

Summer 2024 Newsletter



Last day of school Coffee and Donuts for Shaker Rd. Elementary



Capital Pride fills Albany streets



Proclaiming God's Inclusive Love at Capital Pride



Parade marchers and attendees covered Albany's streets near Washington Park on Sunday for the Capital Pride Parade. Capital PRIDE and the Capital Pride Parade and Festival benefit the critical programs and services of the Pride Center of the Capital Region. For more photos and coverage of the event, please visit timesunion.com.

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"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

*"The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord."
(ELW #654, by Samuel Stone)*

Samuel Stone, a 19th Century Anglican priest, wrote one of our favorite hymns, "The Church's One Foundation," as a reflection on the ninth article of the Apostles' Creed, concerning the "holy catholic church" and "the communion of saints." While serving as curate in Windsor, UK, Stone wrote and published a collection of twelve hymns on the Apostles' Creed to help his congregation comprehend the "breadth and depth of meaning contained in each Article of the Confession of Faith." (Stone's note in the collection, quoted in *The Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship* by Paul Westermeyer.)

For 180 years, congregations all over the world have sung Stone's hymn, bringing us in song back to the center of our faith, Jesus Christ, and answering a key question of our life together: **"What is the church?"**

"Church" is multifaceted and each of us would probably name different attributes of "church" that draw us: family, tradition, singing, liturgy, food and fellowship, morals and ethics, a place of belonging, advocacy and social justice. These are all important. Life in a congregation includes all of these and more. And yet, none of these really describe "the church." We can find all of these in the Lions Club and the Women's Club of Albany, also great organizations.

So, what is the church? Article VII of the Augsburg Confession, the core extra-biblical document of the Lutheran tradition, states: "The church is the *assembly* of saints in which the gospel is taught purely, and the sacraments are administered rightly." (from *Book of Concord*, © 2000, edited by Robert Kolb and Timothy Wingert).

The church is **the Christian assembly**, the weekly gathering to hear the gospel and participate in the sacraments. We gather to hear the gospel, the **good news** that God is for YOU, that God in Christ died for you and rose for you so that you may have eternal life. We gather at the font, claimed by God forever and always, and at the table, joining the meal where God promises to be.

This is the church. The other stuff matters too. Fellowship matters, education matters, advocacy matters, social service matters, berry festivals and yard sales matter. At yet, at the core, the church is the assembly of saints in which the gospel is taught, and the sacraments are administered.

What is the church? We are the church. We are an assembly of saints, called together by God to hear the good news, to gather at the table, and to go forth and live lives transformed by this encounter.

Peace in Christ,



The Rev. D. Lowell Chilton, Pastor
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2024 Church Council

Danny Patrick	President
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Patti Kopach	Secretary
Colleen Ward	Kathryn Ingalls
Maryanne Sangiacomo	Elizabeth Sickler
Susan Spofford	Meg Winters

Administration

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

In Memoriam – Carol Phelps

Carol Ann Phelps, longtime member of Good Shepherd, entered the Church Triumphant on June 22, 2024. She was laid to rest in North Chatham Cemetery on June 27, 2024, following a funeral at Good Shepherd.

Donations have been received from the following families and individuals in memory of Carol Phelps (as of June 30, 2024):

Jeff and Barbara Emptage
Vicki LaFrank
John and Nancy McGrath
Marjorie Raymond
Bill and Bonnie Siiss
Colleen Ward

Marc and Christine Kleinhenz
Steve and Nancy Layne
Danny Patrick
Lynne Salerno
Betty Suarez

At the request of the family, these donations will be used to purchase items for the worship and music ministry.

Hillenbrandt Scholarship

As many of you know, the Hillenbrandt Scholarship Fund, named for Charles and Caroline Hillenbrandt, was established with a generous contribution from the Hillenbrandt Estate. Its purpose is to award a merit scholarship to members of Good Shepherd enrolled in post-secondary education programs. The first award was given over 20 years ago.

Good Shepherd is pleased to announce that the Hillenbrandt Scholarship recipient for the 24-25 academic year is Richard Kleinhenz. Richard is a student at Rochester Institute of Technology and is the son of proud parents Chris and Marc Kleinhenz.

Thank You!

The Outreach and Evangelism Ministry Team would like to thank everyone who made a monetary donation for a camp scholarship for a Shaker Elementary School student who will be going to one of the summer camps that will be held here at Good Shepherd for one week this summer. Your generous donations covered one scholarship and the other scholarship will be defrayed by monies that are in the Summer Lunch Program. One student will be going to the Club Scientific Camp and the other student to the Drama Kids Camp. Thanks again for your kind support. Good Shepherd.

Prayer Concerns

Carlos Sanchez
Kathy Ingalls
The Phelps Family

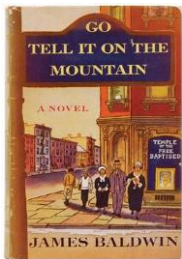
Carolyn Wolfe
Lou Reiss

Lynn Best
Kevin Ferrill



First Lutheran Book Club

July 29 @ 7 pm on Zoom: <http://FirstLutheranChurch.org/Zoom>

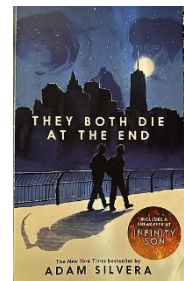


In July we're reading James Baldwin's semi-autobiographical novel *Go Tell It On The Mountain*. The novel tells the story of a teenager in Harlem in the 1930s and touches on race, religion, family, and more.

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 Save the date for July: July 29 @ 7 pm Book House at Stuyvesant Plaza and save 20% by mentioning the book club.

August 26 @ 7 pm: *They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera

They Both Die at the End is a young adult novel and LGBTQ tragic romance about two teenage boys who both discover they only have one day to live. Called one of the best Young Adult books of the 2010s by *BuzzFeed*, *They Both Die at the End* "grapples gracefully with heavy questions about death and the meaning of a life well lived" (*Kirkus Reviews*). It is currently being adapted for Netflix by *Bridgerton* creator Chris Van Dusen.



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!

Primary Day Bake Sale – Thanks to all!

On June 25, 2024, the Fundraising Team held a Bake Sale in conjunction with Election Day Primary!!!! Who can resist the goodies prepared by Good Shepherd's wonderful bakers? No one! Thank you to all who baked, coordinated and served in any capacity that day.

Steve and Nancy Layne
Fundraising Chairs



WELCA News

Chris Wiegert has offered to host the *July WELCA meeting at her home in Delmar on July 17, starting at 6:30 pm*. Light snacks will be offered. 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.

WELCA is an acronym for Women of the ELCA, a group of Lutheran women who gather in more than 7,000 locations in the U.S. and the Caribbean for service, study, advocacy, and fellowship. Its mission is to mobilize to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

All are welcome, and you do not need to be a member of WELCA to participate! Please call Chris at 920-676-6463 if you plan to attend.

WELCA e-newsletters

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 marjorieraymond84@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 Crossing followed by a fellowship picnic. *Worship in the park is at 10:30, with lunch to follow.*

There will be a *spoken* Service of Holy Communion indoors at Good Shepherd at 8:30.

The spoken service will be available on Zoom.

Save-The-Date

August 11th - 10:30 a.m.

The Crossings in Colonie

Worship & Picnic

Yard Sale – A Huge Success

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, 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, and all others who helped in any way.



18th Annual Berry Festival

SATURDAY, JULY 13th 4-6pm

The Outreach and Evangelism and the Fund Raising 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.

Forty-Six pounds of strawberries have already been picked thanks to Nancy and Mike Serge and their grandson Jack and Danny Patrick. These berries have been cut up and prepared for the Berry Festival thanks to Bertie Cole, Meg Winters, Kathy Ingalls, and Colleen Ward. A great job was done

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

There will be a free offering and proceeds will go to the ministries of Good Shepherd. A portion of the proceeds will go for children in local schools needing back-to-school supplies. In addition, Susan Spofford has also agreed to obtain a Thrivent Action Grant for school supplies and a big thanks goes out to her for doing this. One benefactor of the school supplies will be for Shaker Elementary School down the road from us. We are still in need of servers and folks to help with cleanup on the day of the Berry Festival. If you can help out in any way and just help for a half hour or so, please speak to Danny Patrick and feel free to call him at (518) 477-5355. See you all at this year’s Berry Festival.

Technology Update

As most of you know Kathy is working from home with her office computer so we set up a shared computer for GSLCL authorized staff to use since Kathy has her computer at home. This will allow us to continue printing the bulletin, newsletter and signs for special events. We also have Power Church and our Financial Reports printed from here.

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.

Faith Formation Committee to Begin!

The Faith Formation Committee is having its planning meeting with Pastor Chilton on July 2. As we progress, we'll have items for the mid-week messages and newsletters.

Sunday School News

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

Fundraising Team Update

We are planning an Italian night tentatively on *Monday September 23, 2024*. We plan to serve Chicken Parm, Salad, Fresh Bread, drink and Spaghetti & meatballs. Watch for more details.

As of June 10, we have \$241.10 in our **Clynk**. Please keep bringing your bottles and cans. We also have bags in the Narthex.

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

<i>July 13</i> Berry Festival	<i>November 5</i>	Election Day Bake Sale
<i>September 23</i> Italian Night Dinner	<i>November 23</i>	Holiday Boutique
	<i>December 14</i>	Cookie Walk

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy and Steve Layne

June Attendance Record

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person</u>	<u>Zoom</u>	<u>Total</u>
6/2	26	4	30
6/9	22	4	26
6/16	28	1	29
6/23	26	2	28
6/30	23	4	27

Financial News

Financial Report for May 2024			
	Month	YTD	
Expenses	10,052.64	52,739.44	
Revenue	6,652.45	50,789.76	
Surplus + Deficit -		-1,949.68	

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.



From the Financial Secretary

Thank You for Your Support!

In July, we will be accepting donations for the Good Shepherd Building Fund, and in August, we will be accepting donations for World Hunger. Envelopes are included in Good Shepherd's set of offering envelopes or you can use a "Designated Gift" envelope. Please help support Good Shepherd's ministries!

Mid-year Contribution Record

A report of year-to-date contributions will be mailed to all donors who have made a financial contribution to Good Shepherd since January 1, 2024. If you have any questions about your statement or the current status of your financial commitment, please call or send a text message to Marjorie Raymond, Financial Secretary, at 518-424-6043 or by e-mail at marjorieraymond84@gmail.com.

Albany Maritime Ministry – Sundaes on Sunday

August 25, 2024 – 1pm – 3pm

Perhaps you have heard of the Albany Maritime Ministry, but don't know much about it. You and your friends are invited to an Open House on August 25th. You will be able to:

- Visit the William Hempel Seafarers Center
- Get a tour of the Port (If Security permits)
- See a ship if there is one in port
- Talk to staff and meet our Chaplains
- Learn about Christmas at Sea
- Learn about being a volunteer
- Make your own Sunday

There is no need to make a reservation but mark the date on your calendar and come to the Open House. Hope to see you on the 25th of August and enjoy some time together.

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/logingroup1.php>. The password is stjohluth (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 noon to grab lunch together in the museum café, followed by a 1:15 private group tour.** Admission is \$20, or free for members, anyone age 21 and under, and students with a valid ID.

Please sign up online (<https://stjohnsalbany.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2362150>) **or in person at your congregation to let us know you're coming.**

Museum policy requires that groups pay in a single transaction. You can prepay for admission at the link above (preferred) or pay by check or cash to your congregation.

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. If you wish to arrive before noon, let visitor services know you are a part of our group, and they will admit you for free prior to our group payment. For more information, visit <https://www.clarkart.edu>. We encourage you to arrange carpools on your own.

ALT Collection for July and August: Giffen Memorial & Delaware Community Schools

Throughout July & August, Albany Lutherans Together (ALT) will gather items for teachers and students at Delaware Community School and Giffen Memorial School. Suggested donations include:

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| B/W marble composition notebooks | Disinfectant Wipes |
| 3-hole looseleaf paper | Pencils (#2 & colored) |
| Folders | Dry-erase markers & Glue sticks |
| Index cards | Paper plates |
| Crayons | Napkins |
| Markers | Small brown paper lunch bags |
| Boxes of Tissues | Quart and gallon size Ziploc bags |

NOTE: JULY 8 – AUGUST 2: CLUB SCIENTIFIC CAMP MONDAY-FRIDAY (Fellowship Hall)

	~ JULY ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm Property Committee	4	5	6	
7 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 Fellowship 5pm Valley Cats	8 9-3 Tovah Kitchen	9 12:30 Colonie Srs. 7 pm Outreach & Evangelism	10 1 pm Bible Study 6pm <i>Baptized We Live</i> (BR)	11 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR)	12 9:30 Colonie Srs.	13 4-6pm BERRY FESTIVAL	
14 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 Fellowship	15 9-3 Tovah	16 12:30 Colonie Srs.	17 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 WELCA @ Wiegert's	18 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR)	19 9:30 Colonie Srs.	20	
Pastor Chilton on vacation – 7/15 – 7/21							
21 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 Fellowship Pastor Chilton on vacation	22 9-3 Tovah Kitchen	23 12:30 Colonie Srs..	24 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm Property	25 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR)	26 9:30 Colonie Srs.	27	
28 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 Fellowship 12:30 @ St. John's The Maleficent Seven	29 9-3 Tovah Kitchen 7pm Worship & Music	30 12:30 Colonie Srs.	31 1 pm Bible Study				

NOTE: AUGUST 5 – AUGUST 30- DRAMA KIDS CAMP MONDAY-FRIDAY (Fellowship Hall)

~ AUGUST ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR)	2 9:30 Colonie Srs.	3
4 8:45 WORSHIP 9:45 Fellowship	5 9-3 Tovah Kitchen	6 12:30 Colonie Srs. 7 pm Outreach & Evangelism	7 1 pm Bible Study	8 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR)	9 9:30 Colonie Srs.	10
11 10:30 AM PICNIC & WORSHIP AT CROSSINGS	12 9-3 Tovah 6:30 pm Church Council	13 12:30 Colonie Srs.	14 1 pm Bible Study	15 12-3 Colonie Srs (BR)	16 9:30 Colonie Srs.	17
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July Birthdays

- 4 - Antoinette Vinciquerra
- 5 - Cameron Rhodes, Amy Rudat
Carolyn Wolfe
- 6 - Ralf Miller
- 7 – Annabel VanSickle
- 12 - Nancy McGrath
- 13 - Hayley Beach
- 21 - Marc Kleinhenz
- 23 – Carl Phelps

August Birthdays

- 2 - Bonnie Siiss
- 4 – Marcia Bahan
- 7 – Lynne Salerno
- 21 – Anita Dean-Chohan
- 23 – Jeffrey Ludwin
- 27 – Bill Siiss
- 29 – Truman Crouse

After Worship Fellowship Hosts 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!

July 7

Opener	Marie Wertman
Greeter	Marjorie Raymond
Usher	Bill Wiegert
Lay Reader	Danny Patrick
Communion Assistant	Patti Kopach
AV Tech	Marie Wertman
Closer	Danny Patrick

July 14

Opener	Mike Serge
Greeter	Vicki LaFrank
Usher	Dick Walker
Lay Reader	Betty Suarez
Communion Assistant	Nancy Serge
AV Tech	Maryanne Sangiacomo
Closer	Mike Serge

July 21

Opener	Bill Wiegert
Greeter	Vicky Gizzi
Usher	Rob Beach
Lay Reader	Susan Spofford
Communion Assistant	Paul Spofford
AV Tech	Emmie Knobloch
Closer	Rob Beach

July 28

Opener	Kathy Ingalls
Greeter	Patti Kopach
Usher	Paul Spofford
Lay Reader	Kiran Dean
Communion Assistant	Atif Dean
AV Tech	Elizabeth Strohbeck
Closer	Marjorie Raymond

August 4

Opener	Patti Kopach
Greeter	Dick Walker
Usher	Marc Kleinhenz
Lay Reader	Colleen Ward
Communion Assistant	Patti Kopach
AV Tech	Marie Wertman
Closer	Atif Dean

August 11

Opener	Mike Serge
Greeter	Nancy Serge
Usher	Mike Serge
Lay Reader	Danny Patrick
Communion Assistant	Marie Wertman
AV Tech	Marie Wertman (8:30 only)
Closer	Danny Patrick

Worship in The Crossings at 10:30!

August 18

Opener	Kathy Ingalls
Greeter	Kathy Ingalls
Usher	Rob Beach
Lay Reader	Meg Winters
Communion Assistant	Bertie Cole
AV Tech	Emmie Knobloch
Closer	Rob Beach

August 25

Opener	Marie Wertman
Greeter	Nancy Serge
Usher	Mike Serge
Lay Reader	Marjorie Raymond
Communion Assistant	Chris Kleinhenz
AV Tech	Elizabeth Strohbeck
Closer	Mike Serge