

News From The Good Shepherd



Dear Friends in Christ:

It's now the season of Pentecost and the beginning of summer. A couple of reminders. If you are away this summer and want to join us via livestream, and I hope you do, go to our website while the broadcast is going on. It will give you a large "watch live" button on the top of your screen to press and the program window will open. If you want to watch a liturgy that was recorded earlier, please just scroll down and you will find the liturgies listed there.

Our summer schedule will begin with the last Sunday in June through September 6th. 9:00 am at St. Andrew's and 11:00 at Good Shepherd. Our Bishop will be with us for her annual visit on June 28th. We will have confirmations on that day, so please try to be here to greet our Bishop and support those being confirmed/received.

A couple of Sundays ago, the Sunday school had chalk and were outside making some wonderful artwork. Right near the front door was a huge writing that said: ALL ARE WELCOME I loved it. So as we go through this summer please be sure to help me welcome any and all visitors. We want to let all those visiting that everyone has a place here and I mean everyone. At the end of the Prayers of the People we have a very meaningful prayer for Welcoming Hearts written by our Deacon. Part of the prayer are the words, "May every visitor feel seen, valued and embraced. May our fellowship reflect the boundless love of Christ, who calls us to make room at the table for all. Guide us to be a church where welcome is not just spoken, but lived—boldly, joyfully and generously."

During this long season of Pentecost, I'll be using several blessings to end our liturgies. Many of you have enjoyed the blessing that I have used during the Easter Season and wanted a copy of it. Here you have it.

"The world now is too dangerous and too beautiful for anything but love. May your eyes be so blessed that you see God in everyone. Your ears, so that you hear the cry of the poor. May your hands be so blessed that everything you touch is a sacrament. Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love. May your feet be so blessed you run to those who need you. And may your heart be so opened, so set on fire, that your love, your love, changes everything, in the name of the one who is Love."

--taken from a Black Rock Prayer Book, written by the Rev. Brian Baker.

Finally, I hope you all take some time in the next couple of months for rest, renewal and refreshment. Summer goes by all too quickly so let's use our time wisely.

Faithfully,

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Confirmation Sunday with Bishop Visitation
June 28th 11 am at Good Shepherd
Pot Blessing Coffee Hour will follow the Eucharist

Please join us as we welcome the confirmands and Bishop Kara on this special day!

Summer Worship Schedule begins on June 28th!

St. Andrews Chapel 9 am
Good Shepherd 11 am



Mark your calendars - Order your tickets:

Episcopal Night at ESL Ballpark! Come join Good Shepherd folks as we join others from the Diocese of Rochester for a fun night at the ballpark. The Rochester Red Wings will play the Charlotte Knights. Come enjoy an evening with friends! Ordering as a group will allow us to have seating in the same area. Details: Date: Friday, August 14 Time: 6:45 Cost: \$13 per ticket (The price covers the transaction fee that we get charged as we use the church credit card to reserve our tickets. Payment: If by check, make payment to Church of the Good Shepherd with Dawn's name on the memo line. If cash, please try to have the correct change. Deadline for ticket purchase: Sunday, July 26 Ticket distribution: The goal is to distribute the tickets at services on August 2nd and 9th. Contact: Please contact Dawn Wilkins to purchase tickets. Dawn can be reached at 585-748-8969 or dcwilkins@mac.com or at church most Sundays. Orders can also be dropped off at the church office with Dawn's name on the envelope. See you at the ball game!

GOOD SHEPHERD VESTRY

VESTRY UPDATE

By John Trompeter, Senior Warden

The Vestry met twice in May regarding several issues that have emerged. On May 6, a special meeting was held regarding the church and needed repairs and updates to our heating & AC. We also discussed at length other concerns that included the following: the parking lot on the State Street side, removal of the trees at the front entrance as they present a clear and present need for removal, updating the kitchen and the bathrooms downstairs and redoing the cross on the State Street side of the building.

As you may all recall it was a long and hard winter this year and our beloved church sustained significant ice damming that required a contractor to work for two full days removing ice around the church. As a result of the damage to the roof, gutters, water damage in the narthex and in the parish offices, our Sexton Chris Nucitelli with authorization from the Vestry filed an insurance claim. We received \$40,000 to help pay for repairs needed. It does not mean we will spend it all and what is not spent will not be returned.

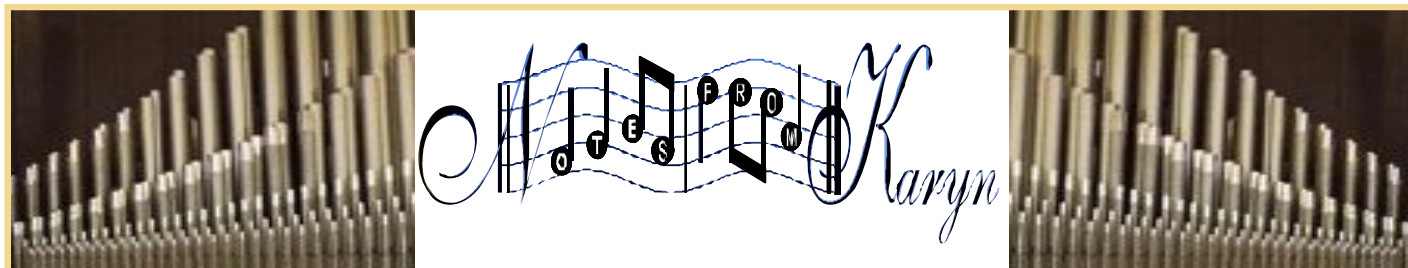
The damage from the ice in February was caused by escaping heat and it is not the first time that this has occurred. The Vestry in April requested Chris to consult with roofing and heating contractors to determine what can be done to remediate or at least limit the amount of ice that builds up each winter and the associated costs. On Tuesday May 19, Vestry met and we reviewed the number of projects as a follow-up. Chris provided preliminary information and recommendations. This would include the installation of four ductless heating and AC units and eliminating ductwork in the narthex. This would eliminate all ceiling units that generate heat under the roof. Ductless units are self-contained, easy to service and have washable filters. The ductwork would be left in the ceiling since its removal is very expensive. We have authorized Chris as our Sexton to secure quotes for this project that we hope to complete in the fall.

You may be asking yourself and others: what will this cost and do we have the financial resources to pay for this? This project may cost up to \$80,000.00 and would also include reinsulating the roof. Yes, the roof was insulated before, but it is clear it was either not done properly, or enough insulation was not added. The parish currently has \$107,193.00 in the 2020-2023 Capital Campaign and \$420,000.00 in the Diocesan Investment Fund. So, the answer is yes, this can be paid for without depleting our resources or the financial stability of the parish. We also continue to look for grants that may offset the cost. As your Vestry we are diligent with all expenditures and take this large project very seriously.

We also have other projects in the works where we could use volunteers to help. This would include cleaning and painting the kitchen to name just one. We will be providing additional information on opportunities to volunteer in the near future.

On a social note the Vestry was brainstorming on social activities that members of the parish may want to attend as well as how to get the word out to the Webster and surrounding communities on what a great place Good Shepherd is. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Finally, I apologize for the length of this update but we wanted to get this information to you all. You can also find each month minutes of the Good Shepherd website. On Sunday May 31, Vestry will be hosting coffee hour. We will be available to answer questions and to give you an opportunity to express an interest in social events and to volunteer.



*“All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia!”
(Hymn 400 vs. 1)*

On May 24, we celebrated Pentecost Sunday. Thus began the longest season of the Church Year. It stretches through the summer and fall to the First Sunday in Advent. Some beautiful hymns and anthems are sung during this season.

On May 24, we sang the anthem, “Spirit of God”. Like so much of our music, the lyrics can be used in your prayers or devotions.

*“Spirit of God....teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love.
One holy passion filling all my frame.
The kindling of the heaven descending Dove.
My heart an altar, my heart an altar,
My heart an altar and Thy Love the flame!*

On June 28, many are being confirmed and received during the Bishop’s Visit.

*“Look at the world, everything all around us.
Look at the world and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders.
So many miracles along our way.*

*Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation.
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and every blessing.
All things come of Thee.*

The Last Sunday of Pentecost we often sing “All Creatures of Our God and King”. It ends:

*Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness.
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in One!
O praise him, Alleluia!*

May the hymns, songs and anthems of this season be a blessing to all of you.



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.

... 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 *(please tell your businesses!!)*

Cavatappi Pasta

Individual flavor sticks (to put in water)

Individual packets of sugar

Individual nondairy creamers

Pudding that can be stored without refrigeration.

Fruit cups

Granola Bars

Fruit Snacks

Coffee

Ziploc bags – sandwich size

mandarin orange cups

juice boxes

Andes candies mints

small bottles of water

brown lunch bags

any individual snacks

Please drop off donations at Good Shepherd at the table in the Narthex or bring to the chapel and give to Debra Nelson, Fr. Lance, or Chris Nuccitelli.

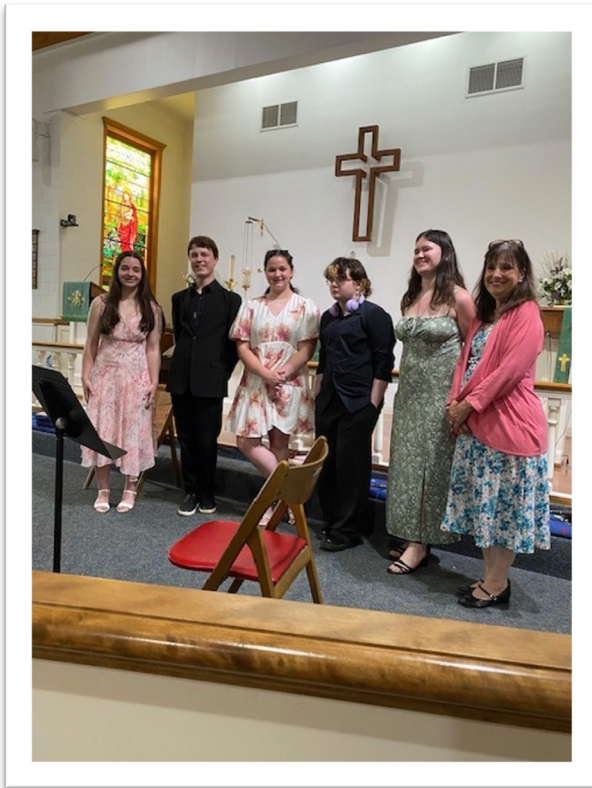
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LANDING PAGE (to sign up to volunteer): <https://amealmoreinc.volunteerlocal.com>

Youth Concert: a Beloved Good Shepherd Tradition

At 7pm on Sunday June 7th, five talented teens from Good Shepherd's Youth Choir gave a recital for parishioners under the direction of Dr. Karyn Robbins. The teens were Mailani Brennick, Wren Daniels, Daniel Guerin, Chloe Schinaman and Leah Schinaman.

In addition to the five teens singing together, there were duets, a trio, and solos for such pieces as "Jubilate Deo," "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee," "Lord of the Dance," "Le Secret," "Oh Rest in the Lord," and "Ask, Seek, Knock." The teens also played several instruments including Piano (Chloe, Wren & Daniel), Cello (Wren), Clarinet (Leah), and Violins (Chloe and Mailani). Jack Brennick also provided accompaniment on one of the pieces.



USHER NEWS

By Kris Murray

Welcome our new Usher Coordinator, Matt Daniels.

John and I will be heading south August 1st to live in the Nashville, TN area. Matt has generously agreed to take over as Usher Coordinator.

As always, if anyone wants to try this fabulous ministry, please contact Matt at mjdaniels2@yahoo.com

I'll see you in the online.



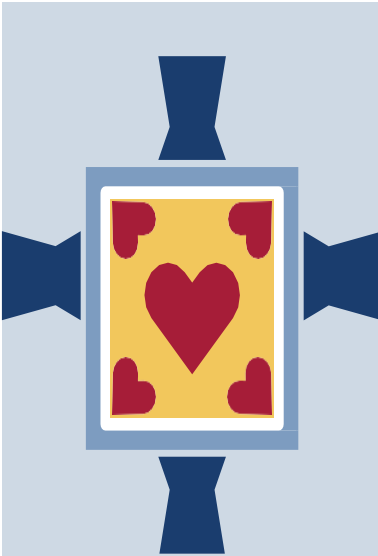
**AS SEEN AT
GOOD SHEPHERD**



On Trinity Sunday, May 31, Madelyn Murray, daughter of Sarah Giles Murray and Patrick Murray, and grand-daughter of Kris & John Murray, was baptized by Fr. Lance

Stewardship at Good Shepherd

A Pentecost Reflection



Questions for Reflection:

How are your gifts wind, fuel, and language for abundance in the world?

Pentecost is the day when the Spirit rushes in like wind and fire, breaking down barriers and filling the Church with new life. People from every nation, speaking many languages, suddenly hear the Good News proclaimed as if in their own tongue. The miracle is not just the flame on each head, but the widening of God's circle of love. The Spirit ensures that no one is left out – there is plenty good room.

The story of Pentecost overturns every instinct toward scarcity and exclusion. Where some would limit access to God's presence, the Spirit pours out on all flesh. Where some would cling to privilege or power, the Spirit equips the young and the old, women and men, servants and leaders alike. Where some would fear difference, the Spirit transforms diversity into the very sign of God's abundance.

The Church is born in this moment – formed not by walls, but by wind; not by scarcity, but by overflowing abundance. This is the Church we are called to be: a community that welcomes all, equips all, and sends all to be stewards of the Kingdom. Pentecost reminds us that every gift is needed, every offering has value, every voice matters.

In this season, we are challenged to let the Spirit move through our own giving. Stewardship is not just about sustaining budgets; it is about igniting mission. Our pledges and offerings are not obligations – they are fuel for the Spirit's fire, resources that help the Church proclaim God's abundance in every language and every place.

On Pentecost, the disciples discovered that there is no limit to God's generosity. The same is true for us. When we trust the Spirit and share freely, God multiplies our gifts and sends us out as witnesses to love. There is indeed plenty good room – for every culture, every language, every person – in the household of God.

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." — Acts 2:17



... 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 (585) 261-9570.

Talor Marren	06/01
Keisha Stokes	06/01
Jeff Boles	06/02
Leah Nelson	06/03
Michael Zurell	06/04
Sarah Zurell	06/04
Jonathan Ragan	06/04
Caryl Sweeney	06/05
Marj Matzky	06/05
Gene Nitschke	06/06
Jane Chamberlain	06/07
William Semmler	06/07
Jerry Smart	06/07
Marilyn McCann	06/07
Beth Dinan	06/08
Mary Lou Mason	06/09
Gena Brennick	06/11
Pauline Stebbins	06/17
Kris Murray	06/18
Cindy Lindquist	06/19
Ellie Allen	06/19
Karyn Robbins	06/21
Sophie Markovitz	06/22
Erica Ragan	06/22
Kate Jackson	06/23
Jeff Arnold	06/23
Marlene Allen	06/25
Art Mason	06/25
Craig Dennison	06/25
Maureen Marr	06/26
Kaitlyn Petrotta	06/26
Cristin Ensign	06/27
Helen Yorkey	06/29
Isaac Dunn	06/29



HAPPY



SUMMER



Birthday

Sarah Edwards	07/01	Paul Markham	08/01
John Murray	07/03	Roch Whitman	08/03
David Wille	07/03	Allison Peterson	08/03
Jeanne Coonan	07/05	Cheryl Corson	08/04
Lisa Peets	07/09	Tom Curtin	08/04
Liz Hill	07/11	Glen Moorhouse	08/04
Nancy LeFevre	07/11	Ben Robinson	08/06
Nancy Whitman	07/12	Daniel Guerin	08/07
Katy Burgess Beck	07/12	Katherine Edwards	08/07
Olive Bach	07/13	Ashtyn Bishop	08/08
Judith Meyer	07/14	Dana Seitzinger	08/14
Richard Robinson	07/16	Lisa Dunn	08/19
Neil Giudice	07/19	Lynn Helmer	08/20
Bill Munch	07/20	Ann Blum	08/20
Karissa White	07/21	Michael Edwards	08/20
Rob Schinaman	07/22	Deborah McLean	08/21
Joe Bishop	07/25	Alena Ragan	08/22
Betty Sussman	07/26	Richard Reid	08/23
Diana Taylor	07/26	Lindsay Blind	08/24
Leah Schinaman	07/26	Katherine Peterson	08/25
Brandi Bishop	07/27	Sarah Dennison	08/27
Christopher Marren	07/28	Rick Switzer	08/27
Jamie Bishop	07/30	Nancy Caulkins	08/28
Jack Markovitz	07/30		
Seth Hughes	07/30		