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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, October 5, 2022

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



Asking Questions

Asking questions was central to Jesus' teaching.

One author has calculated that in the gospels, Jesus asks 307 questions, but answers only three. I haven't done the count myself, but it doesn't sound unlikely. I'm always shocked and dismayed when folks in their 70's and 80's tell me that when they were way back in Confirmation Class, "Pastor didn't allow questions." How could this be?

An old adage is that "He came to take away sin, not your brain." I agree. But questions go deeper than our intellect. Questions can come from and transform the heart and they can deepen our relationship with God.

What questions are you living with now? The poet, Rilke, suggests we first try to love the questions ourselves. Then living the answers becomes possible.

Asking questions is not just a way of understanding the world, it's a way of changing it.

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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.

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, Hassinger Family, Lane Family, Lee Family, Desi, 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 is in effect. There are two services on Sundays. Please choose from the 8am, or 10:30am service.

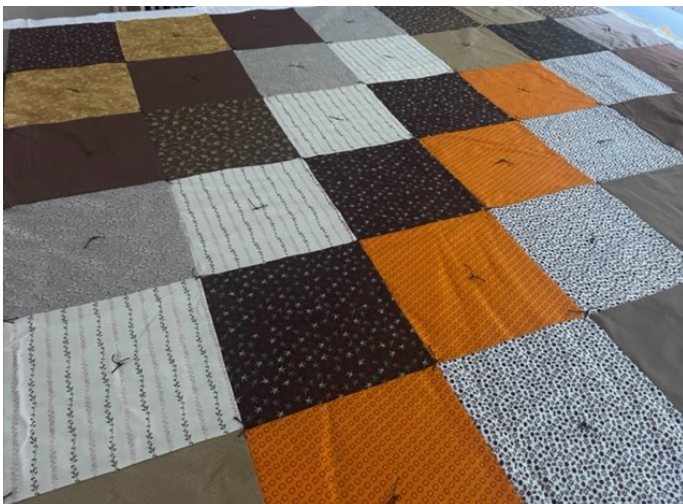
10/5/22 - Community Supper at Golden Hill. Sign ups are in the narthex.

10/9/22 & 10/23/22 - Sunday School and Confirmation classes will be held at 9:15am. (and every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.)

10/30/22 - Reformation Sunday. Please join us at 9:30am to bake and eat symbolic and delicious "Reformation Pretzels".

*** Choir practice - *NO CHOIR THIS WEEKEND***, but usually held on Sundays at 9:30am.

*** Shepherd's Flock Quilters** - generally meet at 10am each Monday, and Saturday. **QUILTING WILL NO LONGER TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAYS.** * For quilting on Mondays, please contact Barbara by phone, or text at: 203-305-0321. If you prefer to quilt on a Saturday, please text Donna Duessel at: 203-482-5598. Everyone is welcome!



GOOD SHEPHERD IS UPDATING OUR FILES -

***COPIES OF THIS FORM WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX. PLEASE COMPLETE ONE AND PLACE IN THE "COMPLETED FORMS" BOX. THANK YOU!**

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We are updating our files and hope you can help! Kindly fill out this form and email, mail, or bring it in to the GSLC office at your earliest convenience! Thanks for your attention!

Name _____

Household Family Members' Names _____

Address _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number(s) _____

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FORGET YOUR PAST MISTAKES

READ Isaiah 43:16-21

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

— Isaiah 43:18 (NIV)

A few years after completing my civil engineering degree, I prayed and fasted in the hope that God would provide me with a job with a multinational company. God answered me, and I was offered a wonderful opportunity; but it was not exactly what I had hoped for. Naively, I rejected the position.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
God is always doing a new thing in my life.

As years passed, I began to look back in regret. I realized I had missed a great opportunity in the job I rejected. I began to see myself as a failure because I

struggled to secure another job and support my family.

But when I came across this scripture, it spoke to me. I decided to forget my past mistakes and move ahead. I have learned my lessons, so I should move on. I chose to believe God's promise, and this brought a new energy to my life.

When we live in the past, we may miss out on greater things. We can learn from our past mistakes, but we shouldn't dwell on them. Similarly, it is good to be happy about our past achievements, but we shouldn't dwell on them either. God is always making things new, and when we place our trust in Christ, we can hold on to the hope of the beautiful things that are still to come.

Prayer: Dear God, give us wisdom not to dwell on our past mistakes. Heal our wounds and do a new thing in our lives. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Amobichukwu Samuel Duruaku (Rivers State, Nigeria)

— See back cover.

"Angel Aid for Florida"

Mobilizing our efforts to help the
children and families in Ft. Myers, Florida



WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT NOW !

Dear Angels -

The children and families of Florida need our help....Now !
Once again, as Angels we cannot sit on the sidelines having witnessed
the devastation of Hurricane Ian and not work to help whomever we can.

In the past hours...we have connected with a partner in Ft. Myers that will
work with us to provide essential, critical aid. Al's Angels Aid will be
organized in several stages.

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A COMPLETE *Thanksgiving* DINNER JUST \$2.50!

Breakfast, Lunch or Thanksgiving Dinner – Still Just \$2.50!

Thanks to generous partners in our communities, Bridgeport Rescue Mission can provide a wholesome, home-cooked meal for just \$2.50.

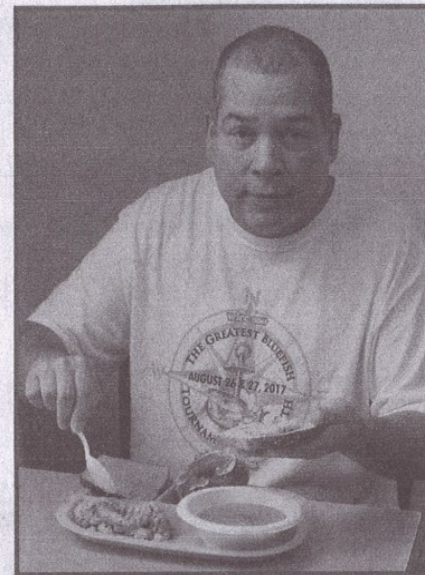
That's pretty amazing when you consider the cost of a dinner in a restaurant these days... or even the price of a single cup of coffee!

Throughout the Thanksgiving season, you can help Bridgeport Rescue Mission provide thousands of these great meals – with turkey and all the trimmings!

Please join with us! Your \$2.50 can provide a meal that is a turning point to someone who's lost hope, because our food comes along with care and counseling that can lead to lasting life change.

And if you think that's amazing, imagine what your gift of \$25 or \$50 or even \$100 can do for someone like Orlando (pictured at right).

Learn more at
BridgeportRescueMission.org.



Orlando, a Bridgeport Rescue Mission guest

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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.

*October Monroe Food Pantry Needs -

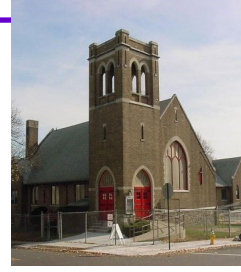
- Juice (apple, cranberry, etc.)
- Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup
- Canned Vegetables (corn, carrots, olives, peas, green beans, etc.)
- Canned Beans (kidney, pinto, chickpeas, cannellini, black)
- Grape Jelly, Strawberry Jam
- Hamburger Helper, Knorr Pasta/Rice Sides, Macaroni & Cheese
- Egg Noodles
- Rice (brown or white)
- Hot & Cold Cereal
- Breadcrumbs (Italian or regular)
- Canned Tomatoes (crushed, whole, diced, stewed, paste)
- Chicken, Beef, or Vegetable Broth
- Cooking Oil
- Canned Fruit (regular or low sugar - preferably in juice)
- Baked Beans, Refried Beans, Pork and Beans, Chili with or without beans
- 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 - including feminine hygiene products. We are particularly low on bars of soap, toothpaste, floss, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant
- *Household cleaning supplies



Any donation is appreciated. Thank you!



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!

*** 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.

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, October 9, 2022 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

2 Kings 5:1-3;7-15c

Psalms 111 (1)

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19



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Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."