



May 2019

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

These are the words the women heard from the angels or messengers when they entered the tomb on that first Easter morning. They expected to find the dead body of Jesus to anoint with oils, but instead he was not there. He had told them he would rise again, but it seemed unbelievable. Yet, true to his promise, Jesus had risen. And the women went and told the other disciples this amazing miracle. At first, they too were not believed, until the other disciples saw it for themselves.

What about us? Are we still looking for Jesus among the dead, or do we live our lives in the truth of the resurrection? Christians are Easter people. The telling of this story continues through us. It began with the first disciples – the women – telling the story to the other disciples who then told others all the way up until the present day. And we don't just tell this story through words only, but through the lives we live. Living lives of hope, and joy, and love we proclaim Jesus crucified and risen. The way we treat each other, the way we have confidence and hope in the face of challenges, shows others that God can bring life out of death.

During the next fifty days until Pentecost on June 9th, how will we live our lives in the light of Easter? Let's act on the words from the angels; let's start looking for the risen Christ here among us. Open yourselves to be aware of his presence. Expect to encounter him in the least likely of places. He is truly risen and his presence is all around us. With open eyes and open hearts we will see him. The world is in need of hope and joy. Share the light of Christ. Spread the joy of Easter. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter 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

Creation Care Sunday

Earth Day was Monday, April 22nd, but that does not mean we only care about the earth on that particular day. So we have designated

Sunday, May 19th as Creation Care Sunday!

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. Our worship liturgy, and Sunday School activities will revolve around the theme of *creation*. Immediately after the 10:30am service, prior to fellowship time, we will have a blessing of our community garden. Don't miss this special day!





May Birthdays

- 2 - Daniel Churchill, Ann Howland
- 3 - Colbi Kromrey, Amber Yarter
- 6 - Danny Patrick
- 7 - Lillian Skarka, Betty Suarez
- 8 - Mark Wiegert
- 10 - Nancy Layne, Nina Long
- 12 - Charles Adams, Grace Ahl, Susan Spofford
- 14 - Kayla Bradley
- 19 - Tedi Kirker
- 20 - Nicole Ross, Joel Medina
- 21 - Paul Spofford, Eugene Hoffman, Jonathan Karr
- 22 - Harper Churchill
- 23 - Richard Walker
- 26 - Ciji Churchill
- 28 - Megan Dwire, Christopher Rudat
- 29 - Mary Long
- 30 - Nancy Endres, Gabriela Velez
- 31 - Neil Olsen Jr





Annual Shred – IT & Food Drive

Food donations welcome and will benefit the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern N.Y. **Saturday May 4th from 9 AM - 12 Noon** in the Front Parking Lot of 80 Wolf Road. This of course is a free service to all and has been undertaken by Ameriprise,

Garden News

Looking for people of all ages to help start up our garden. It has expanded from last year to include raspberries and blackberries. We are doing a no-till, square plots style planting to increase yields. More vertical gardening will also be incorporated. A planning meeting will be held Sunday, Apr 28 at 11:30 in the church fellowship hall. A planting date is set tentatively for **May 4th at 12pm.**

News from the Senior Shepherds

The Seniors donated \$109.00 to the building fund with proceeds of sale of cemetery cones. We had a successful sale at the Elks on April 13th. We will be selling cemetery cones again after the first of May.

We will have a Linus Day on May 4th from 11:00 to 2:00. We will be making fleece blankets and anyone who wants to help would be more than welcome and appreciated.

Our next meeting will be May 24th at 11:00. All are welcome!

On Saturday, **May 18 at 2 p.m.**, Rev. Sandra R. Mackie will be presenting "**A Call to Peace: Breaking Down Barriers to Peace Through Understanding**". Rev. Mackie is a Lifetime Peacemaker Award recipient from the Interfaith Center for Peace and Justice in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Her presentation will include a summary of her travels abroad, particularly meeting God's people in Iran. This event is sponsored by Good Shepherd's unit of Women of the ELCA, and all are welcome to attend. Posters and invitations are available at the church for you to share with local businesses and your family and friends. Refreshments will be provided, and a free will offering will be collected to benefit the local, synodical and national Women of the ELCA organizations. Please plan to attend!

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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.

Crop Walk - Sunday May 5th

The 39th Annual Albany CROP HUNGER WALK (now known as the John U. Miller Memorial CROP HUNGER WALK) is scheduled for **Sunday, May 5th** at First Lutheran Church. **Registration begins at 12:30 pm and the WALK begins promptly at 1:30 pm.** To register as a walker, register a team, or make a donation online, visit www.cropwalk.org/albanyny. Our congregation recruiters are Atif Dean and Elain Sacco. Contact Atif at a18dean@gmail.com or Elaine at elainersacco@gmail.com for more information or to obtain walker packets. Refreshments are served after the walk.



NICKEL SOCIAL

On **Saturday June 8th** we will again be having our **Nickel Social Raffle**. For those who don't know what this is, buy tickets to win a variety of treasures. It's a lot of fun! We will begin accepting donations of new and used items (please, no clothes). People can start bringing things in and leaving them in the garage. The back left-hand corner has been designated to store these items. Please arrange them neatly and **do not block the front area of 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. Proceeds will go to the general fund for the ongoing ministries of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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.

Bake Sale

At the same time as the Nickel Social Raffle on Saturday, June 8th we will also be holding a bake sale. Proceeds will also go to the general fund for the ongoing ministries of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. If you are willing to bake items for the bake sale please contact Marj Raymond.



Next Newsletter Deadline: Monday, May 12

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

Worship Server Volunteers Needed

Please consider being a worship server. Don't worry about doing it perfectly; God is glorified with your wiliness to serve. Training provided. Sign-up sheets for volunteers for worship servers are posted by the coat rack in the Narthex.



Altar Flowers

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.



Church Book Club

The Book Club will meet **Tuesday, May 21st at 7 pm** in the Blue Room. We will discuss "The First Eagle" by Tony Hillerman. We will have refreshments, too.



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“If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music.” —

Albert Einstein

A “shout out” to our Good Shepherd choir for providing reflective choral pieces during Lent.

Choir rehearsals continue 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. We’ve incorporated children’s choir rehearsal as part of Sunday School. Children’s choir rehearses **Sunday’s from 9:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m.**

We welcome ***Shakir Tariq***. He shares his musical gifts by playing the drums during the 10:30 services. This has added a positive energy to our music.

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

Splash Play Time



Splash Kids is starting up playgroup again. First of the year will be on **Saturday, May 4th at 10:45**. If weather permits, we will plant seeds for the garden outside. Otherwise we will meet indoors. All children 3 and under are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!

Fairly Traded – Choose Organic

"Then God said, 'I've given you every sort of seed-bearing plant on Earth. And every kind of fruit-bearing tree, given them to you for food. ... God looked over everything he had made; it was so good, so very good.'" (Genesis 1:29-30, The Message)



In a corner of the Fellowship Room you'll find a self-service cart with opportunities to learn about and purchase authentic fair trade, organic products from Equal Exchange. No need to order/buy by the case (unless you want to!) ... you can simply pick up a bag of coffee, box of tea, bar of chocolate (or three!), or a few chocolate minis. We'll be rotating product selections ... great way to try new flavors.

One thing you'll always find there is "Organic" ... a health benefit to you, to the growers (no nasty chemicals), and the planet we all share.

Equal Exchange works with farmers who care deeply for the environment, depend on the land for their livelihood and practice land stewardship through organic and biodynamic farming of diverse crops. Equal Exchange's farmer partners do not use synthetic chemicals for pest and weed control. This prevents harmful chemicals from entering the local ecosystem and water supply, which is also healthier for farmers and their families.

As an alternative, many farmers use organic material for making compost, use fertilizers and pesticides made of local and natural inputs, and use natural barriers, such as plants, to control water flow and prevent against erosion.

Equal Exchange's organic products are certified by Oregon Tilth. Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO) is an internationally recognized symbol of organic integrity. The purpose of organic certification is to ensure that the agreed upon conventions of organic agricultural systems are being practiced not only by growers, but also by all the people who handle and process organic food on its journey to the final consumer -- you!

So the products are so good, so very good.

For questions or special orders, contact Michael Gerrish (518-366-2853, mrg@whyart.com) or Carol Gerrish (518-266-0205, Carol@TransformingWork.com)

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 **May 4th and 18th**. 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).



Sunday School News

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



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 starting at 9:45 am 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.

Synod Sunday School Day

Also, on Sunday, **May 5th**, we will join with other congregations throughout the synod in the first “**Learning Across the Synod Sunday.**” The theme is based on “It Is The Lord!” John 21:7

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!

May/June Cluster Collection

Throughout May & June the Lutheran Cluster congregations will

gather items for Things of My Very Own (TOMVO), a non-profit organization, located in Schenectady that provides crisis intervention

services to children who have been

impacted by extensive abuse and/or neglect. They also provide services to children at-risk of a Child Protective Services intervention where families don't have items necessary for sustainability.



The organization works to keep children with their non-abusive family members and out of the foster care system whenever possible. The transition out of an abusive situation is often sudden and unexpected. Rarely is a child able to return home to retrieve belongings prior to the move. TOMVO recognizes the need for children to have "things of their very own," even when they are in an unfamiliar setting.

Urgent Needs: Twin Sized Sheets & Blankets, Blankets (All Sizes), and towels.

*** Clothing and Bedding in New or Gently Used Condition Please.

Always Needed: Seasonal Appropriate Clothing, Pajamas, Diapers and Wipes, Hygiene Products, Shampoo, Body Wash, etc., Toilet Paper, Baby Formula, Household Cleaning Products

Administrative Needs: Postage Stamps, Gas Cards, Copy/Printer Paper, HP 950 and 951 Officejet Ink Cartridges

Stewardship

The Stewardship Focus for May 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 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.

Danny Patrick is now the new Chair of the Stewardship Team, so get ready for some creative and fun approaches to stewardship. If you'd like to be part of this team, please contact Danny Patrick.

Social Justice



As Spring unfolds before us, it is a powerful reminder of God's plan in this Easter season. We have renewal in our hearts and rededication of God's love of all creation. It gives our daily life purpose and to walk in the light of Jesus's teachings and stand up to injustice in this world around us. Whether we feel suffering in our environment, racial inequality, gender equality, economic inequality, it is ours to pay attention to what bothers us the most and act on it. It is there that God is guiding our way. Here at Good Shepherd we continue to stand up for the environment and ask all of you reading this to reduce waste, buy chemical free products, compost, stop the use of pesticides and support local farmers. Join us for **Creation Sunday** and pray our efforts may support this world for those who will come after us.

Please check out ELCA Advocacy.org for action alerts and local events you may want support. A few to take note of are: May 7th- Moms against Gun Violence Lobby Day at the Capitol 10 am; June 29th - Albany Peace March (more info forthcoming); September 14-22 - Nonviolence Week of Action

Faith Matters: Food Theology

You are what you eat.



Food is at the center of our worship and prayer life. Think Eucharist and The Lord's Prayer.

Food is connected to our ministries and work for social justice: hunger projects, Fair Trade, caring for creation.

And it's an integral part of community celebrations and gathering. Food and hospitality are go-togethers.

Yet because food is such an ubiquitous part of our lives, we might take our daily food choices for granted, never considering how they affect the health of our world, the well-being of farmers and others in the supply chain, or maybe even our own health. Are we being good stewards of the resources God has given us?

Please join Faith Matters discussions during the Sunday Morning Education Hour as we examine the ways our food choices connect to our faith lives and our ministries. We will watch videos, read short articles, and, of course, there will be food!



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.

Just Breathe: Contemplation at Good Shepherd



Are We There Yet?

"I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member." Groucho Marx

I remember laughing when I first heard that quote from Groucho Marx. That was more than 50 years ago, but it still rings so true about the quirks of human nature: Why do we so often say no to a freely offered gift, and why do we resist resting where we belong? I don't know, but it sure bears pondering.

Christians belong to a universal club: one that is open to all, one that has "dos" instead of dues (do unto others, what would Jesus do, etc). We are accepted and joined in common bond as followers of Divine Love...what a gift! It seems too good to be true. And we wonder: will God really wait for me as I am? Will I ever get to the "there" that is Faith, Hope & Love?

Just Breathe offers a place to wonder about things like that. We meet without judgement, hear a few encouraging words, ding a bell and sit in silence. When the bell sounds again we take a few minutes share some thoughts. And, whether we echo the question posed by Paul about why we do what we don't want, or just talk about what the words we heard earlier brought up, we know that we **are** there, even if we don't always sense where "there" is. It helps to remember that, like an old Timex, God really can take a licking and keep on ticking. Amazing Grace indeed.

Just Breathe meets every Wednesday at GSLC for 45 minutes or so at 7PM. We invite you to join us for a quiet sit and some heart felt conversation. And, oh...one more thing: believe it or not Groucho also said: *"I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm going to be happy in it."*

May we all meet "there".

Thank you, and peace.

Michael Gerrish

Outreach and Evangelism

Again this year the Outreach and Evangelism Ministry Team will be overseeing the Summer Lunch Program at the Schuyler Inn in Menands every Thursday in July and August except 7/4/19. We were able to get a \$600 grant from our local Stewart's for this program which we are very grateful for.

Also, we will be providing the children with school supplies, sweat shirts, socks and underwear and we would like to fund these things with Thrivent Action Grants like we did last year. So if you are a Thrivent member and able to apply for a grant please speak to Danny Patrick or any member of Outreach and Evangelism.

We will have a complete list of food items that you can donate to the summer lunch program if you would like, in the next couple of newsletters.

Hillenbrandt Scholarships

The application deadline for Hillenbrandt Scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year was **April 5, 2018**. Thank you to those who submitted their applications.



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!!

Qi Gong

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**

*Every Saturday during the month of May
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

Attendance for March 2019			
Date	8 am	10:30am	Total
3/3/19	27	52	79
3/6/19 Ash Wed			44
3/10/17	14	23	37
3/17/19	29	44	73
3/24/19	29	62	91
3/27/19 Mid-Week			69
3/31/19	30	62	92

Financial Report for March 2019			
	This Month	YTD	
Expenses	\$12,781.69	\$41,436.26	
Revenue	\$16,960.18	\$40,690.79	
Surplus + Deficit -	\$-745.47	\$-745.47	

Tithe.ly

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.gslel.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.



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!



**The Easter flowers placed in the sanctuary on Easter
were in memory of:**

Rev. Robert Cole by the Cole, Brant & Winters families
Kathleen Seaton by Bertie Cole

Mary & George Winters by the Winters family

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Akhtar by Iftikhar & Shahnaz Dean

Mr. & Mrs. Lal Din by Iftikhar & Shahnaz Dean

Ann Marie Brant by Sue and Cliff Brant

Grace Dorothy Brant by Sue & Cliff Brant

Harriett & Floyd Fronk by Mildred Vigars

Norman & Bernice Jensen by Karen & Rick Covey, Rachel &
Samantha Carey

Jill Kohler by Karen Quinn

Barbara Pape by Maryanne Sangiacomo

Henry Pape by Mary Sangiacomo

Gigi Strohbeck by Elizabeth Strohbeck

David & Margaret Vogel by the Kleinhenz Family

Larry Kleinhenz by the Kleinhenz Family

Walter Gunther by Jeanne Gunther

Frank & Mary Kelly by the Kelly Family

Terry Pipe by the Kelly Family

Loved Ones by Vicki & Jim LaFrank

John & Gladys Ludwin by John & June Ludwin

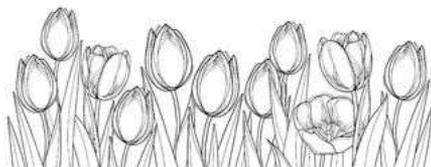
John & Mildred Konecnik by John & June Ludwin

Gepfert Family by Michelle Wiegert

Campbell, McLaughlin, Blendell & Reittinger Families by
Michelle Wiegert

Easter flowers were in memory of:

Pekka Helander by Marvin, Heta, Sade & Ralf Miller
Marion Miller by Marvin, Heta, Sade and Ralf Miller
George R. & Doris O. Perkins by Susan Perkins
Helen & Fred Hyserman by Carol & Carl Phelps
Alice & William Phelps by Carol & Carl Phelps
Loved Ones by the Pasquelino Family
Barney & Wilhelmina Wallace, Ed & Mary Middleton, Sam
Vinciguerra,
Julie Wallace, Jack & Kathleen Coughlin by Antoinette Wallace
Vinciguerra



Flower dedications were in honor of:

Their Children by the Brant Family
Bertie Cole by Her Children
Mom, Alice Hoste & Family by Carolyn Wolfe
Our Grandchildren by the Spoffords
My Family by Betty Sickler
Kyle Cappelli by Susan Perkins
My daughters, Michele & Sara by Pastor Edwina
The congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church by
Pastor Edwina
Elaine Kleinhenz by the Kleinhenz Family
Our Children by the Kleinhenz Family
Nonny & Poppy by the Kelly Family
Her Children by Bertie Cole

Church Council News

Every morning, I get up at 4:40AM to prepare for the workday. The house is quiet as I sit down to eat my breakfast. I usually use this time to check emails, read the news and check my plans for the day. But this Lenten season, I made a conscious effort to also include time for prayer. I made some prayer beads and would use those along with reading the daily article from *The Word in Season* (those little books you can find in the narthex).

While I don't consider myself to be very good at prayer, I found that this little ritual has helped frame my mind for the rest of the day. I invite you to find some quiet time (no TV, no cell phone, to computer) every day, and simply pray.

Looking ahead, the church council is working on coordinating a Ministry Fair to be held on June 9th. This will be an opportunity to showcase the many missions and committees of our church. If you are not already involved, perhaps you will learn of something that you would like to become a part of. There are many wonderful ministries that take place in our church that are rooted in our mission statement. We are blessed!

Peace,
Mark Kaercher, Council President

Our appreciation goes out to Paul Spofford who so generously spent several hours cleaning out and rearranging items in our garage. This was no easy task and we are very grateful to Paul for all he does at Good Shepherd!

Thanks also to Mark Silo for his many hours working in the yard, and for all the people who helped. Our green space is looking great!



Pork Dinner on February 24th – a Huge Success!

Thank you to everyone who supported our pork and sauerkraut dinner. After expenses \$966.09 was deposited into the operating fund.

Thank you Marilyn Graver and JoAn Walker for baking all the pies. Neil Olsen, Keith Kelly, Paul Spofford, Marc Kleinhenz and Carl Phelps for cooking. Thank you to the following folks who helped shop, peel potatoes, set up, serve, collect money, prepare take outs, designed new placemats, made or hung signs and cleaned up: Michael Kenyon, Susan Spofford, Paul Spofford, Keith Kelly, Neil Olsen, Bertie Cole, Meg Winters, Marilyn Graver, JoAn Walker, Dorothy Wimble, Vickie LaFrank, Marie Wertman, Chris Kleinhenz, Gizele Fortune, Barbara Rasmussen, Maryanne Sangiacomo, Danny Patrick, Beth Graver, Barbara Emptage, Jeff Emptage, Pastor Edwina, Vic Riggins and Kathy Williams.

We received many compliments from folks who attended from the community about the dinner and how impressed they are with how active Good Shepherd is.

Bake Sale & Senior Shepherd Craft Sale

Thank you to everyone who baked and/or purchased cakes, cookies, brownies and pies at our Bake Sale on March 30 and 31! And special thanks to Dick Dunn for designing the beautiful floral arrangements that are being sold by the Senior Shepherds. With the combined sales on the two days, we added \$670 to the Building Maintenance and Repair Fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Chicken & Biscuits Fundraiser for Breast Cancer Foundation



Thank you to the gentlemen of Troops 75 and 81 for the assistance in running the Chicken and Biscuit dinner to raise funds for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. We served over 75 meals and raised over \$1,300. The Breast Cancer Research Foundation is the highest rated Breast Cancer Research organization and does incredible work towards the ending of this cruel disease. For more information please visit their website at <https://www.bcrf.org/>

Thanks to Scout Max, Carter and our own Richard. Mason came along for a fun time helping as well. Special thanks to our visiting Chef Paul Koch, and to Joe and Chris, leaders for Troop 81 in Ravena.

All the Funding for this project was supplied by 2 Thrivent grants and from our Qi Gong Instructor Maria Patrick (join us Saturday mornings at 9:30), and Fifi's Consignment Shop.

Doing a Good Turn Daily,
Marc Kleinhenz

Overflow Homeless Shelter Thanks

It is so hard to believe but another homeless shelter season is coming to an end. A huge thanks to all of you who have provided meals for the men at the shelter and to all of the volunteers who have been at the shelter on Saturday nights during the past shelter season. The men are always very grateful for the food and state how tasty everything is, as well as appreciating the volunteers who serve them their meals on a Saturday night.

A thank you goes out to Judy LaHart for making the dessert and to Danny Patrick for doing the salad and making the entree for the March dinner. Another thanks goes out to Antoinette Vinciquerra for the entree, Susan Kelly for providing the salad and Maureen Behrens for doing the dessert for the April meal. Also thanks to John Vinciquerra for dropping Antoinette's meal off at the church. Thank you again for all your help and support in this special ministry.

Thank you from the American Red Cross

Many thanks to all who generously participated in the Blood Drive held on **Wednesday, April 24th** at Good Shepherd.



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 or were unable to donate this time, please make every effort to consider donating at the next one!. Walk ins are always welcome.

Thank you!
Carol Phelps 518-355-3901