

A NEW SEASON BEGINS

## What's New at Good Shepherd This Summer? A Whole Lot!

Welcoming Pastor Ben, an expanded role for  
Pastor Sheryl and a sabbatical for Pastor Dara



### Things don't slow down during the Summer months at Good Shepherd.

In fact, these next few months are often some of the busiest for many of our ministry areas! This Summer, there are also quite a few big changes on deck for our pastoral team as well. Here's an update on what you can expect as we head into Summer!

#### Arriving at GSLC June 15<sup>th</sup>



LEAD PASTOR  
**Pastor Ben**

We welcome Pastor Ben and his family to Good Shepherd this month! His first Sunday in worship with us will be June 21 at all services.

#### Sabbatical from June 15 – Sept 14



OUTREACH PASTOR  
**Pastor Dara**

During her Sabbatical, Pastor Dara will be released from her regular pastoral duties while she focuses on resting, writing her doctoral dissertation and spending time with her family.

Learn more at [gslcwi.com/dara](https://gslcwi.com/dara)

#### Extended Hours starting June 14



CONGREGATIONAL CARE  
**Pastor Sheryl**

This Summer, Pastor Sheryl will be increasing her hours to full-time. She will help orient Pastor Ben and coordinate worship.

#### Making Connections with Members



PASTORAL CONNECTION  
**Pastor Joe**

Since suffering a stroke in 2020, Pastor Joe continues to make strides in overcoming speech aphasia. This summer he'll be making connections at many GSLC events!

**Upcoming Combined Worship Service**  
**Save the Date:** July 5 at 10:00 a.m. at Verona Campus

## Baptisms

Eden Marie Carlson, child of Megan and Jacob Carlson, baptized on Sunday, May 3.

## Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy to Kneale Nemmetz and family on the death of his mom, Ruth Nemmetz of Manawa, WI who died on April 23, 2026.

Christian Sympathy to Stephanie Christensen and family on the death of her dad, Bob Wurtz of Sevierville, TN who died on May 15, 2026.

Christian Sympathy to the family of Donna Pauls of Madison, WI who died on May 26, 2026.



## Updated Madison Campus Lot

Thanks to our new facilities fund, the Madison Campus parking lot is receiving a much-needed upgrade this Summer.

## Foundation Supports Ministries through latest Grants

The Good Shepherd Foundation met on May 4, 2026 and awarded the following grants:

- Church camp scholarships **\$11,615**
- Madison Campus classroom upgrades **\$4,500**
- Music Mondays **\$3,000**
- Scholarship to a Lutheran college **\$1,000**

The Foundation is an important part of Good Shepherd's ministry, providing funding for programs that are not part of the operating budget of the congregation. We thank those members who generously left a legacy gift to make these ministries possible. If you're interested in leaving a legacy gift to the Good Shepherd Foundation, please fill out a letter of intent at [gslcwi.com/foundation](http://gslcwi.com/foundation). We'll thank you for your generosity by giving you a Yeti Good Shepherd Foundation mug to use at coffee hours.

## FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

# April 2026 Update

### Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 2,030,275	\$ 1,927,739	\$ 102,536
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(1,923,282)	(1,880,714)	(42,568)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ 106,993	\$ 47,025	\$ 59,968

### Cash Balances

	June			
	April 2026	Fiscal YR 2025	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 654,069	\$ 574,578	\$	79,491
Board Designated Reserves	609,245	-		609,245
Donor/Grant Restricted Funds	595,441	362,559		232,882
Capital Campaign Projects Fund	1,478	27,497		(26,019)
Columbarium	108,417	91,840		16,577
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 1,968,650	\$ 1,056,474	\$	912,176

## GOOD SHEPHERD COLUMBARIUM

# Too young or not the right time?

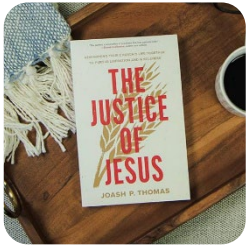


What is the right age to begin thinking about a final place of rest? There isn't an easy answer to that question. But take a moment to consider how quickly life can change. Many of life's changes are joyous and good, but unfortunately some changes are not and might mean making snap decisions amid grief, sudden illness or other stressful times. While we never want to imagine being in such a situation, having your decision made about a final resting place is one less thing to worry about should the need suddenly arise whether you are 30, 40, 50 or beyond.

As you consider where that resting place might be, think about a place that is not only meaningful to you but is a beautiful, peaceful spot where family can have a few moments of meditation and see a visible reminder of their loved one. The Good Shepherd Columbarium is available to Good Shepherd members, their families and to friends of the church, making it a meaningful place to which members have a connection.

The Columbarium, located on the grounds of the Verona Campus, has walls of niches in which urns are placed. It also has a peaceful garden, a statue of the Good Shepherd, benches for contemplation, and a soothing waterfall. The walkway around the Columbarium consists of stone pavers, which can be purchased and engraved as a memorial to loved ones buried elsewhere or inurned in the Columbarium. Benches are also available for purchase to honor a family member, a friend, or the glory of God. It's never too early to visit the Columbarium, take a walk through its peaceful setting, and decide if it is where you would like your final resting place to be. Contact the Columbarium Administrator at 608-640-4902 for details on purchasing a niche prior to the July 1 before the annual price increase. Go to [gslcwi.com/columbarium](http://gslcwi.com/columbarium) for more details.

Explore Summer at [gslcwi.com/summer](https://gslcwi.com/summer)



### New Book Discussion Group

- June 8 at 7:00 p.m.
- [Christenlesterjones@gmail.com](mailto:Christenlesterjones@gmail.com)
- Online

The Building Better Christians (BBC) Book Club is a space to study and discuss books. We are starting a new book, "The Justice of Jesus" by Joash P. Thomas, so now is an excellent time to join us.



### All-Music Year-End Party

- Wednesday, June 10 at 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Jackie Johnson | [jackie.johnson@charter.net](mailto:jackie.johnson@charter.net)
- Verona Campus Tent

Whether you sing, ring, play, accompany, lead, sub or support behind the scenes – you are part of the musical life of this church, and we are grateful for you. Potluck with sandwiches provided!



### AI & Faith | Sunday Chats

- Sunday, June 14 after Worship Services
- Eric Holmer | [eholmer@gslcwi.com](mailto:eholmer@gslcwi.com)
- All Campuses

Join Eric Holmer for a conversation about the new and old questions being raised about faith, belief and trust, in the age of artificial intelligence.



### Kinder Creation Camp

- June 16-18 from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- Emily Gold | [egold@gslcwi.com](mailto:egold@gslcwi.com)
- Verona Campus

Discover God's creation through outdoor exploration, musical movement and hands-on creations. Register at [gslcwi.com/summer](https://gslcwi.com/summer).



### Stop the Violence Dinner

- Wednesday, June 17 from 5-7 p.m.
- Rick Thomas | [rthomas@gslcwi.com](mailto:rthomas@gslcwi.com)
- Madison Campus Parking Lot

The Holy COW provides dinner as community organizations and leaders partner in solidarity against violence.



### Rainforest Falls VBS

- June 22-25 from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- Emily Gold | [egold@gslcwi.com](mailto:egold@gslcwi.com)
- Verona Campus

Kids dive into an underwater adventure where they'll experience God's ever-flowing, never-ending love through Bible stories, imagination station crafts, tidal treats, music and play.



#### FAITH FORMATION

### Summer Scripture Challenge Starts this Month!

This summer, we invite households to spend time with one verse each week. Memorize it, sing it, wonder about it, or simply talk about it together. Ask questions. Share stories. Carry the words with you into ordinary life. And imagine what happens when all our households are chewing on the same words together—our littles, teenagers, parents, grandparents and everyone in between. The Spirit has a way of connecting us through shared stories and shared language, making us more grounded, more compassionate, and more alive in God's Word. There are plenty of quotes, slogans, memes, and coffee mugs that borrow from scripture. Sometimes it is good simply to return to the source. If your family needs a Bible, let us know—we would love to help. Visit [gslcwi.com/summerscripture](https://gslcwi.com/summerscripture) to start!

#### HOLY COW EVENTS

### Shred your Documents

Chad Thomley of Thrivent is hosting a Shredding Event on Saturday, June 27th from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at 708 Heartland Trail, with the Holy COW providing coffee and baked goods for participants. Stop by and shred away!

#### SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

### Serve Boldly Needs You!

Serve Boldly is coming to Madison this summer—and we need your help! This ELCA-affiliated ministry will bring nearly 125 youth to serve across our city, partnering with some of our ministries like God's Hands & Feet and the Holy Cow Food Truck in addition to nearly 20 other community organizations in the Madison area. We're currently hiring Serve Boldly Guides for a few weeks in June and July. Guides mentor youth, lead reflection, and help connect service to faith. It's a short-term role with a big impact—ideal for young adults, teachers, retirees or anyone who loves working with youth. Pay is \$625/week with training included. Know someone who'd be a great fit? Please pass this along! Learn more or apply: [serveboldly.net](https://serveboldly.net). [Questions@staff@serveboldly.net](mailto:Questions@staff@serveboldly.net)



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**Sunday Worship Times**

**In-Person & Online | [gslcwi.com/live](http://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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# Music Monday

**Good Food  
& Good Music.**  
*Live at Good Shepherd.*

## It's Music Monday Season!

Exploring the intersection of food, faith, and music — Bringing Jesus' love and grace beyond our walls!  
Free music with pay-what-you-can meals from the Holy COW Food Cart — Unlimited fun!



**Monday, June 15 | 5-7 p.m.**

## The Trophy Husbands

The Trophy Husbands is Madison's best kept secret! They play a mix of rock, country, folk, pop, blues, jazz & originals. We are excited to welcome them back to kick off the season!

View the full summer schedule at [gslcwi.com/summer](http://gslcwi.com/summer)