

April 2024 Newsletter



Palm Sunday procession gathering.



Pastor Josh Evans lights St. John's new Paschal Candle from the new fire at the Albany Lutherans Together Easter Vigil.



Good Shepherd chancel decked out for Easter.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!



"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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In our weekly gatherings at Christ’s table, even during Lent, we proclaim together the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Also known as “the memorial acclamation,” this bold proclamation is the core of who we are as people of faith and followers in the way of Jesus.

Christ has died. Jesus the Christ, the son of the living God, incarnate by the Holy Spirit, has died at the hands of the world Christ came to save. This true thing has happened. We cannot avoid Christ’s death any more than we can avoid our own death. Indeed, in our baptism we too have died already. Through water and the Word, in our baptism we have been joined to Christ’s death forever. How freeing it is to know that the only death that matters is already behind us in baptism?

Christ is risen. The Word made flesh who has died is risen. This true thing is. Christ who died is risen from the grave, bringing us from the grave and into new life with Christ. Made alive together with Christ, we are the hands and feet of God, loving the world as God first loved us.

Christ will come again. This true thing will happen. We look with hope for the day when all creation is united with God. We trust in the promises of God and look for the life of the world to come.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The mystery of faith and the foundation of faith. As we navigate the uncertain future, let us keep these words in our hearts and live the love of God, that all the world may know the love of God through our words and deeds.

Amen and Amen.

Peace in Christ,

The Rev. D. Lowell Chilton, Pastor
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Pastor and Staff

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

2024 Church Council

Danny Patrick	<i>President</i>
Mike Serge	<i>Vice President</i>
Jeff Emptage	<i>Treasurer</i>
Patti Kopach	<i>Secretary</i>
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

Vacation

Pastor Chilton is on vacation April 1 – 8, back on April 9.

Contact Pastor Rahel Hahn, Holy Spirit, for pastoral emergencies, 740-751-7467 or rlchahn@mac.com.

“All Creation Sings”

Our new hymnal supplements, “All Creation Sings” were dedicated at the Palm Sunday service on March 24. We are grateful to the following members and friends of Good Shepherd who donated funds for the hymnals:

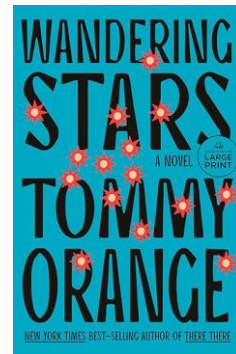
- Anita Andersen in honor of Kirsten Andersen, a member of Good Shepherd since 1974
- A Friend in honor of those who teach us to love (10)
- Marcia, Lori and Joe Bahan in memory of Joe and Kay Haluska
- Marcia, Lori, Joe and Robert Bahan in memory of Bob Bahan
- The Rev. D. Lowell Chilton in memory of Dorothy and Lowell Chilton
- The Rev. D. Lowell Chilton in memory of Jean, Dwight and Virgil Hollowell
- Alberta Cole in memory of The Rev. Robert C. Cole
- Alberta Cole in honor of the Cole children
- Alberta Cole in memory of Andrew Cole
- Alberta Cole to the Glory of God (2)
- Donna Constantine in memory of Donald Constantine
- Donna Constantine in memory of Emma Constantine
- Jeff and Barbara Emptage to the Glory of God (2)
- Jeannette Harting in memory of Albert & Ruth Krouse and Heinz & Ruth Harting
- Kathy Ingalls in memory of her parents, Alice and George Ingalls
- Kathy Ingalls in memory of her brother, Jim Ingalls
- Marc and Chris Kleinhenz to the Glory of God (3)
- Patti Kopach in memory of Nicolina and Charles Campagna
- Patti Kopach in honor of her great grandson, Aurelio Peterkin
- Vicki LaFrank in memory of Betty Cadwallader
- Kara Langdon in memory of Jeannine Schwartz
- Kara Langdon in memory of George and Marian White
- Kara Langdon to the Glory of God (3)
- Steve and Nancy Layne in memory of Bud and Edna Layne
- Steve and Nancy Layne in memory of Walt and Grace Wajda
- Sean and Julia McPherson in memory of Julia's brother, David Leroy Ramsey
- Carl and Carol Phelps in memory of Carl's parents, William and Alice Phelps

- Carl and Carol Phelps in memory of Carol's parents, Fred and Helen Hyserman
- Carl and Carol Phelps in honor of their daughter, The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phelps
- Carl and Carol Phelps in honor of their daughter, Jacqueline Phelps Holmes
- Jenelle Ramsey in memory of her father, David Ramsey
- Marjorie Raymond in memory of her son, David Leroy Ramsey
- Marjorie Raymond in honor of her daughter & son-in law, Julia & Sean McPherson
- Marjorie Raymond in honor of her granddaughter, Jenelle Alicia Ramsey
- Lynne Salerno in memory of Catherine Haluska
- Lynne Salerno in memory of Joseph Haluska
- Maryanne Sangiacomo in memory of Louis Donnelly
- Michael and Nancy Serge in honor of the Serge Family
- Michael and Nancy Serge in honor of the Serge Family Grandchildren
- Kathy and Mark Silo in memory of Gladys and David Miller
- Kathy and Mark Silo in memory of Agnes and Mark Silo
- Kathy and Mark Silo in honor of their grandsons
- Nancy C. Smith in memory of Mary A. Simons
- Nancy C. Smith in memory of Walter B. Simons
- Wayne A. Smith in memory of Berdella K. Smith
- Wayne A. Smith in memory of William W. Smith
- Paul and Susan Spofford in memory of their parents (5)
- Betty Suarez to the Glory of God
- Laura Szesnat in memory of John J. Szesnat
- Laura Szesnat in memory of Florence M. Szesnat
- Laura Szesnat in memory of Donald M. Constantine
- Laura Szesnat in memory of Emma L. Constantine
- Colleen Ward in memory of her daughter, Ericka M. Mackey
- Marie and Kevin Wertman in memory of Donald Wimble
- Marie and Kevin Wertman in memory of Mabel Wertman
- Monica Wertman in honor of Dorothy Wimble
- Bill and Chris Wiegert to the Glory of God (2)
- Meg Winters in memory of The Rev. Robert Cole
- Meg Winters in honor of Bertie Cole

Book Club – April 30 @ 7 PM on [Zoom](#) *Wandering Stars* by Tommy Orange

From *The New York Times* [book review](#):

Tommy Orange triumphantly returns with *Wandering Stars*, the follow-up to his groundbreaking 2018 debut, *There There*. Part prequel, part sequel, yet wholly standing on its own, Orange's novel follows the descendants of Jude Star, a Cheyenne survivor of the [1864 Sand Creek massacre](#), for more than a century and a half, before catching up with the present day and landing in the aftermath of the first book's harrowing climax.



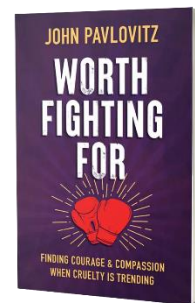
Wandering Stars approaches race, forced assimilation, colonialization, family, addiction, and friendship through engaging storytelling. Get your copy today and join in the discussion on Zoom on April 30.

Reminder: we get 20% off on book club books at the Book House at Stuyvesant Plaza. Be sure to mention the book club at checkout.

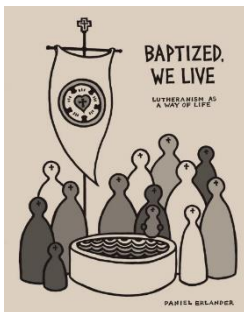
Book club meets on the First Lutheran Zoom: <http://FirstLutheranChurch.org/Zoom>.

Looking Ahead to May

The May book will be *Worth Fighting For: Finding Courage and Compassion When Cruelty is Trending* by John Pavlovitz. Pavlovitz's essays will guide us in conversations about how to find live our calling as people of faith with courage and compassion when these are out of favor with the world at large.



New Member Class & Adult Education Series



We'll do a 6-session series of the basics of Lutheranism and on the local context of the congregation. The first session will be an introductory session. The middle four sessions will be based on *Baptized We Live* by Daniel Erlander. These first five sessions will be a joint program between First Lutheran and Good Shepherd. The sixth session will be specific to each congregation and will be held separately for each.

The schedule will be set based on the availability of those wishing to join the congregation but is open to all. ***Please sign up here if you're interested:***
<http://FirstLutheranAlbany.org/BaptizedWeLive>

Outreach and Evangelism

The Outreach and Evangelism Ministry Team Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00 pm in person or on zoom. If you have any interest in being a part of this ministry team please speak to Danny Patrick, Carol Phelps, Bertie Cole, Colleen Ward, Kirsten Andersen or Betty Sickler.

WELCA

The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) group at Good Shepherd will meet on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a different day of the week than usual and we hope it is more convenient for you. Please join us as we continue to make plans for the year ahead!

We are also sponsoring a "Girls Night Out" on Wednesday, May 8 at Samurai Restaurant on Wolf Road in Colonie. The festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. This is a social event and you do not need to attend WELCA meetings to participate. Please consider joining us for food, fun and friendship! Reservations are a must and can be made by contacting Marjorie Raymond at 518-424-6053.

Prayer Concerns



Remember
in
Prayer

Carlos Sanchez Carolyn Wolfe Kelly Powell

Lynn Best Kathy Ingalls Lou Reiss

Kevin Ferrill The family of Keith Kelly

April Birthdays

6 – Betty Sickler

28 – Bertie Cole

12 – Sarah Reichard

30 – Julie Van Sickle

Church Council Forum – April 28 after worship

Some of you might wonder, what is a Church Council Forum? It is an opportunity for you to hear from your elected council members, things that they have been working on and some of the ideas for future endeavors. Also, it is a great time for you to ask any questions you have for the Church Council. We will meet on Sunday, April 28 after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. So come that day and get a cup of coffee and some goodies and hear what the Church Council has been up to. See you on April 28th after the worship service.

Sunday School News

Sunday School continues to provide fun and meaningful Christian education to the children who come to worship at Good Shepherd. Each week we focus on a bible story that aligns with the lessons or gospel that are included in the worship service. The kids learn of these stories through different methods - a teacher telling the story, or the use of a YouTube video that has modern cartoon depictions of the Bible story. We discuss the story and relate it to our lives today. Additional learning is incorporated by a fun corresponding craft, games, music, and their favorite - snacks and a drink.

Each child is unique and brings the special gift of themselves to our class. Thank you for allowing us this special time with your children to share the stories of Christ our Lord.

Given the Spring school vacation there will be no Sunday school on April 7.

We will resume class on Sunday, April 14!

The Sunday School Staff - Marie, Nancy L, Nancy S, Julie, & Monica

Shred-It Event Planned

The Annual free Shred-It Day at Ameriprise, 80 Wolf Rd. has been announced. It is Saturday May 4th from 9 - 12 noon, rain or shine. Open to All! Donation of any canned goods will be matched by a monetary donation from Ameriprise. Donations of canned goods will go to Northeast Food Bank. Contact Jeff Emptage if you have any questions.

Overflow Homeless Shelter – Thanks!

A very big thanks goes out to Dorothy Wimble and Marie Wertman for making the meal for the Overflow Homeless Shelter in March. Also a big thanks to Marie and Kevin Wertman for delivering the meal to the shelter. We cannot thank everyone enough for supporting this very special ministry.

Little Pantry

As you may or may not know, Good Shepherd has a food box in the parking lot known as the Little Pantry filled with non-perishable food items for people that are in need of food. We fill this food box on a daily basis so you can tell that we are meeting the needs of those folks who are in need of food for themselves and their families. See list of food items below that are greatly needed.

Also, another way you can support our Little Pantry is by making a monetary donation to Good Shepherd. In your box of weekly envelopes there is a special envelope dated **April 14th** that is designated for our Little Pantry that you can use, if you like.

A very big thanks to all of you who have supported this very special ministry over the years.

Suggested items include:

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

Hillenbrandt Scholarships

Applications for the 2024-2025 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**



February Attendance Record

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total</u>
2/4	42
2/11	50
2/14	38
2/18	37
2/25	40



March/April ALT Outreach Ministry

The Mohawk Hudson Humane Society in Menands have recently had an influx of animals rescued from a crisis situation, which has added to their ongoing need for supplies. To see what the shelter can use, check their wish list online. The following are just a few suggested items that they are in need of:

- Canned dog and cat food
any brand
- Kongs (L or XL)
- Martingale collars.
- Nylabones (L or XL)
- Easy Walk harnesses.
- Food Puzzles
- Greenies Pill Pockets
- Peanut Butter
- Leashes and slip leads.
- String Cheese
- Puppy Training Pads.
- Outdoor metal-handled pooper scoopers
- Cat beds.
- Clay cat litter

All food must be unopened and they cannot accept raw or raw coated pet food products. Please place all donations in the blue bin in the narthex/front hallway and thank you in advance for your generous donations.

Technology Report

In February a network line and jack were run into the Pastor's office. This will allow the computer to be hardwired for a better network connection. A special thanks to Brian Rhodes who helped.

A docking station has been installed in Pastor's and the Administrative Assistant's office. This will make it easier to remove and reconnect the computer by unplugging only 1 cable instead of 4.

A new link was created for Zoom meetings and watching the Worship Service. It is easier to remember: <https://gslcl.org/zoom>

We are currently working on moving our Microsoft Email 365 Plus from GoDaddy to a Not for Profit Microsoft suite. We are eligible for up to 10 licenses at no charge. TechSoup will provide the migration of our emails to the Not for Profit Microsoft email. Good Shepherd has already been approved for this. The migration has been scheduled for the week of April 14.

The domain will remain at GoDaddy, and the Website will continue to be hosted at Saratoga Hosting. Once this has been completed, we will begin setting up a shared computer for authorized users to conduct church business on. The computer will not need to be purchased as we currently have one not in use.

Our website continues to be updated. Vince and Laurie Pasqualino are volunteering to learn how to do the updates so that they are able to help and provide backup to Steve. Please visit our website at www.gslcl.org.

We are always looking for feedback on our Sunday Worship Zoom so that we can improve our performance. Please contact Steve Layne with your feedback.

An IT team meeting is being planned in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Layne

Financial News

Financial Report for February 2024		
	Month	YTD
Expenses	\$12,936.46	\$23,208.10
Revenue	\$9,245.50	\$20,449.83
Surplus + Deficit -		-\$2,758.27

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.



Blood Drive April 10th

Our spring blood drive is now scheduling either online at American Red Cross under Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or by contacting Jeannette Harting (518-869-0336). Walk-ins will be accepted if there is an available appointment when the person arrives. There is also a signup sheet on the table in front of the coat rack for your convenience. Any questions, contact Jeannette Harting.

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
 510 Albany Shaker Road, Loudonville, NY
 12211
 Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 10, 2024
1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment please visit
www.redcrossblood.org and enter keyword: 6799nyp
 or call 1-800-REDCROSS

Make an impact: Come give blood 4/8 to 4/28 for a \$10 gift card by email to a merchant of choice!



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Important Message from the Hudson-Mohawk Conference Nominating Committee

Election of a Conference Dean

At the Conference Assembly on April 21st the gathered body will be responsible for electing a Dean to serve our Conference. According to the Synod Constitution:

S12.03. The purposes of the conferences are for communication, representation, planning and programming for this church's mission on the territory of the synod...

S12.04. Conferences shall elect for their presiding officer a minister of Word and Sacrament from the conference as their dean. The dean represents the synod bishop in the conference. The term of office of the dean shall be four (4) years. The dean shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Dean Jo Page can give prospective candidates a fuller description of what it means to be the Presiding Officer and the chief representative Synod in our Conference. The position has a current compensation of \$695/month¹ plus mileage and expenses.

Candidates will provide a completed form² which will be finalized in the March Synod Council meeting.

The Nominating Committee is encouraging all nominations for Dean be submitted to Donna Van Zandt dvz515@hotmail.com by April 8th. If you have any questions you may call Donna at 518-496-8935.

Other Synod and Churchwide positions open for the Conference to send nominees to the Synod Assembly for election:

- *Churchwide Assembly Voting Members:* The Synod Assembly will be electing 10 voting members including 3 Rostered Ministers and 5 lay persons. In addition, we may elect 1 person of color or whose primary language is other than English, and 1 youth or young adult. These positions can be either rostered minister or lay person.
- *Consultation Committee 6 year term:* There are 4 openings, 2 for lay people and 2 for rostered ministers.
- *Discipline Committee 6 year term:* There are 4 openings, 2 for lay people and 2 for rostered minister.
- *Synod Council 4 year term:* There are 2 openings, 1 for an at large seat for an LGBTQIA representative, and 1 at large seat for a person of color or whose primary language is other than English.

All nominees will provide a completed nomination form 4 prior to the Synod Assembly.

Notes

- The rate of compensation for the dean is not guaranteed and can change. It is dependent on support from the Synod and Conference and is partially based on the number of congregations in the Conference which may change.
- Contact Jeff Silvernail jsilvernail1@verizon.net for the following:
 - A link to the proposed form for Dean candidates is available.
 - Job descriptions for Synod and Churchwide positions are available.
 - The nomination form is available.

Sincerely,

The Nominating Committee for Hudson-Mohawk: Rev. Deron Milleville, Rev. Jeff Silvernail, Donna Van Zandt

	~ April ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2 7 pm Outreach & Evangelism	3 1 pm Bible Study	4 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR) 4pm Drama Kids	5 9:30 Colonie Srs.	6 FH reserved for private event	
7 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 Fellowship	8	9 12:30 Colonie Srs.	10 1 pm Bible Study 1:30 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE	11 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR) 3pm First Communion Class 4pm Drama Kids	12 9:30 Colonie Srs. 4 pm Dance Assembly	13	
14 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 Fellowship	15 6:30 pm Church Council	16 12:30 Colonie Srs. 6:30pm WELCA	17 1 pm Bible Study	18 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR) 4pm Drama Kids	19 9:30 Colonie Srs.	20	
21 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 Fellowship	22	23 12:30 Colonie Srs.	24 9 am Colonie Srs Board 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm Property Committee	25 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR) 4pm Drama Kids	26 9:30 Colonie Srs.	27	
28 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 COUNCIL FORUM		30 12:30 Colonie Srs. 7:00 pm Worship & Music					

Fellowship after Worship

Volunteers needed: Thank you to all who have generously signed up to host our gatherings following worship. Please consider providing coffee and some small snacks by signing up on the bulletin board at the front entrance. What a great time to meet each other and chat. Questions? Contact Meg Winters, Fellowship Coordinator at 518-860-4594.

Many thanks to our worship servers & volunteers!

April 7

Opener	Patti Kopach
Greeter	Patti Kopach
Usher	Dick Walker
Lay Reader	Danny Patrick
Communion Assistant	Chris Kleinhenz
AV Tech	Marie Wertman
Closer	Danny Patrick

April 21

Opener	Mike Serge
Greeter	Dick Walker
Usher	Mike Serge
Lay Reader	Mark Silo
Communion Assistant	Kathy Silo
AV Tech	Emmie Knobloch
Closer	Marie Wertman

April 14

Opener	Emmie Knobloch
Greeter	Betty Suarez
Usher	Bill Wiegert
Lay Reader	Betty Suarez
Communion Assistant	Marie Wertman
AV Tech	Steve Layne
Closer	Rob Beach

April 28

Opener	Kathy Ingalls
Greeter	Kathy Ingalls
Usher	Rob Beach
Lay Reader	Maryanne Sangiacomo
Communion Assistant	Patti Kopach
AV Tech	Elizabeth Stroheck
Closer	Atif Dean

**Thank you to all the people who participated in
making our Holy Week gatherings go off so well!**



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