

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.*



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



Wednesday, November 11, 2020



Today is Veteran's Day and we join the Good Shepherd Sunday School families who have sent cards to our Veterans and express our gratitude for your service to America.



To join us for Worship online:

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.

To join us for Worship in person: This Sunday, November 15th at 10:00 am. We will have Drive In Church. This is how it will work:

Pastor Doug will be on a platform at the rear (east edge) of the large, main parking area.

Cars should park facing that direction (east – towards the wooded area) with taller vehicles closer to the main road. This will allow shorter vehicles visibility by parking in front of the taller ones.

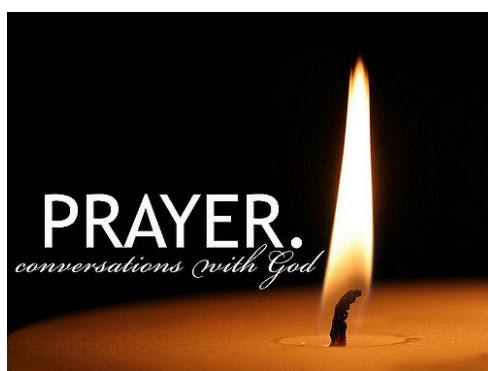
The radio frequency of the broadcast is **FM 94.9**. Please tune your car radio to that station to hear the worship service.

You should stay in your vehicle and keep your windows closed.

Bring your own bread (as you did for Outdoor Worship) for communion.

You must wear a mask if you exit your vehicle.

Other recommendations of social distancing apply when you are outside your vehicle.



A Community of Prayer

For those in need of healing and comfort:

Members and Friends of the Congregation: Ray, Tim, Joan, Marie, Audrey, Elizabeth, Gordon, Sarah, Scarlet, Jason, Brian, David, Tricia, Cate.

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.

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.

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@gslc-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

Advent Lighting



We will meet together via ZOOM at 5:00 pm on Sunday afternoons to light our Advent wreaths beginning on **Sunday, November 29th**. Now is the time to buy new candles for your home Advent wreath, gather supplies and make an Advent wreath, buy an Advent wreath, find four candlesticks that can be put together to create an Advent wreath or pull your Advent wreath out of storage. The weekly wreath lighting meetings will be less than 10 minutes.

Here is the Zoom invite and password.
Topic: Good Shepherd Advent
Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84654520497?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84654520497?pwd=YVdkcEZRWdwU1hXRHILZEg3enA0QT09)
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Meeting ID: 846 5452 0497
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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kd3PY1Desa>





The Book Club is meeting on December 1st at **1:00 p.m.** we will discuss "The Secrets We Kept" by Lara Prescott. We will either meet indoors if the new air handling system is installed or via Zoom if it's not ready yet or outdoors if the weather permits. We welcome new members!



Sunday, December 13 - Annual Congregational Meeting - details on attending will be forthcoming.



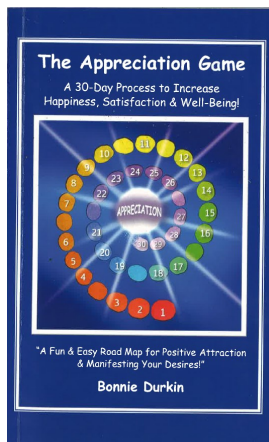
Poinsettia and Christmas Window Decoration Update

Given the pandemic and the uncertainty of indoor worship, we will not collect donations for individual poinsettia plants or gather together for a evening of making Christmas Window Decorations. In its place, the Worship & Music Committee will decorate the church with poinsettia plants, candles, and the creche.



Calendar Collection Update

Thanks to all who have collected calendars in the past. They are no longer needed by the mental health clinic where we were sending them. We can take the ones that we have received to date and donate them to Summerfield but will not continue to collect them. We will let you know if there are any changes in the future.



Congratulations to Bonnie Durkin, daughter of Howie and Eileen Holleran on the publication of her book "The Appreciation Game - A 30-Day Process to Increase Happiness, Satisfaction & Well-Being!"

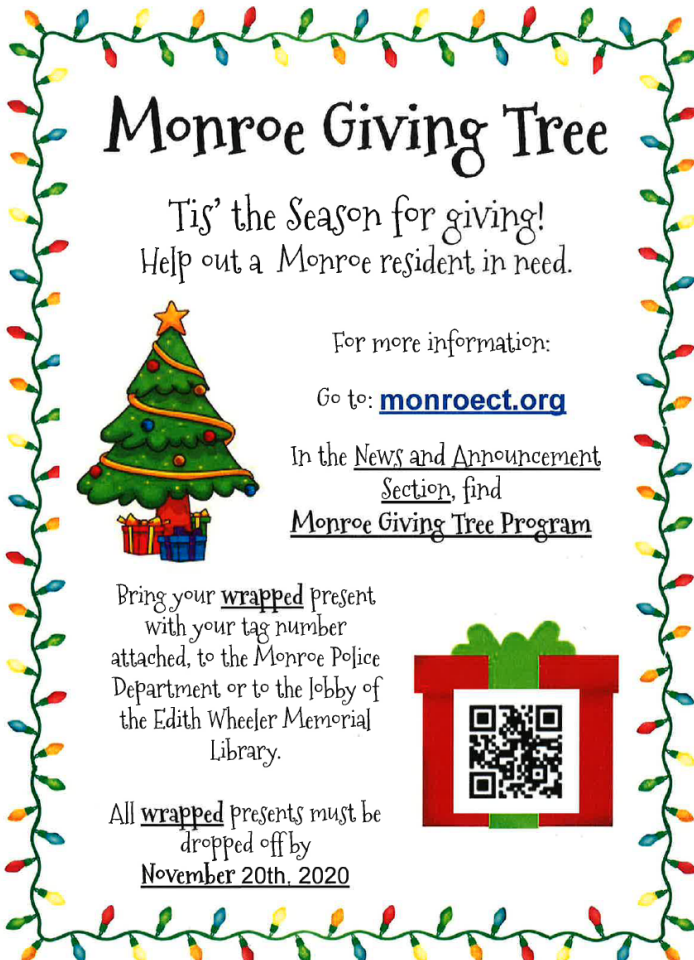
It is available on Amazon or speak with Eileen to hear more about this wonderful book.

Reaching Out, Serving Others:

Covenant to Care Thanksgiving


If you would like to donate toward Thanksgiving meals, please mail a Stop 'n Shop gift card to the church office and designate it as "For Covenant to Care". Cards should be received at church before **Wednesday, Nov. 18**, when they will be picked up. Details to come re Christmas plans.





Monroe Giving Tree

Tis' the Season for giving!
Help out a Monroe resident in need.




For more information:

Go to: monroect.org

In the News and Announcement
Section, find
Monroe Giving Tree Program

Bring your wrapped present
with your tag number
attached, to the Monroe Police
Department or to the lobby of
the Edith Wheeler Memorial
Library.

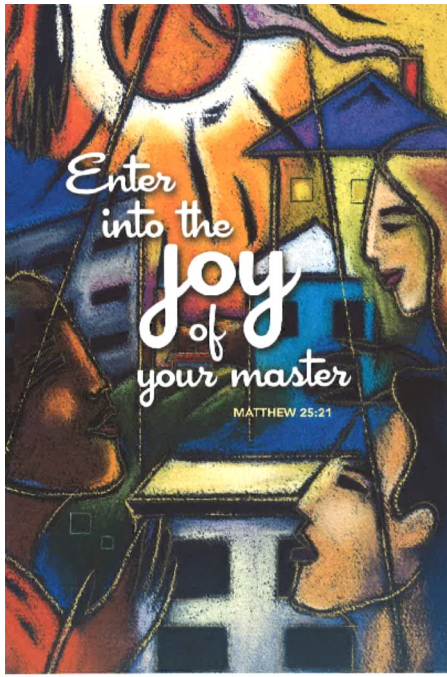
All wrapped presents must be
dropped off by
November 20th, 2020



Pajama and Books Update

In place of the Pajama and Books program, this year we have the opportunity to participate in the Monroe Giving Tree Program to provide wrapped Christmas gifts for those residents most in need. The information is online at monroect.org or you may use your smart phone to scan the code in the gift box to the left. All wrapped presents are due by November 20, 2020.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



Readings for Sunday, November 15, 2020

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'