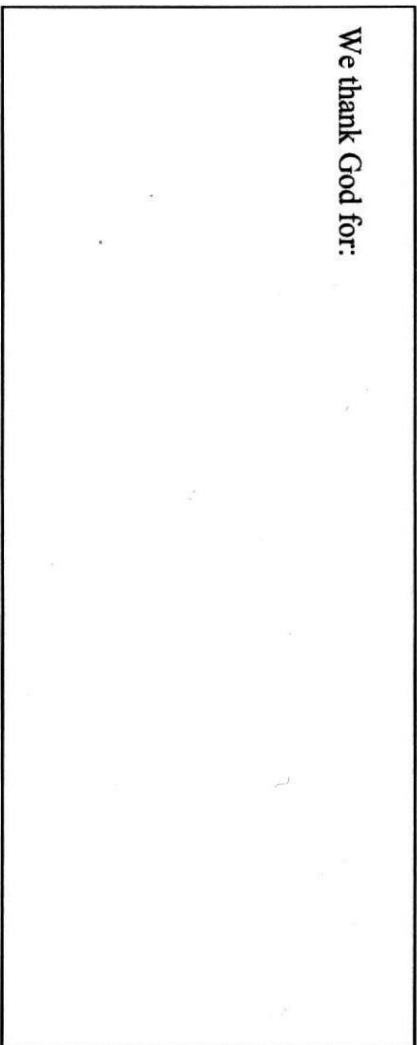


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A Message from Pastor Joyce



Continuing work with mediator, Arlen Vernava happened on Saturday, September 24th. The church council, in its annual retreat, met with Arlen at Professor Java's Café for an afternoon of work, discussion, and planning. I want to thank everyone for giving up their Saturday afternoon while we explored, participated, and learned about expanding our ability to make council decisions bringing us

to the future. Everyone worked very hard, participated fully, and came away with increased knowledge of how to make fruitful plans for the upcoming year. Thank you to Dave Ferrill who arranged our meeting site, Maryanne (council president) in planning the agenda, and everyone who attended. Now we move forward in His Name.

Update on the resignation of Carl Alexandrov as church musician. Carl has indicated he is willing to reapply as church musician at GSLCL. We will certainly entertain that application as Carl has served us very well over the years. In the meantime, when he resigned, we arranged for supply musicians for the first four weeks of October. Carl has agreed to come back on October 31 which is Reformation Sunday. We are very pleased he has agreed to do so.



November 2021 Newsletter Deadline:
Wednesday, Oct. 20th

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Gwen Graham - 6 Winners Circle #313, Albany, NY 12205.
- Betty Cadwallader - Schenectady Center for Rehab, 526 Altamont Ave., 515-B Maple, Schenectady, 12303.
- Maria Mackey - Cards can be sent to 71 Messenger Street, Apt. 1013, Plainville, MA 02672.
- Tom Flynn – 32 Lark Street, Cohoes, NY 12047
- Susan Perkins - 104 Park Place, Williamsburg, VA 23105
- Lynn Best – Daughters of Sarah, 180 Washington Ave. Ext., Room, 314, Albany, NY 12203

Don't Forget Our Homebound Members

Betty Cadwallader	Ron Lagerroos
Lydia Carbonaro	Marilyn Loecher
Gwen Graham	Maria Mackey
Bob & Ann Howland	Lou Reiss
Shirley Kroll	Joan VanApeldoorn

Hearing Loop

Upstate Hearing Loops installed a hearing loop in the sanctuary. Our hearing look allows those with hearing aids to receive the audio directly to their hearing aids. For those with hearing difficulty, but do not have hearing aids, the church has four receivers that can be used along with earbuds or headphones. This will improve accessibility in our church and we are blessed to have this in our worship space!



Sunday, October 31st
Reformation Sunday

Feel the Spirit and Wear Red!



October Birthdays

4 – Jordan Kirker	16 – Neil Olsen
4 – Trenton Kirker	21 – Aakash Chohan
4 – Madison Kowalski-Hughes	
5 – Mason Kirker	25 – Mark Silo
5 – John Ludwin	26 – Brandon Spofford
8 – Marcus Pasqualino	27 – Laura Szesnat
9 – Olivia Yarter	27 – Wayne Durr



Congratulations to Ralf Miller who received the Sacrament of Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) on September 19th.



“Thank you to Pastor Joyce and the Good Shepherd Congregation for your attention, kindness, and generosity towards our family, and Ralf especially. You made Ralf’s confirmation special, meaningful, and beautiful.”

*Sincerely,
The Miller Family*

LITTLE JOHN'S BBQ

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
510 ALBANY SHAKER ROAD
LOUDONVILLE**



Don't
miss
it!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2
3 PM UNTIL SOLD OUT**

Tickets \$13 - available day of BBQ

**BBQ includes 1/2 chicken, potato, roll,
coleslaw, and cookie**



Annual Community Halloween Party

This year the Annual Community Halloween Party will be held outside due to issues around the COVID-19 on **Saturday October 23 at 2:00 PM**. This party is for all of the children at Good Shepherd as well as the children in the community. We will have games, prizes, candy treats, pizza. and a lot of spooktacular fun. So please put this date on your calendar so that your children and their friends can come out and join the fun. See you on the 23rd.

Blessing of the Animals **Sunday, October 3rd**

St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment, is remembered on his feast day on October 4th.



Our 3rd **Annual Blessing of the Animals** will take place on **Sunday, October 3rd at 2:00 pm on the church patio**. Bring your pets (on leashes or in carriers) to receive a special blessing. Invite your friends and neighbors too.

Summer Lunch Program

This year's Summer Lunch Program came to an end on September 17th when we had the pleasure of distributing the backpacks filled with school supplies, sweatshirts, tee shirts, socks and underwear to the children and adults at the Schuyler Inn in Menands. We had extra backpacks and school supplies for children that just came to the Schuyler Inn that were not signed up for backpacks. The children and parents were very appreciative for all we were able to provide for the families. A special thanks goes out to those of you who made the summer lunch program this year such a success and they are: Carol Phelps, Bertie Cole, Kirsten Andersen, Susan Spofford, Kathy Westerholt, Barbara Rasmussen, Betty Suarez, Danny Patrick and Pastor Fiore.



In addition to folks from Good Shepherd we also had help from the people at the Center for Disability Services. They were a Godsend and their help each week was fantastic. On September 22 the Outreach and Evangelism Ministry Team and friends of the Congregation hosted a Thank You luncheon for the people at the Center for Disability Services for those who helped with the Summer Lunch Program, tended to our Community Garden out back, and those who helped pick and cut up strawberries for the Berry Festival. A wonderful time was had by all and everyone enjoyed the spaghetti and meatballs, as well as the make-your-own ice cream sundae.

We were well blessed this year with funds from Thrivent Action Grants, school supply donations, as well as monetary donations. Each week when we had food left over from the summer lunch program, we brought the excess down to the Rescue City Mission and they appreciated the food. We also had more school supplies than what was needed so we put the extra school supplies with the collected school supplies for the cluster and about five filled backpacks with school supplies were dropped off at the Delaware Avenue Elementary School. The principal was very appreciative for

this donation. We had part of one Thrivent Action Grant which was earmarked for pampers and the extra pampers that were not needed at the Schuyler Inn went to the Sister Maureen Joyce Food Pantry, in addition to a good amount of juice boxes that were in excess of what was needed for the people at the Schuyler Inn. It was pretty incredible to see this ministry expand out to so many other people that were in need.

Again, we would like to thank all of the summer lunch program volunteers and the members of the congregation who donated food and monetary donations for the Summer Lunch Program, and everyone's support and prayers for these special ministries.

Danny Patrick
Outreach & Evangelism

Fall Yard Clean-Up

Saturday, October 16th at 9:00 am!

It's that time of year to rake the leaves, collect the pine cones, and clean up before winter. Join us on 10/16 or feel free to stop by if you have some free time to spare!!



New Library!

A new addition to Good Shepherd is our "**Little Free Library**". A bit of gentle outreach to the youth of the neighborhood. This box contains books for Kids of all ages that can be taken and enjoyed without charge. They can also add their own books as they finish and wish to share.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Well, it's been a long time coming, but our new A/V system is up and running!

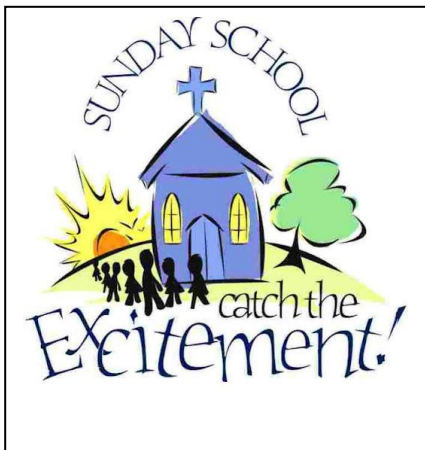
If you know computer basics and can log onto Zoom, all you need is a little training to put this all together. The more people that get familiar with the new system we call "Pearl", the greater group of people we will have for rotation.

If we get ten people, each of us would manage transmitting the service once every ten weeks.

A representative from Mood Media will be available at 6:00 at Good Shepherd on Thursday, October 7th. I expect this would take about an hour and a half.

If you would like to see our advancement in technology, and learn how to be a part of the worship experience by volunteering to help, please RSVP to me via email at mps92359@gmail.com or call me with any questions (518-776-0001). Many thanks to all who will consider being part of this ministry.

God's continued blessings,
Maryanne Sangiacomo



Sunday School News

Sunday School is coming back! Plans are underway to once again have Sunday school class for our youth during the worship service time on Sundays. We would appreciate it greatly if you could email the office if you have school age children who would participate in the class. We also needed volunteers to teach the lessons each week.

Holiday Boutique

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is sponsoring a **Holiday Boutique on November 20, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** We will be selling holiday décor and gifts and sponsoring a Craft Fair, a Pie and Bake Sale, and a raffle with a variety of gift baskets and gift certificates. Hot dogs and soup will be available for lunch and take-out.

We are currently accepting gift certificates and merchandise for our raffle, and vendors may reserve a table to sell their crafts or products.

This is a congregational fund-raiser, and all are welcome to participate by making soup, baking pies or other baked goods, and volunteering to help before, during or after the event. Proceeds will benefit the ministries of Good Shepherd and services for refugees.

For more information, please call or send a text message to one of the co-chairs -- Nancy Serge at 518-542-8808 or Marjorie Raymond at 518-424-6043.



Fall Blood Drive

American Red Cross Blood Drive at Good Shepherd on **Wed., October 27th from 1:30 - 6:00PM.**

All donors 17 years old and up are welcome, new donors as well as past donors. COVID 19 has resulted in a great shortage with the blood supply. Please consider helping to meet the demand. COVID has not only resulted in a shortage of donors but patients with respiratory difficulties from COVID need transfusions.

Our April blood drive exceeded our goal. Let's see if we can do a repeat. Any questions please see or contact Carol Phelps 518-355-3901.

Women of the ELCA

The Good Shepherd Unit of Women of the ELCA is planning for the Cookie Walk that will be held on December 11. Patti Kopach will serve as chair of the Cookie Walk and will preside at the meeting. We will be looking for volunteers to bake cookies and help with the sale. For more information, please contact Patti at 518-788-0386.



Bakers Needed

During the Holiday Boutique on **November 20th**, we will be having a **Pie and Bake Sale**. We anticipate this to be a successful event because it is the week before Thanksgiving and because of the huge success of our Community Sale this past spring. We are asking for donations of baked goods and whole pies.

If you are willing to help with this worthwhile community event, there will be a signup sheet in the Narthex or you can call Marie Wertman at (518) 221-6264. Thank you!!

Wednesday Bible Study

Come and join in on the Wednesday Bible Study 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm as we study Scripture and grow in God's word. Each week we begin in prayer, reach out to others who may be ill or just need cheering up with a card and personal note, and enjoy some coffee, tea, and other snacks. If you have any questions, please contact Bertie Cole 518-626-0657.



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. Please be sure to include the date of the flower donation on your check and on the envelope. After the 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 the church office or Bonnie Siiss.



September-October Cluster Collection

The Cluster Collection for September and October is "Cleaning Supplies" for the Emergency Overflow Shelter.

The most important cleaning supplies needed are:

- * Disinfecting Floor Cleaner (i.e., PineSol)
- * Bleach
- * Disinfecting Spray (ie. Lysol Spray)
- * Disinfecting Wipes
- * SOLID Air Freshener
- * Toilet Cleaner & Toilet Bowl Brushes
- * Disinfecting Sink and Shower Cleaner
- * Shower Cleaning Brushes
- * Scrubby Sponges (for sinks, walls, urinals, etc)
- * Household Brooms

If you would like to drop off supplies during September or October, you may contact Pam, the shelter manager, during the week at (518) 391-2675, and she will meet you at the shelter door (the farthest door from the State Street parking lot) to collect the supplies. You could also purchase the supplies from Amazon and have them mailed to the CACC address. If you prefer, you may send a check to cover the cost of some supplies. Please write "shelter supplies" in the memo section.

Financial News

Financial Report for August 2021		
	This Month	YTD
Expenses	\$10,773.61	\$87,476.29
Revenue	\$11,993.40	\$83,994.48
<u>Surplus +</u>		
Deficit -	\$,219.79	\$ -3,481.81

Thrivent Grants

The many outreach projects of our congregation are made possible in large part by grants from Thrivent Financial. Every Thrivent member is eligible to apply for two \$250.00 Action Team grants per year. These are easy to apply for, and if you need help please ask Carol Phelps, Danny Patrick, or Pastor Edwina.

If you are not a Thrivent member, but would still like to help apply for a grant, you can become a Thrivent Associate Member. **Associate membership is \$19.95 and with that membership you are able to apply for a one \$250.00 Thrivent grant for our congregation's outreach projects.** Contact Thrivent either by phone or at Thrivent.com for more info.



Please help replenish the Building and Equipment Fund that is used for unbudgeted and unexpected needs as they come up for our building or mission station. Special envelopes are in your envelope boxes, in the seats in the sanctuary, and on the table in the narthex. Thank you!

Building Use News

A lot of community organizations have resumed using our building during the week. In order to accommodate everyone and make sure that we have adequate space for everyone, including our members who have a need to use the fellowship hall or any of the rooms for meetings, please be sure to let Kathy Williams - Administrative Assistant know when and what time you need a specific space for the needs of your group so that this information can be put down in the master schedule. If there is a double booking for a room or the fellowship hall the Building Use Coordinator, Danny Patrick will intervene and come up with an alternate space for the community organization utilizing a particular space in the church. If you have any questions regarding this, please speak to Danny or give him a call at (518) 477-5355.



The Gift of Clothing

Looking for that perfect gift for someone? What about the gift of clothing and shoes? American Clothing Recycling has a clothing bin in our parking lot just waiting for your clothing donations. If you or someone you know has clothes or shoes they no longer want or need, donate them here. The clothing is sold throughout the U.S. and to third world countries to be re-worn, where new clothing is unaffordable for many of its citizens. Locally, they are currently working with members of Schoharie County, helping with their rebuilding efforts. Donations have also been made to Glens Falls Hospital supporting Communities Against Cancer, Jezreel, and other local non-profit organizations. GSLC also receives 5 cents per pound for the donations, which we can then use for our various ministries.



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



We now have the added availability of a QR code to make the opportunity to contribute more convenient. You will see the below message in your weekly bulletins and on our website.

Donate here to support the various ministries of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church



Upcoming Events

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 7th** here at Good Shepherd, we offer prayers of thanksgiving and remembrance and light a candle for those who have passed.



If you wish to have someone remembered during this service, please call the church office at 518.458.1562 by November 1st or email us at office@gsclcl.org so they can be listed in the bulletin.

Wedding Bells are Ringing



We look forward to our Administrative Assistant, Kathy Williams, and her fiancé, Tom Flynn exchanging wedding vows on Sunday, October 31st at the Earl Gardner Chapel in Troy.

We wish them many years of love, good health, and happiness as they begin their life as Mr. and Mrs. Flynn!



**Don't forget to set your clocks
BACK one hour on November 6th!**



Hello Equinox T-Day Supporters!

As we continue to face Covid challenges, we all need reasons to celebrate and to express our gratitude. **We are very happy to tell you that the 2021 Equinox Thanksgiving Community Dinner is a Go again!** We have our 2020 socially distanced plan in place to bring Thanksgiving meals to thousands of our neighbors in need.

Rather than crowds of volunteers preparing meals, once again we will purchase specially made Thanksgiving dinners from local restaurants, caterers, hospital cafeterias and others. In this way, we can safely continue our cherished community tradition while also supporting local businesses—so many of which have been struggling during the pandemic.

If you previously donated canned goods, produce or other products, we are not seeking those donations this year. Our need is for the funds to pay our restaurant partners. We hope you, your company, your school students and/or faculty or your church members might be willing to be a part of our fundraising campaign.

**Donors, like you, are needed more than ever.
There are two ways you can help:**

1. Make a cash donation—We really need your help! As you probably know, we normally rely on generously donated food items as well as financial donations to amass all the ingredients **to produce 11,000 meals.**

Because of the continuing pandemic with the Delta Variant, we are trying to raise \$100,000 to purchase 10,000 meals. The more we raise, the more meals we can provide —help us make sure that no one is left out on Thanksgiving (and support local restaurants). If you are able, please make a cash donation!

2. **Run a Peer-to-Peer Campaign**—We provide a template for you to build a fundraising page. You then share that page with friends and family using email or social media. Donations are made right on the page if donors use credit cards. If you are interested, let me know and I'll send you the template.

We are so grateful for your past support and hope we can count on you once again to **be part of this special celebration**—our community needs all of us now more than ever.

*P.S. If you are sending a cash donation, please mail it to Equinox Inc, 500 Central Ave, Albany, NY 12206. ***This is a new address. **.*



*Dear Good Shepherd – Thank you for awarding me the Hillenbrandt Scholarship. I will use it toward books as I begin my freshman year at WPI.
Sara Kelly

*Dear Friends: Thank you for your generous donation to the Regional Food Bank. Your gift is greatly appreciated. The food and other resources we provide would not be available without the support we receive from so many caring people. Thank you for the role you are playing in that process with your contributions.
Mark Quandt, Executive Director

OCTOBER 2021

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