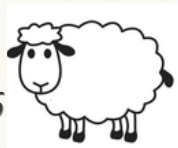


The Shepherd's Voice

Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd - November 20, 2026



Parish Prayer List

Vincent & Karen M., Kim G., Jim R., Mimy B., Halsey VL., Beth R., Father John Paul Boyer, Jo M., Samuel, Darlene, Nekka, Carol B., Charlie O., Jim C., Sue, Larry L., the MacIntyre family, Christine A., Charley L., Greg W., Kim L., and Norm and Sharon D.
If there is someone you would like us to pray for, please let the office know.

As we search for our next Rector, please pray for our Vestry, Wardens, our next Rector, Mother Frieda, and for each other. God bless all of us.

Update from the Vestry

The Good Shepherd Vestry met on Monday 11/16. Two topics on the agenda were particularly important.

First, after much careful consideration and feedback from parishioners, the Vestry voted to change the current schedule of services. Starting 11/29/2026, there will only be one combined Sunday service with choir at 10:00 AM. This change will be re-evaluated when a new rector is in place. Hopefully, this service will create a new opportunity for fellowship among all of our parishioners. The 6:00 PM Wednesday evening service will continue as it is.

Secondly, the Vestry voted to accept a proposal presented by the diocesan transition officer, Mother Bonnie Morris, to jointly search for a new half-time rector with Calvary Episcopal church in Williamsville. Calvary is looking for a half-time Assistant Rector. Our search committee will still be building a profile based on input from parishioners from the Day of Discovery. By working with Calvary, we hope to have more prospects for a new rector for Good Shepherd.

Elaine Richau & Dale Cich, Wardens

STARTING 11/29/2026

ONE SUNDAY EUCHARIST

WITH CHOIR

10:00 AM



6:00 PM Wednesday Evening Service with music continues.

Delegates needed

We have two important events coming up in 2027 which require delegates to represent Good Shepherd. The first will be the Bishop Electing Convention on May 1st. The second is our Annual Diocesan Convention in October. Your presence at these events will be an important opportunity in our communal life of faith. Please prayerfully consider offering to be a potential delegate to either (or both) of these events. We need you! Please contact Elaine Richau (wegmom54@aol.com) if you are interested.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A Thanksgiving Eve

Celebration of Gratitude

Wednesday, November 25 · 6 pm

Church of the Good Shepherd
96 Jewett Parkway, Buffalo

MUSIC BY
Mark DiGiampaolo

CELEBRANT & PREACHER
Cathy Dempesy-Sims

If able, please bring a **bag of pet food** for **Pete's Pet Food Pantry**.

Let's celebrate gratitude in the beauty of holiness!

The Ken Perry Food Pantry can use non-perishable food items such as tuna, canned soup, vegetables, peanut butter, boxed milk, etc. **Pete's Pet Food Pantry** always appreciates gift cards for Pet Supplies Plus or Chewy in order to buy what is most needed.
Dropoff location: Church foyer bins and collection plate
Collection dates: Now thru Sunday November 29th





Great Lakes Coffee Fundraiser

The Lakes Coffee Fundraiser netted a profit of $895 For Good Shepherd. Many thanks to Jennifer Snyder-Haas for spearheading this effort and to those who participated. Remaining pickup dates are:

- **Sat. 11/21 - 1-3 PM**
- **Sun. 11/22 - 9 AM-noon**

Members can pick up all the orders they personally solicited and distribute them to their customers from the paper order sheets and/or the online orders where they are listed as the member receiving credit. Members of the general public will be able to pick up their own orders.

From the Stewardship Committee: *With Joy, Gratitude and Generosity*.

Our Stewardship speaker on Nov 22nd will be Cindy Mantai. This week, we invite you to think about a time when giving (time, talent or treasure) brought joy.

The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy. Psalm 126:3



Rector Search Expenses

The Rector Search fund total is now $610, or $915 with the matching gift. Remember, $.50 on every dollar donated to the Rector Search fund will be matched, so please consider a donation to the fund.



St. Philip's Harvest Festival

Our Good Shepherd family has been invited to join St. Philip's Episcopal Church for their Harvest Festival gathering on Sunday, Nov. 22 starting at 11:30 AM. There will be no coffee hour on that date after the 10:30 service. They will be providing the meal and tell us that "we don't need to bring anything except ourselves"! (For anyone still wishing to contribute, they would accept donations toward the cost of the gathering.)

St. Philip's is located at 18 Sussex Street in Buffalo (a short 7-minute drive from Good Shepherd). Carpooling is recommended (just like at Good Shepherd) due to on-street parking. Contact Elaine Richau for more information.



Calendar

11/22 Last Sunday after Pentecost-Christ the King Sunday
8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music
11:30 AM Harvest Festival Gathering at St. Philip's - no coffee hour at Good Shepherd

11/25 Wednesday
Ken Perry Food Pantry Closed
6:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist with Music - Ascension-Style Service

11/29 First Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

12/6 Pete's Pet Food Pantry Distribution
3:00 - 4:00 PM in Jewett Hall

12/13 Bishop Lane Visit
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II followed by Maine-themed coffee hour

12/14 Vestry Meeting
6:30 PM in Jewett Hall

12/20 Decorate the church for Christmas after 10:00 AM service (Help needed.)

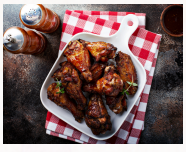
12/24 Christmas Eve
4:00 PM Eucharist with choir

12/25 Christmas Day
9:00 AM Eucharist with music

*View the calendar of all events at goodshepherdbuffalo/calendar



Strawberry Festival/Chicken Barbeque
June 19, 2027



Important Contact Information

Non-emergency messages can be sent to the office at officegoodshep@gmail.com or to Elaine Richau at wegmom54@aol.com or left on the answering machine in the office (716) 833-1151. For pastoral **emergency** calls (only) phone Elaine Richau at (716) 982-2890.

Non-emergency property messages should be left on the answering machine in the office, or sent to Dale Cich at dtcich@gmail.com. Property **emergency** calls (only) should be routed to Dale Cich (716) 353-0474.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers may be ordered for $100/ pair in memoriam, in thanksgiving or for any other desired occasion. Two or more people can also share the cost of the flowers if desired. To order flowers, please send your flower request (colors, flower types) to Elaine Richau at Wegmom54@aol.com. Your dedication for the service leaflet should be sent to officegoodshep@gmail.com. Payment should be made through the Sunday collection or mailed to the church. Please reference 'Altar Flowers' in the description.

Keep saving your 2026 Dash's receipts. We can also submit 2025 receipts, but any old receipts from 2024 or earlier are expired. For every $5,000 in receipts we submit, we earn $100. Even small purchases add up!

We are also still collecting aluminum pull tabs from soda, soup, and other cans to benefit Ronald McDonald House.

Submissions for the Newsletter should be sent to **nancy.cich@gmail.com** no later than 5 pm on Thursday for publication on Friday.

Please consider remembering Good Shepherd in your will. It is a wonderful way to continue your support of your parish into the future for generations.

