

# 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.*



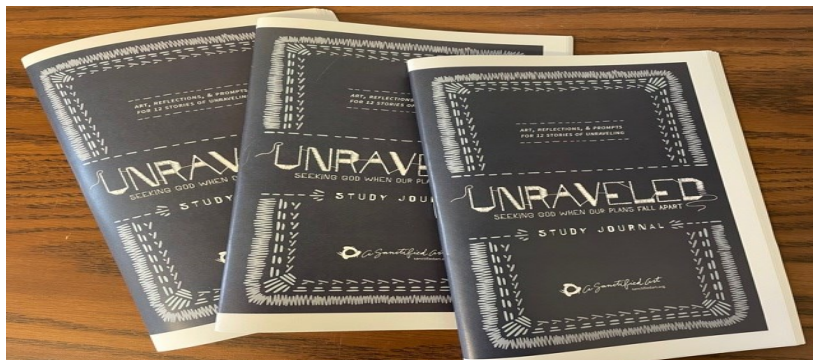
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God's work. Our hands.

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

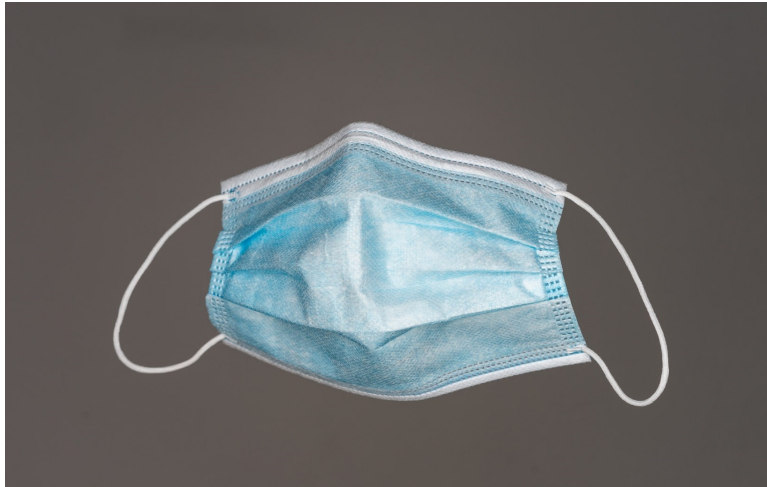


Bible Study will begin this coming Thursday!

Pastor Doug would like to invite you to a new Bible Study he is hosting, called “Unraveled”. This study includes powerful works of art to contemplate, as well as some rarely heard Bible stories. Please join him, as it promises to be a good one! This study will begin this Thursday, 9/16/21. For your convenience, two times are being offered. Pastor Doug hopes to see you at either 11am, or 7pm! No special knowledge is required and all are welcome!



**An update from the Worship and Music Committee:**



**\*FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL...PLEASE BRING A MASK TO UTILIZE DURING INDOOR WORSHIP.**

**Regardless of vaccination status, we must now revert back to wearing masks during indoor worship. Good Shepherd appreciates your patience and understanding during these challenging times!**

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

1) Go to the Good Shepherd website [www.gslc-ct.org](http://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.

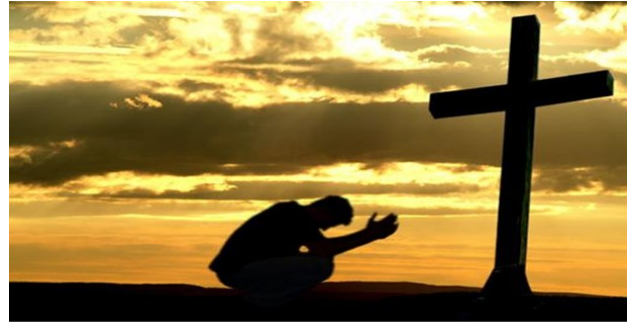
3) To find us directly on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/> enter Good Shepherd Monroe CT in the search field and you will be directed to our page, then select the worship video you would like to see. Subscribe to our channel to make it even easier.

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

## **Worship Schedule for in person worship:**



**September 19th:** Our "Fall schedule" has begun. This means we will have two Worship Services every Sunday until further notice. Please choose from:

**\* 8am INDOOR service, or**

**\* 10:30am OUTDOOR service.** (weather permitting)

Please continue to read Friday's weekly "Worship E-mail", or check our Facebook Page for any updates / changes.

### 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, Miriam, Sarah, Misty, Jim, Darcy, Scarlet, Jason, Brian, David, Cate, Cecilio, Donna, Anthony, the Wilk family, Linda, Todd, Noreen and family, Maureen, Lynn, Barbara, Scott, Johanna, Glen, Durbin, Marie, Alyssa, Rob and Andrew.

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.*

*Psalms 147 vs. 3*

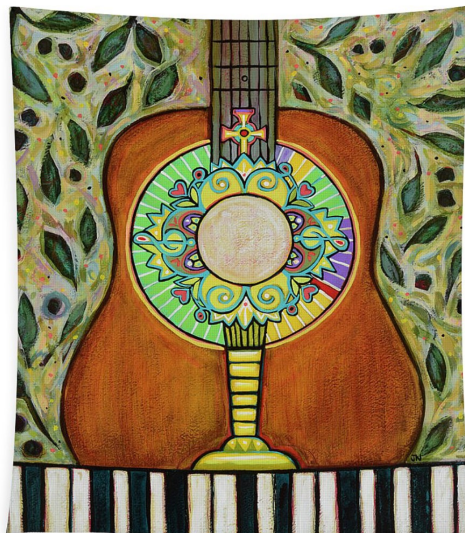
### **Do you wonder how to put a loved one, friend, neighbor, or yourself on the prayer list?**

Simply email the church office at [office@gsic-ct.org](mailto:office@gsic-ct.org), or give us a call at 203-268-7596. If you would like a prayer card sent to your loved one, friend or neighbor, please include the full name and address. 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. You can reach him by text, or phone at: 860-595-9560. His email is: [dearynos@gmail.com](mailto:dearynos@gmail.com)

## New Artwork at Good Shepherd -



A new piece of art has been hung on the wall behind the organ in the "music corner" of the sanctuary to add color and visual interest. It is called "Body and Spirit" by the artist Jen Norton. She is the same artist who created the "Lord's Prayer" banner on the opposite wall behind the pulpit. If you look closely, you will notice that the banner references the spirit and power of music in our worship, through keyboard and guitar. The shape of the guitar also subtly references the human body, with the communion chalice, host and cross at it's center... a lovely and meaningful addition to our worship experience!

## Financial News -



### Financial Statements -

Roy Remlin has printed out Financial Statements for our members. You can get yours by stopping by the wood table in the narthex when you are at the Church. If you are not able to get to Church and need your statement, please contact Stephanie in the office to request that it be mailed out.

### VANCO - a secure 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!



## Upcoming Events -

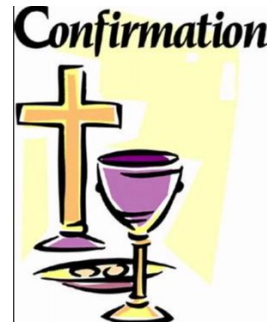
**September 26<sup>th</sup>** - Confirmation classes (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders) and Sunday School meets again on this date. The classes will be held between services, 9:15am-10am, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month.

**For those being Confirmed, some important dates are:**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Mini Retreat from 4-6pm. Pizza will be provided.

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** – Confirmation will be celebrated. We will gather for 10:30am Worship and hope to be outdoors.

If you have not done so already, please contact Pastor Doug by text, or phone at 860-595-9560 to confirm attendance at the Retreat and Confirmation.

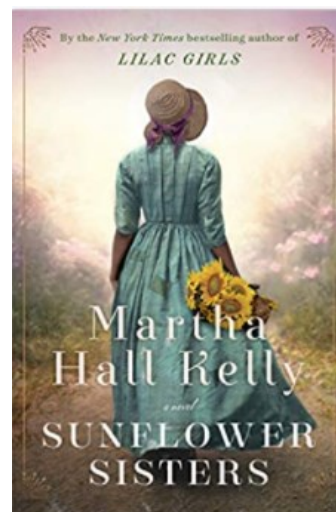
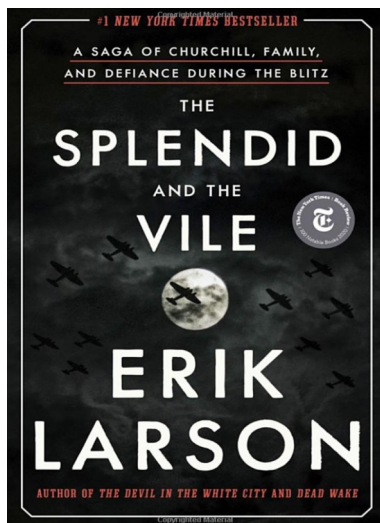


**The Good Shepherd Book Club will meet again on October 5th at 2:00pm.**

We will discuss **"The Splendid And The Vile"**, by Erik Larson. Weather permitting, we can meet outdoors. We can also meet indoors, with masks, if that is preferable.

We welcome new members and look forward to seeing all of our avid readers on 10/5/21!

On **November 2nd at 2:00pm**, we will discuss **"Sunflower Sisters"** by Martha Hall Kelly.



## Shepherd's Flock Quilting Schedule -



The Shepherd's Flock Quilters generally meet at 10 a.m. each Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. We invite anyone to join us. Please contact Barbara Abraham by phone, or text at (203)305-0321 if you wish to come on Monday morning. Contact Ellie Noll by phone at (203)888-7009, or Eileen Holleran by phone at (203)426-0005 if you wish to come on Wednesday. If you prefer Saturday, please text Donna Duessel at (203)482-5598.

There is no limit to the number of people at this time, but we would like to ensure that someone will definitely be there to work with you. If you can tie a knot, you can do this! A variety of talents can be used; we are happy to show you how to sew tops, tie, trim, and design tops if you wish to join us.



The Connecticut Hospice, Inc.  
Volunteers Needed

The Connecticut Hospice in Branford is accepting applications for new volunteers! Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. If you have an interest in Patient Companionship, or Reception, please contact Joan Cullen, Director of Volunteers at: 203-315-7510.



## Donate to the ReStore!



**ReStore**

Habitat for Humanity  
of Coastal Fairfield County

[donate@restorecfc.org](mailto:donate@restorecfc.org)

**203-383-4358**

[fairfieldcountystore.org](http://fairfieldcountystore.org)

**When you donate to or shop at the ReStore, you are helping a local family build a place to call home.**

**Store Hours:**

Tuesday to Friday 10am to 5:30pm

Saturday 10am to 4pm

Closed every Sunday and Monday

**Please arrive at least half an hour before closing if dropping off a donation.**

**Schedule a Pick-Up**

email preferred – [donate@restorecfc.org](mailto:donate@restorecfc.org)

or call 203-383-4358

*All sale net proceeds benefit the mission of Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County.*



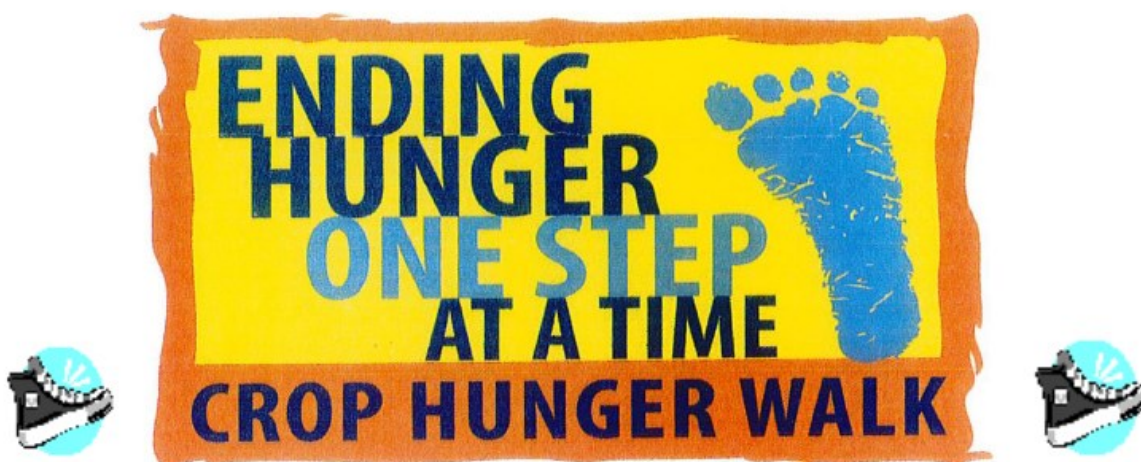


**Walk With Us ... It's Our 47<sup>th</sup>!**



**Pick up Materials at the Rally  
Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 2 PM at  
UNITY HILL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
364 White Plains Road, Trumbull, CT**

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**CROP Hunger Walk No. 47**

**Sunday, October 17, 2021  
at 1:30 – 4:00 pm for 2+ mile walk (Rain or Shine)**

**at United Congregational Church  
2200 North Avenue, Bridgeport, CT**

25 % of monies raised goes to hunger related programs in the Bridgeport Area.

For more information, call 203-375-1284. [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org)



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE



## Shepherd's Pantry

### The need is great!

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.

- Juice (apple, cranberry, etc)
- Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup
- Canned Vegetables
- Grape Jelly, Strawberry Jam
- Hamburger Helper, Knorr Pasta/Rice Sides, Macaroni & Cheese
- Egg Noodles
- Rice (brown or white)
- Hot & Cold Cereal
- Bread Crumbs
- 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, including baked & refried
- 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 - including feminine hygiene products
- Household cleaning supplies



## 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.



**THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOUNDATION**

1128 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Suite 347  
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

[www.thegoodshepherdfoundation.org](http://www.thegoodshepherdfoundation.org)



September 5, 2021

The Rev. Douglas Ryniewicz  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
466 Elm Street  
Monroe, CT 06468

Dear Pastor Ryniewicz and the People of Good Shepherd,

Once again, thank you so very much for your generosity and support of The Good Shepherd Foundation with your recent gift of \$467 to support Earthquake Relief in Southern Haiti. It means a great deal to the people we are serving.

As you know, we continue to hold clinics at the new rate of every 3 weeks, hoping to stem the tide of serious illness by being available in shorter intervals for our patients. We continue to be extremely proud of the fact that almost 100% of all money donated to TGSF goes directly to providing care for the people we serve who have little other opportunity for healthcare.

As you also know, a devastating 7.3 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti at 8:30 am on August 14, 2021. It has been reported that over 2,000 people lost their lives and those injured have surpassed 10,000. Medical help is sorely needed to save as many people as possible. We are pleased to announce that, in addition to our regular clinic, The Good Shepherd Foundation has medical and nursing staff in Haiti who have already travelled to the southern and hardest hit areas of the country, due to the generosity of you and many others. The first 3-day clinic saw almost 1,000 patients with medical care and we are planning a second trip as soon as it is safe to travel (gangs are again roaming the countryside!).

Your gift will help provide the just over \$US 6,000 to bring medication and supplies as well as the salaries, transportation, lodging and food for four nurses, a pharmacy assistant, and two doctors to provide a three-day clinic to serve the injured in this badly affected area. Our team has also brought along 4 volunteers to assist with their work!

We pray in thanksgiving for your support, and, we continue to need your prayers. Please continue to include our work and the people we will be treating in the congregation's prayers during worship on Sundays. Both they and our volunteer staff, and the Haitian doctors and nurses need that spiritual support.

With gratitude,

*Michele Sidney*

Michele Sidney, President

*Leah & Bob*

The Rev. & Mrs. Robert P. McGurn

*You guys are the absolute  
best! Blessings  
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**The Good Shepherd Foundation has been busy helping the people of Haiti after the earthquake. If you haven't done so already, please consider donating, so that they can continue their mission.**



**To make a donation, please enter this website into your browser:**

<https://www.thegoodshepherdfoundation.org/donation-pledge/> Then, click the first "DONATE" button and specify "EARTHQUAKE RELIEF" as the "special instructions to the seller." Even if you can't donate, please share this with as many of your friends and family members as possible. You can also mail a check if you prefer to:

The Good Shepherd  
1127 Royal Palm Beach Blvd  
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

**Thank you and may God bless you as you bless others.**

"Please note that almost 100% of your donation will go to support medical care for the victims of this earthquake. The medical staff is local and trusted by those who have been personally working with them for ten years. There is no government agency involved in any way. Caregivers and patients are the direct recipients."

- Linda McGurn, Vice President, The Good Shepherd Foundation



## Sunday, September 19, 2021 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer of the Day: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20 or Wisdom 1:16-2:1, 12-22

Psalm 54(4)

Second Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37



### James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

### Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."



