



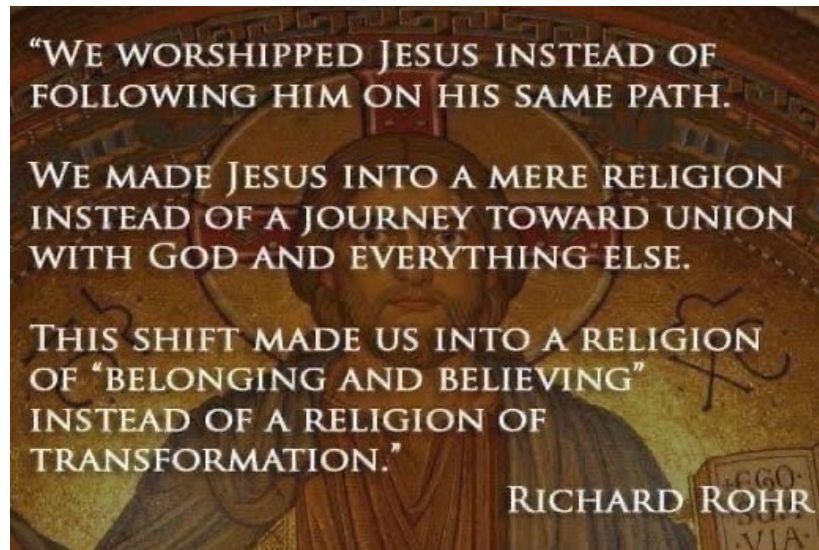
**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, September 14, 2022

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

SOMETHING TO CONTEMPLATE AND AN INVITE FROM PD -



Good to consider and contemplate the words above.

* Breakfast will be served after the 8am Worship service on Sunday! All are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend, or neighbor and join us for worship, food and a great start to your day!

LV,
PD

* Please see page 4 for more from PD



Worship Information -

*** On September 11th, we began recognizing our Fall schedule. That means there will be 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.

*** 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:

Helen, Cliff Jr., Audrey, Miriam, Bill C's Family, Todd, Nicolette, Mike's family, Kelly, Sue, Andrea, A, 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



Our regular Fall Worship schedule has started back up. There are two services on Sundays. Please choose from the 8am, or 10:30am service.

9/18/22 - There will be a breakfast after the 8am service. Please join us!

9/25/22 - Sunday School and Confirmation classes will be held at 9:15am. (and also on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.)

10/4/22 - Book Club at 2pm. Please see below.

10/5/22 - Community Supper at Golden Hill. Sign ups are in the narthex.

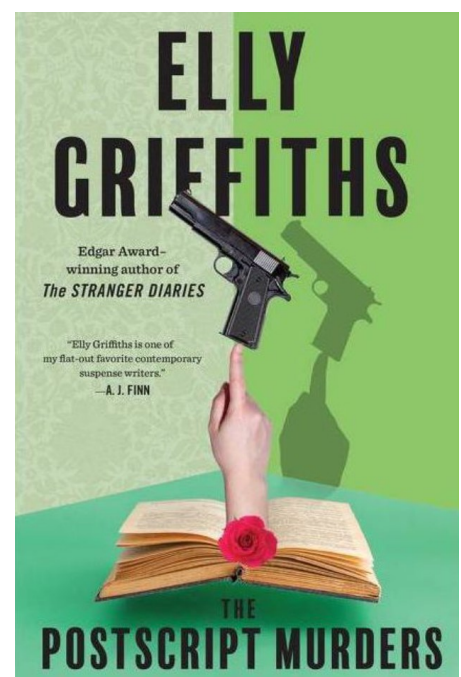
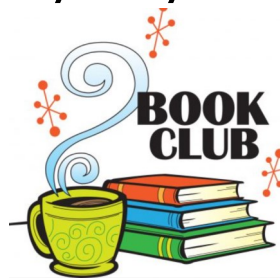
*** Choir practice** will be at 9:30am.

*** 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!

OCTOBER BOOK CLUB -

On Tuesday, October 4th at 2pm, we will discuss, "The Postscript Murders", by Elly Griffiths.

Please join us!



MORE FROM PD -



Clare completed her Pastoral Internship at the Berkeley Lutheran Chapel last week.

Where to now? Who knows?

Please keep her in your prayers!



Please pray for Vicki Creutz and her family as they mourn the loss of her father, Bill Creutz.

May God bless those who mourn and give them the consolation of the Holy Spirit.



**Right now,
your gift will have
double the impact!**

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
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Monroe, CT 06468-2202



Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

I'm excited to tell you about a limited-time opportunity for you to provide food to *twice as many* neighbors facing hunger in Connecticut.

For the next 30 days, Mr. Robert T. Kaufman & Ms. Joann Chapel are offering to match any gift you make to Connecticut Foodshare — up to \$25,000.

That means your generous gift today doubles to help provide twice the meals to someone facing food insecurity.

This Matching Gift opportunity couldn't have come at a better time. **The sky-high cost of food, housing, energy, and other essentials is putting even more people at risk of hunger.**

Your "doubled" generosity can do twice as much to help provide food to those facing hunger in this time of great need ... like Amanda.

"It's scary. We've cut back on everything but it's not enough. Any help we can get goes a long way to making sure my kids and I can eat dinner together each night."

Please take advantage of this Matching Gift opportunity and enjoy knowing your gift will help TWICE as many of your neighbors ... at a time when they need it most.

Warmest regards,

Jason Jakubowski,
President & CEO



P.S. Your gift within the next 30 days can be matched — up to \$25,000. To give online, visit www.ctfoodshare.org. Thank you!

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RUNNING WITH JESUS

READ John 11:25-36

In [God] we live and move and have our being.

— Acts 17:28 (NIV)

I felt numb in the weeks following my fifty-year-old brother's death. My daily devotional time devolved into day-dreaming. Procrastination replaced time set aside for prayer. Tears came easier than praise.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
God is with me every step of my way.

I was frozen, mourning my brother who spent his life in perpetual motion. He embodied Acts 17:28 by living, moving, and being in the presence of the Lord. He began walking at eight months, mastered any sport he attempted, gave full-body bear hugs, kneeled when he prayed, and clapped to praise songs. My brother, who used his athleticism and his body to glorify God, was gone. I felt alone and unmoored.

My usual ways of connecting with God felt hollow. Then God led me to take a page from my brother's life in order to cope with his death. I needed to interact with God using my body, mind, and spirit. I started a running regimen. Some runs were filled with intercessory prayers for our parents and my brother's children. Some runs were spent peppering God with questions about my brother's too-short life. As I ran, I became aware of my rhythmic footsteps and God's air in my lungs as a healing balm for my spirit.

Mile after mile, I experienced God's presence and understanding. And just as Jesus loved and wept for his friends, he wept with me and gave me peace as we ran the miles together.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us and for your promise of life eternal. Amen.

Lea Anne Foster (Virginia, USA)

Prayer Focus: SOMEONE SEEKING TO RECONNECT WITH GOD



Author and Theologian
CARTER HEYWARD

A public conversation
discussing her book
*The 7 Deadly Sins of White
Christian Nationalism*

Wednesday, September 21
4.00 – 5.30pm Eastern • Online

Maine Council of Churches

THE BTS CENTER

Please join The BTS Center and the Maine Council of Churches for

The Seven Deadly Sins of White Christian Nationalism: A Public Conversation with Author and Theologian Carter Heyward

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 • 4.00 – 5.30pm Eastern • Online

As political tensions continue to rise in the United States, and as divisions become more entrenched, white nationalism has infiltrated and, in some communities, taken the helm of Christianity. How do we understand this devastating alliance, and how do we seek to reclaim Christianity as a religion of peace and justice at a time when it is being co-opted by extreme voices?

We invite you to join us for a facilitated conversation with feminist theologian and Episcopal priest Rev. Dr. Carter Heyward, who explores these questions with depth and compassion in her new book *The Seven Deadly Sins of White Christian Nationalism: A Call to Action* (Rowan & Littlefield, September 2022). Rev. Dr. Heyward will address the rise of white Christian nationalism and offer perspectives for moving forward with hope and action.

For more information and to register, visit thebtscenter.org

Synod-wide activities are also posted on the synod website
www.nelutherans.org/events, with links for more information

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.

* Monroe Food Pantry September Needs -

Please see below and note what the pantry is currently in need of. We are completely out of, or extremely low on the items that have a star next to them. Thanks again for your continued support!

- Juice (apple, cranberry, etc.)*
- Condiments (especially mayo*)
- Canned Vegetables
- Grape Jelly, Strawberry Jam*
- Hamburger Helper, Knorr Pasta/Rice Sides, Macaroni & Cheese
- Egg Noodles*
- White rice*
- Oatmeal (instant or original, flavored, etc.)*
- Breadcrumbs
- Beef or shrimp ramen*
- Canned Tomatoes (crushed, whole, diced, stewed, paste)
- Chicken, Beef, or Vegetable Broth
- Cooking Oil*
- Canned Fruit (regular or low sugar - preferably in juice)
- Canned Beans, especially baked
- 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 – we particularly low on bar soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner**
- Household cleaning supplies



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!

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, September 18, 2022 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113 (7)

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13



1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."