

**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, March 30, 2022

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

Holy Week is coming up very soon.

Please see our revised schedule below and add these dates to your calendar! We look forward to worshipping with all of our members during this sacred and special time.



4/10/22 - Palm Sunday Services at 8am & 10:30am.



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



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



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



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 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. 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, 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



COVENANT TO CARE EASTER BASKETS -



There's one name tag left on the clipboard in the narthex if you would like to donate an Easter basket to one of our Covenant to Care kids. Please PRINT your name and phone number on the list next to the child's name, and attach the corresponding gift tag to the basket you wish to donate.

Baskets are due on Palm Sunday, April 10. Thanks to all who are participating!

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE -



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

GSLC was the site of a Red Cross Blood Drive last weekend. We are happy to report that all blood donation slots were filled and our drive was a success! A huge thank you to Bob McFarland and Sue Chin for volunteering to set up and close down this event!!!



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

4/5/22 - Book Club at 2pm. The selection is, "Finding Chika", by Mitch Albom.

4/6/22 - Community Supper at Golden Hill.

4/10/22 - Palm Sunday Services at 8am and 10:30am.

4/10/22 - Sunday School & Confirmation classes held at 9:15am.

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*** 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!

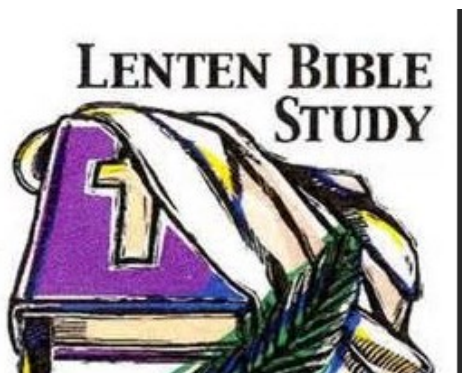
*** Golden Hill Community Supper -**



Our next Community Supper is on Wednesday, April 6th. If you are interested in donating your time to prep and serve food to the less fortunate, there are still a few slots open! If you would like more information, please speak to Peg Wesche, or call the office. The sign up form is hanging on the bulletin board in the narthex.

* Lenten Bible Study -

LAST CLASS OF THE SERIES - Please join Pastor Doug by Zoom on Wednesday, 3/30/22, at 7pm to discuss "The Parables Of Jesus"! This will be our last class, so don't miss out!



*** PLEASE SEE OUR EMAIL NEWSLETTER,
OR CHECK OUR PRIVATE FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR THE ZOOM LINK.**

* Easter Flowers -

We will have Easter Lilies and other Spring flowers decorating the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to contribute to the "Easter Flower Fund", please contribute by Palm Sunday, April 10th. The suggested donation is \$10. All members that donate, are welcome to take a plant home after the Easter Services.

Please see the bulletin board, or table in the narthex for *Easter Flower Fund" envelopes.



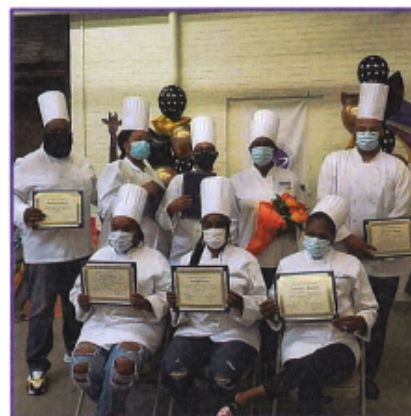
The Rev. Doug Ryniewicz
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
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Dear Rev. Ryniewicz and members of the congregation,

Thank you so much for supporting The Council of Churches with your generous donation of \$1,000 on March 1, 2022. We are grateful for your consistent partnership!

Your gift makes it possible to:

- Provide intervention for youth and families in crisis through the Janus Center.
- Supply Howard, our Street Outreach Worker, with the resources of food and essential needs to homeless youth, to help get them off the streets and into stable housing.
- Supply fresh produce through our Mobile Market Truck to many, including senior citizens and college students.
- Provide free culinary training to low income residents giving them the opportunity for food industry employment.



THANK YOU for being part of this ministry, and helping us bring healthy food, safety, support, and new opportunities to those we serve!

With gratitude,

Tom Larson

Tom Larson
Interim President and Chief Executive Officer

*Rev Ryniewicz & members of Good Shepard .
Thank you for your contribution and
your on-going support of the Council .*

Tom

We acknowledge that no goods or services were provided in exchange for your donation.

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SAVE THESE DATES

New England Women of the ELCA 12th Biennial Convention

Camp Calumet Conference Center – Freedom, NH

OCTOBER 27-29, 2022

- Rejoice in the community of women
- Voices raised in praise and thanksgiving
- Awaken the spirit.
- Become empowered *

SCRIPTURE EXPLORED ♥ PRAYER ♥ WORSHIP ♥ JOYFUL SINGING
♥ SHARING OF IDEAS & STORIES ♥ JUST FOR FUN ACTIVITIES.

As women we are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ

Special guest Bishop James Hazelwood

New England Synod, ELCA

The New England Women of the ELCA Board has approved gifts of \$100 to help lower the cost for each attendee (est. cost \$250. max. for 2 nights, 6 meals). Attendees must contact President Alice Carlson by May 1st to request this convention gift.

Please contact Alice Carlson, president, by May 1st, 2022. by phone (H) 508-697-3445, or email Alice at alycarlson99@gmail.com

Please post for all women of your congregation.

*MORE DETAILS COMING SOON



GSLC Members and Friends,

Our deadline for collecting matching funds for Ukraine is quickly approaching! Thank you to all that have already donated and helped to turn our \$4000 for Ukraine, into \$8000. If you haven't contributed yet, but are willing and able, please mail, or bring your donation to GSLC by 4/10/22 with a notation to send it to LWR/Ukraine-Match. 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!!!

YOUR GIFT WILL BE DOUBLED

Thanks to the leading generosity of Nelsonville Lutheran Church and Peace Lutheran Church in Amherst, WI — and now joined by incredible congregations across the country — all congregational gifts given through Lutheran World Relief will be doubled — up to **\$422,000!**

Your love will provide food, shelter and emergency funds for refugees impacted by the Ukraine crisis. We expect that our 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, we will be air-lifting Mission Quilts and Personal Care Kits already pre-positioned in our Dubai warehouse.** These urgently needed supplies will reach Ukrainian families who have fled for safety.

Gifts can be made online 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.



**GOOD SHEPHERD
FOUNDATION**

*** Please do not forget GSLC's Lenten pledge to help the people of Haiti, by supporting TGSF / Haiti!**



The Good Shepherd Foundation (TGSF) of Haiti is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization working in Artibonite Valley within the community of Chevreau Lombard, Haiti. Since 2011, The Good Shepherd Foundation focuses on providing quality healthcare within, and in the surrounding rural communities of Chevreau Lombard.

Our goal is to help rural communities become more sustainable through healthcare services, related educational programs, improvements in clean water and sanitation. We will achieve this by working with community leaders, local community groups, and national and local Haitian agencies.

GSLC YOUTH MEMBER TO AID UKRAINE -

My name is Kylah Baron and I am an 8th grade student at Madison Middle School. I am also a Girl Scout. For my Silver Award project, I am making bracelets with Ukrainian colors and sunflower charms. I would like to sell them and give the proceeds to Lutheran World Relief to aid the people of Ukraine during this difficult time. I would like to collect \$5 per bracelet, but I am happy to take donations of higher amounts. 100% of the money is going towards the charity. **I will be at GSLC on April 3rd before and after the 10:30am service with my collection.** If you cannot make it but would like a bracelet, you can contact me through my mother's email at: KEBaron@aol.com and I can set one aside for you. Thank you for supporting my project and this important need.



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.



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, April 3, 2022 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prayer of the Day: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126 (5)

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8



Philippians 3:4b-14

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."