

**Evangelical Lutheran
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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, September 28, 2022

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



**Please keep my sister Desi in prayer.
She underwent a second heart procedure
today. Because of this there will be no recorded
Worship this week. I appreciate your understanding.
Pastor Doug**



Worship Information -

*** On September 11th, we began recognizing our Fall schedule. That means there will be two Worship services every Sunday. Please choose from the 8am, or 10:30am service. Also, please see next newsletter page for the Choir and Sunday School schedules.**

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.

*** WE APOLOGIZE, BUT THERE WILL BE NO ONLINE WORSHIP THIS WEEK!***

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:

Helen, Cliff Jr., Audrey, Miriam, Desi, Bill C's Family, Todd, Nicolette, Mike's family, Kelly, Sue, Andrea, A, Robert, Kathy, Beverly, Doree, Amy, Mark, 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



Our regular Fall Worship schedule is in effect. There are two services on Sundays. Please choose from the 8am, or 10:30am service.

10/4/22 - Book Club at 2pm. We will discuss "The Postscript Murders", by Elly Griffiths. Please join us!

10/5/22 - Community Supper at Golden Hill. Sign ups are in the narthex.

10/9/22 - Sunday School and Confirmation classes will be held at 9:15am. (and every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.)

*** Choir practice** will be at 9:30am.

*** Shepherd's Flock Quilters** - generally meet at 10am each Monday, and Saturday. **QUILTING WILL NO LONGER TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAYS.** * For quilting on Mondays, please contact Barbara by phone, or text at: 203-305-0321. If you prefer to quilt on a Saturday, please text Donna Duessel at: 203-482-5598. Everyone is welcome!

REFORMATION SUNDAY -

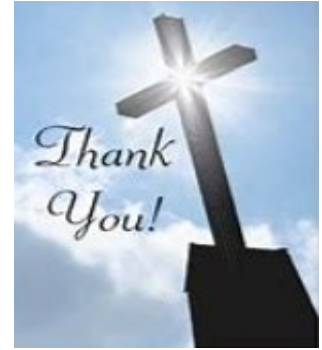
Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 30th at 9:30am.

We will be making and eating symbolic and delicious "Reformation Pretzels".

Join us for baking and fun!



FROM MEMBER VICKI CREUTZ -



Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Thank you for the many sympathy cards that you sent me for the passing of my dad! It has been a comfort to receive them. I have read all my cards numerous times. One of my three brothers is a Hospice chaplain. He was amazing with my dad and all of us! We were all with him when he went to heaven. It was as beautiful as it was sad. The Lutheran school attached to my parents' church was part of the memorial. The children's choir sang at the service as did my three brothers. In retirement, my dad read to the preschoolers, taught Sunday School, and a class about the hazards of tobacco to the sixth grade at the school. The funeral home was packed from 2:00-8:00pm and so was the church! I don't know what people do without faith in Jesus and a church family. Please keep my mother, Bev, in your prayers.

Thanks, again!

Love,
Vicki

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -

Financial Statements are still available on the wood table in the narthex. **They cover the period through 8/31/22.**

If you can not get to Church and need yours mailed, please contact the office.





Optical Illusions



Have you ever seen one of those pictures that changes depending on how you look at it? Is it a rabbit or a duck? Is it a vase or two faces looking at one another? A young woman or an old one? Sometimes our first impression of something gets in the way of us seeing it another way.

In the parable Jesus tells today, there is a man with wealth and influence who has always seen his life as a success. That success seems all the more pronounced in contrast to a poor, sick beggar who is always hanging around the entrance to his house. But when the rich man dies, he realizes that his life was actually the opposite of what he thought. It was not his possessions or status that mattered; it was the justice and love he showed to others. When it came to those things, he was far more impoverished and much sicker than the man he looked down on every day.

When we look at our own lives, it can be easy to get stuck in just one way of seeing them. If we focus on worldly standards, we may judge ourselves as successes or failures in ways that are out of touch with how God sees us. With this parable, Jesus calls us to new ways of looking at ourselves. Where are we missing the opportunities right outside our front door to act with love and justice for our siblings near and far?

In Christian worship, we gather to practice the way our lives and our world appear to God. We lift up the cries that have gone unheard. We look at one another and ourselves through the redemptive waters of baptism. We feed one another around the table that Christ sets for us all in our common need. As witnesses to God's truth, we send one another forth to shatter misguided illusions in the world around us.

Devotional message and art based on the readings for September 25th, reprinted from [sundaysandseasons.com](https://www.sundaysandseasons.com).

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.

* Monroe Food Pantry Needs -

Please see below and note what the pantry is currently in need of. We are completely out of, or extremely low on the items that have a star next to them. Thanks again for your continued support!

- Juice (apple, cranberry, etc.)*
- Condiments (especially mayo*)
- Canned Vegetables
- Grape Jelly, Strawberry Jam*
- Hamburger Helper, Knorr Pasta/Rice Sides, Macaroni & Cheese
- Egg Noodles*
- White rice*
- Oatmeal (instant or original, flavored, etc.)*
- Breadcrumbs
- Beef or shrimp ramen*
- Canned Tomatoes (crushed, whole, diced, stewed, paste)
- Chicken, Beef, or Vegetable Broth
- Cooking Oil*
- Canned Fruit (regular or low sugar - preferably in juice)
- Canned Beans, especially baked
- Baking Supplies - including sugar & flour *
- Syrup (regular or sugar free)
- Pancake Mix*
- Jarred Pasta Sauce
- Salad Dressing (any flavor)
- Ground Coffee*, Tea (regular, decaf), Instant Coffee & Hot Chocolate
- Canned Soup
- Ensure
- Snack Items
- **Personal hygiene products – we particularly low on bar soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner**
- Household cleaning supplies



Ways to Help Summerfield -

Snacks for Summerfield are needed! We are collecting snacks for the youth of Summerfield. If you would like to donate, please add your snack items to the marked blue bin in the narthex.



Also, there is an ongoing need for nutritious food/protein for the kids of Summerfield. GSLC Council has challenged the congregation to provide funds for the purchase of nutritious food. GSLC will match donations from members 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, October 2, 2022 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalms 37:1-9 (5)

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10



2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"