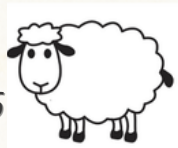


The Shepherd's Voice

Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd - November 13, 2026



Parish Prayer List

Vincent & Karen M., Kim G., Jim R., Mimy B., Halsey VL., Jane R., 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., 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.

Thanksgiving

Join us on 11/25 at 6 PM for our Thanksgiving Eve service.

One of the best ways to thank God for all we have received is by sharing those blessings with our neighbors in need. Our church food pantry is in need of food items to help local families. As you do your grocery shopping, consider picking up some items to share.

Most needed items:

- Canned goods such as beans, vegetables, tuna fish, canned soup
- Peanut butter
- Boxed milk
- Grocery store gift cards
- Cash

Dropoff location: Church foyer bin and collection plate

Collection dates: Now thru Sunday November 29th

Coffee Order Pickup

Great Lakes Coffee orders will be available for pick up at in Jewett Hall at the following dates and times:

- **Wed. 11/18 - 5-7:30 PM**
- **Sat. 11/21 - 1-3 PM**
- **Sun. 11/22 - 9 AM-noon**

Members will 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.

8:30 AM Sunday Service

All parishioners should have received an email from the wardens requesting a response to specific questions regarding the 8:30 AM service. Please take the time to read and respond no later than 11/15. Your opinion is important. Thank you.

Vestry Information

The Good Shepherd Vestry meets on the third Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in Jewett Hall. The next meeting is 11/16. The December meeting is rescheduled for 12/14 due to the Christmas holiday. Vestry minutes are posted on the bulletin board after they have been approved by the Vestry at the following meeting.

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

Our Stewardship Campaign continues this week with Linda Leighbody at 8:30 and David Campbell at 10:30 as guest speakers. We will have stewardship packets available this Sunday for your prayerful consideration over the next few weeks before the Ingathering on Dec. 13th. In God's kingdom, everyone is welcome to be who they are and share their gifts. This week, we invite you to think about a time when you felt welcome at Good Shepherd. How has Good Shepherd shown radical welcome to you or others?

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

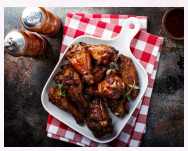
Save the Date!

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.



Strawberry Festival/Chicken Barbeque
June 19, 2027



Calendar

11/15 25th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

11/18 Wednesday
10 AM-2 PM Ken Perry Food Pantry
6:00 PM Eucharist with Music
Ascension-Style Service

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 Thanksgiving Eve Service
6 PM - Ascension-style service with music. Collecting non-perishable foods to support the food pantry.

12/13 Bishop Lane Visit followed by Maine-themed coffee hour.

12/20 Decorate the church for Christmas after 10:30 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

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.

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.

