



A February Focus on the Care & Prayer Ministries of our Church

📷 Members of the Good Shepherd Card Ministry

As members together of the body of Christ, Jesus calls us to love one another, offering his love in our church community.

Our Inreach & Congregational Care Ministries at Good Shepherd provide us with a means to extend Christ's love to one another. An anchoring mission statement for these ministries is **"to welcome, connect, and support the people of Good Shepherd by serving the emotional and spiritual needs of our faith community in personal times of challenge and joy."** We are blessed by those who serve in a variety of care ministries, offering God's loving care by noticing, remembering and connecting with individuals. Through these people, God's love shines in ways big and small.

Individuals offer their care through these ministries: Stephen Ministry, Home Communion, Grief Support, Prayer Chain, Shepherd's Hands Knitters, Card Ministry, Altar Flower Delivery, Keeping the Connection, The Gathering Team, Funeral Service Support, etc.

By giving and receiving Christian care, the net of support is strengthened in our congregation. Our spiritual lives are enriched. Here is an example from Home Communion Server Jeanne Venzke, of what this Christian care-giving ministry means to her:

"I volunteered to offer in-home communion about 15 months ago and every visit I've made has been meaningful and enriching to me. I hope the recipients feel the same. Connections have been made, and conversations have ranged from fun and giggly to deeply poignant. What I didn't expect—and now look most forward to—is the unmistakable presence of the Holy Spirit with us as we commune. It is palpable. Recipients always thank me, but I am the one who is grateful for this opportunity."

We give thanks to God for the ways we love one another in Jesus' name!



Pastor Sheryl Erickson
Pastor of Congregational Care



Deacon Jessica McCarty
Visitation Chaplain



Extending Christ's Love Sunday, February 8

Postcards will be handed out after worship, so that a note of love and support can be sent to anyone who is on your heart.

See you around church!

Baptisms

Elizabeth Ann Hoffman ("Eliza"), child of Lauren and Trevor Heap, baptized January 18, 2026.

Evelyn Saalsaa Dempsey, child of Kelsey Saalsaa and Patrick Dempsey, baptized January 18, 2026.

Stella June Siebenaler, child of Jared and Natalie Siebenaler, baptized January 25, 2026.

Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy to Richard Clark and family on the death of his sister, Paula Seeber of Madison, WI, who died on January 4, 2026.

Christian Sympathy to Sylinda Lower on the death of her mother, Donna Dwyer formerly of Freeport, IL, who died on January 17, 2026.

Christian Sympathy to Amy Haskins and family on the death of her father, Norman Carlson formerly of Rockford, IL, who died on January 18, 2026.

Christian Sympathy to Jennifer Herdina and family on the death of her mother, Jan Diebling of Madison, WI, who died on January 22, 2026.

Christian Sympathy to Susan Covarrubias and family on the death of her father, Albert Demaske of Mauston, WI, who died on January 23, 2026.

Christian Sympathy to Jan Frei and family on the death of her sister, Mary Reinen of Peachtree City, GA who died on January 27, 2026.

Christian Sympathy to Bobbie Johnson and family on the death of her husband, Rich Johnson of Madison, WI who died on February 1, 2026.



You're just our type! Give blood.

Blood Drive on Monday, February 9

Stop by Madison Campus on February 9 between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to help donate blood – supplies are critical and your help makes a real impact. Receive a \$20 e-Gift card for donating! Register today for your appointment at RedCrossBlood.org.

**FINANCIAL DASHBOARD
December 2025 Update**

Statement of Activity - General Fund

| | Actual | Budget | Variance |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Revenue | \$ 1,182,346 | \$ 1,160,913 | \$ 21,433 |
| General, Admin & Program Expenses | (1,134,157) | (1,136,664) | 2,507 |
| Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage | \$ 48,189 | \$ 24,249 | \$ 23,940 |

Cash Balances

| | December 2025 | June Fiscal YR 2025 | YTD | Change |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----|---------|
| General Fund | \$ 596,155 | \$ 574,578 | \$ | 21,577 |
| Board Designated Reserves | 598,691 | - | | 598,691 |
| Donor/Grant Restricted Funds | 533,306 | 362,559 | | 170,747 |
| Capital Campaign Projects Fund | 29,347 | 27,497 | | 1,850 |
| Columbarium | 104,466 | 91,840 | | 12,626 |
| Total Cash & Investments | \$ 1,861,965 | \$ 1,056,474 | \$ | 805,491 |



**Remembering
25 Years of
Verona Campus**

It was twenty-five years ago that members of Good Shepherd first began to gather at Badger Ridge elementary school as a new worshipping community. From these services, momentum built until eventually a new campus was built on county road PD in 2003. Thanks be to God!

Receive 1:1 Christian Care | Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are people called by God and trained to support others in times of need. We walk alongside individuals, offering Christ-centered care through nonjudgmental listening, confidentiality, prayer and compassionate presence. In this beautifully diverse world, we affirm that every person is a child of God and deserves the opportunities to receive care, without exception. Here is a partial list of circumstances when a Stephen Minister could provide caring support: grief and loss, loneliness, divorce/separation/family conflict, caregiver stress, life transitions/major changes, job loss and spiritual struggles.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pastor Sheryl for further information 608-271-6633 or serickson@gslcwi.com

Good Shepherd New Member Gathering February 22

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of this congregation, the next opportunity is coming up at the end of this month! Immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service at Verona Campus, head downstairs to the fellowship hall for an informal lunch with a presentation about what it means to be a part of Good Shepherd. RSVP to Ronda Beggs at rbeggs@gslcwi.com. Kids are welcome too!



Souper Bowl XXV

Sunday, February 8 at 9:00 and 10:00 Services

Judy Hoard | jhoard@gslcwi.com

Madison and Verona Campus

You can help Tackle Hunger in our community by playing in Souper Bowl XXV on Sunday, February 8 AND during Souper Bowl Week. Help collect over 2,705 cans of soup!



Share the Love Camp

Friday, February 13 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Emily Gold | egold@gslcwi.com

Verona Campus

Kids ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to a night of Valentine games, crafts, and dinner. This is a drop-off event at Verona Campus, hosted by high school youth and children's ministry staff.



The Grace Collective

Monday, February 16 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Holly Simon | 608-294-7615

Verona Campus

Good Shepherd women are invited to a Craft & Charcuterie Night. Bring a craft project you've started and a favorite charcuterie item to share. We will have supplies available to make collages.



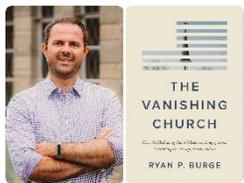
Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

Tuesday, February 17 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Rick Thomas | rthomas@gslcwi.com

Madison Campus

A beloved Good Shepherd tradition returns! Enjoy pancakes, bacon and lots of good company as we prepare for the start of the Lenten season.



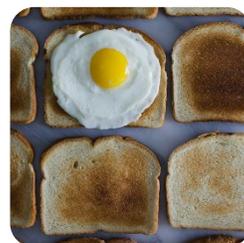
Ryan Burge Zoom Q&A

Tuesday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Eric Holmer | eholmer@gslcwi.com

Zoom & Madison Campus (gslcwi.com/burgezoom)

Join professor, political scientist and church demographics expert Ryan Burge for an online conversation about his latest book that explores the trajectory and possible futures of the American church.



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 21 at 8:30 a.m.

Eric Holmer | eholmer@gslcwi.com

Verona Campus

All men of Good Shepherd are invited to a breakfast for fellowship, hear stories from small groups and learn about opportunities to get involved.

Lenten Lunch & Devotions

Starting Wednesday, February 25, and each Wednesday in Lent after that, gather for a soup lunch and devotionals starting at 11:00 a.m. in Peterson Hall at Madison Campus.

40 Days | 40 Words: Exploring the Language of the Church this Lent

We've heard many "churchy" words over and over again – but what do they actually *mean*? And what do they mean *to you*? Starting on Ash Wednesday, you're invited to a forty day journey that explores a different word each day – providing a definition, some scripture and an opportunity to reflect. Resources will be available both on campus, at gslcwi.com/lent and posted daily on social media.

Women's Lenten Book Group

As in years past, a group will be gathering at Verona campus on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. during Lent. The book we're going to read together this season is: ***Have a Beautiful, Terrible Lent*** which is based off the book *Have A Beautiful, Terrible Day* by Kate Bowler. Contact Ronda Beggs at rbeggs@gslcwi.com with questions.



HELP TACKLE HUNGER



Playing Times for Souper Bowl XXV Sunday February 8

- Sunday, 2/8/26 9:00 a.m. Service at the Madison Campus
- Sunday, 2/8/26 10:00 a.m. Service at the Verona Campus

Soups requested: Ramen Noodles, Chicken Noodle, any Chunky Style Cream of Chicken, Cream of Mushroom. No tomato soup please.

All the Soup is donated to the Good Shepherd, Allied and Badger Prairie Food Pantries. We are also asking for your help with monetary donations, so the Pantry Coordinators can use the money to purchase needed food and other items given at the Food Pantries. Checks can be made to Good Shepherd with Souper Bowl in the memo line. You can also donate online at gslcwi.com/SouperBowl.

Our Goal: Collect over 2,705 Cans of Soup! (last year's Souper Bowl total)



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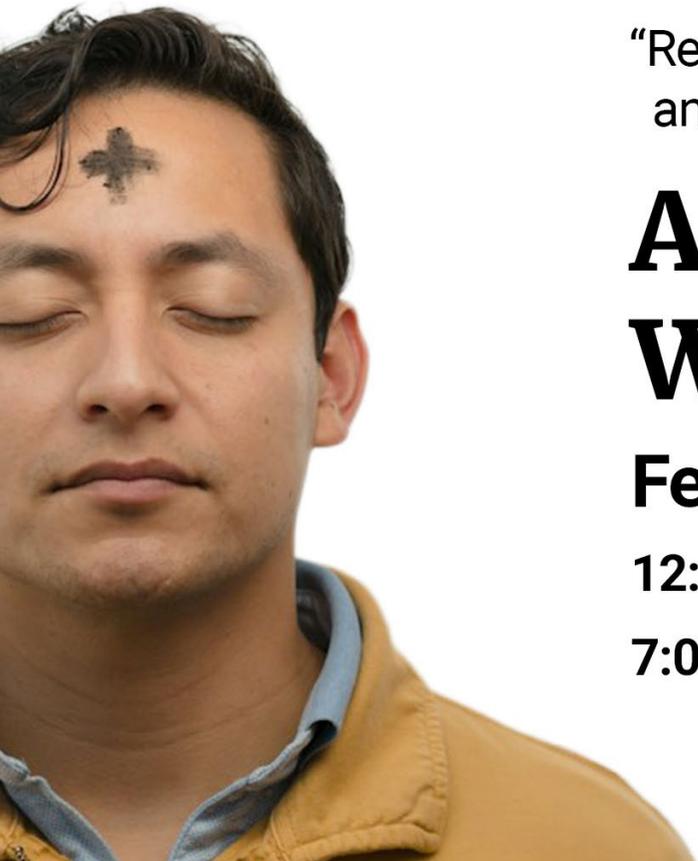
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“Remember you are **dust**,
and to **dust** you shall return”

Ash Wednesday Worship Services

February 18

12:00 p.m. | Madison

7:00 p.m. | Madison & Verona