

September 2024 Newsletter

Season of Creation ✦ PrayGround ✦ Sunday School! ✦ Prayer Walk ✦ Chicken & Biscuits



Getting the grills going added a little incense to our worship in the park.



On August 11, Good Shepherd welcomed Mark and Matthew Brenneman and Vicky Gizzi as new members. We welcomed Jill Brenneman on August 18. Also seen here are Bri and Sari, who joined First Lutheran.



Berry Festival 18 was a delicious success!



After worship, we had a great picnic together with our friends from First Lutheran.



"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

*Go in peace and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

The dismissal from worship above is not “church is over, now leave.” We are sent to serve God in the world, sent to be *ministers* to God’s creation. Ministry is not mine alone as the pastor, or something only for a select few who are good enough and trained enough. All of us in the church are called by our baptism to ministry, to caring for each other and the world.

Religious education consultant Maria Harris, in her book *Fashion Me a People, Curriculum in the Church*, writes that, while some are called to the set apart office of pastor or deacon, “**the far more common setting [for ministry] is the workplace outside the gathered community—whether the workplace is the home, the office, the farm, the hospital, the factory, or the publishing company**” (p. 34). The majority of us exercise our *baptismal vocation*, our ministry, in how we relate to those around us and in the choices we make (daily ones like where to shop, and big ones like how we vote).

“Great, but how am I equipped to live this vocation?” you may wonder.

This is the role of faith formation, discipleship, and education. Harris describes five modes of faith formation:

1. *Didache* – Teaching. Structured learning, what we most often think of with “Christian Education.”
2. *Diakonia* – Service and outreach. Learning through reaching out to others
3. *Koinonia* – Community. Learning faith in relationships with other people of faith.
4. *Kerygma* – Proclamation. Learning through preaching.
5. *Leiturgia* – Liturgy. Learning through corporate and individual worship and prayer.

Harris also notes that, based on educational research, learning happens in the interplay between the various modes: formal instruction blends with liturgy and worship blends with service blends with relationships blends with preaching. They play together and build upon each other. The *prayground* we’re going to try out places the kids in the front of the church, so they can participate in the liturgy and learn through worship in a space made for them; when Sunday School happens during worship, the students are back before communion so that formal teaching and liturgy play together; children serve me communion to both practice and demonstrate full inclusion; and our more adult focused faith formation plans this fall are designed to connect several of these modes, not just listen to me lecture on a fun topic (as much as I love expounding on church history or theology for an hour).

As disciples of Christ, we are called to continually reform our faith, learning through teaching, service, community, preaching, and liturgy who God is, who God calls us to be, and then to whom are we called to serve in God’s name.

Peace in Christ,



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Season of Creation



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

The *Season of Creation* is an ecumenical movement, beginning about 35 years ago, to set aside the time from September 1, Feast of Creation, to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, as a time of focus on care of creation and of the earth. **The Rev. Dr. Anne Burghardt, Lutheran World Federation General Secretary**, writes:

“At our 13th General Assembly in Krakow (September 2023), the Lutheran World Federation affirmed that as churches in ongoing reformation, we are called to work for peace in the world: between people, countries, and with the whole of creation. The relentless rise in global temperatures has meant loss of biodiversity, lives, livelihoods, and whole communities. Creation cries out in suffering. We acknowledge the urgent call to action, and we acknowledge that we can only respond to it on the basis of faith. The ***Season of Creation*** is a source of strength and communion, encouraging us truly ‘to hope and act with creation.’”

From **September 1 through October 6**, the Sunday nearest the Feast of St. Francis, we will celebrate the Season of Creation. We’ll have a seasonal worship booklet, to reduce how much paper we use every week. We’ll include hymns and prayers with a focus on creation, Sunday School will emphasize the creation story and Noah and the flood, and our first 3rd Sunday Faith Formation activity, on September 15, will be about praying with nature and will be a walk in the park (more on page 4).

On October 6, we’ll celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with the annual *Blessing of the Animals*. This year, we encourage you to bring your *well-behaved* pets (or a photograph or stuffed animal stand-in) to worship at 8:45. We’ll also host a community event at 1 pm outside.

Church Council Highlights

(No meeting in July, highlights from August 12 meeting.)

- ✦ Everyone was very pleased with the joint worship service and picnic at The Crossings with First Lutheran on August 11th.
- ✦ Marjorie Raymond, Stewardship Chairperson, met with Stewardship Ministry Team prior to Council Meeting and verbally shared with Council that this year’s Stewardship Campaign will kickoff on September 29 and include Temple Talks on 9/29, 10/6, and 10/13, culminating in Commitment Sunday on 10/20. On 10/13, in addition to a Temple Talk, we are going to try out having Breakfast Church with a Stewardship Theme (more on that in the October Newsletter).
- ✦ **Blessing of the Animals** on 10/6 (*Feast of St. Francis and the end of the Season of Creation*). This year we’re including a Blessing of the Animals during the morning worship service and Pastor Chilton will return that afternoon to hold a community Blessing of the Animals at 1pm for the surrounding community of Good Shepherd.
- ✦ We discussed the idea of a **Prayground** for children, who will have their specific space in the sanctuary where they can go to during the worship service. It will be in the front of the sanctuary. They will have their own table and chairs where they can color biblical pictures and play with soft and quiet toys. This will be an experiment, and we will see how it goes, and this would be a very welcoming tool for the children or our congregation.
- ✦ Music Director Anita Andersen has resigned effective Sunday 10/27 as she has an opportunity to further an interest of hers in a way that needs more time and energy. We are all happy for Anita but sad to see her go and we wish her well.
- ✦ Kathy Ingalls, Council Member, has tendered her resignation and it was accepted with regrets, and we thank her for all of her input and work on council.

Faith Formation Ministry Team

We've recently formed a Faith Formation Ministry Team to plan and organize Faith Formation activities for all ages. Members currently include Patti Kopach, Colleen Ward, and Pastor Chilton and we'd love for you to join us.

This fall we are launching *3rd Sunday Faith Formation*. The third Sunday of each month we'll have a special activity designed to build community and deepen faith. Most months, these will start with lunch in the early afternoon so Pastor Chilton can come back from FLC to join us. This year we are going to broadly explore prayer in various forms: active prayer, contemplative prayer, prayer in song and in art, prayer in silence.

September 15 – Prayer Walk at The Crossings

We kick this series off by praying with nature. We'll meet at the Gazebo at *The Crossings at 12:30* to talk about prayer over lunch (bring your own lunch!) and then we'll explore prayer in motion and in nature with a walk around the park.

Coming up...

In October, we'll build sets of prayer beads and learn about meditative prayer using beads, similar to praying the rosary. In November, we'll focus on giving thanks and gratitude in prayer. In December, we're planning a group outing to the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany.

Sunday School News

Sunday School will resume on *September 8th during worship*.

We are excited to introduce a new comprehensive Sunday School curriculum for kids of all ages that will activate their interest in the Bible!



The new format will involve key bible stories with each story being focused upon multiple Sundays in a variety of approaches. Utilizing different methods to relay the story will enhance in-depth learning of the Bible in a fun and creative manner. The curriculum, SPARK, provides excellent resources associated with the stories including storytelling, games, playacting, crafts, music, etc.

We are seeking additional leaders and assistants to help with this exciting experience for the children. For example, you can volunteer to lead/assist with a craft, a game, or perhaps play-acting the story, utilizing suggestions from the curriculum for introducing the Bible story.

Here is some helpful information as you ponder participating as a lead or assistant:

- ✦ Sunday School will be held during the service - approximately 25 minutes. The children will leave after the Prayer of the Day and return during the Peace.
- ✦ This is not a weekly commitment as a lead or assistant; rather, based upon your availability on a rotating basis.
- ✦ There is an excellent curriculum guide which outlines great ideas —no stress lesson plans.

We are excited about this new model of teaching our youth. If you are interested in assisting with this, please reach out to Pastor Chilton, Marie Wertman or Nancy Serge.



5–John McGrath
 9–Elena Kleinhenz
 10–Jamie Crouse
 16–Amaria Chohan

18–William Kleinhenz & Carol Stubbs
 20–Lou Reiss
 21–Kathy Westerholt
 23–Maryanne Sangiacomo

Prayer Concerns



Carolyn Wolfe	Lynn Best	Sierra McCann	Kathy Ingalls
Lou Reiss	Hunter Laravee	Mike Wajda	Betty Sickler
Sarah Palmer	Sam Luyk		

Chicken and Biscuits Dinner



The Fundraising Ministry Team will be overseeing a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner on **Saturday September 28 from 4 pm to 6 pm**. The cost will be \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 5-12, and under 5 free. Take-out will also be available. Sam Piccolino, a local entertainer who has played the piano at our Pork Dinner and Berry Festival will again be playing the piano and providing wonderful music during the dinner.

So please save the date and invite your family, friends and neighbors to this great meal to support the ministries of Good Shepherd. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Capital Roots, a community non-profit addressing food insecurity and nutrition in the Capital Region.

We will be looking for people to help in the kitchen, serve and help clean up after dinner. If anyone can help, please speak to either Marie Wertman or Danny Patrick or anyone on the Fundraising Ministry Team. There will also be a volunteer sign-up sheet in the narthex/ front hallway. See you at the Chicken and Biscuits Dinner.

Mutual Ministry Committee

We are excited to announce that First Lutheran Church and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church have formed a **Mutual Ministry Committee**, made up of members from both congregations. Our Mutual Ministry Committee is being created using guidance from *Pastor and People: Making Mutual Ministry Work* (Augsburg Press). This book describes the Mutual Ministry Committee as “a mission-oriented enterprise that is characterized by a broad vision of ministry and a healthy practice of mutuality”.

This vision of ministry through mutuality sees that it is not just the pastor who is “in the ministry” but all of us are, together. We are not a decision-making body, rather we will do our work by listening to all of you, noticing ministry opportunities in both congregations, and sharing our observations with each congregation’s council.

Our initial thought is that, as two congregations sharing a pastor, we are in a unique position to work together for each congregation’s ministry of service to another in the name of Christ, a service provided in understanding what Jesus would have us do. It is not a committee that ministers to the pastor, or a committee through which complaints are communicated.

If you have any questions, please reach out to any of us. After all, we are here to listen.

Members of the Mutual Ministry Committee are:

- First Lutheran Church:* Cara Brousseau, Paul Lapierre, Kathy Ordway
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church:* Mike Serge, Elizabeth Strohbeck, Marie Wertman
- From both congregations:* Pastor Chilton

Stewardship

BECAUSE OF GOD'S GREAT MERCY

a stewardship program for our congregation



“Because of God’s Great Mercy” is the title of our stewardship emphasis this year. The scriptural basis of this focus on our stewardship of all that God has entrusted into our care is I Peter 2:9, “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

We begin by proclaiming all that God has done for us, hence the title “Because of God’s Great Mercy.” God has made us God’s own people. We will also consider how generous giving is an important part of every Christian’s life, and how our combined generosity can make even greater things possible through our congregation.

We will think together about how our giving to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is an important part of our Christian faith, and how Good Shepherd uses our offerings to do God’s work within the congregation’s walls, in our community, and around the world.

“Because of God’s Great Mercy” will ask you to do two things. First, you will be asked to increase your giving to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church by at least ½ of 1% of your household income. Second, you will be asked to consider using a recurring electronic payment from your financial institution or www.Tithely.com for your giving.

“Because of God’s Great Mercy” will use the midweek messages, mail, and time in worship to share information with you. Please make a special effort to watch for material during this important time in our congregation’s life.

The Stewardship Team

Marjorie Raymond, Chair

Pastor Chilton, Kathy Ingalls, Danny Patrick, Mike Serge, Maryanne Sangiacomo

Little Free Library

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

Little Food Pantry

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 – i.e., snack bars or candy
- ❖ No cleaning products – they may contaminate food
- ❖ Diapers, dry formula, powdered milk, toilet paper, are always in need. Please do not attach receipts to formula or diapers.
- ❖ Please check to make sure the food is not spoiled or out of date.



Get Together Planned!

The Good Shepherd Unit of Women of the ELCA (WELCA) will meet on Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30 pm, at the home of Marie Wertman, 38 Dowling Rd, Albany, New York, 12205. This will be a social gathering with some light snacks, fun and conversation. Nine women have already signed up, and there is room for more!

You do not need to be a member of WELCA to participate. We will have a brief discussion about our plans to support Cornerstone Campus Ministries this year and our plans to sponsor a dinner and an activity for the students on December 3. All other items of business will be referred to our Program Planning Committee.

Please let Marie know if you will be able to attend. She can be reached at 518-221-6264 or by e-mail at Marie.Wertman@AmericanNational.com.

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.

Worship and Music Corner

Acolyte Training is coming! Pastor Chilton is coordinating with families who expressed interest in acolyte training to find a good time. Reach out to him ASAP if you're interested and not already contacted. We are hoping to introduce having a **crucifer** weekly to lead us into worship and into the world following the cross. If this sounds like something you'd like to do, call or text Pastor Chilton (518-285-0441)



Our **Eucharistic Visitation Team** would love to expand. We have a small group of people who bring communion and a kind ear to ill and homebound members about once a month. Please prayerfully consider joining this group and signup in the narthex or speak to Pastor Chilton, Dick Walker, Betty Suarez, or Bertie Cole.

July & August Worship Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person</u>	<u>Zoom</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>In-Person</u>	<u>Zoom</u>	<u>Total</u>
7/7	23	3	26	8/4	18	0	18
7/14	31	1	32	8/11	57 <i>Worship in the Park with FLC</i>		
7/21	26	0	26	8/18	33	0	33
7/28	30	0	30	8/25	30	5	35

Fundraising Team

Unfortunately, summer is coming to a close! This is a reminder that there is a meeting of the Fund-Raising Team scheduled for **Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM.** Many upcoming events are being planned! Please attend as all are welcome! Bring your ideas with you!

We are coming into our busy season for Fundraising for Good Shepherd! And anyone who is interested in helping with either baking or manning the events, please jump on board. All are welcome!

A “Got Sneakers?” drive will once again be held on **September 14, 2024** from 9 AM to 1 PM. Anyone who has any sneakers to donate please bring them in and spread the word to your neighbors and friends. This is an ongoing event and does very well with bringing in funds thanks to Nancy and Mike Serge.

It should be noted that the September Chicken Parmesan dinner has been cancelled. However, it has been replaced with a Chicken and Biscuits Dinner on **Saturday, September 28, 2024.** Danny Patick and Marie Wertman will chair this event. We are hoping to once again have music played during the dinner. Anyone who is interested in helping can contact them.

The next event is the Election Primary Day Bake Sale which will be held on **November 5, 2024.** Due to this being a presidential election, it is felt that it will be a very timely and successful event. We will be looking for more volunteers to help man the tables, etc. And as always, any donations of baked goods by our expert bakers will be greatly appreciated.

The Holiday Boutique will be held on **November 23, 2024** and the first planning meeting will be announced soon. Once again, we will have vendor booths, a silent auction, a bake sale, as well as some crafts available for sale. This is always a great event and does very well.

WELCA will once again sponsor the WELCA Cookie Walk on December 14, 2024 and Marie Wertman has agreed to chair that event as well. *As always, we will once again need our bakers!*

So far this year, our hard work with the events has brought in a total of \$5542.15!

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy and Steve Layne

Ongoing Fundraisers



Bring cans and bottles to church or take a bag home from the Narthex. The barcode on the bag connects to our account to get credit. If you are not familiar with Clynk, an instruction sheet is available as well.



Get your carwash tickets or print an order form to take to your friends & coworkers: <https://www.hoffmanhelpinghands.com/fundraiser.cfm?id=28712>

Got Sneakers? Sneaker Collection

Community Dropoff: September 14, 9am – 1pm
Bring excellent to fair condition athletic sneakers to GSLC. Must have insoles and shoelaces, and only athletic sneakers. Questions: contact Nancy Serge at 518-542-8808.

Clothing Recycling Bin

American Clothing Recycling has a Clothing Bin in our parking lot just waiting for your clothing donations. We receive 5 cents per pound for of donations from our bin, which we can then use for our various ministries.

Upcoming Events

September 28	Chicken & Biscuits Dinner
October 26	Community Halloween Party
November 5	Election Day Bake Sale
November 23	Holiday Boutique
December 14	Cookie Walk

Financial News

Financial Report for July 2024		
	July	YTD
Expenses	\$10,174.69	\$71,610.53
Revenue	\$10,207.19	\$69,022.67
Surplus +		
Deficit -		-\$2,587.86

Online giving

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



American Red Cross Blood Drive!



Good Shepherd's American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on **Wed., Oct. 2nd from 1:30 to 6:00 PM**. Currently the Red Cross has a limited blood supply, so we are encouraging participation from as many donors as possible. Anyone 18 years of age or older in good health is eligible to donate. 17-year-olds with parental permission are also eligible. Rapid Pass can be completed on your phone or computer on the day of donation before coming to the drive which saves you time. If you have any questions or wish to sign up contact Jeannette Harting at 518-423-0333.

Technology Team

We now have the shared workstation up and running which will alleviate authorized personnel from using Kathy's computer.

There have been some issues with the microphones during the Sunday service, so we have had the company "Mood" come in to help us troubleshoot. We also purchased a new headset microphone for the presiding minister to see if that will help with the issues.

I would like to thank Maryanne Sangiacomo, Marie Wertman, Emmie Knobloch and Elizabeth Strohbeck for the Zoom rotation every Sunday and all the help troubleshooting the microphone issues.

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.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Layne



Holiday Boutique

Save the Date for our Holiday Boutique - November 23, 2024!

Mark your calendar and plan to attend Good Shepherd's Holiday Boutique on November 23, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Boutique will feature a Vendor Craft Fair, a Pie and Bake Sale, a selection of new and "previously loved" items for holiday gifts, a "Share the Wealth" (50/50) drawing, and a Silent Auction with a variety of gifts, gift baskets and gift certificates. Soup, subs and soda will be available for dining in and take-out. Watch the midweek message for details. To volunteer or to request more information, contact Nancy Layne at 518-727-1408 or Marjorie Raymond at 518-424-6043.

Many thanks to our worship servers & volunteers!

September 1

Opener	Emmie Knobloch
Greeter	Dick Walker
Usher	Marc Kleinhenz
Lay Reader	Sean Brown
Communion Assistant	Dick Walker
AV Tech	Maryanne Sangiacomo
Closer	Atif Dean

September 8

Opener	Bill Wiegert
Greeter	Vicky Gizzi
Usher	Bill Wiegert
Lay Reader	Gail Koser
Communion Assistant	Kathy Westerholt
AV Tech	Emmie Knobloch
Closer	Steve Layne

September 15

Opener	Patti Kopach
Greeter	Marjorie Raymond
Usher	Danny Patrick
Lay Reader	Meg Winters
Communion Assistant	Bertie Cole
AV Tech	Elizabeth Stroheck
Closer	Danny Patrick

September 22

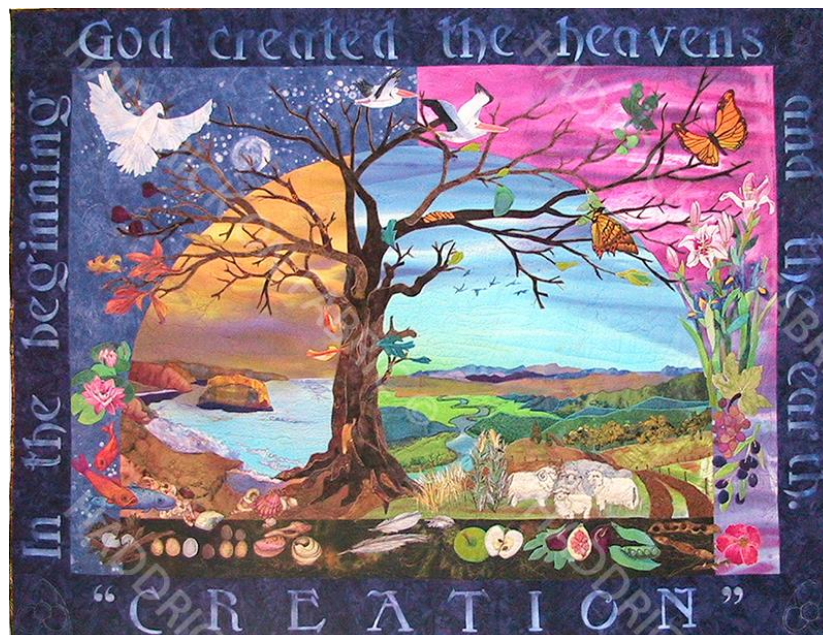
Opener	Kathy Ingalls
Greeter	Kathy Ingalls
Usher	Rob Beach
Lay Reader	Mike Serge
Communion Assistant	Patti Kopach
AV Tech	Maryanne Sangiacomo
Closer	Meg Winters

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.

September 29

Opener	Marie Wertman
Greeter	Vicki LaFrank
Usher	Mike Serge
Lay Reader	Susan Spofford
Communion Assistant	Paul Spofford
AV Tech	Maryanne Sangiacomo
Closer	Mike Serge



Around town...



Activities of interest hosted by friends in ALT and beyond.

First Lutheran's Book Club is reading *Creation Crisis Preaching* by Leah Schade. Book Club meets on Zoom (<http://FirstLutheranAlbany.org/zoom>) on Monday, September 23rd, at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to join. Email Pastor Chilton (lowell@FirstLutheranAlbany.org) to let him know you're planning to attend.

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit and St. John's Lutheran Church invite you to **Faith on Tap**—good conversation about faith and life and delicious local brews (soft drinks also available)—at the Warbler Brewery (155 Delaware Ave., Delmar) on Wednesday, September 4, at 6:30 p.m. *BYO dinner from a local restaurant (there are three in the same strip as Warbler)*

Borderland | The Line Within Screening - September 22 at Westminster Presbyterian. **Capital District Border Watch** will be screening a recent documentary, **Borderland | The Line Within**, a film that exposes the profitable business of migrant detention, and the terrible toll it takes on the lives of those living in fear of being caught in the detention apparatus. Sunday, September 22 at 4:30. Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut Street, Albany. Admission is free.

Evangelical Lutheran Church Poestenkill (772 NY Highway 351, Poestenkill) is holding a **Chicken BBQ on October 5, 2024, 4:30 – 6 PM**. Each dinner includes ½ a chicken, baked potato, green beans, homemade coleslaw, cranberry sauce, a roll, and homemade apple or pumpkin pie, *all for only \$17*. Take-out only and reservations are strongly encouraged. Call 518-283-1447 to reserve your dinner.

Pastor Kate Drefke will lead a discussion on the draft [ELCA Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith](#) at 12:30 pm on **September 15** at Faith Lutheran Church (50 Leversee Rd. Troy).

September - October Collection

Paper products (plates, cups, bowls, paper towels, and toilet tissue) and laundry detergent for the **CACC Emergency Overflow Shelter.**



The CACC Emergency Homeless Overflow Shelter is getting ready to open in their new home and welcome guests this winter. Through September and October, ALT churches are collecting paper products (10" paper plates, 6 oz and 8 oz hot and cold cups, bowls, paper towels, and toilet tissue) and laundry detergent to get them stocked up and ready to open. Drop items off at your congregation and we'll get them to the shelter!

You may also purchase any of these items from Amazon and ship to First Lutheran (646 State Street, Albany, NY 12203) or drop them off at GSLC. You can also make a monetary donation marked "shelter supplies" and we'll get it to the right place.

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

A PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

LORD, ON THIS LABOR DAY,
WE THANK YOU FOR THE BLESSING OF WORK.
WE ASK FOR THE STRENGTH TO COMPLETE EACH DAY.
WE ASK FOR REST FOR WHEN WE ARE WEARY.
WE ASK FOR YOUR GUIDANCE
FOR EVERYONE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT,
AND WE ASK THAT
YOU BE WITH THOSE WHOSE FACES
WE MIGHT NEVER SEE
BUT WHO WORK TIRELESSLY EACH DAY
FOR THE GOOD OF US ALL.
AMEN.

~ September 2024 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45 Worship 9:45 Fellowship	2 Labor Day office closed	3 12:30 BR Colonie Srs. 5:30 BR GSLC+FLC Partnership Committee	4	5 8:45-9:15 Coffee & Donuts for Shaker Rd El 12-3 BR Colonie Srs	6 8:45 BR Colonie Srs	7
8 8:45 Worship Sunday School Resumes 9:45 Fellowship	9 9 am Tovah Kitchen 6:30 pm BR Church Council	10 12:30 BR Colonie Srs. 6:30 BR Fundraising Team	11 6:30 pm WELCA @ M. Wertman's	12 12-3 BR Colonie Srs	13 8:45 BR Colonie Srs	14 9am-1pm Sneaker Drop-Off
15 8:45 Worship 9:45 Fellowship 12:30 Prayer Walk @ The Crossings	16	17 12:30 BR Colonie Srs.	18 October Newsletter Deadline	19 12-3 BR Colonie Srs 4:00 Drama Kids	20 8:45 BR Colonie Srs	21 5-9 pm FH Private event
22 8:45 Worship 9:45 Fellowship	23	24 12:30 BR Colonie Srs.	25 9:00 FH Colonie Sr Board 7pm Library Property Comm	26 12-3 BR Colonie Srs 4:00 Drama Kids	27 8:45 BR Colonie Srs	28 4-6 pm FH Chicken & Biscuit Dinner
29 8:45 Worship 9:45 Fellowship	30					