

FAITH IN ACTION

Celebrating Children, Youth & Family Ministries this Month

This month at Good Shepherd, we lift up our Children, Youth and Family (CYF) ministries through worship and storytelling. It's a meaningful opportunity for the whole congregation to learn more about this vibrant area of ministry, meet the dedicated staff and volunteers, and prayerfully engage in what the Spirit is stirring through our young people. Here's what you can expect...

September 14 Children's Blessing & Fall Kick Off

Join us in worship as we bless our children and church school teachers for the year ahead. Afterward, stick around for **outdoor activities and a shared meal**—breakfast at Madison, lunch at Verona and dinner following 6 p.m. worship at Verona—as we enjoy fun and fellowship across generations.

September 28 Youth Blessing & Conversations

In worship, we'll bless the adults who lead our AMPED confirmation, high school ministry, and the CYF Committee. Following each service, all are invited to **Ministry Conversations** with CYF staff to reflect on recent changes, current challenges and the deep goodness entrusted to our community.

All September Long Faith Footprints & Storytelling

Look for weekly **"faith footprints"** from our children and youth, sharing what they love about being part of a faith community. And maybe a few surprises along the way!

Good Shepherd has a rich tradition of nurturing children, youth and families in faith. As our culture and community evolve, this month invites us all to learn, connect, and help steward the next generation of the church.

Faith in Action: Celebrating Our Ministries Throughout the Year

At Good Shepherd, our mission is simple but powerful: **Welcome, Forgive, and Serve**. This year, we are excited to introduce **Faith in Action**, a new way to intentionally lift up, pray for, and celebrate our church's many ministries—**one ministry area each month**. From Music and Care teams to Outreach and Education, every ministry plays a vital role in living out God's love in our community.

By focusing on a single ministry each month, we can truly **celebrate and recognize** the people who give their time, talents and hearts, offering meaningful support through prayer, participation and encouragement. This initiative strengthens our shared mission of welcome, forgiveness and service, highlights the incredible ways God is at work through our church community, and inspires everyone to get involved—whether through volunteering, praying or celebrating a ministry's impact. Each month, we'll celebrate ministries in simple, consistent ways; including videos, weekly social media posts, moments of recognition during worship, events or learning opportunities, and inspirational stories.

As scripture reminds us: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10.) Join us this year as we shine a spotlight on our ministries, celebrate the dedication of those who serve, and grow together in faith and service. Let's see our mission come alive—**One ministry, One month, One faithful act at a time!**

Baptisms

August 17, 2025: Colby James Panzer, child of Anne and Ryan Panzer

August 17, 2025: Quinn Nora Swenson, child of Mackenzie and Mark Swenson

August 24, 2025: Lacey Jo Gray, child of Patrick and Holly Gray

Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy to Marilyn Sharrow and family on the death of her mother Marian Balch, of Scottsdale, AZ who died on August 8, 2025.

Christian Sympathy to the family of Shirley Wegenke, who died on August 22, 2025 in Sheboygan, WI.



Thank You for Supporting the new Madison Meditation Chapel

Thank you to everyone who attended the dedication of the new Madison Meditation Chapel following the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, August 10. The chapel, just off the narthex at our Madison Campus, was created through the generosity of the Good Shepherd Foundation, the congregation and individual members. Although fully operational, the current seating in the chapel is temporary. If you are interested in giving a gift for permanent seating or a baptismal font, please reach out to Director of Administration Rick Blum at rblum@gslcwi.com.

NOW HIRING

Can You Help Young Families Find Belonging?

Consider joining our CYF staff as our Birth- 4 ministry assistant. This part-time position is specifically shaped to help families with young kids find connection with one another and to the larger congregation through casual gatherings, baptism, and worship. Visit gslcwi.com/jobs to learn more and apply.

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

July 2025 Update

Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 163,498	\$ 160,544	\$ 2,954
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(155,744)	(186,497)	30,753
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	-	-	-
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ 7,754	\$ (25,953)	\$ 33,707

Cash Balances

	July 2025	June Fiscal YR 2025	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 578,301	\$ 574,578	\$ 3,723	
Board & Mortgage Reserve Designated Fund	-	-	-	
Donor/Grant Restricted Funds	341,149	362,559	(21,410)	
Capital Campaign Projects Fund	27,657	27,497	160	
Columbarium	100,437	91,840	8,597	
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 1,047,544	\$ 1,056,474	\$ (8,930)	

Mortgage Balance

	July 2025	June Fiscal YR 2025	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-

Call Committee Update

As announced in last month's annual meeting, the interview process for our new lead pastor is underway! We appreciate your continued prayers and are grateful for your understanding as we respect our candidates' confidentiality through this stage of the call process.

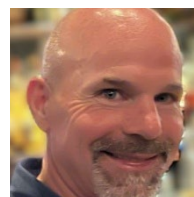
Introducing New Board Members

Good Shepherd is grateful to announce these newly elected members of our congregation who will begin their terms serving on the Church Board and Nominating Committee this Fall. Welcome!

CHURCH BOARD



Andy Nelson



Spencer Johnson



Robyn Kitson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Jennifer Fagan



Chris Wehnes



Robin Schmuhl



One Worship & Potluck

Sunday, August 31 at 10:00 a.m.
Jared Stellmacher | jstellmacher@gslcwi.com
Verona Campus

We gather as one congregation for one combined worship service followed by a potluck under the tent with brats and hot dogs served by the Holy COW! You're invited to bring a side dish to share.

Bingo Night!

Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Ronda Beggs | rbeggs@gslcwi.com
Verona Campus Lobby

Bring your friends and your family and join us for snacks and prizes! Help us kick off the first in a regular series of fellowship times! All are welcome!



God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

Sunday, September 7 at All Worship Services
Pr. Dara Schuller-Hanson | dschuller@gslcwi.com
Madison and Verona Campus

We will assemble school supply kits at both campuses after worship. At Madison, we'll meet in Peterson Hall. In Verona, we'll meet in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level. Our goal is to assemble 100 kits! Visit gslcwi.com/kits25 for a list of needed supplies!

LWR Quilt Train Drop-Off

Saturday, September 13 from 7-11 a.m.
Pr. Dara Schuller-Hanson | dschuller@gslcwi.com
Train Station north of Downtown Madison

Help deliver quilts and school kits to the train station to be delivered to Lutheran World Relief for distribution worldwide! Contact Pastor Dara to be a part of the event.



Fall Baptism Class

September 18 at 6:00 p.m.
Emily Gold | egold@gslcwi.com
Online via Zoom

Explore the meaning and purpose of the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Families seeking baptism, please register for this class led by Associate Director of Children's Ministry Emily Gold.

2025 WELCA Gathering

Saturday, October 4
Helen Sheahan | helenswo15@gmail.com
New Heights Lutheran Church, Mazomanie

All women and friends are invited to the Women of the ELCA 2025 Gathering. For more information and to car pool to the Gathering contact Helen Sheahan at 608-692-7553 or helenswo15@gmail.com



KEEPING THE CONNECTION Let Good Shepherd Know Where Your Post-High School Students are Headed this Fall

Keeping the Connection is a Good Shepherd ministry that ensures students post-high school and in college stay connected through prayers and care packages. If you are currently a college student or the parent/guardian of one, please provide up-to-date contact information using this link so that we can make sure they receive the care packages this ministry puts together! Visit gslcwi.com/ktc25 to sign up!

LOCAL OUTREACH Donation Drive for Essential Items for Unhoused Neighbors with Madison Street Medicine

Madison Street Medicine partners with volunteer doctors, nurses and medical students to provide free healthcare and supplies to unhoused individuals. Backpacks, sleeping bags, tents, men's or women's sweatpants, jeans, t-shirts, plastic grocery bags and blankets can be dropped off at church or call Donna Maysack, 608 695-3485 to arrange pickup. Thank you for your support!

LOCAL OUTREACH Healing House provides a place to heal following surgery

Healing House is looking for volunteers to help with their ministry. You can get more information and signup to volunteer by emailing Lois Jacobsen at: lmjacob@att.net



COLLABORATION PROJECT LoveDane event brings together faith communities to serve neighbors

On Saturday, August 23, Good Shepherd volunteers joined members of other faith communities in a day of service across Dane County. Our team of volunteers served at Orchard Ridge Elementary in Madison to help get the playground ready for students.



Madison Campus (MAILING ADDRESS)

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REMINDER
One Worship.
One Location.
Sunday, August 31
Verona Campus
10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Times

In-Person & Online | gslcwi.com/live

9:00 a.m. Madison Campus

10:00 a.m. Verona Campus

6:00 p.m. Verona Campus

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Good Shepherd
LUTHERAN CHURCH

FALL KICKOFF SUNDAY

September 14

3-Year-Old to 5th Grade Church School Starts 9/14
Visit gslcwi.com/churchschool to sign up

**After worship food
& fun for all ages!**

9:00 a.m. Breakfast &
Madison Bounce House

10:00 a.m. Hot Dogs/Brats &
Verona Obstacle Course

6:00 p.m. Dinner &
Verona Cotton Candy

6th – 8th Grade AMPED Confirmation resumes 9/24
Visit gslcwi.com/amped for details