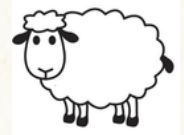


The Shepherd's Voice

Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd - June 26, 2026



Parish Prayer List

David N., Jim C., Darlene, Kim G., Nekka S., Samuel, Ibrahim, The Rev. Canon Wadie Far, Mimy B., Beth R., Cynthia G., Carol B., Jim B., Chris Y., and Amber B.

If there is someone you would like us to pray for, please let the office know.

A Note from the Wardens

Dear People of Good Shepherd,

As you know, our Parish is in a time of transition. Fr. Mike and Mother Elizabeth will officially leave Good Shepherd on June 30, after taking their two weeks of accrued vacation starting June 15. Rest assured, Good Shepherd is moving forward with faith and confidence in our future.

We will have Mother Frieda Van Baalen Webb, who will be officiating at both Sunday services starting June 21st, and Mother Cathy Dempsey-Sims officiating at our Wednesday evening services beginning in July until a new priest is called.

The Vestry will begin the search process after the Hadaways' departure, as per Diocesan protocols. We have ample resources and support from the Diocese during this time.

The Music Committee has already secured supply musicians to play at the 10:30 services after Trevor Napoli, our current supply musician, leaves for his Graduate studies in August. The Committee is preparing to advertise for a permanent Director of Music in the coming weeks.

Please keep the Wardens and Vestry in prayer during this time. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Good Shepherd going forward, please speak with one of the Wardens.

Faithfully,
Dale Cich, Elaine Richau



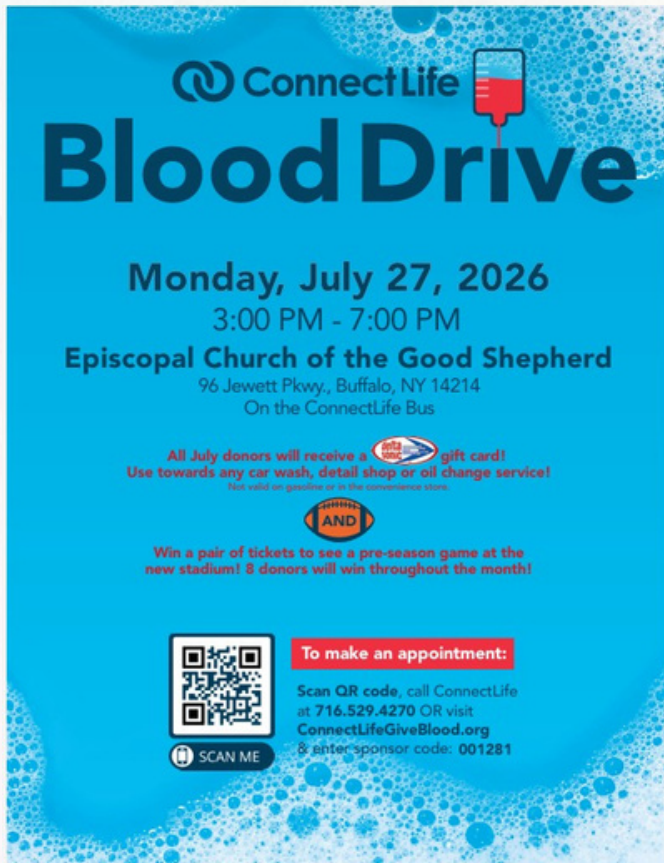
The 120th Annual Strawberry


Festival/Chicken BBQ was a huge success. We were very happy to see so many of our friends and neighbors enjoying the beautiful day. Thank you to our many volunteers who worked so hard soliciting donations, making beautiful baskets, serving our guests, and helping with setup and cleanup. We are very grateful to have such a dedicated group of people. Looking forward to next year!



Save the Date


Our next bloodmobile will be held here at Good Shepherd on Monday, July 27 from 3-7 pm. If you are eligible to donate, please plan to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Richau at Wegmom54@aol.com.





ConnectLife 


Blood Drive


Monday, July 27, 2026
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
96 Jewett Pkwy., Buffalo, NY 14214
On the ConnectLife Bus

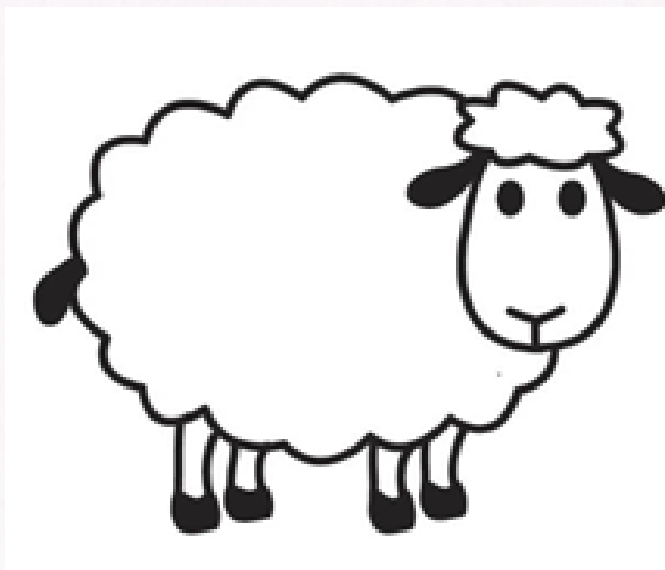
All July donors will receive a  gift card!
Use towards any car wash, detail shop or oil change service!
Not valid on gasoline or in the convenience store.

 AND 

Win a pair of tickets to see a pre-season game at the new stadium! 8 donors will win throughout the month!

 To make an appointment:
Scan QR code, call ConnectLife at 716.529.4270 OR visit ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org & enter sponsor code: 001281





Training Opportunities

Would you like to serve Good Shepherd in a very special and important way? Training is becoming organized for the following volunteer positions:

Lay Eucharistic Visitor - visits the sick and homebound members of our parish. Needs training and to be licensed through the Diocese.

Lay Eucharistic Minister - serves as a chalice bearer during Eucharist services. Training provided by the Diocese.

Worship Leader - leads worship in the absence of a Priest. Needs Diocesan training and licensing.

Training will be arranged either through the Diocese or by Mother Cathy Dempsey-Sims. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities, (or need up-to-date retraining), please contact Elaine Richau at wegmom54@aol.com

Good Shepherd T-shirts available

We have a limited number of blue Good Shepherd t-shirts available for purchase at \$16 each. Sizes available are small, medium, large and XL. These shirts are a great way to be seen during the Strawberry Festival or at other church events.

Please contact Elaine Richau (wegmom54@aol.com) if you're interested.

Spotlight on our Volunteers (Pete's Pet Food Pantry)

If you stop by Jewett Hall, you will notice that the pet food pantry area is always full and has outgrown the snug little corner we once occupied.

At least two Wednesdays per month a group of volunteers gathers to portion the dog and cat food into the 5-lb. bags that we distribute to our clients on the 1st Sunday of the month.

We prepare 240 bags of cat food and 150 bags of dog food each month. Little bags of treats are also made ready for distribution.

We are fortunate to have two friends from University Presbyterian Church, Val and Jude; Carolyn, a Parkside neighbor; and Kathy Reiss and Jo, dedicated friends. Kathy Toth helps out on distribution day. Other volunteers join us whenever they are able.

This important Good Shepherd ministry depends on the dedication of all of these volunteers. We can't thank them enough! - Nancy Cich



Weekly Schedule

06/28 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)

10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

07/01 Wednesday

10AM-2PM Ken Perry Food Pantry

6:30 PM Eucharist with Music - Rev. Cathy Dempsy-Sims, officiant

07/05 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)

10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

3-4 PM Pet Food Pantry Distribution



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.

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.

Women's Group - Church of the Good Shepherd

We are a group of women from CGS (but not limited to) who meet the First Saturday of the month at 9:30 – 11:30. Sometimes we meet in Jewett Hall and sometimes at a member's home.

The books we discuss are chosen by the group. We open with prayer, share a meal -and discuss our chosen book. Facilitators, prayer leaders, and food providers are members who have volunteered to do so.

We were inspired by one of our books, Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide by Nicholas D. Kristoff and Sheryl WuDunn, to sponsor women as "sisters" through Women for Women International. Women in 9 conflict or post-conflict countries across the world enroll in their program to break the isolation of war and conflict by joining a small group of women like themselves. Through our sponsorship, we are connected with a woman as a sister who writes to us and we can write back. When she graduates from the program with new skills, businesses, savings, connections with other women like herself as well as new knowledge on health, nutrition and her rights, we are connected with another sister as she enrolls in the program.

We are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of our sisters' journeys. Donations here are small – and voluntary.

We would love to have you join us. If you are interested, please contact Carol Burns 716-863-1558 or Jennifer Coleman 716-515-5328

Update on Organ Repair

Between the work needed to replace the leather parts on the wooden organ pipes and electric work needed, we expect to spend approximately \$16,000. We've collected \$9,000 for the Organ Fund to date. Can you help fund this project? Just be sure your check has Organ Fund in the memo line. Thank you.

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.



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your submission.*

