



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**  
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## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, November 3, 2021

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

Sunday is the Festival of All Saints, or  
All Saints Sunday.

We remember and give God thanks for the witness of  
the Saints in the great story of the church. Also, for  
those saints in our own lives who have been messengers  
of love and light.



For eight years, our custom at Good Shepherd has been the writing of the names  
of those who have died , especially in the past year. When we record the online  
Worship this week , we will offer a quiet time for you, if you worship at home, to  
say the names of your own saints and together, we will give God thanks and praise  
for “so great a cloud of witnesses” that has been given us.

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\* For the next Confirmation Class on November 14th, we will continue the  
movie, “Prince of Egypt”.

\* The last dates for “Unraveled” Bible Study will be the next two Thursdays,  
November 4th and 11th. Then, we’ll take a break for winter. Advent is coming....

## Worship Schedule -

**November 7th:** Our "Fall schedule" is in effect. This means we will have two Worship Services every Sunday until further notice. Feel free to choose from our 8am, or 10:30am service. Both services will be held INDOORS. Please bring a mask regardless of your vaccination status, as they will be required for all. Hymnals are now available for use again. 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.

Please keep our committee in your thoughts and prayers as we continue to provide guidance to the best of our abilities. We are delighted that our congregation has remained healthy through this crisis and look forward to the day when these considerations are no longer necessary.

Yours in Christ,

The Worship and Music Committee  
Susan Chin, Chair



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!

## A Community Of Prayer -

For those in need of healing and comfort:



*He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

*Psalm 147 vs. 3*

Members and Friends of the Congregation: Joan, Vic, Lauren, Ray, Marie, Audrey, Elizabeth, Gordon, Miriam, Paula, Sarah, Misty, Jim, Darcy, Scarlet, Jason, Brian, David, Cate, Cecilio, Donna, Anthony, the Wilk family, Linda, Todd, Noreen and family, Maureen, Lynn, Barbara, Scott, Johanna, Glen, Durbin, Marie.

Military (on active duty), Fire fighters, and Police: Ryan, Teddy, Tyler, Ben, Kenny, Brian, Bill, Ken, John, Glen, and Vic.

Front Line workers in the COVID-19 pandemic: Diane, Alicia, Brittany, Loretta, Jay, Alyssa, Monica, Rachel, June.

### **Do you wonder how to put a loved one, friend, neighbor, or yourself on the prayer list?**

Simply email the church office at [office@gsic-ct.org](mailto:office@gsic-ct.org), or give us a call at 203-268-7596. If you would like a prayer card sent to your loved one, friend or neighbor, please include the full name and address. For privacy, only the first name of each individual will be listed.

### **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)



**Sunday School and Confirmation Classes** will meet from 9:15am - 10am on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. The next classes will be held on November 14th and November 28th.

**Choir** - will meet each Sunday at 9:55am to practice before the 10:30am service. Come sing with them!

**Shepherd's Flock Quilters** - generally meet at 10am each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. \* No quilting on 11/13/21, as the blood drive will be utilizing Gibiser Hall.

**"Unraveled" Bible Study** - We are down to our last two weeks of this Bible Study. We will meet the next two Thursdays, 11/4/21 and 11/11/21. Feel free to join at 11am, or 7pm.

**Book Club** - will meet next on 11/2/21 at 2pm to discuss "Sunflower Sisters", by Martha Hall Kelly. New members are welcome!

**Blood Drive** - 11/13/21 in Gibiser Hall from 7:45am - 1pm.



### \* **BLOOD DONORS NEEDED -**

- **On Saturday, November 13th, Gibiser Hall will be the site for a Red Cross Blood Drive.** If you are able to do so, please consider becoming a blood donor. An hour of your time can help save lives. There are 6 open spots remaining. To make an appointment, head online to the Red Cross site at: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Then, click "give blood", look for our date / location and sign up.
- If you are not able to donate, please help spread the word!



Here are some Church members dressed in red for Worship Service on October 31st to celebrate Reformation Day.

Every year we commemorate Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Theses in the city of Wittenberg, Germany on this date in 1517, which began the Protestant Reformation.

We pray that God will guide our church in ongoing reformation, continually awakening, affirming and strengthening the faith of all people in Christ.

### We pray for the church.

Fill it with all truth and peace.  
Where it is corrupt, purify it;  
where it is in error, direct it;  
where in anything it is amiss,

## REFORM IT;

where it is right, strengthen it;  
where it is in need, provide for it;  
where it is divided, reunite it.







## COVENANT TO CARE THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATIONS

This year, we were given the names of four families for Thanksgiving food donations. There is one bag left in the box in the narthex for a member to use for their donation.

All donations are due on Sunday, November 21 so everything can be picked up early that week for distribution. Please include a Stop and Shop gift card but nothing that will be perishable.

Thank you for your continued involvement in all of Covenant to Care's outreach programs — another way in which we demonstrate our stewardship especially at this time of year.

Jane Fieberts



**QUILTING** - The Shepherd's Flock Quilters generally meet at 10 a.m. each Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. We invite everyone to join us. Please contact Barbara Abraham by phone, or text at: 203-305-0321 if you wish to come on Monday morning. Contact Ellie Noll by phone at: 203-888-7009, or Eileen Holleran by phone at: 203-426-0005 if you wish to come on Wednesday. If you prefer Saturday, please text Donna Duessel at: 203-482-5598. There is no limit to the number of people at this time, but we would like to ensure that someone will definitely be there to work with you. If you can tie a knot, you can do this! A variety of talents can be used; we are happy to show you how to sew tops, tie, trim, and design tops if you wish to join us.

## St. Vincent Medical Mission

Please pass the word! Tell your family. Tell your friends.

**Saturday, November 6, 2021 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
**Cesar Batalla School, 606 Howard Ave, Bridgeport, CT**

### **Fall Health Care** for all

Walk in, no appointments taken, no insurance needed

- Free immunizations (e.g., Covid, Flu, Pneumonia)
- Free blood work (e.g., blood tests, blood pressure)
- Free foot care
- Free medical equipment (e.g., walkers, canes)
- Free clothing (e.g., new shoes, coats, masks)

## Serving Up Health And Hope

### *The 2021 House of Hope Food Drive is Underway*

Aquarion is again teaming up with St. Vincent's Medical Center for the 11th annual House of Hope Food Drive. Last year we collected more than seven tons of healthy food for local food banks, helping to ward off hunger and foster hope for thousands of area families and individuals.

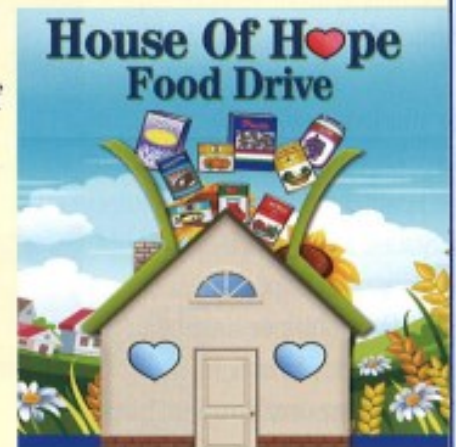
This year we're out to collect even more – with your help. The drive runs through November 15. Please drop off non-perishable, nutritious and unexpired items at the main entrance to St. Vincent's Medical Center, 2800 Main Street, Bridgeport.

We're again emphasizing the importance of healthy foods. For a complete list of needed food items, check out

[www.aquarionwater.com/houseofhope](http://www.aquarionwater.com/houseofhope).



**Tight on time?** You can make a monetary contribution for House of Hope in the medical center lobby, or donate to the drive through Venmo by scanning this QR code.



[aquarionwater.com](http://aquarionwater.com) — [facebook.com/aquarionwater](https://facebook.com/aquarionwater)







## 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.



### ITEMS NEEDED AT THE MONROE FOOD PANTRY

At the Monroe Food Pantry, we strive to consistently provide healthy food options for our clients. We accept and appreciate all donations, and encourage **low sodium, low sugar, low saturated fat, vegetarian, and whole wheat** selections when possible. This helps our clients manage and prevent chronic diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease.

- bread crumbs
- instant potatoes
- egg noodles
- pasta
- pasta sauce
- macaroni & cheese
- healthy snack items
- hot and cold cereal
- tuna
- canned chicken
- brown/white rice
- pancake mix & syrup
- peanut butter
- jams and jellies
- canned soup
- canned pasta
- salad dressing
- condiments
- baked beans
- refried beans
- broths and stocks
- canned fruit
- canned chili
- canned tomatoes
- canned beans & vegetables
- Ensure
- juice
- hot chocolate
- baking supplies: sugar, flour, brownie and cake mix
- decaf and regular: ground coffee, instant coffee
- decaf and regular: black tea, green tea
- Hamburger Helper, Knorr products, Ramen
- household cleaning supplies
- personal hygiene products
- feminine hygiene products
- frozen vegetables, and fresh produce
- pet food





## 2021 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

**DONATE ►**



You help provide 3,078 meals each day at the Mission.  
**As we prepare for Thanksgiving, your help  
is critical...**



It's been another challenging year for so many of our neighbors. That's why we want to make this Thanksgiving extra special for the men, women, and children who will turn here for a meal... and why your gift today makes such a difference!

**Please give today** to bless hungry and homeless neighbors with a nourishing meal this Thanksgiving season – **just \$2.50 each.**

**\$50 = 20 meals & hope**  
**\$100 = 40 meals & hope**  
**\$150 = 60 meals & hope**

### BRIDGEPORT RESCUE MISSION

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PO Box 9057  
Bridgeport, CT 06601-9057





# Financial News -

## Financial Statements -

Roy Remlin has printed out Financial Statements for our members. You can get yours by stopping by the wood table in the narthex when you are at the Church. If you are not able to get to Church and need your statement, please contact Stephanie in the office to request that it be mailed out.

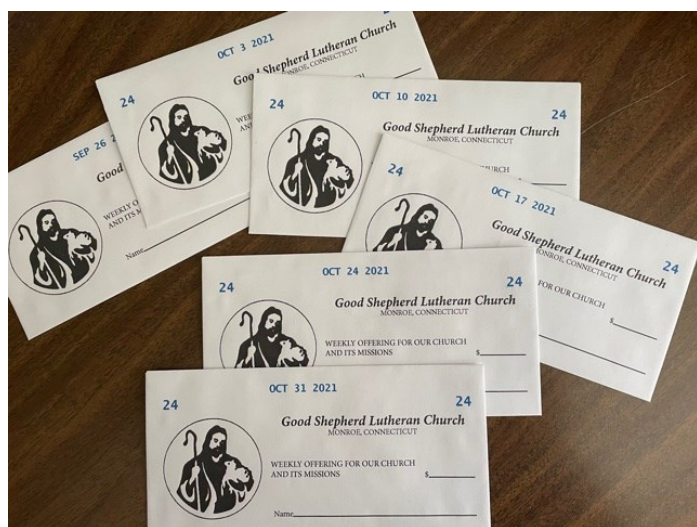
## VANCO - a secure ELCA preferred online giving platform -

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!



**\* Our offerings are down significantly. If you are able to donate, any amount would be very helpful and much appreciated!**



## **Sunday, November 7, 2021 Twenty - fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Prayer of the Day: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm: 146 (8)

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44



### **Hebrews 9:24-28**

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

### **Mark 12:38-44**

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."