



The Halversons



Sheray Wallace



The Golds



Charles Kritsch

## PASTOR'S NOTE

### Count Me In, God.

Normally this month, I would be INtroducing you to our annual Generosity Campaign. I would spend a few paragraphs recounting all the amazing ministries that have happened over the past year and invite you to prayerfully support the ministries of your church in the year to come. But...we left normal a long time ago, didn't we? And yet...since the pandemic started, Good Shepherd is doing the following:

- **INviting** people to participate in the ministry that Good Shepherd has offered online and in-person through our Outreach Ministries. We are **INviting** you to financially support the ministry carried out through the people of Good Shepherd. It truly is because of your generosity that we have been able to make it through these past 6 months in relatively good shape. Thank you for your faith, trust and support.
- **INcluding** people of all sizes, shapes, colors and beliefs to gather at Good Shepherd to discover meaning and purpose. We are a place where the promises of the One who made each and every human being on this earth can be seen through the eyes of our neighbor, a Word of grace, a meal of forgiveness, reconciliation or a song of praise.
- **INspiring** people and giving them strength to have a faith that will help them walk through troubled times. We need to have a *place* that exists solely to welcome us in and see us for the real, actual people we are. We need a place filled with other human beings seeking those same assurances, challenges, prayers and promises.

That's why I encourage you to continue **INvesting** in Good Shepherd by giving of your time, talents and treasures. I invite you to say, "Count Me IN!" as you prayerfully consider your financial commitment to your church this month.

One thing I know: we will come through this. We will find ourselves gathered together in new and old ways. We will begin telling a new story of where we've been, who we are now and where we are going in the future. Imagine how important this place will be as we come together in a few weeks or months! And remember, **God counts You IN as one of His saved children, not just today but IN all the days to come!**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.



**Pick up your "Count Me In, God!" packets in Verona Sunday, November 1**  
First 100 members to stop by get a free Good Shepherd Mask!

You can pick up your "Count Me In, God," packet at Good Shepherd's Verona campus Sunday, November 1 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We will have drive-thru service set up in Verona, and all the pastors will be handing out packets, along with chocolate chip cookies from Just Bakery! The first 100 people who stop by will also receive a custom-made mask from Lands' End with the Good Shepherd logo on it. All packets not picked up Sunday will be mailed to members later in the week. Please send back your Intent to Give

## Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy to Julia Miller and family on the death of her brother, Joseph Yoon, who died in Chicago, IL, on September 28, 2020.

Christian Sympathy to Julie Enslin and family on the death of her mother, Carol Steinacker, of Milwaukee, WI who died on September 28, 2020.

Christian Sympathy to Tony Salisbury and family on the death of his brother, Arthur Wayne Salisbury, of Tulsa, OK who died on September 22, 2020.

Christian Sympathy to Jim Wiederhoeft and family on the death of his father, Dee Wiederhoeft of Verona, WI who died on October 16, 2020.



**Baptisms**

Madyn Marie Fieck, child of Sarah and Matt Fieck, October 11, 2020.

Blakely Kyle Ballweg, child of Brittany and Kyle Ballweg, October 18, 2020. (Pictured)



**HOLY COW**  
**Saying Thanks to Our Schools**

The Holy Cow has been stopping by local schools to provide free hot beverages for school staff. It's a way to say "thank you" for the work they've been doing during this extra challenging year of virtual schooling.

## FINANCIAL DASHBOARD September 2020 Update

### Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Contributions and Other	\$ 353,325	\$ 356,607	\$ (3,282)
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(451,434)	(482,499)	31,065
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(29,528)	(28,147)	(1,381)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ (127,637)	\$ (154,039)	\$ 26,402

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

### Cash Balances

	September 2020		June 2020	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 1,188,963	\$ 821,623	\$ 367,340		
Board Designated Funds	104,544	137,000	(32,456)		
Restricted Funds	364,117	354,294	9,823		
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 1,657,624	\$ 1,312,917	\$ 344,707		

### Mortgage Balance

	September 2020		June 2020	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ 2,247,512	\$ 2,412,739	\$ (165,227)		

## SHOEBOX GIFTS

### Bring Christmas Cheer via Shoeboxes

We need empty shoeboxes to fill with winter goods, hygiene products and a little fun to donate for Christmas gifts to Shoebox Gifts for Kids in the Madison area this year. You can drop off your empty boxes in the bin by the front door at Verona Campus Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., until Friday, November 20. We need lots!! Thank you! Contact Diane Cali at [dianecali437@gmail.com](mailto:dianecali437@gmail.com) for more information about this drive.

## FAMILY EVENTS

### Recipe for At-Home Gingerbread House Making

The Gingerbread Event coordinators regret that we are cancelling the in person Gingerbread House event on Dec. 7, 2020, due to the COVID pandemic. We hope to see you in December 2021. This does not mean you need to go without a gingerbread house this year. You can still buy a kit or make it from scratch! Here is a link to the house and frosting recipe and cut out pattern: [gslcwi.com/gingerbread-recipe](http://gslcwi.com/gingerbread-recipe)

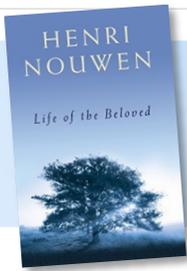
## ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

### Request a Paper Copy of 2020 Advent Devotional

This Advent we will again be producing a devotional of stories about overcoming weariness written by our members. The entire devotional will be available on our website for your daily use beginning November 29<sup>th</sup>. However, we know some folks prefer having something tangible to hold onto, especially now. If you would prefer a paper copy, please fill out this brief form at: <https://goodshep.breezechms.com/form/2020AdventDevotionals> and we will put one in the mail for you in time for Advent. Or call Judy at 271-6633, unless you're already receiving the quarterly devotionals.

## UPCOMING CLASSES &amp; GROUPS

## What's Happening this Month


**FAITH FORMATION**  
**New Tuesday Night Book**  
**Group in November**

Join Sarah and others Tuesday nights November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 for conversation about Henri Nouwen's "Life of the Beloved".

Initially written for a Jewish friend, "Life of the Beloved" has become Henri Nouwen's greatest legacy to Christians around the world. This sincere testimony of the power and invitation to claim our identity as beloved children of God and share that identity with others, is both comforting and liberating.

This short book is incredibly accessible and a powerful read for all ages of life and stages of faith - including teenagers. It's available for purchase on Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Please read up to "Blessed" for the first gathering.

**CREATION KEEPERS**
**Re-Thinking Green Shopping during the Pandemic**

For obvious reasons, 2020 has been the year for ordering things online, from food to toilet paper, from coffee to home repair items, from cleaning products to toothpaste. During our research we came across some very interesting products that made us re-think some of our shopping habits.

As consumers, we spend a lot of money on packaging and on, of all things, water! When we buy shampoo, cleaning products, and even toothpaste, 80-95% of the product is water. Aren't we already paying for water in our homes? We discovered a whole variety of items that allow you to help the environment by eliminating huge shipping costs, eliminating the need to purchase products in plastic, and allowing you to add your own water at home.

**TEAM WORLD VISION**
**It's Race Month for Team**  
**World Vision Madison**

In addition to fundraising for clean water projects abroad and Covid programs domestically, the Madison Team World Vision continues to train for their race date on Sunday, November 8th.

Despite the Madison Marathon being cancelled, the leadership team from the Madison area Team World Vision churches still wanted an amazing experience for the team. Dane County is allowing the Team to utilize Lake Farm Parks Parking Lot as their home base. Colin Grove, City Coordinator and our amazing leader, has mapped out a course that allows everyone to be safe and still have a fantastic run. Volunteers are invited to assist with race day logistics, including onsite support, if desired. There's no risk to your safety. If you want to find out more about ways to help, including cash donations or items to offset race expenses, please contact either of the Good Shepherd Church Captains; Bob Beggs at [rjbeggs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rjbeggs@sbcglobal.net) or Stephanie Christensen at [steph\\_m\\_christensen@yahoo.com](mailto:steph_m_christensen@yahoo.com).

*Here are a few companies you should check out:*

**Blueland** (<https://www.blueland.com/>)

This company sells foaming hand soap, dishwasher soap, dish soap, laundry soap, bathroom cleaners, and all-surface cleaners in tablet form. You purchase a starter-kit that comes in a metal or glass container with tablets that dissolve in the water, YOU provide, and they send just the tablets in future orders.

**Bite** (<https://bitetoothpastebits.com/>)

Similar to Blueland, you purchase a starter kit that comes with small bite-size tablets in a glass jar, and you can subscribe to a four-month supply that is

**CHILDRENS MINISTRY**  
**Helping Kids Connect**

You are invited to join us for Virtual Church School at 10:00 a.m. on November 1, 8, 15 & 22. The Zoom link will be included in the weekly Children's Ministry email. Connect with Joanne at [jzastrow@glscwi.com](mailto:jzastrow@glscwi.com) to sign up! Explore family faith resources: Learn at your own pace with weekly Bible videos, music, activities and snacks at [glscwi.com/kids-connect](http://glscwi.com/kids-connect)

**HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY**  
**Helping Kids Connect**

**Fall Retreat:** November 7th we have an outdoor day retreat planned and would love for your high schooler to come and participate in a day away. For more information, safety protocol, and registration, see [glscwi.com/high-school](http://glscwi.com/high-school).

**Youth Group:** Sunday youth groups continue November 8th and 22nd on zoom at 4:30 p.m. Contact Becca at [bmortensen@glscwi.com](mailto:bmortensen@glscwi.com) for the link

sent to you in recyclable packing. They also sell mouthwash and floss.

**Plaine Products** (<https://www.plaineproducts.com/how-it-works/>)

This company sells shampoos, conditioners, hand and body wash products, and body lotions. The products come in aluminum bottles that you return to the company and they clean and re-use them.

There are many more companies that offer similar products, including **Elcove**, **Cleancult**, **Brandless**, **ThreeMain**, and **Loop**. So do some research and find products that fit your needs. And you can shop for them without a mask and have them delivered right to your home!



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**Online Worship Services**

Sundays at 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
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THANKSGIVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD  
**The Tradition Continues with Drive-Thru  
Thanksgiving Meal on November 26<sup>th</sup>**



**Free Drive-thru Thanksgiving Meal**

- Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020
- 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- Good Shepherd Madison Parking Lot

No need to RSVP or get out of your car.  
Just come drive thru and we will deliver a hot  
and ready-to-eat meal to your car!