



THE STAFF

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

June 2019

Pastor's Message

Dear Friends,

Please do not come to the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd for worship on June 9!

Or for that matter, don't arrive at LCGS expecting to worship here on July 14, August 11, or September 8 either.

Here's the good and exciting news about closed doors at LCGS on those four Sundays this summer...new doors will be opened wide, eager to welcome you on those very mornings.

For four Sundays this summer, that is, we will be a church on the move, exploring and celebrating new friendships and partnerships with neighboring Lutheran congregations as we together seek to discover new strength and direction for ministry.

That we will share in this moveable worship feast for the summer comes as the result of much prayer and thoughtful, purposeful conversation among lay leaders of the five Lutheran congregations in Hamden and New Haven — Bethesda, Emmanuel, Trinity and Christ Churches and LCGS. (Our thanks to Ken Watson, Lisa Ball-Goodrich, Linda Kapitan and John Downs who are serving as our representatives).

These folks have been meeting monthly since January with the Rev. Paul Sinnott, Associate to the Bishop of our New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, serving as the facilitator.

They have shared stories of ministry from their congregations, described to one another distinctive features and strengths of their congregational life, talked together about

particular and common challenges and opportunities they see for ministry, and probed possibilities for cooperative, constructive ministry in the days ahead. They have talked especially about possible shared ventures in learning and social justice ministries.

To turn to an appropriate Gospel image and story, Jesus the Good Shepherd has opened the gate and is leading us into new places of possibility. This is a time of expectancy and anticipation. "See," the Good Shepherd sings, "I am making all things new!"

What the "new" will look like exactly, we, of course, do not know for sure. There are many roads and pastures and challenges yet to travel. But we will only find out when we take the first steps into those new places where the risen Christ is leading us.

So please don't show up at LCGS on June 9, or July 14 or August 11 or September 8.

Instead step through new doors and into new welcoming places on those days — at Bethesda Church on New Haven on June 9, and at Christ Church, Hamden, on those later days.

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Upcoming Events

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| 6/7-6/8 | Synod Assembly– <i>What's Your Story</i> |
| 6/12 | Coffee & Conversation
Council Meeting |
| 6/16 | Summer worship hours begin
9:30 a.m. |
| 7/21 | Voters' Meeting |

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Members of Good Shepherd who are homebound

Family and friends whom we name in our hearts

Military personnel

Mission of the church

Congregations of Greater New Haven

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And please read more details about these days of promise and excitement inside this newsletter. Post them somewhere visible to remind you.

The Shepherd leads us. We are being called to follow with great expectation!

Your partner along the Shepherd's way,

Les Swenson, Transitional Pastor

***The Good Shepherd is leading us
into new places!
Please read carefully!***

Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 10:00 a.m.

The people of five Lutheran congregations — LCGS, Christ, Hamden, and Emmanuel, Trinity and Bethesda Churches of New Haven will gather as one
at Bethesda Church
for this splendid festival day
on which the Holy Spirit
sends and empowers the Church of Christ into
its mission to witness and serve all people.

Wear something red, the color of the day!

Car pooling is encouraged.

If you'd like to ride together to Bethesda Church, gather in the LCGS parking lot by 9:25 a.m.

Parking

is available in the Bethesda parking lot at 450 Whitney Ave. Also street parking along Whitney Ave. and along St. Ronan Street (parallel to Whitney). There are two main entrances to the church — from the parking lot and from St. Ronan.

There are handicap parking places on the upper level of the Whitney Ave. parking lot.

The worship space is accessible by an elevator. (Ask a greeter for directions.)

Want to sing in the choir for this service?

Join in a rehearsal in the choir room (enter via 305 St. Ronan Street) at Bethesda on Wednesday evening, June 5, 7:30 p.m., and then again at 9:00 on Sunday morning.



**Join in the reading of the
Pentecost story from the book of
Acts**

by reading a part of that story in a language other than English.

You don't have to be fluent in your language. You'll be reading simultaneously with many other readers, thus duplicating in a way the sound of the first Pentecost when Jesus' followers broke out in a variety of languages so that all the visitors in Jerusalem could hear the good news.

Speak to Pastor Swenson for more information and for a set of instructions to follow for the reading.

**A special offering to be received during
worship**

will be directed to the Augustus Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem, a vital ministry of the Lutheran World Federation and the Lutheran Church of Palestine and the Holy Land, and to Christian Community Action, an ecumenical outreach ministry in New Haven.

(Please contribute your regular offering to LCGS for this day on June 2 or any following Sunday.)

**A festive summer Church Picnic and
Barbecue will follow the service.**

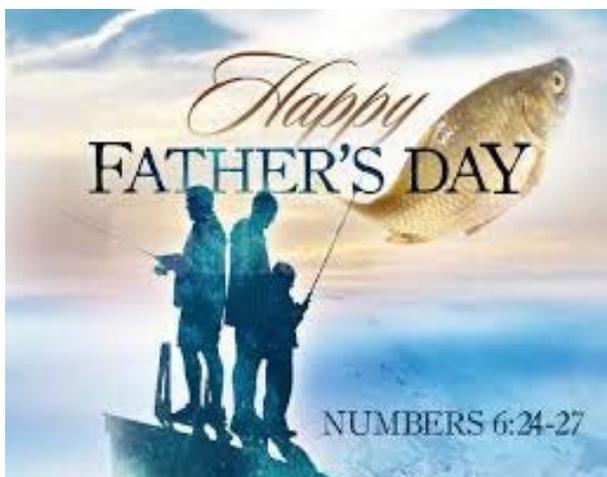
You are invited to bring a side dish, salad, dessert or drinks to share.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, plates, etc will be supplied.

A wonderful time to join in conversation and celebration

with our sisters and brothers in the Lutheran community!

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Then, beginning on Sunday, June 23, worship together with the people of Christ Lutheran Church, Hamden, on the second and fourth Sundays of the summer months, 9:30 a.m.

Second Sundays of July, August, and September —

**July 14, and August 11, and September 8 —
at Christ Church, 600 Shepard Ave,
Hamden**

Fourth Sundays of June, July and August —
**June 23, July 28, and August 25 —
at the Lutheran Church of the Good
Shepherd.**

**On the first, third (and fifth) Sundays of
June, July, August, and September 1,
we will be here at LCGS.**

Our two congregations will share a common liturgy for the summer months when worshipping together or apart.

We look forward to developing new friendships and a new partnership in ministry through these summer days of life together.

Pray for the Spirit's wisdom and courage as we step into God's future for the Church!

Council Meeting



Council met following worship service on May 19. Pastor reviewed the upcoming shared services—June 9 congregations from the four area Lutheran churches will worship at Bethesda Lutheran Church at 10:00am. A special offering collected that day will go to the Augustus Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem and to Christian Community Action in New Haven. (Your regular envelope offering for this day can be contributed to LCGS at any of the following Sundays.) Shared services with Christ Lutheran begins June 23 at LCGS. (See article this page.) Pastor stressed to keep looking forward as we worship together.

The extra remaining items from the personal care kits will be donated to the Hamden Food Bank. The tally from the Ingathering Quilts is: 389 quilts—280 Personal Care Kits—30 Baby Kits—173 School Kits. 49 Personal Care Kits, 2 quilts and 1 blanket were from LCGS.

The financial reports show a slight decline in contributions compared to 2018. Committee reports: Coffee hours going well. Thank you to everyone who contributes with goodies, setup and cleanup. Next coffee & conversation is June 12, 10-12pm. Ken will speak with Jim about setting up a mowing schedule. Summer worship hours change to 9:30am on June 16 through September 8. Ken & Chuddy will attend Synod Assembly as LCGS delegates.

Voters' meeting is July 21. Next council meeting is June 12. Council will discuss the project, God's Work Our Hands after the joint meeting of area Lutheran churches on June 29.

Pastor agreed to extend his covenant with LCGS for another six months until the end of 2019.

INGATHERING QUILTS

It was a busy day as we hosted another successful Ingathering on May 15th, thanks to the help of Jim Learned, John Downs, and all the parishioners who so generously contributed supplies for our personal care kits. We were able to beat last year's total with 49 completed kits ready to go on that day. A quilt made by Chuddy Watson was also added to our donation to Lutheran World relief.....Thank you, Chuddy!

God's Global Barnyard coin boxes will be collected on June 2nd. We will continue to accept the boxes/coin donations through the end of June; when we will count up all that change and write a check to LWR.

Looking ahead: On September 8th, we hope to be participating on "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday along with other Lutheran Churches all over the world. Tentatively planned may be some sort of school supply/backpack distribution. We are still very much in the "thinking stage", however, and are open to any and all suggestions.

Congregational Meeting



JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries

15-Carl & Christi Sharon	34 years
27-Christopher & Kristine Knoob	26 years
28-Thomas & Ann Knoob	16 years

Birthdays

- 3-Nicholas Papa
- 4-Barbara Aykroyd
- 11-William Wakefield
- 14-Susan Landino
- 18-Brianne Papa



Baptisms

- Kate Lyn Aykroyd
- Sarah DeLong
- Anna Olson
- Alicia Samal

July 21, 2019

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

Date	Acolyte	Worship Assistant	Worship Assistant 2	Reader	Ushers	Altar Guild
6/2	Elizabeth Ingerson	Anthony Papa	Brianne Papa	Barbara Kuslan	Starr O'Connor Brianne Papa	Sarah DeLong
6/9	PENTECOST SUNDAY—WORSHIP AT BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH, NEW HAVEN 10:00AM					
6/16 9:30am	Nicholas Papa	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Ken Watson	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Ken Watson James Learned	Starr O'Connor
6/23 9:30am	Nicholas Papa	Linda Kapitan	Starr O'Connor	Linda Kapitan	Starr O'Connor John Downs	Linda Kapitan
6/30 9:30am	Elizabeth Ingerson	John Downs	Ken Watson	Ken Watson	Ruth Lye Leonard Lye	Chuddy Watson
7/7 9:30am	Nicholas Papa	Anthony Papa	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Leo Goodrich Jonathan Goodrich	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 your service!



When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

As called Christians responding to the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18-20), we commit ourselves to nurturing the spiritual growth of our congregation by proclaiming the Gospel, bearing witness to God's saving grace, being stewards of the earth, and serving others, in our congregation, our community, and in all the world.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
MISSION STATEMENT**

<u>Worship</u>
Worship
Summer Worship (6/16-9/8/19)
10:30am
9:30am



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