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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, September 21, 2022

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

Fall will be upon us tomorrow. Enjoy the season!





Worship Information -

*** On September 11th, we began recognizing our Fall schedule. That means there will be 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.

*** 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. 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, Bill C's Family, Todd, Nicolette, Mike's family, Kelly, Sue, Andrea, A, Robert, Kathy, Beverly, Doree, Amy, Mark, 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



Our regular Fall Worship schedule has started back up. There are two services on Sundays. Please choose from the 8am, or 10:30am service.

9/25/22 - Sunday School and Confirmation classes will be held at 9:15am. (and also on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.)

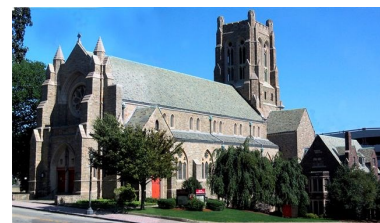
10/4/22 - Book Club at 2pm. We will discuss "The Postscript Murders", by Elly Griffiths. Please join us!

10/5/22 - Community Supper at Golden Hill. Sign ups are in the narthex.

*** Choir practice** will be at 9:30am.

*** 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!

OCTOBER COMMUNITY SUPPER -



On Wednesday, October 5th, GSLC will help out at the next Golden Hill Community Supper. Please contact Peg Wesche if you need more information, or would like to join the carpool. The sign up sheet is hanging in the narthex.





MEMBER UPDATE -

Thanks to all of our members that came out last Sunday for worship and breakfast! Also, a huge thanks to the members that worked on the breakfast and made this event possible! It was reported that the food was delicious and everyone enjoyed themselves! It is so wonderful to be able to get together for these types of activities again!



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -

Financial Statements are still available on the wood table in the narthex. **They cover the period through 8/31/22.**

If you can not get to Church and need yours mailed, please contact the office.



1st Annual Shop 'N Eat Flea Market & Food Truck Festival

Sponsored by the Monroe Food Pantry



September 25th 10 AM – 3 PM

*****Rain or Shine***

at Monroe's Masuk High School

Admission: \$2/Car

Cost for flea market vendors only \$25

Featured Food Truck Vendors:

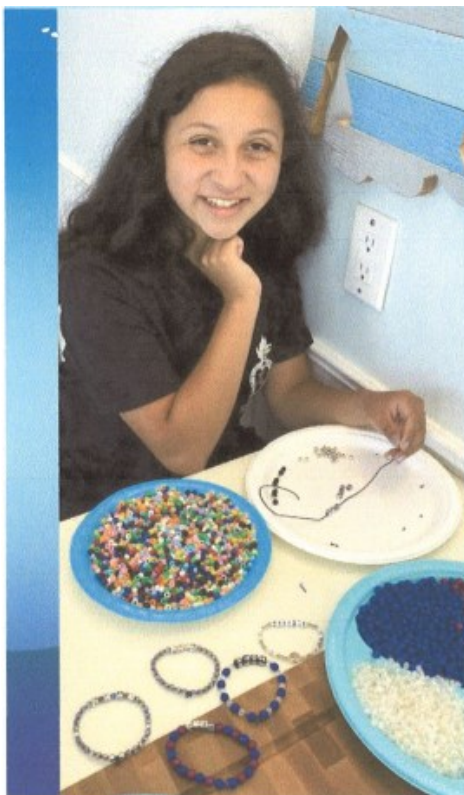
Backwoods Dawgz & Catering

The Coop

Szabo's Seafood

*If you are interested in being a food truck vendor or flea market vendor,
email Julie Banks at jbanks@monroect.org.*

Applications are available on the Monroe Food Pantry's Facebook page



Dear Good Shepherd,

I am going for my Gold Award in Girl Scouts and for the past three months I have been doing extensive research regarding the horrific **global human trafficking crisis**. I am working with several organizations and have created a **Create a Tidal Wave** awareness campaign that I pray will help spark widespread awareness. I believe that we are all ripples that can make a difference and hopefully can create a tidal wave that can **SAVE LIVES**. For my campaign I am creating awareness bracelets/key chains, giving lectures, hosting a **40.3 Awareness Walk**, making pamphlets and an informational video. Please come to my **lecture on November 20th** here at Good Shepherd and to my **40.3 Awareness Walk on October 23rd at noon** at Our Saviour's Church in Fairfield. Even if you can't walk the 40.3 minutes, please come and support this important cause.

Thank you so much!

Samara

October 23rd - 40.3 Awareness Walk at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Fairfield

November 20th - Create a Tidal Wave lecture at Good Shepherd

40.3 Human Trafficking Awareness Walk



Be the Ripple of Awareness!

Come join us on October 23rd at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Fairfield at 12:00 pm for a 40.3 minute walk to create awareness of the estimated 40.3 million people enslaved globally today.

Knowledge is power and awareness is key!

Together, by spreading awareness about this crisis, we can

CREATE a TIDAL WAVE
and
SAVE LIVES!

160 Hill Farm Road, Fairfield, CT 203.255.0545

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 September Needs -

Please see below and note what the pantry is currently in need of. We are completely out of, or extremely low on the items that have a star next to them. Thanks again for your continued support!

- Juice (apple, cranberry, etc.)*
- Condiments (especially mayo*)
- Canned Vegetables
- Grape Jelly, Strawberry Jam*
- Hamburger Helper, Knorr Pasta/Rice Sides, Macaroni & Cheese
- Egg Noodles*
- White rice*
- Oatmeal (instant or original, flavored, etc.)*
- Breadcrumbs
- Beef or shrimp ramen*
- Canned Tomatoes (crushed, whole, diced, stewed, paste)
- Chicken, Beef, or Vegetable Broth
- Cooking Oil*
- Canned Fruit (regular or low sugar - preferably in juice)
- Canned Beans, especially baked
- 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 – we particularly low on bar soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner**
- Household cleaning supplies



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, September 25, 2022 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day: O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalms 146 (7)

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31



1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"