

The GOOD NEWS

of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Loudonville, NY

November 2018



“Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Phil 4:4-7

During the month of November, our thoughts turn to the upcoming holiday of Thanksgiving. This holiday isn't about exchanging gifts, but rather focusses on a meal and a time of giving thanks. When you think about it, this is what we do every Sunday. We gather together around God's table to receive this free gift of grace, and we give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received. The most important blessing is Jesus Christ. This is what makes the time we gather for worship so special. It's a designated time that we stop what we are doing and focus on God, and when we do that we feel Divine deep peace. There are many situations in life that can try and pull us away from this place of peace, yet when we keep our focus on God, we can maintain that peace even in the midst of the most difficult of storms.

On Tuesday, November 20th, we will hold our Annual Prayer Vigil from 8 am – 8 pm. Please sign up for a 20 minute time slot of prayer in the sanctuary. Take time out of your busy schedules to devote to prayer. God is near. Experience God's presence and God's peace.

Blessings and Peace,

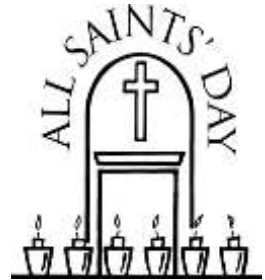
Pastor Edwina

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- **Keith Kelly** is recuperating from illness. Cards can be sent to 52 Old Birch Lane, Albany, NY 12205
- **Dorothy Wimble** is recovering from back surgery. Get well wishes may be sent to 38 Dowling Street, Albany, NY 12205
- **Maureen Behrens** is recovering from surgery. Cards may be sent to 23 Dutch Meadows Drive, Cohoes, NY 12047
- **Carol Phelps** is on the road to recovery following surgery. Cards can be sent to 812 Al Constantino Drive, Schenectady, NY 12308
- **Dick Dunn** who has just transferred to Glendale Rehab after a fall. Cards can be sent to him at Glendale Rehab (Room 248), 59 Hetcheltown Road, Schenectady, NY 12302.
- **Barbara Murray** is also at the Glendale Rehab facility. Cards can be sent to her as well at Glendale Rehab (Room 215), 59 Hetcheltown Road, Schenectady, NY 12302.

Sunday, October 4th All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday - One of the traditions of the church on All Saint's Sunday is to remember friends and family who have died over the past year. On **November 4th** here at Good Shepherd, we offer prayers of thanksgiving and remembrance and light a candle for those who have joined the saints triumphant.



**DON'T FORGET!!
EVERY VOTE
COUNTS!!!**



November Birthdays

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| 1 – Jeannette Harting | 13 – Dennis Claypool |
| 1 – Janet Crouse | 13 – Michael Crouse |
| 1 – Barbara Rasmussen | 14 – Marjorie Raymond |
| 2 – Marie Wertman | 18 – Lauren Bradley |
| 3 – Judy Ahl | 18 – Ikupa Mwandambo |
| 5 – Richard Kleinhenz | 20 – Carol Phelps |
| 6 – Gwenlyn Graham | 21 – Joyce Claypool |
| 6 – Vicki LaFrank | 21 – Patti Olsen |
| 7 – Bryce Durr | 24 – Linda LaManna |
| 12 – John McCarthy | 25 – Cassandra Halpin |
| | 29 – Barbara Emptage |



Financial Report for September 2018			
	This Month	YTD	
Expenses	\$12,580.72	\$117,731.96	
Revenue	\$13,972.35	\$113,715.47	
<u>Surplus +</u>			
Deficit -	-\$4,016.49	\$-4,016.49	

Congratulations to Betty Cadwallader who received the Senior Lifetime Achievement Award on October 10, 2018.



Don't forget to
"fall back" and
turn your clocks
back one hour!



ELCA Good Gifts – Lutheran World Hunger



Once again, we will be supporting Lutheran World Hunger during the month of November. Animal ornaments will be available to purchase (chickens, honeybees, piglets and goats). All proceeds will go to Lutheran World Hunger to help families throughout the world.

Prayer Vigil

A Prayer Vigil will be held on **Tuesday, November 20th** from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex and devotional material will be available. Please join us to thank God for all our blessings and to pray for those in need.



Veteran's Day

Did you know.....

Veteran's Day was originally known as Armistice Day, which marked the end of World War I that occurred at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month.

On **Sunday, Nov. 11th**, we will take a few moments at the end of our service to give thanks for the brave men and women who have served in the Armed Forces. If you or someone you know is a veteran, please invite them to worship services that day so we can thank them.

Confirmation Blessings



Congratulations to Lauren Bradley, Logan Rudat, and Will Quinn on their Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, October 28th. Their faith statements were a moving and inspiring witness to their faith. We appreciate the new ideas and excitement these young adults bring to our faith community.

Fall Yard Clean-Up

Don't worry. If you missed the last yard cleanup in October, you can get in on the fun on Sat., Nov. 17th at 9:00 am. Bring your rakes and other yard tools. Refreshments will be provided!



Splash/Cradle Roll News

Our next gathering is 11/10/2018 at 10:30 at the church. We will be drumming up some fun with percussion instruments to feel the good vibes of life. As this is Thanksgiving month, we will have a mini feast too. If you'd like to bring something to share that would be a blessing. All children three and under are invited and friends too!



Qi Gong Classes

Classes run every Saturday at Good Shepherd from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Qi Gong is a traditional Chinese practice that combines breathing techniques, flowing movements, stretching and meditation. It is easy to learn and accessible to all ages and fitness levels. Classes are \$15 each or \$60 for the six week package.

The sessions will be led by Maria Patrick, Certified Health Coach and Qi Gong Instructor. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and may bring a yoga mat. Registration is required and you can call or text Maria at (518) 629-5800. Email is CoreFourHC@gmail.com. Website is CoreFourHealthcoaching.com or MariaPatrickHealthCoach.com.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Everyone is welcome to join us Tuesdays from 11:am to 12:15 pm. Along with reading from the New Testament and sharing related discussions; we also reach out to others in need with prayers, cards and a personal note. Any questions or in need of a ride, please contact Carolyn Wolfe 518-977-3951.

From the Music Corner

If I had my life to live over again, I would have made a rule to read some poetry and listen to some music at least once every week.— Charles Darwin



Our fall schedule is in full swing! Choir rehearsals are Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. We welcome our newest choir members, Samantha Carey and Madalyn Wendeborn. We appreciate the musical offerings of Sunita Dean who cantored the responsorial psalms in September 2018 and Atif Dean in October 2018.

The **Children's Choir** rehearses on **Sunday's from 9:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m.** We have incorporated choir rehearsal as part of Sunday School. We are three weeks into rehearsing a choral piece that will be sung at a 10:30 a.m. service in November.

We will introduce several new choral pieces during fall and Advent. Several of you have provided lists of your favorite hymns and we continue to incorporate them into the music schedule. Please forward lists of favorite hymns to the attention of the music director's mail box at Good Shepherd Church.

If you are called to participate in our music ministry (vocal choir or instrumentalist), please speak to myself, Pastor Edwina or any of the choir members after service. You can also leave a message at the Church office.

Carl Rorie Alexandrov, Director of Music

Just Breathe: Contemplation at Good Shepherd

Road Trip?

Wherever you go, there you are...

There are many ways to meditate. Some ways tell us to not focus on our thoughts, and one way (The Examen) asks us to consciously review our day to see where God entered in. We can meditate alone, or in a group. Sometimes we are tempted to stick with one method in order to avoid upsetting our habit-loving egos. However, it can be helpful to shift our meditation practice now and then to refresh our experience.



So, this month, Just Breathe is going on a road trip...and it's free!

On November 14th, we will attend the Kristallnacht Interfaith Commemoration at SUNY Albany Downtown Campus at Page Hall **instead of our regular gathering at Good Shepherd**. The event's purpose is to unite the community against prejudice. Included in the evening program is the film "Above The Drowning Sea", which recounts the dramatic escape of European Jews to China in the lead up to World War II. **If you would like to join us, we will be car-pooling from Good Shepherd's parking lot. We will leave at 6:15 pm.** Please join us for this important and inspiring gathering. And remember...it's free!

PLEASE NOTE:

Just Breathe will meet as usual for 45 minutes or so on Wednesday November 7th and November 28th at 7PM at Good Shepherd. **We will not meet on October 31st, and November 21st, the day before Thanksgiving.** We invite you to celebrate the holiday with family and friends, and to join us on the other dates for a quiet sit and some heart felt conversation. Thank you.

Thank you.
Michael Gerrish

Men's Breakfast

The men of the church are invited to join together on the first and third Saturday of each month at 8:00am at the church. This month's meetings are November 3rd and 17th.

The men take turns cooking breakfast, and we also have pot-luck gatherings as well. The food is accompanied by great fellowship and prayer. If you would like more information, please contact Mark Kaercher (518-786-9956).



Ministry in Transition –A Few Tools for Understanding – Sat. – Nov. 10th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Scotia. Registration is required – deadline is November 5th. See poster in narthex for details on this informative conference!

Turkey Dinner – West Albany Fire Co.

The West Albany Fire Co. & Ladies Auxiliary are hosting a Turkey Dinner at 113 Sand Creek Road on Saturday, November 10th from 3-7 pm. Traditional Thanksgiving fare will be served. There will also be a 50-50 raffle and Take-Out Dinners will also be available. \$12 adults - \$9 for seniors 60+, \$6 for children ages 4-10, and free for children under 3.



Club Scientific are currently holding classes at Good Shepherd on Tuesdays from 5:30 - 6:30 PM starting on 10/16 - 11/13 entitled Engineers and Inventors. The next session starts on 11/20 and goes to 12/18 and is called Under the Sea Oceanography. To enroll your child for this class please call Cathy at (518) 479-9888. Also information is available at the church and online www.Colonie.ClubScientific.com

Church Council News

The Church Council spent some time at the October meeting to discuss the questions, “How are we living out God’s mission for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church?” and “How effective are we in our communications – both internally and externally?” We will focus our attention on these topics in the months ahead, and we will encourage the teams and committees in the congregation to do the same.

The Church Council ratified the appointments of six members of the Mutual Ministry Committee: Keith Behrens, Chris Kleinhenz, and Danny Patrick, whose terms will expire in January 2020 and Carol Phelps, Mark Kaercher, and Carolyn Wolfe, whose terms will expire in January 2021.

Both the ELCA and the Upstate New York State Synod recommend that appointments to this committee be made six to twelve months after a new pastor starts his or her ministry. Members of this committee are appointed jointly by the president and the rostered minister (See GSLC Constitution, Sections C13.04 and C13.08.) The term of office is two years, with three members to be appointed each successive year. Members are eligible for re-appointment.

The Council also approved a revised Building Use Policy and Fee Structure to replace the policy and fee structure that was adopted by the Church Council in 2001 and amended in 2005. Special thanks to the members of the Special Committee who worked on the revised policy: Dave Ferrill (Chair), Jeff Emptage, Jeannette Harting, Danny Patrick, Marie Wertman, Pastor Edwina Landry and Marjorie Raymond.

Marjorie Raymond, President
518-435-0906

Please help replenish the Building and Equipment Fund that is used for our building or “mission station”. Special envelopes are in your envelope boxes for November, in the seats in the sanctuary, and on the table in the narthex. Thank you!

News from the Senior Shepherds

The Senior Shepherds took a number of lap robes to the Veteran's Hospital. A big thank you to Janice Weiner and Marilyn Graver for donating several blankets. Once again, for Christmas we are collecting small stuffed animals for Parsons. If anyone would like to donate stuffed animals, please bring to one of the Senior Shepherds by December 1st. At our November 16th meeting, we will welcome Colburg Village Executive Director, Antoinette Wallace, to demonstrate exercises to help keep us fit. All are always welcome at our meetings!

Personnel Committee

A Personnel Committee was established by the Church Council in August 2018 to support staff, establish clear employment policies and procedures, offer assistance in hiring of new staff, make recommendations about staff salaries and provide a venue to discuss issues regarding staff and employment. Special thanks for Gail Koser who led the team that developed the roles and responsibilities for this new committee!

The committee is composed of three voting members of the congregation who have knowledge and skills in human resources. The pastor and the president serve as ex officio members of the committee, each with a vote. Members serve a three-year term and are eligible for re-appointment. To ensure staggered appointments in the first year, one member will serve one year, a second two years, and the third member will serve three years.

Congratulations to the following members who have been appointed to serve on this committee with Pastor Edwina and Marjorie Raymond:

- Marie Wertman, Chair Term ending January 2019
- Leighann Yost Term ending January 2020
- Steve Layne Term ending January 2021

WELCA



The September meeting focused on planning and business items, including a presentation by Pastor Edwina Landry about organizing a Cookie Walk fundraiser for Good Shepherd.

The event needs congregational volunteers to prepare many dozens of cookies for sale to the community and members of our congregation in time for Christmas and holiday celebrations. Each volunteer is asked to prepare a minimum of 4 to 6 dozen cookies (or more!) for the Cookie Walk. Cookie sale proceeds will be used to benefit Good Shepherd and a portion will benefit RISSE – Refugee and Immigration Support Service of Emmaus Albany chapter. The Cookie Walk fundraiser will be held on Saturday, December 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. More cookie bakers are needed! Please use the sign-up sheet posted in the narthex.

November's meeting will be the annual Christmas celebration, a pot-luck dinner and gift exchange (\$15 gift maximum). This year's celebration will be held on "Giving Tuesday" – the Tuesday following Thanksgiving – from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bring friends and join us!

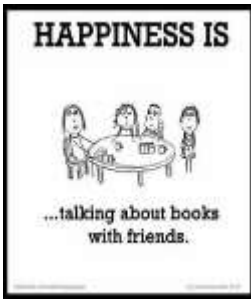
Please note: Registration is needed for most Women of the ELCA meetings and events. To register, please contact the Church Office at office@gscl.org or by calling (518)458-1562. Many thanks!

Equinox

Once again Equinox is asking for donations of individual fruit cups or applesauce for their Thanksgiving dinner. Our goal is to donate 500 cups from Good Shepherd to help those less fortunate than us to have a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. A donation table is in the narthex. The deadline is Sunday, November 18th.



New Book Club



The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, November 6th at 7:00 pm in the Blue Room. We will be discussing the book “Winter Sisters,” by Robin Oliveira. It’s a historical mystery novel set in Albany. This novel highlights the laws that have oppressed and endangered women over the centuries and encourages women to overcome them.

The author is from Albany, and lives in Seattle presently. (Note: November 6 is Election Day. We hope you will vote before or after Book Club!) Come and join us!

Thrivent Grants

Thrivent Choice Dollars – Hidden Treasure

Did you know you may have money to give to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church that you don’t even know about?

The Thrivent Choice program encourages benefit members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes an amount of its charitable grant funds. Members make this recommendation by directing Choice Dollars to enrolled nonprofit organizations, including churches. Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars can designate Good Shepherd to receive these funds, and it costs nothing to you.

Simply go online at www.Thrivent.com and look for Thrivent Dollars. If you’d rather call, you can contact our local Thrivent representative, Paula Heighton at 518-221-9472 who will be happy to help.

Check today, and see what hidden treasure might be waiting for you to share with Good Shepherd!

Faith Matters: Learning to Fall

Each of us can probably point to experiences where we felt as if we were "losing" our life ... "lying flat on the dirt floor basement of your heart," as Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor describes.



And hopefully we can celebrate the "resurrection" experiences that follow ... when we come through the other side, perhaps finding ourselves a bit wiser, compassionate, grateful, or even feeling more alive.

These falls are an unavoidable part of life and our faith journey. God is with us; yet how can we help?

Recent Sunday Faith Matters discussions suggested three ways:

1. Remember ... that we have made it through other descents
2. Relate ... learn from the stories of others
3. Belong ... receive encouragement from others, find comfort in ritual, be part of supportive communities

Our exploration of real life -- up and down and back up again -- continues during Faith Matters sessions ... Sunday mornings during the 9:15 a.m. Education Hour. Please join us. Refreshments and snacks are always plentiful.

Tithe.ly Giving – New Online Giving Option

Watch for more information in the weeks to come!



Garden News



The last of the tomatoes, basil and peppers were delivered in mid-Oct. The kale is still going strong and their flavor will improve with the frost. (Cooler weather does have some benefits). The pumpkin harvest was happily shared with our Sunday School children. Another blueberry bush and some

garlic chives have been added to our garden. We are looking for some foster homes for four rosemary plants. If you have a sunny window and room in your heart to give these fragrant darlings a good stable home, you will be rewarded with a beautiful scent that really lifts your spirits. Please call 518-221-8277 if you'd like foster one. Also interested in hearing your ideas for next year's garden.

Men's Shelter Meals

Again this year, some of the cluster churches will be preparing meals for the Overflow Shelter at First Lutheran that opens on November 1, 2018. The homemade meals are greatly appreciated by the men. The meals need to be prepared for about 25

people and consist of an entrée, vegetable or salad, and dessert. It has worked out well when three people prepare a meal so that no one is doing the whole meal. These are Good Shepherd's dates: For 2018 - November 20 and December 18. For 2019 - January 15, February 12, March 12, and April 9. For the meals in December and January we just need a dessert at this time. If you would like to help with this special ministry, please speak with Danny Patrick.

**HELP
THE
HOMELESS**

New Member Class - Sunday, November 4th from 9 -10 am.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of Good Shepherd, please come to this class to learn about our Lutheran Faith, the many ministries here at Good Shepherd, and to ask any other questions that you've been pondering. Pastor Edwina will be leading this class and is looking forward to seeing you.

Social Justice



To support First Americans, information was shared about the many contributions of their vast society at the Fellowship Hour on October 7th. Like the amazing fact that the concept the number zero was first used by the Mayans. Thank-you Amy Rudat for your input. The ELCA is asking everyone to fill out a petition for voting rights and also one for the farm bill. Petitions are available near the bulletin board. Please take a few minutes to stand up for these important issues. With the holiday season is approaching, one positive thing we can do is help lift people out of poverty by supporting the Good Gifts program. By purchasing shares of farm animals in honor of a special someone, we can be part of the change the world needs. Catalogues are available online and a special tree will be available at church in December.

As we watch the news and see one disaster after another it is overwhelming and heartbreaking to see that much devastation. Devastation that will be years away from returning to any kind of normalcy. Please consider a gift to Lutheran Disaster Response. The funds are well used and also help to make responses to future disasters well coordinated. Let us keep all the victims throughout the world in our prayers and in our actions.

“I lift up my eyes to the hills- from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” Psalm 121: 1-2 To help fight global warming, free trees are available for planting now (it is still a good time to plant). They are carbon magnets! We can all do a little something to make our world good for all. Take your pick from Elm, Dogwood, Red Bud, Maple and Lilac. Call 518- 221-8277. Lastly, thank-you for committing to the 21st of each month for Pray, Fast and Act. It is not always possible to be at rallies or support events that we would like to, but it is good to take it all before God in quiet meditation.



Stewardship

When you hear the word stewardship what is the first thing you think of? For many people that word is money, yet that is only one aspect of stewardship. Our Stewardship Team has been emphasizing a Year Round Stewardship Approach. The large bulletin board in our Fellowship Hall

has a monthly Stewardship Theme, which is also incorporated into our Intergenerational Sunday School Program. Our stewardship theme for November is Gratitude. How are we being good stewards of our emotions, particularly gratitude? Shifting to an attitude of gratitude makes a huge difference on how we view the world and live our lives.

While stewardship is not just about money; it's an important gift that needs proper caretaking. It's important for us to be in charge of money rather than *it* possessing us. Our relationship with money is a spiritual one; it is a part of discipleship. Money is a gift that is meant to be shared. It's essential for the many ministries this congregation provides: food for the hungry, clothes for those who need them, or even purchasing animals from the Giving Tree to support families around the world. And the money that pays for utilities provides lights and heating and cooling to our building or "mission station." Our entire community benefits from this sacred space.

In the coming week you will receive a letter in the mail from the Stewardship Team asking for your 2019 financial pledge. Your pledges assist the Finance Team as they plan next year's mission plan (budget). The more we pledge, the more outreach we can provide, and the more we grow spiritually as disciples. Please prayerfully consider pledging this year for the first time or increasing your pledge so GSLC can continue God's work through our hands. Over the next few weeks, there will be bulletin inserts about stewardship. Sunday, Dec. 2nd is Commitment Sunday where you'll bring your pledges forward during our worship services. We'll celebrate together during our fellowship hour as we journey together in stewardship with faith and gratitude.

Kristallnacht Interfaith Commemoration

Wednesday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Page Hall – Univ. of Albany downtown campus
135 Western Ave. Albany, NY

Free One-Time Screening of the documentary *Abou
Sea*. “*On the eve of war, they found hope at the far
world.*”



As Hitler advanced, Jewish families sought refuge in any country that would accept them. The Chinese consul however defied the Gestapo and courageously issued visas to the refugees. Come and see this remarkable story of heroism and humanity.



COLONIE INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sponsored by Greater Colonie Clergy Council

Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018 - 3:00 p.m.

Hosted at Our Lady of Assumption Church
498 Watervliet Shaker Road Latham, NY 12110

Join people of all faith traditions as we give thanks to
God and pray for all God's people.

Offerings will benefit the North Colonie High School Food Cupboard



**If you haven't checked out Sunday School
this fall you're really missing something!**

Sunday School is for everyone! Our new "Inter-generational" Sunday School brings together children and adults to learn about God and God's love for us. We've had more children and adults participating, and everyone is really enjoying it. In September, we heard stories about our theme of faith and in October our focus was generosity, In November our theme will be gratitude and we will be hearing stories, doing crafts and playing games that will focus on that theme. Also, each week we spend some time singing with our Music Director, Carl.

Young and old, and everyone in-between, can learn so much from each other. In a recent article in the Synod's Upstate Update, Rev. Lori Kochanski, Assistant to the Bishop for Faith Formation, spoke of the value of learning theology through art. She wrote, "Some of my earliest memories of Sunday School and church are not about the Bible. I remember the crafts. The art projects. The careful art scattered about the church."

Come join us and share in the learning and fun. Sunday School or Faith & Fun Time as we now like to call it, begins at 9:15am and ends at 10:15am. If you have any questions or would like to be a part of this ministry please contact Marie Wertman, Susan Kelly or Pastor Edwina.

THANK YOU!

The Outreach and Evangelism Committee would like to thank everyone who came to the Eighth Annual Community Fun Day. We would also like to thank all of you who donated food and money to defray some of our costs for this event. Everyone who came had a great time! Big hits were the Drama Kids activities and Mary Long's children's craft table that was constantly busy throughout the whole event. It would not have been possible without the support of all of the volunteers who made this day possible and they are: Kirsten Andersen, Carol Phelps, Carl Phelps, Bertie Cole, Colleen Ward, her sisters Sharon Fowler and Susan Rudd, Stephen Layne, Marjorie Raymond, Susan Brant, Elaine Sacco, Susan Perkins, Rick Covey, Mary Long, Marilyn Graver, Jennifer Bradley, Mark Bradley, Lauren Bradley, Mike Gerrish, Dorothy Wimble, Barbara Rasmussen, and Danny Patrick. A special thanks to Pastor Landry for all of her support and help in many ways. Last, but not least, a big thanks goes out to Kathy Williams, our Administrative Assistant, who created handout materials and made numerous copies of posters and informational sheets. Thanks again and we are looking forward to next year's Community Fun Day.

Thank you to everyone who has sent get well cards. The outpouring of care and concern has been so helpful as we deal with my medical situation. I appreciate the prayers and know they will help me.
Much love – Maureen Behrens

I am so honored to receive the Hillenbrandt Scholarship for the past four years. I appreciate your continued support over the years. Looking forward to seeing you all over the holidays!
Elena Kleinhenz

As I enter my last semester, I want to thank everyone for their continued support!
Will Kleinhenz

Thank You – continued

On behalf of The Lutheran Homes Foundation, I wish to extend our most heartfelt gratitude to the members of GSLC for your generous contribution of \$750 to our organization via the Upstate New York Synod. Your gift will assist us in enhancing the quality of life for the individuals we care for and deeply care about.

Karen Anne Ostinett, Director of Funds & Volunteers

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Christmas Poinsettias** – Poinsettias can be ordered in memory of, or in honor of loved ones or special memories or events. Each 6” pot is \$11. Order forms are available in the narthex. For additional information, contact Carol Phelps 518.355.3901.
- **Cookie Walk Fundraiser** – Saturday, December 15
9 am–1 pm
- **Longest Night Service** – Thursday, December 20 at 7 pm
- **Baby Jesus Birthday Party** – Sunday, December 23
Fellowship Hour – Children sing at 10:30 am service.
- **Christmas Eve Services** – Monday, December 24
3 pm and 9 pm
- **New Member Dinner** – Saturday, December 1 at 5 pm
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- **Commitment Sunday** – Sunday, December 2

Next Newsletter Deadline: Monday, November 12

Call the Church Office at 458-1562 or e-mail office@gslcl.org if you have item(s) for publication.

All Saints Sunday – Nov. 4

New Member Class – Sunday, Nov. 4 9:00 am–10:00 am

Kristallnacht Commemoration – Wed., Nov. 14 – 7:00 pm

Page Hall – University at Albany

Fall Cleanup – Saturday, Nov. 17 at 9:00 am

New Member Sunday – Nov. 18

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service – Sunday, Nov. 18 at 3 pm

Prayer Vigil – Tuesday, Nov. 20 – 8:00 am–8:00 pm

MISSION STATEMENT

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