



Dear Friends in Christ,

In the sermon that launched Good Shepherd Lutheran over 60 years ago, Pastor J. Clemmons Peterson proclaimed, "A better tomorrow must first begin with the hearing of the Word of God today." After the last two years of a pandemic that no one could have imagined, Good Shepherd has turned our attention to Dreaming Beyond.

Just as Pastor Peterson, and that faithful group of charter members listened for God's call, we have been listening for how God is calling us forward through our strategic planning process. After 18+ months of prayer, discussion and listening for God's voice, together we have identified six pillars of ministry for focus over the next three to five years. The strategic plan was presented at our Annual Meeting in July and is available on the Good Shepherd website at gslcwi.com/strategicplan. Beginning with the visioning process 4 years ago through the strategic planning process, the people of Good Shepherd have also imagined many "God-Sized" dreams, asking ourselves, "what are those opportunities just beyond the horizon that will become possible as we continue to make progress?"



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Learn about our Combined
Worship Service on November 13
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These big dreams will expand our impact, reach more people, and serve our community and the world. Dreaming Beyond grows from our successful 2019 Beyond Campaign. Together, the people of Good Shepherd shared pledges totaling over \$2 million, funding critical facilities projects at both campuses and reducing our debt from \$3.1 million to \$1.2 million. These gifts have made it possible to re-amortize our mortgage, putting more than \$129,000/ year directly back into Good Shepherd's ministry. Your gifts have allowed us to move Beyond the place where our capacity to respond to God's call was frozen by our debt, to begin implementing our vision (Welcoming, Forgiving, and Serving) and now, prayerfully, our strategy. We have been sharing stories of generosity in our worship services and via our online presence over these past few weeks. Our fall campaign culminates Sunday, November 20 when you will have an opportunity to prayerfully consider your support of God's ministry at Good Shepherd as we begin Dreaming Beyond.

Thank you for your continued support in prayer, presence and through your gifts to the mission and ministries of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!



Pastor Chris Enstad
Lead Pastor



Scott Rogers
Generosity Committee Chair



Weddings

Congratulations to these recently married couples in our congregation:

Syrenne & Charlie McNulty, married on September 24, 2022

Jake & Tara Kalscheur, married on September 24, 2022

Cody & Megan Legreid, married on October 8, 2022

Richard & Cara Happe, married on October 8, 2022 (Pictured above)

Baptisms

Emerie Elizabeth Conn, child of Erin & Quinn Conn, baptized 10/9/22

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy to Richard Kreutz, and Jennifer Krantz and family, on the death of wife/mother, Eileen Kreutz of Verona, WI who died October 3, 2022.

Christian sympathy to Dottie Loehrer and family on the death of her daughter, Carol Grover of Madison, WI who died on October 8, 2022.

Christian sympathy to Loriann Stanislawski and family on the death of her parents, Bernard and Carolee Stanislawski. A memorial service was held for them at Good Shepherd on October 9, 2022.

Christian sympathy to Lynn & Ruth Paulson on the death of his mother, Grace Paulson of River Falls, WI who died on October 11, 2022.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Trunk or Treat at Two Locations

For the first time this year we will be offering Trunk or Treat at both Madison and Verona as a way to welcome members of the community for a fun and safe way to trick or treat. We will host Trunk or Treat in Madison on Saturday, October 29 and Verona on Sunday, October 30 – both events run from 1-3 p.m.

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD September 2022 Update

Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 426,391	\$ 476,358	\$ (49,967)
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(468,866)	(507,200)	38,334
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(23,405)	(18,135)	(5,270)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ (65,880)	\$ (48,977)	\$ (16,903)

Cash Balances

	September 2022	June Fiscal 2022	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 691,977	\$ 691,410	\$	567
Board Designated Funds	178,598	411,295		(232,697)
Restricted Funds	366,664	376,270		(9,606)
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 1,237,239	\$ 1,478,975	\$	(241,736)

Mortgage Balance

	September 2022	June Fiscal 2022	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ 1,207,338	\$ 1,306,410	\$	(99,073)



GOOD SHEPHERD COLUMBARIUM

A Visible Reminder of Our Loved Ones

Having a beautiful, peaceful place for our own or a loved one's final rest is not only a visible reminder for those mourning their loss, but it is an important part of remembering, honoring and healing. The old church cemetery of years gone by was a visual reminder of the Communion of Saints. The Columbarium serves as a modern version of that Communion.

Good Shepherd offers such a resting place at its Verona Campus. The Good Shepherd Columbarium is a peaceful garden with a wall of niches in which urns containing the ashes of loved ones are placed. In addition to the niches, the walkway around the Columbarium consists of stone pavers, which can be purchased and engraved as a memorial. Benches are also available to purchase to honor a family member, friend or in praise of the glory of God.

44 niches have been sold since the Columbarium was first developed. 28 niches are currently available, with more to be added as needed. The Columbarium niches are available to Good Shepherd members, their families and to friends of the church.

Visit the Columbarium and take a walk through its peaceful setting. If you feel it is the place you would like for your or your family members' final place of rest, contact the Columbarium Administrator at 608-640-4902 for more details.

Thanksgiving at Good Shepherd



THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Celebrate on Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us in giving thanks and celebrating the abundant blessings of God at our annual Thanksgiving Eve Worship service held on Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Madison Campus. Neighbors, community and Good Shepherd members will gather as we raise our Thanksgiving praise. Time for fellowship will follow while enjoying pie, cider and coffee. Help provide pie for the event by signing up online at gslcwi.com/thanksgivingpie

THANKSGIVING MEAL

In-Person Community Meal

Thursday, November 24 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

After two years of drive-thru Thanksgiving meals we are excited to return to an in-person gathering this November 24! You're invited to the Madison campus for a full Thanksgiving meal with friends, family and neighbors. Volunteers can sign up to serve or donate food starting October 31 at gslcwi.com/thanksgiving. Thank you for making this meal an important part of loving and serving our neighbors in this community!



Cheer Team World Vision Across the Finish Line

Sunday, November 13 – Downtown Madison

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Team World Vision runners have been ramping up their training and getting ready for race day on Sunday, November 13. To date, they have raised \$21,275 - all for clean water. You can help support them as they finish by cheering on race day, donating to support clean water or serving at the runner's tent. Contact Danielle Sill at danielle.n.sill@gmail.com for details on how to get involved!

October Event Highlights



Women's Barn Gathering

October 23

Stories of God's faithfulness across time and circumstance were shared at this multigenerational gathering of Good Shepherd women. Thank you to all who attended and to the Vlack family for sharing their barn as a welcome gathering space!



Jeremi Suri Lecture & Discussion

October 17

Author and professor Jeremi Suri presented a fascinating conversation on the divided nature of our social and political landscape and how we can enter into difficult conversations to find a way forward. Watch a replay of the lecture at gslcwi.com/suri





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ONE LOCATION. ONE SERVICE. UNITED.

Worship Together!

Sunday, November 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Verona High School Performing Arts Center

Good Shepherd will gather for a special combined worship service on Sunday, November 13 at the new Verona High School Performing Arts Center. As we gather under one roof, we will worship together, give thanks for the conclusion of our Beyond Campaign and kick-off our new campaign to continue God's work at Good Shepherd! We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, November 13!



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