

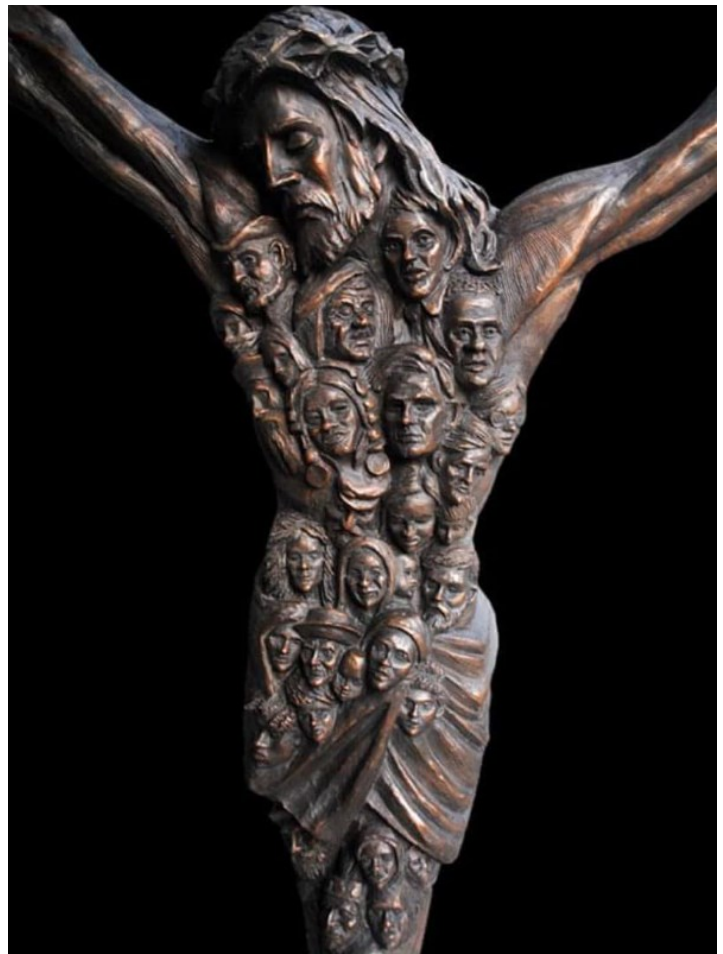


**Evangelical Lutheran
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God's work. Our hands.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, May 4, 2022

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



The sculpture of this crucifix is a visual expression of my Good Friday sermon. Holy Week was so meaningful back inside.

Love, PD



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. 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

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April 29, 2022

The Rev. Douglas Ryniewicz
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
466 Elm Street
Monroe, CT 06468

Dear Pastor Ryniewicz and the People of Good Shepherd,

This is beyond words. It would be hard to thank you sufficiently for the gifts we have received this year from the church. Your recent checks for \$400 and 11,425 have come at a time when we are reaching out to our patients in different and God-sent ways. And so, we again have the joy of thanking you for your partnership in our medical and water mission to the people of Haiti. We continue to be touched by your faithfulness in caring for those in need as our Lord did.

We have amazing news. We began our daily clinic onsite on March 23rd and it is going incredibly well. I don't yet have details, but we are hearing that Oskar is seeing 100 or more people each week and we are already talking about increasing staff there to meet the needs of the patients. He has delivered a baby, is giving home PT to 2 stroke patients, sent a young girl to the hospital for appendicitis, and that was just last week! We are now holding clinics, 5 days per week, for 4 hours per day, with Oskar also on call and an MD on call for physician referral.

This is nothing short of amazing! Our next goal is to begin nutrition care, an infant formula program, and prenatal care, as funds become available. We are currently in the process of finding a way to set up a lab onsite, for immediate diagnoses.

This is truly miraculous, and we thank you and your faithful generosity, along with the generous gifts of so many of God's people. We pray in thanksgiving for your support, and, we continue to need your prayers. Please remember to include our work and the people we will be treating in the congregation's prayers during worship on Sundays. Both they, all the people of Haiti, our volunteer staff, and the Haitian doctors and nurses need that spiritual support.

Wishing you Easter blessings as we walk with and serve the risen Christ!

With gratitude,

Michele Sidney

Michele Sidney, President

Linda + Bob

The Rev. & Mrs. Robert P. McGurn

*We'd love to come down
& update you all
personally. Hope to see
you on May 22!
L+B*



5/8/22 - Mothers' Day - NO Sunday School & Confirmation classes.

5/9/22 - Finance Committee Meeting by Zoom.

5/16/22 - Church Council Meeting.

5/22/22 - Sunday School & Confirmation classes at 9:15am.

5/30/22 - Memorial Day

6/18/22 - We will sponsor another Red Cross Blood Drive. Please sign up to donate and spread the word!

*** Choir practice** - every Sunday at 9:30am.

*** Book Club** - There will not be a meeting in June, sorry!

*** 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!



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!



Quilting News --

1. The Lutheran World Relief truck is coming the last week in June or first week in July. Other quilt groups will be bringing boxed quilts and health kits to us.
2. We will begin selling raffle tickets for the quilt of your choice from May 15 to June 12.
3. Blessing of the quilts will happen on June 12, when church will be at 9:30 a.m.
4. We expect to have about 100 quilts and will be sending 10 of them to Paducah, KY, for the House in a Box program for victims of the December tornado.
5. If you have boxes for us to use in packing the quilts, please put them in the back of Gibiser Hall in early June.





ELCA Men's Breakfast (prepared by the men, but open to men and women!)

Saturday, May 14 at 8:00 a.m.
Everyone (Men and Women) is invited. Freewill offering
Grace Lutheran Church, 160 Chapel Street, Stratford

Background: Salem Lutheran in Bridgeport has held a Men's Breakfast for years where the men make and serve breakfast and lead a discussion on a religious topic. Recently Grace Lutheran offered the use of their kitchen to prepare our breakfast. That's when we decided that it would be more appropriate to include all ELCA congregations in the area. This would give us the opportunity to share experiences and upcoming events. Since this will be our first area ELCA breakfast, our topic will be sharing events that our congregations have coming up and what events we would like to start up. Cooking and setup start at 7:00, serving starts at 8:00 and the session is over by around 9:00.

For more information, contact Bruce Tomasko at: (203) 521-8103 or Rich Lansing at: (203) 520-3751.

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Friday May 13, 2022

10 AM - 5 PM

Saturday May 14, 2022

10 AM - 4 PM

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

406 White Plains Rd

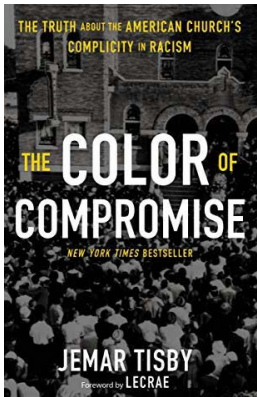
Trumbull, CT 06611

\$5 Admission for entire weekend. FREE parking.

For more info, go to www.ctpiecemakers.org

The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport Enews

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 began 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.

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Pastor Doug and the people of Good Shepherd,
thank you for your latest gift of support
for the people of Ukraine. You should have
received an email from me which highlights
the work you are enabling to happen. Please
let me know how I can help communicate
the good you are participating in.

Grace + Peace, Tim Kreck

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 or Golden Hill UMC (203-336-0152, Tues-Fri.) or email: office@goldenhill.org.

Part of the UMC Cooperative Parish Program

* If you live in Monroe, Ellsworth Philbrick has volunteered to pick up any old bikes, help tune them up and deliver them to Golden Hill for us. Ellsworth also works with the Boy Scouts that meet at GSLC. He stated he would love to help. Please contact the office for his cell number to set up an appointment time. If you do not live in Monroe, but can get your bike to GSLC, Ellsworth can pick it up here. A big thanks to Ellsworth and anyone that can donate!

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.

*** The picture below was taken from Monroe Food Pantry's Facebook Page. If you look closely, you can see one of our very own, Dave Wang, being recognized for showing dedication to his work with the Monroe Food Pantry. Great job, Dave!**



Monroe Food Pantry

April 27 at 4:02 PM · 🌐

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Today we got to celebrate a wonderful group of volunteers, without whom we could never do what we do! Thanks to each and every one of you for all your hard work, dedication and positive attitude.



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, May 8, 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prayer of the Day: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord, Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Acts 9:36-43

Psalms 23 (1)

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30



Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."