



## PASTOR'S NOTE

# An Update on Pastor Joe

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I know you have all been wondering how our brother and Pastor, Joe Brosious, has been doing in his stroke recovery. Lynn sent us the following update and asked me to share it with you:

*Pastor Joe is working hard each day and making steady progress in his stroke recovery. His physical gains are surprising even the doctors as he runs and bikes again with myself and the boys. Pastor Joe has a right vision field cut from the stroke. The brain is absolutely fascinating and with therapy, he is making the appropriate accommodations to improve his sight. Pastor Joe is currently experiencing aphasia. This impacts his ability to speak and understand others, but does not affect intelligence. His personality shines through and his ability to gesture (a perk of all those preaching courses!) allows those around him to gather meaning. He is determined and makes progress each and every day.*

– Lynn Brosious

We continue to hold Pr. Joe and his family in our prayers through this long journey. Joe continues to be a part of our church staff, although he is on disability for the time being so that he can focus on the hard work of recovery. As we move through this pandemic time towards potential reopening in smaller ways, I am in discussion with the Church Board and our Synod leadership as to potential interim pastors who can fill in on a part-time basis. Pr. Joe is completely aware and supportive of this, as one of his main questions every time he sees anyone on our staff is: "Are you all doing ok?"

In the meantime, please continue to send PJ and his family cards and prayers! We will look for more positive news in our next update!



Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pr. Chris Enstad  
Lead Pastor



## HOLY COW

# Over 600 Pounds of Food Collected for Badger Prairie Needs Network

On Saturday, August 29 at Miller & Son's Supermarket in Verona the Holy C.O.W was on the scene helping to collect food donations for the Badger Prairie Needs Network Food Pantry. Thanks to the generous donations we were able to donate 677 pounds of food to the Badger Prairie Needs Network! Pastor Joe and Lynn joined many Good Shepherd volunteers in serving at the COW. A special thank you to Miller & Son's in Verona for hosting us!

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY

# Verona Campus Hosts "Virtual" Bishop Election



The South-Central Synod of the ELCA elected **Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe** as our new bishop at a virtual assembly that was broadcasted from our Verona Campus. Welcome to our new Bishop! A replay of the event is available on the Synod website at [scsw-elca.org](http://scsw-elca.org).

### Births

Congratulations to Brad and Sarah Simon Harried on the birth of their son, Grant Orville, on August 2, 2020 in Madison, WI.

Congratulations to David and Andrea Vogt on the birth of their son, Weston (Wes) Archer Vogt, on August 12, 2020 in Madison, WI.

### Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy to Bob Sonntag and family on the death of his wife, Bobbie, who died in Fitchburg, WI on August 5, 2020.

Christian Sympathy to Karen Nacker and family on the death of her father, Arnold Hogan who died on August 6, 2020 in Red Bud, Illinois.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Keep Growing this Fall

Our gathering space may be a bit different, but we'll continue growing in God's word together.

Virtual Church School will include video-led Bible lessons & music, downloaded activities & weekly Sunday zoom gatherings.

Optional Grab & Go Kits include church school supplies dropped at your house or picked up at church.

3-year-old & 3rd Grade Bibles: Explore God's Word with a Bible geared towards your child's next level of learning. Register for Bible delivery or pick up. Bible blessings will be held on a Sunday in September during online worship.

Register at <https://goodshep.breezechms.com/form/virtualchurchschool2020>

### FAITH LIFE

## It's Time for New Devotionals

More than ever before, this has been a year we have relied on our faith in God to see us through these challenging times. A source of strength is our daily devotional - Word in Season and the large print Christ in the Home.

If you are already receiving a devotional, you don't need to ask for the October - December devotional. It will be mailed to you during the week of September 21. If you are requesting a devotional for the first time, you can either send an email to Judy at [jhoard@gslcwi.com](mailto:jhoard@gslcwi.com) or call 608-271-6633. Please include your mailing address with your request.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

## Ways to Connect this Fall

During the month of September, Good Shepherd staff will be working on developing best practices to be able to safely gather folks in small groups. Depending on the COVID-19 numbers, by mid-September, we will perhaps be able to open up space for existing classes and groups to meet in person. In the meantime, we will continue to host new and existing opportunities virtually for gathering with over 10 participants (see schedule below of existing and new options). Look for a more complete list of adult offering in the October Messenger and the weekly eNews - including music groups, small groups, classes and social action opportunities.

### Schedule of Existing Options

If you would like information on any of the following groups, please contact Sarah Iverson at [siverson@gslcwi.com](mailto:siverson@gslcwi.com)

- PrimeTimers monthly zoom - Third Tuesday of the Month at 10:30 a.m.
- Friday Morning Men's Groups - Friday morning at 7:00 a.m.
- Contemplative Life - Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
- God's Hands and Feet - Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
- Wine and Word - Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.
- Space of Grace Gathering for Women - Every other Thursday (one group meets at 7:00 p.m. and the other at 8:00 p.m.)
- Good Shepherd Virtual Book Group - Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Don't forget to worship with us Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

### Upcoming Opportunities

- Music Ministry Zoom Gatherings for fellowship and education
- Virtual "Documentary and Discussion" Events (hosted by the Social Action Committee)
- Engage on Gun Violence class offered through the ELCA
- Virtual Tables of Eight
- Monthly PrimeTimers Programs
- Generational Conversation Class
- Marriage Enrichment Class
- Fall Book Group

If you are a part of an existing small group, your leader should be receiving information from Sarah later this month with information on what our policies and procedures are for in person gatherings and/or how we can facilitate your online gatherings this fall.

GENEROSITY

# Good Shepherd Receives Bequest from Dewey Estate



## Dear Siblings in Christ at Good Shepherd,

It is with gratitude that I am able to announce that the church has received a generous bequest from the estate of Bob and Barb Dewey in the amount of \$460,000. Bob and Barb were long time members of Good Shepherd and worshipped at the Madison Campus. Some might remember Barb as the volunteer who delivered the VHS recordings of our services to our homebound members!

20 years ago, Bob and Barb encouraged their daughter, Monica Feiler, to check out Good Shepherd. She continues to attend The Deep (pandemic notwithstanding) and has a deep and abiding love for the ministry this community has shown to her and her son, Brian.

In the spirit of continuing to strengthen the mission and ministry of Good Shepherd, so that future generations might experience that same grace, love and mercy, this gift will be Board designated to primarily support our entire youth ministry department for the next two years. Surplus funds will be designated for upgrades in the Madison sanctuary, the Verona Youth Room and other ministries that support food, fellowship and connections between God, each other and our community.

This amazing gift will have an impact both today and long into the future. Please join me in giving thanks to God and to the Dewey family.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Chris Enstad

## Financial Dashboard July 2020

### Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Contributions and Other	\$ 117,568	\$ 153,529	\$ (35,961)
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(124,241)	(157,792)	33,551
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(10,571)	(9,382)	(1,189)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ (17,244)	\$ (13,646)	\$ (3,598)

\* In addition to above, in July 2020 an Estate Gift of \$460,097 was received

### Fund Balances

	July 2020	June 2020	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 1,264,474	\$ 821,623	\$	442,851
Board Designated Funds	137,000	137,000		-
Restricted Funds	346,820	354,294		(7,474)
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 1,748,294	\$ 1,312,917	\$	435,377

### Mortgage Balance

	July 2020	June 2020	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ 2,376,941	\$ 2,412,739	\$	(35,798)

### FOOD PANTRY GARDEN

## Thank You for a Great Summer in the Food Pantry Garden!



Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated and prayed for our Food Pantry Garden this summer! During this unusual season, we were so blessed to have over 50 volunteers serving over 400 hours. We have harvested approximately 900 pounds of produce so far this year!

### AMPED CONFIRMATION

## Share Your Experiences & Opinions

Our culture moves quickly and we want to be sure we're providing the best youth ministry that we can. We are looking to gather feedback from youth, parents/guardians, and volunteers regarding their experiences in Amped, as well as from families who have chosen to not have their youth involved in confirmation programming, so that we can make wise decisions about structure, content, and style for the future. We appreciate your willingness to complete the short survey. If you have questions, please contact Becca Mortensen at [bmortensen@gslcwi.com](mailto:bmortensen@gslcwi.com) Find the survey at [gslcwi.com/connect/youth/amped-confirmation/](http://gslcwi.com/connect/youth/amped-confirmation/)



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