

September Newsletter

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Mission Statement

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

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Message From Danny Patrick, Council President

Welcome

Pastor Jinney



It is with great pleasure on behalf of the Church Council to announce that The Reverend Virginia Vogel–Polizzi, known as Pastor Jinney, will be starting as our Transitional Pastor on September 1, 2023. Pastor Jinney will be serving at Good Shepherd for 25 hours per month and one of her primary tasks will be to set up supply pastors for Sundays and special worship services.

Pastor Jinney is an Episcopalian priest and is currently serving part time at St. Peter's (ELCA) in Malta for 20 hours per week. Pastor Jinney and her husband reside in Lee, Massachusetts and she is retired from the Albany Medical Center Hospital where she served as Chaplain.

Pastor Jinney is looking forward to being at Good Shepherd on Sunday, September 10 when Jim Netzer (Synodical Authorized Minister) will also be here leading worship. So please mark this date on your calendar and come to church to meet Pastor Jinney and give her a warm welcome.

See you on Sunday September 10!

Yours in Christ,

Danny Patrick, President
Church Council



SUNDAY SCHOOL
BEGINS SEPT. 10 AT
GOOD SHEPHERD.
CHILDREN COME TO
THE SANCTUARY FOR
THE BEGINNING OF
SERVICE AND THEN
ONTO THE CLASSROOM

Mark your calendars! Sunday School will be resuming on **Sunday, September 10th**. As with previous years, the children will begin in the church and leave during a portion of the service to attend Sunday School. Each week the children learn a bible story, prepare a craft, enjoy a snack and music. Children 3 years and older are invited to attend. Feel free to ask friends or neighbors - all are welcome!

The teachers, Nancy Layne, Marie Wertman and Nancy Serge are excited about the upcoming year! We look forward to spending time with the children, sharing the stories of Jesus, the Bible and relating it to their lives today.

Call Committee Report

The Call Committee Chair has had several conversations with Dean Jo Page and Rachel Sosebee. Synod continues to search their databases for an ELCA minister and the Call committee sent out letters to several local ecumenical churches that could potentially be a part time full communion partnership. We are optimistic that we will soon find someone.



Respectfully submitted,
Steve Layne

Financial News

Financial Report for July 2023			
	July	YTD	
Expenses	\$8,112.70	\$73,097.03	
Revenue	\$5,533.15	\$59,852.17	
Surplus + Deficit -	-\$2,579.55	-\$13,244.86	



God’s Work our Hands Day Sunday September 10, 2023

God’s Work. Our Hands

As we say goodbye to summer, Fall brings cooler weather and an exciting opportunity to support the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s service activity of “God’s Work. Our Hands.”

The kickoff for “God’s Work. Our Hands.” is Sunday, September 10, 2023. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This year’s service activity is outreach to migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers who have recently been relocated to our community. Good Shepherd will be collaborating with North Colonie School District to provide toys, clothing, footwear and personal items for these people. The Sunday School will be preparing cards and packages for the children and we’re asking the congregation to assist with the outreach and donation of items for all ages - including men and women. A list will be communicated in weekly messages and posted in the narthex as to the needs of the children and family members.

Jill and Mark Brenneman have volunteered to coordinate this service activity for Good Shepherd, with the assistance of the congregation and Sunday School teachers. You can reach out to Jill at jilllorenzo@gmail.com or (518)364-5334 with any questions.

Altar Flowers

Please be sure to sign up to honor or remember your loved ones. We have a number of open slots.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
510 Albany Shaker Road – Loudonville, NY



SAVE YOUR ATHLETIC SNEAKERS!!

Do you have used or old tattered athletic sneakers or even new ones that do not fit?

Please consider bringing them to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 510 Albany Shaker Road, Loudonville for our

SNEAKER FUNDRAISER!

September 16 and September 23

9 am - 1 pm

We need your help to make this fundraiser a success!
Spread the word and help us by collecting the sneakers from your relatives, friends, neighbors, and workplace.

Questions: contact Nancy Serge at 518-542-8808



The Worship and Music Corner

For the month of September we welcome the following to preside over worship:

9/3 Deacon James Netzer

9/10 Deacon James Netzer (Pastor Jinney will also be joining us on 9/10.)

9/17 Deacon James Netzer

9/24 Pastor James Hulihan

We will be adding an announcement time to the beginning of the service on 9/10. This will be a time after the Pastor's welcome for any short announcements that are not included in the announcement sheet found in the bulletin. When making an announcement it is important that you go to the microphone up front so folks on zoom can hear what is being said.

On September 10th we will also be returning to liturgy setting 3 found in the Lutheran Book of Worship. This is the familiar setting which we were using before the summer. For questions or suggestions please see a member of the Worship and Music committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Phelps & Bertie Cole, Co-Chairs

Outreach and Evangelism

The next Outreach and Evangelism Ministry Team meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, **September 5 at 7:00 pm** via in person or zoom. We will be planning and gearing up for fall events and activities. All volunteers are welcome!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88657765704?pwd=cGY5YS9pcVNSUFVRSzFXUmJHUU1qUT09>

Meeting ID: 886 5776 5704

Passcode: 641935



Holiday Boutique

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Holiday Boutique on **November 18, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** The Boutique will feature a Craft Fair, a "Share the Wealth" drawing, a Pie and Bake Sale, and a Silent Auction with a variety of gift baskets and gift certificates. Soup and sandwiches will be available for lunch and take-out.

Proceeds will be used for the ministries of Good Shepherd and a local charitable organization (to be determined in September). Nancy Serge is accepting gift baskets and gift certificates for the Silent Auction, Marie Wertman is coordinating the Pie and Bake Sale, and Chris and Marc Kleinhenz will coordinate the food sale.

We hope the entire congregation will participate in this fundraiser. For more information about the Holiday Boutique, please contact one of the team leads or Marjorie Raymond at 518-424-6043.



HELP THOSE IN NEED!

American Clothing Recycling has a Clothing Bin in our parking lot just waiting for your clothing donations. If you or someone you know has clothes or shoes they no longer want or need, donate them here. GSLC also receives 5 cents per pound for the donations, which we can then use for our various ministries.

Children's Library

Our little roadside library is in need of some new or gently used children's books. If you can help with this, it would be greatly appreciated.



TECHNOLOGY TEAM REPORT

Please take a few minutes to review the Church website. The background colors are changed to follow the colors of the church calendar. This month it will be green for Sundays after Pentecost. New pictures are replacing some of the old ones and the monthly newsletter, calendar and YouTube videos of the weekly Worship service can also be found there.

You can access it at <https://www.gslcl.org>

We have replaced the printer/copier in Kathy's office with a Ricoh color and black & white. The old printer/copier was moved into the workroom. The HP color printer was at the end of its life and was discarded. Three vendors were brought in to demonstrate their product and explain the different prices for purchasing outright or leasing. The members of review committee were Danny Patrick, Mike Serge, Jeff Emptage, Pastor Joyce, Kathy Flynn and Steve Layne.

On Wednesday, July 19 the Technology team met and we discussed issues with zoom in meetings and during Sunday Service. Spectrum was called and they came in and discovered the Spectrum line going from the back of the church to the road was old and squirrels had chewed through it in a number of places.

The church telephone line was broken somewhere in the ceiling so it was replaced and the office phones were moved to a more convenient location on the Pastor and Administrative Assistant's desks.

Respectfully Submitted
Steve Layne

WELCA

The Good Shepherd WELCA unit will meet on Thursday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. and all women of the congregation are invited to attend. We will discuss the following at this meeting: November Women's Night, our December Cookie Walk and we will share ideas about a special event in the Spring which will incorporate other local WELCA units. Bring your ideas! If you can't make it in person, a Zoom link can be provided to you so you can join us. If you have questions about WELCA, please see, email or call Patti Kopach, Unit Coordinator. We hope you can join us!



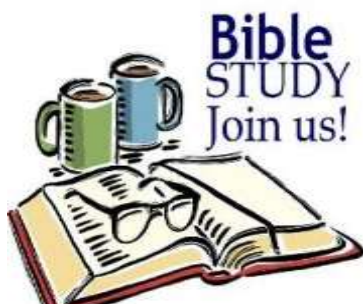
WHAT IS RSV?

RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) is a potentially dangerous, highly contagious virus that can cause respiratory disease. Anyone can get RSV, but doctors know it can be more serious for adults over 60, including those with underlying medical conditions, and babies.



Don't forget to get a flu shot.

Also consider the vaccine against RSV especially if you are over 60 years old.



Wednesday Bible Study

Join us for the Wednesday Bible Study 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm in the church library or join by phone as we study Scripture and grow in God's word. Men and women are invited! Each week we begin in prayer, and then discuss the lessons relating to the upcoming Sunday worship service. You are invited to attend in person at Good Shepherd or by calling in. Contact Bertie Cole at 518-698-8839 for current information about joining the group!

Fund-raising Team Update

Unfortunately, summer is coming to a close! This is a reminder that there is a meeting of the Fund-Raising Team scheduled for **Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM.**

We have the "Got Sneakers" Fund Raiser sponsored by Nancy and Mike Serge on September 16 and 23, and many more events planned! Please attend as all are welcome! Bring your ideas with you!

"CLYNK" FUND RAISER! CAN COLLECTION!!

By the beginning of next week, there will be a display set up in the Narthex for our Clynk Can Collection Fundraiser. There will be Clynk bags and associated tags to be taken and used for this purpose. The tag will designate Good Shepherd's Account Number so a check can be sent to Good Shepherd Church for deposit.



So save all of your cans and bottles and pick up a bag and when filled, drop it at the closest Hannaford's Clynk Collection area. Our thanks to Vince Pasqualino who brought this idea to our attention. It really is an easy one and could provide us with some great additional revenue.

American Red Cross Blood Drive – Supplies are LOW!

Good Shepherd's American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Wed., Oct. 25th from 1:30 to 6:00 PM. At this time the Red Cross has a limited blood supply so I am encouraging participation from as many donors as possible. Anyone 18 years of age or older in good health are eligible to donate. 17 year olds with parental permission are also eligible. Rapid Pass can be completed on your phone or computer on day of donation before coming to the drive which saves you time.

If you have any questions or to sign up contact Carol Phelps
518-355-3901.

DON'T
FORGET
WE NEED
YOU!



WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 25
1:30 PM – 6:00 PM

September/October Cluster Collection

Emergency Overflow Homeless Shelter

The shelter, run by Capital Area Council of Churches and housed at First Lutheran, will be reopening for the season in November. To prepare for the opening, several supplies need to be provided or purchased. We are asking for your assistance with this.

Specific supplies the shelter needs are:

- Paper Towels
- Strong paper plates, paper hot & cold cups (8 oz. preferred - NO Styrofoam please)
- Plastic knives, forks and spoons
- Napkins
- Disposable face masks
- Solid air freshener
- Disinfectant wipes (Lysol, Clorox or basic brand)
- Liquid Pine Sol (or basic brand)

You may drop these supplies off to any of the Cluster churches (First Lutheran, St. John's Chapel, Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church).

You may also purchase any of these items from Amazon and ship to the Council of Churches address (646 State Street, Albany, NY 12203).

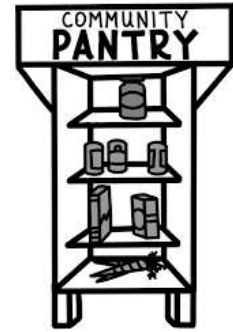
Of course, if you prefer to send a check to cover the cost of some supplies, please make your check payable to Capital Area Council of Churches at the address noted above. Please write "shelter supplies" in the memo section.

Thank you for your continuing support of the shelter. Your generosity is appreciated.



Community Food Pantry *Help Us Help Our Neighbors*

Good Shepherd's little food pantry has turned into a big part of our community outreach. It allows members of our congregation to leave non-perishable food items for those in need. A few guidelines though:



- *No glass - Accidents happen and we don't want glass in the parking lot;*
- *No liquids - these tend to freeze and will spoil food in the cabinet*
- *No ready to eat items - snack bars or candy.*
- *No cleaning products - again they may contaminate food.*
- *Diapers, dry formula, powdered milk, toilet paper, are always in need. But please do not attach receipts to formula or diapers.*
- *Please check to make sure the food is not spoiled or out of date.*
- *Very few canned goods will freeze.*

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

The Outreach and Evangelism Ministry Team would like to thank everyone who came to this year's **17th Annual Berry Festival** and as a result of your generosity we made \$801. A portion went to our WELCA group and the balance to other ministries of Good Shepherd.

A special thanks to all the volunteers and staff who also made this event such a huge success and they are as follows: Steve Layne who picked strawberries, Bertie Cole, Meg Winters, Maryanne Sangiacomo, Betty Suarez, Betty Sickler, Patti Shook, Carol Phelps, Marie Wertman, Barbara Rasmussen, Kirsten Andersen, Nancy and Mike Serge, Patti Kopach, Colleen Ward, and Danny Patrick as well as Pastor Fiore, Administrative Assistant Kathy Flynn and Custodian Kevin Wertman. Thanks again and see you next year at the 18th Annual Berry Festival.

The July Food Drive for the Little Pantry

The Outreach and Evangelism Ministry Team would like to thank the members of the congregation who have brought food and monetary donations to July's Food Drive for the Little Pantry. A special thanks goes out to Pastor Fiore, Carol and Carl Phelps, Nancy and Mike Serge, Barbara Rasmussen, Colleen Ward and Danny Patrick.

A couple of folks from the community who saw the Food Drive information on the road sign came and donated food. One family came needing food and another couple came thinking they were coming to the Berry Festival and was informed they were a week late. They stated it was not a wasted trip because now they know where they can donate food and they were impressed by the Little Pantry in the parking lot. Five people from Colleen Ward's apartment complex donated food and one person gave us 20 dollars and another donated some school supplies for the July/August cluster collection. So was the Food Drive a success? It certainly was! Thanking you all for your support and generosity of this special ministry.

So Many Thanks

We would like to thank all of you who have donated school supplies over the summer for the Cluster Collection. The school supplies will be going to Giffen Memorial School and Delaware Community School. The school supplies will be delivered next week. Also, a big thanks goes out to those of you who continue to bring in items for the Sister Maureen Joyce Center. Your donations will also be delivered next week. Thanks again for your generosity.

A Very Big Thanks to All

The Church Council would like to thank everyone who brought food for Pastor's Appreciation Picnic on Sunday August 27th and for everyone who helped set up and clean up after the picnic. A great big thanks to our Music Director, Anita Andersen, and the choir who sang "Give Me Jesus" a very favorite song of Pastor Joyce. Pastor was very touched by hearing this wonderful song. Again, thanks to everyone who made this a very memorable tribute to Pastor Joyce on her last Sunday with us.



We are excited to announce that our organization is participating in the Hoffman Car Wash Helping Hands fundraiser.

The fastest and easiest way for us to sell these car wash tickets is online at our custom home page on the Helping Hands website.

[http://www.hoffmanhelpinghands.com/fundraisers/GSLC Ministries](http://www.hoffmanhelpinghands.com/fundraisers/GSLC%20Ministries)

Here you can buy tickets and have them delivered electronically directly to an email or mobile device. You can also see our fundraiser progress and learn more about our organization. Feel free to share this address with your friends, family, coworkers - everybody needs a car wash and selling them online is easy for everyone.

If you need to sell the car wash tickets using an order form, you can print one out directly from our custom web address I have listed above. This is very convenient if you want to leave an order form out somewhere at work or church, for example.

This fundraiser can be a great success if we all work together. Contact Danny Patrick or Chris Kleinhenz.

TURQUOIS TABLE - In 2013, Kristin Schell of Texas was on a mission to love her neighbors. She put a picnic table in her front yard, painted it turquoise (her favorite color), and began inviting neighbors, friends, and even strangers, to hang out and do life together at The Turquoise Table®. A new concept of hospitality unfolded in her neighborhood, and before long The Turquoise Table® led to a movement of Front Yard People - or in Good Shepherd's case, Side Yard People - ordinary people who long to create community right where they live.



Today, there are Turquoise Tables all across America from California to Maine. Our Turquoise Table has been registered on the official Turquoise Table website. In all fifty states and in thirteen countries, Turquoise Tables have become a symbol of hospitality, a safe place to sit down and connect with others. It is our hope that our congregants and neighbors will use the table as a place of rest, to chat with friends, read a book, eat lunch, or solve the world's problems over a cup of your favorite beverage. Our table is there for you, your friends, neighbors and family. Please use it as often as you would like!

THOSE WHO SERVE 9/3

Opener	Patti Kopach
Greeter	Patti Kopach
Usher	Dick Walker
Lay Reader	Maryanne Sangiacomo
Communion Assistant	Marie Wertman
AV Tech	Emmie Knobloch
Closer	Marie Wertman
Fellowship	Danny Patrick

THOSE WHO SERVE 9/10

Opener	Steve Layne
Greeter	Betty Suarez
Usher	Paul Spofford
Lay Reader	Kiran Dean
Communion Assistant	Atif Dean
AV Tech	Marie Wertman
Closer	Rob Beach
Fellowship	Church Council

THOSE WHO SERVE 9/17

Opener	Jeannette Harting
Greeter	Jeannette Harting
Usher	Mike Serge
Lay Reader	Marjorie Raymond
Communion Assistant	Dick Walker
AV Tech	Maryanne Sangiacomo
Closer	Meg Winters

THOSE WHO SERVE 9/24

Opener	Kathy Ingalls
Greeter	Kathy Ingalls
Usher	Rob Beach
Lay Reader	Betty Suarez
Communion Assistant	Bertie Cole
AV Tech	Elizabeth Strohbeck
Closer	Danny Patrick
Fellowship	Mike & Nancy Serge

~ September 2023 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:30 Colonie Srs. (BR)	2
3 9:30 WORSHIP	4 HOLIDAY	5 12:30 Colonie Srs. 7PM Outreach 6:30 Audubons	6 1 pm Bible Study	7 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR)	8 9:30 Colonie Srs.	9
10 9:30 WORSHIP	11 6:30 Fund Raising Team	12 12:30 Colonie Srs. 6 pm 6:30 Church Council	13 1 pm Bible Study	14 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR)	15 9:30 Colonie Srs. (BR)	16
17 9:30 WORSHIP	18 7PM Worship and Music	19 12:30 Colonie Srs.	20 1 pm Bible Study	21 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR) 4:00 Drama Kids	22 9:30 Colonie Srs. (BR)	23
24 9:30 WORSHIP	25	26 12:30 Colonie Srs	27 9:00 Colonie Sr Board 1 pm Bible Study 7pm Property Comm.	28 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR) 4:00 Drama Kids	29 9:30 Colonie Srs. (BR)	30

IMPORTANT!!
OCTOBER 2023 Newsletter Deadline:
Monday, September 18th