



## AUGUST SERMON SERIES God's New Normal: Grounding Insights for Our Life of Faith Exploring the Letter to the Hebrews

### Dear Friends,

During the month of August, our worship services will feature a journey through the Letter to the Hebrews.

Like us, early Christians found themselves living in a time of great difficulty where there was pressure to abandon hope and faith. The Letter to the Hebrews was written anonymously to second generation early Jewish Christians who had experienced persecution and pressure to return to the rituals and requirements of the Law of Moses. Some had even begun to abandon their young Christian faith.

The Letter to the Hebrews urges Christians to live a life of faith with perseverance. Because of Jesus Christ, we now live in a relationship with God that never fails no matter how hard things may seem! This is God's new normal!

We invite you to join us each week at worship as we press on together with courage and hope.

### Sermon Series Schedule



Sunday, August 7

**"Homesick & Homeward Bound"**  
**Hebrews 11**

Sunday, August 14

**"Running with Perseverance"**  
**Hebrews 12:1-2**

Sunday, August 21

**"Shaken & Unshakable"**  
**Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-29**

Sunday, August 28

**"Invited & Inviting"**  
**Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

*Chris Enstad*

Pastor Chris Enstad

*Sheryl Erickson*

Pastor Sheryl Erickson

*Dara Schuller-Hanson*

Pastor Dara-Schuller Hanson

## Baptisms

Odin Jason Payant, child of Jason & Misha Payant, baptized July 3, 2022

Everett Paul Siebenaler, child of Natalie & Jared Siebenaler, baptized July 11, 2022

Parker Allen Hetzel Mrozinski, child of Shayna Hetzel and Derrick Mrozinski, baptized on July 31, 2022

## Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy to the family of Janice Benson of Oregon, WI. Janice died on May 7, 2022.

Christian sympathy to the family of Doug Allen of Madison, WI. Doug died on May 26, 2022.

Christian sympathy to Diane Raemisch on the death of her mother, Lorraine Salava of Cross Plains, WI who died on June 12, 2022.



## CELEBRATING 35 YEARS Thank You from Pastor Sheryl

Thanks to each of you who joined in helping Pr. Sheryl celebrate her 35 years of ministry at Good Shepherd on Sunday, July 17. It was a joyous event for her, her family AND all of our congregation! We are blessed to have had her as our pastor all these years!

*Dear Good Shepherd,*

*Thank you for the celebration in honor of my 35 years at Good Shepherd. I was deeply touched by your outpouring of love! My heart is full with the stories of the life we've shared together. It remains my honor to serve as one of your pastors. I look forward with eagerness to our next steps in ministry together!*

*In God's grace,  
Pastor Sheryl Erickson*

## FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

### June 2022 Update

#### Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 1,854,613	\$ 1,759,348	\$ 95,265
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(1,769,008)	(1,814,987)	45,979
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(114,375)	(110,045)	(4,330)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ (28,770)	\$ (165,684)	\$ 136,914

#### Cash Balances

	June 2022	June Fiscal 2021	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 691,410	\$ 528,060	\$ 163,350	
Board Designated Funds	411,295	643,169	(231,874)	
Restricted Funds	376,270	505,107	(128,837)	
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 1,478,975	\$ 1,676,336	\$ (197,361)	

#### Mortgage Balance

	June 2022	June Fiscal 2021	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ 1,306,410	\$ 1,761,942	\$ (455,536)	



## WORSHIP & MUSIC

### You're Invited to Join the Worship Team

Do you sing or play an instrument? Do you think playing in the 10:30 a.m. worship band looks fun? (Hint: it is.) We are looking to add musicians and vocalists to our group! While the main function of the group is to provide music on Sundays, we also lift each other up in prayer and make time for devotions, as well as some social activities. We gather to practice on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., and ask for a one Sunday a month minimum, if possible. If you have questions or feel like the Holy Spirit is moving you to consider being a part of the 10:30 worship band, please contact Tracy Dahl at [tdahl@gslcwi.com](mailto:tdahl@gslcwi.com).

### Not Musically Inclined? Find more ways to serve!

We are looking for worship volunteers for both campuses: worship assistants, ushers, greeters, communion assistants, coffee hosts, lectors and people to run Proclaim. If you're looking for a way to serve your church family, look no further! Interested? Contact Ronda Beggs [rbeggs@gslcwi.com](mailto:rbeggs@gslcwi.com)



### Over 100 Good Shepherd Members gather July 24 for Unveiling of Strategic Plan, Budget Approval and Board Elections

This year's Annual Meeting focused on several key initiatives. Strategic Planning Committee Chair Steve Frei and committee member Jen Holmer unveiled the new Strategic Plan that will shape the ministry of Good Shepherd over the next few years. The congregation elected new officers to the Church Board and nominating committee and passed a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Thanks to everyone who attended this meeting in person and online. We are grateful technology makes it possible to gather in a hybrid format for worship and important events like this! To watch a replay of the meeting and view materials, including the Strategic Plan, please visit:

[gslcwi.com/meet22](https://gslcwi.com/meet22)



### STORIES An Experience of Welcome

At the Annual Meeting we shared a story of experiencing welcome at Good Shepherd. Watch Andrew's story at [gslcwi.com/stories](https://gslcwi.com/stories)

### WORK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

## Now Hiring for Several New Roles

Our new strategic plan has highlighted several key areas of growth for our congregation. Part of our strategy for these goals is the hiring of new roles to join the staff team at our church! To learn more about these opportunities please visit our website at [gslcwi.com/jobs](https://gslcwi.com/jobs).



### HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER TRIP

## 24 Good Shepherd High Schoolers Share Experiential Trip in Kentucky

Due to the National ELCA Youth Gathering being postponed, our Good Shepherd youth planned an alternate trip to Kentucky. Joined by several staff and volunteers from the congregation, they experienced a new cultural setting and explored faith and community together – thank you for your support and prayers!

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

## Women of the ELCA Synod Retreat coming up September 24

"Rise Up – Overcoming Life's Obstacles" is the theme of this year's ELCA Synod Retreat. It will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Presenters Tricia Clason and Ginger Shomberg will focus on Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." They are members of New Heights Lutheran in Black Earth. Two afternoon workshops will be offered – each with five topics to choose from. Check it out to see what piques your interest. There are also many registration options – all day, half-day with or without lunch, teen and under 26 discount, and Zoom, with varying costs. Information and registration available on the Synod website at [scsw-elca.org/welca](https://scsw-elca.org/welca).

### TEAM WORLD VISION

## Enjoy Sundaes with Team World Vision

Sunday, July 31 at 11:45 a.m. at Verona Campus

Join us for a sundae, snacks, games and raffles as we kickstart our Team World Vision season. Meet the Good Shepherd team that has pledged to run a half or full marathon to raise money for clean water! Everyone is invited! We would love to see our congregation's support as we embark on this journey together and look forward to celebrating with all of you.



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**Worship in the Park  
has a New Location!**

**Meister Park**  
Breckenridge Rd. & Jenna Dr. in Verona

**Holy COW Dinner  
& Faith Conversation**

**Every Thursday in August  
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

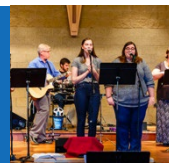


**Music**  
**Monday**

**Good Food  
& Good Music.**  
*Live at Good Shepherd.*  
MADISON CAMPUS



**AUG 1**  
**UW Band**  
5:30 – 6:00 p.m.



**AUGUST 15**  
**The Deep**  
Worship Night