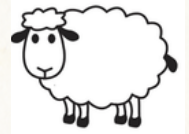


The Shepherd's Voice

Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd - July 10, 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., Amber B., Halsey VL., and Jim R.

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

A Note from the Wardens (updated)

Dear People of Good Shepherd,

The Vestry and Wardens will meet with the Rev. Bonnie Morris, the diocesan transition officer, on August 3rd at our rescheduled vestry meeting. At that time, we hope to find out more about the transition process and about the resources and support available from the diocese.

The Rev. Frieda Van Baalen Webb will continue to be our supply priest at both Sunday services and The Rev. Cathy Dempsey-Sims will officiate at the Wednesday evening service. These arrangements will continue for the foreseeable future.

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 has recently advertised for a permanent Director of Music.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Good Shepherd going forward, please speak with one of the Wardens.

Faithfully,
Elaine Richau, Dale Cich

Important Contact Information

Beginning 7/1/26, 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.

Wednesday Evening Service

The Wednesday Evening Service has resumed with officiant Rev. Cathy Dempsey-Sims. This is a somewhat different service from regular Sunday mass. Music is provided by Mark DiGiampaolo. The service leaflets for Wednesday and Sunday services are published on the Good Shepherd web page under the "Members" menu. Use the link below for more information.

goodshepherdbuffalo.org/serviceleaflets

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

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

Pictures and remembrances always welcome!

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.

Weekly Schedule

07/12 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)

10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

07/15 Wednesday

10AM-2PM Ken Perry Food Pantry

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

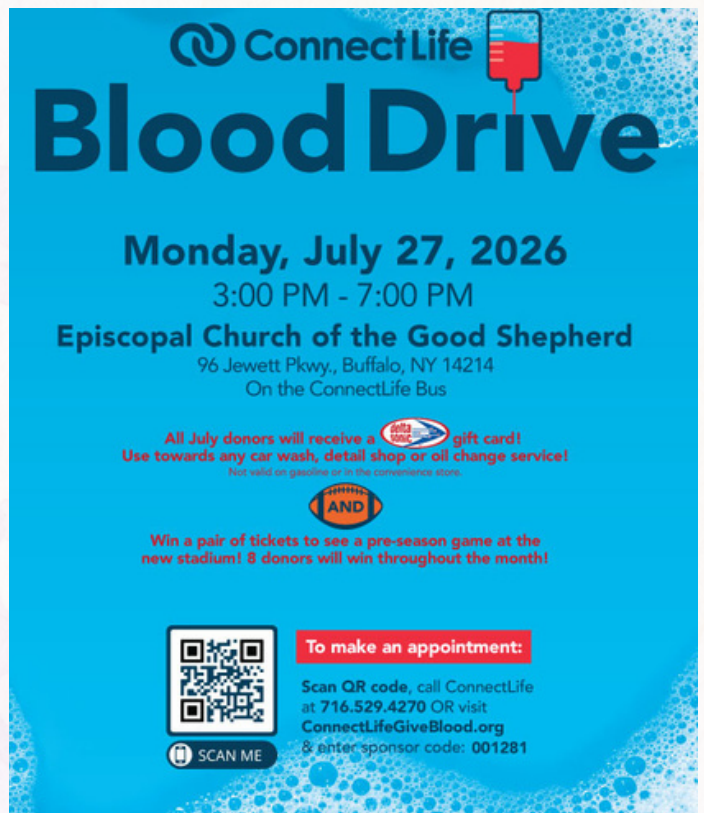
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Save the Date

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! 5 donors will win throughout the month!


SCAN ME

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

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

Organ Fund Update

The final cost for the organ renovation and necessary electrical update was \$15,195.23. Collections toward the repairs were \$9,175. Thank you to all who donated to the Organ Fund for this extensive repair! If you still wish to donate for these repairs, just indicate Organ Fund on the memo line of your check.

Step Fund

We will be closing out our Step Fund Campaign in the coming weeks for those who chose the option to pay this pledge over 2 years. When June statements are run, we will calculate any balances left. It was a very successful campaign and it is a testament to the generosity of Good Shepherd's parishioners. Thank you for your support!

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.