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## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, April 27, 2022

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

### TRUST THE HARNESS!

**READ Matthew 11:25-30**

**Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are struggling  
hard and carrying heavy loads,  
and I will give you rest."**

— Matthew 11:28 (CEB)

Many years ago I took a rock climbing course at a local college. The instructor put me in a harness and instructed me to climb to the top of the wall. He told me upon reaching the top to then lean back in the harness and rappel back down the wall. The instructor emphasized that I must trust the harness to prevent my falling. He warned me not to hold on to the wall but to lean back and surrender all of my weight to the harness. But instead of trusting the harness, I knocked up against the

wall with my left shoulder. By transferring my weight from the harness to my shoulder, I injured myself.

I believe this same concept holds true in our

#### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

Jesus is the only way  
to true peace.

lives as Christians. Christ wishes for us to trust him, completely surrendering our lives to him. By doing so we will find the peace that can come to us only from turning our lives over to his will. My lack of trust in my harness caused physical injury; but our failure to trust our lives completely to Christ will result in spiritual injury, depriving us of the peace and rest Christ offers.

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, today we pray for the strength and the will to trust you and to surrender our lives to you. Amen.

Tony Lotito (Virginia, USA)

\* Please note that Pastor is currently away for continuing education, so there will not be a taped service for this weekend. We apologize for any inconvenience. In person weekend worship services will still go on as scheduled, so please join us!



## **Worship Information -**

**We currently have two regular in person Worship Services per week. They are held on Sundays at 8am and 10:30am. (On June 12th, we will go to our Summer schedule, which will be one service at 9:30am.)**

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](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.

Whichever worship choice works best for you, we are delighted to have you worship with us!

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## **Prayer List -**

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

**Audrey, Miriam, Beverly, Doree, Amy, 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](mailto:dearynos@gmail.com)

## \*This Sunday, GSLC will host a reception to welcome Matt Johnson -

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Matthew Johnson will be returning to his childhood Church, Good Shepherd. He will serve as Choir Director, alongside his father, Vic. Matt also owns a voice lesson studio, "Elite Singer", where he teaches students from over 10 countries. Having a deep passion and understanding for the mechanics of the voice, he is excited to return to Good Shepherd and serve with the choir. He will also join the Worship music team of Vic and Kylie.



After the 10:30am Worship Service on May 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a reception to welcome Matt. Please come say hello and help welcome Matt to our Church!

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March 15, 2022

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
466 Elm St  
Monroe, CT 06468-

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your recent gift in the amount of \$200 in honor of Victor & Ellie Noll. Your gift is vitally important and makes Calumet stronger and better situated to meet need. The needs are real and they are varied. In terms of our guests, the need is mostly in the area of financial assistance for the younger ones attending the Resident Camp for Kids. That is the primary use of the funds we receive from people like you. But there are other needs, too, such as the need for enhancing programs, the need for fixes or facelifts to our facilities, and the need to respond to an emergency situation that periodically arises. Thank you for your gift. You are part of why Calumet is prepared for the unknowns to come.

In the last couple of years, Calumet has been trying incredibly hard to be as normal as possible. Guests have been exceedingly understanding and responsive to the changes we've implemented. Everyone knows that Calumet Nation makes adjustments when we must for the sake of safety and goodness. Calumet has enjoyed (almost) total support from the community. Thank you. And for the very few who have not been able to understand the complexities that exist requiring our extra special care to our programs — well, it is what it is. We hope those very few will come to see, someday, that there is incredible value in placing the safety and needs of the whole above the desires of a few.

The idea of the whole ... of the group ... of the congregation ... of the community — this is holy stuff. God created community. Jesus pointed to care for the other over oneself. The Spirit pushes us to explore who we are as part of the world and to determine how best we can participate in the bigger picture right from where we are. And this is what Calumet is all about. Calumet is about holy relationships — the relationship each one has with God and the relationships we have with one another. Leaders here work hard to create the conditions for people to explore and deepen these relationships. We know that faithful connections and strong friendships can be among the important resources we have when we hit a snag in life. Calumet people, however long they've been visiting here, feel those connections and friendships deeply.

Your gift helps people feel connected. Thank you ever so much for your important support. It matters now more than ever. Boom Chicka Boom!

Sincerely,

  
Knute Ogren  
Director of Development

*Thank you, friends at Good Shepherd,  
for this gift in honor  
of Victor & Ellie. I  
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For tax purposes, we confirm that Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of New England, Inc., which owns and operates Calumet Lutheran Ministries, has provided no goods or services in return for your contribution.



**5/1/22 - Reception for Matt Johnson after 10:30am Service.**

**5/3/22 - Book Club at 2pm.** ("The Plot", by Jean Hanff Korelitz)

**5/8/22 - Mothers' Day - NO Sunday School & Confirmation classes**

**5/22/22 - Sunday School & Confirmation classes at 9:15am.**

**5/30/22 - Memorial Day**

**\* Choir practice** - every Sunday at 9:30am.

**\* Shepherd's Flock Quilters** - We 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!

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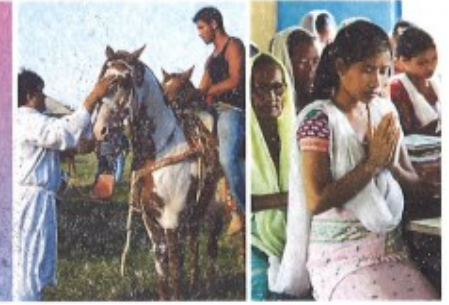


**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!**

Church Council has announced that our Annual Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship Service will be held at Wolfe Park in Monroe. The date is Sunday, June 26th. More details to follow, but please mark your calendars as we would love to see you there!



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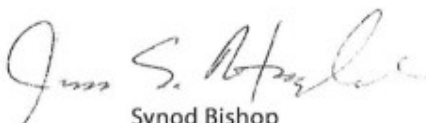
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To the members of  
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In grateful appreciation for giving  
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Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

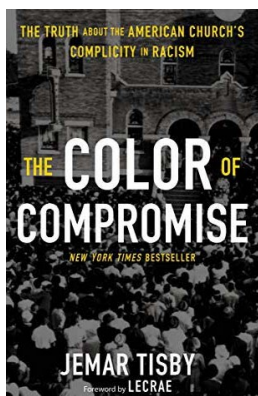
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# *The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport Enews*

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## **The History of Race and the American Church: The Color of Compromise**



The Council of Churches' Raising the B.A.R. (Becoming AntiRacist) team invites you into sacred conversations in a safe space to talk about the history of race and the American Church. **The series began on April 28 and continues through July 7 on Thursday evenings (7:30-8:45) on Zoom.** Though the series will span 11 weeks, each session covers a distinct topic, so you're welcome to attend as many as you wish. **For info, or to register: info@ccgb.org**

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## **Interfaith Forum on Coming of Age and Marriage**

**Tuesday, May 3, 7:30 pm**

Representatives of Muslim, Jewish, Christian, and Bahá'í faiths will describe their beliefs and practices regarding these coming-of-age events.

All are welcome to this free event



**University of Bridgeport's John J. Cox Student Center  
(Great Room, Rm. 100) 244 University Avenue  
(Parking in the rear of building)**

Hosted by Multicultural Affairs ([multicultural@bridgeport.edu](mailto:multicultural@bridgeport.edu))

Sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition of Greater Bridgeport  
For more information, contact Frank Basler ( [frank.basler@gmail.com](mailto:frank.basler@gmail.com) )

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10 AM - 5 PM  
**Saturday May 14, 2022**  
10 AM - 4 PM

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**  
406 White Plains Rd  
Trumbull, CT 06611

**\$5 Admission for entire weekend. FREE parking.**

For more info, go to [www.ctpiecemakers.org](http://www.ctpiecemakers.org)

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## **CROP Hunger Walk No. 48**

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**

**at 1:30 – 4:00 pm for 2+ mile walk (Rain or Shine)**

**at United Congregational Church**  
**2200 North Avenue, Bridgeport, CT**

25 % of monies raised goes to hunger related programs in the Bridgeport Area.

For more information, call 203-375-1284. [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org)

\* More information can be found on the "Connections" bulletin board in the hallway. There are also donation packets in the office if needed.

# RECYCLE THAT BICYCLE!



Have a bicycle you aren't using anymore?

**Golden Hill United Methodist Church** in Bridgeport needs **donations of bikes** for their annual **Used Bike Giveaway** on June 4, 2022 for families in need.

- Need children's, youth and adult bikes
- Bikes should be in decent shape (perhaps in need of a few **minor** repairs)
- Bikes can be delivered to Golden Hill UMC, 210 Elm St., Bridgeport , Tuesday-Friday 9:30am-12pm. Other times can be arranged if needed.
- A pick up is possible at a mutually agreeable time
- Need bike donations by **May 21** to allow time for repairs

To arrange to give a bike donation, please contact Phyllis Machledt at [pmachledt@gmail.com](mailto:pmachledt@gmail.com) or Golden Hill UMC (203-336-0152, Tues-Fri.) or email: [office@goldenhill.org](mailto:office@goldenhill.org).

Part of the UMC Cooperative Parish Program

## 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.

## APRIL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS -

Here is a list of items the pantry could use at the moment:

- \* **Cooking oil**
- \* **Egg noodles**
- \* **Jarred pasta sauce**
- \* **Tomato paste**
- \* **Sugar and flour**
- \* **Oatmeal (regular and instant)**
- \* **Solid white tuna**
- \* **Crunchy peanut butter**
- \* **Grape and strawberry jelly**
- \* **Soups (Condensed- regular and low sodium - like clam chowder/vegetable/chicken/tomato/cream of chicken/lentil/split pea - Progresso - low sodium chicken/clam chowder/lentil/split pea/tomato)**
- \* **Snack items like crackers/popcorn/chips/nuts/dried fruit**
- \* **Chicken/beef/vegetable broth**
- \* **Bread crumbs (Italian and regular)**
- \* **Rice and pasta sides**
- \* **Brownie mix**
- \* **Corn muffin mix**
- \* **Salad dressings (Italian/French/Thousand Island/Balsamic)**
- \* **Pancake mix**



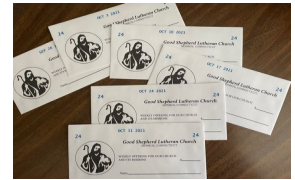
## Summerfield -



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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## 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, May 1, 2022 - Third Sunday of Easter

**Prayer of the Day:** Eternal and all merciful-God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Psalms 30 (11)

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19



### Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

### John 21:1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."