



PASTOR'S NOTE

Don't let fear overcome your Easter joy

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" John 20:16

Three times grief and fear get the better of Mary.

She is the first to see the stone rolled away and see the tomb empty. Yet she runs not to proclaim, "He is risen," but to mourn. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." (John 20:2b).

Sometime later, after the disciples have come and gone, she herself looks into the tomb and encounters two angels. When they ask her why she is weeping, a second time she laments, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and I do not know where they have laid him." (John 20:13c)

Then Jesus himself appears and asks why she still weeps. Grief blinds her; fear renders her deaf to his voice.

For the third time, now resolved that she alone must recover the body, she beseeches him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." (20:15c).

Jesus breaks through grief and fear and isolation with a shout: "Mary!" (John 20:16)

Easter is no time to be alone, nor to allow grief and fear to confound us, but time to proclaim the resurrection of our Lord with a shout:

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

I hope you lend your voice on Easter Sunday and contribute to the many ways Good Shepherd proclaims resurrection.

From Worship and Music ministries that feed our souls to the Holy Cow which feeds our neighbors, Good Shepherd extends the grace we celebrate in worship into the world.

On behalf of our congregation and ministries, thank you for your generosity and faithfulness.

In Christ Always,

Craig D. McMahon

Pr. Craig McMahon



WORSHIP TOGETHER

Holy Week Schedule

* Indicates Livestreamed Service



Palm Sunday | March 29

*Palm Parade & Hosannas!
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.*

Madison: 9:00 a.m.*

Verona: 10:00 a.m.* & 6:00 p.m.*



Maundy Thursday | April 2

*The Night of Betrayal & Desertion.
Somber reflection on the power
and cost of love.*

Madison: 12:00 * & 7:00 p.m.

Verona: 7:00 p.m.*



Good Friday | April 3

*Christ on the Cross.
Forgiveness for the whole world.*

Madison: 12:00 * & 7:00 p.m.

Verona: 7:00 p.m.*



Easter Sunday | April 5

*Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen Indeed!*

Madison: 9:00* & 10:30 a.m.

Verona: 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.*

Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy to Alyssa Daggett and family on the death of her father, Brian Pederson of Argyle, WI, who died on March 1, 2026

Christian Sympathy to Kathryn Nelson and family on the death of her mother, Vickie LaVenture of Verona, WI, who died on March 4, 2026

Baptisms

Audrey Judith Hoven, child of Rebecca and Corey Hoven, baptized on March 8.

Iris Ann Happe, child of Cara and Richard Happe, baptized on March 8.

Beckett Sullivan Krantz, child of Michael and Sarah Krantz, baptized on March 22.

Facilities Fund Approved

Good Shepherd members unanimously approved the creation of a Facilities Fund at a special congregational meeting March 8. The fund, seeded by a generous \$598,691 bequest from the estate of deceased Good Shepherd member Judy McAusland, will support long-term capital needs for church properties. The congregation also unanimously approved a \$123,000 upgrade to the HVAC controls at the Madison Campus, which will help the church transition from an aging pneumatic system to a modern digital system to improve efficiency, comfort and equipment longevity.

April is all about Creation Care

Creation is God’s gift, and caring for it is one way we live out our love for God and neighbor. That means our choices about land, water, energy, food and consumption are not merely practical; they are spiritual. They shape what we value, what we ignore, and how we honor the Creator. Creation care is also a matter of compassion and justice. Environmental harm often falls hardest on those with the fewest resources to adapt—children, seniors and communities facing poverty or poor health. The challenges of our time—pollution, waste, habitat loss, and climate instability—can feel overwhelming. Faithful stewardship does not begin with perfection. It begins with attention, gratitude and a willingness to take the next right step. Let’s take the next right step together.

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD February 2026 Update

Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 1,639,309	\$ 1,580,657	\$ 58,651
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(1,565,382)	(1,500,960)	(64,422)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ 73,927	\$ 79,697	\$ (5,771)

Cash Balances

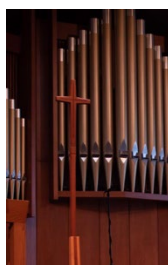
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	February 2026	Fiscal YR 2025	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 625,290	\$ 574,578	\$ 50,712	
Board Designated Reserves	607,869	-	607,869	
Donor/Grant Restricted Funds	528,561	362,559	166,002	
Capital Campaign Projects Fund	29,697	27,497	2,200	
Columbarium	103,645	91,840	11,805	
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 1,895,062	\$ 1,056,474	\$ 838,588	



Celebrating 15 Years of Chili & Pie Fun

Event raises over \$8,000 to support High School Ministry

The photo above is what shared joy, genuine presence, and communal commitment looks like. Good Shepherd’s 15th Annual Chili Cook-off and Pie Auction did not disappoint—a gathering full of big laughs, authentic celebration, and a little holy mischief. This moment was just as Laura Clark’s pie reached a \$1,000 bid. But trust me—it isn’t about the money. This picture tells a deeper story: young people catching a glimpse of what faithful community can look like in their future. A room full of adults (and kiddos) cheering them on, investing in their experiences, and showing up for their spiritual health—not their achievements or their scores—for their wild and precious spirits. The 15th Anniversary of the Cook-off held it all. Parents from the very first event supporting a new generation while longtime members shared tables with brand new families. We also paused to tell about the commitment of our youth—in worship, service, and practicing faith in community. It was a powerful moment. People leaned in. We often hear that the church is shrinking, but we at GS get to name signs of life and tell a story of abundance.



Good Shepherd’s Organ turns 30

On Easter Sunday in 1996, Good Shepherd used the organ at our Madison Campus for the first time. This year, on Sunday, April 12, we want to celebrate its 30th anniversary as a part of this church. Please join us after 9 a.m. service with cake and a small archival display highlighting the organ’s history.



Women's Ministry Breakfast

Saturday, April 11 at 8:30 a.m.

Sarah Iverson | siverson@gslcwi.com

Verona Campus

All women of Good Shepherd are invited to a morning gathering featuring breakfast, stories and a chance to learn about ways to get connected.



Spring Baptism Class

Thursday, April 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Emily Gold | egold@gslcwi.com

Online via Zoom

Join Pr. Sheryl and Children's Ministry Director, Emily Gold, to learn more about baptism.



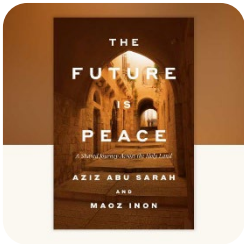
Happy Little 5K

Saturday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Rick Thomas | rthomas@gslcwi.com

McDaniel Park in McFarland

We invite all church members, families, and friends to join us for a Happy Little 5K – a joyful run/walk celebrating God's creation and our shared commitment to caring for the Earth.



"The Future is Peace" Book Group

Starting Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Eric Holmer | eholmer@gslcwi.com

Verona Campus & Zoom

Two lifelong peace activists and guides to Israel/Palestine, both of whom have lost family in the conflict, take readers on a revealing life-changing journey.



Madison Week of Prayer

April 26 – May 2

Ronda Beggs | rbeggs@gslcwi.com

Locations Across Madison

Good Shepherd is once again partaking in Collaboration Project's United Week of Prayer. New in 2026 will be a focus on group prayer opportunities, rather than just prayer rooms.



Forward Madison Game

Friday, May 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Rick Thomas | rthomas@gslcwi.com

Breese Stevens Field

Join Good Shepherd Members for a special night at Breese Stevens Field as the Flamingos take on Corpus Christi FC. Tickets at gslcwi.com/FC26.



Summer Camp Registrations Open after Easter Sunday!

Kinder Creation Camp: June 16-18

This camp is for our littlest campers, 3 years - Kindergarten, who may be new to day camps! Through outdoor explorations and imagination stations, they will learn how God's love is for ALL of creation!

VBS: June 22-25

Campers ages 3 years - 5th grade, will step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms

Camp Create It: July 27-30

Through messy art, kitchen creations and more. Explore your God-given creative gifts and use those gifts to glorify Jesus!

Donations/Volunteers

Our summer camps are made possible by our generous volunteers and donations! To sign up to volunteer with one of our camps, or provide a snack or craft donation, please visit gslcwi.com/daycamps or reach out to Emily Gold, egold@gslcwi.com

Register for 2026 WELCA Gathering July 16-19

Des Moines, Iowa Convention Center

The theme for the 2026 Triennial Gathering is "I Am Worthy," based on Psalm 139:14: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." This statement serves as a reminder of God's promise to be with us, even in times of devastation and division. Visit welca.org to register.



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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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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Enjoy an Indoor Easter Egg Hunt & Holy COW Breakfast

Elementary age kids and younger are invited to an indoor egg hunt, with a chance to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny, and to enjoy a delicious breakfast in Peterson Hall at Madison Campus.

 **Saturday, April 4**

 **9:00 a.m.**

 **Madison Campus**



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