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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Weekly Update Wednesday, June 15, 2022

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

Last weekend, Pastor Doug celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination. We are very blessed and lucky to have him at Good Shepherd! A big thanks to all GSLC members and friends who sent Pastor congratulations cards, gifts, called, texted and came to celebrate at our reception!





Worship Information -

*** Good Shepherd is now 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.

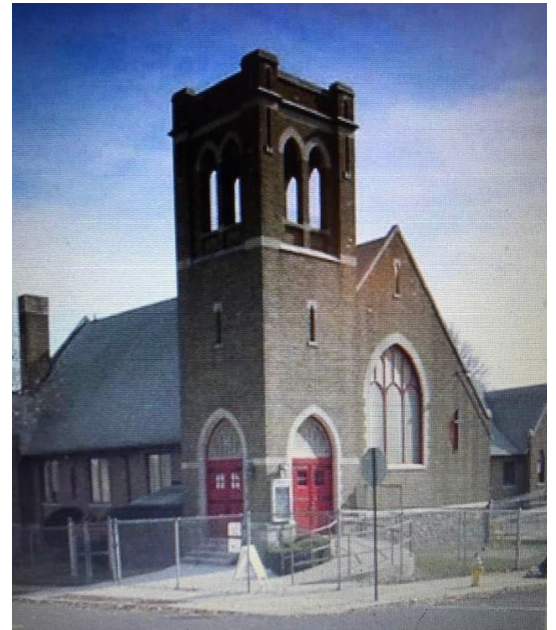


Do you have something you would like to discuss with Pastor Doug?

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

The Summerfield youth are headed to New Hampshire and need our Help!

Our ongoing ministry to assist Summerfield Methodist Church in Bridgeport has given us a new opportunity to assist their Youth With A Purpose program. These young persons are headed to New Hampshire in less than two weeks for a leadership and team building camping trip, but are falling about \$1100 short of what they need. Anyone who wishes to help in this worthy cause can send a check to Good Shepherd this week so that they won't have to "rely on peanut butter sandwiches" the whole time. Please place "Summerfield camping trip" in the memo section.



*** All donations are due by noon on Monday, June 20th. As always, your continued help and support of this worthy program, is very much appreciated!**





6/18/22 - GSLC hosts a Red Cross Blood Drive. NO QUILTING TODAY.

6/20/22 - Council Meeting

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

*** CHANGE OF TIME - Choir practice - every Sunday at 8:45am.**

*** 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!

GSLC Hosts Blood Drive - THIS SATURDAY



On June 18th, Good Shepherd will be the site of a Red Cross Blood Drive. Please consider signing up to donate. If you can't donate blood, you can always help out by spreading the word!



RSVPs NEEDED -

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@gsic-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!

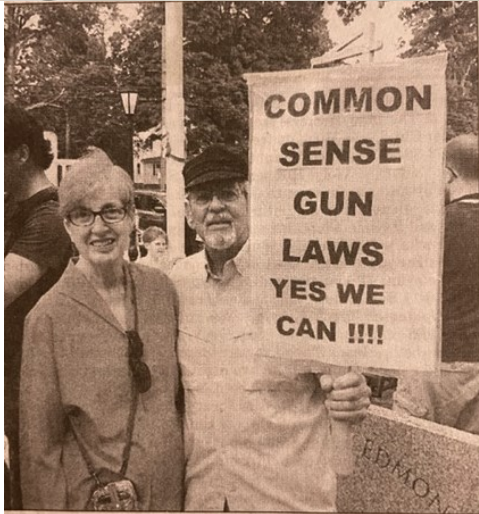


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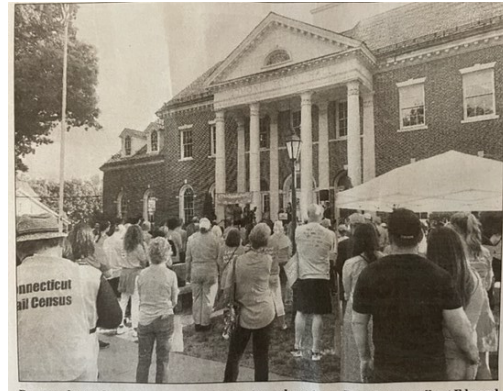
THE NEWTOWN BEE, FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022

Many Wearing Orange—

Large Gathering Marks Gun Violence Awareness Day



Numerous attendees to the June 2 #WearOrange rally at Edmond Town Hall came with their own handmade signs promoting commonsense gun laws.



Dozens of attendees, many wearing orange, turned out for a #WearOrange rally at Edmond Town Hall on the afternoon of June 2 to mark National Gun Violence Awareness Day.
—Mathew Schumer photos

If you look closely, you will note two of GSLC's faithful members, Karen and Jeff Jackson. They were spotted in Newtown on June 2nd commemorating National Gun Violence Awareness Day by advocating for gun violence prevention.

READ Romans 16:1-16

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

— 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
God values the role I play in
the body of Christ.

NEWS FROM THE SHEPHERDS FLOCK QUILTERS -



If you are coming in to GSLC soon, please excuse the cardboard boxes in the narthex. They will be filled with quilts and personal care items and will be multiplying, as we are an ingathering location. Lutheran World Relief will be arriving at GSLC the last week of June, or early July. They will have a truck to pick up all the boxes and transport them to a LWR warehouse for worldwide distribution to those in need. When we have an exact date and time that the truck will arrive, we would love some help loading it up. Thanks for your consideration!

LOST AND FOUND -

This shop vac was found at GSLC weeks ago.

Does it belong to you?

Please claim it by July 1st, or it will given away.

Thank you!



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.

June Food Pantry Needs –

Egg noodles

Cooking oil

Coffee/tea - regular and decaf

Baking items - brownie mix, sugar & flour

Condiments - mayo, ketchup & mustard

Breadcrumbs - regular and Italian

Cleaning supplies & paper goods

Laundry detergent

Toiletries

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 -

*** Year to date giving is currently behind budget. Please consider contributing to the GSLC if you can. Any amount would be greatly appreciated!**

*** 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, 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 19, 2022 - Second Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalm 22:19-28 (22)

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39



Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Luke 8:26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.