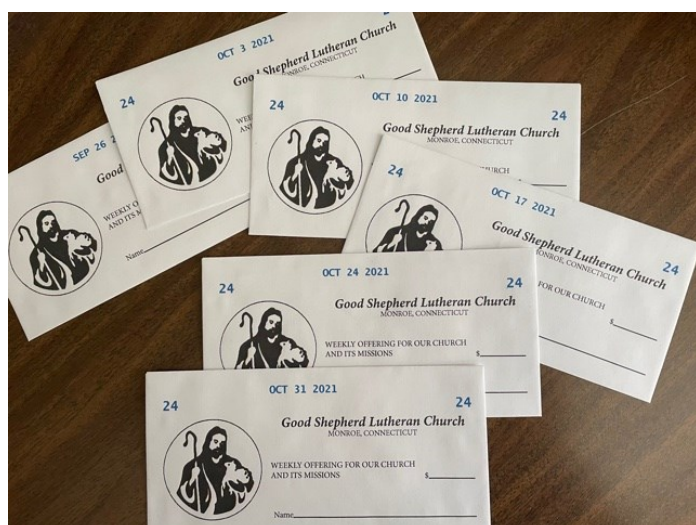
VANCO - a secure ELCA preferred online giving platform -

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!



*** Our offerings are down significantly. If you are able to donate, any amount would be very helpful and much appreciated!**

Sunday, October 10, 2021 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm 90:12-17 (12)

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31



Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."