

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

600 Shepard Avenue
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NewsNotes...

June 30, 2021



**Come and worship
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 4, 9:30 a.m.
(Summer worship schedule)**

If unable to attend, the service is also live-streamed through Facebook.
(You do not need a Facebook account to watch the worship service video.)
Go to church website: www.christgoodshepherdlutheran.org and click on our Facebook link on the home page under Upcoming Events.
Scroll down to videos. (Ignore the “Log In” or “Create New Account” messages or click on “Not Now” below the “Create New Account button.”)
Our Facebook page is: [christthegoodshepherdlutheranchurchofhamden](https://www.facebook.com/christthegoodshepherdlutheranchurchofhamden).

Sad Loss- A member of our congregation family, Michel Dubé, passed away June 28, 2021. In these days of grief and sorrow we embrace with our prayers his wife Kathy, daughters Mary and Jessika and all members of their family. May God provide healing grace, comfort and consolation to all who mourn.

*Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort,
graciously tend those who mourn,
that casting all their sorrow on you,
they may know the consolation of your love,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.*

Worship servers needed- John Downs announced Sunday he is preparing the Schedule to Serve list for July and August. Assisting with the worship service is a ministry of this church. Additional people are needed to serve as Assisting Ministers, Lectors (reading the First Lesson, Psalm and Second Lesson), Ushers, Acolytes and Altar Guild. If you are interested, please speak with John Downs. Thank you!

Reminder- July 4, the first Sunday of the month, begins a fresh new list of names to be included in the prayers on Sunday mornings. If you want to include a family member or friend in the prayers, please send that name to office@christgoodshepherdlutheran.org or leave a message on the church phone: **203-288-3196.** (Names submitted in the weekly notebook as you enter church on Sunday mornings are only included in that Sunday's prayers.)

Letter from Bishop- Bishop James Hazelwood's letter for the occasion of the closing service on June 6 at the Whitney Avenue church location also speaks of our future ministry as a single congregation. The following is the inspiring letter:



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June 3, 2021

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
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Dear Siblings in Christ,

On the occasion of your leave-taking from the Good Shepherd Whitney Avenue building, I write to extend my blessing and appreciation for all you have done in your time as a congregation at this location.

As you join as a single congregation in continued ministry there is much for which to be hopeful. Worship, Bible study, community service, baptisms, confirmations, wedding, funerals...the list goes on. The outlook of sustained ministry for many years to come on Shepard Avenue brings much for which to be thankful. Hold your heads high and celebrate all of the work you have done and continue to do in Christ's name.

Like much of what we hold dear in the Christian faith, the outlook for the future is bright. The seed falls upon the earth. We all live in the cycle of death and rebirth, the cycle of new to old and back again, the cycle that is rooted in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church expresses that cycle in its newly resurrected body.

Thank you again, for all you have done and will continue in Christ's name.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. S. Hazelwood".

Bishop James E. Hazelwood
New England Synod

Continue to keep in your prayers the members of our Call Committee 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.

During the upcoming interim time beginning June 13 and until a new pastor is called and arrives, please know that appropriate arrangements are being made for worship leadership and pastoral care.

In the case of illness or hospitalization or any other pastoral need, please call Ken Watson (203.484.2424) or Linda Kapitan (203.314.2687) and he/she will connect you to the person who is offering pastoral care at that time.