



THE STAFF

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

September 2017

Pastor's Message-

Pastor's Reflection

As I write this, our nation continues to reel from the violent and racist actions of white supremacists, neo-nazis, and alt-right people who gathered in Charlottesville for the purpose of terrorizing African Americans, Jews, and anyone else who challenged their belief that white people are superior and should be in charge of the country. We continue to be battered by news and statements of and by people who thought these groups did nothing wrong. When an ecumenical group of clergy gathered in a church to pray the night before the planned "rally," a mob carrying torches encircled the building and chanted hateful, violent messages. In the light of day, when faced with a crowd who were willing to refute the message of hate and stand up for people who didn't look like them, one man drove his car into the midst of them. "If you're not outraged, you're not paying attention" was one of the last Facebook posts of the young woman, Heather Heyer, he killed. Those of us who are not surprised that this kind of racism still exists find no comfort in being proven right, and all of us who love this country and the ideals upon which it was founded find ourselves at a loss to know how to respond.

There is no point in mincing words – racism is evil. Neo-nazism is evil. White supremacy and white nationalism and any philosophy that claims that one group of people is superior to another *for any reason* is evil. And the evil that lives within the hearts of those who are members of these groups spreads to other kinds of prejudices that poison our relationships and break apart our communities. It can be mind-numbing and overwhelming to think about, and we no longer have the choice, if we ever did, to look the other way.

So now what? In the song "Man in the Mirror," Michael Jackson challenged: "if you want to make

the world a better place, take a look at yourself and make a change." Never mind that we didn't used to think that these movements had anything to do with us. Never mind that we don't think we are "that kind" of white person. Never mind that we voted for the current administration and are glad we did, wish we hadn't, or didn't vote in the last election because we didn't think either candidate was any good. Never mind that we aren't sure where to start. Today is a new day. A new day for us to make a difference. A new day to recommit ourselves to being the best people we can be, which means being the best Christians we can be.

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Daphne Burt
and Lisa Martinell
request the honor of your presence
at their wedding

Saturday, the ninth of September
Two thousand seventeen
at four o'clock in the afternoon

Congregation Mishkan Israel
785 Ridge Road
Hamden, Connecticut

Reception to follow

More information and RSVP at the website:
www.zola.com/wedding/daphneandlisa

Upcoming Events

9/10 Sunday School starts
9/20 Council Meeting
9/24 Voters' Meeting

www.goodshepherdhamden.org/calendar

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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*

Thank you

It’s never easy to surprise me, but surprise me you did when you celebrated my 30th ordination anniversary in June, right before the Synod Assembly! Special thanks to Lianne Moreland, Sue Hartley and Lisa Ball-Goodrich, and to everyone else for your thoughtfulness - and cake!
Pastor Daphne

Pastor Daphne and Lisa are taking a short honeymoon to Martha’s Vineyard from September 11– 14.
Pastor Chris Files will cover any pastoral emergencies: 203-878-2002.

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This is not easy. We follow Jesus – a man who could have cared less what other people thought, who was willing to challenge people in power when their actions hurt others, who didn't walk away from a chance to be compassionate and who wasn't afraid to embrace the very people who would ultimately do him in. Few of us have that kind of courage! And yet - we still follow Jesus. We may not know where we are going, but we do know that we are not alone, that it's ok to be afraid, and that when the time comes for us to get way out beyond our comfort zones, Jesus will be there to catch us, guide us, carry us or just cheer us on.

In these days of reflection and considered action, let us not look away from our own mistakes, our failures, our resentments and our judgments of others. Let us get out of our own way and do the right thing – the loving thing, the compassionate thing – and be ready and willing to give up something in the process – whether that be our status, power, money, influence, comfort, control or simply the ability to act as though we are not involved. Confronting evil in others is painful, because it means that we have to turn the mirror on ourselves and be willing to make changes.

Thanks be to God that we follow the One who looked death in the face and laughed, and who promises that evil will never, ever have the last word.

So Let us begin. With our selves. With love. With hope. Together. With Jesus.

Your sister and servant in Christ,

Pastor Daphne +



Sunday School begins 9/10 at 9:30am.

Classes will be held every 2nd & 4th Sunday.

New address and phone number:

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50 Brooklawn Dr.
Meriden, CT 06450
203-988-9398

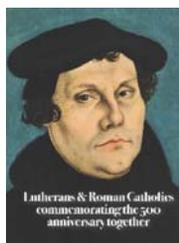
**NEW HAVEN PRIDE:
WELCOMING CONGREGATIONS WILL
BE SHARING A BOOTH**

**Saturday September 16
4-8pm**

Spring Glen Congregational Church, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, and Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd are joining together to staff a "Welcoming Congregations" booth at the New Haven Pride Festival on Saturday September 16 from 4-8 pm. We will be a visible witness to our welcoming LGBTQ people by going to where many of them and their allies will be congregating, rather than asking them to come to us first.

Please let Pastor Daphne know if you would like to help out at the booth and tell people the good news about Christians who truly welcome, love and respect gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

LUTHER 500



October 31, 2017 is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's hanging his 95 Theses on the Wittenberg Chapel door, thus beginning a conversation that turned into the Reformation. There are events and resources all over the country; here in New England Lutherans and Roman Catholics are getting together to commemorate the day.

In Manchester, CT, Concordia Lutheran is hosting an event on Oct 29. Look for more information in the October Newsletter.

We're Reconciling in Christ.... Now what?

Now that we have declared how truly welcoming we are, we need to share that news with the ones who need to hear it most – our gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender friends and neighbors – those we know and those we don't. What can you do?

- ♥ If you are on social media, post our Welcoming Statement and say how proud you are that we have become Reconciling in Christ! Use the logo:



Download it here: <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/resources/ric/logos/>.

Or copy it off our Facebook page.

- ♥ tell your friends about what it meant to you to take the vote
- ♥ connect with LGBTQ groups and let them know we are welcoming
- ♥ buy a window cling or a button and display it proudly.
<https://www.reconcilingworks.org/estore/>
- ♥ invite a friend to come to church
- ♥ download the brochure: *You are Reconciling in Christ! Now What?* and see if any of the ideas there seem like fun.
<https://www.reconcilingworks.org/resources/ric-now-what/>

WELCOMING STATEMENT

We, the members of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, (Hamden, CT) joyfully affirm that every individual person is a child of God. We recognize that we are called to be one body with many members, and that all are necessary for the health and well-being of the body.

*Whatever your race, ethnicity or heritage,
Whether you are married, divorced, widowed, or single,
Whatever your sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or gender expression,
Whether you are gay or straight, lesbian or bisexual, transgender or questioning,
Whether you have spent a night in prison or have never gotten a parking ticket,
Whether you work full time, part-time, are retired, or searching for a job,
Whether you are financially challenged or don't have to worry about money,
Whether you are pre-school, in school, or done with all that,
Whether you are young in body, mind or spirit, or feeling your age,
Whether your belief is strong, wavering, or non-existent,
Whether you are comfortable sitting in a pew, need to stand, or enjoy boisterous participation,
We love you for every aspect of who you are.*

We welcome all people to join us in the wonder of the journey of faith and service.

-unanimously adopted by the congregation on June 25, 2017.

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries

- 5-William & Sylvia Wakefield 64 years
- 6-Paul & Jodi O’Braonain 3 years
- 7-Ken & Chuddy Watson 49 years
- 15-Tom & Brenda Samal 38 years
- 25-James & Mary Lou Knoob 52 years

Birthdays

- 5-Leo Goodrich
- 9-Christine Edgar
- 11-Katherine Chapman
- 14-Kristine Knoob
- 17-Caroline Henry
- 22-Kathy Dube
- 24-Jonathan Goodrich
- 29-Michaela Rowold



Baptisms

Thomas Knoob, Tyler Knoob

Council Notes



Council met on 8/16/17 at John Downs’ home. Pastor reported that the trip with the confirmands and parents to Cathedral in the Night was a great experience. The financial reports were reviewed and approved for audit. (See Financial Results report below.) Upgrades to the parsonage has begun. Some people have already volunteered for jobs but there is still more work to be done. The gas hot water heater is rotting out—a motion was made and approved to accept a bid of \$970 to replace the gas hot water heater in the parsonage. The realtor will be taking outside photos of the parsonage and listing it as of 8/21/17. Paul will be reaching out to Quinnipiac College about setting up a listening post. A press release will be issued about Good Shepherd being a Reconciling in Christ congregation. A fellowship volunteer is requested to assist with coffee hours. The nominating committee and finance committee needs to be set up to work on 2018 council and 2018 budget.

Next council meeting is 9/20 and the voters’ meeting is 9/24.

FINANCIAL RESULTS THROUGH JULY 2017

	2017	7/12 of 2017 BUDGET	Over (Under) BUDGET	Prior year Comparative 2016 thru July
Receipts thru July	\$47,206	\$54,542	(\$7,336)	\$41,323
Expenses thru July	\$55,144	\$54,542	\$602	\$48,300
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$7,938)	\$0	(\$7,938)	(\$6,977)

Our total Operating giving for July was \$7,682 and our expenses were \$6,527 giving us a overage of \$1,155 and reducing our year to date loss to \$7,938. This compares to a 2016 overage of \$713 for July and a year to date loss of \$6,977.

As the above shows our giving this year is ahead of last year by \$5,883, thanks to some extra gifts, but behind our budget by \$7,336. Our expenses through July are over budget by \$602 and over last year by \$6,844 primarily because of seasonal expenses.

Last year in August we had a loss of \$1,540 and a year to date loss of \$ 8,514. With four weeks in August this year we will need to average \$ 1,945 per week to avoid a further deficit for the month.

John E. Downs, Treasurer

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

Date	Acolyte	Worship Assistant	Worship Assistant 2	Cantor	Reader	Ushers	Altar Guild
9/3	Anthony Papa	Paul O'Braonain	Lisa Martinell	~	Barbara Kuslan	John Downs Lisa Martinell	Lisa Martinell
9/10 10:30a worship	Jonathan Olson	Linda Kapitan	Ken Watson	~	Linda Kapitan	Ken Watson Leonard Lye	Chuddy Watson
9/17	Nicholas Papa	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Sue Hartley	Paul O'Braonain	Leo Goodrich	Sue Hartley James Learned	Starr O'Connor
9/24	Elizabeth Ingerson	John Downs	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	~	Reggie Chang	Reggie Chang Leo Goodrich	Linda Kapitan
10/1	Aiden Weischedel	Paul O'Braonain	Lisa Martinell	Paul O'Braonain	Barbara Kuslan	John Downs Lisa Martinell	Lisa Martinell

*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!***

RECONCILING IN CHRIST!

We are now officially a “Reconciling in Christ” congregation! Our welcoming statement, printed on page 4, was unanimously passed at the voter’s meeting on June 25 and accepted by Reconciling Ministries. We are now one of 47 RIC congregations and organizations in New England, and 750 communities across the Country!

FIND AN RIC COMMUNITY

Search by address/zipcode or limit results by state. Click the "Find an RIC Community" button to search.

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 United States
[Directions](#)
[Website](#)

Phone: 203-248-7420

Bisexual and transgender included in welcome, gender inclusive restroom. Would be willing to call LGBTQ pastor. Performs LGBTQ marriage services.

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Website

Directions

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
(2nd and 4th Sundays)
9:30am

Worship
10:30am



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