



THE Messenger



Pictured: VBS Campers donated over 90 cereal boxes for local Food Pantries

VBS Faith & Fun in Verona

Campers and Volunteers Connect with God & the Good Shepherd Community through Vacation Bible School

"Through it all, God is with me," is what the nearly 70 VBS campers sang at their closing celebration as they wrapped up a week of fellowship, faith formation and fun at Good Shepherd's "Babylon" Vacation Bible School. God's



enduring presence wasn't just sung about but experienced by both the campers and the volunteers and staff who helped make the camp possible. "One of the things that we appreciate most about VBS is that it's this unique opportunity to bring together kids from the Good

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July 4

Independence Day
(Church Office Closed)

July 9 - 12

Spanish Camp

July 19

Madison Area
Job Training Workshop

July 23-26

Faith & Fitness Camp

July 30 - Aug 2

Camp Create-It

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Welcome

Pastor's Note

“What's next?”



Rev. Chris Enstad
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I've heard this question more than once since our congregational update from The Joshua Group on June 3rd.

It was good for us to hear from an outside source about the strengths and growth areas of our church. I am usually aware of the places in my own life that I could stand to improve, and also those places I happen to think I'm doing just fine! It is also the case, however, that it often takes the confirmation or affirmation of another person to help me make sure that I'm seeing things not just through my own viewpoint but from the viewpoint of God!

That is why God gives us preachers and teachers to help us along life's journey. It is also

why we find dedicated people like Kristin Wiersma who want to help congregations like ours grow stronger and even more resilient in changing times!

I thank you for your prayerful input and support in the process so far. This newsletter contains a one-page update on the Strong and Courageous Vision campaign so far and where we will be going next. Our Way Point teams will be a great place for engagement with God's vision and mission for you as well as a way to meet and learn from your fellow members! Our first two teams are forming and will be trained by Kristin this month.

We will also launch a second summer sermon series this month entitled: Strong and Courageous: No Longer Strangers. The first mark of a strong and courageous Christian is a life lived in faith. We've heard what this life looks like over the last few weeks using Paul's

second letter to the Corinthians. Now we turn our attention to our own community of faith at Good Shepherd. God is calling us to live together as a reconciled family even in the midst of things that might divide us! We will be using Paul's letter to the Ephesians as our guide. Please mark your calendars, join us in person, or listen via podcast, in July and August. 2 Corinthians and Ephesians form a primer for Good Shepherd as we prayerfully journey towards a new vision for mission!

I pray that each of you are having a safe and blessed summer. Enjoy God's good creation and continue to enjoy each other and our church community!

Sincerely,



Pastor Chris Enstad

Hospitality

Baptisms

Ella Grace Sweeney, daughter of Sara & Sean Sweeney, June 10, 2018

Wyatt Fox, son of Brianna & Andy Fox, June 17, 2018

Harriet Rae Olinger, daughter of Lauren & Brian Olinger, June 24, 2018

Nora Jade Scherb, daughter of Emmily & Brendan Scherb, June 24, 2018

Tyler Daniel Moyes, son of Samantha & Benjamin Moyes, June 24, 2018

Christian Sympathy to:

Stacey Shorter, Darcey Becker & Families in the death of mother, Patricia Butcher, May 22, 2018 in Madison, WI.

Sue & Dan Ernst in the death of their son, Kevin, May 18, 2018 in Baltimore, MD.

Gary Gruenisen & Family in the death of his mother, Shirley Gruenisen, June 6, 2018 in Madison, WI.

Jamie Holmes & Family in the death of her father-in-law, Dave Holmes, June 8, 2018.

Paula Kopp & Family in the death of her mother, Carol Lamm, June 14, 2018 in Oconomowoc, WI.

Steve Trinkner & Family in the death of his father, Clarence Trinkner, June 15, 2018.

Prayers

Alison Sammartano, niece of Jan Love, breast cancer

Dave, brother-in-law of Betsy Reck, liver cancer

Erin Alft, debilitating migraines

Joe Ringeisen, squamous cell cancer in the tongue

Kathy Angerman, cancer

Kristie, friend of Marilyn Sharrow, cancer

***Lana Johnson**, Cirrhosis of the liver

Lari Johnson, Donna Maysack's sister, stage 4 colon cancer and breast cancer

Marianne Miller, step granddaughter of Audrey Converse, cancer

Phil, friend of Randy Dahlinger, prostate cancer

***Ron Holzhueler**, health

Virginia Rios, cancer has returned on lung

* denotes new request

All prayer requests are listed for two months.

Pastoral Care at Good Shepherd

If you, a family member, or friend are admitted to a hospital, especially UW Hospital & Clinics, 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.

If you are having a baby, 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 keep us informed by calling 271-6633 and leave a message, speak to Judy Hoard, or e-mail one of the pastors or parish nurse.



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 The Messenger at communications@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."

Vision Process

Vision Process Recap & Update Way Point Teams Being Formed

WHY WE BEGAN

About the Vision Process

Good Shepherd has been a strong congregation for over 60 years - focused on reflecting Jesus' love to transform lives and make disciples. Over the last several years, through leadership transitions, changing neighborhoods and congregational changes, there was a need to help redefine who we are, where we are headed and how we will get there. Working alongside the Joshua Group, guided by the Holy Spirit, our congregation has stepped prayerfully into discerning where God is calling us to next.

WHERE WE ARE AT

Affirmations & Challenges

Affirmations & Assets

- Reputation in community, key locations and facilities
- Strong outreach and willingness to partner with organizations
- Sense of welcome
- Moving to a system of greater lay involvement/ listening to members
- Presence of multi-generations/ hunger for deeper connection and community/Wide diversity of congregation members
- Opportunity for growth in giving
- Hunger for deeper faith, integrated and inspiring worship
- Strong children and youth programs

Challenges & Needs

- Previous pastoral loss and subsequent transitions and losses
- Pastoral connection and congregational care
- Leadership, decision making, and communication, financial clarity
- Strategy and planning worship and music experiences
- Need for clarity of purpose
- Desire for sense of belonging/connection of ministries

WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

Summary of Listening Process

Missional Assessment Profile
Survey taken by 494 Individuals
62% of weekly worship attendance

Listening Interviews and Groups
128 Members of the Good Shepherd Community were interviewed by our consultant

Community Listening Panels
One in Madison and one in Verona attended by dozens

Leadership Systems Inventory
Internal Staff Survey completed by majority of team

Generosity Index
In-Depth Analysis of Stewardship undertaken

WHERE WE ARE HEADED

Way Point Teams

As a result of all the input from our listening, there were several areas of need identified around which Way Point Teams will be created to address issues.

The first teams being created now are:



In July these teams will be created with a diverse range of members. They will participate in training sessions on July 17 as they work on these important topics that have been identified as top priorities within our congregation.

For more information & the latest updates visit

gslcwi.com/vision

July Committee Spotlight: Children, Youth & Family



Pamela Ziemlewicz
Children's Ministry Committee Chair



The Children's Ministry committee started work by defining the goals of a successful Children's Ministry Program.

After a couple brainstorming sessions, we decided on the following:

- Teaching that church is a place to feel welcome and safe;
- Laying the foundation for what it means to be a child of God, a disciple;
- Connecting children and families from baptism through confirmation; and
- Supporting Christian fellowship in the community and beyond.

Once we'd agreed on our strategic direction, the committee reviewed current programming. While some areas were stable and performing well, others were in startup or decline and required more attention. The team determined that our areas of focus would be as follows: Church School, Birth to Three, and Summer Connections. As we reviewed and tried to improve upon the existing programming it was important that each task helped to fulfill one of the original goals.

Changes to Church School

Church School saw a number of changes this season: electronic check-in (welcome and safe) and children beginning in the sanctuary (laying the foundation). The favorite things like "worship with your family weeks" and singing in worship for Christmas and Palm Sunday remained unchanged. At the end of the season, we surveyed the Church School teachers to help provide us with direction going forward. One of the challenges ahead is keeping the 3-5th graders engaged, and we've spent recent meetings re-evaluating our curriculum for that population.

Focusing on the Youngest Children

Birth to Three was our second area of focus. We looked at the process for baptism, and made some suggestions to make the class easier for a family with a newborn. The second challenge is keeping that family engaged from then until church school. Beginning in April, we started doing phone call follow-ups with baptism families: a simple check-in with suggestions of upcoming programs (connection). Advertisement of our weekly playgroup has been re-energized (Christian Brotherhood), and electronic check-in was also implemented for nursery.

Our next two meetings will focus on review of the nursery and worship spaces to evaluate what else could be done to promote safety and help families feel welcome.

Connecting over the Summer

The final focus area was summer connections. A couple weeks ago, we marched in the Verona Hometown Days parade, handing out water bottles with advertisement for summer programming. In order to allow more people access to VBS, we'll offer an evening session in August at the Madison campus. Additionally, we've started Meet Good Shepherd at the Park: 6 fellowship opportunities for summer concert series happening at Harriet Park (Verona) and McKee Park (Fitchburg) which is happening now.

Looking Ahead

Looking ahead to fall, the Children's Ministry Committee will be merging with the Youth and Family Committee. I expect that the core objectives of the Children's Ministry committee will remain unchanged, but we'll likely add a couple more focus areas to our action list.

August Committee Spotlight:
Outreach

July Calendar

Madison Campus Verona Campus Off-site

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| <p>1 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43</p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:00am Worship 10:00am Worship 10:30am Worship 3:00pm Band Rehearsal 4:00pm Pantry Gardening 4:00pm Yoga & Meditation 5:00pm The Dive 6:00pm The Deep</p> | <p>2</p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Joyful Harmony</p> | <p>3</p> <p>8:00 PM Wine & Word</p> | <p>4 Office Closed Independence Day</p> <p>7:00am Prayer Group 10:00am Quilting 1:00pm Soul Food</p> | <p>5</p> <p>9:30am Clothes Closet 10:00am GS Food Pantry 12:00pm Noon Bible Study 5:00am Clothes Closet 5:15pm Flutescence 5:30pm GS Food Pantry 7:00pm Echoes of Grace 6:30pm Women of Vision</p> |
| <p>8 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13</p> <p>8:00am Just Bakery 8:00am Just Bakery 9:00am Worship 9:30am Worship 12:15pm OWLLS 3:00pm Band Rehearsal 4:00pm Yoga & Meditation 4:00pm Pantry Gardening 5:00pm The Dive 6:00pm The Deep</p> | <p>9</p> <p>7:00pm Joyful Harmony</p> | <p>10</p> <p>8:00 am Spanish Camp 9:00am LWR Quilters 9:00 am Musikgarten 5:00pm Flutescence 8:00 PM Wine & Word</p> | <p>11</p> <p>7:00am Prayer Group 9:15am Verona Playgroup 10:00am Quilting 1:00pm Soul Food 5:00pm Pantry Gardening</p> | <p>12</p> <p>9:30am Clothes Closet 10:00am GS Food Pantry 12:00pm Noon Bible Study 5:00am Clothes Closet 5:15pm Flutescence 5:30pm GS Food Pantry 7:00pm Echoes of Grace 6:30pm Women of Vision</p> |
| <p>15 Eight Sunday after Pentecost GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35</p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:00am Worship 10:00am Worship 10:30am Worship 3:00pm Band Rehearsal 4:00pm Yoga & Meditation 4:00pm Pantry Gardening 5:00pm The Dive 6:00pm The Deep</p> | <p>16</p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Joyful Harmony</p> | <p>17</p> <p>9:00 am Musikgarten 6:00pm Festival Ringers 8:00 PM Wine & Word</p> | <p>18</p> <p>7:00am Prayer Group 9:15am Verona Playgroup 1:00pm Soul Food 5:00pm Pantry Gardening</p> | <p>19</p> <p>8:00am Centering Prayer 9:00 am MAJT Workshop 9:30am Clothes Closet 10:00am GS Food Pantry 12:00pm Noon Bible Study 5:00pm Clothes Closet 5:30pm GS Food Pantry 7:00pm Echoes of Grace</p> |
| <p>22 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34,53-56</p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:00am Worship 10:00am Worship 10:30am Worship 3:00pm Band Rehearsal 4:00pm Yoga & Meditation 4:00pm Pantry Gardening 5:00pm The Dive 6:00pm The Deep</p> | <p>23</p> <p>9:00 am Faith and Fitness Camp</p> | <p>24</p> <p>8:00 PM Wine & Word</p> | <p>25</p> <p>7:00am Prayer Group 9:00 am Faith and Fitness Camp 9:15am Verona Playgroup 1:00pm Soul Food 5:00pm Pantry Gardening</p> | <p>26</p> <p>9:00 am Faith and Fitness Camp 9:30am Clothes Closet 10:00am GS Food Pantry 12:00pm Noon Bible Study 5:00pm Clothes Closet 5:30pm GS Food Pantry 6:00pm Women of Vision 7:00pm Echoes of Grace</p> |
| <p>29 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost GOSPEL: John 6:1-21</p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:00am Worship 10:00am Worship 10:30am Worship 3:00pm Band Rehearsal 4:00pm Yoga & Meditation 4:00pm Pantry Gardening 5:00pm The Dive</p> | <p>30</p> <p>6:30am Men's Bible Study 8:00 am Spanish Camp 9:00 am Camp Create It 7:00pm Joyful Harmony</p> | <p>31</p> <p>8:00 am Spanish Camp 9:00 am Musikgarten 9:00 am Camp Create It 8:00 PM Wine & Word</p> | | |

PRIME TIMERS

All those 55+ are invited to join PrimeTimers on Wednesday, July 11th at noon in Peterson Hall at our Madison Campus for a Potluck lunch.

Those whose last name begins with:

R, S & I - Hot Dish; L, P, N & W - Salad; K & M - Dessert

Please make sure each dish is enough for 12 people. If you're assigned to bring a food and are unable to attend, please contact Lynne Kroger at 271-6633 x1080 or lkroger@gslcwi.com.

After lunch, Sara Hanneman will have a presentation on "Falls & Home Safety Prevention."



| Friday | Saturday |
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| 6 6:30am Friday Men's Group | 7 8:00am Men's Bible Study |
| 13 6:30am Friday Men's Group 7:45am Live at 7:45 | 14 8:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Community Breakfast |
| 20 6:30am Friday Men's Group | 21 8:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Madison Area Job Transition |
| 27 6:30am Friday Men's Group 7:45am Live at 7:45 | 28 8:00am Men's Bible Study |
| | |

OWLLS

All widow/widowers are invited to join us for lunch on Sunday, July 8 at 11:45 a.m. at The Egg & I (2501 W. Beltline Highway.) Carpool from church or plan to meet us there.

Please make your reservation with Lynne Kroger at 271-6633 x1080 or lkroger@gslcwi.com by July 5.



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Children's Ministry

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VBS Faith & Fun in Verona

Shepherd community as well as kids from Verona and Madison to all learn about God together, to worship Him, to have fun - creating relationships together," said Children's Ministry Director Joanne Zastrow.

Relationships are formed among the campers but also among the staff and

volunteers that serve at Vacation Bible School.

Angela, a parent of a camper and also a volunteer, said "It's

been a lot of fun. My son has learned a lot of new things, a lot of new songs, and it's been nice to meet some of the volunteers and the other parents and get to know other people within the church."

Former campers also love to

come back and serve as volunteers because they know what a great part of summer it was for them and now want to help younger campers have a great experience. Pastor for Youth and Family Dara Schuller-Hanson said, "To see our youth who once were participants in VBS now be volunteers, and then interns, make it a whole inter-generational ministry. It

shows God's love through connection, through storytelling, through singing and kids smiling faces."

Morning VBS in Verona was just the

first of many summer opportunities for children at Good Shepherd this summer. To find out more about Evening VBS or other camp opportunities, check out the information below or visit gslcwi.com/summer for full details of opportunities.



Upcoming Summer Camps

Faith & Fitness Camp

July 23 - 26
9:00 - 11:30 a.m., Verona
Completed
K - 5th Grade

Evening VBS

Aug 6 - 9
5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Madison
Age 3 - Completed
4th Grade

Register at:
gslcwi.com/summer

Camp Create It

July 30 - Aug 2
9:00 am - 12:00 p.m., Madison
Completed K - 5th Grade

No Camper Left Behind:

We want all children to be able to experience the joys of summer camp. Full or partial scholarships available. Simply mark scholarship on your registration payment.

Baptism Class

Instruction for Holy Baptism is available to anyone wanting to be baptized or have their child baptized. All ages are welcome. Learn about why, when and how we perform Baptism at Good Shepherd. Our next class will be held on Thursday July 12 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at our Madison Campus. Childcare is provided. Register online for class at gslcwi.com/baptism and contact Katie Wagner with questions about baptisms and the class: kwagner@gslcwi.com or 271-6633.

Summer Playgroup: A time to Connect and Play

Playgroup is held on Wednesdays from 9:15 – 10:45 a.m. July 11 & 18; August 8 & 15 in the gym and playground at our Verona campus. Moms, dads and caregivers are invited to come and connect and support each other while your kids play. No cost or signup is required. Stop by as your schedule allows. The program is available for infants through kindergarten. Contact Katie Wagner with questions kwagner@gslcwi.com or 271-6633.

Sarah Iverson named Director of Spiritual Programming & Development for Good Shepherd



Dear members and friends of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Over the past 11 years, Sarah Iverson has helped to grow and strengthen youth ministry at Good Shepherd. She has led our youth ministry with the heart of a servant and the character of a faithful leader. I am pleased to announce that Sarah will now be able to share her gifts with the entire congregation as she has accepted a new position at Good Shepherd as Director of Spiritual Programming and Development.

For the past two years, Sarah has been dreaming and discerning where her gifts and talents might be leading her on her life's journey. Additionally, the results of our Vision process affirmed the need for deepening the engagement and connections to each other and to God within our congregation.

In her new role, Sarah will work alongside the pastors, staff, and committees to further strengthen the spiritual component of our current ministry offerings while seeking to create new ways for our congregation to gather together in order to create an even deeper sense of belonging, mission, and community. The importance and value of youth ministry at Good Shepherd was also clearly identified through our Vision process. At the end of June, we will formally begin the process of calling a new Director of Youth & Family Ministry to continue to nurture the faith of Good Shepherd's next generation.

Starting this September, Sarah will begin to transition into her new role while helping our newly called Director of Youth & Family gain familiarity with our programs and develop relationships with our youth and their families. Sarah is a long-time, valued member of our church staff and community. She brings a deep love for God and God's people to everything she does. This new position will allow her to bring her passion for service and spirituality to even more areas of our church life!

I am confident that we all share Sarah's excitement for this new role and the ways she will continue to be a blessing to our entire congregation. I welcome your prayers for Sarah, this process and whomever God is preparing to send to us as our new Director of Youth & Family Ministry.

Sincerely,

Pastor Chris Enstad



43 Good Shepherd Youth Headed to Houston

43 youth and 8 Adults from Good Shepherd boarded a bus at 5 a.m. Tuesday, June 26th bound for Houston and the ELCA National Youth Gathering. There they will worship, learn, serve and grow as they discover how the Good News of Jesus Christ changes everything.

Follow along with the trip via Good Shepherd's Facebook and Instagram pages as travellers will be sharing images and stories along the way. Look for a full report from the Youth Gathering in the August edition of The Messenger.

Worship Arts



Carol Choir ends their 2017-18 season on a “High Note”

Carol Choir, the Madison Campus music ministry for children ages 3-5, ended our season on a “high note!” Here we are -- practicing the song we sang in church on Mother’s Day! Does it look like fun? It is! Practices will resume in September (date TBA) on Tuesdays from 5:15 - 5:45 p.m. We’d love to have your child/children join us to learn new songs about God and Jesus and play simple rhythm instruments, too! Questions? Contact Eileen Porter at hporter2@wisc.edu or 608-845-3025.

Installation of Our New Bishop: Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld

Bishop-elect, Rev. Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld will be installed on Sunday, August 18 (2:00 p.m.) at First Lutheran Church in Janesville. Sing with the Synod Children’s Choir at the Bishop’s Installation! An all-synod children’s choir is being assembled for the installation service. Open to all children and youth ages 7-18, the group will present one piece



during the service. Rehearsal materials and instruction will be sent out to all participants. A rehearsal is planned for the morning of the event and lunch will be provided.

All available singers are encouraged to participate in this historic event. Interested singers should contact either Carrie Enstad (enstadcarrie@gmail.com) or Jared Stellmacher for more information and to sign up.



Jared Stellmacher
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Immanuel Lutheran Men’s Choir Visits Madison on Sunday, July 15

On Sunday, July 15, the Faithful Men’s Choir from Immanuel Lutheran Church (ELCA), Watertown, WI (Larry Peterson, Director) will sing at both services at the Madison Campus. This ecumenical male choir made up of 15+ dedicated men is a ministry of Immanuel Lutheran. However, the choir welcomes singers from the broader Watertown area. The choir tours the area frequently sharing their love and gift of music with other churches and communities. Jared Stellmacher served as Director of Music at Immanuel from 2015-2017.

Join Summer Chorale Madison: Sunday July 8th & 22nd

This summer, EVERYONE (that’s you!) is invited to sing in the Summer Chorale at the Madison Campus. Simply meet at 8:00 a.m. for a brief rehearsal and share it for worship at 8:30 and 10:00am the same Sunday. If you’ve been contemplating joining the GS Choir or have been wondering what it might be like, this is a great opportunity for you to give it a try. New voices of all ages are welcome! Speak with Jared Stellmacher if you’re interested or if you have any questions.

2 Corinthians Series Continues

Our six week sermon series “Living By Faith” wraps up this month. We will continue speaking about the realities of life and the unbreakable faith that sustains us through all times. “For we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7) Visit gslcwi.com/living-by-faith to hear sermons and learn more about the series.

Reviewing Current Church Revenue & Expenses



Linda Zimdars
Church Treasurer

Leaders at Good Shepherd recognize the need for members to know about the financial health of the church. At the annual meeting in February, the Good Shepherd Board promised to be more transparent in keeping members informed about financial matters.

Revenues are Below Budget

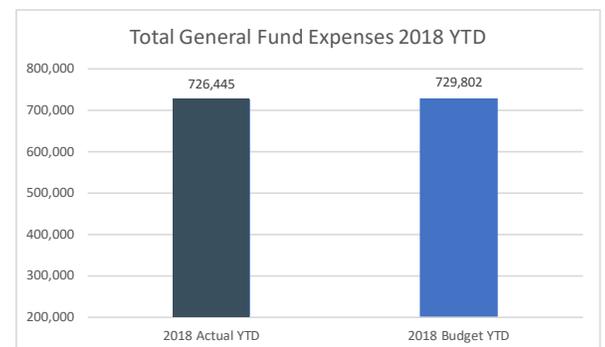
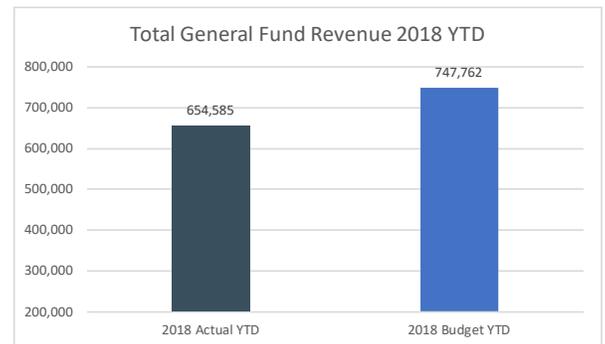
Here is the update on how the church has done as of the end of May. Revenue is down from where it needs to be to make this year's budget. As of May 31, the church is at 87.5% of where it needs to be year-to-date to make our revenue goal for 2018. The giving from people who filled out intent-to-give forms last November is also running at about 87% of estimates.

Expenses are at or Below Budget

The good news is that expenses are at or below expected numbers for what was called for in this year's budget. The church has also taken several cost saving measures to reduce expenses for the rest of the year. Capital improvements, like new bathrooms and a remodeled narthex in Madison, and new projectors in Verona, will continue to move forward with funds collected for Mission in Motion pledges and capital reserve accounts.

How You Can Help

Please continue to fulfill your Intent to Give. Consider the automatic giving option, which helps the church over the summer months with cash flow. You can have your pledge withdrawn automatically from any checking account you choose. Please visit gslcwi.com/giving for additional options. Consider additional gifts by way of stock contributions or general cash donations. Meeting our numbers ensures our continuity in our Ministry programs in 2018 and the future growth in years beyond. If you have any questions about the process, please contact finance@gslcwi.com.



**Current Revenue Shortfall
Compared to Budget YTD
\$93,177**

Your giving is essential to accomplish Good Shepherd's Mission

As you consider how your gifts can help, reflect on the words of the Apostle Paul from 2 Corinthians - the focus of our current sermon series:

7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

Strong & Courageous: Living by Faith Living Renewed



Rev. Dara Schuller-Hanson
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I have always loved a good nap. I never thought much about it until a couple years ago when naps didn't seem to cure my daily over-tiredness. I finally went to see my doctor and ended up at a sleep clinic for a variety of tests and then was diagnosed with narcolepsy. As someone who doesn't like to slow down in life, it took me awhile to come to terms with this diagnosis.

Mostly because I knew that part of the treatment is to slow down and take time to rest, so that I can be my healthiest self and this is really hard for me. I'll be honest, I don't really like talking about this too much. But when I read the passage for this week from 2 Corinthians, Paul writes, "So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day."

Reading those words made me stop and start to think about the things in life that cause me to almost lose heart. And I immediately thought of the struggles and afflictions that are very real to me, but not always visible to others. Those moments in life when an unexpected outcome that I cannot control causes me to ask "Why did this happen?" and "How do I go on from here?" We all struggle with something and God's promises of renewal and hope are especially for those moments.

We can't do it alone

Paul suffered from various afflictions in his life and he writes about them in his letters. And when he wrote to the community of Corinth, he acknowledges that they too were facing hardships. And he reminds them to do 2 things: turn to God who cares for us and to keep caring for one another. It is pretty simple really. As Christians, we acknowledge that we cannot do it on our own - even when the world says we should only depend on ourselves and focus on our own needs. We continue

to say that we need God and we need each other. We even say it when we profess the creeds, the statements of belief, in worship.

The third part of the Apostles Creed says, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints..." The catholic church talked about here is really the universal church. And the communion of saints means all believers of Christ. Communion points right to community. We are brought together as one Body of Christ sharing the same Spirit and the same faith as the one who saves us. When we feel like we are wasting away, God promises to renew us over and over again. When we feel like we might lose heart, Jesus's life and death for us says we don't have to lose heart because the faith and strength of Jesus Christ is in us.



Sharing Christ's love by showing up

We are loved and cared for in every affliction we face in this life. And living faithfully together in community as believers is a constant reminder of the love, forgiveness and care from God. When we show up for each other in our afflictions, we are sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

May you be renewed with strength and courage day by day because of the love and faith of Jesus Christ and the love and faith of the communion of saints.

Amen.

This article is part two from our six-part summer sermon series from 2 Corinthians. To read more articles or listen to sermons via podcast, visit gslcwi.com/living-by-faith

Mental Health Tidbits

Families of Origin Influence



Most mental health professionals recognize the importance and influence our childhood family has on our adult mental health.

When we do couples therapy, we take inventory of each person's type of family of origin for this gives us important data about the presenting marital problems bringing the couple to therapy. If one or both persons come from an unbalanced family background, this has a big effect on that person's marriage expectations. We tend to replicate the patterns of our first family in our marriage even when we are aware they were hurtful to us as kids..

In the Prepare/Enrich Inventory which I will often use with couples, 20 different types of family structures are plotted on a family map to help the couple see where their own family of origin fits on the map and then how that contributes to their couple structure. Not only do we each have a different personality types, we also have different family types that will influence our marriage. Next month's column will go into detail about some of the problematic family of origin structures that contribute to marital problems.

If you and your spouse or partner are interested in taking the Prepare/Enrich Inventory, feel free to phone my office and we can discuss details.



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Shepherd's Hands Knitting Group

Shepherds' Hands will meet July 17th at 6:30 at the Madison campus. This meeting will be focused on new knitters and those who want to start knitting again. Also, our young knitters (repeat or new) are invited to join us! We will have yarn and needles and bring a project that you may have started. Hope to see you there!



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive at Good Shepherd

SAVE THE DATE: the next Red Cross blood drive will be on Saturday, August, 11th at the Madison campus from 8 a.m. until noon. Please consider giving the gift of life! Blood supply is always low during the summer and the need is great! For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org. Use sponsor code: Good Shepherd Madison. There will be e-mails sent from the church with sign-ups as well.



Clothes Closet Summer Update

Thank you to all for your donations and monetary gifts to the Good Shepherd Clothes Closet. This year we have served 1064 children in need. We currently need hoodies for boys in sizes 3-4-6 and girls hoodies in sizes 2-3-5-6. We are also seeking donations of little girls tops in size 2. Thank you for helping to support the Clothes Closet!



The Words We Sing

Do you ever find your mind wandering while you are singing hymns during a worship service? Am I singing the right notes? Should I try singing harmony on the 2nd verse? The next time this happens, try to focus on the words and you'll find a treasure trove of worship gems.

The word "hymn" comes from the Greek word "hymnos" and means "a song of praise". Our red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal contains 893 of these praise songs. On Father's Day, we sang "This Is My Father's World" and it really fit right into our Creation Keepers theme:

*This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the
spheres.*

*This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the
wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's
praise*

*This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me
ev'rywhere.*

*This is my Father's world, oh, let me not forget
That, though the wrong seem oft so strong, God is the
ruler yet.*

*This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns let earth
be glad!*

– Maltbie D. Babcock



Tim Hughes
Creation Keepers Committee



Planting in the Food Pantry Garden Continues this Summer

3 varieties of mini watermelons have been planted, along with some donated squash plants and one giant pumpkin plant. Our pea seeds have started sprouting and we are looking forward to planting sweet corn soon!

Join us for Garden Work nights on Wednesdays 5-7 p.m. & Sundays 4-6 p.m. from (weather permitting) All ages and families welcome!

Contact Pastor Dara, dschuller@gslcwi.com to join the garden team. A special thanks to GS Members Nick and Nicole Leggett for the new sign!

Summer Concerts & Fun Meet Good Shepherd at the Park this Summer

A new way to connect with Community at Good Shepherd

Come one, come all! Good Shepherd is starting up a new thing this summer.... Meet Good Shepherd at the Park! It is a time to meet, greet, and hang out with fellow Good Shepherd members both new and old. Bring some dinner, a blanket, some bug spray, and even a friend to come take part in this great opportunity. Meet Good Shepherd at the Park will be held at free concert events in both Fitchburg and Verona throughout the summer. When you get there just be sure to keep a look out for the blue Good Shepherd yard sign!



Summer Concert Schedule

- Thursday July 12th – Mckee Farms Park
- Monday July 16th – Harriet Park
- Thursday July 19th – Mckee Farms Park
- Thursday July 26th – Mckee Farms Park

If you have any questions feel free to email Sam Cali at scali@gslcwi.com for further details.

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Summer Interns "Amazing Race"



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We invite and welcome all people to worship God, grow in faith through the Holy Spirit, and serve others in Jesus' name.



Madison Campus

Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
Traditional Service

Verona Campus

Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Blended Service

Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Contemporary Service

Sunday 6:00 p.m.
The Deep - Blended Evening Service

Nursery available each worship time at both campuses. Children's Church School (Sept-May) available each worship time at 8:30, 10:00 a.m. at Madison and 9:00, 10:30 a.m. at Verona.

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