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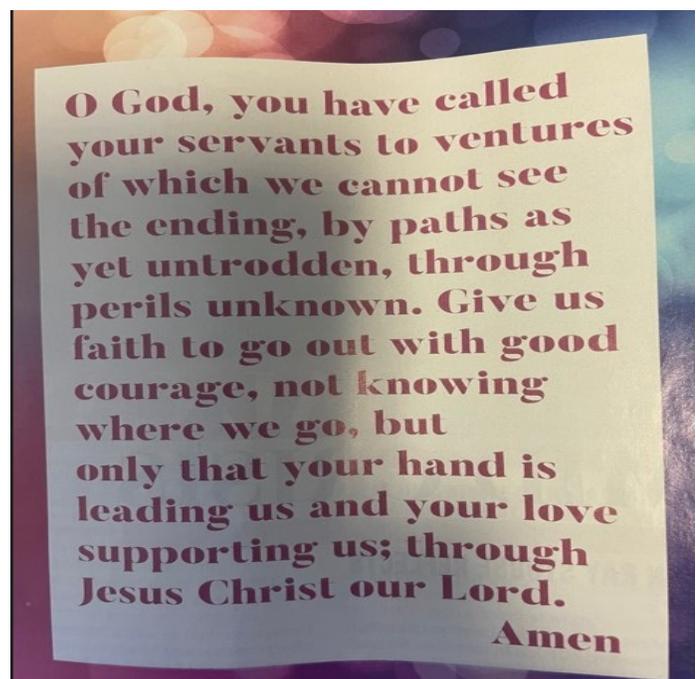
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, May 18, 2022

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

All churches, including ours, are seeing repercussions from the Covid pandemic. Attendance at Worship has dropped alarmingly. Many congregations will close, or make radical adjustments. My recent visit to California and my connections to pastors in many Synods reveal that this situation is national in scope. The Christian churches are challenged. In this challenge, the following prayer is a good one for all of us to pray regularly. I pray it every day.

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*Last Confirmation group of the year is this Sunday.



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. 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

Quilt Raffle -

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. They will also be available at the in-person worship services from May 15th, until June 12th.



The Good Shepherd Foundation Comes to Visit -

On May 22nd, Rev. Bob McGurn and his wife, Linda McGurn, will pay us a visit and attend our 10:30am service. While here, they will also update us and share news about the clinic in Haiti. We hope you can make it on this date to hear some great news!





5/22/22 - Sunday School & Confirmation classes at 9:15am. Rev. Bob McGurn and his wife, Linda, will be at the 10:30am service to share news about TGSF clinic in Haiti.

6/1/22 - Golden Hill Community Supper. See Peg Wesche for more info, or sign up in the narthex to join the carpool.

6/12/22 - Summer schedule will begin, which means one service will be held on Sundays at 9:30am. Also, the Blessing of Quilts will take place.

6/18/22 - We will sponsor another Red Cross Blood Drive. Please sign up to donate and help spread the word!

6/26/22 - Outdoor Worship & Annual Church Picnic at Wolfe Park. Please save the date and plan to join us for worship, food and fun!

* **No office hours - between May 18th and May 24th. Sorry!**

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

* **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!



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!

HELP NEEDED -

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On June 18th, Good Shepherd will be the site of a Red Cross Blood Drive. We are in need of someone to unlock the building for them at around 6:30am that morning. No need to stay after that, so it should be an easy job. Please reach out to Donna, or contact the office if you are interested, or need more information. Thanks!



**American
Red Cross**

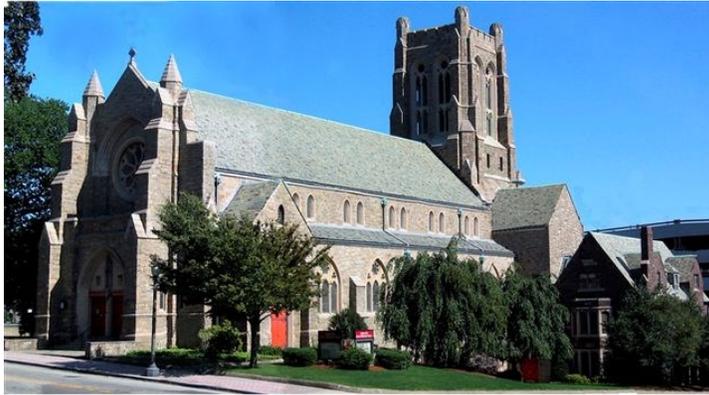
Together, we can save a life



*** Due to circumstances beyond our control, there will not be a taped service for this weekend. We are sorry and hope you will consider in person service instead.**

*** Also, there will be not be any office hours between May 18th and May 24th. The office will reopen on the 25th. Please know that your emails, phone messages and getting out the newsletter for the 25th are very important to us, but may be somewhat delayed. We apologize for any inconvenience and hope you have a blessed week!**

Golden Hill Community Supper -



On June 1st, Good Shepherd will help serve the needy at the Golden Hill Community Supper. Please reach out to Peg Wesche to join the carpool, or get more information! Signups are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Quilting News --

1. The Lutheran World Relief truck is coming the last week in June or first week in July. Other quilt groups will be bringing boxed quilts and health kits to us.
2. We will begin selling raffle tickets for the quilt of your choice from May 15 to June 12.
3. Blessing of the quilts will happen on June 12, when church will be at 9:30 a.m.
4. We expect to have about 100 quilts and will be sending 10 of them to Paducah, KY, for the House in a Box program for victims of the December tornado.
5. If you have boxes for us to use in packing the quilts, please put them in the back of Gibiser Hall in early June.

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 or Golden Hill UMC (203-336-0152, Tues-Fri.) or email: office@goldenhill.org.

Part of the UMC Cooperative Parish Program

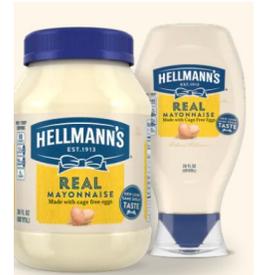
* If you live in Monroe, Ellsworth Philbrick has volunteered to pick up any old bikes, help tune them up and deliver them to Golden Hill for us. Ellsworth also works with the Boy Scouts that meet at GSLC. He stated he would love to help and can be reached at: 203-581-0768. If you do not live in Monroe, but can get your bike to GSLC, Ellsworth can pick it up here. A big thanks to Ellsworth and anyone that can donate!

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.

In May, the Food Pantry can use the following items:

Cooking oil
Egg noodles
Sugar
Flour
Snacks (chips/cookies/crackers/nuts)
Jarred pasta sauce
Canned fruit (applesauce, pineapple, peaches, mandarin oranges)
Solid white tuna
Canned beans (pinto, black, chickpeas, cannellini, kidney)
Brownie mix
Sugar
Flour
Corn muffin mix
Ketchup/mustard/mayo/bbq sauce
Salad dressing (Balsamic/blue cheese/French/Italian/ranch/Thousand Island)
Crunchy peanut butter
Grape and strawberry jelly
Instant potatoes
Bread crumbs (Italian and regular)
Ramen (chicken/beef/shrimp)
Baked beans
Progresso soups (vegetable/Clam Chowder/lentil/split pea)
Chicken and beef broth
Coffee (regular and decaf)
Tea (regular and decaf)
Juice (apple/cranberry/V-8)



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 Statements -

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, May 22, 2022 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prayer of the Day: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67 (4)

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29



Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.