



**Evangelical Lutheran  
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## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, May 25, 2022

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

### **From Pastor Doug -**

“A cry was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children and she would not be comforted because they are no more.”

Jeremiah 31:15

We, of all congregations, understand and are of one heart with those families in Uvalde, Texas. It is time though, to do, rather than offer “thoughts and prayers”. The followers of Jesus must use our power as citizens to write our elected leaders, to let our voices be heard, to elect leaders who will act to end the carnage we are becoming numb and helpless to.

Let us also keep in mind and in care, our own Sandy Hook affected families who will have their trauma awakened by the Uvalde killings.

How can we live in a country where elected leaders vote against emergency baby formula, but won't vote to ban AR-15's and body armor...military grade weapons available to the public?

“To remain silent is to speak. Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. God will not hold us guiltless.”

-Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer



## **Worship Information -**

**We currently have two regular in person Worship Services per week. They are held on Sundays at 8am and 10:30am. (On June 12th, we will go to our Summer schedule, which will be one service at 9:30am.)**

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 no longer required at any time \***

**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 -**

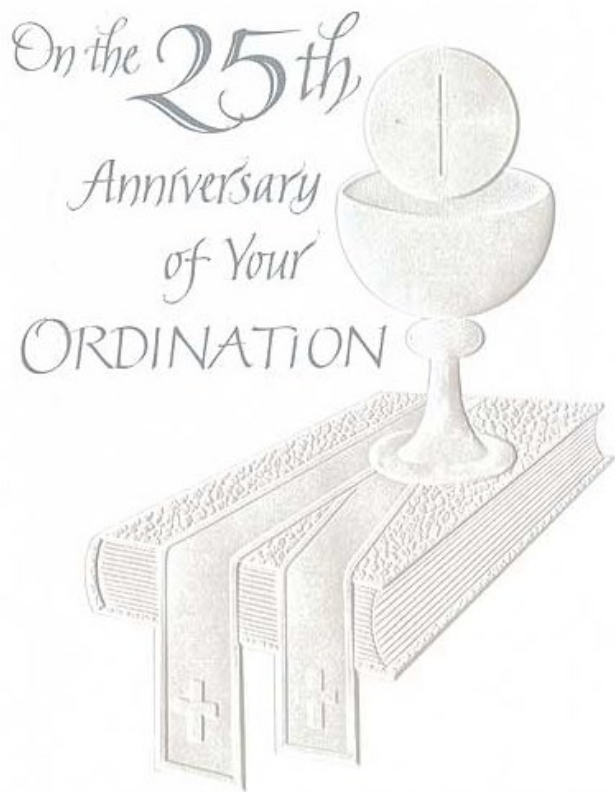
**Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Audrey, Miriam, Kathy, 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)



**Pastor Doug will soon be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination.**

Please join us in Worship on June 12th at 9:30am. Afterwards, we will mark the momentous day with a cake for Pastor.

It would be extra special for Pastor if each member would bring him a card, or note of appreciation that day, so please consider doing so. Thank you!

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**\* Christine Wesche's Mother, Janet Scribe, passed away on May 19th. She was 91 years old and loved by many. Prayers to the family and may Janet rest in peace.**



Christine Wesche  
Family

May 23, 2022

Mom and Dad, you are together once again. We love and miss you both more than words can ever convey...

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**6/1/22 - Golden Hill Community Supper.** See Peg Wesche for more info, or sign up in the narthex to join the carpool.

**6/12/22 - Summer schedule will begin, which means one service will be held on Sundays at 9:30am. Also, Pastor's 25th Anniversary will be celebrated and the Blessing of Quilts will take place.**

**6/18/22 - We will sponsor another Red Cross Blood Drive.** Please sign up to donate and help spread the word!

**6/26/22 - Outdoor Worship & Annual Church Picnic at Wolfe Park.** Please save the date and plan to join us for worship, food and fun!

\* **Choir practice** - every Sunday at 9:30am.

\* **Book Club** - There will not be a meeting in June, sorry!

\* **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!



**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!



## HELP NEEDED -



On June 18th, Good Shepherd will be the site of a Red Cross Blood Drive. We are in need of someone to unlock the building for them at around 6:30am that morning. No need to stay after that, so it should be an easy job. Please reach out to Donna, or contact the office if you are interested, or need more information. Thanks!

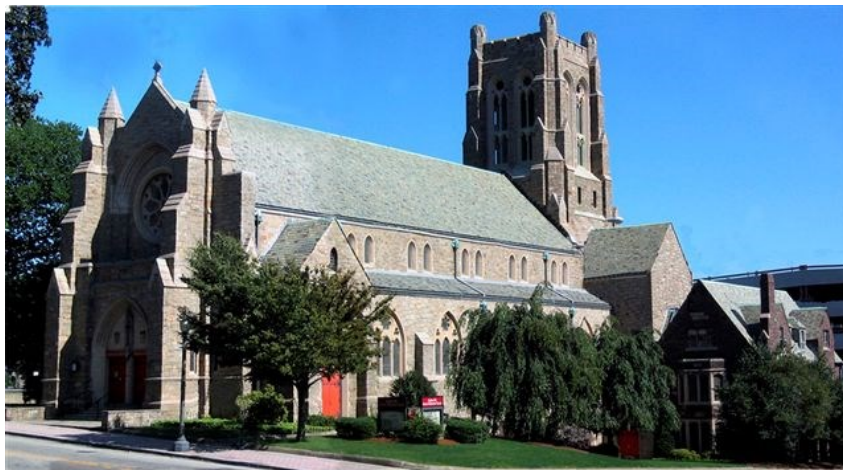


**American  
Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*

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## Golden Hill Community Supper -



On June 1st, Good Shepherd will help serve the needy at the Golden Hill Community Supper. Please reach out to Peg Wesche to join the carpool, or get more information! Signups are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## Quilt Raffle -

Here's a win/win opportunity: Help defray the costs of fabric, batting and shipping, while taking a chance to win a quilt of your choice.

Good Shepherd's quilting ministry, led by our capable and talented Ellie Noll, has for many years been sending quilts worldwide through Lutheran World Relief to help warm and comfort those in need. The quilts, made throughout the year by many helpful and willing hands, will be blessed at the church on June 12th. The winner of the raffle will be drawn at that time and will have the pleasure of having "the pick of the litter". Please see Eileen Holleran to purchase your tickets. They cost \$2 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 3 tickets, or \$10 for 7 tickets. They will also be available at the in person worship services from May 15th, until June 12th.



### Quilting News --

1. The Lutheran World Relief truck is coming the last week in June or first week in July. Other quilt groups will be bringing boxed quilts and health kits to us.
2. We will begin selling raffle tickets for the quilt of your choice from May 15 to June 12.
3. Blessing of the quilts will happen on June 12, when church will be at 9:30 a.m.
4. We expect to have about 100 quilts and will be sending 10 of them to Paducah, KY, for the House in a Box program for victims of the December tornado.
5. If you have boxes for us to use in packing the quilts, please put them in the back of Gibiser Hall in early June.



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May 16, 2022

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Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your recent gift in the amount of \$695, in memory of Laura Wang & Hedy Hutchings and earmarked for a special needs campership. Your gift is vitally important and makes Calumet stronger and better situated to meet need. The needs are real and they are varied. In terms of our guests, the need is mostly in the area of financial assistance for the younger ones attending the Resident Camp for Kids. That is the primary use of the funds we receive from people like you. But there are other needs, too, such as the need for enhancing programs, the need for fixes or facelifts to our facilities, and the need to respond to an emergency situation that periodically arises. Thank you for your gift. You are part of why Calumet is prepared for the unknowns to come.

In the last couple of years, Calumet has been trying incredibly hard to be as normal as possible. Guests have been exceedingly understanding and responsive to the changes we've implemented. Everyone knows that Calumet Nation makes adjustments when we must for the sake of safety and goodness. Calumet has enjoyed (almost) total support from the community. Thank you. And for the very few who have not been able to understand the complexities that exist requiring our extra special care to our programs — well, it is what it is. We hope those very few will come to see, someday, that there is incredible value in placing the safety and needs of the whole above the desires of a few.

The idea of the whole ... of the group ... of the congregation ... of the community — this is holy stuff. God created community. Jesus pointed to care for the other over oneself. The Spirit pushes us to explore who we are as part of the world and to determine how best we can participate in the bigger picture right from where we are. And this is what Calumet is all about. Calumet is about holy relationships — the relationship each one has with God and the relationships we have with one another. Leaders here work hard to create the conditions for people to explore and deepen these relationships. We know that faithful connections and strong friendships can be among the important resources we have when we hit a snag in life. Calumet people, however long they've been visiting here, feel those connections and friendships deeply.

Your gift helps people feel connected. Thank you ever so much for your important support. It matters now more than ever. Boom Chicka Boom!

Sincerely,

Kriste Ogren  
Director of Development

Thank you to our friends  
at Good Shepherd for  
your wonderful gift!

For tax purposes, we confirm that Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of New England, Inc., which owns and operates Calumet Lutheran Ministries, has provided no goods or services in return for your contribution.



## 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.

### In May, the Food Pantry can use the following items:

Cooking oil  
Egg noodles  
Sugar  
Flour  
Snacks (chips/cookies/crackers/nuts)  
Jarred pasta sauce  
Canned fruit (applesauce, pineapple, peaches, mandarin oranges)  
Solid white tuna  
Canned beans (pinto, black, chickpeas, cannellini, kidney)  
Brownie mix  
Sugar  
Flour  
Corn muffin mix  
Ketchup/mustard/mayo/bbq sauce  
Salad dressing (Balsamic/blue cheese/French/Italian/ranch/Thousand Island)  
Crunchy peanut butter  
Grape and strawberry jelly  
Instant potatoes  
Bread crumbs (Italian and regular)  
Ramen (chicken/beef/shrimp)  
Baked beans  
Progresso soups (vegetable/Clam Chowder/lentil/split pea)  
Chicken and beef broth  
Coffee (regular and decaf)  
Tea (regular and decaf)  
Juice (apple/cranberry/V-8)





## 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!

## Financial Statements -

**New Financial Statements** are available on the wood table in the narthex. They cover the period through 4/30/22. If you can not get to Church and need yours mailed, please contact the office.

## 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, May 29, 2022 - Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97 (12)

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26



### **Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

### **John 17:20-26**

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."