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## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, June 22, 2022

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

### A NOTE FROM PASTOR DOUG -

Thank you All so very much for the wonderful celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my Ordination! Your faces were the greatest gift but all your cards cheered my spirit greatly as well. I have them all taped to a doorway inside my house.

I have now served here as pastor for nine years - a record term for me. I continue to thank my God for all of you and for our years together.

Clara - my daughter & your seminarian was approved by the Bishop & synod team for ordination & that is a great joy.

Keep in prayer this weekend Daniel & Lisa (Flaherty) as they will be married in Salem, Massachusetts.

Sunday is our annual Parish Worship and Picnic at Wolf Park!

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## **Worship Information -**

**\* Please see the following page for 6/26/22's Worship Schedule. After this weekend, we will resume "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 [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:**

**Cliff Jr., Audrey, Miriam, Kathy, 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 WEEKEND!!!**

**Our Annual Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship Service will be held at Wolfe Park in Monroe THIS Sunday, June 26th. Events are as follows:**

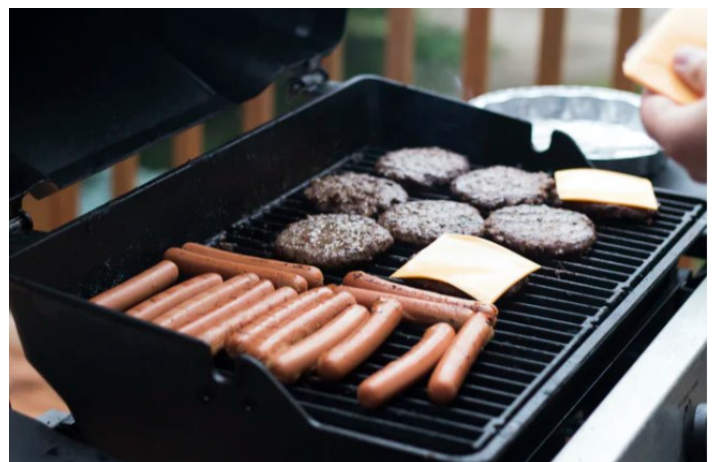
**9:00am - Choir practice at the park.**

**9:30am - Bring your own lawn chairs and a personal side dish and set up at the park.**

**10am - Outdoor Worship begins and will be followed by delicious hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers. (provided by Good Shepherd)**

**Then, please stick around for good conversation, lawn games and fun! We can't wait to see you!**

**\*Also, after the picnic...feel free to send us your pictures to be published in the next newsletter!**





## NEWS FROM THE SHEPHERDS FLOCK QUILTERS -



### GSLC is sending a BIG congrats to Beth Noll!

Beth won our quilt raffle. Although she was not here to pick out her favorite one, we hear that her mom, Ellie Noll, did a great job and Beth was very happy with her prize. Thanks to all that purchased raffle tickets and helped support a great cause!



\* If you are coming in to GSLC soon, please excuse the cardboard boxes in the narthex. They will be filled with quilts and personal care items and will be multiplying, as we are an ingathering location. Lutheran World Relief's truck will be arriving at GSLC to pick up all the boxes and transport them to a LWR warehouse for worldwide distribution to those in need. **Kudos to our own Shepherds Flock Quilters for working so hard to make sure this happens!**

## **SHEPHERDS FLOCK QUILTERS NEED YOUR HELP -**

- When - Monday, June 27th
- Time - 4pm - 6pm
- Location - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

\* We have just received word that the Lutheran World Relief truck will be arriving to pick up our quilts and kits on Monday, June 27th. They are scheduled to arrive between 4pm and 6pm. We have a lot of boxes and need to be able to get them into the truck. (no heavy lifting required, as we have hand trucks) If you have some time to spare, we would love to have some hands on deck to help! Please RSVP to the office, or Barbara Abraham.

Also, the truck driver will be coming from NH and Boston, before stopping at GSLC. He is supposed to call Barbara that afternoon to give her a more accurate time of arrival. If you'd like to be notified of truck updates, please reach out to Barbara to be added to her message chain. (please call office for her number) Thank you!

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## **LOST AND FOUND -**

This shop vac was found at GSLC weeks ago.

Does it belong to you?

Please claim it by July 1st, or it will given away.

Thank you!





## Blood Drive Update-



On June 18th, Good Shepherd hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive. Thank you to Dottie Kaiser, Bill Kaiser and Donna Duessel for helping facilitate the opening and closing of our building, so that the Blood Drive could go on. Also, thank you to those who donated! Below, is a message we received from the Red Cross...

The drive went very well producing 27 units out of a goal of 39 with 4 deferrals . It is a great location especially with air conditioning during the summer months. We definitely need more drives in the Monroe/Oxford areas as the need is there. Everyone that donated at the drive is entered into our June promotion which is a trip to Graceland in collaboration with the new Elvis movie and highlighted on our website.

Thank you so much for sponsoring the drive.



**Arlene Galindo**

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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.

## June Food Pantry Needs –

Egg noodles

Cooking oil

Coffee/tea - regular and decaf

Baking items - brownie mix, sugar & flour

Condiments - mayo, ketchup & mustard

Breadcrumbs - regular and Italian

Cleaning supplies & paper goods

Laundry detergent

Toiletries

**Thank you for your 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!

## Financial News -

**\* 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](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, June 26, 2022 - Third Sunday after Pentecost

**Prayer of the Day:** Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalms 16 (8)

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62



### Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

### Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."