

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Weekly Update

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



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Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Inspiration!

It was truly inspiring to see so many of you, some of you who I haven't seen in a long while, at both Trudi's Celebration of A Life Service AND the congregational picnic the next day. Many of you saw things that needed to be done at both events and you pitched in and got to work. Thank you!

It's been a rough fourteen months but we are and have remained Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

Things are not 'normal' in the sense that they used to be, but we are returning. Please see the schedule of when we will be inside or outside on a given Sunday. Maybe print the schedule out and tack it to your refrigerator. We hope in this way to honor both groups with a preference and stay healthy. Your faith and dedication has inspired me!

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An update from the Worship and Music Committee:

The Worship and Music Committee continues to monitor Covid-19 conditions and regulations. We are committed to providing a safe and comfortable environment for as many people as possible. To achieve this, we will by necessity be taking a conservative approach as we begin to return to what we once considered normal. While we all long for worship as it used to be, we must remain vigilant for the good of all.

We continue to consider the advice of those in governance, especially at the state level; of those in the scientific community, especially the CDC; and of our partners in the ELCA; local congregations and Bishop Hazelwood. We strive to make our recommendations based on the best and most current information available to us.

In our meeting on June 2, we decided that our summer schedule will once again consist of a single service every Sunday at 9:30, beginning on 6/20. In order to accommodate those who prefer indoor worship and those who prefer outdoor worship, we will be alternating between venues. Please see the schedule below. In the event of inclement weather, including heavy rain or extreme heat, we will worship indoors. Check the Facebook group and watch for email for any changes.

For indoor worship, we will continue to require everyone in attendance to wear a face covering. Even though the state mandate has been lifted, we want to encourage everyone to feel safe in our worship space. As vaccination rates increase and infection rates decline, we will reconsider this policy. We do not make this recommendation lightly, but feel it is still in our collective best interest to maintain the practice for now. Masked individuals may sing softly, and we will begin providing single use worship sheets that include the words to the hymns. Please be reminded that we have a new air handler helping to keep the space well ventilated.

Outdoor worship will continue to be mask-optional with singing allowed. Single-use worship sheets will be provided.

Online Worship will continue. We will continue to tape and post the video online for you to watch at your convenience.

There are several options for you to join us for online worship:

- 1) go to the Good Shepherd website www.gslc-ct.org. Click on youtube on the menu under News & Events 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 this 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, then select the worship video you would like to see. Subscribe to our channel to make it even easier.

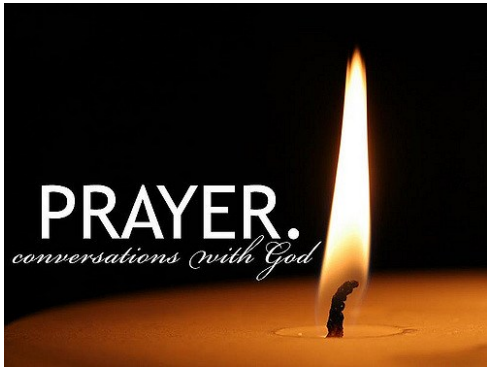
Whichever worship choice works best for you, we are delighted to have you worship with us!

Please keep our committee in your thoughts and prayers as we continue to provide guidance to the best of our abilities. We are delighted that our congregation has remained healthy through this crisis and look forward to the day when these considerations are no longer necessary

Yours in Christ,
The Worship and Music Committee
Susan Chin, Chair

Summer Worship schedule for in person worship: (subject to change)

June 20: 9:30 Worship INdoors
June 27: 9:30 Worship OUTdoors
July 4: 9:30 Worship INdoors
July 11: 9:30 Worship OUTdoors
July 18: 9:30 Worship INdoors
July 25: 9:30 Worship OUTdoors



Pour out your Spirit on all people living with illness, as well as their loved ones and caregivers. Help them to know that you claim them as your own and deliver them from fear and pain; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

A Community of Prayer

For those in need of healing and comfort:

Members and Friends of the Congregation: Joan, Vic, Lauren, Ray, Tim, Marie, Audrey, Elizabeth, Gordon, Sarah, Miriam, Scarlet, Jason, Brian, David, Tricia, Cate, Cecilio, Donna, Anthony, Steve, the Wilk family, Linda, Todd, Noreen and family, Maureen, Lynn, Barbara, Scott, Johanna.

Military (on active duty), Fire fighters, and Police: Ryan, Teddy, Tyler, Ben, Kenny, Brian, Bill, Ken, John, Glen, and Vic.

Front Line workers in the COVID-19 pandemic: Diane, Alicia, Brittany, Loretta, Jay, Alyssa, Monica, Rachel, June.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Psalm 147 vs. 3

Do you wonder how to put a loved one, friend, neighbor, or yourself on the prayer list?

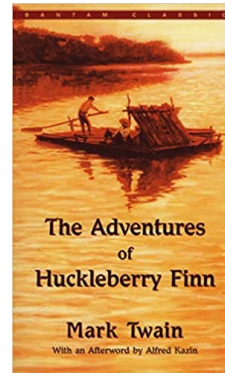
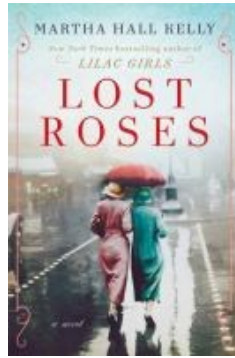
Simply email the church office at office@gsllc-ct.org. If you would like a prayer card sent to your loved one, friend or neighbor, please include the full name and address. Prayer requests may also be made by phone (203-268-7596) and will be included by the church office.

For privacy, only the first name of each individual will be listed.

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 by cell phone (860-595-9560—text if you like!) or by his email (dearynos@gmail.com).

Upcoming Events



The Good Shepherd Book Club is meeting on **July 6th at 1:00 p.m.** when we will discuss "The Lost Roses" by Martha Hall Kelly. In August we will read "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain. We will meet outdoors weather permitting or indoors if it's preferable. We welcome new members!



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 for warmth and comfort to those in need through Lutheran World Relief. The quilts, made throughout the year by many helpful and willing hands, will be blessed at the church in July. 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 Holteran to purchase your tickets @ \$2 for 1 or \$5 for 3 or \$10 for 7. They will also be available at the in person worship services.

Blessing of Quilts will be on **Sunday, July 11th** at the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Quilts for High School Seniors - The Shepherd's Flock Quilters have decided to honor our high school graduates with quilts to remind them that they are always surrounded by God's love. We are going to bless the quilts on Sunday, July 11th. We would love for the high school seniors to come to church between 9 & 9:15 a.m. to pick out a quilt from our stash that we will present to them during the 9:30 church service.

Lutheran World Relief Quilt Ingathering

Good Shepherd is the site of the next Quilt Ingathering in Connecticut. We will be the drop off location for quilts July 13th to July 17th and the following week they will be picked up and on their way to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Maryland and then on to people in need here in the United States and worldwide.

We have lots of quilts that have been completed and are ready to be boxed up! Our sincere appreciation and admiration to the Shepherd's Flock Quilters for their faithful dedication to helping those in need! Here's a snapshot of the quilts that was posted on the Good Shepherd private group page.



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Candace Mathes
Love Ikea bags

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Lynne Rosenbaum Ravas
Great work, Donna! Hugs to all of you.

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Kathy Piltingsrud
Wow. look at all the beautiful quilts.

Reaching Out, Serving Others:



Shepherd's Pantry

The need is great!

The Monroe Food Pantry provides emergency food assistance for needy individuals and families in Monroe. Their clients receive one week's worth of food per month and they serve more than 100 households per month.

The Social Ministry and Community Outreach Committee invites you to contribute items to the Shepherd's Pantry located in the narthex. You may drop them off on Sunday mornings. The items are delivered to the Monroe Food Pantry once a month.

The Food Pantry is looking for following items to fill out their inventory:

- canned fruit - apple sauce, mandarin oranges, pineapple
- canned vegetables (regular and low sodium) - beets, creamed corn, French cut green beans, olives, potatoes, Sauerkraut, spinach, sweet potatoes
- canned vegetables (regular and low sodium) - cannellini, pinto
- baked beans
- sodium stock/broth (regular and low sodium) - chicken, beef, vegetable
- canned fish - solid white tuna, salmon
- canned tomatoes (regular and low sodium) - crushed, whole, puree, sauce, paste
- jarred pasta sauce
- Ramen - beef, shrimp
- baking goods - brownie mix, cake mix, pancake mix, sugar
- packaged foods - Hamburger Helper, instant potatoes, Knorr rice/pasta sides, Pasta-roni, Rice-a-roni, bread crumbs
- salad dressing
- condiments - BBQ sauce, cooking oil, ketchup, mustard, hot sauce
- pancake syrup
- crunchy peanut butter
- beverages - ground coffee, black tea, apple juice, cranberry juice, low sodium V8, Ensure, shelf stable milk
- household cleaning products
- personal hygiene products - tooth paste, deodorant, razors, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, face wash
- paper towels

Thank you for your continued support!

Food for 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 to GSLC with the notation "Food For Summerfield" or place cash in the Summerfield box.

WALK THE WALK 2021

REGISTER HERE



Camp Calumet is hoping you can help by registering for "Walk the Walk 2021" which starts July 1st and ends on August 31st. The goal: 1,500 registrants, trekking 200,000 miles over 62 days to raise \$106,250 or more for Calumet. Registration for "Walk the Walk 2021" goes from May 20 to June 30. Each registrant receives an official "Walk the Walk 2021" T shirt. It's easy to participate from wherever you are. To learn more, visit www.calumet.org/giving/walkthewalk

CARMEN & ERIC NEED YOUR HELP



We are collecting items for a family that has been displaced by a fire in Bridgeport. Here is a list of items they need:

Clothing: **Men's Medium tops & 31" pants, Women's Medium tops, Large bottoms, and also Young Adult Girl Large, XL or size 16 (for teen age grand-daughter residing with family)** Plates, Kitchen Utensils & Gadgets, Furniture (Sofa, Chairs, Tables, Night Stands, Etc.), Lamps, Curtains, Comforters, Queen size Bed Sheets, and Bathroom Accessories.

When speaking with Carmen she stated that they were left with nothing. "We have to start all over again" "It has been an overwhelming experience for me. Anything that you guys can provide would be greatly appreciated."

Please contact Jesmar Suarez, (203) 334-1121 ext. 20 or JesmarSuarez@ccgb.org to arrange drop off items at our office. Monetary donations are also being accepted and would be greatly appreciated. Please let our office manager, Helen Yeotsas at (203) 334- 1121 x10 or helenyeotsas@ccgb.org if you care to donate.

Email Jesmar if you can help!

*Leveraging hope,
changing lives.*



Sunday, June 20

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day: O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41



2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"