



Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

600 Shepard Avenue
Hamden CT 06514

September Newsletter 2021



Pastor's Message

THE REV. JOSHUA SULLIVAN

Grace and peace to you from God our Source and our brother Jesus Christ.

As I write it is a wonderful Fall morning, and the windows and doors of the building on Shepard Avenue are wide open. Feeling the cool *wind* flowing through our gathering space reminds me that God's *Holy Spirit* flows through all our lives, even through the tough times. "Spirit" of course is the same word in the New Testament as "wind," and this *wind* from God fills us with faith, hope and love.

I am only in the very early stages of getting to know you all, but I thank you for your honesty as I've been talking with you so far. There has been a lot of hurt and loss, many hard things to bear, as your two beloved congregations have changed, cracked and transformed to become one new community. But as we know and believe, God is always doing new things—pesky, bothersome and exciting things! Myself included, we all can admit that new things are not what we would generally prefer. But in our baptisms we are given the gift of faith, of trust, that God in Christ is shepherding us through this and all hardships.

Speaking of the Holy Spirit... I was just re-reading (for no particular reason) Martin Luther's *The Large Catechism*. Published around 1527, this

guidebook was written for heads-of-households and regular ol' church-goers at a time when Luther himself was a little discouraged about the state of the communities he helped guide in Germany. *The Large Catechism* was meant to be a reset button, a back to basics. And so I think it will also help us reset too, here in 2021, as we face a new Fall, a new school year, and a new year of gathering and learning together in new ways.

The portion I would like to share comes in his explanation of our confession of faith called the Apostles' Creed. At the end of the creed, in the third article about God the Holy Spirit, there is the phrase where we confess we "believe in the communion of saints." Luther explains in confessing this we say:

"I believe that there is on earth a holy little flock and community of pure saints under one head, Christ. It is called together by the Holy Spirit in one faith, mind, and understanding. It possesses a variety of gifts, and yet it is united in love without sect or schism. Of this community I also am a part and member, a participant and co-partner in all the blessings it possesses. I was brought into it by the Holy Spirit and incorporated into it through the fact that I have heard and still hear God's Word..."

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Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is called and committed to building a vibrant, welcoming community to proclaim Christ, nurture the faith, serve others and bear bold witness to God's love throughout the greater Hamden region and beyond.

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(Pastor's Message ...)

As we journey together, remember we are members of one community, united in love. Christ the Good Shepherd is our little *corner* of this community. In your coming together as one people in Hamden, you have reflected God's own Holy *Spirit*, God's holy and refreshing Autumn *wind*, you could say. So, may all that you do, in all aspects of your work-lives, church-lives, and family-lives, as "co-partners" together with all your "variety of gifts," may it be a reflection of this love which unites us to each other and to God forever.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Josh Sullivan

Installation Service
for
The Rev. Joshua N. Sullivan

October 3, 2021
4:00 pm
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran
Church

The Rev. Chris Files from Trinity
Lutheran Church in Milford will be
installing our new pastor.



Please join us on September 12th after service for a Potluck Picnic to welcome the Sullivan's and celebrate Christ the Good Shepherd.

A sign up sheet is in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall. We are looking for sides and desserts . Fellowship will be providing the meat, so an accurate head count would be appreciated.



Walk the Walk for Calumet

We did it!

We did it! Team Christ the Good Shepherd helped Camp Calumet surpass their goals for this year's Walk the Walk event. Our small but mighty team walked 1,194 miles, all to help raise funds for this crucial outdoor ministry that impacts so many lives. Over 1700 people (and pets!) across New England walked a total of 255,789 miles, making this Calumet's most successful Walk the Walk event yet!

Thanks to all of you who cheered us on and to those who contributed financially. We hope that you will consider joining our team next year! People of all ages and abilities are always welcome. Please enjoy these pictures of our team.

~Cyndi Hansard



Kathryn & Sharon Napolitano



Charlene Tirro, Cyndi & Anna Hansard



Raynetta's walking partner, Cello



Brenda Samal



RENAMING OUR NEWSLETTER

You probably notice that our newsletter is without a formal name.

Council has the list of suggested names to choose from at their September meeting.

Watch for the unveiling with the October issue.

Spreading the Word

The Good News

One in Faith

The Lutheran Link

The Messenger

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The Shepherd's Watch



Council met August 24- in person-wearing masks.

A request from Scott & Nixida Prentice to join Christ the Good Shepherd was approved. Their child will be baptized in September.

Pastor will be speaking to families and young adults about starting confirmation class in the near future.

Fellowship is planning a Church Picnic on September 12. (See notice on page 3.)

Sharon delivered three boxes of non-perishable food items to the Hamden Food Bank. With the Backpack Project completed , items were delivered to Keefe Community Center.

Items for future council discussion:

- * Participating in Synod forward leadership group
- * Forming two ministry teams- Inreach & Outreach
- * Beginning worship with “Joys & Concerns”- a time for the congregation to request additions to prayers and/or acknowledge celebrations.

The next council meeting is September 29.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

Date	Worship Assistant	Lector	Ushers	Altar Guild
9/5 9:30 am	Durbin Hunter	Ken Watson	Leonard & Ruth Lye	Ursula Hunter
9/12 10:00 am	John Downs	Linda Kapitan	James & Joanne Learned	Sharon Napolitano
9/19	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Rob Hansen	Starr O'Connor John Downs	Starr O'Connor
9/26	Durbin Hunter	Ken Watson	Phil & John Napolitano	Ursula Hunter
10/3	Sharon Napolitano	David Brown	Leonard & Ruth Lye	Lorraine Brown

Help Feed Area Families in Need

Hunger knows no season and our mission to help feed the hungry doesn't either. As an ongoing effort to support area families in need, we will continue to collect non-perishable food items to help stock the shelves of the Hamden Food Bank. In addition to food donations, personal care items and cleaning supplies are also welcome.

Upon arrival at church on Sunday, please place your food donations in the wicker basket located in the narthex. All food donations will be presented as part of our offering and will be delivered each month to the Hamden Food Bank, located at the Keefe Community Center, 11 Pine Street.

Not sure what to bring? The Town of Hamden suggests the following donations of food, toiletries and household products:

- ❑ 100% fruit juice, canned fruits and vegetables, and instant potatoes;
- ❑ Meats, fish and protein, including canned tuna, ham or chicken, beef stew, chili, peanut butter, and canned/dried beans;
- ❑ Complete meals, including pasta & canned sauce, boxed meals and hearty soups;
- ❑ Personal care products, such as shampoo, deodorant, soap, diapers, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste; and
- ❑ Cleaning supplies such as laundry detergent, paper towels, and kitchen/bathroom cleaners.

The Hamden Food Bank provides a three-day emergency supply of food once a month to eligible Hamden residents. Call 203-562-5129, ext. 1110, for eligibility. For more information, please visit: <https://www.hamden.com/177/Food-Pantry>.

Facebook Livestreaming

Sunday worship services are also livestreamed through Facebook. You can participate with Christ Good Shepherd worship wherever you are—vacationing, camping, or from your couch- if not feeling well to attend that day.

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

(You do not need a Facebook account to view the service video.)



SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Please note that newsletter articles for the October issue are due Tuesday, 9/28.