



READY... SET... grow! GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN



Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace, peace and blessings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As the autumn leaves begin to don their vibrant hues and the air grows crisp with promise, I find myself reflecting upon the gifts God bestows upon us, both big and small. It is in this season of contemplation and abundance that we joyfully launch our Fall Generosity Campaign, themed "**Ready, Set...Grow!**" based on words from Hebrews 12:1:

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."

Our faith journey is a race, not a sprint but a marathon, encompassing numerous twists and turns. It calls for preparedness, dedication and an intentional shedding of the burdens that hold us back from fully participating in God's divine plan. This fall, I invite each of you to consider how you can contribute to our shared mission, fortifying both our church and the broader community.

The theme "**Ready, Set...Grow!**" serves as a rallying cry for us to prepare our hearts ('Ready'), position our resources ('Set'), and then leap forward in faith and action ('Grow'). Your generous offerings—be they of time, talents or treasure—allow us to collectively run this race, serving as the hands and feet of Christ in a world that is desperate for hope and compassion.

This campaign aims to fund essential church programs, outreach initiatives and necessary maintenance for our multi-campus facilities. The steadfast commitment and generosity of our congregation have always been the lifeblood of our ministries, fueling our ability to extend Christ's love in tangible, impactful ways.

You will hear stories of our church in action over the next few weeks. Each of these activities happens because of the generosity of the members and friends of Good Shepherd. Your gifts provide salaries and benefits for our amazing staff, ongoing maintenance on both of our campuses, and funding new dreams for our church, while strengthening our ongoing programming where needed. All of these things help allow Good Shepherd keep a strong foundation and allow staff and members to focus on our mission to welcome, forgive and serve!

As you ponder your participation in this year's generosity campaign, I ask you to reflect on Hebrews 12:1. What hinders you from running your faith race with perseverance? How can you be a part of this 'great cloud of witnesses' that cheers on, supports and enriches our collective worship and community service? I encourage you to pray over these questions, seeking God's guidance as you decide how to contribute to our vital mission.

May this season be one of growth, not only in the resources that enable our ministry but in our individual and communal relationships with God. I am excited to see how the Lord will work through your generous hearts to effect transformative change both within our church walls and beyond.

May God continue to bless you abundantly as we all get ready, get set and.... **GROW!**

See you around church!

Pastor Chris Enstad

Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy to Jeff Spielman & family on the death of his father, Rodney Spielman of Ixonia, WI on August 15, 2023.

Christian Sympathy to Judy Richters on the death of her mother, Maxine Hermanson of Madison, WI who died on August 19, 2023.

Christian Sympathy to Kim Hurley on the death of her mother, Goldie Hurley of Fitchburg, WI who died on September 9, 2023.

Baptisms

Lucas Joseph Labbus, child of Josh & Amber Labbus baptized on September 17, 2023.

Seeking Middle & High School Ministry Coordinator

If you love working with youth and nurturing lifelong relationships, consider applying. This position will work closely with the Director of Spiritual Development and the Children, Youth & Family team to coordinate and implement the administrative details of middle school and high school ministry programs. Check out the job description at gslcwi.com/jobs, and contact Sarah Iverson or Rick Blum with any questions.

Helping Hands for Orchard Ridge

We know you are out there! Consider signing up to be one of our 'Helping Hand Angels.' These individuals are committed to fulfilling staff members' requests throughout the school year. Much like our Food Pantry Angels, these kind folks will purchase and bring to the Donation Center requested items from the staff of Orchard Ridge Elementary. For further information contact Ruth Paulson at OREhelpinghands@gmail.com or call her at 608-274-2775.

Extend the Table as a Home Communion Server

Members of Good Shepherd church make in-person visits to fellow church members who are homebound. We visit once a month, bringing pre-packaged Holy Communion elements and speaking the communion liturgy with those we visit.

We need a few more Home Communion Servers. Every other month, you would visit 2 – 4 individuals from our congregation and serve them communion in their homes. You make these visits according to your own schedule.

Interested in volunteering? Please contact Pastor Sheryl at serickson@gslcwi.com

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD August 2023 Update

Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 298,378	\$ 360,850	\$ (62,472)
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(305,183)	(375,657)	70,474
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(13,275)	-	(13,275)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ (20,080)	\$ (14,807)	\$ (5,273)

Cash Balances

	June			
	August 2023	Fiscal YR 2023	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 594,027	\$ 607,582	\$	(13,555)
Board Designated Funds	69,218	112,154		(42,936)
Restricted Funds	337,926	384,576		(46,650)
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 1,001,171	\$ 1,104,312	\$	(103,141)

Mortgage Balance

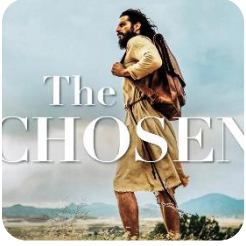
	June			
	August 2023	Fiscal YR 2023	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ 603,942	\$ 665,097	\$	(61,155)

September 9-16 Kindness Week

Thank you for extending God's loving kindness in many ways!



Upcoming Featured Events & Opportunities



The Chosen | Season 2

- Mondays at 6:30 p.m. – Starting October 2
- Eric Holmer | eholmer@gslcwi.com
- Madison Campus or on your own

Gather with a group at Good Shepherd or watch at home as we encounter the Gospel in a new way.



Fundraiser Dinner at Pizza Ranch

- Monday October 16, from 4 -8 p.m.
- Sarah Iverson | siverson@gslcwi.com
- Verona Pizza Ranch

Stop by Pizza Ranch in Verona and enjoy a meal while raising funds for youth to attend the ELCA Gathering!



Trunk or Treat

- October 28th (Madison) & October 29th (Verona)
- Pr. Dara Schuller-Hanson | dschuller@gslcwi.com
- Madison & Verona Campus Parking Lot

Decorate your trunk and share some treats as we welcome neighbors to a celebration in the parking lots.



Fall Cleanup Day

- November 4, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Brent Marshall | blmarshall@gslcwi.com
- Madison & Verona Campus

A day to cleanup Good Shepherd's campuses in Madison and Verona. Come for as long as you can with cleanup equipment.



Servant Leadership Event

- November 4, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Sarah Iverson | siverson@gslcwi.com
- Madison Campus | Peterson Hall

Kick off Conversation Sunday with a morning of learning, conversation, and storytelling focused on Servant Leadership with Tom Thibodeau.

Middle, High School & College Ministry

Gatherings for High Schoolers

As Fall rolls around look for continued Sunday night gatherings following 6:00 p.m. worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Also, look for the return of Before School Breakfasts, Sisterhood Dinners and the Fall Retreat. To stay connected, contact Sarah Iverson at siverson@gslcwi.com to get on the email list, or give her your phone number so you can receive text updates.

Praying with all of Madison

In partnership with the Collaboration Project, Good Shepherd is hosting a prayer space for Madison's United Week of Prayer this year. The vision is that throughout October 8-15, people of faith around the Madison area will come together to pray deep and wide. The Verona Campus Chapel will be open the following times:

- Sunday, October 8th-12:00-4:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 9-13th-8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 15th 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

We encourage you to sign up for an hour of prayer in our interactive prayer space at the Verona Campus Chapel individually or in a group. There are also four other prayer sites around Madison that you are more than welcome to sign up to visit. Let's unite in prayer for our community! Register for a time at: gslcwi.com/unitedprayer

New Member Gathering

Interested in joining our church or gathering more information about what it means to become a member? Join us at our Madison campus in the Good Shepherd Room right after our 9:00 a.m. worship service on October 22 for a continental breakfast. Please reach out to our Hospitality Coordinator Ronda Beggs for more details or to register at: rbeggs@gslcwi.com

ADVENT 2023

BREAKING THROUGH

Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

Psalm 80:3

Advent Begins Sunday, November 26

Children's Ministry

Family Friday Dinner October 6 from 5-7 p.m.

Enjoy a meal, fall crafts for kiddos and time for fellowship! Families with children elementary age and younger are welcome! RSVP is encouraged, but not required, so Emily can get an idea of food and craft supplies: egold@gslcwi.com

Tuesday Playgroup at Verona Campus Gym

Caregivers with children ages 0-3 are invited to join us for playgroup on Tuesday mornings from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Verona Campus Gym. Enjoy group story time, rhymes, songs and time for caregivers and babies to socialize!



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