



A Pharisee goes to visit Jesus under the cover of darkness, knowing what he knows, only to learn there is more.

A Samaritan woman goes to the well knowing who she is, only to be invited into more. Lazarus is placed in the grave, knowing the finality of death, only to experience more.

This Lent we'll move through the Gospel of John, listening in on encounters where God meets people where they are, and invites them into more. A deeper knowledge, a clearer way of seeing, a truer belonging. Sometimes in our own journey of faith we settle firmly into our own ways of being and knowing – and remain there. Sometimes we set out looking only for affirmations of what we already believe to be true. Sometimes we seek out whatever new bit of knowledge or experience we believe make us complete. And in some seasons, we feel the compulsion to seek but do not know where to begin.

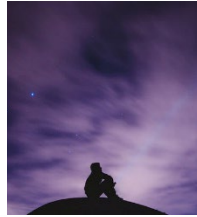
In the midst of all of our settling and seeking, the God who is always greater comes to us. He comes to break us open, to pull us beyond, to bring us to life. In these grace filled moments we – like Nicodemus or the Samaritan Woman or Lazarus – can feel the Holy surprise of finding what we weren't looking for.

We hope you will join us this Lent as we worship each Wednesday and Sunday, enjoy meals and conversation around The Chosen, and reflect on God's presence using our member written devotional. Most of all, we hope you will find time in your schedule and space in your heart not necessarily to seek, but to be found.



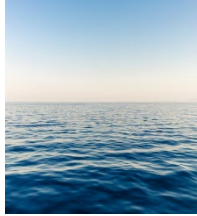
**LENT – WEEK ONE
God in the Wilderness**

- Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
- Matthew 4:1-11



**LENT- WEEK TWO
God in the Night**

- Genesis 12:1-4a
- John 3:1-17



**LENT- WEEK THREE
God in the Water**

- Exodus 17:1-7
- John 4:5-52



**LENT- WEEK FOUR
God in the Mud**

- 1 Samuel 16:1-13
- John 9:1-41



**LENT-WEEK FIVE
God in the Grave**

- Ezekiel 37:1-14
- John 11:1-45



**PALM SUNDAY
God in the Streets**

Matthew 21:1-11



**MAUNDY THURSDAY
God at the Table**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35



**GOOD FRIDAY
God on the Cross**

John 18:1–19:42

Stories of “Finding What You Weren’t Looking For”

Read Devotionals from Good Shepherd Members and find more at

gslcwi.com/lent

Baptisms

Emmett Miller Fredrickson, child of Shannon Buboltz and Paul Fredrickson, baptized February 19, 2023.

Emmett Dean Schorbahn, child of Annie and Ryan Schorbahn, baptized February 19, 2023

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy to Dawn Gold and family on the death of her mother, Joyce Hoeksema, of Tigerton, WI on December 3, 2022.

Christian sympathy to Jennifer Fagan and family on the death of her father, Richard Fagan, of Seattle, WA on January 19, 2023

Christian sympathy to Jane Malm and her family on the death of her father, Bruno B. Philip, of Northbrook, IL, on January 19, 2023.

Christian sympathy to the family of Mary Ellen Fuller of Madison, WI, who died on February 1, 2023.

Christian sympathy to Lois O'Rourke and family on the death of her sister Wilma "Willie" Blosser of Palm Desert, CA on February 11, 2023.

Christian sympathy to Stephanie Ortland on the death of her grandmother Nancy Lou Louis of Indian Land, SC on February 6, 2023.

Christian sympathy to the family of Joanne Berg of Madison, WI, who died on February 21, 2023

FEEDING OUR COMMUNITY

Volunteers Needed for Annual Boy Scout Food Drive

Good Shepherd is again hosting the annual Boy Scout Food Drive for the community food pantries in our area. Volunteers are needed to help organize donations. Contact Rick Thomas at rthomas@gslcwi.com to sign up.

PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Lift up Concerns of our Church with the Prayer Chain

Do you have a prayer request, or would you like to pray along with members of our congregation? Good Shepherd has a prayer ministry for that! Please contact Ronda Beggs at rbeggs@gslcwi.com to be added to the prayer chain or to find out how to submit a prayer request.

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD January 2023 Update

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 1,188,197	\$ 1,111,501	\$ 76,696
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(1,139,554)	(1,183,466)	43,912
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(56,025)	(42,315)	(13,710)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ (7,382)	\$ (114,280)	\$ 106,898

Cash Balances

	June			
	January 2023	Fiscal 2022	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 786,034	\$ 691,410	\$	94,624
Board Designated Funds	112,154	411,295		(299,141)
Restricted Funds	415,673	376,270		39,403
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 1,313,861	\$ 1,478,975	\$	(165,114)

Mortgage Balance

	June			
	January 2023	Fiscal 2022	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ 901,913	\$ 1,306,410	\$	(404,498)

GOOD SHEPHERD FOUNDATION

Over \$30k of Grant Requests Approved

Recently, the Good Shepherd Foundation approved grant requests totaling \$30,227 to fund the following projects:

- Scholarship for ministry studies
- 8 Summer internships in 4 different areas of ministry
- Music Mondays- funding guest musical artists
- Scholarships for children's summer camps
- Refugee Resettlement Support
- Summer meal bags for neighborhood children distributed through Meadowridge Library
- Household essentials for Tree Lane Apartment residents

The Foundation's mission is to expand and continue the legacy of our church and to transform lives by reflecting Jesus' love. Both current and deferred gifts are welcome. Additional Foundation information is available at gslcwi.com/foundation.



SOUPER BOWL XXII

A Generous Souper Bowl of Giving

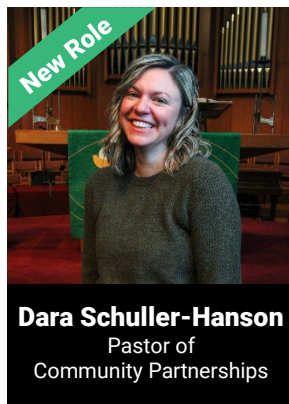
Thanks to ALL of You on the Good Shepherd Team who joined the fight to "tackle hunger" in our community. This was a generous Souper Bowl of Giving with **1,685** cans of soup donate! Thanks to all who put money in the soup pots, the church school offerings and donated online. At this time, the total is an amazing **\$1,924!** Your monetary gifts will make it possible for the Pantries to purchase other needed food items. All the soup and money is divided between the Good Shepherd, Allied and Badger Prairie Food Pantries to help feed hungry families who rely on the food pantries.

Staffing Changes to Help Meet the Mission of Good Shepherd

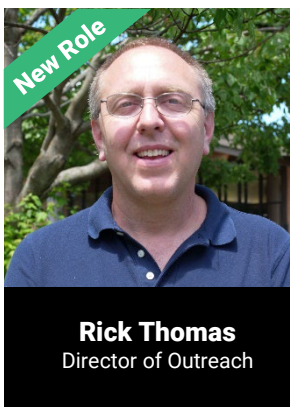
Over the days and weeks ahead, some staffing changes are coming to Good Shepherd. These changes should help us reshape our staff team to better respond to the mission and vision of our church.



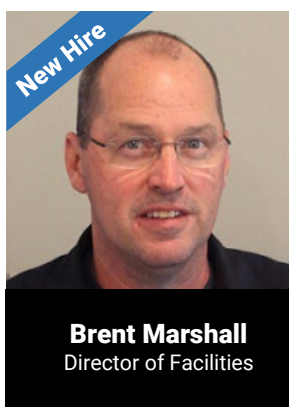
Pastor Joe will now work 5 hours a week and formally serve as our Pastor of Engagement. This position comes after lengthy talks with Pr. Joe about how to shape his current passion around a new role. Pr. Joe wants to connect deeply and authentically with every member of the congregation; hearing and responding to stories with love, care, and grace and participating in our communal learning, fellowship, and worship.



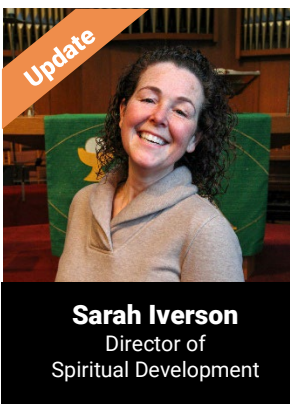
Pastor Dara will be responsible for connecting people inside and outside of Good Shepherd together and helping deliver our message to Welcome, Forgive and Serve through programs like the Food Pantry Garden. She will also now serve as one of our pastoral representatives to the Synod as part of our partnership with the Holy Cow worshipping community. She will also be our point person working with other community groups as we look to expand our footprint of service outside the walls of the Madison and Verona campuses.



Since 2021, Rick has served in a dual role of Director of Facilities and Outreach. However, these are really two full time jobs. We thank Rick for his faithful stewardship of our facilities for more than a decade, and we're glad we're keeping his institutional knowledge in-house. We are excited for him to get the chance to fulfill his passion to serve our wider Community. Keep your eyes open for an upcoming opportunity to say "thank you" to Rick for his ministry and service.



Brent is a long-time member at Good Shepherd, was once the Facilities Committee chair, and has an extensive knowledge of Good Shepherd's operations. He currently serves as Facilities Manager at Four Winds Senior Living in Verona. This move will also be accompanied with changes to the schedules of two other members of our custodial staff. Brent will start at Good Shepherd on Monday, March 6. Welcome, Brent!



Many of our families with teens may have noticed the presence of a familiar face these last few months. Sarah Iverson, our Director of Spiritual Development, has moved to split her time evenly between directing the Children, Youth and Family team and providing input and presence for our adult faith formation opportunities in partnership with the pastors and staff. This move allows us to continue to grow and support our CYF ministry while we work to structure this important area of our life together for the years to come!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY First Communion Class on March 14

First Communion Instruction available for students in Kindergarten -5th grade. Families can choose from in-person group class on March 14, 6:00 p.m. Verona Campus or at-home, family-led learning with materials provided by Good Shepherd. More information and registration at gslcwi.com/first-communion

Midweek Lenten Worship "Holden Evening Prayer" In-person & Online: 12:00 p.m. | Online Only: 7:00 p.m.

During Lent, we will once again offer a midweek worship service. This contemplative worship service will feature Marty Haugen's "Holden Evening Prayer" while we explore our theme: "Find What You're Not Looking For" through music, scripture, reflections, and prayer. Join us Wednesdays at noon at the Madison Campus for in-person worship and online or join us online only at 7:00 p.m. (rebroadcasting the noon service). March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Summer will be out of this world!

We're getting ready for a summer packed with events for kids of all ages! VBS registration is open now along with other camps and opportunities for youth. Check out all the possibilities at gslcwi.com/summer.



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The CHOSEN

Tuesday Nights
5:30 p.m. | **Madison Community Dinner & Episode Conversations**

Gather in-person to watch, eat & discuss or connect with an online group on Thursdays at 7 p.m.!

Contact Eric Holmer eholmer@gslcwi.com for more info!



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN
MobilePack Event

Friday, March 3 & Saturday, March 4
Verona Campus

We are looking for 1,000 volunteers to pack meals and to raise \$50,000 for this MobilePack event. Adults and children 5 years and older will measure and scoop ingredients, seal bags and prepare boxes for shipping, just like last time. Invite your friends, family, coworkers, team or school group!

Sign up to volunteer or make a donation online at give.fmsc.org/verona



HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
Chili Cookoff Returns!

Friday, March 10
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Verona Campus

The Chili Cookoff is back for its 13th year on March 10th. This fundraiser for High School Ministry is a great place to gather; have fun as a community, taste test over 25 chilis, bid on delectable pies, enjoy dessert and cornbread; all while helping support the future of the church - our youth! If you're hoping to enter a pie for the auction, make a chili for the competition, or volunteer at the event, contact Becca Feldhacker at bfeldhacker@gslcwi.com or Sarah Iverson at siverson@gslcwi.com.

Learn more about groups for watching The Chosen at gslcwi.com/thechosen