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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, June 8, 2022

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

25 years ago this week, Bishop Robert Isakson of the New England Synod, laid hands on me, along with two pastors who had helped bring me into the ELCA. Ironically, this took place in a Roman Catholic Cathedral at a huge Synod Assembly.

Since then, I've done campus ministry, Chaplain ministry and served in congregations in three Synods. By far, my happiest 9 years of pastoring have been here with all of you at Good Shepherd.

I'm sending a big shout out to my Call Committee for recommending me. Thanks to all of you who called me here. After Sunday's 9:30am Service, we will have a "no big deal" small celebration to observe the occasion. The greatest gift you could give me is your presence at Worship, or even post Worship. When I stand to sing the first hymn here, after being ordained 25 years ago, I still love to look out on your faces. I miss those who are no longer with us. A lot happened in 9 years to all of us. Please also remember to pray for me. Although this Sunday is the festival of Holy Trinity, I want to talk a little about what I've learned in these 25 years and share that with you.

Thanks for being my faith family,

**LV
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Worship Information -

*** This weekend, on June 12th, we will go to our Summer schedule, which will be one Sunday service at 9:30am. Choir practice is now 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. 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 -

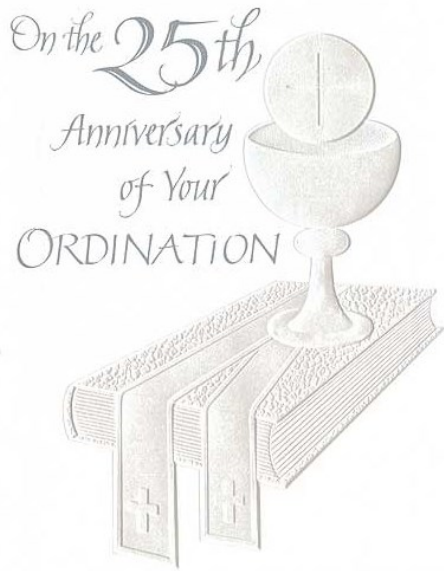
Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

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



Pastor Doug is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination.

Please join us in Worship this Sunday, on June 12th, at 9:30am. Afterwards, we will mark the momentous day with a cake for Pastor.

It would be extra special for Pastor if each member would bring him a card, or note of appreciation that day, so please consider doing so. Thank you!



*** GSLC members celebrated Pentecost by wearing red to Worship Services last Sunday.**





6/12/22 - Summer schedule will begin, which means one Sunday service will be held at 9:30am. Also, Pastor's 25th Anniversary will be celebrated, along with the Blessing of Quilts.

6/13/22 - Finance Meeting

6/18/22 - GSLC hosts a Red Cross Blood Drive.

6/20/22 - Council Meeting

6/26/22 - Outdoor Worship & Annual Church Picnic at Wolfe Park.

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

*** Book Club -** There will not be a meeting in June, sorry!

*** 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!

GSLC Hosts Blood Drive -



On June 18th, Good Shepherd will be the site of a Red Cross Blood Drive. Please consider signing up to donate. If you can't donate blood, you can always help out by spreading the word!



RSVPs NEEDED -

Our Annual Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship Service will be held at Wolfe Park in Monroe on Sunday, June 26th.

Please bring your own lawn chair and set up at 9:30am for an inspiring outdoor worship service at 10am. Worship will be followed by a delicious cookout. GSLC will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers. We also ask that you bring your own side dishes, as we will **not** be having a potluck with side dishes to share.

If you plan on attending, please RSVP by emailing Stephanie at: office@gsic-ct.org by June 17th, so that we can ensure that there will be enough food for everyone.

We are really looking forward to a wonderful picnic and worship and hope all of our members can join us!



LAST WEEK TO BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS -

Here's a win/win opportunity: Help defray the costs of fabric, batting and shipping, while taking a chance to win a quilt of your choice.

Good Shepherd's quilting ministry, led by our capable and talented Ellie Noll, has for many years been sending quilts worldwide through Lutheran World Relief to help warm and comfort those in need. **The quilts, made throughout the year by many helpful and willing hands, will be blessed at the church on June 12th. The winner of the raffle will be drawn at that time and will have the pleasure of having "the pick of the litter".** Please see Eileen Holleran to purchase your tickets. They cost \$2 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 3 tickets, or \$10 for 7 tickets. **June 12th is the last day to purchase a raffle ticket.**



THE SHEPHERDS FLOCK QUILTERS RECENTLY SENT SOME QUILTS TO KENTUCKY FOR THE "HOUSE IN A BOX" PROGRAM. (SEE BELOW) GREAT JOB, LADIES!



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Quilters! Help us make a house a home!

House in a Box Program

The "House in a Box" program, sponsored by St. Vincent dePaul Society, will provide new household items for families impacted by the Western Kentucky tornadoes last December. The "House in a Box™" gives families in crisis a fresh start.

All families receive the same new items. One package includes beds, linens, dishes, pots and pans, dressers, silverware, bathroom setup, dinette, and a couch.

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!



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 -

*** Year to date giving is currently behind budget. Please consider contributing to the GSLC if you can. Any amount would be greatly appreciated!**

*** New Financial Statements are 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, June 12, 2022 - First Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day: Almighty Creator and ever-living God, we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8 (2)

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15



Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

John 16:12-15

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.