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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, October 12, 2022

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

GSLC IS MAKING PIZZA!



On October 15th at 3pm, our GSLC Communion Class kids will be learning about Communion and then making and baking pizza. Everyone is welcome to join the fun! Please RSVP on the sign up sheets in the narthex, or call the office by 11am on Thursday, 10/15, so we can ensure that we have enough food and supplies for everyone!



Worship Information -

*** On September 11th, we began recognizing our Fall schedule. That means there are 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, D.A., Robert, Kathy, Beverly, Doree, Amy, Mark, Scarlet, Ryan, Louis, John, 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.

10/15/22 - At 3pm, our Communion Class kids will be learning about Communion and then making and baking pizza. Everyone is welcome! Sign ups are in the narthex, or call the office to RSVP by 11am on Thursday, 10/13.

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

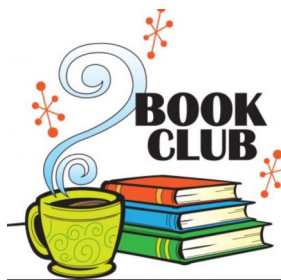
10/30/22 - Reformation Sunday. Please join us at 9:30am to bake and eat symbolic and delicious "Reformation Pretzels".

11/1/22 - Book Club at 2pm. Please see below for details.

*** Choir practice** - held on Sundays at 9:30am.

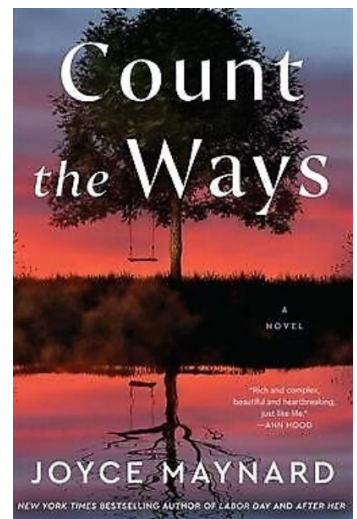
*** Shepherd's Flock Quilters** - generally meet at 10am each Monday, and Saturday. **QUILTING WILL NO LONGER TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAYS.** * For quilting on Mondays, please contact Barbara by phone, or text at: 203-305-0321. If you prefer to quilt on a Saturday, please text Donna Duessel at: 203-482-5598.

November Book Club -



Please join us on November 1st at 2pm.

The Book Club is excited to meet up and discuss "Count The Ways", by Joyce Maynard.



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!**



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) _____

Email Address _____

* Check one

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*Above info for GSLC office use only

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* Permission to give to GSLC members

REMINDER - TRAFFICKING AWARENESS WALK ON 10/23/22



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!

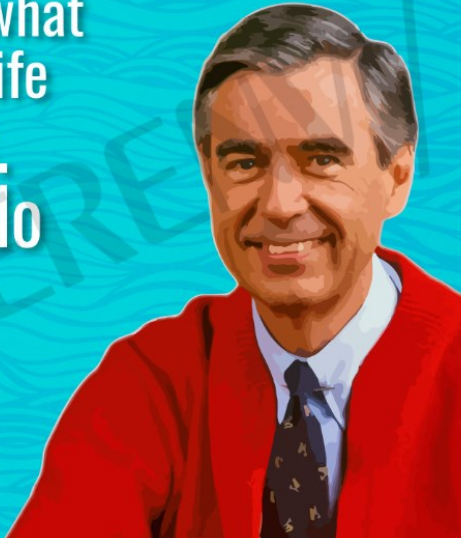
Samara

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

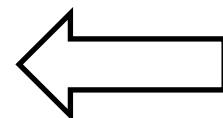
November 20th - Create a Tidal Wave lecture at Good Shepherd

It's not so much what
we have in this life
that matters.
It's what we do
with what
we have.

- Fred Rogers



**Member, Lillian T.
would like us to
remember and reflect on
this quote from Mr.
Rogers.**



Christ in Our Home

October, November, December
2022

Wednesday, October 12

Matthew 10:5-15

Take nothing with you

**As you go, proclaim the good news,
"The kingdom of heaven has come near." (v. 7)**

I never leave my house without my purse, which contains many important things—my wallet, keys, phone, sunglasses, and a snack. When Jesus sends the twelve disciples to proclaim the good news, he instructs them to pack lightly: don't bring any money or extra clothing or even a bag. It's hard to imagine leaving my purse behind when going out into the community. However, Jesus calls us to leave behind these physical things so that we might be freed to enter into new relationships, including interdependence with others.

Jesus neglects (at least here) to mention a few other things we might leave behind—our preconceived notions, our assumptions, our judgments, and our ideas about who is in and who is out. To follow Jesus and proclaim this good news requires that we let go of all these things so that we might make space for the rich possibilities that life in Christ offers—relationship, forgiveness, reconciliation, and more. So leave your purse or backpack or duffel, grab a friend, and proclaim the good news!

**Holy God, you call us to be your disciples.
Now send us out to proclaim your good news. Amen.**

Prayer concern: Your neighbors

Psalm 61; 2 Kings 15:1-7



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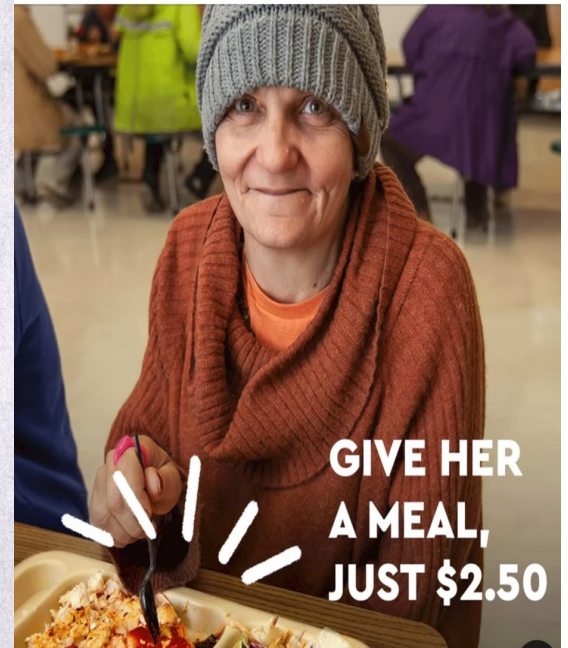
That's pretty amazing when you consider the cost of a dinner in a restaurant these days... or even the price of a single cup of coffee!

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
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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 -

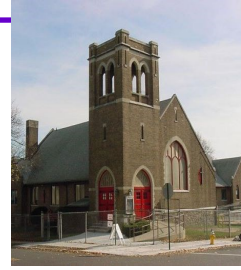
- Juice (apple, cranberry, etc.)
 - Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup
 - Canned Vegetables (corn, carrots, olives, peas, green beans, etc.)
 - Canned Beans (kidney, pinto, chickpeas, cannellini, black)
 - Grape Jelly, Strawberry Jam
 - Hamburger Helper, Knorr Pasta/Rice Sides, Macaroni & Cheese
 - Egg Noodles
 - 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 16, 2022 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 121 (2)

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8



2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you; he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"