

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



January 20 Pork Dinner

Thanks to all who made it a great event!

Come to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 13! Details inside.



"We are a community of God's faithful people called by Christ to love, welcome, and care for all."

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A word from the pastor

Grace to you and peace in the name of God who claims you as beloved and calls you into new life. Amen

It is good to join you as your pastor this year. We got off to an interesting start, with my first Sunday with you turning into a snow day. However, the impromptu remote service with First Lutheran worked out really well and speaks well for the beginning of the partnership between the two congregations to share a pastor. As the year goes on, you, I, and First Lutheran, will check-in on how it's going and discern together if this is something we all feel called to make a more permanent arrangement. I'm excited for this year and for what God is doing in Albany.

During the time after the Epiphany, beginning at our impromptu shared remote service with First Lutheran, we have heard of God's claim on us as beloved of God, of Jesus calling us to follow him, and of Jesus opening to the world a new dominion of God and bringing us into a new way of living together as God's people.

From the dual epiphanies of the visitation of the wise men and Jesus' baptism by John through Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain on February 11, God shows us that the way of Jesus is both something ancient and something wholly new and novel. These epiphanies of Jesus, revelations of who God is and who God calls us to be, open our hearts and our lives to the movement of God for justice and equity. They cut through the

noise of life and pull our focus to Christ, who brings about new life for the world.

As we step into this first year together, let us center ourselves and our work together on this proclamation: that God in Christ is still doing an ancient thing and a new thing, reshaping the world for justice and equity. Let us walk boldly toward the cross of Good Friday together, dying with Christ so that we may rise to new life, to love and serve God and our neighbor. Amen.

Peace in Christ,

The Rev. D. Lowell Chilton, Pastor
pastor@gslcl.org ☎ 518-285-0441 (cell)

Pastor and Staff

The Rev. D. Lowell Chilton	Pastor
<i>(pastor@gslcl.org, cell: 518-285-0441)</i>	
Kathy Flynn	Admin. Assistant
<i>(office@gslcl.org, 10am – 4pm, Mon. – Wed.)</i>	
Kevin Wertman	Custodian
Anita Andersen	Music Director

Church Council

(2024 officers will be elected February 5)

Danny Patrick	President
Mike Serge	Vice President
Jeff Emptage	Treasurer
Patti Kopach	Secretary
Colleen Ward	
Kathryn Ingalls	
Nancy Layne	
Carol Phelps	
Maryanne Sangiacomo	
Elizabeth Sickler	
Susan Spofford	
Meg Winters	

Administration

Marjorie Raymond	Financial Secretary
John McGrath	Assistant Treasurer
Danny Patrick	Bldg. Rental Coordinator

Cottage Meetings

Join me for small group conversations as I get to know you and you get to know me. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. *Addresses are on the sign-up sheet.*

Wed. Feb. 21	Noon	Good Shepherd
Sun. Feb. 25	11 AM	Good Shepherd
Tue. Feb. 27	Noon	Bertie Cole's home.
Tue. Feb. 27	2:30 PM	Nancy & Steve Layne's home
Sun. Mar. 3	1 PM	Marie Wertman's home
Mon. Mar. 4	6:30 PM	Patti Kopach's home.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

The Outreach and Evangelism Ministry Team is overseeing the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday February 13, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The meal will consist of pancakes, sausage, and applesauce with beverages of coffee, milk and orange juice.



The cost for adults is \$7, children 6 - 12 is \$4, and children 5 and under free.

Please mark this date on your calendar and invite your family, friends and neighbors to come out for some great pancakes and fellowship. If you could help volunteer in any way please speak to Danny Patrick or any member of the Outreach and Evangelism Ministry Team. The proceeds will go the ministries of Good Shepherd and a portion will go to the ELCA Hunger Appeal.

NEW THIS YEAR!
CREDIT CARDS AND DEBIT
CARDS ACCEPTED

See you all on February 13th.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14 at 7 PM

We're joining with our partners from First Lutheran Church, Albany, for a shared service at 7 PM at Good Shepherd and on Zoom. Pastor Chilton is away at a maritime ministry training, Pastor Becca Ehrlich will preside and preach at this shared service.

For a daytime option: St. John's Lutheran Church has a noon service.



Albany Lutherans Together Lenten Vespers

Wednesdays in Lent: Vespers at 6:45 PM; meal beforehand at 6:00 PM.

This Lent, Albany Lutherans Together (ALT) congregations will gather on Wednesday evenings to journey to the new fire of the Easter Vigil together with worship and fellowship. At 6 PM, we gather for a simple meal and a time of conversation and fellowship between congregations. At 6:45 PM, we transition into worship, with Holden Evening Prayer (Holden Vespers '86). During vespers, we will also include readings and reflections that prepare us for celebrating the first eucharist of Easter together at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.



As it has for many years, our gathering moves location each week:

- February 21: St. John's Lutheran Church, Albany
- February 28: First Lutheran Church, Albany
- March 6: St. John's Lutheran Church, Albany
- March 13: Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Albany
- March 20: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Loudonville

Zoom for each service will be the same link: <http://FirstLutheranAlbany.org/zoom> or call 929-436-2866. The meeting code is 518-463-1326, the passcode is "1".

Volunteer Opportunity: this year, the host congregation is organizing the meal and leading the musical portions of vespers. Members from the visiting congregations will lead readings and prayers during each service. Contact Pastor Chilton or Kathy Flynn to volunteer to read or lead prayers on one of the other weeks.

Albany Lutherans Together Easter Vigil

7:00 PM, Saturday, March 30 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Loudonville



In addition to midweek vespers, the four congregations of ALT are coming together to celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter. Beginning outdoors around a new fire, we bless and light the paschal candle, process by candlelight into a dimly lit sanctuary, hear and sing of God's deeds for God's creation throughout time, and then, with great joy and celebration, raise the lights, uncover the flowers, and proclaim the good news of the Resurrection of our Lord and celebrate the first eucharist of Easter.

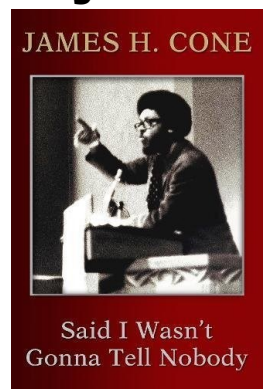
The Great Vigil of Easter is one of the oldest traditions of the church and we are hoping to build it locally into a new tradition shared by the four congregations of Albany. After the service, the celebration continues with a dessert reception and champagne toast to the risen Christ. It's going to be great! Look for more information in the Midweek Message and in the March newsletter.

Book Club: Said I Wasn't Gonna Tell Nobody

Thursday, February 29 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

The Rev. Dr. James H. Cone, pastor and professor, was a central figure in the development of Black Liberation Theology in the 1960s and 70s. His 1969 book *Black Liberation and Black Power* is considered by many the founding work of Black Liberation Theology. Published shortly after his death in 2018, *Said I Wasn't Gonna Tell Nobody: The Making of a Black Theologian* is Cone's autobiography, one that pulls us into the Black Liberation Theology he developed and championed.

Pick up your copy today on the Book Club shelf at The Bookhouse at Stuyvesant Plaza (make sure you tell them it's for the book club and save 20%) and join us on Zoom (<http://FirstLutheranAlbany.org/zoom>) on February 29 to discuss the life and work of this amazing scholar and preacher.



In Memory of Betty Cadwallader

Donations to the Building Fund have been received from the following individuals and families in memory of Betty Cadwallader, a long term member of Good Shepherd:

- Judith Humphries
- Steve and Nancy Layne
- Mary Long
- Carl and Carol Phelps
- Marjorie Raymond
- Dick Walker
- Dave Ferri

First Communion Class – Saturday, March 23

Pastor Chilton will lead a one day First Communion Class on *Saturday, March 23*, time to be coordinated with those participating. Email him if you would like your child to participate. Those in the class will celebrate their First Communion on Palm Sunday, March 24.

Prayer Concerns



Keith Kelly
Carolyn Wolfe
Lynn Best
Lou Reiss

Carlos Sanchez
Kelly Powell
Kathy Ingalls

The Cadwallader family as they grieve the recent loss of Betty Cadwallader.

February Birthdays



- 1 – Cliff Brant, Jr., Marna Redding
- 2 – Brian Rhodes
- 3 – Jordan Wagner
- 8 – Easton Ahl
- 12 – Marilyn Graver
- 13 – Jack Stubbs
- 14 – Jack Redding
- 17 – Peter Crouse, Mark Bradley
- 26 – Charles Rhodes

Congregational Annual Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church was held on **Sunday, January 28, 2023** immediately following the 8:45 Worship Service. All voting members of the congregation were encouraged to participate in this important meeting and there was a great turnout. We thanked Atif Dean and Marie Werman for their years of service as outgoing council members and elected Colleen Ward to serve on the Congregation Council. The council will elect their offices at the February meeting and the 2024 officers will be announced in the March newsletter.

Volunteers needed for asylum clinics in February and March

Immigrant Arc and the New York Immigration Coalition are organizing asylum clinics on Fridays from February 9 through Friday March 29 in Albany. Attorney and non-legal volunteers are needed. Volunteers will be required to complete an orientation. Roles include non-attorney application preparers, attorneys, interpreters and attorney-supervisors. To receive I-Arc's full description of the roles, please email Carrie Kuehl kuehlcarrie@gmail.com.

To sign up for a shift, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848A9A72EABFBC61-47336810-asylum#/>

Breakfast with the Wisemen – Thanks!

We would like to thank the three men that were our kings and they are Pastor Chilton, Mark Silo and Mike Serge. Also many thanks for our volunteers who helped set-up, cooked, served the breakfast, and cleaned up. We had about 40 who attended the breakfast with most of the attendees from the community. Everyone seemed to have a great time; thanks to everyone who made this event such a success!



Pork Dinner

A very big thanks goes out to everyone that came to the Pork Dinner on January 20th. As a result of your generosity we made \$1,466.78 and out of the proceeds \$150.00 was given to the Crime Victims and Sexual Violence Center of Albany County. Another big thanks goes out to all the volunteers who made this dinner such a huge success. They are Marie Wertman, Nancy and Steve Layne, Nancy and Mike Serge, Nancy and Wayne Smith, Colleen Ward, Chris and Marc Kleinhenz, Vickie LaFrank, Kathy Ingalls, Patti Kopach, Betty Suarez, Kathy Silo, Jane Ludwin, Meg Winters, Sue and Paul Spofford, and Danny Patrick. Lastly, a big thanks to our piano player, Sam Piccolino, who provided some wonderful music during the dinner. Again, a big thanks to everyone who made this dinner such a huge success.

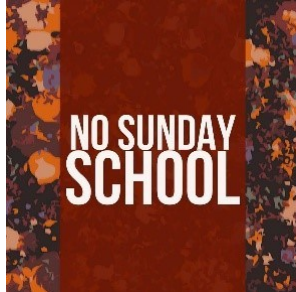
January/February ALT Outreach Ministry

The Schuyler Inn, located in Menands, is an emergency housing shelter for families. Many of these families are there as a result of severe financial difficulties or natural disasters (such as fire or flood). They often arrive with nothing but the clothes they are wearing and are in great need. Please consider donating: Packages of diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, diaper rash ointment, socks for adults, body wash, shampoo toothpaste and toothbrushes.



Hillenbrandt Scholarships

Applications for the 2023-2024 academic year are online at Good Shepherd's website (www.gslcl.org). Necessary instructions will be located on the form. When all necessary requirements have been completed, return the applications to the church office **no later than April 1, 2024**



DUE TO THE WINTER BREAK, THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON FEBRUARY 18 OR FEBRUARY 25. THAT BRINGS US INTO LENT AND OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE BUSY PLANNING AND PREPARING ACTIVITIES FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN.



*"This Little Light of Mine....
I'm Gonna Let It Shine"*

The Worship & Music Team is busy making plans for Lent and all the special services coming up in the next month. Their next meeting is Monday, February 20th at 7 pm.

EASTER FLOWERS



This year there will be a choice of several Easter flowers. More information on the types of flowers, as well as the cost per plant, and the size of the plant, will be posted in the mid-week messages and March newsletter. Order forms will also be included plus some in the narthex as well.

**The final deadline for orders is
Friday, March 15.**

Souper Bowl Sunday

This year we will be collecting cans of soup for Souper Bowl Sunday which is on February 11. If you'd like, you are welcome to bring cans of soup on **Sunday, February 4th as well**. We will have a table in the front lobby with the names of the teams that will be playing in this year's Super Bowl and you can place your cans behind the name of the team that you like and that you think is going to win.

The soup will be going into our Food Box which is out in the parking lot. The need for soup and food is great and will really be appreciated. Thank you for your anticipated support of this community ministry.

January Attendance Record

<u>Date</u>	<u>In Person</u>	<u>On Zoom</u>	<u>Total</u>
1/7(Snow Day) at 1 st Lutheran		11	11
1/14	38	5	43
1/21	44	4	48
1/28	50	3	53

WELCA

The Good Shepherd-Loudonville unit of Women of the ELCA will meet at 7 p.m. on **Thursday, February 15**. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend! To join the Zoom meeting, click on this link:

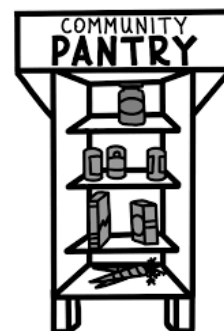
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85454179624?pwd=ZnlwcEFBbUkrV2FQR2J3VUxML0dFQT09>

If you are unable to join the meeting with this link, go to www.zoom.us and "Join a Meeting", using Meeting ID 854 5417 9624 and Passcode 569920. Another option is to call in by phone (929-205-6099) and follow the prompts to enter the Meeting ID and Passcode.

Suggestions for programs and service projects are always welcome. Please contact Patti Kopach, Unit Coordinator, at 518-785-1130 if you have questions or ideas to share.

Community Food Pantry

As you may know or not know, Good Shepherd for the past year has had a food box in the parking lot filled with non-perishable food items for people that are in need of food. See list of suggested food items below. Also, another way you could support the food pantry would be putting a monetary donation in a blue envelope that you will find in the narthex which is for designated giving.



Suggested items include

- Dried beans, Canned Beef Stew, Cereal, Chef Boyardee, Crackers, Pasta,
- Powered Milk, Boxed milk, Rice, Rice A Roni, Canned Salmon, Dried or Canned Soup, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Tuna, Canned Vegetables
- Toilet Paper, Dog and Cat food, Kitty Litter

Thrivent Grants

Did you know that thoughtful Thrivent members have directed a total of \$50 to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in 2023 by recommending where Thrivent should distribute some of its charitable outreach funds? Thrivent members have until March 31 to tell Thrivent where to send some of Thrivent's charitable giving dollars budgeted for 2023. You can find more Thrivent Choice resources on Thrivent.com using the following link: <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>.

If you are not a Thrivent member but would still like to help by applying for a grant, you can become a Thrivent Associate Member. Associate membership is \$19.95 and with that membership you are able to apply for a \$250.00 Thrivent grant for our congregation's outreach projects. Contact Thrivent either by phone or at Thrivent.com for more info.

Thank You,
Paula-Christy Heighton, Thrivent

Financial News

Financial Report for December 2023			
	Month	YTD	
Expenses	\$11,984.69	\$118,426.14	
Revenue	\$26,713.29	\$122,197.51	
Surplus +			
Deficit -		\$3,771.37	

Online giving

Visit <http://www.gslcl.org/#make-donation> to securely give online with Tithe.ly. A recurring gift is a great way to support the ministry of the congregation.



Fellowship after Worship

Volunteers needed: Thank you for all who signed up to host our gatherings following worship. Please consider providing coffee and some small bite sized snack by signing up on the chart right outside of the fellowship hall for the rest of the year. What a great time to meet each other and chat. Questions? Contact Meg Winters, Fellowship Coordinator at 518-860-4594.



Blood Drive April 10th

Our spring blood drive is ready for scheduling either online at American Red Cross under Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or by contacting Carol Phelps (518-355-3901). Walk ins will be accepted if there is an available appointment when the person arrives.

We are pleased to announce that Jeannette Harting has stepped up to take over the responsibility of organizing, booking, attending, monitoring and drafting volunteers as Carol Phelps makes way to pass the baton this year as the Blood Drive Coordinator. Carol has been an amazing leader for this event each April and October and these are big shoes to fill. We all want to express our sincere appreciation for Carol for all the many things she does for Good Shepherd.

**MANY THANKS TO OUR
WORSHIP SERVERS & VOLUNTEERS!**

THOSE WHO SERVE 2/4

Opener
Greeter
Usher
Lay Reader
Communion Assistant
AV Tech
Closer

Steve Layne
Dick Walker
Mark Silo
Bertie Cole
Meg Winter
Steve Layne
Atif Dean

THOSE WHO SERVE 2/11

Opener
Greeter
Usher
Lay Reader
Communion Assistant
AV Tech
Closer

Kathy Ingalls
Maryanne Sangiacomo
Dick Walker
Danny Patrick
Marie Wertman
Steve Layne
Meg Winters

THOSE WHO SERVE 2/18

Opener
Greeter
Usher
Lay Reader
Communion Assistant
AV Tech
Closer

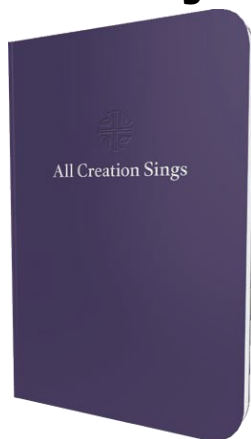
Patti Kopach
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Dick Walker
Maryanne Sangiacomo
Patti Kopach
Marie Wertman
Danny Patrick

THOSE WHO SERVE 2/25

Opener
Greeter
Usher
Lay Reader
Communion Assistant
AV Tech
Closer

Emmie Knobloch
Betty Suarez
Mark Silo
Patti Kopach
Meg Winters
Maryanne Sangiacomo
Marie Wertman

New Hymnal Supplement! *All Creation Sings*



All Creation Sings, Augsburg Fortress's recent hymnal supplement for *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, adds two new settings of Holy Communion and over two hundred hymns to the worship repertoire of the church. We've been using some of the hymns already, like "Cast out, O Christ" on January 28, and we're looking forward to using more of them. The Worship and Music Team is hoping to purchase 60 copies* of *All Creation Sings* to add to the pew chairs in the sanctuary, and we need your help to get them. Throughout February, we're asking for contributions of \$18 per hymnal to get us to our goal**. You can make the gift in memory of or in honor of someone, we'll place a bookplate on the inside cover of a copy noting the dedication. If you would like a copy for home use, you can note that below and we'll add one to the order for you.

* 60 copies is sufficient for most regular attendees to place a copy where they normally sit and we'll have some extras. For high attendance days, like Christmas Eve, we'll print ACS hymns in the bulletin.

** \$18 covers the cost of the hymnal + shipping it to us.

1. Full name : _____

2. Email address : _____

3. Phone number : _____

4. How many hymnals would you like to sponsor? _____

*These are for the **sanctuary set**. If they are sponsored in memory of or in honor of someone, please indicate that on the next two questions.*

5. In memory of _____ (please list each entry on a new line)

6. In honor of _____ (please list each entry on a new line)

7. How many **personal use hymnals** (to take home) would you like to order? _____

8. **Total # ordered or sponsored** (Sum of #4 and #7): _____

9. **Total amount due:** _____

= \$18 x Number ordered or sponsored (#8)

This completed order form & payment may be sent :

1. To the office (510 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211)

2. Placed in the offering on Sunday

Please write "new hymnals" on the memo line of a check.

~ February 2023 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR) 4pm Drama Kids 7:00pm WELCA	2 9:30 Colonie Srs.	3
4 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 Fellowship	5 6:30 Pm Church Council	6 12:30 Colonie Srs. 6:30 pm Outreach & Evangelism	7 1 pm Bible Study	8 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR) 4pm Drama Kids	9 9:30 Colonie Srs.	10
11 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 Fellowship	12	13 12:30 Colonie Srs. 4-6 pm PANCAKE SUPPER	14 ASH WED 1 pm Bible Study 6 pm Ash Wednesday Service	15 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR) 4pm Drama Kids	16 9:30 Colonie Srs.	17
18 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 Fellowship	19 Club Scientific 7:00 pm Worship & Music	20 Club Scientific 12:30 Colonie Srs.	21 Club Scientific 9 am Colonie Srs Board 1 pm Bible Study ALT Lenten Service	22 Club Scientific 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR) 4pm Drama Kids	23 Club Scientific 9:30 Colonie Srs.	24
25 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 Fellowship	26	27	28 ALT Lenten Service	29		



Good Shepherd is a Reconciling in Christ congregation, where all are **Welcomed, Included, and Celebrated.**

