



Pastor's Note

This month the Church Board will receive, and vote on, a Five-Year Strategic Plan prepared by our Strategic Planning Committee.

If approved, the congregation will receive a report at the July Budget meeting. Good Shepherd's Mission and Vision of welcoming and meeting people where they are at is a thread that runs through the entire plan. But you do not have to wait for the Strategic Plan to start practicing hospitality right now! This newsletter has all kinds of opportunities for invitation and outreach. When you read these pages, I encourage you to put on your hospitality hats. Worship in a church building can be intimidating but gathering with people in a park or other outside area to listen to music or eat food is a perfect way to experience community together. So do not look at these calendars and think, "Hmm, what would *I* like to hear or eat?" Instead, think, "Hmm, who else might like to come and hear this music or eat some tasty food with me?" Invite three new people to come with you! And that, dear friends, is Good Shepherd Hospitality 101.

Alleluia! Alleluia!



Pastor Chris Enstad | Lead Pastor

WORSHIP IN THE PARK ON THURSDAY NIGHTS Gather for Worship at a Park Near You!

Follow the COW this summer as we spend Thursday evenings in local parks eating and worshipping. The Holy Cow is so much more than food truck, it is a church on wheels, and this summer we'll explore more deeply what happens when food and faith collide.

Each month we'll be at a different park each Thursday, sharing in a delicious meal followed by a short worship experience. Worship will include Faith Footprints as well as prayer, reflection, and conversation. Accessible for all ages!

The COW is a ministry we share as a congregation and this opportunity is a great way for us all to be involved. Everyone who shows up becomes a part of the welcome, the service, and the forgiveness of the evening. If you travel in the summer, this is a great way to continue to worship with our church! All ages are welcome. Invite your neighbors and friends – or come and MEET your neighbors and new friends. Thursday Night COW worship begins June 2nd. We'll be at Western Hills Park in Fitchburg, just down the street from the Madison Campus. Food is served at 5:30 p.m. and worship begins at 6:00 p.m. Bring a chair, a blanket, and a friend!

MUSIC MONDAYS 2022 SEASON BEGINS JUNE 6

Great Food + Great Music = Perfect Monday Night!

We are excited to continue what has quickly become a beloved Good Shepherd tradition – Music Mondays return on June 6 as we kick off the Summer season! Every other Monday we gather on the front lawn of the Madison Campus for a free concert and a delicious pay-what-you-can meal provided by the Holy COW. The genre of music and food changes every time we gather and there's hardly a better way to meet your neighbor than over some good food and conversation! Check out the calendar of concerts and learn more about how to make Music Mondays a part of your Summer rhythm by visiting gslcwi.com/holycow

Baptisms

Sophia Louise Cerminaro, child of Gretchen Foltz & Michael Cerminaro, baptized 5/1/2022

Audrey Marilyn Spain, child of Amanda & Mike Spain, baptized 5/1/2022

Rilyn Elise Simon, child of Holly & Nick Simon, baptized 5/8/2022

Mateo Santiago Teapila Blum, child of Abby Blum & Miguel Teapila, baptized 5/22/2022

Soren Richard Isaacson, child of Paul Isaacson & Missy Nechville-Isaacson, baptized 5/29/2022

Crew Piller, child of Jenna & Thomas Piller, baptized 5/29/2022

SAVE THE DATE | JULY 24 Town Hall to Approve Budget & Learn About Strategic Plan

All Good Shepherd members are invited and encouraged to attend our annual Town Hall meeting at Verona Campus on Sunday, July 24 at 12 p.m. as the Strategic Plan is shared and we vote to approve the budget for the new fiscal year. Look for more details in the next edition of The Messenger in July.

SERVING ON SUNDAYS Help Make Worship Possible

We are always looking for ushers, greeters and Proclaim slide volunteers to assist with Sunday worship. If you'd like to find out more, contact Ronda Beggs rbeggs@gslcwi.org. Thank you for helping others Worship at Good Shepherd!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VBS comes to Verona June 27-30!

On this faith-filled adventure kids learn that Jesus' power pulls them through life's ups and downs. Together we explore God's Word through Bible adventures, imagination station crafts, snacks, song and play. June 27-30, 9:00-11:30am Verona Campus, \$45/per child.

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

April 2021 Update

Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 1,598,218	\$ 1,478,088	\$ 120,130
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(1,482,486)	(1,524,564)	42,078
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(99,340)	(91,704)	(7,636)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ 16,392	\$ (138,181)	\$ 154,573

Cash Balances

	April 2022	June Fiscal 2021	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 713,211	\$ 528,060	\$ 185,151	
Board Designated Funds	438,909	643,169	(204,260)	
Restricted Funds	368,857	505,107	(136,250)	
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 1,520,977	\$ 1,676,336	\$ (155,359)	

Mortgage Balance

	April 2022	June Fiscal 2021	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ 1,366,896	\$ 1,761,942	\$ (395,050)	

VERONA CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

Creating Space for All at Verona Campus

As a part of our continued commitment to live into our church's Welcome Statement, we continue to improve our spaces, so they are truly welcoming for all. At Verona Campus we are converting our nursery space into a multi-purpose meeting space with a new all-gender bathroom. We will be painting, installing new carpeting, adding additional furniture and a new tv to create a lounge space. Most importantly, we are updating the bathroom with a full-size toilet and changing table, so it can be a usable space for families, caregivers, those with mobility challenges and our LGBTQ+ members and guests. They created a new opening from the main hallway across from the current bathrooms and walled off the two doors inside the room. Soon this space will be available for small groups and anyone looking for a relaxed meeting space at our Verona Campus or in need of a private bathroom.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Serve Neighbors with Second Harvest

Second Harvest delivers food items for the Good Shepherd Food Pantry early Tuesday mornings. We currently have openings for Tuesdays in July - one volunteer needed and August & December - two volunteers needed for each month. The delivery times can range from 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. The "window" is posted late Monday afternoons. The time needed to put the items away is approximately 30 minutes. A brief training is provided the first Tuesday you serve. If you are looking for a way to be of service, please consider this volunteer opportunity. For further information, please contact Judy at jhoard@gslcwi.com or 608-271-6633.



GOOD SHEPHERD STORIES

You're Invited...to use your feet to bring clean water to those in need!

Danielle Sill shares how God answered her prayers through finding a community she could believe in at Good Shepherd.

I want to share with you what's been happening with Team World Vision over the last few years as thousands of people who are a lot like you and me have come together as a team putting one foot in front of the other to help solve the global water crisis by moving forward with Team World Vision and if you're reading this, I have an invitation for you! But first, I have to start off with a story. Have you ever had something on your heart that you've been praying about and in the most subtle ways God gives it to you? Well, that is exactly what happened to me.

Over the past few years I've been yearning to find an organization that could be a part of that not only has similar values and mission to my own, but is something that I could truly get behind. Fast forward to finding this church in September, joining the worship team, meeting

Stephanie Christensen and seeing her post on Facebook that they needed an event planner for Team World Vision. I've looked at her and I looked at God and I said to myself "wow, God was speaking to me the most subtle ways." I sensed God saying, "you've been looking for this opportunity and I have surrounded you with people that are going to bring that opportunity to you." How amazing!

The more I learned about Team World Vision, the more my heart sung. As an epidemiologist and someone who spent time in Cape Coast, Ghana living with a family, I can attest to how impactful clean water is for a family. While in Ghana, I spent time traveling to rural villages and teaching about home remedies to common illnesses because many times when you get sick, you cannot get to a doctor. One of the most common illnesses I spoke about in

these rural villages was cholera - which is a disease caused by contaminated water. Today there are over 700 million people who don't have access to clean water. But we believe that we can defeat the global water crisis in our lifetime.

Now I'm inviting Good Shepherd to join me in this mission by training to briskly walk or run the Madison half or full marathon on November 13 for clean water. Training starts with just moving for 20 minutes! Do you have a feeling right now that you were called to do this have you always thought about running a half or full marathon? What if that is God working in a subtle way to get you to join this team and to be a part of a camaraderie to help children all over the world! If you're interested, please visit gslcwi.com/twv to learn more and sign up to be a part of this team!

GOVERNANCE UPDATE

Church Bylaws Revised

The Good Shepherd Board met on Monday, April 18 and approved revisions to the Congregation's bylaws, based on the recommendations proposed by the Bylaws Task Force of Tom Golden (chair), Rick Schmidt, Jim Wiederhoeft and Sara McCormack. Updates included adding the Vision and Mission statements, distinguishing our three entities (Church, Foundation and Columbarium), and moving our annual meeting to align with our fiscal year. Thank you to the members of the task force for their expertise and knowledge in updating the bylaws. A full list of changes and updates can be seen on our website at gslcwi.com/bylaws.

NEW MEMBER EVENT ON JUNE 23

Considering Becoming a Member?

Interested in becoming a member or just learning more about our church? Please join us for a special dinner on June 23 at the Verona Campus! Contact Ronda Beggs with questions, or to reserve a spot at rbeggs@gslcwi.com.

FOOD PANTRY GARDEN

Garden Season Has Arrived!

Thank you to all who have helped in the garden so far this year! We are well on our way to an abundant harvest. We will continue to meet on Sundays (3:30-5:30 p.m.) and Wednesdays (5-7 p.m.) throughout the summer. Contact Pastor Dara for more details!



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Explore What's Ahead for June | gslcwi.com/events

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Community Rummage Sale

Good Shepherd Verona Campus
7291 County Hwy PD

OPEN FOR SHOPPING

June 17

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

June 18

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

DONATIONS DROP-OFF

June 14-16

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.