

October 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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October Birthdays

- 4 – Jordan Kirker
- 4 – Trenton Kirker
- 4 – Madison Kowalski-Hughes
- 5 – Mason Kirker
- 5 – John Ludwin
- 8 – Marcus Pasqualino
- 9 – Olivia Yarter
- 21 – Aakash Chohan
- 25 – Mark Silo
- 26 – Brandon Spofford
- 27 – Laura Szesnat



Council Update From Danny Patrick, Council President

- Over the summer Council was very instrumental in shepherding in our new Transitional Pastor, the Rev. Virginia (Jinney) Vogel after we received Pastor Joyce's resignation. As you know, Pastor Jinney joined us on 9/1/223 as our new Transitional Pastor and will be serving Good Shepherd for 25 hours per month until we have a permanent part time pastor.
- We now have a new copier in the office that was delivered in August.
- A group of folks got together and the plan was for them to paint the garage which has been done and looks wonderful. A great job was done and a big thanks goes out to the painting crew.
- Plans were put in place along with the Worship and Music Ministry Team to do a Blessing of the Animals on 10/1. Pastor Jinney will be doing this service and in addition to Blessing the Animals, she will be blessing pictures of beloved pets and stuffed animals as well.
- Council was informed that the Albany County Health Department would be inspecting the kitchen sometime in September as we have a new building user, Ms. Tovah Ortiz who has a food truck and would like to use our kitchen from time to time to prepare her food. Tovah specializes in Hot Stuffed Panini's. I am pleased to report that the kitchen passed inspection and Tovah first used kitchen on September 14th.
- D. Patrick informed council that at the last Outreach and Evangelism Team Meeting he shared with the group an idea about having a Home Coming Sunday and the team felt it was a good idea and one worth getting consensus from council in pursuing.
- So what is a Home Coming Sunday? It was something we did in my former congregation where we had a special worship service and invited any former member or friend of the congregation to come back home for a Sunday Service as well as any former pastor of the congregation. It is not necessarily a way of getting people to come back to Good Shepherd but if that happened it would be more than fine. The thinking was to get people together who might not have seen each other in a long time. It would be nice to possibly the Saturday before have a nice article in the Times Union in the religious section of the paper about our Home Coming Sunday and the many ministries that we do. The thought was to showcase our ministries not for the purpose of boasting but to let the community and people know what many of our members do. This would have a lot of different components and we would need many groups to concentrate on specific parts of this special service if we were to do it. The thought was that maybe we could plan to do this next year after Easter. Possibly, by then we might have a new pastor and he or she could also be introduced to the community.
- Some comments were made about calling this a Home Coming Sunday and it would not necessarily have to be called that. Could a former pastor and their family come back for a service like this? Pastor Jinney and D. Patrick thought for a special service like this there would not be a problem with extending an invitation to them and their family.

- There was a consensus to pursue this and an informational meeting will be set up in the near future. There was some good excitement about doing this. D. Patrick will talk more about this at Council Forum on 10/1.
- Council Forum set for 10/1 after worship service.
- As of 8/31 we have 12,065.84 deficit. Council will continue to monitor this closely and due to many of the wonderful fundraising activities in progress and planned, and anticipated Building Use donations expected this year, hopefully by end of year we will lower or possibly eliminate the deficit.

Yours in Christ,

Danny L. Patrick, President
Church Council



The next Council Forum will be this Sunday 10/1 after the worship service. The council will be giving everyone an update on what the council has been working on in the past few months and you will have an opportunity to ask council any questions you have about our community of faith. Pastor Jinney will be with us as well.

So come get a cup of coffee and some goodies and join us for some good conversation. See you on 10/1 for the Council Forum.

A MESSAGE FROM

Pastor Jinney



Blessed Siblings in Jesus,

In many states and cities across the United States, October has come to be recognized as a time to recognize and celebrate the indigenous peoples of the United States. Indigenous Peoples' Day honors the past, present, and futures of Native peoples throughout the US. The holiday recognizes the legacy and impact of colonialism on Native communities, and it also celebrates the cultures, contributions, and resilience of contemporary Native peoples.

Currently, there are over 600 Native Nations in the US, and 6.8 million Americans identify as Native American (about 2% of the country's total population). Yet representation for Native peoples (especially contemporary Native peoples) is seriously lacking, and Native communities still experience a legacy of discrimination as a result. Indigenous Peoples' Day pushes back on this invisibility. It allows Native people and their perspectives to be centered and celebrated. Recognition of the marginalized was critical to Jesus' instructions to all his disciples, then and now.

As disciples of Jesus, let us pray:

Prayer for Tolerance, Forgiveness, Reconciliation

O God, Creator and Parent of all,

With humility we your children acknowledge the relationship of all living things.

For this we thank you, we praise you and we worship you.

We call on you, Great Mystery, the Word made Flesh
— our teacher, prophet, and sibling —
to open our hearts to all humanity,
and with them to grow in the wisdom, honesty, courage,
and respectfulness shown in The Sacred Teachings.

Give us the vision and honesty to recognize
that we are all of one human family,
created and sustained by the One Creator.

As we deal with many challenges, may we never give way to fear and anger,
which can be a source of division and threat amongst all peoples.
We look to acknowledge and follow the path God provides to us,
as a remedy for sins of prejudice and intolerance.

We see in God the Creator of all things,
One who always provides and is generous
— even given the abuses we have heaped on one another and on the Earth.
We acknowledge the injustices committed by our ancestors.
May you open our eyes to the injustices that continue today
and guide us to remedies and reconciliation.

We see how the Holy Spirit is God's gift,
alive in our world today —
inspiring vision and hope that we can have
the same mind and heart of God!
O Creator, show us the way to healing,
forgiveness, reconciliation, and a renewed fellowship. Amen

~ with grateful acknowledgment to the CCCB

May peace, blessings, and growing knowledge fill your days,

Pastor Jinney Vogel-Polizzi
Transitional Pastor
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Loudonville

Call Committee Report

We continue to search for a part-time or a shared Pastor for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. A number of local churches in close proximity have been contacted and asked if there is any interest in sharing in an ecumenical full communion partnership or if they knew someone. We are hopeful to find someone soon.



Respectfully submitted,
Steve Layne



THERE WILL BE NO
SUNDAY SCHOOL ON
OCTOBER 8TH DUE TO
THE HOLIDAY
WEEKEND.

Our Sunday School 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.

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!

Financial News

| Financial Report for August 2023 | | | |
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| | August | YTD | |
| Expenses | \$9,215.68 | \$82,312.71 | |
| Revenue | \$10,394.70 | \$70,246.87 | |
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God's Work our Hands

We have made it our mission to help the refugee, migrant, asylum seeking families new to our area. So far we have collected new and like-new clothing and the Sunday school has made crafts and school supply bags for children. As we continue this mission, we will adapt to the needs of the families in collaboration with the North Colonie Schools. A meeting will be held Sunday 10/15 about 20 minutes after the worship service to evaluate and plan for our next steps and meeting schedule.

Thank you for your help with this mission.

Please contact Jill Brenneman 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!
Continuing Now Through November

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 October we welcome the following to preside over worship:

10/1 James Netzer, SAM

10/8 Anne Cinquemani, SAM

10/15 James Netzer, SAM

10/22 Rev. Andrew Nelson

10/29 Anne Cinquemani. SAM & Christine Nash (Sermon)

Announcements will be given at the beginning of the service. This will be a time after the Pastor's welcome for any short announcements that are not included in the announcements 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.

We continue using LBW Setting 3.

Do you have a Favorite Hymn?

The Worship & Music Team, along with our organist, Anita Andersen, discussed the possibility of incorporating suggested hymns into the worship service, when appropriate to the week's lesson.



Forms are available in the narthex. Please fill in 1, 2 or 3 hymns that you would enjoy hearing/singing and put the completed form in the box provided. We look forward to including hymns you have suggested.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Phelps & Bertie Cole, Co-Chairs

Outreach and Evangelism

The next Outreach and Evangelism Ministry Team meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 pm** via in person or zoom. We have many events and activities to plan. 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. 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

Pastor Jinney's email is the same as used for whomever is serving as our pastor. – Pastor@gslcl.org.

The password has been changed and the email address forwards everything that comes to this email to Pastor Jinney's personal email.

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 you tube videos of the weekly Worship service can also be found there.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Layne

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.

Boosters are now available at all pharmacies and at your primary care office.



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

The congregation would like to thank Nancy and Mike Serge for overseeing the sneaker fundraising collection. They have collected many sneakers at the Sneaker Drives held on 9/16 and 9/23 from folks in the community. Also, a big thanks to all of you who have brought in sneakers and helped out with the sneaker drives and collection, The drive will continue through November. Again, many thanks to Nancy and Mike Serge for being coordinators of this wonderful fund-raising event.

There is a meeting of the Fund-Raising Team scheduled for **Monday, October 16th at 6:30 PM**. Many more events are planned and happening soon! Please attend as all are welcome! Bring your ideas with you!

"CLYNK" FUND RAISER! CAN COLLECTION!!

A display has been set up in the Narthex for our Clynk Can Collection Fundraiser. There are 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.

DON'T
FORGET
WE NEED
YOU!



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

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.

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 for the honor of receiving a Hillenbrandt Scholarship in the amount of \$250. I will use it carefully for my senior year expenses at SUNY Oneonta.

Sincerely, Sade Miller



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

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 10/1

Opener
Greeter
Usher
Lay Reader
Communion Assistant
AV Tech
Closer

Emmie Knobloch
Dick Walker
Dick Walker
Jill Brenneman
Meg Winters
Emmie Knobloch
Atif Dean

THOSE WHO SERVE 10/8

Opener
Greeter
Usher
Communion Assistant
AV Tech
Closer

Mike Serge
Nancy Serge
Danny Patrick
Dick Walker
Marie Wertman
Carol Phelps

THOSE WHO SERVE 10/15

Opener
Greeter
Usher
Lay Reader
Communion Assistant
AV Tech
Closer

Patti Kopach
Patti Kopach
Steve Layne
Betty Suarez
Paul Spofford
Maryanne Sangiacomo
Marie Wertman

THOSE WHO SERVE 10/22

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| Opener | Steve Layne |
| Greeter | Betty Suarez |
| Usher | Rob Beach |
| Lay Reader | Sue Spofford |
| Communion Assistant | Maryanne Sangiacomo |
| AV Tech | Steve Layne |
| Closer | Danny Patrick |

THOSE WHO SERVE 10/29

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| Opener | Jeannette Harting |
| Greeter | Jeannette Harting |
| Usher | John Ludwig |
| Lay Reader | Danny Patrick |
| Communion Assistant | Marie Wertman |
| AV Tech | Elizabeth Strohbeck |
| Closer | Meg Winters |

| ~ October 2023 ~ | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| 1 | 2 | 3 12:30 Colonie Srs. 7 PM Outreach & Evangelism | 4 | 5 | 6 9:30 Colonie Srs. (BR) | 7 |
| 8 9:30 WORSHIP | 9 HOLIDAY | 10 12:30 Colonie Srs 6:30 Church Council | 11 1 pm Bible Study | 12 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR) | 13 9:30 Colonie Srs. | 14 |
| 15 9:30 WORSHIP | 16 6:30 Fund Raising Team | 17 12:30 Colonie Srs. 6 pm 6:30 Church Council | 18 1 pm Bible Study | 19 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR) | 20 9:30 Colonie Srs. (BR) | 21 |
| 22 9:30 WORSHIP | 23 7PM Worship and Music | 24 12:30 Colonie Srs. | 25 9:00 Colonie Sr Board 1 pm Bible Study 7pm Property Comm. | 26 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR) 4:00 Drama Kids | 27 9:30 Colonie Srs. (BR) | 28 COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY |
| 29 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:30 WORSHIP | 30 | 31 12:30 Colonie Srs | | | | |