

News From The Good Shepherd



Dear Friends in Christ:

This month we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit being poured out on the early followers of our Lord. Notice that they were all together in one place before this amazing event took place. Earlier our Lord appeared to his apostles when they were all together. It is apparent how valuable it is to remain in fellowship and community with each other. Especially when we think we might not be missed, please know that everyone's presence is important and valuable.

Quick story. Before I went to seminary, I faithfully attended the 8:00 am liturgy at our local Episcopal Church. There was one period of time that I had to be away and I missed maybe three Sundays in a row. When I finally got back to a normal schedule a woman came up to me that I didn't know well at all. I don't think I knew her name but could recognize her face. At any rate, she sought me out after the liturgy and told me she was beside herself because she was so mad at me. I couldn't believe it. What on earth did I do to make her so mad? As it turns out, she told me that she looked forward to my smile and a friendly hello every week. It helped make her day and when I didn't show up, she was devastated. What a valuable lesson for me. Our presence is important in ways we might not be aware of.

As we move into our summer schedule soon, let's try to be present in our community as much as is possible. Everyone is needed and valuable to the Body of Christ.

Recently I ran into a funny yet sad commentary on why a local pastor quit going to sporting events. Let's not make any of the following an excuse to miss a Sunday liturgy.

Twelve Reasons Why a local Pastor Stopped Attending Sports Events.

- Every time I went, they asked me for money.
- The people with whom I had to sit didn't seem very friendly.
- The seats were hard.
- The coach never came to see me.
- The referee made a decision with which I could not agree.
- I was sitting with some hypocrites – they came only to see what others were wearing.
- Some games went into overtime, and I was late getting home.
- The band played some songs I had never heard before.
- The games are scheduled when I want to do other things.
- My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up.
- Since I read a book on sports, I feel that I know more than the coaches anyhow.
- I don't want to take my children because I want them to choose for themselves which sport they like best.

(Used without knowing from whom to get permission; the pastor is long retired by now)

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John +', written in a cursive style.

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GOOD SHEPHERD VESTRY

by John Trompeter, Senior Warden

The Vestry met on April 14 for our monthly meeting. The agenda for the meeting included a review of the minutes from March. Of significance, we continued to discuss the reorganization of church committees to assist with better communication with committee chairs with the Vestry. The Vestry will be working with the Sexton Chris Nucitelli regarding projects that need to be completed in 2026/2027. The Vestry will be meeting with Chris on Tuesday May 5 to prioritize projects and the costs associated with each project. Once this is completed the Vestry will release this information to the parish.

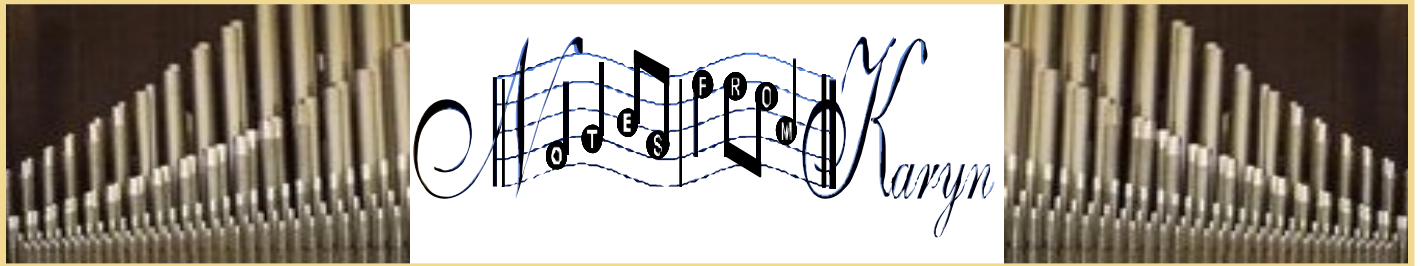
Bruce Dunn, Treasurer reviewed our financial status and noted our utility costs continue to exceed our projected costs for 2026, something we can all relate to. Overall, the church continues to remain on solid financial grounds.

The Vestry discussed goals for 2026 that included growing parish membership and attendance to include a focus on people in the pews. Recommendations were made for more in person events, external social events. More to follow in the coming months and this will be discussed at the May meeting as a follow-up.

Each month our minutes will be posted on the Good Shepherd website for your review. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to anyone of else on the Vestry. Our names our also on the Good Shepherd home page.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 19 at 6:30 PM. On Behalf of Vestry, we are all wishing for warm weather and a joyous spring.





*“...Praise God with strings and pipe.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!”*

Youth Concert

Sunday, June 7

7:00 pm

If you have been to a Youth Concert in the past, you know you don't want to miss this event.

We have 5 very talented folks in our Youth Choir. As a choir, they will sing and play their instruments and even conduct themselves!!! They will also perform duets and solo numbers. We have two violinists, a cellist, a clarinetist and pianists as well as vocalists.

Come enjoy a very special evening of music.

*“I will exalt you, O God my King.
One generation shall praise your works to another
And shall declare your power.”
Psalm 145: 1 & 4*



Check out & explore our website! <https://amealandmore.org/>

If you would like to join the fun...

Please email Debra Nelson at Volunteer@amealandmore.org or call or text (585) 261-9570 for more information.

- ... to work occasionally on Wednesdays mornings to pick up FREE FOOD. If you are available, you would load your car at one of our distribution sites and deliver the food to the Meal & More kitchen. Pick up times vary from 6:30 AM to 9:15 AM.
- ... **Or you can HELP UNLOAD food at Christ Church, Rochester, Lawn Street entrance when it arrives at Meal & More, Inc. (about 10:00). It is about a one hour commitment.**
- ... to volunteer on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM preparing & serving food at the kitchen at Christ Church, Rochester
- ... to volunteer on Sundays from 11:30 ish AM to 2:30 PM preparing and serving food at the kitchen...

For the SUMMER, let's fill the pantry with:

- Cavatappi Pasta
- Individual flavor sticks (to put in water)
- Individual packets of sugar and sweetener
- Individual nondairy creamers
- pudding that can be stored without refrigeration.
- Fruit cups and applesauce

MISSION STATEMENT: A MEAL AND MORE, INC. serves Rochester city residents by providing homecooked meals in a safe, welcoming, family dining environment that promotes dignity, respect, and connection for anyone in need. We are located at Christ Church, Rochester.

LANDING PAGE (to sign up to volunteer): <https://amealmoreinc.volunteerlocal.com>

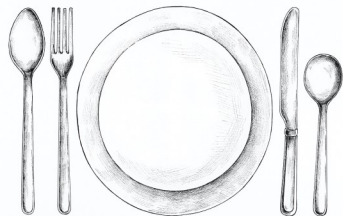


GOOD SHEPHERD STITCHERS

by Maggie Markham and Paulette Bodak, Stitchers Co-Chairs

This month we are continuing to make seat belt protectors and pillows for breast cancer patients. We will be donating them to continue helping others, as is our purpose.

Rowan Smolcha	05/02
Bill Edwards	05/05
Beth Short	05/10
Pam Meyris	05/12
John Norris	05/17
Tucker Daddis	05/18
Chris Peterson	05/18
Andrew Meyer	05/19
Kelly Havens	05/20
Nancy Van Hooydonk	05/20
Jill Daddis	05/21
Ian Daniels	05/21
Jen Ulrich	05/21
Colleen Martin	05/23
Cheri Mascitti	05/23
Alison Dennison	05/25
Kathy Stokes	05/25
William White	05/26
Joe Hess	05/26
Ginny Braun	05/27
Ryan Crosby	05/28
Amy Yelle	05/29
Sharon Therkidsen	05/30



MEAL MINISTRY

By Debra Nelson

Meal Ministry... serving meals made by our parish family to our church family in need due to illness or other emergency. To ask or give help, call or text Debra Nelson at (585) 261-9570.