



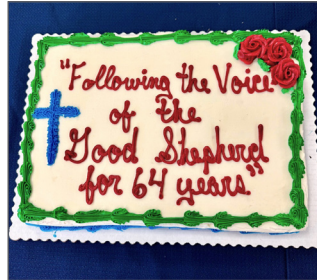
July-August 2025

A Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Loudonville, NY

VALLEYCATS + BERRY FESTIVAL + COFFEE HOUR CHURCH + SUNDAES ON SUNDAY



On May 2 we hosted a Senior Appreciation Luncheon to thank seniors who play cards and Mah Jongg at Good Shepherd, as well as the Colonie Seniors Board for supporting many of our activities and our Little Food Pantry.



On May 11 we celebrated the 4th Sunday of Easter and Good Shepherd Sunday, marking 64 years of our congregation's existence! We enjoyed special features in our liturgy and an elevated fellowship hour after worship.



On Sunday, June 8, we shared God's Love at Capital Pride. We joined with 5 other congregations to host two booths. We had face painting and a raffle, and passed out logoed pens and bookmarks proclaiming God's Love!



"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 Your Pastor



Grace to you and peace from the Author, the Word, and the Translator. Amen.

This summer is a pivotal moment in the life of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In 1988, our church was formed in the merger of three other church bodies: the American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church in America, and the

American Evangelical Lutheran Church. This was the culmination of over a century of mergers and consolidations of Lutheran church bodies across the country. Each of those predecessor church bodies brought different customs and traditions and we have been evolving together these last 37 years to live into our common mission as Lutherans together.

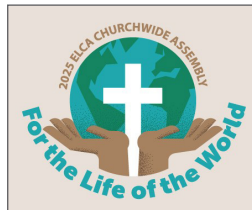
From July 28 – August 2, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly will meet in Phoenix (Good Shepherd's own Atif Dean is a voting member of the assembly!). The theme of this year's assembly is "for the life of the world," and the assembly will seriously consider how our church, the ELCA, is called to exist for the sake of others in today's world. We are the church when we exist for others, to paraphrase Bonhoeffer, and this year's assembly is happening at a pivotal moment in our nation and in our church.

The Churchwide Assembly will consider a Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith, deliberate over the report from the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church and a report from the Barna Group on Strategic Recommendations for the ELCA, and elect council members. They will also elect a new presiding bishop for the ELCA, as the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton is retiring after two terms, and a Secretary of the ELCA as Deacon Sue Rothmeyer is retiring after one term.

As I said before, this is a pivotal moment for our church. After 37 years of letting the dust settle from the formation of the ELCA, it is time for us to really be clear about who we are for today and for tomorrow, not just to coast on who we were. This is local work to do in congregations for sure, but I believe we must do this work at a Churchwide level, and I pray that this assembly takes seriously the theme of "for the life of the world" and moves us forward as a church.

As the heat of summer moves through our region, as we go to the sea or the lake or the mountains, as we gather for ball games and picnics, may we keep this assembly in our heart and in our prayers. May the Holy Spirit blow through the assembly hall in Phoenix this summer and enliven our Church for the facing of this hour. Amen.

The Rev. D. Lowell Chilton, Pastor
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Thanks to all who donated flowers for Pentecost! They were planted outside and are now beautifying our church property.

A Warm Welcome to Tonya Humphrey!



We are pleased to announce that **Tonya Humphrey** joined our staff at

Good Shepherd on Tuesday, June 3, in the role of Office Coordinator. She will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, working 10 hours per week. Her focus will be on preparing and publishing the bulletin, coordinating church communications and managing records, and other such duties as needed for the efficient operation of the church office. Tonya comes to us with a wide breadth of experience as an Administrative Assistant at Hope Lutheran Church in Troy. She will continue to work for Hope Lutheran on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Tonya has an associate's degree in Criminal Justice and additional coursework in Business/Health Information Processing Technology. She has been in the Capital Region for 23 years and currently resides in Wynantskill. Tonya has three children and one granddaughter. In her spare time, she enjoys family camping trips and water parks.

On June 29 Tonya will be with us in Worship and Fellowship to be installed as a new staff member and to meet you all. Please be sure to welcome Tonya and introduce yourself!

We are blessed by her talents and look forward to working with her!

Coffee Hour Church with Council Forum: Join us Sunday, July 13, at 8:45 am for Coffee & Q&A

Come join us for Coffee Hour Church with Council Forum on Sunday, July 13, at 8:45 am. It's like Breakfast Church, but with berries and ice cream (and a few savory bites) and without having a full-scale potluck breakfast the day after the Berry Festival. Worship in the fellowship hall with group discussion, prayer, communion, singing, and tasty food. After worship, we'll have time for Q&A with the Congregation Council.



Worship in the Park & Picnic with First on August 10

We liked the worship in the park and picnic so much last summer that we're going to do it again this summer! **Join us on Sunday, August 10, at 10:30 am but at a new location: the pavilion in Ganser-Smith Memorial Park in Menands (53 Menands Rd.).** We'll be providing hot dogs, burgers, bread, and condiments (and vegetarian options) and are asking people to bring sides and desserts. Look for a sign-up sheet as we get closer and mark your calendar now for this joint worship and fellowship with our partners at First Lutheran!



"Everybody needs places to play in and pray in, where Nature may heal and cheer and give strength to body and soul alike." ~ John Muir

Summer Nights: Poetry & Ice Cream at St. John's on July 14, 28 & August 11, 25

At its best, summer is a season of rest and joy – tapping into the ancient, sacred practice of sabbath restoration. This summer, we'll be using the poetry of Mary Oliver to help us reconnect with this dimension of summertime, savoring what she calls its "luminous sprawl of gifts." And ice cream too – obviously. **Join us on Monday nights on the St. John's patio: July 14 & 28 and August 11 & 25 at 6:45 pm for a time of reading and reflecting on poetry and scripture, prayer and song, tasty ice cream, and just being together.**

Can't make it on Monday nights? Copies of the devotional "Summer Days: A Companion to Mary Oliver's 'Devotions'" are available for pick up at church – the perfect companion for your summer travels and church away from church!



Join us for Summer Nights: Poetry & Ice Cream at St. John's: 6:45 pm on July 14 & 28 and August 11 & 25.

Celebrate Pastor Rahel Hahn's 25 Years of Ministry on July 20



Come celebrate with Pastor Rahel Hahn of Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit as she marks the 25th anniversary of her ordination on Sunday, July 20 after 10 am worship at Holy Spirit. RSVPs are requested to the Holy Spirit church office at office@holyspiritlambany.org or 518-463-6224. Please join us!

Take This Quiz to Test Your ALT IQ

Pop Quiz: Why did we worship at St. John's on June 22?

Answer: It was our first ALT: Sundays Together! Read more about it on page 5, and mark your calendars for our upcoming dates. **Our next gathering is at Good Shepherd on September 21.**



Lutheran Study Bible: Orders due July 27

Augsburg Fortress is updating the *Lutheran Study Bible* with the text of the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVue) and updated commentary and notes. We're ordering a classroom set for the library for Bible Study and you can add on to the order. **Each copy is \$30 (including shipping) and orders are due to the office by July 27.** Order yours today!

Thank You for Refreshing Pastor's Study!

While Pastor Chilton was on vacation in June, many hands contributed to a refresh of his study. **Thank you to all who helped in this effort!**



Good Shepherd Worship Attendance

Date	In-Person	Zoom	Total
May 4	43	4	47
May 11	37	0	37
May 18	43	0	43
May 25	27	4	31
June 1	32	2	34
June 8	35	3	38
June 15	25	2	27
June 29	Numbers TBA		

(Note: June 22 was at St. John's for ALT: Sundays together)

Fellowship Hosts Needed Following Worship

Our fellowship gathering following worship each week is a great time to meet and chat with your friends, families, and fellow congregants. **Please sign up to provide a snack on a Sunday that is convenient for you.** If you need more info, contact Meg Winters at megwint@gmail.com. This is such a simple, welcoming way to bring others together and encourage them to linger at church. **This seemingly “small” role has a BIG impact!**



Remember in Prayer

Always keep in prayer our friends who are Shut-Ins:

- Lynn Best
- Shirley Kroll
- Lou Reiss
- Dorothy Wimple
- Carolyn Wolfe
- Kirsten Anderson



Please keep these people in your prayers:

- Lynn Best
- Carolyn Wolfe
- Lou Reiss
- Mike Flake
- Family of Barbara Rasmussen
- Family of Jean Kaercher
- Family of Ruben Tanner



Have a prayer request?
Contact the church office at
office@gscl.org.

Continue Joining us for ALT: Sundays Together! Next Gathering on September 21 at Good Shepherd

It was such a joy to worship together with our ALT churches during Lent and Easter. To keep this energy and collaboration going and not wait until Advent to worship together again, we're trying an experiment this year.

On four Sundays through March 1, all four ALT congregations will worship together on a Sunday morning.

These will be normal Sundays, avoiding high festivals, Advent, and Lent. We're not juggling times and scheduling worship leaders from all the churches. The plan is simply this: about once a quarter, all four congregations will worship together at one congregation's location and time, and in that congregation's normal way of worshiping. The first one was held on June 22 at St. John's.

Our next ALT: Sundays Together will be September 21 at 8:45 am at Good Shepherd.

St. John's, First Lutheran, and Holy Spirit won't have worship at their building that day. All the pastors will be at Good Shepherd along with everyone else.



Mark your calendars and plan to join us for our future dates:

- **September 21:**
8:45 am at Good Shepherd
- **January 4:**
10:00 am at Holy Spirit
- **March 1:**
10:45 am at First Lutheran

We have such great worship together, let's keep that going on ALT: Sundays Together and keep growing and walking in faith as Albany Lutherans Together!



We enjoyed our time together with other ALT churches at our very first ALT: Sundays Together event held June 22 at St. John's. We had a really great turnout, and about an even attendance between the congregations.

Faith on Tap at Warbler on July 2 & August 6

St. John's and Holy Spirit invite you to join us for good conversations about faith and life, as well as delicious local brews (soft drinks available). **Our next Faith on Tap will be Wednesdays, July 2 & August 6, at 6:30 pm at Warbler Brewery** (155 Delaware Ave., Delmar). BYO dinner from a local restaurant (three in that strip mall).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July Birthdays

July 2 Kirsten Andersen
July 4 Monica Wertman
July 5 Cameron Rhodes
July 5 Carolyn Wolfe
July 6 Ralf Miller
July 7 Annabel Van Sickle
July 15 Clayton Buff
July 21 Marc Kleinhenz
July 23 Carl Phelps
July 24 Dave Ferrill
July 28 Vicky Gizzi
July 31 Lowell Chilton



August Birthdays

Aug 4 Marcia Bahan
Aug 5 James Halpin
Aug 7 Lynne Salerno
Aug 17 Robert Beach
Aug 30 Ute Buff

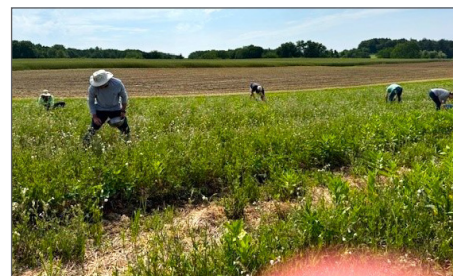


*"Don't let aging get you down.
It's too hard to get back up."*

~ John Wagner

Berry Festival: Saturday, July 12 from 4-6 pm

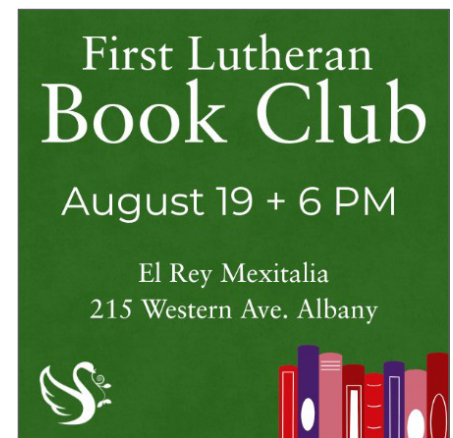
Our 19th Annual Berry Festival will be held Saturday, July 12 from 4:00-6:00 pm at Good Shepherd. We'll have strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries served with vanilla ice cream or biscuits. A free-will donation may be made at the festival to be put toward the mission and ministry of Good Shepherd. A portion of donations received will go toward the purchase of personal care items for the St. Peter's Health Partners Family Clinic on South Pearl Street. We are also accepting donations of personal care items (new men's socks, dental products, and feminine hygiene products) for the clinic at the Berry Festival. [See more detailed info about donations on page 7.](#)



Thanks to everyone who helped pick strawberries on Friday, June 13, in preparation for our Berry Festival! Names of all helpers are on page 7.

First Lutheran Book Club: August 19 @ 6:00 pm

The First Lutheran Book Club is taking a break over the summer. **Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 19, at 6:00 pm at El Rey Mexitalia.** It's located next door to First Lutheran, with parking at the church. At that meeting, we'll discuss what we've been reading and watching over the summer, and plan our books for next year. Keep your eyes and ears out for new books or scan your shelves for a classic to revisit together. If you haven't joined us before, this is an excellent time to start! Come for a tasty meal, a conversation about your summer, and help us plan next year's books. Summer is a great time to join this group!



Book Club books can always be found on the book club shelf at the Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza. Check it out! (Literally.)



Lutheran Night at the ValleyCats on July 6

Come out for Lutheran Night at the ValleyCats on Sunday, July 6, from 5-8 pm! Join with your fellow Lutherans of the Capital Region as the Tri-City ValleyCats take on the New Jersey Jackals. The game will be at the Joseph L. Bruno Stadium (80 Vandenberg Ave., Troy, NY). We have a block of group seating reserved, and individual tickets (\$11) can be purchased through the ValleyCats group ticket portal by clicking [HERE](#). The password is **sjlc** (lowercase, no spaces). Questions? Contact Pastor Josh Evans at pastorjosh@stjohnsalbany.org.



See the Movie 1946 on July 13 @ 6:30 pm

In partnership with the Pride Center of the Capital District, join us on Sunday, July 13, at 6:30 pm at Emmanuel Baptist Church (275 State St., Albany) for a screening of "1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture."

This 2022 documentary film follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. It chronicles the discovery of never-before-seen archives at Yale University which explain the misinterpretation of ancient Greek which led to the word "homosexuality" being introduced into the Bible for the first time. It features commentary from prominent scholars as well as opposing pastors, including the personal stories of the film's creators. Event is free and open to the public. **View the trailer [HERE](#).**

Parking for those with mobility limitations is available on the east side of the Emmanuel building near a ramp entrance. Additional parking options: street parking on State Street, especially towards the capitol building and across the street at Westminster Presbyterian (enter at 85 Chestnut and cross the State Street to find Emmanuel). Questions? Call Emmanuel's office at 518-465-5161 or e-mail pastorkathy@emmanuelalbany.org.

Please Note: Pr. Chilton highly recommends this film and plans to be there. We hope you can join us for an enlightening evening

AMM Sundaes on Sunday Open House: August 24

The Albany Maritime Ministry invites you to the Second Annual Sundaes on Sunday Summer Open House. **Join us on Sunday, August 24, from 1-3 pm at the William G. Hempel Seafarers' Center at the Port of Albany.** Come have ice cream, check out the Seafarers' Center, tour the port by van, see a ship (if any are in port), meet AMM's chaplains and volunteers, and learn about the life of a seafarer and how you can support this ministry of hospitality right here in Albany.



WELCA Updates: Good Shepherd Unit

Here are the latest WELCA updates:

- In August, Nancy Serge will host a “Get Together” for the Good Shepherd Unit of Women of the ELCA. Watch for details to come in the midweek message!
- Several members of our congregation are planning to attend the **WELCA Convention to be held on October 3-5, 2025**, at the Notre Dame Retreat Center in Canandaigua, New York. The convention will focus on our relationship with our indigenous sisters, especially murdered and missing Native American women. **For more info about the convention/agenda, please contact [Marjorie Raymond](#).**

Our WELCA unit is open to all the women of our congregation.

For more info about WELCA or the convention, talk with [Marjorie Raymond](#) (Unit Coordinator), [Chris Wiegert](#) (Secretary), [Colleen Ward](#) (Treasurer), or contact the church office at office@gslcl.org.



WELCA Purpose Statement

“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”

ALT Collections in July & August for Schools

Throughout July & August, **Albany Lutherans Together (ALT)** will gather items for teachers and students at **Delaware Community School and Giffen Memorial School**. If you'd like to donate items to specific classrooms, click [HERE](#).

Suggested donations include:

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

Little Food Pantry has a Big Impact on Others

Please be a blessing to neighbors in need! The Little Pantry helps with food insecurity in our community by filling it with non-perishable food items for people who are in need of food. We fill this food box on a DAILY basis, so you know there are many folks who are in need of food for themselves and their family.

These are greatly needed items:

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| • Rice | • Canned Tuna |
| • Pasta | • Canned Salmon |
| • Cereal | • Canned Stew |
| • Crackers | • Chef Boyardee |
| • Boxed Milk | • Spaghetti Sauce |
| • Rice A Roni | • Toilet Paper |
| • Dried Beans | • Dog Food |
| • Dried Soup | • Cat Food |
| • Canned Soup | • Kitty Litter |

Calling You to Contribute: Colonie Compost Program

You're invited to participate in the Town of Colonie's food scraps drop off program. Every Saturday from 9 am-1 pm at the Colonie Farmers Market at The Crossings, they set up a green tent and food scraps drop off station. In addition to reducing waste, replenishing the nutrients in our soil (and food), and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, many people have found composting food scraps to be a loving spiritual practice that puts us more in touch with the God-given cycles of life, death and rebirth.

Give it a try and reap the material and spiritual benefits of this practice! To start, all it takes is a large jar, bucket or plastic container. It does not even need a lid. You can store the food scraps in your kitchen, fridge or freezer and bring them as often as every week to the Colonie Farmers Market (580 Albany Shaker Rd., Loudonville).

They DO accept:

Fruit and vegetable scraps, cake, bread, cookies, nuts & shells, coffee grounds, egg shells.

They DO NOT accept:

Meat, dairy, seafood or pet waste. No plastics, paper goods or plastic fruit labels! Just pure food scraps.

The Colonie Farmers Market ends September 20; click [HERE](#) to learn more about it.



Blood Drive Update / Next One on October 8

In the past, our Blood Drives have collected 20-22 units of blood. **We are happy to report that 32 units of blood were collected at our latest Blood Drive on May 7.** THANK YOU for all your support and GREAT JOB! A special note of thanks to Bertie Cole, Kathy Ingall and Vicki LaFrank for helping Jeannette Harting on the day of the Blood Drive. Thanks also to Danny Patrick, Steve Layne and Marjorie Raymond for assisting her with publicizing it. **Our next Blood Drive: Wednesday, October 8, from 1:30-5:30 pm.**

Overflow Homeless Shelter Need: Washer

We received a phone call from Pam Bullock from the Overflow Homeless Shelter and they are in need of a washing machine. Pam shared that Good Shepherd has been very generous to the shelter over the years and was hoping that some of our members would be willing to contribute financially to help defray the cost of the washing machine, which is \$600. If you would like to make a donation, you can get a blue envelope for designated giving in the narthex on the table near the sanctuary entrance. **Please mark envelope "For Shelter Washing Machine."** Any amount you can contribute will be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions about this request, please speak to Danny Patrick.

A Message from Outreach and Evangelism Ministry Team

The Outreach and Evangelism and the Fundraising Ministry Teams are putting the final touches on this year's 19th Annual Berry Festival on Saturday, July 12, from 4:00-6:00 pm.

Forty-Five pounds of strawberries have been picked thanks to Nancy and Mike Serge, Chris and Bill Wiegert, Colleen Ward, and Danny Patrick. These berries have been cut up and prepared for the Berry Festival thanks to Bertie Cole, Patti Kopach, Gail Koser, Kathy Westerholt, Colleen Ward and Danny Patrick. An excellent job was done.

Please come and bring your family, friends and neighbors, and enjoy the tasty strawberries, raspberries, and blueberries over biscuits topped with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream along with some great fellowship and fun.

There will be a free will offering, and proceeds will go to the ministries of Good Shepherd. A portion of the proceeds will go for personal care items for patients and their families at the St. Peter's Family Health Center on S. Pearl St. in Albany. We are asking folks to donate an item or two when they come to the Berry Festival. Also, we received a Thrivent Action Grant for this event, which will cover some of the cost of supplies for the Berry Festival and also for the purchase of additional personal care items for the St. Peter's Family Health Center.

Suggested personal care items to donate include: toothbrushes and toothpaste for all ages, deodorant, razors (men and women), shaving cream (men), tampons, sanitary napkins, soap (bar and/or body wash), shampoo (all ages including baby) and hair conditioner (adults), baby lotion, sunscreen and hygiene wipes. **See you all at the 19th Annual Berry Festival on July 12!**

FUNDRAISING EVENTS!

Mark your calendars for our fundraisers! To sponsor an event, please contact Steve or Nancy Layne at slayne0320@gmail.com or 518-727-1410.

Special Events:

Berry Festival • Saturday, July 12 • 4-6 pm

Election Day Bake Sale • Tuesday, November 4 • 9 am until Sold Out

Holiday Boutique • Saturday, November 22 • 9 am-2 pm

Cookie Walk • Saturday, December 13 • 9 am-11 am or until Sold Out
(Cookie Walk sponsored by WELCA)

Ongoing Events:

Clynk Can Collection

Hoffman's Car Wash Tickets: [HERE!](#)



SAVE THE DATE!

Holiday Boutique
Saturday, November 22
9 am to 2 pm

(Held the Saturday before Thanksgiving)

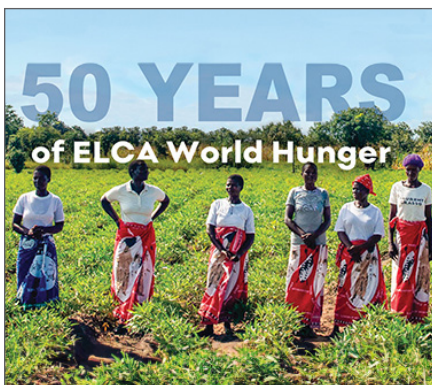


Making a Difference with Your Financial Support

In July, the set of offering envelopes includes one for Our Little Pantry. Your donations of food and money help to meet the needs of our friends and neighbors in need.

In August, an envelope is provided for World Hunger. For 50+ years, Lutherans have been addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty around the world through ELCA World Hunger. ELCA World Hunger testifies to our hope for and commitment to God's promise of a time when we will hunger and thirst no more. God calls us to respond to the needs of the world now more than ever. **Learn more by clicking [HERE](#).**

Please consider supporting these ministries with your donations, and thank you for any support you can give!



ONLINE GIVING

To securely give online with Tithe.ly, please visit www.gslcl.org/#make-donation

Please consider a recurring donation to support our ministries. Thank you!

Fundraising Report by Steve & Nancy Layne, Chairs

The Fundraising Team is continuing to work on upcoming events for 2025 and has had several meetings.

The Yard Sale was held on May 31 with an additional day of June 1 due to the incessant rain. Michelle Wiegert was the chair of this event, and with her leadership and the help of many in the congregation, it was a success and brought in an estimated amount of \$1,300. The food truck Press was a big success as well and everyone enjoyed the food. A portion of the proceeds was also sent to Blue Friday.

Our next event, the Berry Fest, will be held on July 12 from 4-6 pm and will be chaired by Danny Patrick. This is our 19th year of this event and it always goes over very well. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the St. Peter's Health Partners South End Clinic. We will also be accepting donations of new men's socks, dental products, and feminine hygiene products.

Also being discussed is another **Pork Dinner in the Fall**; again, this is an event that always goes over well.

Once again, a **Bake Sale will be held on Election Day.** That is something that is well received and people seem to look forward to it. We have firmed up the dates for the Holiday Boutique to be held on November 22 and the planning has also started for that.

The annual Cookie Walk will be on December 13. Again, this is always a big event and is always well received. We need as many of our fine bakers as possible to make additional baked goods this year!

The one continuous fundraising process is the Clynk can collection, which is very profitable for us. Clynk bags are available in the Narthex for anyone to take and either drop off at a Hannaford themselves or bring them to the church to be taken to Hannaford.

With school vacations and summer vacations beginning, the **next meeting of the Fundraising Team will be in early September.**

And as always, we need all of your help, including other ideas and sponsors of events! We are a community of many fine, talented people. Please join us in working and supporting these events as well as any others you can come up with!



We need YOUR HELP and YOUR IDEAS to help make our fundraising efforts GROW.

Please consider how you can be a part, and contact [Steve or Nancy Layne](#).

We'd love to have your input!



Congratulations to Graduate Sara Kelly

SARA KELLY graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering. During her four years at WPI, Sara worked as a TA in the ECE department and completed internships with Plug Power and Texas Instruments. During her junior year she completed her Interactive Qualifying Project (IQP) in Namibia, Africa. The IQP is a key part of WPI's project-based learning curriculum where students work in interdisciplinary teams to address real world problems. Sara's team designed an entrepreneurial mental health support model, focusing on small and medium business owners in Namibia.

In her senior year, her Major Qualifying Project (MQP) was sponsored by Honeywell Aerospace and Defense. The focus was to design a DC to DC converter for a 600W fuel cell power system for unmanned vehicles. Sara will begin a career in technical sales with Trane Technologies in Boston.



Congratulations to Graduate Rich Kleinhenz

RICH KLEINHENZ completed a 5-year (4+1) program at Rochester Institute of Technology, earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Cyber Security, graduating magna cum laude. While in his junior year he undertook a Co-op at Gould Pumps, a subsidiary of IIT international, in Seneca Falls, NY. During the beginning of his senior year, they asked him to take a full-time position. While in his senior year and during his Master's year he was completing both his school work and working full-time as a Security Operations Center (SOC) Analyst Level One.

Rich has already and plans to take additional specialized security certificates and hopes to move forward to SOC Analyst level Two shortly. His current plans are to remain in the Rochester area.

Rich would like to thank Good Shepherd for the nurturing support you all provided and the long-lasting memories of good times with the youth group and other activities.



All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten

In honor of Mrs. Goodfriend, who turned 90 on June 24 and taught hundreds of preschoolers starting in the 1960's in space at Good Shepherd, **below is excerpt from "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" by Robert Fulghum.**

All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sandpile at Sunday School.

These are things I learned:

Share everything.

Play fair.

Don't hit people.

Put things back where you found them.

Clean up your own mess.

Don't take things that aren't yours.

Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.

Wash your hands before you eat.

Flush.

Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.

Live a balanced life: learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap every afternoon.

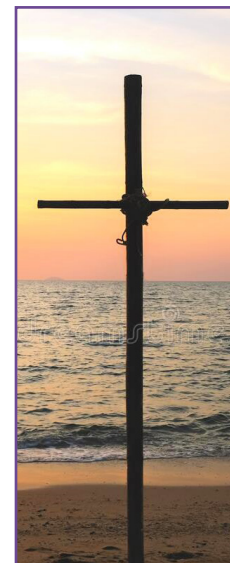
When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, stick together.

And it is still true, no matter how old you are – when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.



JULY: Worship Servers

	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Opener	Marie Wertman	Maryanne Sangiacomo	Steve Layne	Bill Wiegert
Greeter	Vicki LaFrank	Patti Kopach	Vicky Gizzi	Dick Walker
Usher	Mark Kleinhenz	Rob Beach	Mike Serge	Bill Wiegert
Acolyte	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Lay Reader	Bertie Cole	Sean Brown	Danny Patrick	Kathy Westerholt
Commun Asst	Meg Winters	Marie Wertman	Kathy Westerholt	Patti Kopach
Altar Setup	Bertie Cole	Bertie Cole	Bertie Cole	Bertie Cole
AV Tech	Marie Wertman	Steve Layne	Maryanne Sangiacomo	Elizabeth Strohbeck
Closer	Marjorie Raymond	Atif Dean	Mike Serge	Danny Patrick



AUGUST: Worship Servers

	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Opener	Emmie Knobloch	Marie Wertman	Maryanne Sangiacomo	Steve Layne	Marjorie Raymond
Greeter	Kathy Ingalls	Patti Kopach	Nancy Serge	Vicky Gizzi	Marjorie Raymond
Usher	Dick Walker	Paul Spofford	Mike Serge	Rob Beach	Bill Wiegert
Acolyte	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Lay Reader	Betty Suarez	Atif Dean	Susan Spofford	Maryanne Sangiacomo	Kathy Westerholt
Commun Asst	Kathy Westerholt	Kiran Dean	Paul Spofford	Chris Kleinhenz	Patti Kopach
Altar Setup	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
AV Tech	Emmie Knobloch	Marie Wertman	Maryanne Sangiacomo	Steve Layne	Elizabeth Strohbeck
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2025 Counters Schedule

Month	Counters
January	Chris & Bill Wiegert
February	Colleen Ward & Marjorie Raymond
March	Jeannette Harting & Meg Winters
April (Easter)	Colleen Ward & Marjorie Raymond
May	Chris & Bill Wiegert
June	Jeannette Harting & Meg Winters
July	Colleen Ward & Marjorie Raymond
August	Chris & Bill Wiegert
September	Jeannette Harting & Meg Winters
October	Chris & Bill Wiegert
November	Colleen Ward & Marjorie Raymond
December	Jeannette Harting & Meg Winters

Thank You for Making Worship
Happen at Good Shepherd!



CALENDAR: JULY-AUGUST

CS = Colonie Senior Citizens Club | Color Blue: Building Use by Outside Groups

Color Burgundy: Good Shepherd Special Events | Color Gold: ALT & Community Events

Wednesday, July 2

6:30 pm: Faith on Tap: Warbler Brewery

Thursday, July 3

12:30 pm: CS Bridge (Blue Room)

Friday, July 4 ~ Independence Day

Sunday, July 6 ~ Holiday Weekend

8:45 am: WORSHIP

9:45 am: Fellowship

5:00 pm: Lutheran Night at ValleyCats

Tuesday, July 8

12:30 pm: CS Mah Jongg (Blue Room)

Thursday, July 10

12:30 pm: CS Bridge (Blue Room)

Friday, July 11

9:00 am: CS Pinochle (Blue Room)

5:00 pm: Dance Assembly

Saturday, July 12

4:00 pm: 19th Annual Berry Festival
at Good Shepherd

Sunday, July 13

8:45 am: COFFEE HOUR WORSHIP
with Council Forum

6:30 pm: Movie: 1946 at Emmanuel
Baptist Church

Monday, July 14

6:45 pm: Summer Nights at St. John's

Tuesday, July 15

9:00 am: Tova: Kitchen

12:30 pm: CS Mah Jongg (Blue Room)

Thursday, July 17

12:30 pm: CS Bridge (Blue Room)

Friday, July 18

9:00 am: CS Pinochle (Blue Room)

Sunday, July 20

8:45 am: WORSHIP

9:45 am: Fellowship

11:00 am: Pastor Rahel Hahn's 25th
Anniversary at Holy Spirit

Monday, July 21

6:30 pm: Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 22

9:00 am: Tova: Kitchen

12:30 pm: CS Mah Jongg (Blue Room)

Thursday, July 24

12:30 pm: CS Bridge (Blue Room)

Friday, July 25

9:00 am: CS Pinochle (Blue Room)

Sunday, July 27

8:45 am: WORSHIP

9:45 am: Fellowship

Monday, July 28

6:45 pm: Summer Nights at St. John's

Tuesday, July 29

9:00 am: Tova: Kitchen

12:30 pm: CS Mah Jongg (Blue Room)

Thursday, July 31

12:30 pm: CS Bridge (Blue Room)

Sunday, August 3

8:45 am: WORSHIP

9:45 am: Fellowship

Tuesday, August 5

9:00 am: Tova: Kitchen

12:30 pm: CS Mah Jongg (Blue Room)

Wednesday, August 6

6:30 pm: Faith on Tap: Warbler Brewery

Thursday, August 7

12:30 pm: CS Bridge (Blue Room)

Friday, August 8

9:00 am: CS Pinochle (Blue Room)

Sunday, August 10

10:30 am: Worship in the Park & Picnic
with First Lutheran at Gansevoort
Mem. Park in Menands (see p. 3)

Monday, August 11

6:45 pm: Summer Nights at St. John's

Tuesday, August 12

9:00 am: Tova: Kitchen

12:30 pm: CS Mah Jongg (Blue Room)

Thursday, August 14

12:30 pm: CS Bridge (Blue Room)

Friday, August 15

9:00 am: CS Pinochle (Blue Room)

Sunday, August 17

8:45 am: WORSHIP

9:45 am: Fellowship

Tuesday, August 19

9:00 am: Tova: Kitchen

12:30 pm: CS Mah Jongg (Blue Room)

6:30 pm: First Lutheran Book Club at
El Rey Mexitalia

Thursday, August 21

12:30 pm: CS Bridge (Blue Room)

Friday, August 22

9:00 am: CS Pinochle (Blue Room)

Sunday, August 24

8:45 am: WORSHIP

9:45 am: Fellowship

1:00 pm: AMM Sundaes on Sunday
Open House: Seafarers' Center

Monday, August 25

6:45 pm: Summer Nights at St. John's

Tuesday, August 26

9:00 am: Tova: Kitchen

12:30 pm: CS Mah Jongg (Blue Room)

Wednesday, August 27

9:30 am: CS Board Meeting (Fellow Hall)

Thursday, August 28

12:30 pm: CS Bridge (Blue Room)

Friday, August 29

9:00 am: CS Pinochle (Blue Room)

Sunday, August 31 ~ Holiday Weekend

8:45 am: WORSHIP

9:45 am: Fellowship

Note: Drama Kids Camps will be
held at Good Shepherd Monday-Friday
the weeks of August 11, 18 & 25.



"I have found that the best place
to seek God is in a garden."

~ Bernard Shaw

"I hope some day to meet God,
because I want to thank Him
for the flowers." ~ Robert Brault

