

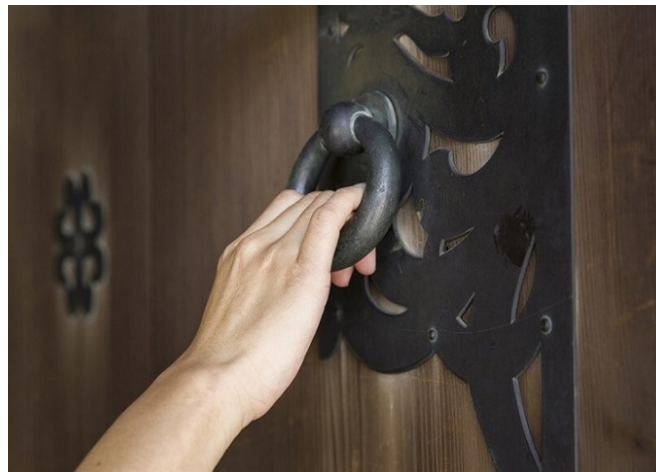


**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.



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

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



“The apostles remembered what many modern Christians tend to forget - that what makes the Gospel offensive isn’t who it keeps out, but who it lets in.

- Rachel Held Evans

This coming Sunday - “The Good Samaritan” parable.... in every congregation I’ve served, people tell stories about how in the past, certain people were not welcomed by everyone when they came to church on a Sunday. It’s people who make up the definition of “who is a Samaritan”. God doesn’t seem to be interested in those definitions at all. That is good news for the Samaritan parts of me and you!

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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



7/11/22 - Finance Meeting.

7/18/22 - Council Meeting.

*** 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!

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MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

READ James 5:13-16

Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

— Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

As a nurse, I ride the hospital elevator often. Each day before going to my floor I pray for visitors who will use the same elevator. Most visitors are not happy about being at the hospital. Some have traveled long distances, worried and concerned for a loved one.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Opportunities to offer love and compassion are all around us.

When I enter the elevator, I always smile and ask, "How is your day going?" With these five words I can enter people's lives, and

God's work can begin. Some will simply smile and politely say, "Fine. How is your day?" But sometimes the conversation goes deeper. Responses I have heard include: "My day is not good; my husband had a stroke, and he is not doing well" or "I am so tired; I haven't slept in days since my son was brought here after the accident." The elevator ride is quick, so I can only offer brief responses: "I am so sad to hear that this is happening to your loved one. I will pray for both of you today."

We don't need a passport or a plane ticket to go on a mission trip. Mission opportunities are all around us. With God's help we can find ways to share love and compassion with the people we encounter each day. It will be a rewarding experience.

Prayer: Holy God, help us to look for opportunities each day to serve those who need to feel your love. Amen.

Cheryl A. Mart (Texas, USA)



**BRIDGEPORT
RESCUE MISSION**
Expanding Hope. Rebuilding Lives.

DONATE

Our doors are open... and more and more people are turning here. But donations drop off during the summer months so YOUR help is needed right now!

You can help those in our community experiencing homelessness today...

Yes, I'll help!

Homelessness doesn't stop for summer. Neither does hunger.

But with your support today, Bridgeport Rescue Mission will be able to help more of our neighbors struggling to provide for their families who need the food, safe housing and Christ-centered support to rebuild their lives.

Thousands of meals are needed this summer... each costs just \$2.50. So I hope you'll **reach deep into your heart and give generously** to provide meals and care for our neighbors right now.

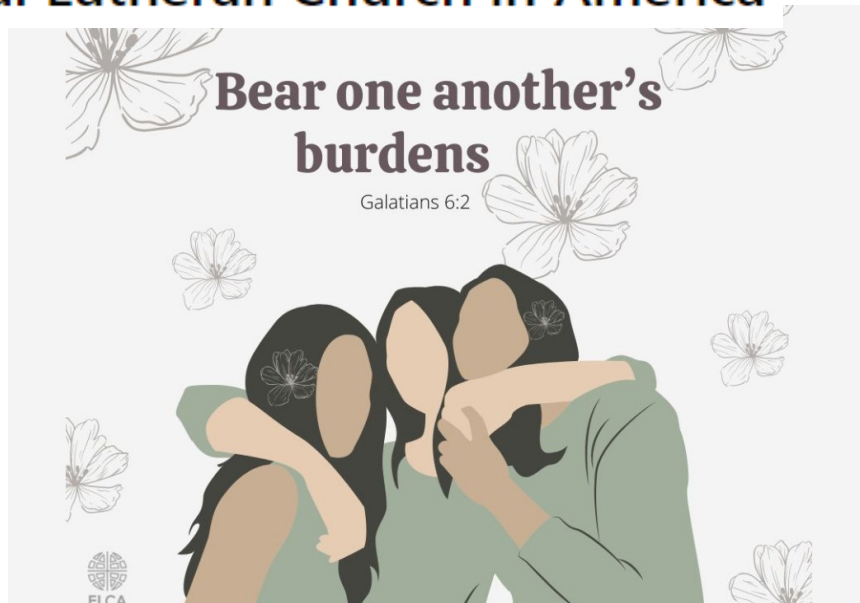
Here's your opportunity! Give now during the Love Your Neighbor campaign to offer a helping hand to men, women, and children in our community who would otherwise be hungry and homeless this summer. **Together, we are expanding hope and rebuilding lives.**

Lisa Chester
Director of Development

**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR**
SUMMER CAMPAIGN

P.S. Soaring inflation and rising costs are stretching our budget to the limit... right as donations slow down in summer! **Your gift to Bridgeport Rescue Mission is especially critical – please give now:** By typing this into your browser: **<http://www.BridgeportRescueMission.org/summer>**.

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



"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" (Galatians 6:1-2).

FROM CALUMET -

Good financial footing is not something that happens by accident. Calumet has a lot of help — but we need **more** helpers.

- (1) Help Calumet this year by becoming a participant in Walk the Walk 2022. The fee (a donation) is just \$25.
- (2) Become an **Angel Donor** by helping with the \$25 registration fee (a donation) for someone who is experiencing financial hardship (*we have people who want to walk and report their miles, but financial hardship makes it hard for them right now*).

Can you help?



www.calumet.org/walkthewalk2022

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.

* From the Monroe Food Pantry...

Kids are home for the summer, so we can use several items to help our local families:

Snack items (like chips, pretzels, etc.)

Juice (apple, cranberry, etc.)

Condiments such as ketchup, mustard, BBQ sauce, mayo

Salad dressing (Ranch/Thousand Island/French/Balsamic)

Canned fruits and vegetables

Brownie and cake mix

Egg noodles

Instant potatoes

Cooking oil

Strawberry jelly

Rice and pasta sides

Sugar

Flour

Oatmeal, original and instant

Coffee

Tea

Jarred pasta sauce

Jell-O and puddings

Toiletry items (deodorant/shampoo/conditioner/soap)

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Cleaning products

Laundry detergent



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 -

*** 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 10, 2022 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day: O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalms 25:1-10(4)

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37



Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."