

PASTOR'S NOTE

Meeting People Where They Are At Introducing a New Worship Schedule for Fall

Dear Friends in Christ,

I trust this message finds you all well, immersed in God's grace and thriving in the light of God's love. We have spent these past weeks preaching, singing and praying our way through the book of Romans. I have found Paul's message to be a timely reminder of God's steadfast love and grace in uncertain, changing or divided times. It is this grace that drives us forward in our welcoming, forgiving and serving!

As we transition into the refreshing beauty of fall, I am excited to share some important updates concerning our worship service timings. Recognizing the unique needs and rhythms of families with young children, we've been contemplating how best to serve you and make our worship times more accessible and engaging. We believe that the solution lies in slightly adjusting our service hours at the Verona Campus.

Madison Campus
9:00 a.m.

Lively traditional worship
with church school

Verona Campus
10:00 a.m. (NEW TIME)

Modern praise & prayer
with church school

Verona Campus
6:00 p.m.

Contemplative worship to start the
week centered in Jesus Christ

Celebrate this new worship time with an **All-Campus Worship Service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 3** at the **Verona Campus**. Please join us for worship and fellowship: together, in one place!

We trust that this new schedule will allow families more flexibility, not only in terms of attending worship but also for those who desire to worship while still having the ability to get to other Sunday commitments. We have not adjusted our worship times since coming back to in-person/hybrid worship 18 months ago. We are grateful that in a culture that has so many other things competing for people's time and attention that so many continue to make Good Shepherd a part of their Sunday rhythms. We understand that change may take some getting used to, but we believe this adjustment will greatly benefit our families and our church community. I invite you to embrace this change with open hearts as we learn our way into this coming program year. We will evaluate this

change at the mid-year point and again in the spring.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you as your Lead Pastor. Your pastors, staff and leadership remain committed to meeting the spiritual needs of every member of our church family. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please feel free to contact the church office or email me directly. Thank you for your understanding, your flexibility and your dedication to Good Shepherd. May we continue to grow in hospitality, grace and service as we move together in this new season.

See you around church!



Pastor Chris Enstad



July Baptisms

Xaiden Peter Arttus, son of Derek and Sarah Arttus, was baptized July 2, 2023

Theo James Nicholson, son of Max and Allie Nicholson, was baptized July 2, 2023

Calvin Michael Bertram, son of Joseph and Antonia Bertram, was baptized July 9, 2023

Oliver Robert Johnson, son of Patrick and Hannah Johnson, was baptized July 9, 2023

Alden Otto Kania, son of Lisa Kamke and John Kania, was baptized July 16, 2023

Eli Jordan Farrey, son of Kassidy and Jordan Farrey, was baptized July 16, 2023

Jack Walter Resop, son of Alyssa and Austin Resop, was baptized July 23, 2023

Raelynn Grace Joseph, daughter of Lindsey and Kyle Joseph, was baptized July 23, 2023

William Budworth, son of Lisa and Tim Budworth, was baptized July 30, 2023

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy to Ted Johnson on the death of his brother, Carl Johnson of Arlington Heights, IL who died on June 15, 2023

Christian sympathy to Karen Nacker & family on the death of her mother, Mitze Hogan of Red Bud, IL, who died on June 24, 2023

Christian sympathy to the family of Inky Nordness, Madison, WI who died on June 27, 2023.

Christian sympathy to the family of Dottie Loehrer. Dottie was the last surviving charter member still active in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. She died in Madison, WI on June 28, 2023

Christian sympathy to Ben Caldwell & family on the death of his father, Larry Caldwell of Minocqua, WI, who died on July 4, 2023.

Christian sympathy to Virginia Jensen & family on the death of her husband, David A. Jensen of Madison, WI who died on July 9, 2023.

Christian sympathy to Sharon Meyer & family on the death of her husband, Nick Meyer of Madison, WI who died on July 21, 2023.

Christian sympathy to Courtney Meyer & family on the death of her step-father, Nicholas Hitchon of Verona, WI who died on July 23, 2023.

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

June 2023 Update

Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 1,975,162	\$ 1,905,431	\$ 69,731
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(1,994,371)	(2,028,799)	34,428
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(101,783)	(72,540)	(29,243)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ (120,992)	\$ (195,908)	\$ 74,916

Cash Balances

	June 2023	June Fiscal 2022	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 531,582	\$ 691,410	\$	(159,828)
Board Designated Funds	188,154	411,295		(223,141)
Restricted Funds	384,576	376,270		8,306
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 1,104,312	\$ 1,478,975	\$	(374,663)

Mortgage Balance

	June 2023	June Fiscal 2022	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ 665,095	\$ 1,306,410	\$	(641,315)

HELP SUPPORT THE CLOTHES CLOSET

Providing “Back to School” Clothes for Kids



The Good Shepherd Clothes Closet began when a single person had an overwhelming desire to bring a passion for serving to life. Barb Herbsleb had been a member of Good Shepherd since 1956 and was an integral part of the church throughout her life. In 2009, Barb was asked to be on a task force whose mission was to help support our neighbors. The committee decided the church needed a Children’s Clothes Closet to provide clothes to children in need. In 2010, the Clothes Closet opened, serving 64 children the first day. That year, they served 722 children and learned a lot about how they could improve. The next year, they moved into two more rooms and served 2,735 children. Since 2013, Barb, her husband Bob and Doris Rasmussen, along with the other volunteers, have served over 22,668 children and continued to grow the ministry.

Even though Barb died in 2019, her best friend Doris remains a fundamental part of this mission, along with several other dedicated volunteers. Their goal is to continue Barb’s mission by providing clothes to as many children as possible. Doris says her favorite part of volunteering is “being able to serve the community and see families able to shop and choose things for their children.”

The Clothes Closet has experienced some challenges. Due to a shortage of volunteers; it has not been possible to be open in the evening and there is always a need for more children’s clothing donations.

In the weeks ahead, the Clothes Closet is looking to revamp the space for the upcoming school year. The goal is to be able to expand the Clothes Closet hours to one evening each month. For more information on how you can help support this ministry and continue Barb’s legacy, visit GSLCWI.com/clothescloset

GSLC DASH

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Run from Campus to Campus at the Inaugural GSLC Dash on September 9

Join Good Shepherd Team World Vision runners in the inaugural GSLC Dash on Saturday, September 9. This event will begin at the Madison Campus and finish at the Verona Campus, an approximately 5-mile course. Runners, walkers, strollers and bikers are all welcome! Proceeds will benefit Good Shepherd Team World Vision. If interested in participating, please register here: <https://bit.ly/GSLCDash2023>. We are also in need of volunteers for this event. If running, walking, or biking that distance isn't your thing, but you'd like to help out, please email Danielle Sill at danielle.n.sill@gmail.com.

WORSHIP & MUSIC



Breaking News: "Singing is good for you. Singing with others may be even better"

This was the title of a recent Washington Post article detailing the results of a study showing the physical, emotional and communal benefits of singing with others. So let's do it! Join Jared Stellmacher, Sarah Iverson and others on Tuesday, August 15 at 10:00 a.m. at the Madison Campus for a Morning Hymn Sing! We'll make a joyful noise, improve our health and enjoy a fun hour of community. All are welcome!

FELLOWSHIP



All-Ages Dance Party on August 16

All are welcome to come dance the night away under the tent at Verona from 6:30 – 8:00 on August 16th. The Chicken Dance, the Electric Slide, Cotton Eyed Joe and everything in between. The Holy Cow will serve snacks and floats to round out the party atmosphere. All ages are welcome to come dance or just enjoy the music and the summer night. Like an All-Church wedding reception!

Summer Coffee Group Meets Again August 10

Enjoy a cup of coffee, your treats and good conversation on the second Thursday, August 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Good Shepherd Room at the Madison Campus. This gathering is open to all as a time visit with folks you know, and folks you don't know yet. Think of it as an extension of the lobby on Sunday morning. Your friends are welcome.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



Pray for High School Trip Travelers

Please keep our 24 high school youth and 4 chaperones in your prayers as they travel to Custer, South Dakota from August 5 – 10. While away they will be learning, exploring and resting as we consider what it is to encounter and practice reverence – for a place, for a history, for a culture, for a faith. Travel can be a spiritual practice as we encounter the Spirit out in the wild. These trips are experiences of deep transformation, and the prayer wrapped around these kids is a big piece of that. Thank you for your support!

Last Rise Up Night of the Summer August 15

The last Rise Up Night of the summer takes place August 15, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Verona campus. 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 outdoor food, games and prayer. Cost: \$10/child.

Thank You to Summer Camp Volunteers

Thank you to all of the volunteers that made our summer camps possible. We are so grateful for your gifts to serve in this area of ministry!

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Holy Land Trip Info Meeting on August 16

Join Pastor Chris and Elias Nawawieh online or in-person on Wednesday, August 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Room at the Madison Campus. Learn more about the pilgrimage, ask any initial or lingering questions, and hear directly from Pastor Chris and our tour operator, Elias Nawawieh, who will join us on Zoom. Link will be sent out on August 16.

SAY HELLO!

Welcoming New Members in July

We are grateful to welcome the following individuals and families to Good Shepherd! Say hello when you see them around church: Mary Craney, The Farrey Family (Kassidy, Jordan & Eli), Cyndara Foust, Charlie Li & Joshua Yue, The Joseph Family (Lindsey, Kyle, Elliana & Raelynn) The Wewetzer Family (Haley, Nate & Eliza)



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SUMMER AT GOOD SHEPHERD
Scenes
from the
Season
Worship, service, rest & play –
it's been a joyful Summer
at Good Shepherd!



2 Music Mondays
Left this Summer!
August 7 – Casey & Greg
August 21 – Top Shelf

