

## PASTOR'S NOTE

# Greetings from Pastor Chris Enstad

## An Example from the life of Martin Luther

The year was 1527. The Bubonic Plague had entered Wittenberg, Germany. The University was closed and all of Martin Luther's friends and family were urging him to remove himself from danger. The question was asked, "Should a Christian flee the plague?"

Luther's response was, of course, verbose and not completely appropriate to our time and place. However, there are two points that he made that, I believe, are helpful for us today:

1. The question we must ask is not, "What would Jesus do?" but, "What would we do if it were Jesus?" We know what our response would be if it were Jesus who had fallen ill or required our help and compassion... we would give it freely. Luther wrote, "if you wish to serve Christ and wait on him, you have your sick neighbor close at hand. Go to [them] and serve and you will find Christ in [them]." Many of our friends, families, and neighbors will need our assistance beyond what we can even imagine in the days and weeks to come. The Church will be ready to walk, pray, intercede and assist wherever it can.
2. Luther encouraged Christians to follow God's love as well as civic laws and recommendations. I am grateful that we live in a time and place that allows us to gather remotely despite knowing that we'd rather be in each other's company in person. As the length and meaning of this quarantine continues we will be creative and faithful in how Good Shepherd is present for, and with, you and our community.

## Finding Gratitude Daily

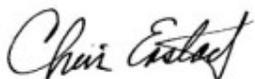
I continue to find moments of gratitude every day:

Thank you for your prayers and concern for Pr. Joe and his family. We are on the front of that journey as well and I will keep sending updates to the church as we move together through this time.

Thank you for your prayers and concern for our church staff family as well. It is another blessing that we have accomplished so much hard work and prayer to establish the trust and structure to continue the kingdom work of God, especially in times of great need. I am confident that our church will come through this time stronger and we will find ourselves better connected to God, each other and our world.

Finally, I am reminded moment by moment that my cares and concerns are always to be turned over to God. We have quickly moved into a reality that has little precedent in modern history. It is in these times I seek evermore to be in control. God watches over Jesus' flock and, in turn, we are called to watch over each other.

*The peace of Christ be with you.*



Pastor Chris Enstad

## A Note on Office Hours

The Good Shepherd Madison Campus will continue to be staffed by a small team on Mondays through Thursdays – 8:30 – 4:30 and Fridays 8:30 – Noon. Call 608-271-6633 to connect with a member of our staff.

## Births

Congratulations to Nick and Jodee Dushack on the birth of their son, Mason Ronnie Dushack, born February 17, 2020

## Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy to Greg & Kit Rittman, Roxy & Jim Piller, Bill Rittman and their families on the death of daughter/niece/granddaughter Kalley Rittman, who died in a climbing accident on March 17, 2020 in Valdez, AK

Christian Sympathy to Shari, Jason and Noah Lau on the death of father/grandfather Roy Wrezinski, who died on February 24, 2020 in Portage, WI

Christian Sympathy to Mac Reimer and family on the death of her father-in-law, Daniel C. Reimer, who died February 23, 2020 in Menasha, WI

Christian Sympathy to Mike & Charlotte Millisor, Mary, and Allysa Erdman on the death of son/brother/uncle Ron Wolf, who died on February 29, 2020 in Madison, WI

Christian Sympathy to the family of Nancy Sallstrom, who died on March 1, 2020 in Madison, WI

Christian Sympathy to Pastor Chris Enstad and family on the death of his grandpa, Dr. Stanley Veker, who died on March 1, 2020, in Edina, MN

Christian Sympathy to Barb Topel on the death of her mother Ruth Topel, who died on March 7, 2020 in Madison, WI.

## RESOURCES

### We Can Mail You the Upcoming “Word In Season” Devotional

If you’re looking for something normal in your life – we have lots of the April – June “Word In Season” devotionals, that we would be happy to mail to you. The daily readings will help keep you focused on the word of God along with the accompanying stories each day. This is an inspiring way to either begin OR end your day. To request a devotional, you can either send an email to Judy at [jhoard@gslcwi.com](mailto:jhoard@gslcwi.com) or call 271-6633 at extension 1000.



## COMMUNITY

### Keeping Connected

We want to keep our congregational family as connected as possible in the days ahead using all the tools available to us. If you are a household or individual who does not use a computer, we still want to be able connect you to other members and to ministry.

We are beginning a “church pal” program to help us connect more deeply and widely as a congregation. Individuals who do not use computers and wish to participate can call into the church office and give Judy permission to enter your name, number, and address into the program.

Once we have that list, we will match members up with families and individuals who will write and/or call once a week to share conversation, stories and prayer concerns. If you would like to be connected in this way, please call Judy Hoard at the church office 1-608-271-6633 ext. 1000.

This may take us a week or so to get up and running but we want to make every effort to remind members of their connection to a community of love and care. Give us a call!

**PASTOR JOE BROSIOSUS**

## How to Care for the Brosious Family

Pastor Joe remains at UW Hospital in critical, but stable condition, following a massive stroke last Friday. His latest MRI suggests quick medical action may have stopped his brain from suffering much damage. We will share further updates as they are available. Their neighbors are running a meal train so that is covered for now. Our job is to pray and care for each other, send cards and notes via church. We will find ways to support the Brosious family over the long term. Thank you for your continued prayers.

**GENEROSITY**

## A Note from our Treasurer

As we all adjust to a period of uncertainty and change in the world, you will hear about, and probably participate in, activities to support and serve those in need. We respectfully and prayerfully ask that you also remember your financial gifts that contribute to the support that so many count on from our hardworking, dedicated church staff. Currently, approximately 50% of our revenue comes in the offering plate each week. The remainder comes from online and recurring electronic giving. When we cannot have services in the church, we are at risk of falling behind our financial plan.

As you journey through the days and weeks ahead, please keep your church in your prayers and plans. To continue your contributions while not attending church in person, you can mail your contributions to the church office at 5701 Raymond Road, Madison, WI 53711. Our text giving number is live and ready to receive donations. Simply text "\$," followed by the amount you'd like to give to (608) 260-7311. First time givers will be prompted to provide their payment method via a secure web page. You can also enroll in simple ways to give online at <https://gslcwi.com/giving/>. Enrolling in a recurring, automatic gift is an easy way to meet both your Generosity commitment and your Beyond Capital Campaign commitment even when you are not able to attend church in person. Uncertainty is uncomfortable and scary for all. Your continued contributions to the church will help alleviate financial uncertainty for the church staff so they can continue to focus on their work of serving our congregation and community.

Sincerely,  
Wade Huseth

**Good Shepherd Treasurer**

**FAITH FORMATION**

## Resources for You

### Kids Connect Resources

We invite you to use these resources with your children at home for spiritual balance or a reminder of the love God has for you!

[gslcwi.com/kids-connect](https://gslcwi.com/kids-connect)

### Lenten Podcast

All episodes of our "Songs of the Soul" podcast are available for listening now. Each episode explores the wealth of the Psalms:

<https://gslcwi.com/lentpodcast>

### eNews E-Mail Newsletter

Are you signed up for eNews - our weekly Church newsletter? Be sure to sign up to stay informed of the latest Good Shepherd news and updates: <http://eepurl.com/gd0hln>

### Daily Prayer at 10 a.m. Central Time

Please join us for prayers each morning at 10:00 a.m. CDT wherever you may be, as we take a moment to pause, reflect and turn our wills and our lives over to God. We will post a resource on our Facebook page at:

[Facebook.com/GoodShepherdMadisonVerona](https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdMadisonVerona)

### About the Food Pantry

Coordinators are working to ensure that our Food Pantry continues to provide drive-thru service for our customers on Thursdays. At this time, we are unable to accept donations and have plenty of resources to serve our neighbors well. If you have needs, please call the main office at 608-271-6633.

### Video Conferencing for Your Group

Good Shepherd now has several ZOOM Video Conference accounts to share across our church for your small group, committee or other teams to connect with audio/video chat capabilities. If you'd like more info on accessing our accounts, please contact your committee chair or Bible study leader.



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**Sunday Services**

Online Stream at 10:30 a.m.  
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Fax 608-271-2657

[administration@gslcwi.com](mailto:administration@gslcwi.com)

[gslcwi.com](http://gslcwi.com)

**WORSHIP**

**Join together in Worship online  
on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.**

Our plan is to continue to offer a livestream Worship Service indefinitely. We will broadcast on our YouTube Page and the link will be e-mailed out the day before Worship so you know where to find it. Thank you for joining us online at Worship so we can experience church together. You can also access the service via our mobile App!

Visit **[GSLCWI.com/live](http://GSLCWI.com/live)** for details!



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