

December 2024 + January 2025

Good Shepherd Newsletter

Cookie Walk ✦ Longest Night ✦ Christmas Eve Service ✦ Breakfast with the Wisemen ✦ Annual Meeting



All Saints Sunday Joint Worship with First Lutheran and German Potluck.



God's Work. Our Hands. Project @ St. Peter's Family Health Clinic on S. Pearl St.



Choral Evensong and Pie, with the St. John's Collegium



"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

This year, as in every year, we sing for the coming of Emmanuel, God with us, as we enter Advent and expectantly watch for the incarnate Word dwelling in us and with us. As we begin worship and light the Advent Wreath this year, we reflect on ancient titles for the incarnate one for whom we wait:

- Sapientia* (Wisdom)
- Adonai* (Lord)
- Radix Jesse* (Branch of Jesse)
- Clavis David* (Key of David)
- Oriens* (Morningstar/Dayspring)
- Rex Gentium* (King of nations)
- Emmanuel* (God with us).

Since sometime in the Sixth Century, these titles have formed *antiphons*, brief sung verses sung after the main verse or hymn, sung following the Magnificat during vespers in the week before Christmas. In the modern era, they form the verses of the hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*. Each verse expresses a specific hope for the reshaping of the world brought about by God with us, Emmanuel. The recurring refrain is hope for all God’s people, for those who wrestle with God.

When we sing “ransom captive Israel,” we do not sing about the modern State of Israel, nor about persons of Jewish faith. We sing about “people who wrestle with God,” which is all of us. We sing that we who wrestle with God may be saved from the ways that turn us from God; that we may know the presence of God who dwells with us; that God will once again reveal God’s presence to us.

As we feel the anxieties and hopes of a new year, we sing for the Wisdom from on high guide us, for the Lord of Might to set straight the powerful and lift up the lowly, for God with us to be known to us all over again.

Amen, come Emmanuel.

The Rev. D. Lowell Chilton, Pastor.

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Advent and Christmas Happenings



Albany
Lutherans
Together

COMPLINE *for* ADVENT

Wednesdays at 8:00 PM

Join via Zoom:
FirstLutheranAlbany.org/Zoom

Or by phone at 929-436-2866
Meeting ID: 518-463-1326 • Passcode: 1

The ELCA congregations of Albany – First, Good Shepherd, Holy Spirit, and St. John’s – invite you to a contemplative liturgy of compline (night prayer) for Advent, a season of hopeful waiting and watching before the celebration of Christmas. Each week will include song, scripture, prayer, and a reflection on God alive in the world. Grab a copy of the worship booklet at church and join us online Wednesdays at 8 PM.

Zoom information: <http://firstlutheranalbany.org/zoom> or call 301-715-8592 or 929- 436-2866.
The meeting code is 518-463-1326, the passcode is “1”.

Cookie Walk – Saturday, December 14.

9 am until “sold out”. Open to the congregation and the community.

The WELCA group started this annual event 6 years ago. It has gotten bigger every year with us usually selling out of cookies in just a few hours. The community looks forward to this event and we get so much positive feedback from everyone who attends. This is a major fundraiser for our ministries and many volunteers are needed for this to be a success. We need help setting up the evening before, during the sale and cleaning up afterwards. Even more help is needed in getting cookie donations. We expect to sell several hundred cookies that morning.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for cookie donations. This is just to give us an idea of what to expect for the sale. For this to be a success we need a large variety of cookies. We are asking for help from everyone in the congregation if possible. This Event is not just a fund raiser for the ministries of Good Shepherd. It is also a highly anticipated event by our community neighbors. A portion of the proceeds benefits Please feel free to reach out to Marie Wertman with questions. Marie can be reached at: 518-221-6264.

Lessons & Carols Field Trip – December 17, 6:30 PM

Cathedral of All Saints, Downtown Albany.

In 1918, in the bleak days of the First World War, Kings College, Cambridge (UK), held the first Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, to shine a little light in the dreary days of that winter. It has become an annual tradition and spread around the globe. Here in Albany, the Episcopal Cathedral of All Saints holds this festival annually.

We're going to take a little field trip into Albany for this service. Either carpooling from the church or meeting there by 6:30 pm. **The service starts at 7 pm, but we definitely want to be there early. It fills up!** After the service, we'll go out for a bit of dessert or a night cap and discuss the service. Location TBD.

Blue Christmas

Vespers for the Longest Night

December 21, 2024 + 4 pm



On the longest night of the year, we gather for a quiet service that gives attention to the tender places of the holidays. This is a joint service of St. John's Lutheran Church, Albany, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Loudonville, held at Good Shepherd, Loudonville.

Christmas Pageant & Tree Trimming – December 22

This year our children's Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 22, 2024. Following the excitement of seeing our young worshipers perform their Christmas performance, fellowship will take place followed with the joy of trimming the Christmas tree in the sanctuary.

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2024 + 4 pm

Christmas Eve worship is Tuesday, December 24, at 4 pm. We gather with lots of candlelight, singing, storytelling, and Holy Communion as we proclaim the incarnation of God-with-us. *If you need a later service, First Lutheran worships at 7 pm and Evangelical Lutheran Church of Poestenkill worships at 9 pm.*

Lessons & Carols for the First Sunday of Christmas

Worship on December 29, the First Sunday of Christmas, will be a service of Lessons & Carols without communion. Pastor Chilton will be away celebrating his parent's 50th wedding anniversary and we'll have a lovely member-led service hearing the story of God's salvation and singing more of our favorite carols!

Breakfast with the Wisemen



The Outreach and Evangelism Ministry Team will be hosting a Breakfast with the Wise Men on Saturday January 11th at 9:00 a.m. for children and their families, and anyone else who would like to come. The breakfast is free and we are going to obtain a Thrivent Action Grant to help cover the cost of the breakfast. We are hoping to get the children and families from the Sunday School as well as families from the community to come and have breakfast with the wisemen. If your family is planning

on attending, please let Danny Patrick know by January 3rd or call the office with your RSVP. Also, we are looking for kitchen volunteers as well as folks to serve. Please let Danny Patrick know if you can help. We are hoping to get many families out for this breakfast.

Mitten Tree

This year we have a new and improved Mitten Tree in the narthex generously donated by Marie and Kevin Wertman. Crafters – get your knitting needles out of the closet and get started! If you are not “crafty” feel free to purchase something new. You will have the opportunity to bring in gloves, mittens, hats and scarves to hang on the tree. We will collect these items for the families that go to the Sister Maureen Joyce Food Pantry on Sheridan Avenue in Albany.

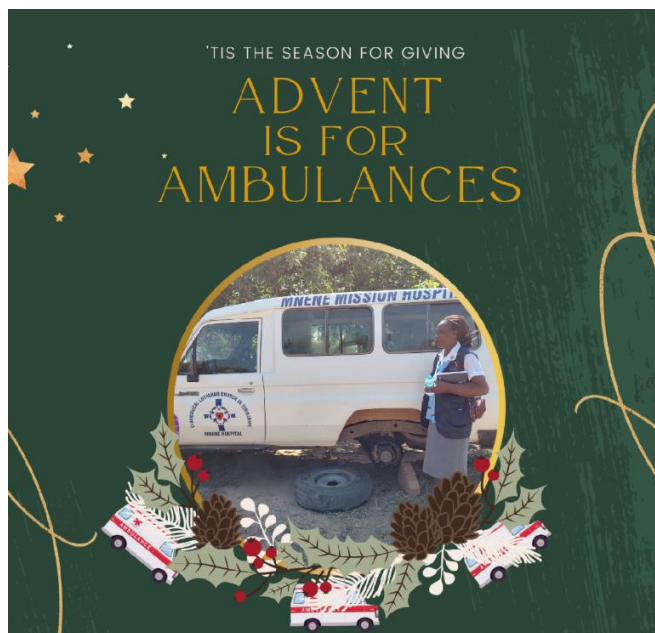
No ALT Collection for December and January

Thank you for your generosity this past year! Collectively, Albany Lutherans Together (ALT) has supported the work of ELCA World Hunger, students at Giffen Memorial & Delaware Community Schools in Albany, guests of the CACC Emergency Homeless Overflow Shelter, and global seafarers through Albany Maritime Ministry’s Christmas-at-Sea program. We are grateful for our ministry and generosity made stronger together, and we look forward to our shared Lenten appeal, beginning on Ash Wednesday (March 5).

Advent is for Ambulances

We’re joining the Synod’s "Advent is for Ambulances" Giving Challenge! Throughout the Advent and Christmas season, congregations will be raising money for new ambulances for our companion church in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe. Each ambulance is \$40,000 and we are striving to raise enough support for up to four vehicles. Your support will save lives and support the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe.

Special thanks to The Rev. Dr. Daniel and Debra Hoffman for providing a \$20,000 matching gift! Pr. Hoffman's time with our siblings in Zimbabwe transformed his life and he witnessed the work of the Lutheran Church hospitals and clinics and the necessity for these emergency vehicles. The first congregations to give \$1,000 will have their donations matched! Thank you, Pr. Dan and Debbie!



We have special designated gift envelopes at church, or just put “Ambulances” in the memo line.

Season of Creation Advocacy

Members of First Lutheran Church and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church sent letters to our elected officials on the federal, state, and local levels, urging them to support efforts to care for the creation in ways that imitate the way God cares for creation. On the federal level, we asked for continued funding of the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law as well as passing the Farms Bill. On the state level, we asked for support for the Climate Change Superfund Act and the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. On the local level, we asked for support for the Climate Smart Communities Program.

Thank you to all who, as a person of faith, participated in this campaign to fulfill a basic trust in the fundamental sufficiency of creation for humanity and for all creatures. Efforts by our elected officials will provide an acceptable quality of life for present generations without compromising that of future generations.

News from Women of the ELCA

The Good Shepherd Unit of Women of the ELCA (WELCA) took a delightful Italian themed dinner to Cornerstone Campus Ministry on December 3rd. It was a great meal and good time of prayer and fellowship with the U Albany Students.



The WELCA Christmas Party will be on December 10, with a potluck dinner and a "Re-Gift Exchange." You do not need to be a member of WELCA to attend. Please join the fun! A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the front entrance to the church. Questions? Call Marjorie Raymond, Unit Coordinator, at 518-424-6043.

WELCA's annual Cookie Walk will be on December 14. This Event is not just a fundraiser for the ministries of Good Shepherd. It is also a highly anticipated event by our community neighbors. Marie Wertman is chairing this popular event, and we need lots of cookies! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the front entrance.

The Annual Meeting for Good Shepherd's Unit of Women of the ELCA will be held on January 10 at 6:30 p.m. Watch for details.

Technology Report

We believe that our AV microphone issue has been fixed. We added two antennas in front of the monitors at the control desk. This has been tested successfully the past three Sundays. 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.

Our Hearing Loop that was installed back in June 2019 stopped working and needed to have the main unit replaced which has been completed.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025 after the worship service. Please join us as we look back on the wonderful ministry that has taken place over the past year, and the exciting new things to come in 2025!

It's hard to believe but it's already time to prepare the 2024 Annual Report.
Please send in your committee annual reports to office@gslcl.org and pastor@gslcl.org.
Deadline: Monday, January 6, 2025.

Fundraising Team Update

Well, due to all of the help from our volunteers, the Holiday Boutique was a total success and we made \$6800! And we wouldn't have been able to do it without all the help received.

And now on to December!!!! The Annual WELCA Cookie Walk is coming up on December 14, 2024! And we are hoping that we haven't tired you all out and we can count on everyone to volunteer their valuable baking skills and services again. Marie Wertman is the Chair of this event and I am sure that she has the sign-up sheets out and if not, they will be soon.

Also, as this year comes to a close, we have already begun planning for next year. We are starting to work on a Pork Dinner with the help of Marc and Chris Kleinhenz who always do a wonderful job! The projected date is January 25, 2025 and we will keep everyone updated. Watch for information in the mid-week messages and bulletin announcements.

The next meeting of the Fundraising Team will be on January 6, 2025 at 6:30 PM and will also be available on zoom! Please mark your calendars and thanks to all!

Holiday Boutique – Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Holiday Boutique on November 23! With the help of many members of our congregation, we had a very enjoyable and successful event, and we raised more than \$6800. We have donated \$700 to ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response program for "Hurricane Relief" to support those affected by the recent hurricanes. Co-chairs Nancy Layne and Marjorie Raymond are grateful to our vendors, local businesses, donors, and everyone who worked before, during and after the sale. Special thanks to the Team Leads:



- Silent Auction - Nancy Serge, Team Lead, and Laurie Pasqualino
- Pie and Bake Sale - Marie Wertman
- Soup, Subs and Soda – Chris and Marc Kleinhenz
- Share the Wealth – Colleen Ward
- Publicity – Danny Patrick

Financial News

	October	YTD
Expenses	\$8,803.87	\$100,312.64
Revenue	\$9,050.32	\$101,618.16
<u>Surplus +</u> Deficit -		\$1,305.22

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.

Stewardship

Many of the members and friends of Good Shepherd have made a financial commitment to Good Shepherd for 2025. If you would like to make a financial commitment for 2025, contact Marjorie Raymond, Financial Secretary, at 518-242-6043 or by e-mail at marjorie.raymond84@gmail.com. Financial commitment cards are available in the narthex at the church. We need your support so we can continue to do God's Work!

BECAUSE OF
GOD'S GREAT MERCY 
a stewardship program for our congregation

Making a Difference with your Financial Support

In December, there are several ways for you to make a difference with your financial contributions:

- An extra envelope is included in the set of envelopes for World Hunger. ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. [Learn More.](#)
- Christmas - Contributions received in the Christmas envelopes go to Good Shepherd's Operating Fund and are used for our many ministries.
- End-of-Year Gifts - As the year comes to a close, we kindly ask you to consider making an end of year donation. If you receive a Required Minimum Distribution from a retirement fund, you can arrange to make one-time or recurring payments to GSLC directly from your financial institution. These donations are usually not counted toward your taxable income because Good Shepherd is a qualified charitable organization.

Every contribution, no matter the size, helps Good Shepherd do God's Work within our congregation, in the community, and throughout the world. Thank you for your generosity!

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.



- 1 – Christine Kleinhenz
- 2 – Gail Koser
- 21 – Laurie Pasqualino
- 25 – Sade Miller
- 28 – Colleen Ward
- 29 – Jane Ludwin
- 31 – Joshua Pasqualino



- 1 – Dorothy Wimble
- 3 – Marvin Miller
- 4 – Brielle Johnson
- 5 – Robert Ahl
- 5 – Kennedy Wertman
- 7 - Mark Brenneman
- 14 – Kinsley Ryan
- 17 – Lena Brenneman
- 17 – Jeff Emptage
- 23 – Everett Van Sickle
- 27 – Shirley Kroll

Sunday School News



The children in Sunday School are preparing for the Christmas Pageant which will be held on December 22, 2024. It will be enjoyable for sure.

Also, please note, that there will be No Sunday School on December 22, 2024 or the following week - December 29, 2024.



Besides all this going on, we do a Bible lesson and craft with the children each week. The number of children is growing and we have so much fun. If you have children, grandchildren or others that would like to attend, please bring them on Sunday mornings.

Men's Shelter Meals

Again this year, Albany Lutherans Together will be preparing meals for the Overflow Homeless Shelter. The shelter has recently moved to The First Church in Albany located at 110 N. Pearl Street near the Palace Theatre from First Lutheran. The meal needs to be prepared for 25 people and consists of an entree, vegetable or salad, and dessert. The shelter is requesting no fish or pork, and it is not necessary to provide a salad dressing with the salad. It has worked out well when three people prepare a meal so that no one is doing the whole meal.

Please note that this year there is a delay in the opening of the shelter and the shelter will be opened on November 15th. These are the Good Shepherd dates that we need dinners for. For 2024: December 10. For 2025: January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1 and April 29.

If you would like to help with this special ministry, please speak with Danny Patrick and he can be reached at (518) 477-5355. As always thank you for your anticipated help.

Worship and Music Corner

We have been well served by David Vredenberg in November. He'll be back with us on January 5th and will be with us through the Sunday before Palm Sunday, when he is committed elsewhere annually for Holy Week and Eastertide. In December, we are joined by Mark L. Huffman. Mark has played at First Lutheran frequently over the past several years and will be with us Sundays in December and Christmas Eve. The search for a new music director continues, we are hopeful that we'll find a new music director very soon into the new year.



Funded by the generous gifts received in memory of Carol Phelps, we are making plans to refurbish the altar candlesticks and processional cross after Christmas. We'll be sending them off to Oklahoma to a church goods company that does that type of metal work, and we will have them back, luster restored, in time for Holy Week.

The Worship and Music team will meet on December 17 at 5 pm.

November Worship Attendance

<i>Date</i>	<i>In-Person</i>	<i>Zoom</i>	<i>Total</i>
11/3	73	8	81
11/10	33	3	33
11/17	38	2	40
11/24	46	5	51



Lynn Best
Steve Layne
Lou Reiss
Carolyn Wolfe
Sandi Weir
The Howland Family
Irene and Greg Coyne
Kathy Flynn

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.

Altar Flowers

There are several openings available for altar flowers for those that wish to make a donation before the end of the year. For those that have dedicated flowers throughout the year, please make sure to get your flower payment in if you haven't already. If anyone would like to make an additional donation toward the altar flowers without specifying a date, that would also be welcome, as we have had several weeks in 2024 with no sponsors. Please email lauriepasqualino@gmail.com with any questions.

Outreach and Evangelism

On Wednesday, December 11th the Outreach and Evangelism team will be outside distributing Cocoa and Cookies to our Shaker El parents as they wait in line to pick up their children from school in the afternoon. 2:30-3:00 pm



Many thanks to our worship servers & volunteers!

December 1

Opener	Kathy Ingalls
Greeter	Kathy Ingalls
Usher	Paul Spofford
Acolyte	
Lay Reader	Danny Patrick
Communion Assistant	Patti Kopach
AV Tech	Maryanne Sangiacomo
Closer	Atif Dean

December 8

Opener	Bill Wiegert
Greeter	Dick Walker
Usher	Marc Kleinhenz
Acolyte	Cameron & Charlie Rhodes
Lay Reader	Jill Brenneman
Communion Assistant	Chris Kleinhenz
AV Tech	Steve Layne
Closer	Danny Patrick

December 15

Opener	Emmie Knobloch
Greeter	Maryanne Sangiacomo
Usher	Bill Wiegert
Acolyte	Matthew Brenneman
Lay Reader	Betty Suarez
Communion Assistant	Maryanne Sangiacomo
AV Tech	Emmie Knobloch
Closer	Mike Serge

December 22

Opener	Mike Serge
Greeter	Nancy Serge
Usher	Mike Serge
Acolyte	
Communion Assistant	Kiran Dean
AV Tech	Elizabeth Strohbeck
Closer	Marjorie Raymond

CHRISTMAS EVE – December 24 @ 4 PM

Opener	Marie Wertman
Greeter	Colleen Ward
Usher	Danny Patrick
Crucifer	Cameron Rhodes
Acolytes	Charlie Rhodes & Brielle Johnson
Lay Reader	Meg Winters
Communion Assistant	Bertie Cole
AV Tech	Marie Wertman
Closer	Meg Winters

December 29 – No Communion

Opener	Patti Kopach
Greeter	Patti Kopach
Usher	Mark Silo
Readers	Patti Kopach & Marjorie Raymond
AV Tech	Steve Layne
Closer	Steve Layne

January 5

Opener	Jeannette Harting
Greeter	Jeannette Harting
Usher	Rob Beach
Acolyte	
Lay Reader	Mark Silo
Communion Assistant	Kathy Silo
AV Tech	Elizabeth Strohbeck
Closer	Rob Beach

January 12

Opener	Emmie Knobloch
Greeter	Vicky Gizzi
Usher	Dick Walker
Acolyte	
Lay Reader	Susan Spofford
Communion Assistant	Paul Spofford
AV Tech	Emmie Knobloch
Closer	Atif Dean

January 19

Opener	Kathy Ingalls
Greeter	Kathy Ingalls
Usher	Bill Wiegert
Acolyte	
Lay Reader	Patti Kopach
Communion Assistant	Nancy Serge
AV Tech	Marie Wertman
Closer	Steve Layne

January 26

Opener	Mike Serge
Greeter	Nancy Serge
Usher	Mark Silo
Acolyte	
Lay Reader	Atif Dean
Communion Assistant	Kiran Dean
AV Tech	Maryanne Sangiacomo
Closer	Mike Serge

Around town...



Activities of interest hosted by friends in ALT and beyond.

FIRST LUTHERAN BOOK CLUB

A Way Out Of No Way
A Memoir of Truth, Transformation, and the
New American Story
By Raphael Warnock

JANUARY 28 - 6 PM
JUNIOR'S BAR & GRILL
(2080 WESTERN AVE., GUILDERLAND)

First Lutheran Church

In January, we're reading *A Way Out of No Way: A Memoir of Truth, Transformation, and the New American Story* by Raphael Warnock. Senator Warnock is the Senior Pastor of Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church, once the congregation pastored by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We're meeting to discuss the book January 28th, at 6:00pm, at Juniors Bar & Grill (2080 Western Ave, Guilderland).

Beer and Carols - December 16, 5-8

Beer & Carols

Supporting the Albany Maritime Ministry
at The Warbler Brewery, Delmar, NY

Monday, December 16, 2024
5 - 8 PM

Sing your favorite carols with your friends while
enjoying delightful beer (or cider from Nine Pin
and wine from Heron Hill Winery. Non-Alcoholic
options also available)

Albany
Maritime Ministry

Join us at The Warbler Brewery in Delmar for our **Second Annual Beer and Carols** event for the Albany Maritime Ministry. We'll sing your favorite carols, enjoy tasty beers (or wine, cider, or soda), and have a great time supporting the hospitality mission of the Albany Maritime Ministry. Doors open at 5, we'll sing from 5:30 - 7:30, with a break in the middle, and the brewery closes at 8.

The Warbler sells slices of pizza from Adriano's Pizza and welcomes bringing in food from outside. There are several excellent restaurants in the same strip mall that we highly recommend.


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~ December 2024 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45 Worship 9:45 Fellowship	2	3 12:30 BR Colonie Srs. 5 pm Corner-stone dinner at SUNY	4 6:30 pm Property Team Library 8 pm ALT Compline	5 12-3 BR Colonie Srs 4:00 Drama Kids	6 8:45 BR Colonie Srs	7
8 8:45 Worship 9:45 Fellowship	9 6:30 Church Council BR	10 12:30 BR Colonie Srs. 6:30 FH WELCA Xmas Party	11 2:30 Cocoa & Cookies for Shaker Rd. Elementary. 8 pm ALT Compline	12 12-3 BR Colonie Srs 4:00 Drama Kids	13 8:45 BR Colonie Srs	14 9 am to sold-out COOKIE WALK
15 8:45 Worship 9:45 Fellowship	16	17 12:30 BR Colonie Srs. 5:00pm BR Worship & Music 6:30 pm Lessons & Carols @ Cathedral of All Saints	18 8 pm ALT Compline	19 12-3 BR Colonie Srs 4:00 Drama Kids	20 8:45 BR Colonie Srs	21 4 pm Blue Christmas – Vespers for the Longest Night
22 8:45 Worship Children’s Pageant & Tree Trimming 2-8 pm Private Party	23	24 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Service	25	26 12-3 BR Colonie Srs 4:00 Drama Kids	27 8:45 BR Colonie Srs	28
29 8:45 Lessons & Carols without Communion 9:45 Fellowship	30	31 12:30 BR Colonie Srs.				

~ January 2025 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 8:45 BR Colonie Srs	4 9 am Breakfast with the Wisemen
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26 8:45 Worship 9:45 Annual Congregation Meeting & Fellowship	27	28 12:30 BR Colonie Srs. 6pm FLC Book Club	29 9:00 FH Colonie Sr Board 7 pm Library Property Comm	30 12-3 BR Colonie Srs	31	

PORK DINNER

JANUARY 25



2024 Christmas Poinsettias

Order Form

Each 7 1/2" Pot is \$14.00

To order, complete this form below and deposit, with your check or cash, in the box provided in the narthex. If you prefer, send it to the church office.

The order deadline is December 15

(Please print clearly)

Your Name: _____

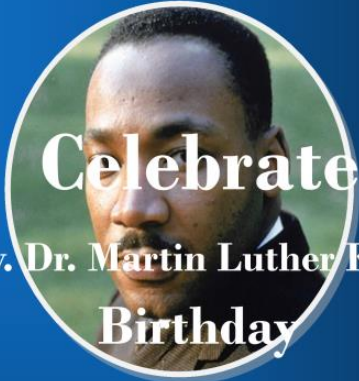
No. of Plants: ____ x \$14.00 = \$

(Make checks payable to Good Shepherd)

Please **print** the requested information below:


IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:



Celebrate
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's
Birthday

Wednesday, January 15, 2025
7:00pm
Congregation Beth Emeth
100 Academy Road ♦ Albany, NY



Sponsored by
Capital Area Council of Churches
MLK Interfaith Scholarship
Program Committee
Rev. Antonio Booth , Co-chair
Elder Andrea Ralph, Co-chair

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2024 + 4 pm



Festival Celebration Choir and
Capital Community Voices present

A Season for Song

Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Emmanuel Reformed Church
1150 Maple Hill Road
Castleton, NY 12033

Julie Panke, Director
Daniel White, Accompanist
Benjamin April, Accompanist

Admission:
General Admission - \$15
Children 12 and under - Free

