

# THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026 ISSUE NO 2

## VERSE OF THE DAY

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7 FOR THE SPIRIT GOD GAVE US DOES NOT MAKE US TIMID, BUT GIVES US POWER,  
LOVE AND SELF-DISCIPLINE.

## MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF

As we enter this beautiful Easter season, we are reminded of the profound message of hope and renewal that this time brings. It is a moment to reflect on the transformative power of faith and the promise of resurrection. Just as the earth awakens from its winter slumber, so too can our hearts be rejuvenated.

Let us embrace the spirit of joy and gratitude that Easter inspires, celebrating not only the miracle of Christ's resurrection but also the new beginnings in our own lives. May our faith grow stronger, our love deepen, and our commitment to serve others shine brightly during this season of reflection and rebirth.

Together, let us share this light and hope with our community, spreading the good news and supporting one another on our journeys of faith

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

230 BROOKSIDE AVE, ROOSEVELT, NY 11575

REV CHRYLL CREWS - INTERIM PASTOR

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**MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!!!**

**WE PAUSE TO GIVE THANKS FOR THE WOMEN LEADERS GOD HAS SENT TO GOOD SHEPHERD**



**REV. DR. LINDA BELL IS A MEMBER AND SERVED AS STATED SUPPLY;**

**REV. CHRYLL D. CREWS SERVED AS PULPIT SUPPLY AND IS CURRENTLY THE INTERIM PASTOR**

**REV. LINDA MANSON WAS A CALLED PASTOR;**



**THE REV. PERUCY BUTIKU SERVED AS THE COVERAGE PASTOR.**

# AFRICAN DESCENT LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION CELEBRATION

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

REV DR. LINDA BELL

CAROL CAMPBELL



DR. JIMMY LEE BROWN



LU-HI CHOIR



BISHOP FOSTER



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**MESSAGE FROM REV DR. LINDA BELL - "THE AFRICAN DESCENT LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION OF METRO NEW YORK WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOR THEIR FANTASTIC HOSPITALITY AND GREAT FOOD. ALL YOUR EFFORTS AND HARD WORK ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. ALL THE MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH CAME TOGETHER AS ONE FOR A COMMON PURPOSE. TO WELCOME THOSE WHO CAME SEEKING A "WORD" AND FEELING THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP. IN THIS SEASON OF EPIPHANY, PLEASE CONTINUE TO LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE SO THAT ALL CAN SEE IT AND BE AMAZED BY THE LOVE THAT POURS FROM YOUR MINISTRY. PEACE AND BLESSINGS TO ALL."**

MNYS

# WOMEN'S Event

*Saturday, March 14, 9:00am to 5:00pm*

Join us for worship, workshops, breakfast, and lunch,  
and connect with other women in the Synod.  
Make some new friends!

with Bishop Katrina Foster, Pastor Linda Bell, Dr. Elise Brown,  
Antonia Clemente, Dr. Martha Cruz, Pastor Claire Repsholdt

**Marble Collegiate Church | 1 West 29th Street**

*Right Off of 5th Avenue*

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# MNYS – SAVE THE DATE



**The New York diakonia Program**

## **GROWING IN FAITH RETREAT 2026**

OUR ANNUAL RETREAT WILL BE HELD JUNE 5-7 AT GRAYMOOR IN GARRISON, NY.

WE HAVE SCHEDULED TWO NIGHTS THIS YEAR, AND THE RETREAT WILL END ON SUNDAY WITH A SERVICE LED BY PR. ZACH DEAN.

## **GROWING IN FAITH GRADUATION 2026**

GRADUATION WILL BE HELD AT 10:30 ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>,  
AT GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH IN ROOSEVELT, NY.

BISHOP KATRINA FOSTER WILL BE PREACHING.  
A LIGHT LUNCH WILL FOLLOW THE CEREMONY.

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE WITH OUR GRADUATES.

**THE TABITHA CIRCLE WILL BE SPONSORING A BUS TRIP TO  
SIGHT & SOUND THEATER**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026**



# **JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING TIME OF FELLOWSHIP**

**DOROTHY MERRITT - CHAIRPERSON**

**SHARRON ABSALOM- CO CHAIR**

**AYANNA SHACKELTON - CO CHAIR**

## **MEMBERS:**

**MILLICENT MITCHELL**

**BARBARA HENRY**

**JANET RAINES**

**DENISE NURSE**

**SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE BUS, AND  
WE STOP FOR LUNCH BEFORE THE SHOW**

# DEACONS CORNER

YVONNE TUCKER-CANTY

DENISE NURSE

KEVIN DOWTIN

RONA OLIVER

CAROL CAMPBELL

**NO NEED TO WONDER. NO NEED TO STRUGGLE**

**ALL THE ANSWERS ARE RIGHT INSIDE.  
RIGHT WHEN YOU JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET AHEAD IN THIS WORLD:  
ROMANS 12:2**

**DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS AGE,  
BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF THE MIND, SO THAT YOU MAY  
DISCERN WHAT THE WILL OF GOD IS—  
WHAT IS GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT?**

**THY WILL BE DONE!!!**

# GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES

DEBORAH CIRCLE IS DEDICATED TO EMPOWERING GRADUATING SENIORS BY FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT THEIR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEYS. OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE EACH DESERVING STUDENT WITH A \$500 ANNA THOMAS SCHOLARSHIP TO HELP COVER THEIR EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES. BY FOSTERING A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY, WE AIM TO LIGHTEN THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGE OUR YOUTH TO PURSUE THEIR ACADEMIC DREAMS WITH CONFIDENCE.

**\*\*TABITHA CIRCLE (ACTS 9:36):\*\*** IN JOPPA, THERE WAS A DISCIPLE NAMED TABITHA (IN GREEK, HER NAME IS DORCAS). SHE WAS ALWAYS DOING GOOD AND HELPING THE POOR. EVERY CHILD, WHETHER ATTENDING TRADE SCHOOL OR COLLEGE, HAS RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP IN THE NAME OF CAROLYN ALSTON, WHO WAS THE *FIRST* FEMALE DEACON OF GOOD SHEPHERD. WE HAVE GIVEN OVER \$80,000 TO THE GRADUATES OF GOOD SHEPHERD

**ALTAR GUILD** THE ALTAR GUILD IS A LAY MINISTRY, FORMALLY DEVELOPING IN THE LATE 19TH CENTURY TO CARE FOR THE SANCTUARY, VESSELS, LINENS, AND VESTMENTS FOR WORSHIP.

**MEN IN MISSIONS** - THE LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION OF GOOD SHEPHERD

REMAIN STEADFAST AND COMMITTED TO OUR CORE VALUES: TO ENCOURAGE AND BUILD EACH OTHER UP. FIND WAYS TO CONNECT WITH THE YOUTH IN THE CHURCH.

PARTNER WITH OTHER GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES ON INITIATIVES THAT STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH AND OUR COMMUNITY

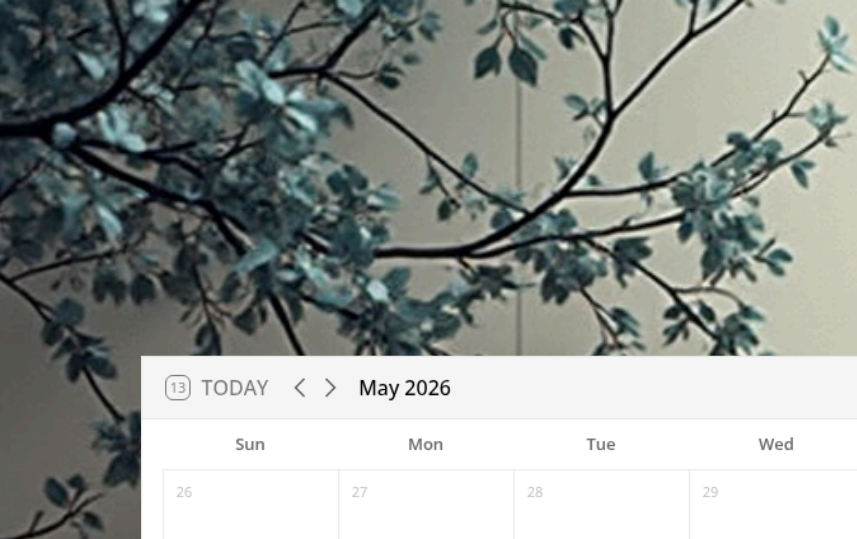
**MISSION MINISTRY** INVOLVES THE ENTIRE CHURCH BODY IN HELPING THE COMMUNITY AND INDIVIDUALS. MISSION MINISTRY WELCOMES ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH TO ASSIST DURING PROJECTS AND DRIVES. "WE WILL LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES" (MARK 19:19)

**USHERS** - ARE HERE TO SERVE. WE HOLD A MEET-AND-GREET EACH SUNDAY, WELCOMING EVERYONE TO OUR CHURCH AND TO ANY EVENTS WE ARE HOSTING. OUR MAIN ROLES ARE ENSURING THE SAFETY OF ALL CHURCH MEMBERS, GUIDING TRAFFIC DURING COMMUNION, COLLECTING THE OFFERING, AND SEATING THE CONGREGATION.

**PROPERTY** - THE MEMBERS OF THE PROPERTY MINISTRY ARE LISTED AS MARC OLIVER, DENISE NURSE, AND FLORENCE THOMPSON. TOGETHER WE WORK CLOSELY WITH OUR SEXTON, ABDULL SETTA, JR., FONDLY KNOW AS BUSTER, TO OVERSEE AND MANAGE OUR THREE PROPERTIES.

**HANNAH PRAYER MINISTRY** - ONE OF OUR FAVORITE BIBLE VERSES IS PROVERBS 27: 17 NIV, "AS IRON SHARPENS IRON, SO ONE PERSON SHARPENS ANOTHER." THIS IS THE SISTERHOOD OF THE HANNAH MINISTRY, WHERE IN A SAFE AND HEALTHY SPACE, WE HAVE GROWN SPIRITUALLY, ENCOURAGING EACH OTHER, READING GOD'S WORD, PRAYING, FASTING, AND BEING OBEDIENT TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

## DEACONS - NOT TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE



13 TODAY < > May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Growing in Faith

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*Happy Birthday*  
*March, April & May*

**CHETTINA HODGES MARCH 12**

**DONNA BENNETT MARCH 31**

**PASTOR CREWS APRIL 15**

**LUNA JUNE HALL - APRIL 15**

**DORETT GRAHAM - APRIL 15**

**WADE ISREAL - APRIL 22**

**RONA OLIVER APRIL 22**

**KARL MCNEIL - APRIL 24**

**TERRELL CAMPBELL - MAY 7**

**FAYTH VAUGHN-SHAVUO- MAY 13**

If you do not find your birthday listed and would like to be added to the list, please be sure to email the church office [goats2sheep@verizon.net](mailto:goats2sheep@verizon.net).

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A NEW MEMBER OR TO SCHEDULE EVENTS AT  
GOOD SHEPHERD - PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE: (516) 378-5486 OR  
EMAIL: GOATS2SHEEP@VERIZON.NET**

## **WEDDINGS**



**Home Going Services-Additional information on our website.**

**<https://goodshepherdlcny.org/>**



*For Good Shepherd Members*

### **contact info?**

Please share any changes to your email, home address, or phone number with the Church office.  
Thank you!



# HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

EMAIL GOOD SHEPHERD AT [GOATS2SHEEP@VERIZON.NET](mailto:GOATS2SHEEP@VERIZON.NET)



IF THE REQUEST IS A SENSITIVE MATTER PLEASE REACH OUT TO OUR CHURCH OFFICE AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

# CLOSING PRAYER

**HEAVENLY FATHER,**

AS WE EMBARK ON THIS SEASON OF LENT, WE COME BEFORE YOU  
WITH HEARTS OPEN TO TRANSFORMATION.

GUIDE US IN OUR JOURNEY OF REFLECTION AND REPENTANCE.

HELP US TO DRAW CLOSER TO YOU THROUGH PRAYER, FASTING,  
AND ACTS OF LOVE.

MAY THIS TIME DEEPEN OUR FAITH AND INSPIRE US TO SERVE  
OTHERS.

EMPOWER US TO LET GO OF DISTRACTIONS AND EMBRACE THE  
GRACE YOU FREELY OFFER.

IN EVERY TRIAL, REMIND US OF YOUR UNWAVERING PRESENCE. WE  
ASK THIS IN YOUR HOLY NAME.

**AMEN.**