

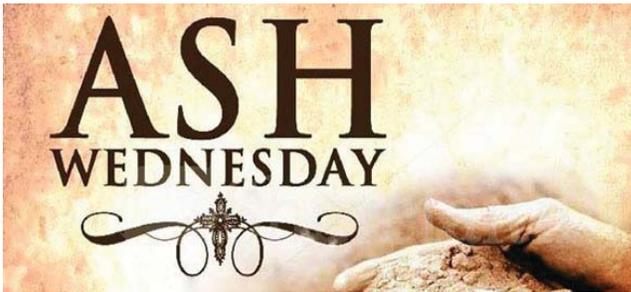


THE Messenger

Ash Wednesday WORSHIP March 1

12:15 and 7:00 pm
Madison Campus

7:00 pm
Verona Campus



John: The Gospel of Light and Life

A Lenten Study Series

- Wednesday Evening Pastor-Led Study – 6:30pm (Madison Campus, Peterson Hall)
- Sunday Morning Study- 10:15am (Verona Campus- Conference Room- led by Greg Meyer)

** We do NOT have Lenten Bible Study during Holy Week

Midweek Morning Worship with Breakfast

Wednesdays
March 8, March 15
March 22, March 29
April 5

8am – 8:30am - light breakfast
8:30-9:00am - Morning Prayer Lent Worship

Madison Campus
(led by Eileen Porter & Ken Johnson,
with Pr Sheryl & Pr Joe)

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Season of Lent

Join us for the 5 weeks of Lent as we return to the foundations of our life together as Christians in the Church.

More info on page ?

*Living Water
Living Faith*

Drama Ministry

Worship Drama Ministry
Sharing the Gospel through Dramatic Arts



By Cassie Kohrs
Sunday, April 2
9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Verona Campus

Growth

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ,

I am grateful to God for the opportunity to serve alongside you as one of your pastors. On January 29th, we had our Annual Meeting of the congregation where we learned several pertinent facts:

1. Our actual baptized membership is closer to 3000 rather than 5500.
2. Our average weekly worship attendance at 7 worship services is 810.
3. The budget we passed has a deficit of \$178,000 which will need to be brought down to \$0 with staff cuts in conjunction with new revenue by the end of 2017.



We also passed unanimously a vote to call Pastor Joe Brosious as our settled Associate Pastor, a call which I am thrilled to share with you that he has accepted! Stay tuned for updates on Pr. Joe's installation service as we welcome him from an appointed position to a position as a called pastor at Good Shepherd.

In the days and weeks to come we will share more information and opportunities for you to be involved in the current and future life of your church. I am confident that making these structural changes now will give us the ability to move into a future of growth and deeper engagement with each other and our community. The two biggest changes that you will note are staffing reductions and major worship time realignments at both campuses. These are done deals given the realities of our current situation. Where we go from here is completely dependent on how we engage with God in prayer, with each other as we study our Scripture and with our community as we introduce ourselves to new and old neighbors.

These are tasks which may not carry much opportunity for thanksgiving so please hear me as I say this now, "Thank you for your past and continuing support for Good Shepherd. Let's build a great 2017 and beyond together."

Pastor Chris Enstad



Columbarium Next Phase

With the first phase of the Good Shepherd Columbarium at the Verona campus nearing capacity, a new section of the columbarium will be opening this summer. The remaining niches in the first phase, and the bottom row of niches in the new phase are available for \$2000 each. The other rows of the new phase will be \$2500. Each niche can hold the remains of two persons, and this fee includes interring the remains and engraving the granite faceplate. If you are interested in purchasing a niche, please contact Lisa Pajari at (608) 271-6633 or lpajari@gsclwi.com.

New Office Hours

Effective March 1, 2017

Good Shepherd office hours will be
Monday - Thursday,
8:30 am to 4:30 pm.



Tickets for the 7th Annual Chili Cook-off and Pie Auction will **go on sale March 3rd** on the church website and during the week at either church office. Tickets will also be sold in the lobby the weekend of March 12th. Tickets go fast for this beloved event so get yours as soon as they go on sale!



CALLING ALL CHEFS AND BAKERS!

It's back! The 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off and Pie Auction is on the calendar for **Friday March 17th**. So start perfecting your recipe now! We're looking for new contestants to challenge some of our returning champions. This is a wonderful evening of fellowship and a great fundraiser for our youth, but we need lots of pots of chili and soup to make it happen. The chefs have just as much fun as the guests so dust off your chili powder and get cooking! For more information or to sign up, contact Sarah Iverson at saiverson@gslewi.com.



On an average weekend, it takes 150 volunteers to make the services run smoothly.

Souper Bowl XVI An Amazing Souper Bowl of Giving

Thanks to all of you on the Good Shepherd team who joined the fight to "tackle hunger" in our community. This was an amazing Souper Bowl of Giving with **3,424 cans** of soup donated.



The money put in the soup pot combined with the church school offerings totals almost \$850.00.

All the soup and money is divided between the Good Shepherd, the Allied Drive and Badger Prairie Food Pantries to help feed hungry families who rely on the food pantries.

A special thanks to all the volunteers, pastors, church staff, children, youth and adults who helped make Souper Bowl XVI so successful in the fight against hunger.



New Divorce Care Group

Good Shepherd's Divorce Care group will begin a new 11-week session each Monday, March 20 through May 29, from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Good Shepherd Room at Central campus. This group will be facilitated by the Samaritan Counseling Center. Anyone experiencing marital separation or divorce, whether newly separated or divorced for several years, is welcome to attend. The cost of the class is \$25 to cover the cost of the participant workbook. There is no need to pre-register. Simply show up on the first night. The group is open to Good Shepherd members and to the community



AMPED Souper Bowl Donations

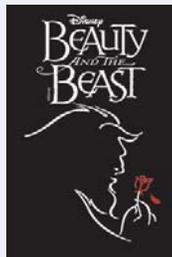
PrimeTimers

Everyone 55+ is invited to join us, Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. for our potluck meal. We meet in Peterson Hall, Madison Campus. Those whose last name begins:

- E, F, H & J bring hotdish
- B, C & D bring salad
- A & G bring dessert

If you are to furnish food and unable to attend, please contact Lynne Kroger at 271-6633x1080 or lkroger@gsclwi.com. Following our mealtime, we will worship together at 12:15 for Ash Wednesday Service.

PrimeTimers, Fireside: We are invited to attend "Beauty and The Beast" on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 3 P.M. Carpool from Good Shepherd parking lot. Total cost \$68 per person which includes tax and gratuity. Contact Lynne Kroger at 271-6633x1080 or lkroger@gsclwi.com by February 28 if you are interested in attending.



OWLLS

All widow/widowers are invited to join us for lunch, Sunday, March 12 at 12:15 p.m. at the Great Dane, 2980 Cahill Main, Fitchburg. Carpool from Good Shepherd following 10:45 worship or meet us there. Reservations to Lynne Kroger at 271-6633x1080 or lkroger@gsclwi.com by March 9.

2017 ALTAR FLOWERS

You may begin sponsoring altar flower arrangements for 2017 in memory or in honor of loved one, or for special occasions. You may sign up online through our website by clicking the "Register Online" box at the bottom of the page. The Altar Flower charts are located behind the Info Center at the Madison (Central) Campus and outside the main office at the Verona (West) campus. Each arrangement is \$40 and if paying by check, please make it payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with a note indicating altar flowers in the memo line.



DEPRESSION



MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health Tid Bits

This new monthly column in "The Messenger" is to help Good Shepherd members be proactive about their mental health. Today's topic is DEPRESSION.

While a brief depressed mood is common to our human experience at times, true depression is complex, has profound and varying impacts, and is a leading cause of disability worldwide (World Health Org). When depressed, our brains don't work properly, i.e. we can't make decisions, we are unsure of ourselves, and everything requires huge mental or physical effort. We experience a loss of pleasure in all or most activities. Depression has different triggers. Going through a stressful life event gives you a higher risk of depression, as does a past prior history of depression, or if a close family member has been depressed. While a family history of depression matters, it is not always the only factor. Depression is often misunderstood as just feeling sad. But sometimes it manifests itself as being chronically irritable, or feeling guilty or worthless. It is common to experience changes in appetite, sleep pattern, and activity level when depressed. Diminished concentration can accompany depression.

Common treatment for depression is both individual therapy and use of an anti-depressant medication prescribed by an M.D. When done together, research has demonstrated you get the best result. Eighty percent of depressed patients have a positive response to anti-depressants, though they may need more than one or a trial of several different ones before they get relief. The other 20% are considered treatment-resistant and other interventions must be used. If you are experiencing some of the named symptoms in this article for depression, it would be wise to be screened so early treatment can begin and you can feel yourself again. I am an experienced psychotherapist who has been successful in treating persons afflicted with depression. Please feel free to call me at my Good Shepherd office, 608-663-0763.

Linda Pettersen, LCSW
Samaritan Counselor at Good Shepherd

Welcome *New Member Class*



The New Member Class has been scheduled for Sunday, April 23 at Verona Campus and Sunday, April 30 at Madison Campus. This is a two session class with attendance required both days. Watch for further details and class times coming to you soon.

Hospitality

Baptisms:

MacKinze Marie Hansen, daughter of Derrick Hansen & Cassandra Hall, Feb. 5, 2017

Births:

Griffin Daniel Hanson, son of Pr. Dara Schuller and Bjorn Hanson, Feb. 16, 2017

Jasiah John Isom, son of Chasity Young and John Isom, Feb. 12, 2017

Christian Sympanthy to:

Melissa Peterson and Sarah Peterson in the death of their husband and father, Steve Peterson, February 14, 2017.

Allan Miller, Steven and Samantha, in the death of wife and mother, Leslie Miller, February 2, 2017

Nancy Adams and family, in the death of her Mother, Paula Adams, January 25, 2015, Custer, SD.

Pastoral Care

At this is a time of transition in our church, we are making every effort to minister to our members in need. If you, a family member, or friend are admitted to a hospital, especially University Hospital, please contact the church office. Due to patient confidentiality, it is difficult to obtain timely information. We want to be available to visit you in the hospital, pray with you, and help in any way.

Along with pastoral care, we know that we are not reaching out to families with new babies in our congregation. Your church family at Good Shepherd wants to share your joy and encourage you at this exciting point in your spiritual journey as parents. We also want to give you information about making plans for your child to be baptized.

Please help us during this time of change and new Pastors and keep us informed by calling 271-6633 and leave a message, speak to Judy, or e-mail one of the pastors or parish nurse.

If you, a family member, or friend admitted to the UW, admitted through the ER at St. Mary's or Meriter, in a nursing home/rehab facility please let the church know by calling 271-6633. A Pastor or parish nurse want to be able to visit and help in any way possible.

Kathy Angerman, Cancer

Larry Benike, father-in-law of Matt & Shannon Brown, melanoma

William Bishop, military serving in China

Kim Burke, sister of Randy Reuter, colon cancer

Bill Christenson, Cancer

Gloria Clickner, chronic kidney disease, Stage 5, praying for type B kidney donor

Barbara Cushman, complications post brain surgery

Joyce Eisele, brain tumor

Stan Garnsworthy, brother of Jean Patterson, esophageal cancer

Connie Halverson, health problems

Angie Broeckert, sister of Brad Wipperfurth, lung transplant

Marilyn Werner, rare pulmonary disease

Greg Wiseman, friend of Michelle Christensen, knee surgery

Lari Johnson, Donna Maysack's sister, Stage 3a colon cancer and breast cancer

Leslie Miller, cancer

Marianne Miller, step granddaughter of Audrey Converse, cancer

Karen Mueller, brain aneurism

Kristie, friend of Marilyn Sharrow, cancer

Ginny Mullens, sister/SIL of Eric and Nancy Rasmussen, cancer

Peggie, friend of Darcy Wanzong, cancer

Phil, friend of Randy Dahlinger, prostate cancer

Virinia Rios, cancer has returned on lung

Laura Schurman, lung cancer

Jodi Steidl, Leukemia, stem cell transplant

Wendy Springer, frind of Sue Broihan, breast cancer



* denotes new request

We pray that God's love & comfort will surround all those listed on this page.



If you see names on this page that should be removed, or to list someone on the care page, contact Carrie Kruzan at ckruzan@gslcwi.com.

If you would like a friend or relative remembered in prayer, contact Prayer Chain Coordinator, Barbara Herbsleb at 271-2119 or submit a prayer request online at gslcwi.com and click "Prayer Requests"

March Calendar

- M Madison Campus
V Verona Campus O Off-site



Wednesday, March 1

- M 9:00am-Soul Food
- M 12:00pm-Prime Timers
- V 4:30pm-Spirit Jam
- M 6:30pm-Witnessing Whiteness

Thursday, March 2

- V 9:00am-Women's Bible Study
- M 9:30am-Clothes Closet
- M 10:00am-GSLC Food Pantry
- M 12:00pm-Noon Bible Study
- V 4:45pm-New Creation
- M 5:00pm-Clothes Closet
- M 5:30pm-GSLC Food Pantry
- M 6:00pm-Choral Bells
- V 6:00pm-Upside
- V 6:00pm-Joyful Noise
- V 7:00pm-Echoes of Grace
- M 7:00pm-Financial Peace University
- M 7:15pm-Evensong

Friday, March 3

- M 6:30am-WIFF
- M 6:45am-Live at 6:45 Study

Saturday, March 4

- M 8:00am-Men's Bible Study
- M 9:00am-Madison Area Job Transition Program
- M 3:30pm-Evensong
- M 5:00pm-Worship Service
- M 5:00pm-Church School
- M 6:30pm-Bhutanese Ministry

Sunday, March 5

First Sunday in Lent
 GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

- M 7:00am-Choir Warm-up
- M 8:15am-Worship
- M 8:45am-Glory Be!
- V 9:00am-Worship and Church School
- M 9:30am-Worship and Church School
- V 10:30am-Worship and Church School
- M 10:45am-Worship Service
- V 12:00pm-Drama Club
- V 3:00pm-Band Rehearsal
- V 5:00pm-The Dive
- V 6:00pm-"The Deep" Worship

Monday, March 6

- M 5:15pm-Flutesence
- M 6:00pm-Living Waters
- V 7:00pm-Joyful Harmony

Tuesday, March 7

- M 9:00am-Christ Centered Yoga
- M 5:15pm-Carol Choir
- V 5:30pm-Christ Centered Yoga
- M 6:15pm-6th Grade Amped-Confirmation
- M 6:15pm-Gospbells
- V 6:30pm-Stephen Ministry Training
- M 7:15pm-Little Flock

Wednesday, March 8

- M 7:00am-Morning Men's Study
- M 8:00am-Midweek Breakfast
- M 9:00am-Soul Food
- M 5:30pm-1st Communion Bread Making
- V 6:15pm-7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

- M 6:30pm-Witnessing Whiteness
- M 6:30pm-Lent Study

Thursday, March 9

- V 9:00am-Women's Bible Study
- M 9:30am-Clothes Closet
- M 10:00am-GSLC Food Pantry
- M 12:00pm-Noon Bible Study
- V 4:45pm-New Creation
- M 5:00pm-Clothes Closet
- M 5:15pm-Flutesence
- M 5:30pm-GSLC Food Pantry
- M 6:00pm-Choral Bells
- V 6:00pm-Upside
- V 6:00pm-Joyful Noise
- V 7:00pm-Echoes of Grace
- M 7:00pm-Financial Peace University
- M 7:15pm-Evensong

Friday, March 10

- V 6:30am-WIFF
- M 5:00pm-SC Synod Lead Conference

Saturday, March 11

- M 8:00am-Men's Bible Study
- M 3:30pm-Evensong
- M 5:00pm-Worship Service
- M 5:00pm-Church School
- M 6:30pm-Bhutanese Ministry

Sunday, March 12

Second Sunday in Lent
 GOSPEL: John 3:1-7

- M 7:00am-Choir Warm-up
- M 8:15am-Worship
- M 8:45am-Glory Be!
- V 9:00am-Worship and Church School
- M 9:30am-Worship and Church School
- V 10:15am-John: The Gospel of Light and Life
- V 10:30am-Worship and Church School
- M 10:45am-Worship Service
- V 12:00pm-Drama Club
- V 3:00pm-Band Rehearsal
- V 5:00pm-The Dive
- V 6:00pm-"The Deep" Worship

Monday, March 13

- M 9:00am-Ruth Circle
- M 12:00pm-ACM
- M 5:15pm-Flutesence
- V 7:00pm-Joyful Harmony

Tuesday, March 14

- M 9:00am-Christ Centered Yoga
- M 5:15pm-Carol Choir
- M 6:15pm-6th Grade Amped-Confirmation
- M 6:15pm-Gospbells
- M 7:15pm-Little Flock

Wednesday, March 15

- M 7:00am-Morning Men's Study
- M 8:00am-Midweek Breakfast
- V 9:00am-Soul Food
- M 4:30pm-Spirit Jam
- M 6:30pm-Witnessing Whiteness
- M 6:30pm-Lent Study

Thursday, March 16

- V 9:00am-Women's Bible Study
- M 9:30am-Clothes Closet
- M 10:00am-GSLC Food Pantry
- M 12:00pm-Noon Bible Study
- V 4:45pm-New Creation
- M 5:00pm-Clothes Closet
- M 5:30pm-GSLC Food Pantry
- M 6:00pm-Choral Bells
- V 6:00pm-Upside
- V 6:00pm-Joyful Noise

- M 6:30pm-Women of Vision
- V 7:00pm-Echoes of Grace
- M 7:00pm-Financial Peace University
- M 7:15pm-Evensong



Friday, March 17

- V 6:30am-WIFF
- M 6:45am-Live at 6:45 Study
- V 6:00pm-7th Annual Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, March 18

- M 8:00am-Men's Bible Study
- M 9:00am-Madison Area Job Transition Program
- M 3:30pm-Evensong
- M 5:00pm-Worship Service
- M 5:00pm-Church School
- M 6:30pm-Bhutanese Ministry

First Communion Verona

Sunday, March 19

Third Sunday in Lent
 GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

- M 7:00am-Choir Warm-up
- M 8:15am-Worship
- M 8:45am-Glory Be!
- V 9:00am-Worship
- M 9:15am-Church School
- M 9:30am-Worship and Church School
- V 10:15am-John: Gospel of Light and Life
- V 10:30am-Worship and Church School
- M 10:45am-Worship Service
- V 12:00pm-Drama Club
- V 3:00pm-Band Rehearsal
- V 5:00pm-The Dive
- V 6:00pm-"The Deep" Worship

Monday, March 20

- M 12:30pm-Card Making
- M 5:15pm-Flutesence
- M 6:30pm-Divorce Care Class
- V 7:00pm-Joyful Harmony

Tuesday, March 21

- M 9:00am-Christ Centered Yoga
- M 9:30am-Sarah Circle
- V 5:15pm-Carol Choir
- M 5:30pm-Christ Centered Yoga
- M 6:15pm-6th Grade Amped-Confirmation
- M 6:15pm-Gospbells
- M 7:15pm-Little Flock

Wednesday, March 22

- M 7:00am-Morning Men's Study
- M 8:00am-Midweek Breakfast
- M 9:00am-Soul Food
- V 4:30pm-Spirit Jam
- M 6:15pm-7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
- M 6:30pm-Witnessing Whiteness
- M 6:30pm-Lent Study

Thursday, March 23

- M 9:00am-Loaves and Fishes
- V 9:00am-Women's Bible Study
- M 9:30am-Clothes Closet
- M 10:00am-GSLC Food Pantry
- M 12:00pm-Noon Bible Study
- V 4:45pm-New Creation
- M 5:00pm-Clothes Closet
- M 5:30pm-GSLC Food Pantry
- M 6:00pm-Choral Bells
- V 6:00pm-Upside
- V 6:00pm-Joyful Noise
- V 7:00pm-Echoes of Grace
- M 7:15pm-Evensong

Friday, March 24

6:30am-WIFF

Worship with Family
Weekend



First Communion Weekend
Madison

Saturday, March 25

- M 8:00am-Men's Bible Study
- M 3:30pm-Evensong
- M 5:00pm-Worship Service
- M 6:30pm-Bhutanese Ministry

Sunday, March 26

Fourth Sunday in Lent

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

- M 7:00am-Choir Warm-up
- M 8:15am - Worship
- M 8:45am - Glory Be!
- V 9:00am - Worship
- M 9:30am - Worship
- V 9:15am-John: Gospel of Light and Life
- V 10:30am - Worship
- M 10:45am - Worship
- V 12:00pm-Drama Dress Rehearsal
- V 3:00pm-Band Rehearsal
- V 5:00pm - The Dive
- V 6:00pm - "The Deep" Worship

Monday, March 27

- M 5:15pm-Flutesence
- M 6:30pm-Divorce Care Class
- V 7:00pm-Joyful Harmony

Tuesday, March 28

- M 9:00am-Christ Centered Yoga
- M 5:15pm-Carol Choir
- M 5:30pm-Christ Centered Yoga
- M 6:15pm-Gospbells
- M 7:15pm-Little Flock

Wednesday, March 8

- M 7:00am-Morning Men's Study
- M 8:00am-Midweek Breakfast
- V 9:00am-Soul Food
- V 4:30pm-Spirit Jam
- M 6:15pm-7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
- M 6:30pm-Lent Study

Thursday, March 9

- M 9:00am-Women's Bible Study
- M 9:30am-Clothes Closet
- M 10:00am-GSLC Food Pantry
- V 12:00pm-Noon Bible Study
- M 4:45pm-New Creation
- M 5:00pm-Clothes Closet
- M 5:30pm-GSLC Food Pantry
- V 6:00pm-Choral Bells
- V 6:00pm-Upside
- V 6:00pm-Joyful Noise
- M 7:00pm-Echoes of Grace
- M 7:15pm-Evensong

Friday, March 10

- V 6:30am-WIFF
- M 6:45am-6:45am-Live at 6:45 Study

A note from your Board President

⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. Matthew 5:46-48

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for taking the time to read this note. Some of you know me, many do not. This is my third term as president of your congregation, and my family and I have been members of Good Shepherd for about 25 years. I most recently served as the Chair of the Lead Pastor Call Committee that ultimately called Pastor Chris.

You may be asking yourself, "So, why are they bringing back the old guy for another term?" Well, this old guy had no intention of serving in a church leadership role again. However, after being asked several times by my predecessor, Deanne Boss, to share in the leadership of Good Shepherd's transition, I relented. "Why?" you may now be asking.

Now is a time of change for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Not only do we have two new pastors (Pastor Chris and Pastor Joe), but we are and will be reevaluating many ministry initiatives. During Good Shepherd's pastoral interim and with Pastor Chris as Lead Pastor, we've learned that we must right size our ministries to our congregation. If you attended the annual meeting, you know what I am talking about. As it had been some time since our membership rolls were updated, we thought we had a 5,500 member church; in reality we have about 3,000 members. And, we had ministries and services built for a 5,500 member congregation, but annual giving of a congregation of about 3,000 members. As you know, spending more than revenue is not sustainable for a business or a church, and we're committed to right-sizing the church's budget with our current membership and giving rates. I came back because I have experience in leading Good Shepherd through the type of transition we face, love this church, and want to help, just like you.

When you read the above bible passage, you may have thought, "What a strange bible passage to open a letter to introduce the new congregation president." This passage from the Sermon on the Mount was the basis for Pastor Joe's sermon at the Madison campus this weekend. As Pastor Joe spoke, this message spoke to me. Ultimately, what is said to me is that we can't expect perfect, even though we strive to be our best selves. This isn't about me, it is about Christ, our communities, this church and each of us.

We are going to go "old school." For Good Shepherd, that includes bringing committees back. For too long, we have been a church that has not engaged our congregation members, but rather delegated too much to our staff. Bringing back committees will allow us to reengage our wonderful congregation in ministry areas you all care about. It will allow more to lead, not a few. Bringing back committees will make us all a part of the future, not passive spectators.

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Children and Youth Ministry



Easter Egg Hunt

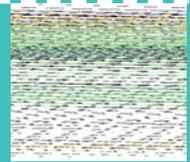
Saturday April 15 ~ 10:00 am
Madison Campus.

Rain or Shine. Bring your own basket!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Summer Day Camps

Ages 2 through 5th Grade



Experience an outpouring of God's love and grace at our day camps for kids from Age 2 through Grade 5...

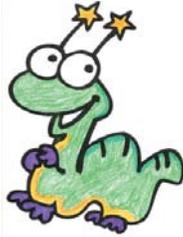
camps that will refresh your kids' knowledge of Scripture and deepen their relationship with God. Through art, nature, fitness, music and service, we can share the love and grace of Jesus with each other and our community!

Camp	Ages/Grade	Dates	Location	Times	Cost
Critter Camp	Ages 2-4	5/30-6/1	Verona	9:30-11:00	\$25.00
VBS	Age 3-1st Gr.	6/19-6/22	Verona	9:00-11:30	\$45.00
Good Shepherd Sports Camp	K-5th Gr.	7/10-7/13	Verona	9:00-Noon	\$60.00
Camp Create It	K-5th Gr.	7/31-8/3	Madison	9:00-Noon	\$60.00

NO CAMPER LEFT BEHIND

Our goal is for all children and youth to attend Good Shepherd Day Camps and sleep away Bible camps - regardless of ability to pay. There are many ways to make the cost of camp more affordable. Please visit the Summer Camps page on the church website or contact our Summer Camp Director, Sarah Key for more information at skey@gsclwi.com.

Wigglers in WORSHIP



March is the start of Lent. It can be easy to overlook marking Lent because it isn't as fun to celebrate with Wigglers as Advent is. But making time for Lent in your family can lead to better understanding and greater celebration of Easter. Below are some suggestions for Lent, use or adapt any and all that work best for your family.

*Break out the purple! Purple is the color of Lent and is a reminder of Jesus' royalty. When your Wigglers wear purple, remind them that they are also members of God's royal family through Baptism.

*Cross Focus – move a cross to a place that is easily and daily seen. Remind your Wiggler that without the cross we wouldn't have Easter. If your wiggler likes to decorate, have them use ribbon or fabric to make a purple stole to drape over the cross arms. This can be changed to Black for Good Friday and White for Easter.

*Make a Lenten "Wreath" to light during the 6 weeks of Lent. Gather 6 candles with holders, form into a cross or circle, light a new candle each week during prayers or devotions. Look for devotional choices in the Easter basket at each campus' Information Center.

First Communion Services

We will joyfully welcome new recipients to the Lord's Table at our West Campus on March 19 and April 9, at our Verona Campus on March 25/26 and April 1/2 and on Maundy Thursday. Please check the bulletin insert on these weekends for individual names. Including these children in your prayers and/or sending a card is a great way to fulfill our congregational promises that we made at their Baptisms. Many Blessings!



Family Resources for Lent:

Check out the Easter basket at the info desk at each campus. It is filled with a variety of Lent resources & activities for your family, everything from devotionals to crafts.



Pine Lake Camp, near Waupaca, WI, and Imago Dei Village, near Shawano, WI are two of three Christian camps owned and operated by Crossways Camping Ministries. Good Shepherd has been affiliated with Pine Lake for many years. We highly recommend all of Crossways' camp ministries, but here are a few of our favorites...

Piece Together Family Camp June 25-28 or June 25-30, Imago Dei Village

Family Camp June 30 - July 2nd (Friday-Sunday), Pine Lake

Good Shepherd Week at Pine Lake Week 7: July 23rd-28th, Completed Grades 1-12

For details check out: www.gsclwi.com/Ministries/Children's_Ministries/Summer_Camps

Register at www.crosswayscamps.org

Questions? Call Liz Locke at the Crossways Camps office at (920) 882-0023 or email at liz@crosswayscamps.org

church school

Here's how we're building our faith in March.

Week	Spark (Age 3-Gr. 2)	Holy Moly (Gr. 3-5)
Mar 4/5	The First Sin <i>Genesis 3:1-24</i>	Man through a Roof <i>Luke 5:17-26</i>
Mar 11/12	Abram's Call <i>Genesis 12:1-9</i>	Calming the Storm <i>Matthew 8:23-27</i>
Mar 18/19	Woman at the Well <i>John 4:5-42</i>	Jesus Feeds 5,000 <i>John 6:1-14</i>
Mar 25/26	Worship with Family Day! No Church School	

Join us anytime! Questions? Contact Joanne Zastrow jzastrow@gslcwi.com 271-6633

Welcome to the Team Vlastrow for senior high ministry and friends!

We are fundraising for Feed My Starving Children (FMSC), a Christian non-profit that tackles world hunger by sending volunteer-packed, nutritious meals to malnourished children around the world. Please support this wonderful cause by making a donation. Even a



small donation will help us achieve our church-wide goal of \$22,000. Donate spare change in our jar at the West/Verona campus or give online using the 'Donate Now' button above. The process is fast, easy and secure. If you can't make a donation, help us reach our goal by sharing this page on social media or sending an email to friends with a link to our page. <https://give.fmsc.org/fundraise/team?ftid=105714s>
Thanks so much for your generosity!

Senior High

BOYS NIGHT OUT – Senior High boys are invited to gather on Sunday March 5th at 4:30 at AJ's pizza in Verona to play some cards and eat some pizza with other high school guys and some cool "older dudes" from the congregation. \$5.00 if you can but not necessary. Euchre, cribbage, whatever you like to play – come on over.

SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING BIBLE The girls' dinner/devotion group will meet again on March 26th at 4:30. We are looking for a host family for this month's dinner. If interested, contact Sarah!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP High school youth are invited to gather with Kurt, Ashley, and others on the following Wednesdays for fellowship and service. March 8th and March 22nd. 8:00 at West unless email/facebook says otherwise.

Amped

NO AMPED – Remember that there is NO AMPED March 28/29 as Verona and a number of other schools are on spring break!

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

NOW, NOW, NOW is the time to get registered for summer camp. Remember all Good Shepherd youth get \$50.00 towards camp and we have plenty of scholarship dollars available. No child should miss out on this important life giving and life changing experience. Yes there are lots of ways to do camp out there – sports, theater, robot – but a week at bible camp is a great place to drop a rock that will ripple into their future lives.

- **Good Shepherd Week at Pine Lake** is July 23-28 (Sunday-Friday)! (Remember there are other camps outside of Pine Lake that are part of the Crossways network too that may interest you)
Register online at their website www.crosswayscamps.org
- **Sugar Creek** is another camping option that is available any week of the summer that fits your schedule and with a variety of different programs especially for senior high!
Check them out and register at www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

Worship Arts



EASTER

New Easter Worship Times

Service times for Easter Saturday/Sunday will be
5:00pm / 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 am
 at both campuses this year

New Hymnals

Good Shepherd is getting new hymnals. Our new hymnal dedication service will be March 12. We will be offering the old LBW hymnals to congregation members. The remainder may be donated to local or overseas projects. If you'd like to take a hymnal or more, please contact Diane Kohrs (271-6633 x 1180 or dkohrs@gslcwi.com). Alleluia! Amen.



Gustavus Adolphus Chapel Choir is coming to Good Shepherd – Hosts Needed

The Chapel Choir at Gustavus Adolphus college will present a concert on Saturday April 8th at 7pm. The next morning, April 9th, they will be leading our Palm Sunday worship services at our Madison campus at 8:15am and 9:30am. Good Shepherd will be hosting a dinner on Saturday evening and we are looking for hosts to house close to 100 college age musicians on Saturday night. Please contact Diane Kohrs (271-6633 x 1180 or dkohrs@gslcwi.com) if you are able/willing to host 2 or more at your home. Let her know if you would like to help with the dinner on Saturday night also.



GrAMPEDparent Fun

Good Shepherd Choir to sing at Madison Capitols game

Come join the choir to sing at the Madison Capitols (hockey) game on March 31st! Group tickets cost \$11 each and everyone in the family is invited. We will be having one rehearsal on Sunday March 26th at noon to work on our song, God Bless America, for the game. On March 31st we will meet at the Alliant Energy Center and sit together as a Good Shepherd family to watch the game. We will sing our song out on the ice if we get more than 40 singers. We're aiming for 100 or more!

Please consider joining us for this fun event. All ages are welcome! More voices, more fun. Contact Diane Kohrs (271-6633 x 1180 or dkohrs@gslcwi.com) for more information and to sign up/order tickets.



Boys

AMAPED RETREAT



Girls

Discipleship

Living Water / Living Faith

Join us for the 5 weeks of Lent as we return to the foundations of our life together as Christians in the Church. The preaching and teachings for Lent will focus on Baptism and we will use our Scripture, Worship and Prayer life to prepare newcomers for baptism while we renew our own life in Christ and discover what it means to live as one of God's chosen people in this time and place. To prepare each week for worship please read the assigned texts and then make it your practice to attend worship and prayer at Good Shepherd:

Ash Wednesday: March 1

Read for worship: *Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21*

Questions for you to ponder for Lent: How might this Lent be different for me than all of the other Lents I've ever experienced? What do I need to do differently to help that happen?

Lent 1: March 4/5

Read for worship: *Matthew 4: 1-11*

Question for your week: Whom do I serve? Is my opinion more important than my neighbors? It it more important than God's?

Lent 2: March 11/12

Read for worship: *John 3: 1-17*

Question for your week: What do I believe about baptism and God?

Lent 3: March 17/18

Read for worship: *John 4: 5-42*

Question for your week: Why do we use water for baptism?

Lent 4: March 24/25

Read for worship: *John 9:1-41*

Question for the week: How am I helping people see God?

Lent 5: April 1 / 2

Read for worship: *John 11: 1-45*

Question for your week: What holds me captive? What holds my nation captive? What tomb am I being called out of this Easter?

A note from your Board President continued from page 1 >>

My commitment is to communicate with all of you. If you are feeling out of the loop, please feel free to reach out to any of your church board members listed below. If you don't know one of us, please email us at board@gslcwi.com and we will respond to you.

Rick Blum	Josh Enslin	Kimberly King
Gerry Born	Ellen Franzone	Jessica McCarty
Deanne Boss	Tom Golden	Linda Zimdars

My humble request of you is this. Be patient. Give us some time and room to figure out next steps. Communicate with us – the good, the bad and the ugly. Provide your input, and volunteer to serve on one of the new committees. But most of all, love your neighbor, and this church, and things will fall into place.

Peace in Christ,
Tom Golden
President, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Car Wash Time!



We live in a beautiful part of the country and are proud of our lakes and streams. Here are some car-washing tips to help keep the clean.

“Washing your car in a commercial car wash is better for the environment than doing it yourself. Commercial car washes not only use significantly less water per wash – up to 100 gallons less – but they often recycle and reuse rinse water. If every American who currently washes a vehicle at home chose instead to go to a professional car wash – just once – up to 8.7 billion gallons of water could be saved, and some 12 billion gallons of soapy polluted water could be diverted from the country's rivers, lakes, and streams.”

The Green Book, Elizabeth Rogers and Thomas Kostigen, p. 10.

If you still want to wash your own car, use these good ideas to limit the pollution (from the EPA's Fact Sheet on Water):

- Use biodegradable, phosphate-free, water-based cleaners only
- Use a spray gun to minimize water usage
- Wash on an area that absorbs water, such as gravel or grass
- Always empty wash buckets into sinks or toilets

Happy Spring and happy car-washing!



Good Shepherd Card Ministry

Good Shepherd's Card Ministry will be meeting on March 20 from 1:00 – 3:00 in the Good Shepherd Room at the Madison Campus. We will be creating cards for Good Shepherd staff to use in ministry. All are welcome and no card making experience is necessary. Contact Emily Thomson ethomson@gslcwi.com or 271-6633 if you have questions.

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MADISON CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday 5:00 pm
Blended Evening Vespers Service

Sunday 8:15 am & 9:30 am
Traditional Service

Sunday 10:45 am
Post-modern Service

VERONA CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 9:00 am
Blended Service

Sunday 10:30 am
Contemporary Service

Sunday 6:00 pm
The Deep - Blended Evening Service

Nursery available each worship time at both campuses.

Children's Church School (Sept-May) available each worship time at 5:00 pm, 9:30 am at Madison and 9:00, 10:30 am at Verona.

Lead Pastor Chris Enstad
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