

THE MESSENGER

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
September 2022



Pastor's Message

THE REV. JOSHUA SULLIVAN

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

Hard to believe that summer has come to an end and September is here! It has been a hot and dry summer, but here at Christ the Good Shepherd it has been a season of deep prayer and big generosity as we have been drenched in God's Holy Spirit. You Walked the Walk for Calumet, and as you may have heard me celebrate a few Sundays ago, your giving to our current expenses was much higher in both June and July this year than last, and even more, our time of gathering in contemplative prayer on Thursday mornings has been so rich.

Now we begin a new season of encountering Christ, trusting God, and growing in the Spirit together! And we are starting with a bang—

- **Our Cross-Generation Learning Time returns at 9 AM** on Sunday, September 11. This is a chance for people of all ages, children and adults, young and mature, to gather to learn about the Bible, pray and share their lives, and do simple crafts and other fun activities! With your family please join us in the newly renovated meeting room as we explore the first theme of the year:
“Do not be afraid!”

- **Remember: also on Sunday, September 11 our Worship time returns to 10 AM!**

- “**God’s Work. Our Hands.**” **Sunday** is also on **Sun, Sept. 11th**. Organized with so much help from Leo Goodrich, this a day of service encouraged by the ELCA, that we have joined in with the other 5 congregations of the Greater New Haven Conference of our New England Synod. We have all been gathering items for “welcome home kits”, some are participating in meal-packing programs, others collecting items for a diaper bank, and on the afternoon of the 11th volunteers from all the churches will be fanning out across the region to serve meals in New Haven at Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, pack up and create “welcome kits”, and serve the Keefe Community Center in Hamden by tidying up its property. *[Flyers printed on pages 8,9,10]*

- That's not all, phew! Linda Kapitan and the Fellowship Team are also teaming up with the Dinner for \$1 Food Truck from Grace & St. Peter's Episcopal for a **picnic and concert event on Saturday, September 17th from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM** here on our back lawn. Providing the tunes will be “Gemsong Acoustic Duo” which features our own Carla Gemma (Chris Trutnau's wife) and her accompanist Ken SpIN. Come on out!

- **Sunday September 25th** after worship is our next **Congregational Meeting**, and this will be an exciting one as well! As you might know our council recommends we invest the proceeds of the building sale on Whitney Ave. Last year at another Congregational Meeting you all approved the creation of an Investment

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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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Property: Durbin Hunter
Learning: Krista O'Brien
Stewardship: Rob Landino

**In Our
Thoughts & Prayers**

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Kathy Jessika Elinor
Phil Greg John
Joni Florence Linda
David Barbara Paul
Family & friends of Don Erickson
Family of Joni



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Committee and they have interviewed financial advisors and made a recommendation about who we will go with to manage our investments! At this meeting we will discuss and approve their good work.

I really do give thanks to God for God's Spirit that has enlivened you here, and moved all of our leaders and servers into action. As the ELCA declares, we here can certainly affirm:

“We are a church energized by lively engagement in faith and life. As we continue our tradition of service to our neighbor, we remember the words of Martin Luther: ‘Our faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing.’ With our hands, we do God’s work of restoring and reconciling communities in the name of Jesus Christ.”

My thanks and blessings,
Pastor Josh

Thanks for “Back-to-School Backpack Project” Support

Eighteen backpacks, 28 spiral-bound notebooks, 24 pocket portfolios, 20 binders, 18 writing pads, 18 packs of colored markers, 18 packs of pencils, 11 boxes of crayons, 36 glue sticks, 3 scientific calculators and a host of other items were collected this summer through our “Back-to-School Backpack Project,” which ran July 10 through August 14.

Thanks to everyone who supported this effort to help stock the shelves of the Hamden Youth Services’ School Supplies Closet, benefitting local families in need. Hundreds of dollars’ worth of school supplies were delivered to Hamden Youth Services, 11 Pine Street, on August 19 ahead of the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

The city's School Supplies Closet was created to assist Hamden families who are having difficulty providing the items their children need for school. The program is available year-round and is free for qualifying Hamden youth (preschool to college).

To learn more about the program requirements, visit-

<https://www.hamden.com/273/School-Supplies-Closet>.



Calumet Walk the Walk 2022

Walk the Walk for Calumet ran from July 1 through August 31. Here are some stats of progress so far (*as all the mileage has not been compiled as of the printing of the newsletter*)-

We had 15 people on our team-

★ Cyndi Hansard -Team Captain
Dustin Hansard
Jess Hansard
Anna Hansard
Charlene Tirro
Pastor Josh
Madelyn Robertson
Kathryn Napolitano
Sharon Napolitano
Leo Goodrich
Lisa Ball-Goodrich
Linda Ibsen
Linda Kapitan
Brenda Samal
Barbara Bouvier

\$375 = the amount our team donated to Calumet through our registration fees

1,414 = the number of miles we walked from July 1 through August 15

525 = the number of miles already turned in for August 16-31

8.5 = the number of times we could have walked to Calumet and back so far!



GREAT JOB TEAM!!!



Council met August 17.

Pastor's report is a celebration of one year at Christ the Good Shepherd and the many reasons to be happy with our growth and community outreach.

Worship— Average attendance in July was 32.

Motion was made to purchase a seven day candle holder to be placed on the altar.

Financials-Total of all contributions was \$5600 higher for the month of July. The security deposit from LCGS received.

Investment team— Council motioned to approve the Investment Team's recommendation to use Steve D'Amico, CRPS as financial advisor of CGSL Investment Fund.

Property— Motion was made and approved to draft a new lease agreement for the parsonage house for one year rental of \$1,800/month.

Outreach— Food continues to be delivered to the Hamden Food Bank. The Back-to-School Backpack Project was a success as noted in the article on page 3.

Fellowship— An outdoor concert is planned on September 17, on the back lawn of the church. [See article on this page and poster on page 7]

Inreach— Shepherding Team continues to reach out to homebound members.

Education— Cross-Generation class begins September 11 at 9:00am.

Stewardship— Discussed giving patterns and possibility of setting up ability to make contributions online in the future.

A mutual ministry team has been formed. This team meets twice a year, offering a confidential space for pastor, to discern what direction the church is going and does not report back to council.

The next council meeting is September 21.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Please note that newsletter articles for the October 2022 issue of The Messenger are due Sunday, September 25, 2022.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

September 25, 2022
Following worship service

An Afternoon of Music

Gemsong Acoustic Duo with Carla Gemma and featuring Ken SPiN will be performing at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 600 Shepard Avenue, Hamden on Saturday September 17th from 2:30 to 6:30.



Their offering includes music from all genres. A song list, along with performing videos, can be found on the website gemsongproductions.com.

Interested in hearing a favorite song? Requests will be taken Jukebox style. The proceeds from the Jukebox will benefit Dinner for a Dollar Food Ministry, who will also have a food truck on site, providing hot dogs or hamburgers and pasta salad for those choose to.

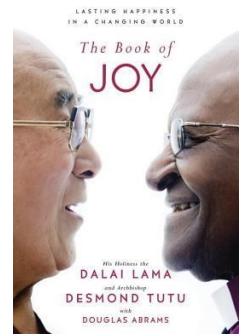
There is no charge for this concert, all we are asking is that you bring a canned food item to be donated to the Hamden Food Bank.

CGSL BOOK CLUB—Next Read

It's not too late to pick up a copy of the next book club read and join the discussion on September 15-

The Book of Joy

written by the Dalai Lama,
Desmond Tutu and
Douglas Abrams



SCHEDULED TO SERVE

Date	Worship Assistant	Lector	Ushers	Altar Guild
9/4	John Downs	Durbin Hunter	Emily Cui Phil Napolitano	Ursula Hunter
10:00 a.m. 9/11	Durbin Hunter	Rob Hansen	O'Brien Family	Lorraine Brown
9/18	Sharon Napolitano	Linda Kapitan	Ken Watson Paul Snyder	Sharon Napolitano
9/25	Rob Hansen	Anna Hansard	Starr O'Connor John Downs	Starr O'Connor
10/2	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Durbin Hunter	Durbin & Ursula Hunter	Ursula Hunter
10/9	Durbin Hunter	Jess Hansard	David & Lorraine Brown	Lorraine Brown

*If you cannot serve on your appointed day, please find a substitute, and let John, Pastor and Brenda know.
Thank you for serving!*

Email / Text Scam Alert

Whether it's "phishing" (via phone calls and emails) or "smishing" (via text messages), they are all generated from scammers.

There has been a couple recent instances of a scam text/email supposedly sent by Pastor Josh to council members requesting monies. This is an obvious scam and if you are a recipient of one just delete it. If you have any concerns regarding the validity of an email or text of this nature, please call the church office and speak to Pastor or leave a message.

Trash Duties for September, 2022



Date bins out / in	Responsible Party	Recycling?
August 31-Sept 1	John Downs	Yes
September 7-8	Leo Goodrich	No
September 14-15	Phil Napolitano	Yes
September 21-22	Rob Hansen	No
September 28-29	Leo Goodrich	Yes

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30am Holy Communion	5 	6	7	8	9	10
11 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Cross-Generation Faith 10:00am Holy Communion ~God's Work. Our Hands~	12	13	14	15 6:30pm-C GSL Book Club	16	17 Gemsong Acoustic Duo Outdoor Concert 2:30-5:30pm
18 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Cross-Generation Faith 10:00am Holy Communion	19	20	21 7:00pm- Council meeting	22 	23	24
25 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am Cross-Generation Faith 10:00am Holy Communion ~Congregational Meeting~	26	27	28	29	30	

Masks optional

In light of the changes in mask policy in the town of Hamden and decreased COVID cases across the state, the congregational council has voted to make masks optional during worship and inside the building.

Facebook Live will always continue to be available.

If you are immuno-compromised, unvaccinated, feeling sick, have been exposed to someone who tested positive, or you yourself have tested positive, or you just are not comfortable worshiping in-person—please join us via Facebook Live! Remember to say “Hi, from so-and-so!” in the comments section so we know who is worshiping with us.

Holy Communion continues.

The communion elements are prepared by our altar guild with masks and gloves. If you are not comfortable removing your mask to receive, come forward with arms crossed for a blessing. *Please wait at the first pew in the center aisle, and allow the person in front of you time to receive both bread and wine before you come forward for bread.*



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Canned food donations will be collected
Jukebox music requests will be taken-proceeds to benefit
Dinner for A Dollar Food Ministry

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!



A nationwide event of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), God's Work Our Hands Sunday is a day to demonstrate to the world that we are a loving, caring organization dedicated to serving our communities

This year our church will be hosting the Greater New Haven Conference of the New England Synod, joining our five fellow Lutheran churches of the conference in service, so we want to have a strong showing of volunteers from our own congregation

Join us in spreading our Christian love as Lutherans in cheerful service to our brothers and sisters in the Greater New Haven region

Please see Leo Goodrich at church, or email him at leo.d.goodrich@gmail.com



Congregations of the
Greater New Haven Conference,
New England Synod,
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Bethesda LC, Christ the Good Shepherd
LC, Emanuel ELC, Faber ELC, Trinity LC
of Milford, Trinity LC of New Haven



WELCOME HOME KIT SUPPLY DRIVE

for God's Work Our Hands Sunday (GWOHS) - September 11, 2022

COLLECT SUPPLIES FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

- Air Mattresses
- Blankets
- Bowls and Silverware
- Brooms & Dust Pans
- Comforters and Mattress Covers
(full or twin)
- Laundry Baskets
- Pillows and Pillow Cases
- Pots and Pans

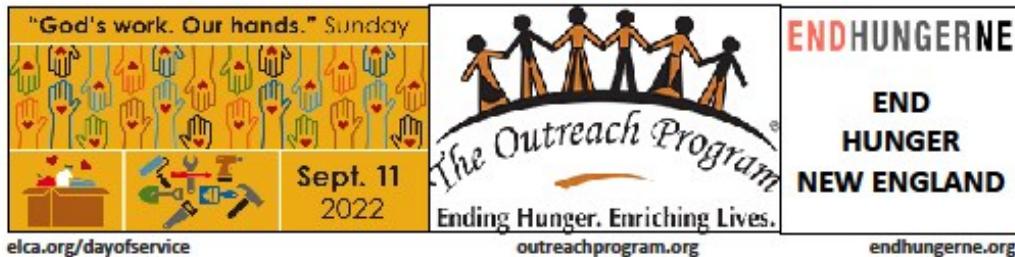


We can all play a role in ending homelessness. As a family leaves a shelter and enters a new home, they need supplies to make it a home of their own.

Here's how to help:

- 1 Collect new and unopened supplies (in original packaging) from the list above. Donate as much as you'd like - every donation counts!
- 2 Bring your items to your home church by Sunday September 4, or make arrangements with your church's GWOHS Coordinator.
- 3 The items will be transported from your church to Trinity LC in New Haven before or on September 11 for assembly into kits.

Questions? Contact your church's GWOHS Coordinator or your pastor



Congregations of the Greater New Haven Conference,

New England Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Bethesda LC, Christ the Good Shepherd LC, Emanuel ELC, Tabor ELC, Trinity LC of Milford, Trinity LC of New Haven



MONETARY DONATIONS NEEDED!

On God's Work Our Hands Sunday (GWOHS), September 11, 2022, volunteers from our conference congregations will gather at Tabor ELC in Branford to assemble meal kits for The Outreach Program / End Hunger New England (see websites above). These meals help children and those in need both home and abroad. A pledge has been made to raise \$2,400 for the project, which will provide food and materials for nearly 7,000 meals.

Please help us cover the cost of the meal kits by donating in one of these two ways:

- **By mail:** Send a check to Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church, 45 Tabor Dr, Branford, CT, 06405. Be sure to write "GWOHS food kits" in the memo line.
- **Online:** Go to endhungerne.org/#donate and click on the Donate Now button. Click on the amount you would like to donate (\$300, \$100, \$50, or Other [fill in the amount]), and click on PayPal or Debit / Credit Card. **IMPORTANT:** For PayPal, on the "What's This Payment For?" line or for Debit / Credit Card, on the "Write A Note" line, type in "9-11-22 Branford CT" for proper crediting.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!