

# Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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NewsNotes....

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- **Yes! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!** Join the chorus of continuing Alleluias this Sunday as the community of faith gathers for worship. The Fourth Sunday of Easter. On this Sunday, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, we will give thanks for the risen One who has shepherded this congregation into promising new days and consider how our name, Christ the Good Shepherd Church, might shape our future ministry.
- **Worship this Sunday will be at the Christ Church facility, 600 Shepard Ave. 10:00 a.m.**
- All COVID cautions will be in place ... mask wearing, safe social distancing, hand sanitizer available.
- Please register for worship so we can anticipate safe seating indoors. Reply to this email with your name and number of people we can expect from your household. Or call the church office and leave a message: 203.288-3196. Thanks.
- **The worship will continue to be live-steamed on Facebook and on Zoom.** Church Facebook page can be found at: [christthegoodshepherdlutheranchurchofhamden](https://www.facebook.com/christthegoodshepherdlutheranchurchofhamden). The Zoom invitation is now a recurring one:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81260972109?  
pwd=ZFZOY1I1dDFhQnYzb1dqNDRxOTkxZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81260972109?pwd=ZFZOY1I1dDFhQnYzb1dqNDRxOTkxZz09)

Meeting ID: 812 6097 2109  
Passcode: 772053

Website: [christgoodshepherdlutheran.org](http://christgoodshepherdlutheran.org)

Facebook: [facebook.com/christthegoodshepherdlutheranchurchofhamden](https://www.facebook.com/christthegoodshepherdlutheranchurchofhamden)

- **Worship in the coming weeks.** At the Monday evening Congregation Council meeting the following worship schedule for the remainder of the Easter season and beyond was set:
  - **Sunday, May 2,** at our “north campus,” 3680 Whitney Ave. Easter 5. 10:00 a.m.
  - **Sundays, May 9, 16, and 30** at our “hillside campus,” 600 Shepard Ave. With our worship on the 9th, we will resume receiving Communion with both bread and wine using individual small cups for the distribution of the wine.
  - **Sunday, May 23, Pentecost Sunday.** We will join the people of Trinity Lutheran Church in New Haven for worship on this festival day and celebrate the confirmation of two of our young people, Nicholas Papa and Samantha Kovacs, along with members of the confirmation class from Trinity Church. This has been a long awaited day, delayed by COVID, for these young folks. Watch for more details about this service in the coming weeks.
  - **On Sunday, June 6,** we will gather at our “north campus” for the final time and celebrate a closing service for that beloved building as we continue to move forward in our life together as a new congregation at our home on Shepard Ave.
- **Update on sale of the Good Shepherd Church facility.** Our real estate agent, Arnold Peck, has been actively showing the facility to potential buyers. As of this writing we are awaiting word on our counter offer on a recent offer for the purchase of the facility. Stay tuned.
- **Christ Lutheran Church has been collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House for years and now that we have merged, we welcome all members to contribute to this cause.** Pop tabs are non-magnetic aluminum tabs from the tops of soda cans, and from the lids from pet food, and canned foods. Simply pop them off, save them in a bag, and bring to the gold colored chest on the floor of the lobby at church. Many churches, schools, scout groups and senior centers contribute to this effort. Periodically, these are brought to RMH in New Haven, where they are collected and brought to metal recycling centers and RMH is paid the market rate per pound. These are always appreciated, and we receive thank you notes each time. It's easy to do, and helps fund the beautiful new house across from Yale-New Haven Hospital that houses families for free while their children are undergoing medical treatment.



- **Continue to keep in your prayers the members of our Call Committee** as they work together with the help of Mark Winzler, Associate to the Bishop of our New England Synod, in their ministry to identify and nominate a candidate to serve as the first pastor of Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Pray for God's wisdom and discernment to guide Krista O'Brien, Linda Kapitan, Durbin Hunter, Cyndi Hansard and Rob Hansen in their efforts.
- 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 let him know the good news that someone you have had on the prayer list over the past weeks has been restored to health. We will rejoice with you and take that person off the list.
  - Please note that the 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.
- 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 or text: 860.857.9362.

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