



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



## **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update** **Wednesday, November 16, 2022**

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



### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

After the 10:30am service on Sunday, December 4th, Good Shepherd will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting. It is open to all members and we urge you to attend. Important information will be shared and discussion will take place. We hope to see everyone there!



## **Worship Information -**

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

## **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:**

**Helen, Cliff Jr., Audrey, Miriam, Hassinger Family, Lane Family, Lee Family, Kevin, Margaret, Desi, Bill C's Family, Todd, Nicolette, Mike's Family, Kelly, Sue, Andrea, D.A., Robert, Kathy, Beverly, Doree, Amy, Mark, Scarlet, Ryan, Louis, John, 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)



**Our regular Fall Worship schedule is in effect. There are two services on Sundays. Please choose from the 8am, or 10:30am service.**

**11/27/22 - Sunday School and Confirmation classes** will be held at 9:15am. (and every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.)

**12/4/22 - Annual Congregational Meeting.** Please save the date!

**12/6/22 - Book Club will meet at 2pm** to discuss, "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks. Join us!

\* **Choir practice** - held on Sundays at 9:30am.

\* **Shepherd's Flock Quilters** - generally meet at 10am each Monday, and Saturday. **QUILTING WILL NO LONGER TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAYS.** \* For quilting on Mondays, please contact Barbara by phone, or text at: 203-305-0321. If you prefer to quilt on a Saturday, please text Donna Duessel at: 203-482-5598.



**American  
Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*

### **Our Red Cross Blood Drive was last Saturday...**

A HUGE thanks to Dottie Kaiser, Bill Kaiser and Donna Duessel for opening and closing the church for this drive!!!

We also thank those that donated blood and those that helped spread the word!

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\* Our Property Committee requests that you exercise caution when opening the doors closest to the main lot. Please do not overextend them, as it causes the brackets to come loose and the doors to stop working properly. Thanks for your attention!

Also, a BIG thanks to Dave Wang for always fixing and making sure our doors are in working order!





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# MISSION SUPPORT: A DEEP DIVE

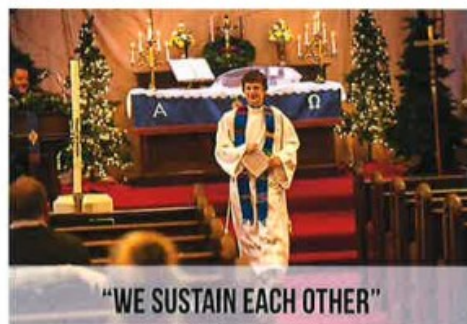
Did you know that ELCA members in more than 8,900 congregations in the United States and Caribbean give approximately \$1.7 billion in regular offerings annually to support ELCA ministries in their local communities and worldwide? When members give through their congregations, about 5.5% of that money is shared with the local synod, which then shares a portion with the national churchwide office. This unrestricted giving from congregations is called Mission Support. Mission Support gives the ELCA both the foundation and the fuel to do God's work in the world locally, nationally and internationally. Thank you for your faithful support!

## YOUR MISSION SUPPORT HELPS FUND THE FOLLOWING CHURCHWIDE MINISTRIES:



**41% OF MISSION SUPPORT GROWS THE ELCA IN THE UNITED STATES:**

- **Plant and support** hundreds of new congregations.
- **Enable congregations** to **renew** their ministries and **reach out** to their surrounding communities.
- **Develop and share** resources for faith, discipleship, prayer, stewardship and worship.
- **Work together** with our African-descent, American Indian, Alaska Native, Arab, Middle Eastern, Asian, Pacific Islander and Latino/Latina leaders and members.
- **Invest** in technology and communication.
- **Grow and sustain** financial resources.







## 22% OF MISSION SUPPORT GROWS THE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND ADDRESSES ISSUES AROUND THE WORLD:

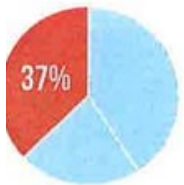
- As a member of the Lutheran World Federation, the ELCA is in communion with **147 other churches**.
- ELCA synods relate directly to **65 companion churches** through a total of **127 official relationships**.
- The **ELCA accompanies** new Lutheran churches, **expands** ministries and **trains** leaders and evangelists.
- The **ELCA sends missionaries** — including Young Adults in Global Mission — who are the hands and feet of Jesus around the world.
- The **ELCA addresses social issues** and **works for justice**.



"WHEN DISCIPLES USE THEIR VOICE"



"20 YEARS OF FORMATIVE SERVICE"



## 37% OF MISSION SUPPORT HELPS DEVELOP CURRENT AND FUTURE LEADERS IN THE ELCA:

- **Prepare** and **implement** a system for recruitment and assignment of rostered ministers.
- **Identify** and **provide** ministry resources and opportunities to lay leaders for networking.
- **Offer events and leadership opportunities** for youth and young adults.
- **Support** the work of **seven ELCA seminaries** and **26 ELCA colleges and universities**.
- Provide **coordination** and **support** for churchwide ministries.
- Provide **governance** and **leadership**.
- Sustain **ecumenical** and **interfaith** relations.



"STRONGER TOGETHER"



"EVERYONE BELONGS IN GOD'S FAMILY"

# HOLIDAY PAJAMA DRIVE -

**Monroe Social Services is collecting pajamas for Monroe families in need.** If you would like to help out, please head to the table in the narthex and pick a child's tag. Once you have your tag, please write your name and "client #" on the sign up sheet. Thanks for considering making a child's holiday season brighter!



**ONE TAG IS LEFT!**

Thanks to all that already took a tag!



**\* Please wrap your pajamas and drop them off in the narthex by November 27th. Kindly attach your tag to the outside of the wrapped gift. Thank you!**



**\* Reminder** - For those volunteering to help the Salvation Army pack meals, please meet up with us on Saturday at 10am at their Bridgeport location, 30 Elm Street. Please contact Larry Black with any questions.





## COVENANT TO CARE THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATIONS -

Please leave your grocery tote bags in the narthex this coming Sunday, the 20th, for pickup the following day.

Thanks to everyone for participating in this outreach!



### **Boy Scout Troop 203, is selling fresh wreaths this Christmas Season.**

**Let us help you decorate!!**

**We will be offering large wreaths with red bows.**

**Large Wreath - \$22**

**Order forms can be found inside the church**

**Please leave the completed order forms and checks made out to: Scouts, BSA Troop 203, in the designated boxes.**

**THE LAST DAY FOR ORDERS is November 20**

**Wreaths will be available for pick-up between masses: Sunday December 4**

**Thank you for your support!**

## 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 Needs -

- Juice (apple, cranberry, etc.)
- Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup
- Canned Vegetables (corn, carrots, olives, peas, green beans, etc.)
- Canned Beans (kidney, pinto, chickpeas, cannellini, black)
- Grape Jelly, Strawberry Jam
- Hamburger Helper, Knorr Pasta/Rice Sides, Macaroni & Cheese
- Egg Noodles
- Rice (brown or white)
- Hot & Cold Cereal
- Breadcrumbs (Italian or regular)
- Canned Tomatoes (crushed, whole, diced, stewed, paste)
- Chicken, Beef, or Vegetable Broth
- Cooking Oil
- Canned Fruit (regular or low sugar - preferably in juice)
- Baked Beans, Refried Beans, Pork and Beans, Chili with or without beans
- 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 - including feminine hygiene products. **We are particularly low on bars of soap, toothpaste, floss, shampoo / conditioner, and deodorant**
- \*Household cleaning supplies



**Any donation is appreciated. Thank you!**



## 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!

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## 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, November 20, 2022 - Last Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46 (10)

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43



### **Colossians 1:11-20**

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

### **Luke 23:33-43**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."