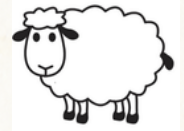


The Shepherd's Voice

Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd - May 29, 2026



Parish Prayer List

David N., Jim C., Darlene, Kim G., Nekka S., Samuel, Ibrahim, The Rev. Canon Wadie Far, Mimy B., Rev. Ellen Montgomery, Paul V., Tracy & Richard S., Beth R., Cynthia G., Carol B., Andy A., William L. Cooke, Jim B., and Chris Y.

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

Lay Leader Training Opportunity

Lay leaders are very important in the life of any parish. There is an upcoming opportunity to organize a training session for those people interested in serving Good Shepherd as a Lay Worship Leader. Please consider this opportunity to serve your Parish in this very important ministry. Contact Elaine-wegmom54@aol.com if interested.

Lay worship leader: Leads public worship under the direction of a member of the clergy or other designated leader of a congregation.



Father Mike greeting two of our favorite Pet Food Pantry visitors from Food For Paws - Ellie and Indie

Update on the Bishop Search

The search process to find a new bishop has been extended. Leadership of both the Standing Committee and the Search Committee decided to refine, deepen and broaden our discernment around 1) who we are as a Diocese and 2) what we need in our next bishop.

Throughout the summer members of the Search Committee will be visiting each parish in the Diocese to consider the results of the Holy Cow survey and ask how these resonate. We'll be listening for the Holy Spirit in the voices of the people to refine our understanding of who we are as a Diocese beyond a collection of parishes.

The new search aims to have a new Bishop in place by May 2027. Provisional Bishop Steve Lane has agreed to stay with us throughout this process. A new timetable can be found on the Diocesan webpage: <https://episcopalwny.org/bishop-search/> Look for more updates in the Diocesan e-newsletter.

Susan Woods, Search Committee member



Strawberry Festival/ Chicken BBQ

The 120th Strawberry Festival and Chicken Barbeque is Saturday, June 20, from 4-7 PM. We still need your help in planning, setting up, serving, and cleanup.

Our basket raffle is always very popular.

The goal is for baskets to have a minimum value of about \$40. We have letters and flyers available to take to area businesses for donation requests.

Also, please consider picking up a lottery scratch-off or two that we can combine into an attractive lottery basket - always very popular. We would like to receive all baskets and donations no later than June 6th.

Chicken BBQ tickets are also ready to buy and sell. We hope you will purchase your own tickets early and invite your family and friends. Pre-event price is \$16 for chicken dinners. They will be \$17 on the day of the Strawberry Festival.

Please speak to Pat Lalonde or Nancy Cich for tickets and more information.



Weekly Schedule

05/31 First Sunday after Pentecost

8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)

10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

06/03 Wednesday

10AM-2PM Ken Perry Food Pantry

10AM-12PM-Pet Food Bagging

6:30PM - Eucharist with music

06/07 Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)

10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

3-4PM Pete's Pet Food Pantry Distribution

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.

Please note:

Articles for the newsletter must be received by 9:00 AM on Thursday morning. Email Nancy Cich - nancy.cich@gmail.com with your submission.

Recent Repairs at Good Shepherd

- Lights at Nativity window have been removed (unable to be repaired)
- New exterior outlet has been installed outside of Nativity window
- New faucet in Mears Hall bathroom sink installed
- Jewett Hall kitchen sink leak repaired
- All exterior drain lines have been cleared out

-Dale Cich, Warden

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.