

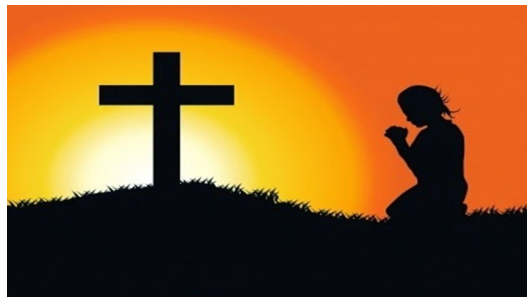


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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, April 6, 2022

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



“To clasp the hands in prayer is a beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world.”

Karl Barth

Praying for .. is a good thing. Praying in ... quiet stilling the mind and heart and allowing God time to gaze on God's beloved child, can restore our peace as well as the worlds.

The week called “Holy” is approaching. I hope to see all of you. It is the first time in three years that we can celebrate the three days together! Please come.

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Worship Information -

We have two regular in person Worship Services per week. They are held on Sundays at 8am and 10:30am. (See calendar for Holy Week schedule)

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 * (note that the Pastor and Communion Assistant will still wear masks during Communion Distribution.)**

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 -

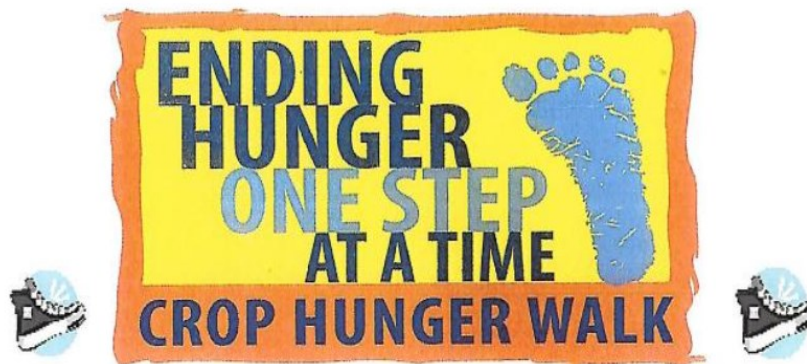
Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Audrey, Miriam, 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



CROP Hunger Walk No. 48

Sunday, May 1, 2022

at 1:30 – 4:00 pm for 2+ mile walk (Rain or Shine)

at United Congregational Church
2200 North Avenue, Bridgeport, CT

25 % of monies raised goes to hunger related programs in the Bridgeport Area.

For more information, call 203-375-1284. www.crophungerwalk.org



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LAST CALL TO HELP UKRAINE -

Our deadline for collecting matching funds for Ukraine is this Sunday!

A HUGE thanks to all that have already donated! If you haven't contributed yet, but are willing and able, please mail, or bring your donation to GSLC with a notation to send it to LWR/Ukraine-Match. You can also give online by typing: lwr.org/match into your web browser. If you can't donate, please help by spreading the word!

Thank you!!!



4/6/22 - Community Supper at Golden Hill.

4/10/22 - Palm Sunday Services at 8am and 10:30am.

4/10/22 - Sunday School & Confirmation classes held at 9:15am.

4/10/22 - Covenant To Care Easter Baskets are due.

4/14/22 - Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm.

4/15/22 - Good Friday Service at 7pm.

4/17/22 - Easter Sunday Services at 8am and 10:30am.

4/24/22 - Sunday School & Confirmation classes held at 9:15am.

*** Choir practice will be every Sunday at 9:45am.**

*** 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!

*** Golden Hill Community Supper -**



Our next Community Supper is on Wednesday, April 6th. If you are interested in donating your time to prep and serve food to the less fortunate, there is one slot open! If you would like more information, please speak to Peg Wesche, or call the office. The sign up form is hanging on the bulletin board in the narthex.

* COVENANT TO CARE EASTER BASKETS -



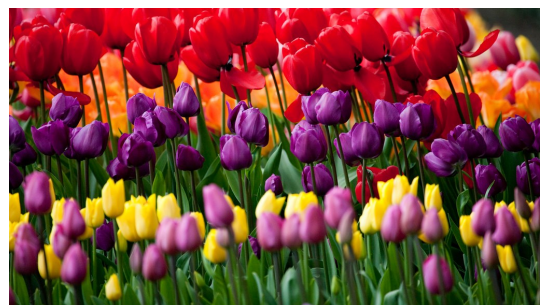
Baskets are due on Palm Sunday, April 10th. Please leave them in the front of the narthex, next to the front doors.

Thanks to all who are participating!

* EASTER FLOWERS -

We will have Easter Lilies and other Spring flowers decorating the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to contribute to the "Easter Flower Fund", please contribute by Palm Sunday, April 10th. The suggested donation is \$10. All members that donate, are welcome to take a plant home after the Easter Services.

Please see the bulletin board, or table in the narthex for "Easter Flower Fund" envelopes.



THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOUNDATION

You have hopefully read about the Miracle of how The Good Shepherd Foundation started over 11 years ago...how Linda and Pastor Bob met Michele in a far off country and how Michele mentioned that she came to Medjugorje to ask God to send her a fundraiser for her ministry in Haiti. Linda was the only unemployed fundraiser on the balcony at that time. 11 years later, we still have a thriving medical clinic serving 150-300 patients every three weeks.

But the Miracles just keep continuing! Take a look at the past 11 years and see if you don't agree that God has been and continues to be walking closely with TGSF and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. We have already shared these Miracles with you, but want to remind you, since the Miracles continue.

MIRACLE #1: We started in October, 2010, with \$1,000 donated by one donor, and have not yet missed a monthly clinic for lack of funds.

MIRACLE #2: We started in the backyard of Mrs. St. Louis, an 85 yr. old woman.

MIRACLE #3: We subsequently moved to an indoor clinic on the first floor of a building built as a community center by ORACHEL, a diaspora group from Chevreau, now living in NYC.

MIRACLE #4 and #5: Through the generosity of GSLC, we furnished this clinic with electricity and water soon after construction and built a second well and latrine (latrine in honor of Jackson's 50th anniversary!)

PLEASE NOTE: ELECTRICITY & RUNNING WATER IN HAITI ARE ABOUT THE SCARCEST 2 ITEMS AVAILABLE ON ANY GIVEN DAY!

Miracle #6 has happened and we have just begun Miracle #7! Let me explain:

We have recently been wondering how we could provide a staff member on site for 5 days per week and still continue the monthly clinics. At the same time, we can only say that the Holy Spirit brought us an amazing gift. Our partner in Haitian ministry and colleague, Jim Smith, a surgeon from Colorado (who was introduced to us by Karen Jackson's cousin, not coincidentally), called with a request...

Dr. Smith had a Haitian nurse who he has been in contact with for many years who speaks excellent English. He wondered if we could help Oscar with some work. Miracle #6!

After much discussion, most specifically with **the Holy Spirit**, we have embarked upon Miracle #7 - a new model of ministry, as of March 16, 2022...

- **Oscar & a CNA to live at the clinic, 5 days/week, with 4 hours of clinic/day and on-call the rest of the time and Dr. Gary, our monthly clinic MD, will be on call daily.**
- **We will continue our monthly clinic with Dr. Gary and additional nursing staff.**
- **We will assess this arrangement in June, to determine if needs are being met.**

Needless to say, this will be a greater expense, but the good news is that this new model of preventive community healthcare will only cost an additional \$6,000!

YOU, the people of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church have all been God's miracle workers in this. The support of many individuals and churches over these many years has cured many and saved thousands of lives.

This article can never adequately express our gratitude for the wonderful support you are giving to us for so many years. Please know how deeply grateful we are for your partnership in our ministry. It is our hope that you enjoy being a part of God's miracles as much as we do!

And finally, we covet your prayers. The prayers of many faithful people like each of you has been a huge part of all the miracles God's done among us.

Linda McGurn, VP, The Good Shepherd Foundation
Pastor Bob McGurn



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.

APRIL FOOD PANTRY NEEDS -

Here is a list of items the pantry could use at the moment:

- * **Cooking oil**
- * **Egg noodles**
- * **Jarred pasta sauce**
- * **Tomato paste**
- * **Sugar and flour**
- * **Oatmeal (regular and instant)**
- * **Solid white tuna**
- * **Crunchy peanut butter**
- * **Grape and strawberry jelly**
- * **Soups (Condensed- regular and low sodium - like clam chowder/vegetable/chicken/tomato/cream of chicken/lentil/split pea - Progresso - low sodium chicken/clam chowder/lentil/split pea/tomato)**
- * **Snack items like crackers/popcorn/chips/nuts/dried fruit**
- * **Chicken/beef/vegetable broth**
- * **Bread crumbs (Italian and regular)**
- * **Rice and pasta sides**
- * **Brownie mix**
- * **Corn muffin mix**
- * **Salad dressings (Italian/French/Thousand Island/Balsamic)**
- * **Pancake mix**



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!

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, April 10, 2022 - Palm Sunday

Prayer of the Day: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy, enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Luke 19:28-40 (Procession with Palms) Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16(5), Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14—23:56

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 22:14—23:56

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. "You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. "Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!" Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me." He said to them, "When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "No, not a thing." He said to them, "But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled." They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." He replied, "It is enough." He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial." While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!" Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!" Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place." When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him." Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 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." It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.