

# Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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*NewsNotes ...*

*March 10, 2021*

- **Join the community of faith for worship this Sunday, March 14, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom. The Fourth Sunday in Lent.** In the Gospel reading this Sunday we will hear what could be the best known Bible verse of all: “For God so loved the world that God gave...” (John 3.16). Gather together this Sunday to hear the startling depth and breadth of the God who loves. Watch for the Zoom invitation and a copy of Sunday’s bulletin to arrive in your email on Friday morning. Or find it on the church website: [christgoodshepherdlutheran.org](http://christgoodshepherdlutheran.org).
- **And before you go to bed on Saturday night be sure to set your clocks one hour ahead for Daylight Saving Time.** A sure sign of Spring on the way!
- **After worship on Sunday, please plan to participate in our next congregation wide conversation: “*What are we looking for in a new pastor for Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church?*”** The conversation will be centered around your responses to the questions about the gifts and qualities you would like to see in a new pastor. Forms with questions were sent to you on Monday of this week (snail mail may be a bit later). Please spend some time with the questions. And have your responses to the form “Gifts for Ministry” ready to share. We look forward to wide participation in this event. Much of our conversation will be held in smaller break out groups so there will be plenty of time for people to share. It will be your opportunity to participate in this important step of the process leading to the search for a new pastor. Your perspective is vital! *If you do not have access to a printer to print out the forms, please let Ursula Hunter know immediately and she will try to send you the forms before Sunday (203.239.7792).* And if you can’t join the conversation on Sunday, please fill out the forms and mail them to Ursula Hunter: 54 Winchester Dr., North Haven, CT 06473. The Ministry Site Profile Team will take seriously your written submissions, along with all the learnings from our Sunday gathering. Thanks!



- **You're invited to join in the lively discussion at our Wednesday night Lenten Bible Study tonight at 7:00 via Zoom!** It's not too late to join in. Just let Pastor Swenson know and he'll send you an email invite for the Zoom connection plus an attachment with the texts we'll be reading-

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Come and learn and grow in faith that is always open to newcomers.

- **The Congregation Council will be meeting next Monday evening, March 15.** Among the items on the agenda will be the possibility of returning to some form of in-person worship in the coming weeks. Watch for news next week on their discussions.

- **How are you doing with your special World Hunger Lenten giving?** The needs are great and your generosity is encouraged.

- You are invited to set aside on a weekly basis the amount of money you would spend on one meal in your household (you decide the amount).
  - *To make your contribution* you are invited to use your church offering envelopes by writing a check to **Christ the Good Shepherd Church** for the amount you have determined, write in the memo line on the check: World Hunger Appeal, and then put an "X" next to the "other" line on the outside of the envelope. Write a check weekly or for the whole six week Lenten/Holy Week season. Or simply send a separate check for this purpose (please indicate in memo line) to Christ the Good Shepherd Church, 600 Shepard Ave., Hamden, CT 06514.
  - *The pandemic has caused great increases in people suffering from hunger domestically and globally.* According to the World Food Program, the number of people worldwide on the brink of starvation has doubled during the past year — from 135 million to 270 million. In the United States food insecurity has risen dramatically during the pandemic — one in six Americans and one in four children, more than 50 million people (a 50% increase over 2019!) — are now facing food insecurity.
  - *For more information about the vital work of the ELCA World Hunger Appeal* which reaches people both in our nation and around the globe go to: [elca.org/hunger](http://elca.org/hunger).
  - Your generous giving will make a world of difference. Thank you!
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- If you would like a family member or friend included in the prayers on Sunday morning, please let Pastor Swenson know via email:  
**[pastor@christgoodshepherdlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@christgoodshepherdlutheran.org)** or call or text: 860-857-9362. Also

please share the good news that someone you have had on the prayer list over the past weeks has been restored to health or is well on the way to healing. We will rejoice with you and take that person off the list. And of course, will return them to our prayers if necessary. Thanks!

- Please note that names offered before worship on Sunday mornings are only included for that one day. If you would like someone included on a continuing basis, please contact Pastor Swenson (see above).
- If you have concerns or questions about life at Christ the Good Shepherd Church or have personal concerns you wish to share, please feel free to contact Pastor Swenson via phone, text or email: 860.857.9362, **[pastor@christgoodshepherdlutheran.org](mailto:pastor@christgoodshepherdlutheran.org)**.