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## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, June 1, 2022

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



"Faith isn't something you muster, or even have to do. Faith is not our work. Rather, faith is "Someone" happening in you. Faith is a work, but it is God's work within you and within the beloved community.

This Sunday, is Pentecost Sunday, the Birthday of the Church. Accept whatever "amount" of faith you've been given. It is enough.

On Sunday, we can wear red as a sign. Red is a symbol that within us, lives God the Holy Spirit and we live inside God, just as the fourth Gospel has been telling us over the past few weeks.

We pray for all who mourn this week and that the Consoler inspire them. We pray for inspiration to truly live and act as Jesus - followers.

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## **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 -**

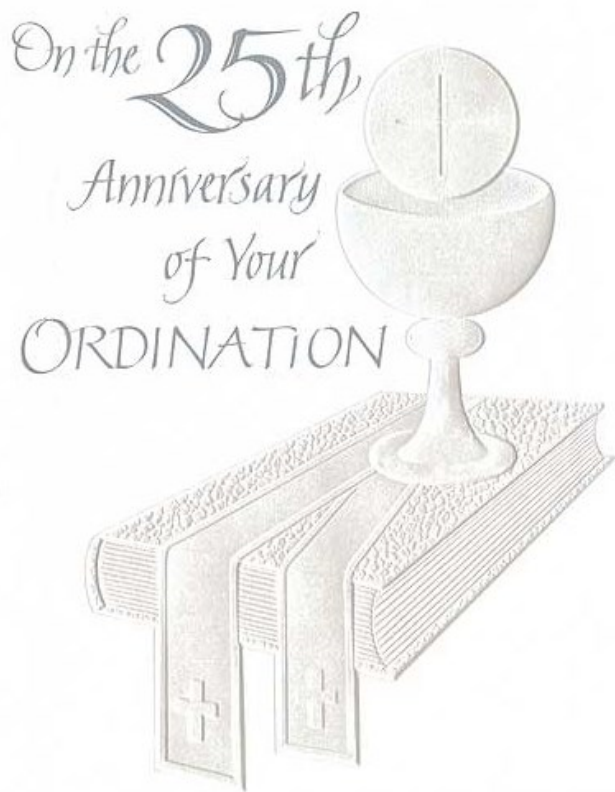
**Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Audrey, Miriam, 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](mailto:dearynos@gmail.com)



**Pastor Doug will soon be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination.**

Please join us in Worship on June 12th at 9:30am. Afterwards, we will mark the momentous day with a cake for Pastor.

It would be extra special for Pastor if each member would bring him a card, or note of appreciation that day, so please consider doing so. Thank you!

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**\* Louis Papp**



Sadly, Anita Papp's husband, Louis Papp, passed away on May 30, 2022. Funeral arrangements are currently in the works. We, at Good Shepherd, are heartbroken for Anita and are sending her strength and prayers during this difficult time.

May Louis rest in peace.



**6/1/22 - Golden Hill Community Supper.** See Peg Wesche for more info, or sign up in the narthex to join the carpool.

**6/12/22 - Summer schedule will begin, which means one service will be held on Sundays at 9:30am. Also, Pastor's 25th Anniversary will be celebrated and the Blessing of Quilts will take place.**

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

**6/26/22 - Outdoor Worship & Annual Church Picnic at Wolfe Park.**

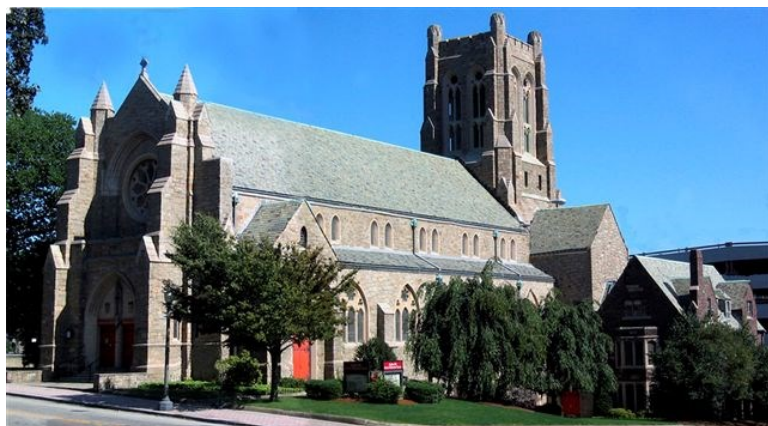
\* **Choir practice** - every Sunday at 9:30am.

\* **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!

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## Golden Hill Community Supper -



On June 1st, Good Shepherd will help serve the needy at the Golden Hill Community Supper. Please reach out to Peg Wesche to join the carpool, or get more information! Signups are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.



**Church Council has announced that our Annual Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship Service will be held at Wolfe Park in Monroe on Sunday, June 26th.**

Please bring your own lawn chair and set up at 9:30am for an inspiring outdoor worship service at 10am. Worship will be followed by a delicious cookout. GSLC will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers. We also ask that you bring your own side dishes, as we will **not** be having a potluck with side dishes to share.

**If you plan on attending, please RSVP by emailing Stephanie at: [office@gslc-ct.org](mailto:office@gslc-ct.org) by June 17th, so that we can ensure that there will be enough food for everyone.**

We are really looking forward to a wonderful picnic and worship and hope all of our members can join us!



## Quilt Raffle -

Here's a win/win opportunity: Help defray the costs of fabric, batting and shipping, while taking a chance to win a quilt of your choice.

Good Shepherd's quilting ministry, led by our capable and talented Ellie Noll, has for many years been sending quilts worldwide through Lutheran World Relief to help warm and comfort those in need. The quilts, made throughout the year by many helpful and willing hands, will be blessed at the church on June 12th. The winner of the raffle will be drawn at that time and will have the pleasure of having "the pick of the litter". Please see Eileen Holleran to purchase your tickets. They cost \$2 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 3 tickets, or \$10 for 7 tickets. They will also be available at the in person worship services from May 15th, until June 12th.



### 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.



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

*Thank You!*

May 17, 2022

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
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Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous \$30.00 emergency gift to help the people of Ukraine, who are enduring unimaginable hardship and suffering. Please continue to lift them up in your prayers.

Your gift is being put to use immediately to deliver emergency food, shelter, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, medicines and other critically needed items for children and their families who are trying to survive the horrifying fighting ... or are being forced to flee their homeland with a few meager belongings.

Your willingness to share your blessings during a global crisis like this is a godsend to your neighbors in Ukraine who are hurting. They can feel your love and are deeply grateful to know you are keeping them in your thoughts and prayers.

If you have any questions regarding your donation, please feel free to reach out to us anytime at 800 597 5972 or via email at [lwr@lwr.org](mailto:lwr@lwr.org). You'll also find inspiring stories of the life-changing work you make possible at [lwr.org](http://lwr.org). And if you haven't already, be sure to subscribe to our e-newsletter to receive bi-weekly updates on the impact of your generosity.

Thank you again, and God bless you!

Warm Regards,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (ret.)  
President and CEO

## 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 Food Pantry can use the following items:

Cooking oil  
Egg noodles  
Sugar  
Flour  
Snacks (chips/cookies/crackers/nuts)  
Jarred pasta sauce  
Canned fruit (applesauce, pineapple, peaches, mandarin oranges)  
Solid white tuna  
Canned beans (pinto, black, chickpeas, cannellini, kidney)  
Brownie mix  
Sugar  
Flour  
Corn muffin mix  
Ketchup/mustard/mayo/bbq sauce  
Salad dressing (Balsamic/blue cheese/French/Italian/ranch/Thousand Island)  
Crunchy peanut butter  
Grape and strawberry jelly  
Instant potatoes  
Bread crumbs (Italian and regular)  
Ramen (chicken/beef/shrimp)  
Baked beans  
Progresso soups (vegetable/Clam Chowder/lentil/split pea)  
Chicken and beef broth  
Coffee (regular and decaf)  
Tea (regular and decaf)  
Juice (apple/cranberry/V-8)



## 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 Statements -

**New Financial Statements** are 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](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, June 5, 2022 - Day of Pentecost

**Prayer of the Day:** God, our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b, (30)

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17 [25-27]



### **Romans 8:14-17**

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### **John 14:8-17 [25-27]**

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.["

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.]"