



April 2019

*“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” Luke 24:5*

We are more than halfway through our Lenten journey that began on Ash Wednesday. As a congregation we have encouraged participation in the 40 Day Challenge to draw closer to God through worship, faith formation, and the many spiritual practices available here at Good Shepherd and beyond. Where have you encountered God? Where have you experienced Christ?

In a couple short weeks we will enter into the holiest week of the Church year – Holy Week. At that time we will intentionally remember the suffering and death of Jesus beginning on Palm/Passion Sunday and continuing through Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. These services are the most solemn services of the Church year, and for many these are difficult services to attend. Yet these services demonstrate to us the profound love that God has for us – a love so deep that God suffered and died so that we would have eternal life.

This year on Holy Saturday we are encouraging everyone to participate in a Congregation-Wide Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil. Between 7 – 8 pm – wherever you are – please spend 30 minutes in prayer so that we as a congregation will be praying together. Contemplate on the wondrous love God has for you and for all people. Let your heart be transformed and filled with gratitude. Then join us on Easter morning to celebrate the joy of the resurrection!

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Edwina

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- **Richard Walker** and family on the death of his beloved wife Maralyn. Cards can be sent to 180 Washington Avenue Ext., Room Gold 206, Albany, NY 12203
- **Dorothy Wimble** who is still suffering with back and mobility issues. Get well wishes may be sent to 38 Dowling Street, Albany, NY 12205
- **Maureen Behrens** as she continues with treatments. Cards may be sent to 23 Dutch Meadows Drive, Cohoes, NY 12047
- **Carol Phelps** for continued health following treatments. Cards can be sent to 812 Al Constantino Drive, Schenectady, NY 12308
- **Dick Dunn** for continued health following rehab. Cards can be sent to 6026 Bane Berry Drive., Schenectady, NY 12303.
- **Barbara Murray** who is in Glendale Rehab. Cards can be sent to her at Glendale Rehab (Room 215), 59 Hetcheltown Road, Schenectady, NY 12302
- **Rev. Jo Page** on the loss of her sister Leslie. Cards may be sent to P.O. Box 5085, Albany, NY 12205



“He is Risen”

# Happy Birthday!

## April Birthdays

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| 2 - Nicholas Frohne,<br>Zachary Frohne | 22 - Dawn Girard       |
| 6 - Elizabeth Sickler                  | 24 - Elizabeth Alberti |
| 7 - Earl Redding                       | 25 - Dorthea Medina    |
| 10 - Andrea Burr                       | 26 - Emily Wrieden     |
| 15 - William Mwandambo                 | 28 - Bertie Cole       |
| 21 - Sharon Carignan                   | 30 - Julie Van Sickle  |



## **Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday – April 14th**

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Join us on Palm Sunday as we begin our service with a procession of palms and move into the reading of the passion story of Jesus. We will experience how quickly Jesus' joyful entrance into Jerusalem quickly turned into the beginning of his passion and suffering.

## The Great Three Days

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During Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday we prepare for what is known as The Great Three Days (*Triduum* in Latin). These days focus intensely on Christ's passage from death to life:

Maundy Thursday evening through Easter evening. For Christians this is the holiest week of the year. During our season of Lent we have been journeying through the wilderness through prayer, fasting, and sacrificial giving in preparation for Easter and the joy of the resurrection. Easter is so much more meaningful as we participate in these services and experience what Christ has done for us.

### **Maundy Thursday Service – Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm**

Come and celebrate Jesus' last supper with the disciples and his great commandment. *"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* John 13:34-35 This year, anyone who would like to participate in foot washing is encouraged to do so. It is a deeply humbling experience as we model Christ's example of being servants to one another.

### **Good Friday Tenebrae Service Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm**



Tenebrae is Latin for shadows. This service is one that will begin in light and grow gradually darker as candles are extinguished. This symbolizes Jesus, the Light of the World, whose light was extinguished at the time of His death on Good Friday and returned in the resurrection on Easter Sunday. This is a powerful service that will leave you feeling the depth of the love Jesus has for us through what he endured as we read his final words.

**Congregational Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil – Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – 7-8pm** - Pray – wherever you are! Please spend 30 minutes in prayer so that we, as a congregation, will be praying together. Contemplate on the wondrous love God has for you and for all people. Let your heart be transformed and filled with gratitude.

## Easter Sunday Services

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Christ is risen! He is risen! Alleluia! Everyone is welcome to join us for Easter Sunday Services as we celebrate the joy of the resurrection.

8:00 AM: Service with Holy Communion with festive music –  
No choir

10:30 AM: Service with Holy Communion with festive music  
and Choir

## Easter Breakfast

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Come join us for a potluck breakfast

**Easter Morning April 21st!** It will be

between services, from approximately 9:00am-10:00am. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. It is helpful for planning purposes if you could sign up and write what you would like to bring. We always have a great selection of goodies! This is a wonderful tradition here at Good Shepherd.



## Easter Egg Hunt

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The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** is coming! The “hunt” will take place between services (10:00am) on **Easter Sunday April 21st**.

Between now and then we are looking for people to help fill the eggs. If you are able to help please pick up a bag of plastic eggs in the narthex. Once they are filled they can be returned on or before **Palm Sunday, April 14th**. Thank you in advance for your help!



## News from the Senior Shepherds

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At our February meeting we stuffed a number of heart pillows which will be donated to area hospitals. A number of our Seniors helped with the Pork and Pancake Dinners.

Our next meeting will be April 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. Please bring a sandwich and join us. Dessert will be served.



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Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple was unable to make his presentation concerning the drug crisis on March 26, due to a schedule conflict. The March meeting was cancelled as a result.

**Tea & Talk!** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tea & Talk! will be held on **Saturday, April 27**, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. There's no speaker this year, just a great afternoon to share our time and thoughts with other women. All women of Good Shepherd, their friends, women from other congregations, and community members are invited to attend. This "afternoon tea" in the British tradition features a variety of delicious teas, finger sandwiches, fruit, and baked goods. A sign-up sheet for attendance and refreshments will be posted in the narthex in March. Teas will be provided. If you would like to assist, please contact Susan Perkins at 607-376-3485, on or before March 31.

### **Upcoming in May:**

#### **"A Call to Peace: Meeting God's People in Iran/Breaking Barriers to Peace". Rev. Sandra Mackie, presenter**

Reverend Sandra Mackie has traveled in Iran multiple times, learning more about its people than most of us know (including the fact that Iranians are Indo-European). Learn more about this country, its culture, and its people on **Saturday, May 18**, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This meeting is open to all – women, men, and children, so join us for a fascinating afternoon! Refreshments will be served. Contact the church office at (518)458-1562 to confirm your attendance.

## Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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Everyone is welcome to join us **Tuesdays** from 11am 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.

### NICKEL SOCIAL

On **Saturday June 8th** we will again be having our "**Nickel Social.**" We will begin accepting donations of new and used items in **APRIL** (please, no clothes). People can start bringing things in and leaving them in the garage. Examples: **Household** (dishes, silverware, cookware, glassware, small appliances); **Collectibles**; **Seasonal items** (Christmas, Halloween, Easter); **Tools**; **Children Items** (Games, Toys, Electronics, Stuffed Animals); **Sports Items**; **Books**; **Records, VCR Tapes, DVDs, CDs**; **Puzzles**; **Jewelry**; **Vases**; **Candles**; **Picture Frames**. If you have items and are not sure if we could use them, please ask Chris or Marc Kleinhenz. We will also be looking for donations of **gift cards** and **gift baskets** to raffle off.

### Altar Flowers

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This is a special way to remember important occasions, loved ones we have lost, and to support the church as well. After you have signed up for a particular Sunday, payment of \$18 should be placed in a flower envelope and put in the collection plate. A supply of envelopes can be found on the wall near the sign-up chart. Please be sure to include the date of the flowers on your check and on the envelope. After the 10:30 service, the flowers may be taken by those who donated them for the altar that day. If special arrangements need to be made, or if you have any questions, contact Pam Zepf.



## Looking Ahead....Crop Walk - Sunday May 5th

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The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Albany CROP HUNGER WALK (now known as the John U. Miller Memorial CROP HUNGER WALK) is scheduled for **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**. To register as a walker, register a team, or make a donation online, visit [www.cropwalk.org/albanyny](http://www.cropwalk.org/albanyny). Our congregation recruiters are Atif Dean and Elain Sacco. Contact Atif at [a18dean@gmail.com](mailto:a18dean@gmail.com) for more information.



**Council Forum** - Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am – Join us for Council Forum to meet the new Council, find out what the Council is working on, and ask any questions you may have.

## **Church Book Club**

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The Book Club will meet Tuesday, **April 2** at 7 pm in the Blue Room. We will discuss "A Weekend in Winter," by Maeve Binchy. The story takes place in Ireland and deals with relationships and hope. The author is celebrated in Ireland and has a substantial following in USA, as well. We will have refreshments, too.



**Next Newsletter Deadline: Wednesday, April 15**  
Call the Church Office at 458-1562 or e-mail [office@gsicl.org](mailto:office@gsicl.org)  
if you have item(s) for publication.

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*“Remember, we usually can't choose the music life plays for us, but we can choose how we dance to it. Make yours a beautiful memory.”*

*Author Unknown*

Choir rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. If you are able to sing Tenor or Base, we need you to join us Sunday mornings. Atif usually sings these parts solo. It would be great if we had others to sing beautiful harmonies to the soprano and alto parts. We have several new choral pieces for Easter.

We have incorporated children's choir rehearsal as part of Sunday School. We will sing during Easter. We rehearse **Sunday's from 9:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m.**

We will sing **Setting 8** during Easter.

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 mailbox 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



## **“Reimagining the Unimaginable”** (Expanding Our Image of God Through Scripture)

**Wednesday Evenings – 6:00 soup / 7:00 service**

April 3rd– First Lutheran Church  
Preacher: Rev. Lori Kochanski

April 10th – St. John’s-On-Sand-Creek  
Preacher: Rev. John Medwid

### **Worship Server Volunteers Needed**

Sign-up sheets for volunteers for worship servers are posted by the coat rack in the Narthex. No prior experience needed. Training provided.

It’s also easy to sponsor the Fellowship Hour! You don’t need to provide lunch for everyone. It’s about fellowship! Just bring some snacks to share, juice, and Half & Half for the coffee. A member of the Parish Life Committee will help with set-up and clean-up.



## American Red Cross Blood Drive

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The next Blood Drive to be held **Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:30 - 6:00 PM** at Good Shepherd. Please call or see Carol Phelps to sign up to donate.

Blood donations have been down due to the severe weather causing blood drive cancellations and many folks being affected with the flu.

Even though we have had bad weather and the flu, the need for blood never changes, surgeries continue, patients receiving chemotherapy continues and accidents continue to happen. The need is ever present. If you have never donated before maybe this is the time to consider donating. Walk ins are always welcome.



For questions please see or call **Carol Phelps 518-355-3901**.

## Earth Day

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**Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** is Earth Day. It is a day set aside to be more aware of God's creation, and the role we have in being good stewards of all that God has made. The earth needs our help.

Do something today to show your love for the earth God has made. Stop using plastic, Styrofoam, and other harmful products. Plant a tree.



## **Hold Humor Sunday**

**This year, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is having our second “Holy Humor Sunday” to celebrate the joy of the resurrection. Wear a silly hat, funny clothes, crazy socks or shoes, and get ready to continue our Easter celebration with fun and laughter!**



**What exactly is Holy Humor Sunday?** Here are some excerpts from an online source called, *The Joyful Newsletter*. “Many American churches are resurrecting an old Easter custom begun by the Greeks in the early centuries of Christianity-”Holy Humor Sunday” celebrations of Jesus' resurrection on the Sunday after Easter.

For centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant countries, the week following Easter Sunday, including “Bright Sunday” (the Sunday after Easter), was observed by the faithful as “days of joy and laughter” with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Churchgoers and pastors played practical jokes on each other, drenched each other with water, told jokes, sang, and danced.

In 1988 the Fellowship of Merry Christians began encouraging churches and prayer groups to resurrect Bright Sunday celebrations and call it “Holy Humor Sunday.”

Many churches from different traditions responded enthusiastically. Holy Humor Sunday services are bringing back large crowds to churches on a Sunday when church attendance typically drops dramatically.

**So get ready to have some fun and celebrate the resurrection!**

## Church Council News

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On Saturday, March 2nd, the Church Council held its Annual Retreat at the Pruyn House in Latham. It was a day filled with fellowship, spirit-filled discussion, idea sharing and goal setting for the year. Meeting “off-campus” allowed us to think more freely and helped to open our minds to look at our ministries and the year ahead.

Pastor Edwina led the council through an agenda which looked at the following:

- Who Are We as a Council?
- What is the Church all about?
- What is GSLC all about?
- Identifying Our Gifts, Community Gifts, Our Mission, Reaching Out
- Where Do We Go From Here?

The day was a wonderful opportunity to reflect individually and collectively. While many new ideas were shared, we also agreed that we are very blessed to have so many wonderful ministries taking place in our congregation.

Finally, the council would like to encourage you to continue the “40 Day Challenge”. This Lenten season is a wonderful time to commit to your faith and spirit journey.

Peace,  
Mark Kaercher



## Sunday School News

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During the month of April, our Intergenerational Sunday School will be focusing on stories from the Bible that relate to our monthly stewardship theme of Creation.



In conjunction with Earth Day April 22, we will focus on awareness of God's creation, and the role we have in being good stewards of all that God has made. Our Sunday School activities will revolve around the theme of creation.

We meet promptly at 9:15 on Sunday mornings, and have fifteen minutes with our wonderful Music Director, Carl, learning songs that the children and youth sing during worship services. So join us as we all grow in faith together!

If you are interested in assisting the teachers one or more Sundays per month, please contact Susan Kelly or Marie Wertman.



## Men's Breakfast

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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 **April 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**. The men take turns cooking breakfast, and we 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).

## Men's Shelter Needs

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Again this year, some of the cluster churches are preparing meals for the residents of the Overflow Shelter at First Lutheran Church in Albany. The meals need to be prepared for about 15 people and consist of an entree, 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. The food is very much appreciated by the men and staff at the shelter. It is so hard to believe that another shelter season will be coming to an end next month. We have one more meal to be prepared on April 9th. If you could help with any part of this meal please speak with Danny Patrick or give him a call. Thank you to everyone that has made meals this past year and who have delivered them as well.

## Social Ministry: March/April Cluster Collection

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The Cluster collection for March and April will be items for the St. John/St. Ann's Food Pantry that ***cannot be purchased*** with SNAP benefits (aka: food stamps). Items that are especially helpful are diapers, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, and general hygiene products like soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes and toilet paper. Other good choices are laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning products and paper towels.





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We have started a Transportation Ministry here at Good Shepherd for people who need rides to and from our worship services. If you are interested in helping in this ministry, or if you or someone you know is in need of a ride, please contact Mark Kaercher.

## Social Justice

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As we begin the inward journey of Lent, we become aware of how our actions have an outward affect on others. We striving to become a “Caring for Congregation”. We need to check our purchases and God’s green earth and the people on it. Even water in BPA free bottle has plastic in it if it has been exposed to heat or the sun. Cheaper plastic bottles should never be reused as the plastic leaches into the water. Any product that has an ingredient starting with poly- is a plastic and is going into you and our water supply where it forms micro particles that attracts bacteria. How we treat others affects their lives and what we do or do not purchase affects others. Let’s use less disposable plastic this Lent, bring reusable bags to stores, write to local officials about banning plastic bags and purchase more green products. See what a difference we can make to the beauty of God’s creation in the short span of time we have on earth. Thank you God for the beauty and rich diversity you have given us.

Please check out the national and global issues our ELCA is working on at ELCA Advocacy. If you have ideas for furthering our social justice mission or have an event you would like us to participate, please contact the Social Justice committee. With Earth Day being celebrated this month, there are many opportunities in our communities to celebrate it or just plant a tree! God’s work our hands

## Stewardship

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The Stewardship Focus for April is “Creation”. How are we good stewards of preserving all that God has created? How can we be better caretakers of the earth? How will we use Earth Day to focus on our need to make a commitment to minimize, recycle, and plant a tree or vegetable garden this year? Be sure to check out our stewardship bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

## Faith Matters: Signs of Hope

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*Spring warmth and greening are finally bursting into our days ... signs of hope.*



Spiritual writer Anne Lamott tells us that hope is abundant if we are willing to look beyond the obvious. In her latest book "Almost Everything: Notes on Hope" she writes: *"What comforts us is that, after we make ourselves crazy enough, we can let go inch by inch into just being here; every so often, briefly. There is flow everywhere in nature -- glaciers are just rivers that are moving really, really slowly -- so how could there not be flow in each of us?"*

Or perhaps more directly:  
*"If you arrive at a place in life that is miserable, it will change."*

Join us Sunday mornings during the Education Hour to share readings from the book, watch and listen to interviews with Anne, laugh at some of her latest Facebook musings ... and find abundant signs of hope in our lives.

## Just Breathe: Contemplation at Good Shepherd

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### Stuck in the Middle With...

*“Baby shark, doo doo doo doo doo doo...”*  
*Pinkfong*

I read in the NYTimes that parents of a certain age are ear-wormed by Pinkfong’s Baby Shark song.

An ear worm is a song that you can’t stop playing in your head. It’s usually one you don’t like. I apologize for “Baby Shark”-ing if it afflicts you...(FYI: my ear worm is Bohemian Rhapsody).

How is it that we often get stuck in such predicaments? Why are we susceptible to the tricks of our own monkey minds? Is there even a way out of this pickle-in-the-middle muddle? Well, yes. It’s called quieting the mind, and it starts with surrendering the self in contemplation.

How do we do it? We relax, slip off the armor we use to protect our soft spots, and take a peek at what is concealed behind our autopilot of daily habits. We seek calm and search for what is real amidst the buzz and confusion. Sometimes we find that God is stuck right in the middle with us, waiting patiently underneath that big pile of to do lists we endlessly compose in order to check things off. Done. Done. Done? Nope.

Just Breathe is a place to be a human being, not a human doing. I’m thankful for the space to practice and for companions on the journey who desire to become unstuck together. I know it sounds funny, but it feels just right.

Just Breathe meets on Monday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> during Lent and returns to regular Wednesday meetings on April 24<sup>th</sup>. We meet for 45 minutes or so at 7PM. We invite you to join us for a quiet sit and some heart felt conversation. We promise not to sing the Baby Shark song.

Thank you, and peace.  
Michael Gerrish

## Hillenbrandt Scholarships

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Applications for the 2019-2020 academic year are online at Good Shepherd's website ([www.gslcl.org](http://www.gslcl.org)).

Locate the application form in the Youth section. Necessary instructions will be located on the form. When all necessary requirements have been completed, return the applications to the church office **no later than April 5, 2018**.

## April Qi Gong

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Regularly practicing Qi Gong is a wonderful way to start the New Year! You will be burning holiday calories, boosting your metabolism, increasing your bone density, improving your balance, and enhancing your immune system.

**Join the  
"Saturday Morning Qi Gong Club"  
at 9:30 am**

*Sat., April 13, 20, 27 & Sun., April 7: 2-4 pm  
Classes are \$10*

**All classes will be held at  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
510 Albany Shaker Road, Loudonville, 12211**

Presented by Maria Patrick  
Certified Holistic Health Coach and Qi Gong Instructor

## Tithe.ly

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Our online giving is up and running! More and more people are carrying around less cash, but that no longer means you can't make a donation to our congregation. You can go to our website [www.gslcl.org](http://www.gslcl.org) via your computer or phone and make an electronic donation.

You can also download the app from the App Store on your phone – tithe.ly. It's secure and easy. Try it out today.



**Hoffman Car Wash Helping Hands Fundraiser** – Proceeds will now go to the Hillenbrandt Scholarship Fund. Tickets available from Chris Kleinhenz or online at <http://www.hoffmanhelpinghands.com/fundraiser.cfm?id=375> Exterior \$10 – Interior \$25. They make great Christmas and birthday gifts!!



**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!

# Thrivent Choice Dollars

## What did Our Thrivent Action Grants Do in 2018?

### The Kleinhenz Family

We funded a BSA Eagle scout project to create a Pocket Park along the Rails to trails recreation path between Albany and Voorheesville. This included a Picnic Table, A bike rack and a large Planter Box.

We bought a MSR SE200 Community Chlorinator that Elena will be taking with her to rural Puerto Rico. This unit will create chlorine from water and table salt and will purify enough water for 200 people for 5 years!

We funded the Nickle social supplies that were used to support the Hilibrandt Scholarship.

We purchase supplies to teach youth basic home repair skills like rewiring lamps, re-glazing windows light repairs on furniture and basic plumbing. Many of the materials were purchased from the Restore store and the Upcycled furniture was donated back to the Restore store.

We funded a BSA Eagle scout project to create storage shelving at the Overflow shelter.

We funded backpacks for School children

We purchase supplies for the Ice cream Social to fund the Hilibrandt Scholarship

We purchased food that will be used to put on 1-2 dinners at the Men's shelter. Cooked and Served by Scouts

We purchase supplies for several boxes for the Seafarers Christmas and for a local animal shelter

We bought door prizes for a cake auction run by a service fraternity to send underserved rural kids to summer camp.

## So what did yours do last year?

# DON'T LET THEM GO TO WASTE!

Join us  
Eyes Wide Open NENY, Inc.  
at our Fundraising Event

## *Providing Hope*

to help survivors of human trafficking by providing a safe place for recovery, a house where they can heal through love and supportive community, a home where victims can learn to trust again and recover from trauma, abuse and neglect.

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Friday, April 12, 2019  
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
1544 Central Avenue  
Albany, NY

Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar,  
raffles, door prize, live music  
Dress: Business casual  
Tickets: \$20.00 pp

RSVP to [info@eyeswideopennyny.org](mailto:info@eyeswideopennyny.org)  
by April 1, 2019

# **SYNOD SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY**

**SUNDAY – MAY 5, 2019**

**LEARNING TOGETHER ACROSS THE SYNOD:  
FUN WITH FAITH FORMATION**

**“IT IS THE LORD!” JOHN 21:7**

On May 5, 2019, we will join with other congregations throughout the synod in the first  
**“Learning Across the Synod Sunday.”**

We will be connected with others through use of the same materials for learning and liturgy. It will be a multigenerational time of learning through thinking and creating and playing and praying and planning for action.

The theme for the day of learning and growing is  
**“It is the Lord!”**

which is part of the Gospel we use in worship on May 5th. This synod-wide effort is part of our ongoing commitment to build relationships with God and one another. We will also be connected to others who are doing the same things in their community.

Make plans today to gather at Good Shepherd for the biggest Sunday School Day ever!



Dear Friends: The staff and patients of the Stratton VA Medical Center wish to express their sincere appreciation for your generous donation of heart pillows, puzzles and puzzle books for our Veterans. Thank you for supporting our mission to “Care for Veterans with Compassion and Excellence.”

James J. Keller Jr., Chief, Voluntary Services

## **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Supper**

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The Outreach and Evangelism Committee would like to thank all the members of the congregation who came to the 9th Annual Pancake Supper and to those of you who made monetary donations to the dinner. As a result of your wonderful generosity, we made over \$500 which will be given to the Capital Church on Vly Road in Colonie and will be earmarked to their Help Center which is a Food Pantry that is open every Thursday night from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

A real big thank you goes out to our volunteers who year after year help to make this such a smooth running dinner and we could never do this without your continuous help and dedication. The volunteers are as follow: **Bertie Cole; Neil Olsen; Carol and Carl Phelps; Betty Suarez; Maureen Behrens; Dorothy Wimble; Kirsten Andersen; Duane Hafley; Marie Wertman; Christine, Marc, and Richard Kleinhenz; Vickie LaFrank and her grandson Aiden Zajesky, and Danny Patrick. An additional thanks goes out to Pastor Landry, Kathy Williams - Administrative Assistant and Vic Riggins - Janitor for their help and assistance.** Thanks again for everything and we are looking forward to next year's 10th Annual Pancake Supper.

## **APRIL 2019**

- **Maunder Thursday Service – April 18<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm**
  - **Good Friday Service – April 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm**
- **East Sunday Services – April 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 am & 10:30 am**
- **Easter Sunday Breakfast – April 21<sup>st</sup> - 9:00-10:00 am**
  - **Easter Egg Hunt - April 21<sup>st</sup> – 10:00 am**
- **Red Cross Blood Drive – Wed., April 24<sup>th</sup> – 1:30-6:00 pm**
  - **Women of the ELCA “Tea & Talk”– April 27 – 2-4 pm**
- **Holy Humor Sunday Worship – April 28<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am & 10:30 am**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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