

June 2024 Newsletter

THE DAVID STORY

The Difficult Story of a Complicated Leader and the Good News of God Showing Up In Challenging Times

Summer 2024 - Sundays @ 8:45 AM



Sundays this Summer, the First Reading will come from 1 & 2 Samuel and 1 Kings, the story of David, King of Israel. This is a story of the beauty and tragedy of humanness, of the ways of sin turning us from God and from one another, even when we try our best to do the right thing, and of joy and grace in relationships that transcend tragedy. This is a story of a people trying to be faithful together, and also longing to “be like the nations,” of a people struggling with who they are together as they grow stronger in power and influence. This is a story of God showing up for God’s people, calling them forward in love and grace, challenging them to live into the love and grace of God, and still being there when they fall short.

Read along at home between weeks and keep up with the story. There are bookmarks at the church to help keep track of the readings. Or just start with 1 Samuel 1 and keep reading.



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

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A note from the Pastor

“Welcome. Inclusion. Celebration.” This is the tagline of *ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation*, the group behind the Reconciling in Christ program, of which we are a partner congregation. For 50 years, *ReconcilingWorks*, and its predecessor organizations, has advocated for the full participation of LGBTQIA2S+ people in Lutheran churches and in society.

Our Reconciling in Christ welcome statement says:

We welcome the participation of people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, educational backgrounds, physical and mental abilities, and economic conditions – all who want to join in the community to honor God and be of service to people.

Being welcoming means celebrating the fullness of who people are and advocating for their rights in church and society. Celebrating Reconciling in Christ Sunday on June 9 and showing up at the Pride festival, wearing our faith on our sleeves and declaring God’s expansive and inclusive love for all, and commemorating the Emanuel IX on June 16 are part of how we welcome all people into full participation.

Living out our welcome statement, we proclaim God’s boundless love and repent of the ways we try to limit that love, that we may build a more just world and a more just church, together.

Peace in Christ,



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Commemoration of the Emanuel IX – June 16

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist, who was raised in an ELCA congregation, while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

In 2019, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly added June 17 to our church calendar of commemorations as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

On June 16, the Sunday nearest June 17, we will begin worship confessing the sin of racism and seeking God’s guidance and grace as we strive for a more just world together.

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Reconciling in Christ Sunday – Sunday, June 9



As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we are encouraged to set aside one Sunday each year to give special attention to God's expansive and inclusive welcome to all, especially to people who hear "all are welcome" and think "yeah, all but me." Thus, it is important to name specifically that we welcome, include, and celebrate LGBTQIA2S+ people in our gathering here at Good Shepherd.

As part of this welcome, June 9's liturgy will intentionally feature slight variations of phrasing that highlight God's expansive love for all God's people. An example of this is the following translation of the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Creator in heaven,
Let your name be sanctified
Let your realm come
Let your will happen in heaven
and also upon earth.**

**Give to us today our nourishment that is necessary for life
And forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
Do not ever carry us into testing situations
But rescue us from the evil one.
For yours is the kin-dom,
the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

The meaning is exactly the same as the more traditional language, and with few slight adaptations we hear God's word in a new way.

Capitol Pride – June 9 – Washington Park



We are joining with several ELCA congregations of the Capital Region, including First, St. John's, and Holy Spirit, and Bishop Miller, to proclaim God's love and welcome out loud at the Capitol Region Pride Parade and Festival on Sunday, June 9. Some folks will be going right after worship to march in the parade and we'll be tabling in the festival in the afternoon. Talk to Colleen Ward or Pastor Chilton for more information about tabling at the festival.

TOUR THE USS SLATER! – Tuesday, June 18

A sign-up sheet is posted on the entrance bulletin board at Good Shepherd for you to add your name if you would be interested in a private tour for us and other area congregations on Tuesday, June 18.

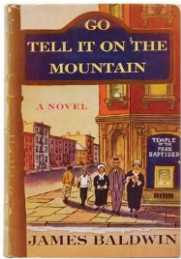
Dick Walker is coordinating this outing, and he can be reached at 518-713-4882 if you have questions, or you can speak to him after Sunday worship.

If you would like to be added to the list but won't be at church, you may add your name by calling the church office 518-458-1562.



First Lutheran Book Club – *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

June 26 @ 7 pm on Zoom: <http://FirstLutheranChurch.org/Zoom>

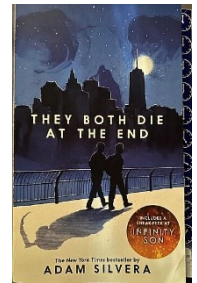


In June we're reading James Baldwin's semi-autobiographical novel *Go Tell It On The Mountain*. The novel tells the story of a teenager in Harlem in the 1930s and touches on race, religion, family, and more.

On several "top 100 novels of the 20th century" lists, this is going to be a great read and a great discussion. *Planning to buy a copy?* Pick it up at the Book House at Stuyvesant Plaza and save 20% by mentioning the book club at checkout.

Save the date for July: July 29 @ 7 pm

In July, we read *They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera. This is a young adult novel and LGBTQ tragic romance about two teenage boys who both discover they only have one day to live.



WELCA News

This is to confirm the date for our next WELCA get-together. Chris Wiegert has offered to host the July WELCA meeting at her home in Delmar on July 17, starting at 6:30 pm. This will be a casual get together on the patio, weather permitting. A few items of business will also be discussed, including the distribution of funds for the December 14th Cookie Walk and the formation of a Program Planning team to plan service projects and educational programs. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend! All are welcome!



Sign up here to receive one or both of the national WELCA e-newsletters:

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/publications>

Bold Connections, a monthly e-newsletter that includes Women of the ELCA news and events.

Bold Cafe, a monthly online magazine for young adult women.

For more information about WELCA, please contact Marjorie at 518-424-6043 or marjoriearaymond84@gmail.com.

Turquoise Table

Today, there are Turquoise Tables all across America from California to Maine. In all fifty states and in thirteen countries, Turquoise Tables have become a symbol of hospitality, a safe place to sit down and connect over a cup of coffee or glass of sweet tea. The turquoise table along Shaker El is for community use. All are welcome! We hope that members of the congregation and the community will use the table to meet friends for their morning coffee or a picnic lunch. Also, if you have extra produce from your garden, you can share it by placing it on the table. Many thanks to Patti Kopach, our former Unit Coordinator, for suggesting this gift to Good Shepherd from WELCA, and to Chris and Bill Wiegert for purchasing and painting the table.

Save the date – Worship in the park and picnic

On **August 11**, we'll join with our partners from First Lutheran to have a shared worship service at the Crossings followed by a fellowship picnic. Look for more information soon!

Camp Scholarship

The Outreach and Evangelism Ministry Team Ministry has decided that this summer we would like to provide two camp scholarships for two students at Shaker Elementary School down the road. One scholarship would be for Club Scientific Camp and the other would be for the Drama Kids Camp. We will take money out of Summer Lunch Program for the first scholarship, and we are asking if members of the congregation would be willing to make monetary donations for the second scholarship. Each scholarship will be about \$300 and there are designated envelopes in the narthex labeled Camp Scholarship near the door going into the sanctuary. We already have a \$100 donation towards the second scholarship. Thank you for your contributions.

Prayer Concerns



**Remember
in
Prayer**

Carlos Sanchez	Carolyn Wolfe	Kelly Powell
Lynn Best	Kathy Ingalls	Lou Reiss
Kevin Ferrill	Beth Sickler	A Special Intention

June Birthdays

9 Emmie Knobloch	16 Elizabeth Strohbeck
11 Susan Brant	18 Stephanie Conklin
11 Meg Winters	19 Lynn Best
11 Vince Pasqualino	24 Kathy Silo
	28 Cliff Brant

Church Council

The next meeting of the Church Council is scheduled for Monday, June 10th at 6:30 pm in person or on Zoom.

End of School Coffee and Donuts – June 26

The Outreach and Evangelism Committee is hosting coffee and donuts at the Turquoise Table for Shaker Road Elementary parents from 8:30 to 9:15 AM (drop-off time) on the last day of school, Wednesday, June 26. **Interested in helping out?** Talk to Danny Patrick.

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.

Technology Update

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



18th Annual Berry Festival

SATURDAY, JULY 13th 4-6pm

The Outreach and Evangelism and Finance Ministry Teams are putting the final touches on this year's 18th Annual Berry Festival on Saturday July 13th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please come and bring your family, relatives, neighbors and friends to enjoy strawberries, blueberries and black raspberries over biscuits topped with either vanilla ice cream or whipped cream along with some great fellowship.

There will be a free offering and proceeds will go to the ministries of Good Shepherd. A special ministry yet to be determined will receive a portion of the proceeds as well.

We will need help in picking and cutting strawberries as well as servers on the day of the Berry Festival. Usually, the strawberries are ready to be picked by the third week in June. If you can help out in any way, please speak to Danny Patrick and feel free to call him at (518) 477-5355.

See you all at this year's Berry Festival.

Primary Day Bake Sale – June 25, 2024

CALLING ALL OF GOOD SHEPHERD'S EXPERT BAKERS!!!!

On June 25, 2024, the Fundraising Team is holding a Bake Sale!!!! We are asking anyone who likes to bake to please donate your baked goods. Baked goods can be dropped off the day before or the morning of the day of the bake sale.

Thanking everyone in advance; it's because of all of your help, we are able to make this a success!

Steve and Nancy Layne
Fundraising Chairs

Sunday School News

There is no Sunday School through the summer season. Sunday School will resume on September 8th.

Fundraising Team Update

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

June 1	Yard	November 5	Election Day Bake Sale
June 25	Election Primary Bake sale	November 23	Holiday Boutique
July 13	Berry Festival	December 14	Cookie Walk
September 23	Italian Night Dinner		

*Ongoing Fundraisers-Got Sneakers, Car Wash and Clynk Bottles and Cans.

"CLYNK" CAN COLLECTION!!



As of April 23, we have \$129.25 in our Clynk fundraising account! Please keep bringing your bottles and cans for the Clynk Bottles & Cans Collection Fundraiser. There are Clynk bags in the narthex to be taken and used for this purpose. The barcode will designate Good Shepherd's Account Number so a check can be sent to Good Shepherd Church for deposit. If you are not familiar with Clynk, an instruction sheet is available as well.

Little Pantry

Good Shepherd has a food box in the parking lot that is called the Little Pantry that we fill with non-perishable food items for people that are in need of food. The members of Good Shepherd continue to make very generous food and monetary donations to this wonderful and greatly needed ministry. A very big thanks goes out to all of you for your donations. See list of food items below that are greatly needed.

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 or Packaged Tuna
- Toilet Paper, Dog and Cat Food, Kitty Litter

Many thanks to the members and friends of Good Shepherd who used the special envelopes in April to make donations to the Little Pantry! Ten donors contributed \$343 during the first three weeks of April, bringing year-to-date donations to more than \$1000! Your donations are helping local people in need. Thank you!

May Attendance Record

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person</u>	<u>Zoom</u>	<u>Total</u>
5/5	31	4	35
5/12	34	2	36
5/19	40	1	41
5/26	31	5	36

Financial News

Financial Report for April 2024			
	Month	YTD	
Expenses	\$10,503.22	\$42,686.80	
Revenue	\$12,863.88	\$44,137.31	
Surplus + Deficit -		\$1,450.51	

Online giving

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



Albany Lutherans Together Events

Lutheran Night at the ValleyCats

Sunday, July 7, 5:00 p.m.

Join with your fellow Lutherans of the Capital Region as the Tri-City ValleyCats take on the Sussex County Miners. We have a block of group seating reserved, and individual tickets (\$11) can be purchased through the ValleyCats group ticket portal at <https://tv1.glitnirticketing.com/tvticket/web/loggingroup1.php>. The password is stjohnluth (lowercase, no spaces).

Questions? Contact Pastor Josh Evans (pastorjosh@stjohnsalbany.org).

The Maleficent Seven: How to handle the clobber verses.

July 28 at 1 pm at St. John's on Sand Creek. Lunch is provided at 12:30.

In this special presentation, sponsored by Albany Lutherans Together (ALT), Mother Grace Wilgefortis Ferris, FCR, will explore the seven "clobber passages," often leveled against LGBTQIA+ persons, considering their history, context, and original meaning. An accurate understanding of these passages actually affirms the fact that LGBTQIA+ people are part of God's design for the beauty that is humanity.

More information and RSVP: <http://StJohnsAlbany.org/mothergrace>

ALT Visit to The Clark

Saturday, August 10

Take a day trip to Williamstown, Massachusetts, to visit The Clark Art Institute (225 South Street) with us. **We will meet at 11:15 a.m. for their weekly gallery tour and grab lunch together at the museum afterwards.** The museum is open from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and you're welcome to come early or stay later to explore all the museum (and Williamstown) has to offer. Admission is \$20, or free for members, anyone age 21 and under, and students with a valid ID. For more information, visit <https://www.clarkart.edu/>.

[RSVP here](#) to let us know you're coming (not required or binding, but always helpful for planning purposes). We encourage you to arrange carpools on your own.

Yard Sale – THANK YOU!!!

The Community Yard Sale on June 1 was a great success! We welcomed many members of the community, and we raised more than \$1900. A portion of that will go to Blue Friday of New York, an organization that supports the families of police officers killed in the line of duty.

“Eddie,” a police dog from the Town of Colonie, along with his handler and another police officer, stopped by to greet members of the community. There was a lot of excitement and many happy customers during the sale and at the \$2 bag sale that started at 1 pm. Items that remained after the sale are being organized and distributed to local organizations.

We are grateful for the work of our co-chairs Ute’ Buff and Michele Wiegert and everyone who donated items or purchased items at the sale. Special thanks to the volunteers who helped before, during and after the sale including: Kevin and Marie Wertman, Kathy Flynn, Pastor Chilton, Erin Connors, Danny Patrick, Marc and Chris Kleinhenz, Colleen Ward, Betty Suarez, Jane Ludwin, Vicki LaFrank, Jeannette Harting, Kathy Ingalls, Marjorie Raymond, Chris and Bill Wiegert, Mike and Nancy Serge, Rob Beach, Laurie Pasqualino, Dave Ferrill, Bonnie Siiss, Patti Kopach, and all others who helped in any way.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Church Council would like to thank everyone who came to this year’s Ministry Fair that was held after church on May 18th. The Council had a display of our ministry teams as well as a table that had signup sheets for various ways that people can be worship assistants such as greeters, ushers, readers, communion assistants, etc. We are thankful for those who have signed up to be on a specific ministry team or to help out on various teams around a specific task.

If you were not able to attend the Ministry Fair and would like information about the Ministry Teams at Good Shepherd we have a sheets of the teams on the table right outside of the sanctuary or if you would like we can send you a copy of this to you. Please speak to Danny Patrick and he can be reached at (518) 477-5355.

We are so blessed to have so much ministry going on at Good Shepherd but we can always use more help. So please consider, becoming involved in some way with any of the ministry teams or volunteering to be a worship assistant. The Church Council would like to again thank everyone for attending the Ministry Fair and everyone who participates in the many ministries of Good Shepherd.

Save Your Athletic Sneakers

Do you have new or used athletic sneakers in good condition?
Donate them to Good Shepherd for our sneaker fundraiser.

DROP OFF SNEAKERS

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
510 Albany Shaker Road, Loudonville



Monday – Wednesday, 10am-4pm

Sunday mornings 8:30am-11:00am

Community Sneaker Drive Collection Days Saturday, June 22, 9am – 1pm

- We can only accept athletic sneakers in excellent to fair condition with shoelaces and insoles;
- NO sneakers in poor condition, slip-on sneakers, shoes, boots or flip flops.
- Good Shepherd collaborates with GotSneakers who facilitates global distribution of the sneakers to people in need.

Questions? Contact Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 518-458-1562

~ JUNE ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Yard Sale 9 am – 2 pm
2 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 Fellowship	3 9-3 Tovah Kitchen	4 12:30 Colonie Srs. 7 pm Outreach & Evangelism	5 1 pm Bible Study	6 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR)	7 9:30 Colonie Srs.	8 12-8 Private Party
9 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 Fellowship	10 9-3 Tovah 6:30 pm Church Council	11 12:30 Colonie Srs.	12 1 pm Bible Study	13 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR)	14 9:30 Colonie Srs.	15
16 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 Fellowship	17 9-3 Tovah Kitchen	18 12:30 Colonie Srs.	19 1 pm Bible Study	20 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR)	21 9:30 Colonie Srs.	22 9AM-1PM Sneaker Collection
23 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 Fellowship	24 9-3 Tovah Kitchen	25 12:30 Colonie Srs.	26 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm Property Committee	27 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR)	28 9:30 Colonie Srs.	29
30 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 Council Forum						

The next Council Forum will be after worship on June 30.

Many thanks to our worship servers & volunteers!

June 2

Opener	Emmie Knobloch
Greeter	Dick Walker
Usher	Dick Walker
Lay Reader	Patti Kopach
Communion Assistant	Chris Kleinhenz
AV Tech	Marie Wertman
Closer	Steve Layne

June 16

Opener	Mike Serge
Greeter	Nancy Serge
Usher	Danny Patrick
Lay Reader	Jill Brenneman
Communion Assistant	Marie Wertman
AV Tech	Steve Layne
Closer	Atif Dean

June 9

Opener	Jeannette Harting
Greeter	Maryanne Sangiacomo
Usher	Bill Weigert
Lay Reader	Mark Brenneman
Communion Assistant	Patti Kopach
AV Tech	Emmie Knobloch
Closer	Meg Winters

June 23

Opener	Kathy Ingalls
Greeter	Kathy Ingalls
Usher	Marc Kleinhenz
Lay Reader	Maryanne Sangiacomo
Communion Assistant	Marjorie Raymond
AV Tech	Steve Layne
Closer	Rob Beach

June 30

Opener	Patti Kopach
Greeter	Betty Suarez
Usher	Mike Serge
Lay Reader	Meg Winters
Communion Assistant	Bertie Cole
AV Tech	Marie Wertman
Closer	Marie Wertman



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