



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, July 20, 2022

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

FROM PD -



* Correction - Last week, we asked the Congregation to keep Kristen Baron, and her family in your prayers, as her beloved mother passed away. Her mother's name was printed as "Nancy Ellen Johnson", but it should have read, "Nancy Ellen Johnson Wogman". We apologize for this error and are still praying for the family.

Worship with Us

Worship Information -

* Good Shepherd is currently on "Summer schedule". This means that one service is held every Sunday at 9:30am. Choir practice is at 8:45am. Please join us!

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 <u>www.gslc-ct.org</u>. Under "News & Events", click on youtube to be directed to our church's YouTube page.

2) Go to our Facebook page <u>https://www.facebook.com/Good-Shepherd-Lutheran-Church-220717937953573/</u> 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 <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> 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:

Cliff Jr., Audrey, Miriam, Andrea, 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



8/2/22 - Book Club at 2pm. See below for details.

8/3/22 - Golden Hill Community Supper. Sign up sheet is in narthex.

* Choir practice - every Sunday at 8:45am.

* **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!

AUGUST BOOK CLUB -





Our next Book Club has been announced. Please join us on August 2nd at 2pm to discuss "The Lions Of Fifth Avenue", by Fiona Davis. All are welcome!

GOLDEN HILL COMMUNITY SUPPER -

Our next opportunity to volunteer at the Golden Hill Community Supper is on August 3rd. Please contact Peg Wesche for more information, or sign up on the sheet hanging in the narthex.





Premier Blood Partners Program

American Red Cross

Here's your 2022 Program Mid- year Recap

Your hard work and dedication helps make our blood supply stronger and more resilient, and we couldn't fulfill our lifesaving mission without partners like you! As a Premier Blood Partner, we know you stand with us in service to your community and patients in need – thank you!

Here's where you stand in our Premier Blood Partner Program this year:

Blood Donations made at your blood drives this year:	62
Number of upcoming blood drives scheduled:	1
Number of donations projected at these drives:	39

Sincerely,





American Red Cross Premier Blood Partners Program

A FUN WAY TO SUPPORT THE MONROE FOOD PANTRY -

come 'Dab and Gab' With US!

Proceeds to Benefit the Monroe Food Pantry <u>When</u>: Thursday, July 28th from 6 until 8 p.m. <u>Where</u>: At the Rotary Pavilion at Wolfe Park *Rain Location: Monroe Senior Center* <u>What</u>: Paint Your Choice of 2 wine glasses or 2 coffee mugs (or one of each)

Door Prizes!

Food Provided By:





Class Instructor is local artist

Susan Wernau

Cost is \$40 per person.

Space is limited to 40 people.

To RSVP, call (203) 452-2817 or email jbanks@monroect.org by July 20



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Monroe Food Pantry



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.

* From the Monroe Food Pantry...

Kids are home for the summer, so we can use several items to help our local families:



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 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, 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, July 24, 2022 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138 (8)

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Luke 11:1-13



Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disgualify vou, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"