

PASTOR'S NOTE

The Spirit's Work in Every Season

When the Month of May finally Arrives,

there are certain rituals that I have to do to get ready for our Good Shepherd Food Pantry Garden season. I dig out my garden shoes (and sometimes hose them off if they have leftover mud from last season). I have to check to see if the ground is finally dry enough to till and prepare for planting. I have to take one of many trips to our local hardware store to stock up on any gardening tools that need replacing and extra seeds. I have to reach out to our dedicated Garden Team members to invite them back and recruit more help. And even if we are growing the exact same things as last year, we have to check our garden map and do some crop rotation before we can begin planting.

So much that happens in the garden reminds me of how God is at work in our lives. Compost (which serves as a real-life example of resurrection), the process of planting seeds (knowing some will land on good soil and some won't), and all the variables like the rain, the sun, the pollinators and the things necessary for our garden that we cannot control. This year though, the rotation of crops stuck out to me. Even as we do our usual routine of garden preparations, we have to move things around to make sure our seedlings have what they need. So it is with our church this year. While many of the things around Good Shepherd remain the same, some things are on the move. Our new interim lead pastor, Craig McMahan, will join us mid-May. Our Transition Task Force has been hard at work developing an excellent profile for pastoral candidates to learn about our church. They will soon be handing over the reins to our Call Committee, who will do the work of calling a new lead pastor.

Many things at Good Shepherd will shift and adjust as we move into the summer months and figure out what we need as a church going forward. But the thing that remains the same is how God is working in and amongst our congregation. The month of May also marks the transition from the season of Easter in the church to the season of Pentecost- with Jesus' resurrection promise as our hope, we look for the Holy Spirit to guide us to grow and bear fruit for the kingdom of God in this season and always.



Pastor Dara Schuller-Hanson



Weddings

Congratulations to Jessica Blackburn and Colton Stetzer who were married at Good Shepherd Church on April 5, 2024.

Baptisms

Kloe Gehin, daughter of Mindy Mulryan baptized on April 14, 2024.

Wyatt Aksel Petersen, son of Caitlin and Kyle Petersen, baptized on April 28, 2024.

Grace Marie Carlson, daughter of Heather and Timothy Carlson, baptized on April 28, 2024.

Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy to Tom Haskins & family on the death of his mom, Mary Lou Haskins of Lancaster, WI who died on April 2, 2024.

Christian Sympathy to the family of Bonnie Edwards of Madison, WI. Bonnie died on April 3, 2024.

Christian Sympathy to Ken Miyamoto & family on the death of his dad, Bud Miyamoto, of LaCrosse, WI who died on Tuesday April 9, 2024.

Christian Sympathy to Ann Ellingboe & family on the death of her husband, Al Ellingboe of Madison, WI who died on April 10, 2024

Christian Sympathy to Ann Stein Wearing & family on the death of her husband, Al Wearing of Verona, WI who died on April 16, 2024.

Red Cross Blood Drive May 14

The May blood drive will be held Monday, May 13 from 11 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd's Madison Campus. May is Trauma Awareness Month. The blood already on hospital shelves is what helps in an emergency. The Red Cross depends on the generosity of volunteers to ensure blood products are available at a moment's notice. As we move through spring, the Red Cross encourages individuals to make an appointment to give blood. Donations made now can help patients and their families enjoy a fun-filled summer.

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD
March 2024 Update

Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 1,565,370	\$ 1,551,040	\$ 14,330
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(1,595,167)	(1,609,940)	14,773
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(41,515)	-	(41,515)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ (71,312)	\$ (58,900)	\$ (12,412)

Cash Balances

	June			
	March 2024	Fiscal YR 2023	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 486,481	\$ 607,582	\$	(121,101)
Board & Mortgage Reserve Designated Fu	64,752	112,154		(47,402)
Donor/Grant Restricted Funds	242,415	202,908		39,507
Beyond Campaign Projects Fund	75,504	117,699		(42,195)
Columbarium	63,033	63,969		(936)
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 932,185	\$ 1,104,312	\$	(172,127)









Mortgage Balance

	June			
	March 2024	Fiscal YR 2023	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ 351,956	\$ 665,097	\$	(313,141)

LEAD PASTOR CALL PROCESS

Call Committee Begins Search

Team of Good Shepherd Members Pursues Next Steps

	Elizabeth Foste-Ackerman (Chair)		Kurt Hockemeyer
	Liz Deterding (Board Representative)		Diane Hughes
	Judah Balli		Greg Meyer
	Cara Happe		Bill Wilcox

These members will lead Good Shepherd's process in calling a new lead pastor. The Board approved these members April 15. They will begin an active search once our posting for a new pastor goes live May 1.

Transition Task Force completes work – The Transition Task Force has finished a Ministry Site Profile to send to prospective lead pastor candidates about Good Shepherd. The Task Force also created a new webpage (gslcwi.com/forward) using videos, pictures and stories to bring Good Shepherd's story to life for potential candidates. Go to the page and see how our efforts to create a strategic plan and define our vision and mission has made our church primed for growth in the future.

Pr. Craig McMahon starts May 13 – Interim Lead Pastor Craig McMahon has served at ELCA and UCC churches in Wisconsin and Illinois for the past 20 years. He looks forward to guiding Good Shepherd until a new lead pastor is called by the Call Committee.

SUMMER MINISTRY CATALOG

Your Guide to Summer Has Arrived!

Grab a copy in the lobby or visit gslcwi.com/summer to check out the many opportunities coming up.



SUMMER CAMPS

Kinder Creation Camp June 10-12

Kinder Creation Camp (June 10-12 at Verona Campus) is an outdoor exploration camp geared towards little learners ages 3 years old - completed Kindergarten. Enjoy outdoor learning, musical movements and hands-on creations! Register at gslcwi.com/summer. Any additional questions? Contact Emily Gold at egold@gslcwi.com.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Imagine a Debt-Free Future

Thanks to your generous donations to the Dreaming Beyond Campaign, along with your previous donations to the Beyond Campaign, Good Shepherd has reduced its mortgage by more than 90% in the past 4.5 years. We now have a mortgage of less than \$350,000. With your help, we can eliminate our mortgage by the end of the year.

In April, the Good Shepherd Board approved an extension of the Dreaming Beyond Campaign. The campaign, scheduled to end May 31, will now be extended to the end of the year. A final push to eliminate the debt will be announced at the Annual Meeting on July 21.

However, if you have been giving to Dreaming Beyond via auto-withdrawal, or electronically through Breeze, your monthly electronic payment to the campaign is scheduled to stop at the end of May. It's simple to renew or increase your payment and keep it active for the length of the extended Dreaming Beyond campaign. Email accounting@gslcwi.com and let us know you want to continue your monthly donation. 100% of the money donated to the Dreaming Beyond Campaign will go to reduce our mortgage until it is eliminated.

LITTLE BLESSINGS PRESCHOOL

Register for Preschool in Verona

Registration for Fall 2024 is underway for Little Blessings Preschool-Verona Campus! We have openings in our Whales (M/T) and Ravens (W/Th/F) classes for children ages 2 1/2 to 4 years. Classes are mornings from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Contact Linda Hayes at lhayes@gslcwi.com for more information.



CONFIRMATION

Affirmation of Baptism on May 5

On Sunday, May 5th at 1:00 p.m. at the Madison Campus, our 8th Grade Confirmation students will affirm their Baptism through worship and celebration.

During any baptism, the gathered community promises to pray for that child in their life of faith. As these young people approach this milestone, we ask our entire congregation to bend your prayers towards these students, that the Spirit would stir in and among them as they grow in knowledge of themselves, the world and of our big God.

Mac Bartels

Ian Campbell

Brody Chappell

Addison

Chellevoid

Ben DeTienne

Amelia Frey

Kloe Gehin

Tyler Herb

Maecie Kohl

Eliza Legris

Max Lemke

Brooke Lisle

Kaden Magnus

Lily McCarty

Easton

Mesenberg

Claire Mitby

Julianna

Mortenson

Max Mueller

Charlie Sayre

Elijah Schram

Lilliah Schultz

Olivia Stubitsch

Nora Sweeney

Carsten Tereba

Julianna Vander

Zanden

Anna Zahn

Maddie Zahn

TEAM WORLD VISION

Move your Feet for Clean Water

Team World Vision (TWV) training starts May 13. Training begins with 8 weeks of foundation building, where you never even actually run! During this time, all trainings are walking and cross training videos. Wednesday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Verona Campus, we are having an informational session on TWV. We will talk about how to get started, what this team is about and how to fundraise. All who are interested in learning more are welcome!

This year there is an option to participate in a 10K in addition to the half and full marathon. We're looking for 10 new runners to join the team this year – contact Danielle Sill at Danielle.n.sill@gmail.com for more details.



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Sunday Worship Times

In-Person & Online | gsclwi.com/live

9:00 a.m. Madison Campus

10:00 a.m. Verona Campus

6:00 p.m. Verona Campus

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A photograph of a church sanctuary filled with people, viewed from the back of the room. The sanctuary has a high ceiling with a large organ. A screen at the front displays text. The image is overlaid with a blue gradient.

ONE SERVICE. ONE LOCATION.
Combined Worship
Memorial Day Weekend
Sunday, May 26 at 9:00 a.m.
Madison Campus

Good Shepherd will gather for one service in one location at one time on Sunday, May 26. This service will also be available as a livestream. Our next combined worship service will take place in July in conjunction with the annual meeting.

gsclwi.com/live