



Dear Friends,

As August comes to a close, the days start to get a little shorter and fall rhythms return. There's some comfort in these familiar patterns, but there can be another side too – an increase in busyness. Amidst the many activities, obligations and commitments calling for your attention as we begin this fall, **I want to extend an invitation to you: you're welcome to worship!**

Worship is the center of our life together – it is where we hear the good news proclaimed, worship the risen Christ and share in the feast of Holy Communion. It is here that we receive that which we need to get through the myriad challenges we'll be sure to face.

As the writer of Hebrews exhorts us, let's set all the other distractions aside and run with perseverance the race that is set before us – as we worship the living God together in Madison, Verona, Online and at the Holy COW. Thanks be to God! We'll see you next Sunday!

Pastor Chris Enstad

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, September 11

God's Work Our Hands Sunday
Learn more on page 3

Sunday, September 18

Church School Kickoff Sunday
& Church Potluck Lunch

Sunday, September 18 & 25

Free Photo Booth Sunday
for new Online Church Directory



Baptisms

Beau David Swenson, child of Mackenzie & Mark Swenson, baptized August 28, 2022

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy to Margaret Williams on the death of her sister, Barbara Williams of Monona, WI. Barbara died on July 8, 2022.

Christian sympathy to the family of Leo Schwanz who lived in Verona, WI. Leo died on August 1, 2022.

Christian sympathy to the family of Norma Clementi of Madison, WI. Norma died on August 15, 2022.

Christian sympathy to Joe Borelli and family on the death of his mother, Edith Borelli of Merrill, WI. Edith died on August 19, 2022.

Get a New Church Photo this Month

We'll have a Photo Station setup on Sundays in September! On September 18 & 25 you can have your photo taken for inclusion in our online church directory!

New Member Event October 9th

Interested in becoming a member or just learning more about our church? Please join us for a special luncheon on October 9 at the Verona campus at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Contact Ronda Beggs with questions, or to reserve a spot at rbeggs@gslcwi.com



SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE Pastor Joe Brosious Presented with Special Stole Highlighting Anti-Violence Advocacy

Kristi Jones, acting on behalf of the Social Action committee, presented Pastor Joe with a special hand-crafted stole. The orange-colored stole highlights the efforts of anti-gun violence activism among clergy.

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

July 2022 Update

Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 133,513	\$ 158,786	\$ (25,273)
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(141,792)	(169,067)	27,275
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(7,656)	(6,045)	(1,611)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ (15,935)	\$ (16,326)	\$ 391

Cash Balances

	July 2022	June Fiscal 2022	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 732,137	\$ 691,410	\$	40,727
Board Designated Funds	321,440	411,295		(89,855)
Restricted Funds	370,964	376,270		(5,306)
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 1,424,541	\$ 1,478,975	\$	(54,434)

Mortgage Balance

	July 2022	June Fiscal 2022	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ 1,241,977	\$ 1,306,410	\$	(64,433)



FAITH FORMATION

Good Shepherd Introduces Theologian-In-Residence

Ryan Panzer, longtime Good Shepherd member, seminarian and author on 21st century church practices, will begin a new role for our church this fall. Serving as our first-ever "Theologian-in-Residence", Ryan will help with the development of hybrid curriculum, specifically created for the unique context of ministry the church finds itself in today. Welcome, Ryan!



KEEPING THE CONNECTION

Care for Good Shepherd Members on Campus

Graduating seniors, we would love to keep you connected to the Good Shepherd community by sending cards and small packages throughout the year to wherever you call home. If you'd like to sign up, please send your address, contact information and the name of your school (if attending) to keepingtheconnection@gslcwi.com. Parents, you are also welcome to send contact information for your student to this email address. Returning college students, please send us any changes in address! We would love to stay in touch!

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



GODS WORK OUR HANDS

Serving with Lutherans Nationwide

Join us in serving our neighbors and our community! Good Shepherd's mission includes serving as we have been served. On Sunday, September 11, we will join with ELCA churches across the country in a day of living out our faith by serving others. There will be brief service activities after worship at both Madison and Verona, as well as some opportunities to bake and deliver treats to first responders. "God's Work, Our Hands" is brought to you by the Social Action Committee and God's Hands and Feet.

What Service Opportunities will be Available on Sunday, September 11?

God's Work, Our Hands service activities will take place after each worship service. Activities will include: card-making for seniors and police & fire first responders; putting together Birthday Bags for the food pantry, and packing Meadowood meals for kids at the Community Center/Library.

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 from New Heights Lutheran Church in Black Earth 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." 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, and Zoom, with varying costs. There's also a discount for teens and women under 26. Information and registration can be found on the Synod website at scsw-elca.org/welca.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Madison Campus Music Ministry Rehearsals Resume this Month

Good Shepherd's Music Ministry ramps up this month. Come join us for another exciting season by sharing your talents through music! Rehearsals for Handbells are at 6 p.m. and Choir rehearsals are at 7 p.m. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 7 in the sanctuary. There is always a standing invitation to join a Verona Worship Band, that plays at 10:30 a.m. or 6 p.m. Consider singing, playing, or ringing with a group! Contact Jared Stellmacher, Director of Worship & Music, for more information.



ADOPT-A-SCHOOL

Supporting & Serving our Elementary Age Neighbors at Orchard Ridge

Do you know that Good Shepherd partners with Orchard Ridge Elementary School (ORE) which is across the street from the Madison Campus? There will be many opportunities during the school year for you to be a part of this important ministry.

School Supplies - This program gathers supplies for children of those families in need. The items most needed are back packs, dry erase markers, glue sticks and coffee filters (used to hold snacks). Donations can be brought to either campus. Please place them in the Adopt-a-School bins.

Pen Pals - This program matches a church member with a third grader. The pen pals correspond monthly with each other through short letters throughout the school year. At the end of the school year, we will have a Meet and Greet with our pen pals. This year we need 40 pen pals. This is a great way to make a difference in a child's life.

If you are interested in being a pen pal or have questions, please contact Beth Ringgenberg at 608-276-4015 jbhoberg@charter.net.



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WHY A STRATEGIC PLAN?

The American church faces real challenges. How will Good Shepherd respond?

Political polarization. Decreasing church attendance.
Crises of faith and trust in institutions.

The challenges we face are **very real**.

So is our hope.

Good Shepherd has prayerfully, intentionally and thoughtfully developed a Strategic Plan that is grounded in the existing Mission and Vision of our congregation – identifying the ways we can move forward together as a community of faith. With a clear-eyed view of the real challenges facing us and a Jesus inspired posture of hope toward our future, this plan calls on all of us who call Good Shepherd home to run the race set before us.



Visit gslcwi.com/why-strategy to read more