



## PASTOR'S NOTE

# An Invitation to Pilgrimage

📍 Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem

## Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear friends, how good it is to hear that word, "Alleluia!" A literal translation of the Hebrew word "Hallelujah" is "Praise the Lord!"

So when we gather during these 50 days of Easter and celebrate the empty tomb with that ringing announcement of, "Christ is Risen!" How can we not celebrate endlessly in praise?

"He is Risen indeed! Praise the Lord!"

What Jesus promised has come true. What we were looking for is not here, for death is not even in control of the grave any longer! And if death no longer has dominion over earth, then it has no more dominion over you or me! Praise the Lord! How we live our lives every day as we spring forth from our own graves, remembering our own resurrection in our baptism, is a response to that gift. A resurrected life is one lived in praise and thanksgiving. Alleluia!



One of the highlights of my pilgrimage to the Holy Land in January was to see the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the traditional church built in the place where Jesus was crucified, buried and raised from the dead. The tomb was empty, but the experience was full!

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey upon which one hopes and prays to encounter God. I invite you to join Carrie and myself on just such a pilgrimage to the Holy Land July 1-10, 2024. We will be hosted by Elias Tours, a Palestinian Christian tour organization based in Bethlehem, for a journey that I pray will accomplish several things:

- Draw you closer to the Biblical story of Jesus' birth, formation, ministry, death and resurrection.
- Introduce you to the amazing work of the Lutheran Church in Israel and Palestine for over 100 years.
- Allow us to build relationships with each other outside of the typical rhythms of church life.

This link will bring you to a page with more information: [gslcwi.com/2024holyland](https://gslcwi.com/2024holyland) As we move into summer, expect more opportunities to learn more about the pilgrimage in person. You are also free to reach out to me or use the information on the website to contact the travel hosts. Carrie and I are looking forward to this amazing opportunity and can't wait to experience it with you. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor Chris Enstad

**Baptisms**

Evelyn Jane Hockemeyer, child of Jennifer & Kurt Hockemeyer baptized on March 26, 2023

**Christian Sympathy**

Christian sympathy to Allen Prey and family on the death of his wife, Judie Prey of Madison, WI who died on February 28, 2023.

Christian sympathy to Joe Imhoff and family on the death of his brother, Mike Imhoff of Madison, WI who died on February 28, 2023.

Christian sympathy to Julie McNulty and family on the death of her father, Allen Saterbak of Green Valley, AZ who died on February 28, 2023.

Christian sympathy to the family of Kay Hocker of Madison, WI who died on March 15, 2023.

Christian sympathy to Mike Mueller and his family on the death of his mother, Donna Mueller of Johnson Creek, WI who died on March 24, 2023.

Christian sympathy to Adam Frey and family on the death of his mother, Maryellen of Ashton, WI who died on March 23, 2023.



**ADOPT-A-SCHOOL**

**“Helping Hands – One of the BEST In Madison”**

That’s according to one of the many Orchard Ridge Elementary School staff members who have sent words of appreciation. Sharel wrote: “Thank you! Your congregation has been so generous and is a wonderful neighborhood partner! I have been in the MMSD for 32 years as an educator and your support is by far one of the BEST in Madison!”

Let’s keep that support going through the remainder of the school year. Please consider helping a staff member by fulfilling their requests as they complete the school year. Visit the Helping Hands signup at [gslcwi.com/helpinghands2023](http://gslcwi.com/helpinghands2023)

**FINANCIAL DASHBOARD  
February 2023 Update**

**Statement of Activity - General Fund**

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 1,324,937	\$ 1,270,287	\$ 54,650
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(1,289,977)	(1,352,533)	62,556
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(64,513)	(48,360)	(16,153)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ (29,553)	\$ (130,605)	\$ 101,052

**Cash Balances**

	February 2023	June Fiscal 2022	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 753,083	\$ 691,410	\$	61,673
Board Designated Funds	112,154	411,295		(299,141)
Restricted Funds	417,565	376,270		41,295
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 1,282,802	\$ 1,478,975	\$	(196,173)

**Mortgage Balance**

	February 2023	June Fiscal 2022	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ 863,562	\$ 1,306,410	\$	(442,849)



**HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY**

**Chili Cook Off Supports High School Ministry**

Three years ago, we held this event just days before we would have to pause our gatherings for quite some time. It was beautiful to feel the room once again hum with conversation and laughter. We raised several thousand dollars to help our youth travel this summer – experiencing how the Holy Spirit moves and speaks in other communities. This particular group of youth have not known this event in this way. They were truly amazed to see how many people showed up, not just to enjoy a good meal, but to support their experiences.

Good Shepherd has a long tradition of creating and supporting faith awakening experiences for our youth – and that continued throughout the pandemic. But to see that net of community in the flesh was a powerful reminder of the promises we make during each baptism service, to love support and encourage our youth in this journey of faith. Thank you, Good Shepherd! If you would like to donate to the trip fund you can do so by following this link:

[goodshep.breezechms.com/give/online](http://goodshep.breezechms.com/give/online). Select “Give to chili-cook off donations” from the drop-down menu

**Speaking of High Schoolers: The deadline for the Summer Trip to South Dakota is Friday April 21<sup>st</sup> so be sure to sign up in time to attend!**



**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN  
171,072 Meals Packed!**

Thank you for serving and donating for the Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Madison & Verona hosted at Verona Campus. By packing 171,072 meals, the goal for this Feed My Starving Children MobilePack event was exceeded. These meals are enough to feed 468 children a day for an entire year. Thanks to your donations, we also were able to meet the fundraising goal which covers the cost of the food that is packed.



**HOLY COW  
Apply for the Holy COW  
Summer Internship**

Do you know a High Schooler looking for an utterly incredible summer opportunity? The Church on Wheels is seeking an intern who will work 10-15 hours per week prepping food, cooking, helping with the food truck calendar, and assisting volunteers in cooperation with our staff members. The intern will be overseen by the Outreach Director of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rick Thomas. Apply at [gslcwi.com/holycowintern](http://gslcwi.com/holycowintern)



**FOOD PANTRY GARDEN  
Spring is Here – Garden Season!**

Come join our food pantry garden team for the 2023 season to plant, weed, water and harvest produce for our food pantry. This is our 6th season in the garden. Each year we donate over 2,000 pounds of produce to our Good Shepherd Food Pantry. No gardening experience is needed. All ages are welcome to volunteer- children under 12 with an adult. It is a great way for families to do God's work together and for middle school and high school students to get community service hours! If you would like to bring a group to volunteer in the garden, contact Pastor Dara, [dschuller@gslcwi.com](mailto:dschuller@gslcwi.com). Sign up at [gslcwi.com/garden](http://gslcwi.com/garden). Garden Shifts run from May 3 - August 30 on Sundays 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**FAITH & FELLOWSHIP  
Holy Week Nature Walk | Explore Together**

Join Director of Spiritual Formation Sarah Iverson on Monday, April 3 at 6 p.m. at the Pope Conservancy for an evening walk in the smells, sounds and light of spring. We'll pause along the way for readings, scripture and prayer that draw into the movements and moments of Holy Week. All are welcome. Kids too! Bring the whole family. Dress appropriately and plan for about an hour. Park at - 7440 Old Sauk Rd, Verona, WI 53593. If it is snowing or raining, the walk will be cancelled.



**CAMPING MINISTRY  
Spring Kickoff at Pine Lake Camp**

On Saturday, April 29th, the directors at Pine Lake welcome volunteers of every skill level to help prepare for summer programs, and new friends to tour camp and get to know the community.

The event starts at 9:00 a.m. and runs until 2:00 p.m., RSVP for lunch at: [gslcwi.com/pinelakekickoff](http://gslcwi.com/pinelakekickoff)

**SMALL GROUPS  
Wednesday Men's Bible Study Resumes April 5**

The Wednesday Men's Bible Study Group will begin a new book, "Beautiful Outlaw: Experiencing the Playful, Disruptive, Extravagant Personality of Jesus". Each weekly meeting will include a video by author, John Eldredge, the author. You are invited to join in via Zoom at 7 a.m. Contact Dean Nelson, [deanwnelson@gmail.com](mailto:deanwnelson@gmail.com), to receive the Zoom link.

**GOOD SHEPHERD HONEY BEES  
Bees will Buzz Back Soon!**

The Good Shepherd Bees will return to Wisconsin in early May. Our 2 hives of bees hitched a ride with some other local bees to head to California for the winter. During their travels one hive didn't make it, but we are hopeful that our other bees will return safely. Please pray for our bees as they journey back to Wisconsin for the summer growing season! Last year we had a group of 12 folks take part in our Good Shepherd Bee Team tending our 2 beehives. In September we harvested 10 gallons of honey! If you'd like to be a part of the Bee Team, please contact Pastor Dara, [dschuller@gslcwi.com](mailto:dschuller@gslcwi.com). \*Please also consider participating in "No Mow May 2023" to help the bee population in our area!

**SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY  
Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> | 9:00 a.m. – Noon at Both Campuses**  
Contact Director of Facilities Brent Marshall at [blmarshall@gslcwi.com](mailto:blmarshall@gslcwi.com) if you would like to volunteer.



**Good Shepherd**  
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**Palm Sunday**

Madison | 9:00 a.m.  
Verona | 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.



**Maundy Thursday**

Madison | 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
Verona | 7:00 p.m.



**Good Friday**

Madison | 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.  
Verona | 7:00 p.m.

**Worship Online: Bold indicates service available online at [gslcwi.com](http://gslcwi.com)**

# EASTER SUNDAY

## Madison Campus

7:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

## Verona Campus

9:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

