



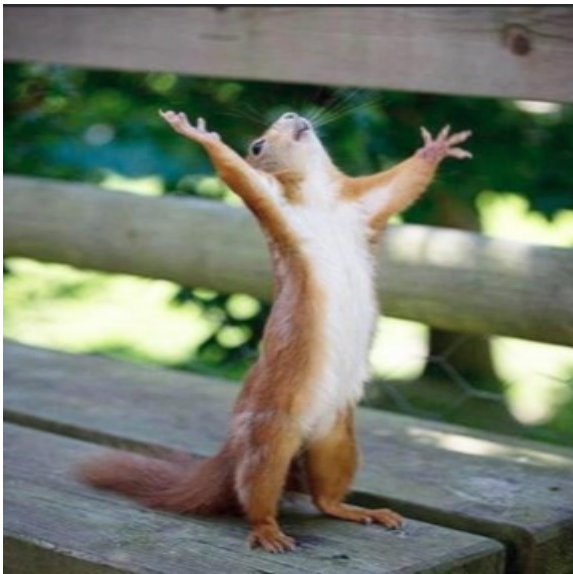
Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, June 29, 2022

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



**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts!**

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GSLC wishes to thank Dave Wang for all his hard work around the Church lately!

The prayer garden is looking great, along with the side door he painted. Great job, Dave!



Worship Information -

*** Good Shepherd is currently on "Summer schedule". This means that one service is held every Sunday at 9:30am. Choir practice is at 8:45am. Please join us!**

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:

Cliff Jr., 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



7/4/22 - Office closed in observance of the Fourth of July.

7/5/22 - Book Club at 2pm. See below for details.

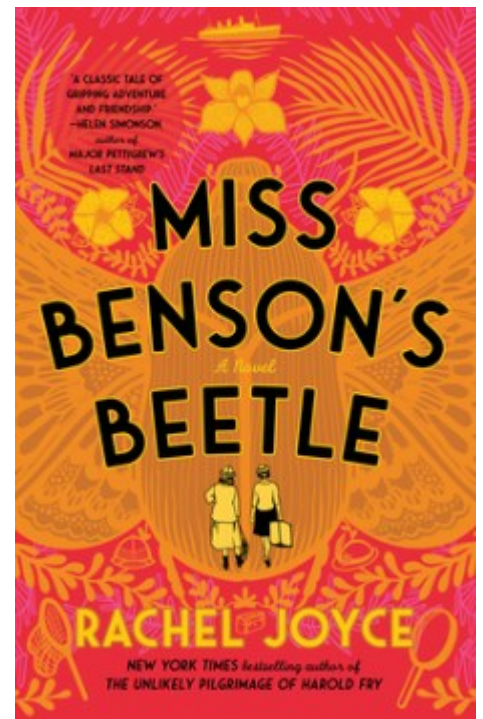
*** Choir practice - every Sunday at 8:45am.**

*** Shepherd's Flock Quilters** - 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!

JULY BOOK CLUB -

I ♥
Book Club

Our next Book Club has been announced. Please join us on **July 5th at 2pm to discuss "Miss Benson's Beetle"**, by Rachel Joyce.





Our Annual Church Picnic & Outdoor Worship Service was held at Wolfe Park in Monroe on Sunday, June 26th.

Thanks to all that came to Worship with us and everyone that helped make the cookout a success!

HOLLOW TREES

READ Galatians 6:1-5

**WED
JUNE 29
2022**

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

— Galatians 6:2 (NRSV)

One sunny autumn afternoon, my adult son and I hiked through a local forest. We stopped at a tree that had a large hollow near the ground. When I stuck my head inside the hollow, my son cautioned that animals might be living in there; but it was completely empty. We were amazed that even with its core missing, the outer part of the tree remained strong.

Similarly, even when people appear stable and strong, they may have a broken heart or troubled soul. One Sunday our pastor invited us to pray with someone near us. I was sitting next to a woman with whom I frequently have casual conversations, and I asked if she needed prayer. Her face crumpled in pain as she said, "Pray for my daughter — for our relationship." It was a rare moment of vulnerability when a private heartbreak was revealed.

People I cross paths with each day may be like hollow trees. I am rarely given a chance to peer into the hollow and offer grace or support. Further, I am rarely vulnerable enough to reveal my own hurts and heartbreaks to others. But as part of God's love for us all, God encourages us to look into the hollows in ourselves and others and to respond with love.

Prayer: Dear God, help us to bear one another's burdens — to give others a space to reveal their hurts and concerns, and to trust enough to reveal our burdens to others. Amen.

Susan Wakefield Dal Porto (Illinois, USA)

Prayer Focus: PEOPLE WHO ARE STRUGGLING SILENTLY 71

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
God encourages me to share my burdens with others.

SHEPHERDS FLOCK QUILTING NEWS -



GSLC is sending out a HUGE thanks to all of these wonderful members for coming to help out on Monday night!

Because of them, we were able to load up the Lutheran World Relief truck with 77 boxes filled with 357 quilts and 115 personal care items. All items are now on their way to the LWR warehouse to be sorted, stored and eventually sent out to those in need around the world.

Thank you to our quilters, as well, for all their hard work and dedication to this project throughout the year!



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.

Food Pantry Needs –

Egg noodles

Cooking oil

Coffee/tea - regular and decaf

Baking items - brownie mix, sugar & flour

Condiments - mayo, ketchup & mustard

Breadcrumbs - regular and Italian

Cleaning supplies & paper goods

Laundry detergent

Toiletries

Thank you for your support!



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 News -

*** New Financial Statements** are still 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, July 3, 2022 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalms 66:1-9(4)

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20



Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.] Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."