

**Evangelical Lutheran  
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## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, January 19, 2022

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

### **To those of you primarily worshipping with the recorded Service...**

How is it for you, does it help you to pray?

What in this Service helps you?

Do you have ideas on what we could do, or do more of, to help you have a nourishing faith experience with this way of worship?

Please drop us an email and let us know. Vic, Reed, Kylie, our soloists and I find it very meaningful to create this Service!

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PD

\* **For the Winter months ahead** - if you see a "Winter Weather Advisory" on your iPhone, or on the news, please consider that Worship may be cancelled. Feel free to call PD, Donna, or any member of the Worship Committee if you are in doubt. Please don't assume. We will post Worship changes on the Good Shepherd - Monroe Facebook page. If feasible, we will also make efforts to call our members.

Stay healthy and safe this Winter!



## Worship Information -



**We have two in person Worship Services per week. They are held on Sundays at 8am and 10:30am. When joining us for indoor Worship, please follow Covid safe protocols, which include:**

Members should opt for KN95, N95, or surgical masks, rather than cloth masks. Masks MUST be worn in the building at all times, over the mouth and nose. Social distance should be observed in the Sanctuary and Narthex. (Lobby area) On the way to Communion, please follow the taped crosses on the floor of the center aisle. Choir will not sing, but members may hum, or softly sing hymns while remaining fully masked. Please do your part in helping keep our members safe!

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](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.

## Prayer List -



*He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

*Psalm 147 vs. 3*

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

**Audrey, Miriam, Scarlet and Ryan.**

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

Simply email the person's first name to the church office at [office@gslc-ct.org](mailto:office@gslc-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.

**Do you have something you would like to discuss with Pastor Doug?**

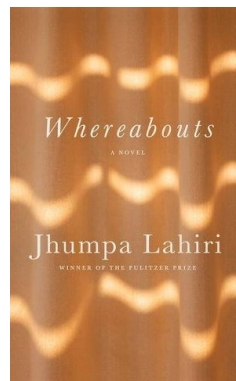
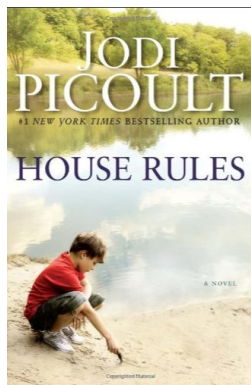
Should you be in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Doug Ryniewicz. You can reach him by text, or phone at: 860-595-9560. His email is: [dearynos@gmail.com](mailto:dearynos@gmail.com)



**Regular Worship schedule** - Sunday Services are held at 8am and 10:30am. (\* If the weather is bad, please check our Facebook page, or call a member of Worship & Music to see if there is a schedule change.)

**1/23/22 - Sunday School & Confirmation classes** held at 9:15am.

**2/1/22 - Book Club at 2pm.** We will discuss "House Rules", by Jodi Picoult. We will also try to squeeze in a brief discussion of "Whereabouts", the book club that was cancelled for January. Please join us!



**Choir Practice** - Currently suspended, due to the Covid surge.

**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!

## Church Council News -

Thank  
You

The Council thanks Vic Noll for his many years of service as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee. Under Vic's leadership, the committee created standard practices to manage the church's finances. Vic will continue to serve on The Finance Committee.

The Council also thanks Renee Shoop and Riley Immel for their service on the Council.

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## Community Supper -



Golden Hill Methodist Church  
Bridgeport, CT

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Eight volunteers are needed to help prep and serve meals on **February 2nd** at approximately 2:30pm. Join the carpool headed to Golden Hill Methodist! The sign up sheet is hanging in the narthex. Feel free to contact Peg Wesche, or call the office for more details!



New England 7B



**President, Alice Carlson, and Board members of SWO 7B  
Invite you to a Zoom Bible Study**

Dear Good Shepherd ,

Please join us for a gathering of women to study and share.

Email to register by Feb. 3rd

New England 7B



# JUST LOVE

Zoom Bible Study February 5, 2022

FEB. 5<sup>th</sup>

10 to 11:30 am

Zoom

- ☒ Informal check in followed by
- ☒ Bible Study based on 1 John 4: 7,8
- ☒ For Zoom Link: email Liz Burgess at [eburg.subscribe@gmail.com](mailto:eburg.subscribe@gmail.com)
- ☒ register by February 3, 2022 to receive the Zoom link.



**Rev. Dr. Kathleen Mills**

Pastor Kathleen is a gifted preacher and teacher, sharing her Biblical knowledge with adults and children. Pastor Kathleen Mills serves Holy Trinity ELCA, Trumbull, CT.

# Interfaith Prayer and Remembrance

For those people killed in Bridgeport in 2021

Thursday, January 27, 2022, 12:30 – 1:15 PM

at McLevy Green, Bridgeport

*(corner of Main St. and State St)*



Members of all faiths are invited to join us, **MASKS and SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED**. We will remember those who were killed, and pray for their families, their friends, and the city of Bridgeport, for an end to gun violence, and for peace.

Sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition of Greater Bridgeport  
For more information, contact Frank Basler ( [frank.basler@gmail.com](mailto:frank.basler@gmail.com)) or  
The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport ( [info@ccgb.org](mailto:info@ccgb.org))



## 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's needs for January include:

Oatmeal (regular and instant – original flavor or any variety)

Snack items (crackers, chips, nuts, etc.)

Strawberry jelly

Olives (canned)

Jarred pasta sauce

Solid white tuna

Coffee (regular and decaf)

Black tea (regular and decaf)

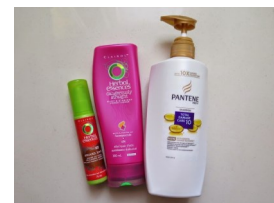
Hot chocolate

Ramen noodles (chicken/beef/shrimp)

Paper towels

Cleaning supplies

Toiletries (deodorant/bar and hand soap/shampoo and conditioner/razors)



**As always, thank you for your generosity and support!**



## 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!

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## FINANCIAL NEWS -



**\*\*2022 Envelope boxes for the new year are available and can be picked up on the wood table in the narthex.**

## 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, January 23, 2022 - Third Sunday After Epiphany

**Prayer of the Day:** Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19 (7)

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21



### 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

### Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”