



THE MESSENGER

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
November 2021



Pastor's Message

THE REV. JOSHUA SULLIVAN

Grace and peace to you from God our beginning and our savior Jesus Christ,

It continues to fill me with great joy to begin anew here with you, knowing that as a truly new congregation we will forge new paths, new traditions and new hopes for the seasons and years ahead. We continue to get to know each other after worship at Coffee Hours, and I thank our tireless volunteers and helpers for putting these together! Linda Kapitan is calling all crafters to get in touch with her as our fellowship continues with another special event planned to take place after worship on Sunday, November 21. We continue to learn about our faith and Scripture in Cross-Generation learning on Sunday mornings at 9 AM. And your generosity continues as our council leaders and members devoted to Outreach provide us with evermore ways to express our faith through service and mercy as November unfolds.

In the life of our congregation, as well as in the ancient rhythms of the Church Year, November is the month for turning the corner. On Sunday, November 7 we will celebrate the feast of All Saints, remembering before God all those who have died this past year and who rest now in God from their labors. On Sunday, November 21 we celebrate the feast of the Reign of Christ, which in some ways is the “New Year’s Eve” of our tradition. Here we acknowledge that all things were created in and through the Word, and all things will find their completion in Christ at the last. And, of course, on November 28th the season of Advent begins.

As we approach the celebration of God becoming flesh in December, we wait for new beginnings and watch for Christ to come more clearly into our lives. But before new beginnings, before we turn the corner—we wait and watch. Let’s together wait and watch for what God is truly up to in this new church called Christ the Good Shepherd. Whatever it may be, let’s hope together it will be just as faithful, merciful, transforming and loving as our God.

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Josh Sullivan



<i>Daylight Saving Ends</i> 11/7	9:00am 10:00am	Faith Formation (all ages) Holy Communion Visit from United Way
11/14	9:00am 10:00am	Faith Formation (all ages) Holy Communion
11/21	9:00am 10:00am	Faith Formation (all ages) Holy Communion Fellowship Activity
11/28	9:00am 10:00am	Faith Formation (all ages) Holy Communion

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1/1/21—12/31/21

President:	Ken Watson
Vice-President:	Krista O'Brien
Secretary:	Brenda Samal
Treasurer:	Leonard Lye
Financial Secretary:	Lisa Ball-Goodrich
Worship	John Downs
Fellowship:	Linda Kapitan
Shepherding:	Ursula Hunter
Invite/ Welcoming	Sharon Napolitano
Property:	Durbin Hunter
Learning:	Dawn Tiedemann
Stewardship:	Rob Landino



Fortune	Stephen
Patty	Ruth & Len
Paul	Anna
Joni	Elfriede
Ruth	Mary Lou & Jim
Carole	Family of Steve, Shirley & Shauna

Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father,
 From whom come all good and perfect gifts,
 from whom come mercies new each day,
 from whom come blessings beyond measure:
 Accept our thanksgiving
 for protection and those who provide it,
 for daily bread and those who prepare it,
 for clothing and those who manufacture it,
 for family and those dear to us,
 for friends and those associated with us,
 for jobs and those working with us,
 for social security and support programs.
 We confess we think too little
 about the fact that we deserve nothing,
 about the many who serve us,
 about the blessings of Your Spirit.
 We pray You,
 forgive our ingratitude,
 open our eyes to behold Your goodness,
 fill our hearts with thankfulness,
 make us respond in appreciation,
 help us to serve in love.
 We thank You: through Christ, our Lord,
 Your best gift to us. Amen.

(1970 Lutheran Book of Prayer)

Food Donations Needed to Fill Thanksgiving Meal Baskets



Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be joining local efforts to feed the hungry this holiday season by participating in the Hamden Community Services Thanksgiving Food Drive. The Hamden Food Bank, located at the Keefe Center, will be accepting donations to fill and distribute Thanksgiving Meal Baskets to local families in need. Each year, Hamden Community Services provides Thanksgiving meal assistance to more than 500 Hamden families with the help of generous donors.

This year, the following donations are needed:

- ❑ Fresh or frozen turkeys
- ❑ Stuffing
- ❑ Boxed mashed potatoes or 5-lb bags of white potatoes
- ❑ Yams
- ❑ Rice
- ❑ Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix
- ❑ Turkey gravy
- ❑ Canned/fresh vegetables
- ❑ Pasta
- ❑ Tomato sauce

If you wish to donate food for the Thanksgiving Meal Baskets, please bring turkeys and other perishable and non-perishable food items with you to church on/by **Sunday, November 14**. We will be delivering these items to the Hamden Food Bank at 11 Pine Street the next day.

Food donations for this project will also be accepted during church office hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday, November 15, through Thursday, November 18; however, please speak with Sharon Napolitano or John Downs about your drop-off plans, so that a subsequent delivery to the Hamden Food Bank can be

Cold-Weather Supplies Support United Way's "Week of Caring"

You could say that the results were heartwarming. In less than two weeks' time, the congregation of Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church rallied in generous support of the United Way of Greater New Haven's "Week of Caring," which ran from October 10 to October 17, 2021. The project, chaired at Christ the Good Shepherd by Leo Goodrich, garnered the following items for the United Way's Cold-Weather Supply Kits:

- ❑ 12 sleeping bags
- ❑ 2 tents
- ❑ 5 blankets
- ❑ 6 pairs of gloves
- ❑ 3 pair of socks
- ❑ 5 hats

The items were delivered to the United Way offices in New Haven October 19 for distribution to organizations that provide assistance to those in need.



Thanks to all who participated!

arranged. Thanksgiving Meal Basket distribution will begin in the Hamden community on Monday, November 22.

Prefer to give by check? Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. Please make your check payable to **Hamden Community Services** and mail it to:

AnneMarie Karavas
Keefe Community Center
11 Pine Street
Hamden, CT 06514

Thanks for helping us make Thanksgiving Day dinner possible for those in need!

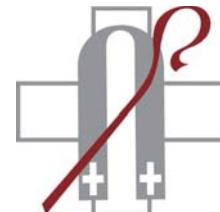
Christ Good Shepherd Photo Gallery

Installation Service October 3-

(l-r) The Rev. Robert Bergner, Priest-in-Charge at Grace & St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Hamden; The Rev. Erika Wesch, Pastor of Little Zion Lutheran Church of Telford, Pennsylvania, and Dean of the Upper Bucks Conference of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA; The Rev. Christopher McKinstry, Pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, Limerick Pennsylvania, and Dean of the Upper Montgomery Conference of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA; The Rev. Joshua Sullivan, our newly installed pastor; The Rev. Chris Files, Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Milford, and Dean of the Greater New Haven Conference of the New England Synod, ELCA; and The Rev. Tim Keyl, Pastor of Bethesda Lutheran Church, New Haven, and Director of the Lutheran Studies Program at Yale Divinity School.



Baptism October 3-
Maddie, Simone and
Pastor Joshua Sullivan



Pastor and Leo pictured at
church with cold weather
supplies collected for United
Way of New Haven



October Food Bank Donation Tops 90 Pounds of Food and Supplies

On Monday, October 18, approximately 73 pounds of canned goods and dry food items, along with 21 pounds of cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products, were delivered to the Hamden Food Bank from the congregation of Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran. These items will be distributed to local families in need.

Our efforts to help feed the hungry and support those in need in the Hamden area are ongoing. The congregation is invited to place their donations of food, personal care items and cleaning supplies in the wicker basket at the entrance way of the church upon arrival each Sunday. These donations are then presented as part of our offering and are delivered about once a month to the Hamden Food Bank, located at the Keefe Center, 11 Pine Street. As a reminder, please double-check expiration dates on all donated food items.

Thanks to all for supporting this important ministry.

Calling all Crafters

Do you have a special craft that you enjoy making? Would you like to share making that craft with others at church? Looking for volunteers to purchase supplies and run their specific craft for a Fellowship activity following church on November 21, 2021.

If you are interested in sharing your expertise, please contact Linda Kapitan at 203-314-2687 or Lkap16@cs.com by November 12, 2021.



Save the Date

November 21, 2021
Right after church
Fellowship and Fun
Stay Tuned for Details



SCHEDULED TO SERVE

Date	Worship Assistant	Lector	Ushers	Altar Guild
11/7	Sharon Napolitano	David Brown	Phil & John Napolitano	Sharon Napolitano
11/14	Durbin Hunter	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Ken Watson Paul Snyder	Starr O'Connor
11/21	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Rob Hansen	Durbin & Ursula Hunter	Ursula Hunter
11/28	John Downs	Ken Watson	David & Loraine Brown	Lorraine Brown
12/5	Sharon Napolitano	David Brown	Phil & John Napolitano	Sharon Napolitano
12/12	Rob Hansen	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Starr O'Connor John Downs	Starr O'Connor

If you cannot serve on your appointed day, please find a substitute, and make the change on the master schedule. Thank you for serving!



Remember to set your clocks back one (1) hour, Saturday night (11/6).

Wondering what Faith Formation (for all ages) is about on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am?

Read what a participant wrote as a testimonial for Pastor Joshua Sullivan.

- * Enjoyable, fun packed 45 minutes, energetic, lively
- * Entertaining interaction
- * Knowledge packed Bible history
- * Lots of who, what, when, why of the Bible
- * Uplifting, non-threatening
- * Does not make you feel inadequate
- * Related Bible sections to today
- * No need for Bible knowledge by attendees
- * No assumption that anyone has great Bible knowledge. **Well worth getting to church a little early.**

“Angel Tree” Program Takes Flight November 7

This Christmas, you don't need wings to be an angel. As the holiday season quickly approaches, the Salvation Army is once again looking for local “angels” to help provide Christmas gifts for children of families in need.



Thanks to community support, the Salvation Army served 169 families through its “Angel Tree” program last year, bringing smiles and Christmas presents to 338 children in the Greater New Haven area. Our merging congregation supported 10 of those children with gifts of toys and clothing.

This Christmas, our congregation is invited to support another 10 children through the “Angel Tree” program. Like last year, we hope to provide all of the children on our list with four gifts each. Each gift request—40 in all—will be represented by one “Angel Tag” on our “Angel Tree.” Each of those 40 “Angel Tags” will include the child’s age and gender, along with the requested toy or shoe and clothing sizes. Although there is no limit to the amount you may choose to spend per child, the suggested value of each gift is \$15-\$30.

At Christ the Good Shepherd, our “Angel Tree” will be on display beginning Sunday, November 7. Those interested in shopping for one or more children are invited to select a tag or tags from the tree and sign their name by the corresponding “Angel” on the signup sheet.

We ask that all unwrapped gifts (with “Angel Tags” attached) be brought to church on Sunday, December 5. The gifts will be delivered to the Salvation Army in New Haven on Friday, December 10, for distribution to our Angel families.

If you prefer to avoid the crowds, monetary donations are also welcome and will enable our designated volunteers to make gift purchases on

behalf of the congregation. If you wish to donate by cash or check, please speak with Sharon Napolitano, project chair.

For more information about this project, contact Sharon at snapolitano1@yahoo.com or at 203.288.8543.

ANGEL TREE

Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Please note that newsletter articles for the December issue are due November 28.



Church council met 10/20
Pastor reviewed his report
pastoral acts, pastoral care
leadership and upcoming
education.

Worship— John looking for volunteers to serve on worship committee to meet 2-3 times a year.

Financial reports— Contributions in 2021 are greater than 2020.

Update on LCGS sale— At the October 10 congregational meeting, a motion was made and approved to accept the offer of \$430,000 for the property at 3680 Whitney Avenue. An attorney has been hired and the closing will happen in December. A moving company moved large items already to Shepard Avenue but some smaller items remain to be moved—possibly with volunteers on November 11. Council also discussed possibility of a processional service starting at LCGS and finishing at CGSL before December.

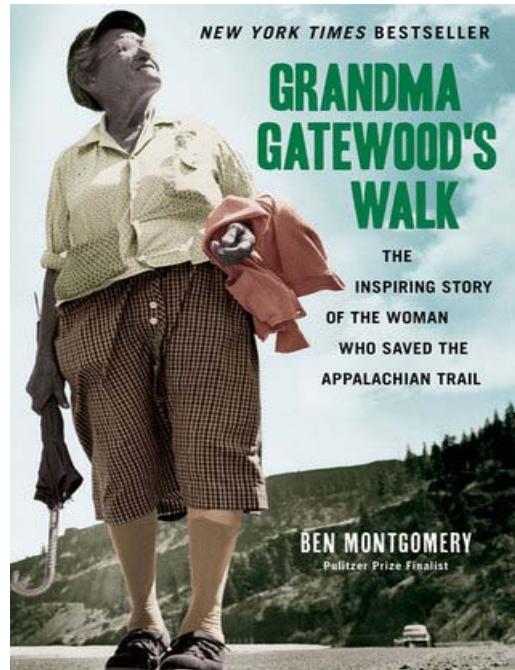
Property— New rugs placed in the narthex, lighting continues to be updated in the church, windows have been sealed and the sound system will be updated.

Servant Ministry— A food delivery was made October 18, turkey collections and the Angel Tree program will begin in November (*see related articles in this issue*.)

Other discussions— Three new members have joined Christ Good Shepherd; Krista suggested planting spring bulbs around front of church; council has been discussing restructuring the positions on council.

Next council meeting: November 17, 2021

Congregational meeting: December 5, 2021



**If you love to read or hike, this book is for you—
Grandma Gatewood's Walk**

The CGS book club will be meeting in person on December 8th at 6:30. If would like to participate, please feel free to pick up a copy of the book and join us.

I got my copy from Hoopla (a library on-line app)—they have both the print and audio available. Please call Linda at 203-314-2687 if you have any questions.

Hope to see you there!!!!

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.