

PASTOR'S NOTE

God's Work Among Us

Pastor Ben Sheets | Lead Pastor

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Paul writes in his letter to the Philippians, "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil 1:6) I am profoundly aware that there is much to be shared about our life together and the ways God is at work throughout this congregation and the communities that we serve. I want to share my deep gratitude for the ways the Call Committee, Staff, Lay Leaders, and Congregation have extended hospitality and welcome to me and my family. God began the work of this call some time ago as we each began our own paths of discernment. The presence of the steady Spirit continued to lead us and guide us in these paths, through months and years. The good work of the call process has come to its completion. God has proved faithful. This congregation and its leaders have proved faithful. Now the good work of ministry together has just begun. Signs of resurrection, of good news, of promise are breaking forth, not because of anything we have done, but because God is calling us into a new season. As Paul called the church in Philippi to trust that Christ's promises were among them, we are being called to trust that God has already begun a good and new work among us. These tendrils of ministry — welcome, forgiveness, and service — have been growing among you, nourished by faith. Truly the inbreaking reign of God has come near. My prayer for us is that by the Spirit our eyes might be opened to trust more deeply in this work already begun and to be completed in God's good time.

Your partner in the Gospel,

Pastor Ben

Pastor Ben Sheets



2026 ANNUAL MEETING

Celebrate the Ministries of Good Shepherd and Share your Voice

Sunday August 9 | Madison Campus

Combined Worship Service | 9:00 a.m.

2026 Annual Meeting | 10:30 a.m.

Annual Report Available Now

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Baptisms

Kira and Chloe Wegter, daughters of Todd and Julie Wegter. Baptized on July 5.

Tinsley Reign Gaby, daughter of Tori McGraw and Austin Gaby. Baptized on July 26.

Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy to the family of Dennis Lorch of Madison, WI who died on July 2, 2026.

Christian Sympathy to Sharon Meyer on the death of her brother, Robert Gordon of Barneveld, WI who died on July 7, 2026.

Christian Sympathy to Shirley Bruce and family on the death of her husband, Lee Bruce of Verona, WI who died on July 16, 2026.

Bake Loaves to Welcome New Members at Good Shepherd

Do you like to bake? The Hospitality Committee is looking for donations of mini sweet loaves of bread that we will use for things like new member classes and welcome bags. If you like to bake, this is a great way to welcome! Please reach out to Hospitality Coordinator Ronda Beggs with any questions at rbeggs@gslcwi.com



WOMEN'S MINISTRY
Members attend Women of the ELCA Gathering

Five women from Good Shepherd joined another 30 other women from our synod and 1,000 women from across the country for the 2026 Woman of the ELCA TRIENNIAL Gathering. Held July 16-19 in Des Moines, Iowa. We enjoyed worship and workshops. Praise and prayer. Renewed longtime friendships and started new ones. In attendance from Good Shepherd: Polly Carter, Ruth Hanson, Kimberly King, Wendi Peters and Helen Sheahan.

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

June 2026 Update

Statement of Activity - General Fund				
	Actual	Budget	Variance	
Revenue	\$ 2,338,017	\$ 2,240,879	\$	97,138
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(2,290,824)	(2,237,963)		(52,861)
Revenue less Expenses	\$ 47,193	\$ 2,916	\$	44,277

Cash Balances				
	June 2026	June Fiscal YR 2025	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 613,722	\$ 574,578	\$	39,144
Board Designated Reserves	581,608	-		581,608
Donor/Grant Restricted Funds	828,890	362,559		466,331
Capital Campaign Projects Fund	(0)	27,497		(27,497)
Columbarium	113,734	91,840		21,894
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 2,137,954	\$ 1,056,474	\$	1,081,480

*\$568,298 transferred to Good Shepherd Foundation on 7/2/26 in accordance with approved funding of the Facilities Fund.



MUSIC MONDAYS
Gather on the Madison Campus Lawn on August 17 for final Music Monday of '26

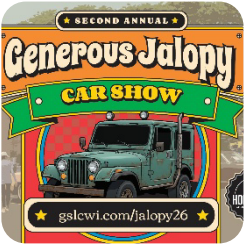
It's been another fantastic season of front lawn concerts and sharing meals together from the Holy COW! There's just one opportunity left this summer to enjoy the magic of Music Mondays. Stop by Madison Campus on Monday, August 17 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. to enjoy big band jazz classics from All That Jazz and a delicious pay-what-you-can meal from the Holy COW. All proceeds from this event will go to support Madison Street Medicine – an organization that provides health care to Madison's unhoused population. Music Mondays are designed to be a place where ALL neighbors can gather together to sit down for a meal, have a real conversation and grow closer together as a community. Don't miss this last chance to be a part of a growing summer tradition!



All-Youth End of Summer Bash

August 11 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
 Emily Gold | egold@gslcwi.com
 Verona Campus

All Good Shepherd youth between the ages K-12 are welcome for food, music and a variety of activities! Sign-Up is available online at: gslcwi.com/youthbash26



Generous Jalopy Car Show

Saturday, August 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Rick Thomas | rthomas@gslcwi.com
 Madison Campus Parking Lot

Enjoy a classic car show featuring music and a delicious meal from the Holy COW!



LoveDane School Cleanup Day

Saturday, August 29 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.
 Beth Ringgenberg | jbhoberg@charter.net
 Orchard Ridge Elementary School

Good Shepherd is joining congregations across Dane County in LoveDane – an annual event by the Collaboration Project to serve our neighbors.



New Member Gathering

Sunday, August 30 after 10:00 a.m. Worship
 Ronda Beggs | rbeggs@gslcwi.com
 Verona Campus

Interested in learning about what church membership is all about? Please join us for this informal gathering. Lunch is provided and children are welcome! RSVP to Ronda Beggs to sign up!



One Worship Sunday

Sunday, September 6 at 10:00 a.m.
 Pastor Ben Sheets | bsheets@gslcwi.com
 Verona Campus

All Good Shepherd worships together at one service in one location on this Labor Day Weekend Sunday service. Livestream available at gslcwi.com/live.

LITTLE BLESSINGS PRESCHOOL

LBPS Consolidating Operations in Verona

The Church Board voted to consolidate operations of Little Blessings Preschool at our Verona Campus. Operations at our Madison Campus will finish on Friday, August 28. The 4k program and all the preschool classes in Verona are full starting in September. Continued low enrollment in Madison has led the Board to consolidate operations. Little Blessings will help parents with children in the Madison program transition to other options starting in September, including transferring to one of our Verona programs.

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Collecting Items for Lutheran World Relief Kits this Month

The Hospitality Committee is collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Kits. Collection bins will be at both campuses for school and sewing supplies. A list of the supplies needed can be found at gslcwi.com/lwrschoolkit26. All donations should be made on or before September 10. The items collected will be prepared into kits by the Hospitality Committee.

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Stay Connected with Good Shepherd while on Campus

The Keeping the Connections team would love to stay in touch with post high school graduates. Keeping the Connections is a Good Shepherd ministry that ensures students post-high school stay connected through prayers and care packages. If you'd like to stay connected and have graduated high school within the past 6 years (2021 thru 2026), or are the parent/guardian of a graduate, please provide up-to-date contact information so that we can make sure they receive the care packages from this ministry. Sign up at gslcwi.com/ktc26. We're also looking for people to join this ministry and help prepare care packages. Interested? Please reach out to Ronda Beggs at rbeggs@gslcwi.com



HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Praying with Good Shepherd Youth in Colorado this Month

From August 1–7, 35 high school students and 5 adult leaders will travel from Madison to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp in Bellevue, CO – located in the Rocky Mountains - for a week of faith, community and adventure. You're invited to pray for these travelers as they grow in faith and love over the course of this transformational experience.



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Sunday Worship Times

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9:00 a.m. Madison Campus

10:00 a.m. Verona Campus

6:00 p.m. Verona Campus

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AUGUST 9 | MADISON CAMPUS 2026 Annual Meeting

Combined Worship at 9:00 a.m. Annual Meeting at 10:30 a.m.

