



PASTOR'S NOTE

Setting the Table for the Future

Dear Friends,

I hope you have taken the opportunity to join us for our Outreach activities this summer. We celebrate Music Mondays every other Monday at our Madison campus and host a meal every Thursday as part of Worship in the Park in Fitchburg and Verona. Our Holy COW food truck is serving food at more than 50 events this summer around Madison and Verona! At each of these events, we are demonstrating Good Shepherd's mission: Welcome, Forgive and Serve. By doing something seemingly simple, we are setting the table for our members and neighbors to eat great food while enjoying the fellowship of Jesus Christ together.

Annual Meeting on July 24

Please join us on Sunday, July 24 at noon at the Madison Campus for the Good Shepherd Annual Meeting. There, we will demonstrate how congregational members have been working throughout the past year to set the table for the future of Good Shepherd.

Introducing the Strategic Plan

First, you will hear about Good Shepherd's new strategic plan passed by the Board in June. More than a dozen members used your input from our previous mission and vision process to develop a plan with me and our staff for the church to move forward as we come out of the pandemic. One Board member described the strategic plan as feeling like "connective tissue" that will help show how we are to live into our mission and vision as members of Good Shepherd, while serving as a filter for our committees and boards to process ideas through going forward.

Approving a New Budget

Second, you will be asked to approve a budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year starting July 1. The past two years, the congregation has approved using reserves to close gaps in the budget as we navigated the pandemic. Thanks to your generosity and excellent fiscal management, we were able to leave those funds untouched, which has left Good Shepherd with healthy reserves. This year, we are asking the congregation to use some of those reserves to make investments like replacing the leaking roofs at both of our campuses, increasing training for our amazing staff, and adding resources to our children, youth, and music ministries.

For us to make these investments, we need:

- A Strong Plan
- A Strong Team
- A Strong Faith

Thanks to the work of the Strategic Planning Committee, our amazing staff and YOU, all these things are now in place.

Pastor Sheryl reminded us last week, now that we have a plan, "*This is where it starts to get fun!*" The next few weeks, we will communicate how your Board, staff and committees plan to set the table for Good Shepherd's future. As always, the future belongs to God, and we are given these fleeting moments to steward the best way we can. But know that I am grateful for the hard work, dedication, prayer and generosity of all of the families and friends of this amazing place.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Meeting on July 24 at 12 p.m.

Join us at the Madison Campus for our annual Congregational Meeting as we look to the future!

Pastor Chris Enstad | Lead Pastor

Baptisms

Charlotte Rose Nicholson, child of Allie & Max Nicholson, baptized 6/12/2022

Axel James Gray, child of Holly & Patrick Gray, baptized 6/26/2022

Charlotte Anne Rago and Chloe Elizabeth Rago, children of Erin & Chris Rago, baptized 6/26/2022

Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy to Roger and Jean Cohee on the death of their niece, Tiffany Jordan, who died on May 18, 2022.

Christian Sympathy to Rebecca Zerfas and family on the death of her mother, Barbara Weidanz of Pittstown, NJ who died in Madison, WI on May 22, 2022.

Christian Sympathy to Teri Fulton and family on the death of her father, Kenneth Lederer of Elm Grove, WI who died on June 5, 2022.

Christian Sympathy to Wendy Johnson and family on the death of her mother, Beverley Quick of Kenosha, WI who died on June 8, 2022.



WORSHIP

New Baptismal Fonts Created by Good Shepherd Member Dedicated

On Sunday, June 26, as we gathered in Worship we dedicated two newly created baptismal fonts for our sanctuaries in Madison and Verona. Good Shepherd member and artist Sue Lewis handcrafted the new fonts and was present for both services as the fonts were used in Baptisms. Thanks be to God for the good gifts being shared in our midst!

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

May 2021 Update

Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 1,724,657	\$ 1,618,718	\$ 105,939
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(1,625,191)	(1,669,775)	44,584
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(106,810)	(100,875)	(5,935)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ (7,344)	\$ (151,932)	\$ 144,588

Cash Balances

	May 2022	June Fiscal 2021	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 709,276	\$ 528,060	\$ 181,216	
Board Designated Funds	425,102	643,169	(218,067)	
Restricted Funds	369,976	505,107	(135,131)	
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 1,504,354	\$ 1,676,336	\$ (171,982)	

Mortgage Balance

	May 2022	June Fiscal 2021	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ 1,339,851	\$ 1,761,942	\$ (422,095)	



On Thursday, June 23 we welcomed over 20 new members to our church family! Look for names and photos of these new members in an upcoming edition of eNews and be sure to say "hi" when you see them in and around Good Shepherd!

HOLY COW EVENTS

Shredding Event & Food Drive July 16

It's time again to bring your papers that need shredded to the Thrivent office—load up your vehicle and bring them your piles, stacks and boxes of paper! Come any time between 8–11 a.m. on Saturday morning, July 16, to the Thrivent parking lot at 708 Heartland Trail in Madison. They will accept items to be shredded until the truck is full. In addition to your items needing to be shredded, please consider bringing items that will benefit families who visit the Good Shepherd Food Pantry. For every item donated Thrivent will donate \$3 per item – up to \$3000! The Holy COW will also be on-site serving free coffee and pastries throughout the event.



Close to 200 attended a special Music Monday featuring laughs, dance and singing in Verona as Gungor provided the musical background for a fine summer evening. A special offering raised \$500 for Verona Area Schools Weekend Meals program.

GENEROSITY

BEYOND Capital Campaign Ends November 30

When the *Beyond* campaign started back in 2019, we had no idea the challenges Good Shepherd would face. Yet, despite the arrival of a pandemic, support from faithful and generous families to Good Shepherd and its mission to Welcome, Forgive and Serve has remained strong. As of May 31, we have received more than \$1.7 million in contributions toward the campaign. As we near the end of the Intent period for *Beyond*, we want to thank you for your generous gifts, and as you are able, encourage your completion of your Intent to Give to the campaign. Thank you for your support and encouragement of the ministries of Good Shepherd.

Because of your support to the *Beyond* campaign, Good Shepherd has:

- Added a new music room in Verona
- Remodeled our entire Verona Campus lobby and sanctuary
- Installed a new electronic sign in Verona
- Built up a reserve to replace the air handler in Madison
- Reduced our mortgage from \$3.1 million to just over \$1.3 million

We've also continued the mission of Good Shepherd over the past three years by:

- Baptizing 75 children and 4 adults
- Witnessing 86 teens affirm their faith in Christ
- Extending Good Shepherd's mission into an online ministry where more than 300 people worship remotely every week.

PRIMETIMERS

Enjoy a PrimeTimers Summer Picnic

Join us Wednesday July 13th at 11:30 a.m. in Peterson Hall for a summer picnic followed by a hymn sing in the sanctuary. To be as safe as possible – everyone should bring their own picnic lunch. Coffee and bars will be provided.

Primetimers is a large group of folks 65+ who gather for meals, receive weekly email devotions, and share in life together. If you're looking to make some connections in a friendly community, join us!

Questions? Contact Sarah Iverson at siverson@gslcwi.com

WORSHIP

Help Beautify the Sanctuary by Sponsoring an Altar Flower Bouquet

There are Sundays available during the summer months to sponsor an altar flower bouquet(s) in memory or in honor of a loved one, or for a special occasion. The bouquets are a beautiful addition to the altar at both campuses! You can sign up on the Altar Flower Chart at the Madison Campus by the entrance to the office OR you can also sign up online at gslcwi.com/flowers OR by sending an email to Judy at jhoard@gslcwi.com. Each arrangement is \$50. When paying by check, please make it payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with "altar flowers" in the memo line.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Great Opportunities for Summer Fun at Good Shepherd in July & August!

CAMP CREATE IT

Explore your God-given creative gifts. If you love to craft, cook, be in nature, try messy experiments or just plain CREATE, this is the space to experiment with some hands-on creations. August 1-4, 9:00-12:00 p.m., Verona Campus \$60/per child

RISE UP NIGHTS

Celebrate both the sacred and the silly together with friends in completed Kindergarten through 4th grade. We'll connect with each other and Christ through food, games, goofiness and prayer. Outdoors at Verona Campus, 6:00-7:30 p.m., July 19 and August 9. \$10/per child.

Register at gslcwi.com/summer

Questions about these events?

Contact Joanne Zastrow at jzastrow@gslcwi.com



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Music Monday	Good Food & Good Music. <i>Live at Good Shepherd.</i> MADISON CAMPUS		JULY 11 All that Jazz Big Band Music		JULY 18 Casey & Greg Irish Folk
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