



PASTOR'S NOTE

A New Year with Gratitude & Hope



Giving Thanks to God for Signs of Abundant Faithfulness in 2020

Happy New Year! Did those three words ever sound so sweet? 2020 is a year we would all like to forget. Yet as we move towards a resolution to the global pandemic it is appropriate for us to pause and look back at the amazing ways that God's people held on to hope, remained faithful in our worship and prayer and continued to show up for each other, our community and our world.

First, I know I speak for the entire Brosious family when I share how grateful they are for how our church surrounded Pr. Joe, Lynn, Connor and Mason while Joe has recovered from his stroke. The love, generosity and care that has been extended to them have contributed to Pr. Joe's slow but steady recovery. We will continue to pray and love them in the months to come.

Second, our COVID-19 and Reopening Task Forces, in partnership with our staff and Board, contributed their time and talents to help us navigate what was truly an unprecedented series of events in our community and world. I am continually amazed at the breadth of experience, combined with a depth of love for God and our church that each member of these task forces brought to the table.

Third, our staff truly shined in ways both seen and unseen over these last ten months. From revamping our communications to designing and delivering worship in new ways, to continuing to find ways to engage with our members both virtually and through other formats - we are blessed by their hard work and dedication to the mission and ministry of Good Shepherd.

Finally, thank you for how you have supported and cheered on each other and the church in this last year. The hard work, prayer, and engagement I have seen from you over the last four years gave us a strong foundation of trust and faith to weather the storms of 2020.

As we turn the page to 2021, we will continue to engage the work of our task forces, Board, staff, committees, and volunteers as we move towards the day when we will all be able to safely gather again for worship, study, prayer and service. We will also begin a strategic planning process that should position us to hit the ground running this year ...and the next five!

**Glory be to God in this Epiphany Season
and this New Year!**



Pastor Chris Enstad | Lead Pastor

Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy to Sue Bast and family on the death of her brother, Kent Backey of Beaumont, CA, who died on November 20, 2020.

Christian Sympathy to Nancy Godfrey and family on the death of her mother, Gladys Syens of Randolph, WI, who died on November 24, 2020.

Christian Sympathy to Monica Launder and family on the death of her sister, Cindy Grady of Dallas, TX, who died on December 9, 2020.

Christian Sympathy to Tim Hughes and family on the death of his brother, Mike Hughes of Casa Grande, AZ, who died on December 13, 2020.

Christian Sympathy to Scott Mast and family on the death of his mother, Pat Mast of Madison, WI, who died on December 19, 2020.

Baptisms

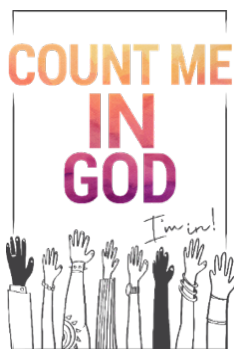
Hudson Levi Witmer, son of Ali and Andrew Witmer, December 6.

Louise Joy Monson, daughter of Emily and Jonathan Monson, December 13.

Shane Jackson, Anthony George Thomas and Laylah Aaliyah Thomas, children of Danielle Anderson and Tony Thomas, December 13.

Kurt Michael Olson, son of Anna and Tyler Olson, December 20.

Generosity Campaign Update



Thanks to more than 530 members who returned their Intent to Give cards for 2021 or set up recurring giving with Good Shepherd. Your Intents will help Good Shepherd continue to fund programming at church similar to last year's levels. YOU can still be counted IN! The best way is to complete the form online at gslcwi.com/countmein.

You also can mail your card to 5701 Raymond Road, Madison, WI 53711. Please email Director of Administration Rick Blum at rblum@gslcwi.com with any questions.

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD November 2020 Update

Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Contributions and Other	\$ 686,442	\$ 800,846	\$ (114,404)
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(777,507)	(816,394)	38,887
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(49,311)	(46,911)	(2,400)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ (140,376)	\$ (62,459)	\$ (77,917)

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

Cash Balances

	November 2020	June 2020	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 720,584	\$ 821,623	\$ (101,039)	
Board Designated Funds	533,127	137,000	396,127	
Restricted Funds	372,890	354,294	18,596	
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 1,626,601	\$ 1,312,917	\$ 313,684	

Mortgage Balance

	November 2020	June 2020	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ 2,148,822	\$ 2,412,739	\$ (263,917)	



KEEPING NEIGHBORS CONNECTED Advent Jubilee | We Reached Our \$10,000 Goal!

A lot of Meadowood residents will be able to stay in their homes this winter, thanks to the generosity of Good Shepherd members. An anonymous donor has offered to provide up to \$10,000 to match any donation made to our Jubilee campaign to help Keeping Neighbors Connected (KNC). More than 40 households made contributions totaling more than \$11,500 as of December 22 to help us earn the match.

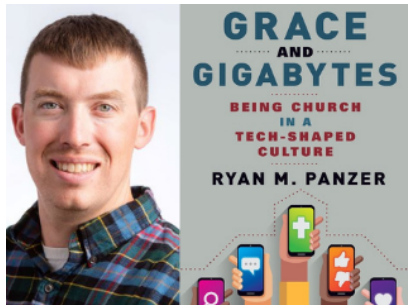
KNC is a collaboration of churches, schools and neighborhood social workers created through the efforts of Pr. Joe to make sure families in our Madison neighborhood receive help with housing. The campaign will continue through the end of the year. You can send a check to Good Shepherd with "KNC" in the memo line or go to gslcwi.com/jubilee and Select 10-KNC from the dropdown selections on the upper right-hand side.

SOUPER BOWL XX**The Souper Bowl is BACK February 4****The pandemic continues to affect how we do things at Good Shepherd, including Souper Bowl XX.**

This year, soup will be collected **ONLY** on Souper Bowl Thursday, February 4. There will be a bin and table labeled for your Souper Bowl Thursday donations outside the front entry doors at the Madison Campus. The soup will be collected during the regular Food Pantry hours of 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and again from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Preferred soups include chicken noodle, chicken with rice, vegetable beef, cream of mushroom, cream of chicken, any chunky style soups, and ramen noodles.

We are also asking for your help with monetary donations. Pantry Coordinators at the Good Shepherd, Allied and Badger Prairie Food Pantries can use the money to purchase needed food and other items given at the Food Pantries. Checks can be made to Good Shepherd with Souper Bowl in the memo line. Mail checks to 5701 Raymond Road, Madison, WI 53711. If you send cash, please do so carefully and indicate that it is for the Souper Bowl. You can also donate online at gslcwi.com/SouperBowl. Select 30-Souper Bowl from the dropdown selections on the upper right-hand side.

The *souper* good news is you can make your monetary donations any time before Souper Bowl Thursday. We are pleased to announce an anonymous \$350 matching donation for Souper Bowl XX. All donations up to and including \$350 will be matched. Thanks for your support of Souper Bowl Thursday!

NEW BOOK GROUP**Grace & Gigabytes: Exploring Church with Good Shepherd Member & Author Ryan Panzer**

**Starts Tuesday, January 12th
at 7:30 p.m. on ZOOM**

Ryan Panzer is the author of "Grace and Gigabytes: Being Church in a Tech-Shaped Culture." A researcher and writer on the intersection of faith and technology, Ryan explores how the digital age is changing the experience of church. Ryan is a graduate of Luther Seminary.

He and his wife Annie and daughter Alice attend Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. For more on Ryan's work, check out ryanpanzer.com.

Where to Buy the Book:

FortressPress.com

Use code: **PANZER30** & save
30% off the cover price!

**AMPED CONFIRMATION
Virtual Affirmation Service
on January 17**

Our 9th graders have been patiently waiting to affirm their baptisms with a confirmation service. We have found the Holy Spirit can move even through technology, so we will be holding an online confirmation service for the 9th graders who would like to take this step Sunday, January 17th. More details will be shared via e-news in the weeks to come for those who would like to support the young people of our church by attending via zoom.

**CHILDRENS MINISTRY
Grab & Go Church School
Kits Available January 8**

These optional kits include the same lessons that are available online. However, the kits provide all the needed supplies for activities and crafts. Kits are especially useful if you have kids needing a break from online learning and looking for some hands-on activities. There is the flexibility to work at a weekly pace, or whatever rhythm fits your family.

Church School kits will be available Friday, January 8 for at-home delivery or pick-up at either campus from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. If you have received a kit previously, we will plan to make one available again. If you would like to sign up to receive a kit, please email Katie Wagner kwagner@gslcwi.com by January 4.

**CHILDRENS MINISTRY
Virtual Church School**

You are invited to join us for Virtual Church School at 10:00 a.m. on January 10, 17, 24 & 31. The Zoom link will be included in the weekly Children's Ministry email. Connect with Joanne at jzastrow@gslcwi.com to sign up!

**CHILDRENS MINISTRY
Faith Resources Online**

Explore family faith resources: Learn at your own pace with weekly Bible videos, music, activities and snacks at gslcwi.com/kids-connect



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SAVE THE DATE

Annual Meeting to be Held Virtually on Sunday, February 7th

The Good Shepherd Board has announced the Annual Meeting for the Church will be held Sunday, February 7 online.

The meeting will focus on a celebration of all the programming done at Good Shepherd in 2020, along with electing new members to the Board and the Foundation Board. Due to the change in the fiscal year, the meeting will not involve passing a budget. A separate congregational meeting will be held this summer to approve a budget. The annual report will be available in digital form starting on Sunday, January 24.

