



## PASTOR'S NOTE

# A COVID-19 Update from our Lead Pastor & Board President



### Dear Family & Friends of Good Shepherd,

Over this past week, our COVID-19 Task Force met to come up with recommendations on how to move forward as a congregation in light of our experiences of the last two months and as we look ahead into the summer. The task force was formed in March and is made up of a select group of members who also serve as leaders in the community in areas like health care, education and law enforcement. Those recommendations were sent to our Executive Committee and our Church Staff for further discussion and input.

The recommendations led our Executive Committee to set the following policies in order to be good neighbors to each other, our communities and the most vulnerable among us.

1. We will continue to worship online only, for the foreseeable future.
2. Our buildings and grounds will remain closed to church functions, except for the Food Pantry at the Madison Campus and the Food Pantry Garden at the Verona Campus.

The guiding principle for ourselves as a church has been, and continues to be, using an abundance of

caution in discerning our best path forward. GSLC is considered a community leader in many ways. But in the case of a public health crisis, we think it's wiser for us to follow the lead of other institutions as they negotiate the realities of a virus about which so little is known. We are brainstorming ways to gather as a large group at some point this summer, such as an outdoor "drive-in" worship service. We will announce more about this effort in the future.

However, we are constantly reminded that our church, in fact, has never actually closed. The mission and ministry of Good Shepherd has always been about more than just the buildings. We will share more stories of your church in action in the days and weeks to come.

Thank you for all your continued prayers and support. God has seen us safely to this day. We will emerge from this time even more closely connected to God, each other and God's world.

Sincerely,

Pr. Chris Enstad  
Lead Pastor

Andrew Seaborg  
Board President

## Births

Congratulations to Erin and Ross Harried on the birth of their daughter, Leyton Harried, on May 7, 2020 in Madison, WI.

## Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy to Pat, Helen and Julia Sheahan on the death of their mother/grandmother Colette Sheahan from Sharon, WI who died on May 12, 2020.

Christian Sympathy to Bob, Emma and Katrina Hetico on the death of wife and mother, Susan Hetico, who died May 14, 2020 in Inver Grove Heights, MN.

Christian Sympathy to the family of Evelyn Blum, who died May 15, 2020 in Madison, WI.

Christian Sympathy to Ann and Pastor Brent Campbell on the death of Ann’s mother, Sylvia Reinholdt who died on May 18, 2020 in Stevens Point, WI.

Christian Sympathy to Jane Marquardt and her grandsons Alex and Max Lemke on the death of their daughter/mother Elizabeth Chase who died on May 18, 2020 in Madison, WI.

## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY Grab & Go: Virtual VBS



In lieu of in-person VBS, Good Shepherd is offering God’s Backyard Grab & Go: Virtual VBS kits for kids Age 3-completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Each kit will include materials and instruction for Bible learning, crafts, outdoor games and snacks. You child will also be able to log-on to the Kids Connect site [gslcwi.com/kids-connect](http://gslcwi.com/kids-connect) to view Bible lessons, craft instructions and music videos. This Grab & Go kit option allows your family to decide between more traditional paper learning, virtual learning or a combo – plus allows you to use the kit anytime throughout the summer. God’s Backyard Bible Camp Kits will be delivered to homes during the week of June 21.

Register for a FREE God’s Backyard VBS kit  
[gslcwi.com/kids-connect](http://gslcwi.com/kids-connect)

### Summer Children’s Zoom Gathering

Join us June 14 & 28 at 10:00 a.m. for a children’s summer Zoom Gathering filled with Bible stories and music. The Zoom link will be sent in the weekly children’s ministry email. If you would like to receive weekly Children’s Ministry emails, contact Joanne Zastrow at [jzastrow@gslcwi.com](mailto:jzastrow@gslcwi.com).

### 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Gather & Games

All kids in completed 3rd-5th grades are welcome to a Zoom Gather & Games led by Joanne & Katie on June 4 & June 18 from 3:00-3:30 p.m. The Zoom link will be sent in weekly children’s ministry email. If you would like to receive weekly Children’s Ministry emails, contact Joanne Zastrow at [jzastrow@gslcwi.com](mailto:jzastrow@gslcwi.com).

## COLUMBARIUM

### Announcing New Expansion

Ever since we opened our Columbarium on our Verona campus in 2015, it has served as a powerful reminder of the “Communion of Saints” that surrounds us. Niches in the Columbarium are available to Good Shepherd members and their families, along with friends of Good Shepherd. We are happy to announce we have nearly sold out of the first phase of niches and will be expanding the Columbarium to include 36 new niches. The expansion will be completed by the end of the year. If you are interested in reserving a new niche in the next phase of the project, please email director of Administration Rick Blum at [rblum@gslcwi.com](mailto:rblum@gslcwi.com).

# FINANCES

## April Financial Dashboard

### Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Contributions and Other	\$ 705,646	\$ 609,192	\$ 96,454
Special Bequests	-	-	
Total Revenue	705,646	609,192	96,454
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(667,916)	(651,497)	(16,419)
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(44,934)	(53,278)	(8,344)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ (7,204)	\$ (95,583)	\$ 71,691

### Fund Balances

	April 2020	December 2019	YTD Change
General Fund	\$ 831,519	\$ 559,240	\$ 272,279
Board Designated Funds	174,027	248,080	(74,053)
Restricted Funds	339,111	569,628	(230,517)
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 1,344,657	\$ 1,376,948	\$ (32,291)

### Mortgage Balance

	April 2020	December 2019	YTD Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ 2,534,353	\$ 3,129,727	\$ (595,374)

## BEYOND CAMPAIGN

### Your Gifts Knock Down Our Mortgage

The Generosity Committee thanks you for your faithful stewardship. Thanks to your generosity, the church reduced our mortgage by nearly \$600,000 at the end of April. In addition, your continued generosity allowed the church to send another check of \$52,143 to Thrivent in May, lowering our mortgage balance to below \$2.5 million. In addition, we now have nearly \$130,000 saved to do Capital projects at our church buildings. As your gifts come in, Good Shepherd frees up more of our financial resources to spread God's word in Madison, Verona and BEYOND.... Thank you for your continued and generous support.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Happy Retirement to Cynthia Stephan



Cynthia and John Stephan first joined Good Shepherd in 1980. In February of 2002, Cynthia became the musical director of Joyful Harmony at Verona's 9:00 a.m. worship, a position she faithfully held for 18 years. They are looking

forward to be retired together, continuing to worship at Good Shepherd and spending full weekends at their cottage up north. We had hoped to celebrate Cynthia's work and ministry on Sunday, May 24, but due to our inability to be together during this pandemic, the celebration has been postponed. We hope to reschedule and celebrate at a later date. In the meantime, we virtually thank Cynthia for her many years of service to Good Shepherd! In light of Cynthia's retirement, the Worship, Music and Arts Committee is currently working to fill a newly created Associate Director of Worship and Music position, which will primarily oversee and direct the worship-life at our Verona Campus.

## Congregational News & Resources



### PICTURE OF THE MONTH

## Welcome to Worship

Pastor Joe and Lynn stopped by for a visit on a recent Sunday as the Worship Service was streamed live

## Food Pantry Update

The Good Shepherd Food Pantry has continued operations over the last two months as a drive-up pantry. We have continued to receive food from Second Harvest and Community Action Coalition, and have used your donations to purchase additional food at Woodman's, Costco and UW Provisions. If you are interested in helping ensure food security for our neighbors in need, we are going to start taking donations **during Food Pantry hours ONLY** : Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 5:30-7:00 p.m.

There will be a bin outside the entrance to the Madison Campus ONLY, where you can drive up and drop off your donations. We are especially in need of peanut butter, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, tomato products (especially sauce and diced), cereal, rice, tuna, individual snack bags (gold fish, animal crackers, etc.), cleaning products, dish soap, shampoo, personal hygiene products, laundry detergent and clean paper or plastic grocery bags. **We are unable to accept clothing donations at this time.**

*Thank you for supporting this vital ministry!*



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**Online Worship Services**  
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**TOGETHER. WHEREVER YOU ARE.**  
**Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**



**You're Invited to attend this Virtual meeting  
Sunday, June 28 at noon on YouTube**

Due to the pandemic, the congregation will not be able to come together in person to approve a 12-month budget for the foreseeable future. This meeting will explain how the Board plans to handle budget issues going forward and provide stories of how Good Shepherd has managed to continue our mission to welcome, forgive and serve, while protecting the health of members by keeping our buildings closed.

Join the meeting at [GSLCWI.com/live](http://GSLCWI.com/live)

