



THE STAFF

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

September 2016

Pastor's Message-

SONGS OF FAITH

This summer we have enjoyed the delight of picking hymns for the following Sunday out of a metaphorical hat (actually it's a plastic tub). The hymns are "favorites" that we have chosen when looking through our new ELW's (the cranberry hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*). What has been remarkable at first, and then not so much, is how these randomly picked songs of faith have fit into the theme of the readings for the following week. It is never "the wrong season" to sing *Go Tell it on the Mountain*, nor do we need to wait until Easter to sing *Jesus Christ is Risen Today!* What I have noticed, and perhaps you have too, is that, just like the Psalms, hymns of praise, lament, joy, sorrow, nativity, crucifixion, and resurrection are *always* appropriate to sing. There is no right or wrong time to remember Jesus' birth, acknowledge our need for forgiveness, or be reminded that all people are our brothers and sisters. Whether our preaching texts retell the challenging conversations between Job and his not-so-compassionate "friends," or are the four verses from Luke containing the Lord's Prayer, hymns of blessing and angst, hymns about shepherds and angels, hymns about empty tombs and agonizing crosses all seem to be "just right" (as Goldilocks would say).

As I have been musing on this, I have realized that I should really not be surprised. We believe, even during Lent, that every Sunday is a "little Easter," during which we proclaim the death *and rising* again of our Lord and Savior. Why, then, could not each Sunday also be a "Little Advent," during which we proclaim our hopeful anticipation of God's presence in our lives, a "little Epiphany" of our recognition of Jesus as the Christ for the world, or a "Little Pentecost," when we celebrate our reliance upon the

Holy Spirit to come upon us in ways only the Spirit knows we need? As you may know, I am a faithful proponent of the liturgical year, believing that it is helpful to our faith journeys to organize the calendar year around the birth, life, death and resurrection of Christ. I also know, as a student of ancient church history, that our ancestors only celebrated two holy-days: Christmas and Easter; the rest of the divisions and seasons were created to enable us to prepare for and celebrate those two times of in-breaking of God's power and grace into human life.

At our next council meeting, I will be proposing that we continue the practice of randomly choosing hymns for a while longer. My hope and prayer is that you, like me, will find that each hymn does, in some way, amplify the power of the Word proclaimed and preached, no matter how randomly!

Your sister and servant in Christ,

Pastor Daphne +

Upcoming Events

- 9/8 Council meeting
- 9/11 Sunday School starts
- Voters' Meeting/Church picnic
- 9/14 Book Club

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Members of Good Shepherd who are homebound
Family and friends whom we name in our hearts

Military personnel

Pray for the mission of the church

9/11/16
Voters' Meeting
&



Fellowship will hold a hot dog roast during and shortly after the voter's meeting. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

THANK YOU!

We have so much to be thankful for, in our daily lives and as a congregation. One only needs to step into the building on a Sunday morning to see...

a **fellowship hall** cleaned (thank you, Jonathan Goodrich) and ready for coffee hour (thank you, Emma Barnes, Sue Hartley, Lisa Martinell, Dorothy Podgwaite, and all those who stay after to clean up, especially Ruth Podgwaite)...

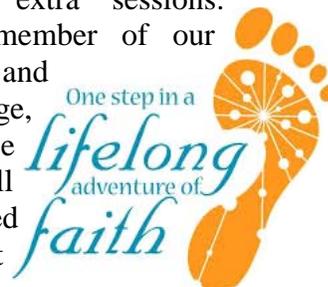
a **narthex** with newsletters, bulletins, bulletin inserts, prayer pages and blooming flowers (thank you Lisa Ball-Goodrich, Jim Learned and Brenda Samal)...

a **sanctuary** prepared for worship (thank you altar guild members Lisa Martinell, Liane Moreland, Starr O'Connor, and Chuddy Watson; perpetual light keeper Jim Learned, and ushers John Downs; Leo, Jonathan and Lisa Ball Goodrich; Sue Hartley; Jim Learned; Lisa Martinell, and Ken Watson). During worship we are grateful for working ceiling fans and lights (thank you, Jim Learned) hear beautiful music prepared and performed (thank you Music Director Caroline Henry, choir members Emma Barnes, Sue Hartley, Linda Kapitan, MaryLou Knoob, Liane Moreland, Trish Rowold and Chuddy Watson, and assisting ministers/cantors Emma Barnes, Trish Rowold, and Paul O'Braonain...

a **backyard** with a garden of healthy and beautiful flowers and shrubs surrounding the building and the gazebo (thank you, Goodrich family, especially David and Lisa), a lawn that is mowed and cared for (thank you Leo Goodrich, Jim Learned, and Ken Watson), and *brand new picnic tables* under the tree beside the garage (thank you Jonathan Goodrich and his Eagle Scout team)!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes will begin this fall with a game of "Lutheran Jeopardy," which will quiz our confirmation students on what they learned last year. We will continue to meet with the Confirmation Cluster (Bethesda, Good Shepherd and Immanuel) as well as at the church. **Attendance is mandatory** – parents and students must commit to attending all classes; more than two absences of the cluster meetings and the church classes (for a total of four classes) will result in extra sessions. Becoming a full adult member of our community is a privilege, and knowledge of our heritage, the Bible, and the sacraments is expected! Fall dates will be announced soon – all attempts to fit family schedules will be made.



Congratulations to Pastor Daphne and Lisa Martinell who were engaged at camp! (on Aug 26, to be exact)

They plan to be married on September 9, 2017, and Bishop Jim Hazelwood will do the service.

Projects we are working on – service to the community and members of all ages

Ever since a storm knocked down our swingset, the Council has been working on choosing and erecting a **new play area** for our younger members. We continue to be committed to being a church that welcomes young families and young people and know that providing a safe and fun play area is part of this commitment. If you happen to have a used playset that your family members have grown out of, please talk to Briane Papa or Jim Learned.

As we consider the idea of creating a **memorial garden** near the gazebo, this summer we have metaphorically waged war on the Japanese knot weed, a stubborn plant that resists everything but perpetual mowing and digging up. We are particularly grateful to the Papa family for beginning this task, and to Leo Goodrich, Jim Learned and Ken Watson for their fierce attention and use of the lawn mower.

Grateful for the bequest of Bernie Kapitan, we will be gathering together a committee to organize our **micro-grant program**, which will support non-profits in our area and provide them with opportunities to network and tell their stories. We have already heard from a few non-profits who saw the article in the Hamden Journal, and are really excited about it! We hope to launch the program before the fall is out. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please speak with Linda Kapitan. If you would like to make a contribution to the fund, please speak with Pastor Daphne.



Lutheran Disaster Response
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Gulf Coast Flooding

Your gifts are needed to help respond to the Gulf Coast flooding. Your gifts through Lutheran Disaster Response will bring God's hope, healing and refuge to those who are affected by these devastating floods. Lutheran Disaster Response coordinators are actively present, collaborating with local community leaders and officials to begin planning the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. We will respond and walk with survivors in the days, weeks, months and years ahead, for as long as we are needed.

Gifts designated for "Gulf Coast Flooding" will be used 100 percent until the response is complete to help disaster survivors recover and rebuild their lives. Your generous offerings of prayer and financial support will help address the many needs, especially the long-term recovery efforts of those affected. (Donations may be put in your giving envelope– mark the other line *Gulf Coast Flooding*)

Book Club

The next meeting is 9/14 from 7-8pm. The selected book is-

The Underground Railroad
by Colson Whitehead

Come join in the discussions!

August meeting discussing- **I am Malala**



SCHEDULED TO SERVE

DATE	ACOLYTE	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	SECOND ASSISTANT	CANTOR	READER	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
9/4	Aida Weishedel	John Downs	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Trish Rowold	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Goodrich family	Starr O'Connor
9/11	Emma Ingerson	Linda Kapitan	Ken Watson	Emma Barnes	Ken Watson	Dorothy Podgwaite Ken Watson	Chuddy Watson
9/18	Emily Olson	Paul O'Braonain	Sue Hartley	Paul O'Braonain	Barbara Kuslan	Sue Hartley James Learned	Lisa Martinell
9/25	Nicholas Papa	John Downs	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Trish Rowold	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Goodrich family	Liane Moreland
10/2	Aoife Weishedel	Paul O'Braonain	Lisa Martinell	Paul O'Braonain	Ken Watson	Lisa Martinell 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 your service!



Saturday, 10/15/16
2:00pm & 7:30pm
Sunday, 10/16/16
2:00pm

Tickets are \$22.50 in advance with 10 or more tickets. Students are \$13.50.

Performance is at Valley Regional High School in Deep River, CT. You may select any performance. Although Pastor will not be performing this year, we plan on going to the Saturday, 2:00pm performance. See John Downs for tickets or additional information (203-248-8566).

Consecration Sunday Process

The Consecration Team (Lisa Ball-Goodrich, Sue Hartley, Linda Kapitan, Ken Watson and Pastor) has been working on the process agenda and will give an update at the voters' meeting on 9/11.

The list of people involved is:

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| Leader | Janet Waters |
| Consecration Sunday | |
| Chairperson | Ken Watson |
| Celebration Luncheon | |
| Chairperson | Liane Moreland |
| Dinner Telephone | |
| Chairperson | Sue Hartley |
| Announcer #1 | Dorothy Podgwaite |
| Announcer #2 | Barbara Kuslan |
| Announcer #3 | Brenda Samal |

DID YOU SEE THE HAMDEN JOURNAL?

The *Hamden Journal* is a free paper distributed weekly. Focusing on good news in the community, the editors welcomed an article by Natalie Bartletta about our grant program and put it on the front page! If you haven't seen a copy of the paper, there are extras in the narthex. If you have a copy you are finished with, please leave it at the church so that we may distribute it throughout the fall. Special thanks to Ken Watson (who was quoted, but misnamed) and clergy friend the Rev. Amanda Gott for agreeing to be interviewed.

Congratulations Newlyweds!

Brian and Megan Lee
July 4, 2016

Jonathan and Trisha Rowold
August 26, 2016

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries

- 5-William & Sylvia Wakefield 63 years
- 6-Paul & Jodi O'Braonain 2 years
- 7-Ken & Chuddy Watson 48 years
- 15-Tom & Brenda Samal 37 years
- 25-James & Mary Lou Knoob 51 years

Birthdays

- 5-Leo Goodrich
- 8-Richard Rosa
- 9-Byron Dinkla
- 9-Christine Edgar
- 11-Katherine Chapman
- 14-Kristine Knoob
- 22-Kathy Dube'
- 24-Jonathan Goodrich
- 29-Michaela Rowold



Baptisms

Sheila Keating, Thomas Knoob, Tyler Knoob

FINANCIAL RESULTS THROUGH JULY, 2016

	2016	7/12 of 2016 BUDGET	Over (Under) BUDGET	Prior year Comparative 2015 thru July
Receipts thru July	\$41,323	\$54,463	(\$13,140)	\$49,638
Expenses thru July	\$48,300	\$54,463	(\$6,163)	\$50,890
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$6,977)	\$0	(\$6,977)	(\$1,252)

Our total Operating giving for May, June and July 2016 was \$7,037; \$5,508 and \$6,281 respectively for a total of \$18,826. Our expenses were \$5,997; \$7,489 and \$5,568 for a total of \$19,054– giving us a deficit of \$228 for the three months. This increased our prior surplus of \$6,749 to \$6,977 through July 2016. With a monthly budget of \$7,708 and receipts of only \$4,381 it appears that we will be short of budget for August. An update will be available at the September Voters' Meeting.

John E. Downs, Treasurer

School Supplies Request

A request for school supplies for Hamden students in need was sent to our congregation on 8/17/16. School supplies poured in and Sue Hartley already made two deliveries to Hamden Youth Services. They are very grateful.



Sue will accept school supplies on Sunday, 9/4 and make another delivery. Thank you for your generosity making sure children have the proper tools for their education.

Happy September!

Or back-to-school for those of you with ties to the academic year!
This fall the choir will start singing in church September 18, so we will meet briefly Sunday the 11th to go over our first selection of the year. If you weren't singing with us last year now is the perfect time to join! Find us after church on the 11th if you can to help kick off the new season with song! All voices welcome :)

-Caroline



We have new picnic tables!

And we can enjoy using them at the church picnic on 9/11!
Many thanks to Jonathan Goodrich for choosing to fulfill his Eagle Scout Service Project at Good Shepherd.



EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

WANT TO PRACTICE BALLROOM DANCE?

Bethesda Lutheran Church will have ballroom dance classes in the Fall.

Singles and couples welcome—rotating partner system in class

Learn ballroom dance in a fun and casual class at Bethesda: Tuesdays 6-7pm; Saturdays 11am-12pm (starting after Labor Day) Join one or both sessions each week—flexible attendance. A few weeks dedicated to each type of dance. Participate when you can. Taught by Christina Castaneda.

No charge- suggested donation of \$5 per class to benefit Bethesda.

Sign up, and receive updates, by emailing BethesdaDance@yahoo.com

Takes place in the Campanius room, below the church, at 450 Whitney Avenue in New Haven. Free parking at 450 Whitney Avenue and around 305 St. Ronan Street.

Wear comfortable shoes and clothing.



Yale Football Yale vs Lehigh October 1, 2016 at 1:30pm



Anyone interested in tailgating at the game, please see John Downs 203-248-8566.

Very informal tailgating—bring you own and some to share.

Tickets in advance (also available at the gate)
Adult \$8.00 - Seniors \$7.00
Children under 12 free (They need tickets)
Parking is \$10.00 but does not need to be purchased in advance.

Mark you calendars!

Lyra is coming on Tuesday, September 6th at 7pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 14 Salem St, Naugatuck.

Lyra is a vocal ensemble from St. Petersburg who will perform chants of the Russian Orthodox church and folk songs of Russia. The concert will have a suggested donation of \$10 per person to defer our costs, cash preferred. CD's will be available for purchase.

For more information, call 203-723-3402 or email gracenaugatuck@yahoo.com.

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**

Worship
Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 10:30am



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