

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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NewsNotes....

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- **Celebrate the festival of Pentecost this Sunday, May 23!**
We will join with the people of Trinity Lutheran Church, New Haven, to rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church empowering us to give courageous witness to the resurrection.
 - We will give thanks as four young people affirm their baptismal faith in the **Rite of Confirmation**, two from our congregation — Nicolas Papa and Samantha Kovacs — and two from Trinity Church. The four confirmands spent their time of confirmation ministry together in 2019 and 2020, and have been waiting for a year for this day of celebration. So we look forward to this “day full of grace” we can all share together.
 - Trinity is located at corner of Orange and Wall Streets. **Worship begins at 10:15.** Parking on street and in lot across from the church. Handicap access along Wall Street.
 - Please let us know that you plan to attend this celebration as Trinity Church wants to carefully plan seating arrangements. Reply to this mailing or call the church office, 202.288.3196.
 - Mask wearing and appropriate COVID cautions will be followed.
 - If you cannot attend in person, you are invited to follow the service on Trinity’s Facebook page found at: [Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH)
- **Worship in the coming weeks...**
 - **Sunday, May 30, Holy Trinity Sunday, at our "hillside campus," 600 Shepard Ave., Hamden.** As we celebrate the mystery and wonder of the Trinity in song and word, we will gather outside in the courtyard. 10:00 a.m.
 - **Sunday, June 6, we will gather at the former Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd facility, 3680 Whitney Ave., Hamden, for a closing worship service** giving thanks for this beloved house of faith. Former pastors, the Rev. David Kuck and the Rev. Daphne Burt, will join us. A special reception will follow, hopefully outside. Worship at 10:00 a.m.

- **Worship on June 13 and beyond** will be at our single church home, 600 Shepard Ave.
- **Mask wearing** will continue to be expected for indoor worship in the coming weeks. The Congregation Council will review this policy again at its June 21 meeting. Also we will continue receiving your offerings to support the ministry of this congregation in the offering plate placed near the entrance of the worship space until further notice.
- **Our summer worship schedule**, with worship beginning at 9:30a.m., will begin Sunday, July 4.
- **Lenten World Hunger Offerings total \$1,475!** Lisa Ball-Goodrich, Financial Secretary, reported this generous total at the Congregation Council meeting on May 17. Thanks to all who recognized the pressing need to help feed people and encourage development work around the globe during this time of crisis.
- **Grocery contributions to resume June 13.** Your contributions of canned and packaged groceries to be sent to the Hamden Food Bank will again be welcomed on June 13 and beyond. Watch for the wicker basket in the entrance way of the church and place your contributions in it before worship. They will be presented as part of the offering each Sunday.

Our prayers of consolation embrace Norman Thetford upon the death of his sister, Virginia.

- **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** 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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