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## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, April 20, 2022

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

Thank you to all who helped to celebrate Holy Week indoors this year, the first time in three years.

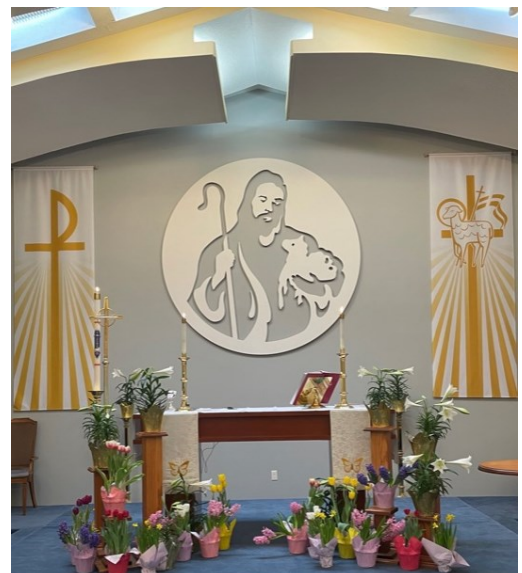
Deep thanks to those who hung banners, did flower set ups, arranged the Chancel, carried crosses (literally) and took care of many details.

I am also giving thanks to the risen Lord for the generous giving you all did during Lent for our friends at the Good Shepherd Clinic in Haiti!

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\* GSLC also wishes to thank and acknowledge all members and friends that contributed towards our beautiful floral Easter display!





## **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](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:**

**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](mailto:dearynos@gmail.com)



## **Reception to Welcome Matt Johnson –**

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Matthew Johnson will be returning to his childhood Church, Good Shepherd. He will serve as Choir Director, alongside his father, Vic. Matt also owns a voice lesson studio, “Elite Singer”, where he teaches students from over 10 countries. Having a deep passion and understanding for the mechanics of the voice, he is excited to return to Good Shepherd and serve with the choir. He will also join the Worship music team of Vic and Kylie.

After the 10:30am Worship Service on May 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a reception to welcome Matt. Please come say hello and help welcome Matt to our Church!





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

**5/1/22 - Reception for Matt Johnson after 10:30am Service.**

**5/8/22 - Mothers' Day**

**5/3/22 - Book Club at 2pm.**

**5/30/22 - Memorial Day**

**\* Sunday School & Confirmation classes - There will be no classes on Mothers' Day, May 8th. We will see you all again on May 22nd.**

**\* Change - Choir practice will now be every Sunday at 9:30am.**

**\* 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!

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**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!



Our Book Club selection for May is "The Plot", by Jean Hanff Korelitz. Please join us for a lively discussion on May 3rd at 2pm!

\* Please note that there will not be a Book Club meeting in June, so we hope to see everyone in May!

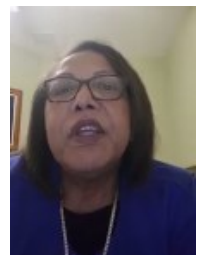
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Book Club



As we celebrate our Risen Lord this Easter and mark the end of the long Lenten season, I wanted to thank all of you who so generously donated to our shared ministry of The Good Shepherd Foundation in Haiti! Despite unfathomable challenges in Haiti, miracles continue to happen for the people of the Gran Saline area. Please take a few minutes to watch and listen to a very personal and heartfelt message of thanks from Michele Sydney, the founder/director of the clinic. Her grateful words are just further confirmation of the Spirit working in and through us for the lifesaving benefit of many others. **To see her video message, please head to Youtube and copy / paste, or type this into the search bar:**

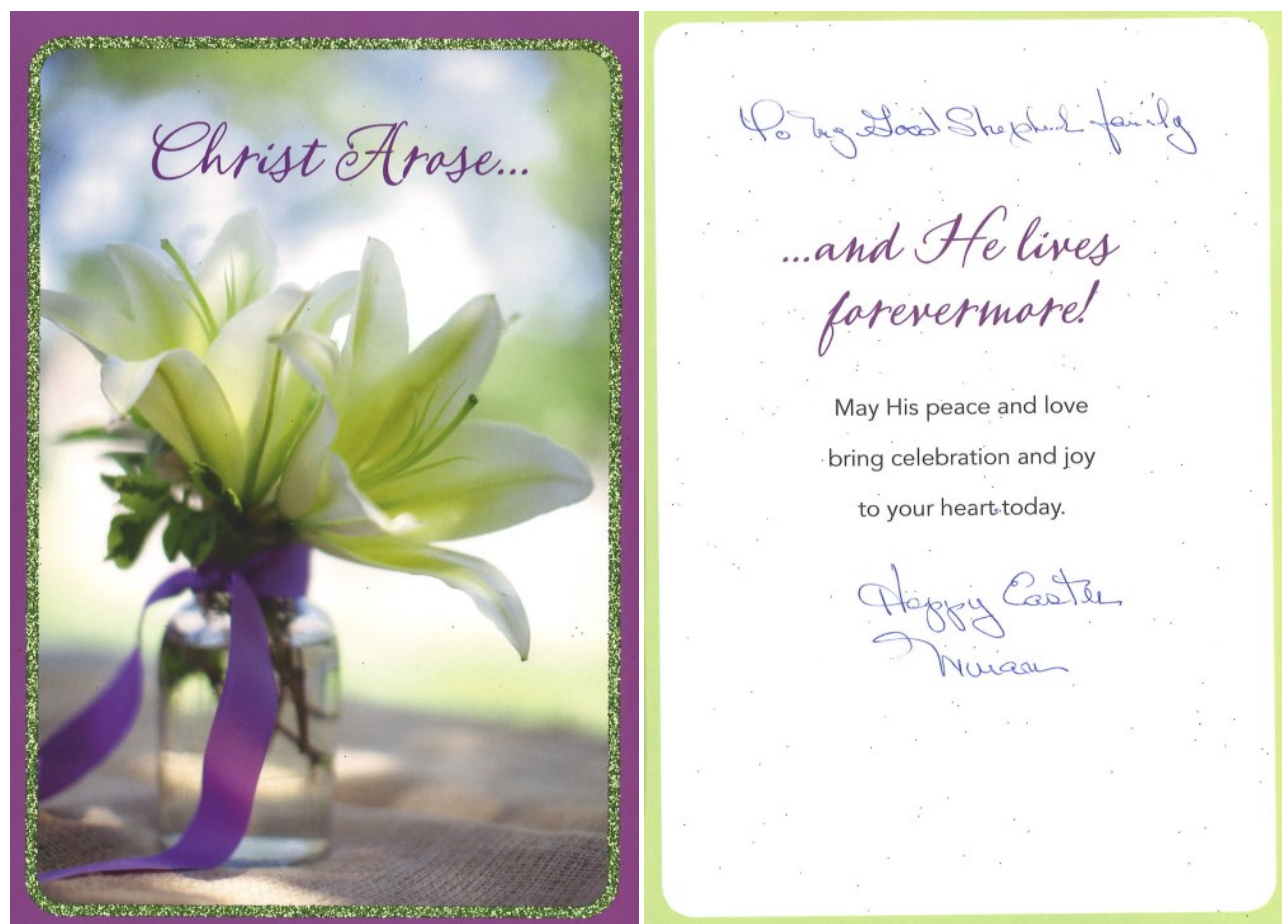
[https://youtu.be/Q4rScB\\_9v-s](https://youtu.be/Q4rScB_9v-s)

Thanks again to all that contributed towards our Lenten fundraising campaign and for being such faithful servants to our Lord and His people.



\*P.S. If you haven't done so already, there is still time to make your donation this coming weekend.

**FROM MIRIAM KURSAWE -**



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# *The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport Enews*

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## **CCGB Delegates meeting**

Thursday, April 21, 2022

7:00 to 8:15 PM via Zoom

([email](#) us for the link if you aren't a delegate or clergy)

**For info, or to register: [info@ccgb.org](mailto:info@ccgb.org)**

**All are welcome, delegates and clergy are strongly encouraged to attend. Please mark your calendars, and stay tuned for more info on advocacy initiatives, a new anti-racism series, and more!**

The Racial Justice Working Group of Christ and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Westport invites you to a conversation with Scot Esdaile, the President of the CT State Conference NAACP and national Board member on

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24 at 11 AM**

(immediately following the 9:30 church service)

**Contact Fiona with any questions: [fkkgarden13@gmail.com](mailto:fkkgarden13@gmail.com)**

# The History of Race and the American Church: The Color of Compromise

The Council of Churches' Raising the B.A.R. (Becoming AntiRacist) team invites you into sacred conversations in a safe space to talk about the history of race and the American Church. **The series begins on April 28 and continues through July 7 on Thursday evenings (7:30-8:45) on Zoom.** Though the series will span 11 weeks, each session covers a distinct topic, so you're welcome to attend as many as you wish. **For info, or to register: [info@ccgb.org](mailto:info@ccgb.org)**

## Interfaith Forum on Coming of Age and Marriage

**Tuesday, May 3, 7:30 pm**

**Representatives of Muslim, Jewish, Christian, and Bahá'í faiths will describe their beliefs and practices regarding these coming-of-age events.**

**All are welcome to this free event**

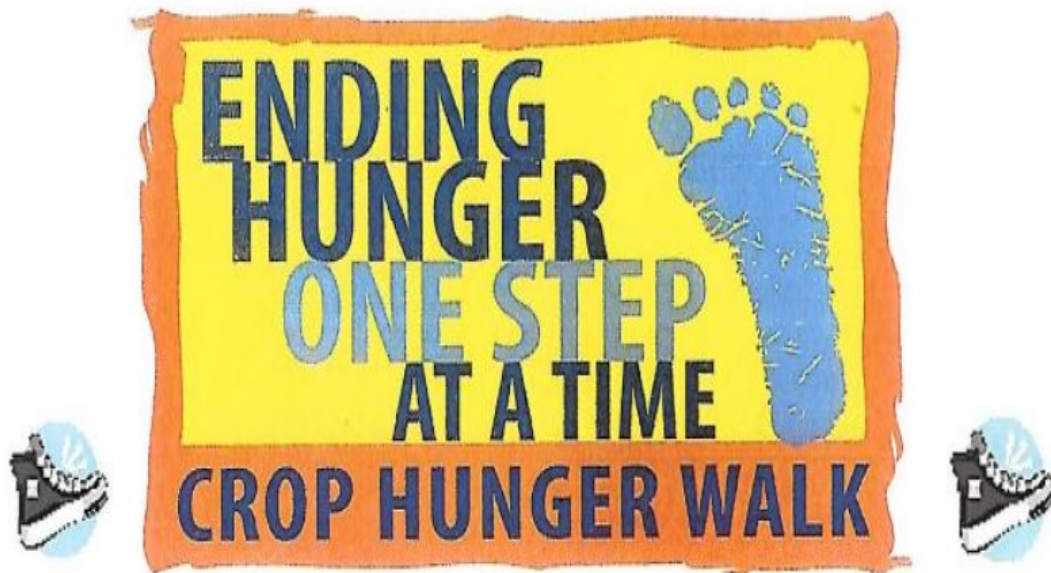


**University of Bridgeport's John J. Cox Student Center  
(Great Room, Rm. 100) 244 University Avenue  
(Parking in the rear of building)**

Hosted by Multicultural Affairs ([multicultural@bridgeport.edu](mailto:multicultural@bridgeport.edu))

Sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition of Greater Bridgeport  
For more information, contact Frank Basler ( [frank.basler@gmail.com](mailto:frank.basler@gmail.com) )

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## 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](http://www.crophungerwalk.org)



\* More information can be found on the "Connections" bulletin board in the hallway. There are also donation packets in the office if needed.

# 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](mailto:pmachledt@gmail.com) or Golden Hill UMC (203-336-0152, Tues-Fri.) or email: [office@goldenhill.org](mailto:office@goldenhill.org).

Part of the UMC Cooperative Parish Program

## 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**



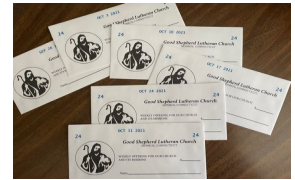
## Summerfield -



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!

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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, April 24, 2022 - Second Sunday of Easter

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 118:14-29(8)

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31



### Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

### John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.