



PASTOR'S NOTE Living into the Resurrection

Dear Siblings in Christ,

It has been a few weeks now since we walked together through the peaks and valleys of Holy Week, stood beneath the cross of Jesus' death, and experienced the thrill of hearing those words of the angels, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" The ability to experience these things with the option of being physically together made those Easter Alleluias even more miraculous.

All this Good News means nothing, though, if it does not mean something for each of us both personally and for our community. As people of the Resurrection, it means one thing to say, "Christ is risen!" and another to live that resurrection life every day. We can say it or read it just like any other piece of news in the newspaper or on our phone screens. But what does it mean for us to live life on the other side of the Easter miracle?

Albert Einstein once wrote, "People like us who believe in physics know that the distinction between past, present and future is only a stubbornly persistent illusion." I find it fascinating that this intersection of faith and science has a word to speak to us as a people of the Resurrected Jesus! If physics is to be believed then it is quite possible that time - past, present, and future - is happening all at once. There is

nothing in physics that says that time only moves in one forward direction, that is a function of our memory. Therefore, Jesus' resurrection from the dead is happening for us at this very moment.

I remember one of my seminary professors drawing a straight line on the board with an arrow moving in one direction. In the middle of that line, she drew a cross, and then an empty tomb. In one moment of human time, she said, God, who exists both outside and inside time, intervened in human history. Now, we can live as a people that experience the forward motion of time - growing old, making mistakes, celebrating highs and grieving our lows - while also knowing the future promised by God - namely, eternal life free from the power of sin and death!

What are we to do with this new reality? If the resurrection is happening now and always, and we are joined to that resurrection forever, what can hold us back from that power and hope? The answer? Nothing. Not even the grave.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor Chris Enstad | Lead Pastor

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy to the family of L. George Mohr of Madison, WI who died on March 28, 2022.

Christian sympathy to Alvis Koedam and family on the death of his father, Gerrit Koedam of Mesa, AZ, who died on April 8, 2022.

Baptisms

Mackenzie Jane Droese, child of Kayla & Matt Droese, baptized April 3, 2022.



FAITH FORMATION New Free Resources Available in Madison and Verona Lobbies

Want to learn more about what Lutherans think about Holy Communion? Need a new copy of the Small Catechism? Maybe you'd like a new Bible for you or a friend? Find all this and more at the new Lutheran Faith Resources Wall. We'll be adding more resources so keep an eye out in the lobby for new materials!

Best of all – these resources are *free* for all!

CLOTHES CLOSET Donations and Volunteers Needed in the Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet is currently seeking clothing donations for children's sizes 12-20. The clothes should be clean and in good condition. Please no used socks or undies.

We also need volunteers for the Clothes Closet Thursdays 5:30-7:00 p.m. Contact Rick Thomas rthomas@gsclwi.com to sign up. No experience necessary. Thanks for supporting this ministry to clothe children in need!

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD March 2022 Update

Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 1,417,995	\$ 1,328,484	\$ 89,511
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(1,300,175)	(1,370,296)	70,121
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(91,941)	(82,534)	(9,407)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ 25,879	\$ (124,346)	\$ 150,225

Cash Balances

	March 2022	June Fiscal 2021	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 710,792	\$ 528,060	\$ 182,732	
Board Designated Funds	452,716	643,169	(190,453)	
Restricted Funds	372,533	505,107	(132,574)	
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 1,536,041	\$ 1,676,336	\$ (140,295)	

Mortgage Balance

	March 2022	June Fiscal 2021	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ 1,395,077	\$ 1,761,942	\$ (366,869)	



HOSPITALITY

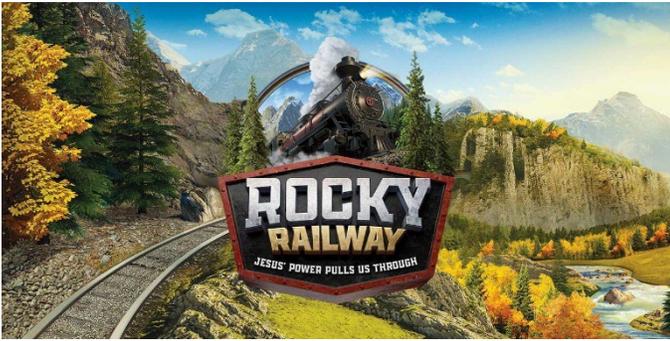
Get to Know Good Shepherd on Name Tag Sunday – May 8 at All Worship Services

Now that our in-person attendance has increased, we'd like to get reacquainted with each other. Sunday, May 8, you'll be invited to put on a nametag when you come for worship.

Your help as a Table Host is needed! Here are the details:

- Families or individuals are welcome to serve
- Stand at a table and greet people as they arrive at worship, inviting them to put on a nametag
- Madison Campus hosting time: 8:40 – 9:00 a.m.
- Verona Campus hosting time: 10:10 – 10:30 a.m.

If you can volunteer, contact Cathy Percy for Madison at cbpearcy@aol.com or Ronda Beggs for Verona at rbeggs@gsclwi.com



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VBS is Back! Register today to be a part of it!

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, songs and play. June 27-30, 9:00-11:30 a.m. - Verona Campus, \$45/per child.

To Register: Visit gslcwi.com/summer

Questions: Contact Joanne Zastrow jzastrow@gslcwi.com



GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Team World Vision Sunday is Coming May 15

Use your feet to help bring clean water to those in need around the world! Sign up to be a part of Team World Vision Madison and participate in the upcoming Madison Half or Full Marathon. Anyone can join our team and be part of the lifesaving mission of bringing water to those who need it most.

To Register: Visit gslcwi.com/twv

Questions: Stephanie Christensen steph_m_christensen@yahoo.com



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

WELCA Spring Gathering Hosted at GSLC

Please mark your calendar to attend the spring gathering of the Women of the ELCA on Saturday, May 14, at our Madison Campus. Registration with light refreshments will begin at 8:30 a.m. The morning program will begin at 9:00 a.m. We will have a speaker from Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin present a program titled: "Addressing the Crisis of Human Trafficking." Human trafficking is big business for organized crime and for local traffickers. The average age for recruitment into the commercial sex industry is about 13. People experiencing hunger and homelessness and/or who have a history of trauma are particularly vulnerable. Learn about ways people are coerced, resources to discuss anti-sex trafficking with youth and adults, and advocacy for public policies. We will end the morning with a salad luncheon at noon. Please bring a salad to pass. A free will offering will be collected with one-half to Women of the ELCA, and one-half to Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin.

Please email Polly Carter to RSVP at: pfcart48@gmail.com

FOOD PANTRY GARDEN

Help out Our Bees with No Mow May!

The Good Shepherd Bee Team is supporting and promoting No Mow May - an effort through the City of Verona to protect bees and other pollinators. What's the best part? All you have to do is... *nothing!* By not mowing your lawn for the month of May, you can allow important pollinators like bees find food and get established as the weather warms up. The City of Verona is suspending any fines for not mowing during the month of May and part of our Verona campus will be kept unmown so we can participate.

Pictured: Our Bee Team setup a table at the Madison and Verona Campuses on Sunday, April 24 to share more about the program and how to join the Bee Team.





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THIS SUMMER

THE COW IS ON THE MOOOOOVE

Meeting people where they are at with good food and the good news.
From Coffee & Treats to Bread & Wine – the Holy COW has a big
Summer planned and YOU are invited to be a part of it!
We will be worshipping and serving out among the community every week!
Visit gsclwi.com/holy-cow to learn more!



View Upcoming Cow Events and join the Moo Crew: Visit gsclwi.com/holy-cow for info and more!