



PASTOR'S NOTE

Filled with Gratitude



Dear Friends in Christ,

Gratitude. I feel fortunate to experience this every November. The air grows crisp and my heart prepares with anticipation for Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas.

But it's not just the holidays I'm grateful for. I am grateful for where Good Shepherd is right now, and where we can go in the future. We are implementing our strategic plan and reaping the benefits of alignment across our ministries and people moving in the same direction.

I'm grateful I serve at a church that will take the time to talk about the value of servant leadership this month. I hope you take advantage of learning more about the topic by coming to hear Tom Thibodeau November 4, and hear Ryan Panzer discuss the topic during our Conversation Sundays this month.

I'm also grateful for our Generosity Campaign, Ready, Set, Grow!, which can help us fulfill our mission to Welcome, Forgive and Serve. I hope our collective efforts will not only meet but exceed our goals. When we give freely, we set off a ripple effect that extends far beyond the walls of our church. Your generosity is what allows us to continue our

outreach programs, sustain our vibrant youth and music ministries, and expand our support to communities both locally and globally. This accomplishment is a testament to the extraordinary generosity that defines our congregation, and for that, I am profoundly grateful.

Finally, as we approach Thanksgiving, I'm grateful for the power of Jesus Christ at Good Shepherd as we consider the nature of gratitude. In I Thessalonians, Paul said, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Let us extend our gratitude for all the intangible gifts we receive through Jesus — the love, compassion and community that fill our lives.

As we make plans for the upcoming year, let us remain grateful and prioritize generosity and compassion in all that we do. Let us remember the words of the psalmist: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 107:1.

See you around church!

Pastor Chris Enstad

Thanksgiving Together at Good Shepherd



THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Celebrate on Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us in giving thanks and celebrating the abundant blessings of God at our annual Thanksgiving Eve Worship service. Time for fellowship will follow while enjoying pie, cider and coffee. Help provide pie for the event by signing up online at gslcwi.com/thanksgiving



COMMUNITY EVENT

Thanksgiving Day Meal

Thursday, November 23 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

You're invited to the Madison campus for a full Thanksgiving meal with friends, family and neighbors. Sign up to serve or donate food starting October 31 at gslcwi.com/thanksgiving. Thank you for making this meal an important part of our community!

Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy to Mike Naumann & family on the death of his sister, Kristy Knouff of Pittsburgh, PA on October 9, 2023

Christian Sympathy to Dan and Cassie Hankins on the death of Dan's father, Dan Hankins, Sr. who died in Beloit, WI on October 23, 2023.

Baptisms

Peyton Elizabeth England Lee and Hendrix Alexander England Lee, children of Brooke and Matthew Lee. Baptized on October 8, 2023.

Eliza Jane Wewetzer, child of Haley and Nathan Wewetzer. Baptized on October 15, 2023.

Hadley Mae Killerlain, child of Krissy and Matt Killerlain. Baptized October 22, 2023.

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 at Orchard Ridge Elementary throughout the school year. Much like our Food Pantry Angels, volunteers purchase and bring requested items for the staff of Orchard Ridge Elementary to the Donation Center at church. Interested? Email 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



\$1,400 Raised for HS Youth!

Thank you for stopping by Pizza Ranch in Verona October 16 to help support High School Ministry trips. We're grateful for the turnout and look forward to more opportunities to eat together in the months ahead!

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD September 2023 Update

Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 421,798	\$ 541,275	\$ (119,477)
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(517,964)	(563,486)	45,522
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(17,026)	-	(17,026)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ (113,192)	\$ (22,211)	\$ (90,982)

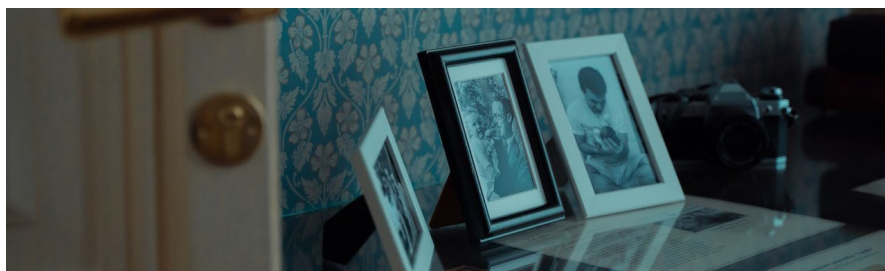
Cash Balances

	September 2023	June Fiscal YR 2023	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 479,331	\$ 607,582	\$	(128,251)
Board Designated Funds	69,218	112,154		(42,936)
Restricted Funds	358,962	384,576		(25,614)
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 907,511	\$ 1,104,312	\$	(196,801)

Mortgage Balance

	September 2023	June Fiscal YR 2023	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ 576,216	\$ 665,097	\$	(88,881)

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 5

Remembering Loved Ones Through Photos

On All Saints Day, we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. As we have done in the past, we will honor and remember Good Shepherd members who have died during the past year on Sunday, November 5. In addition, we invite you to bring a framed picture of those saints in your life who are no longer here. These photos will be placed on the counters near the entrances to each campus sanctuary. Photos can be brought to church during the first week in November or before the service you attend on Sunday, November 5. Place it on display and feel free to identify who the saint is by writing their name on a provided place card. Photos can be taken home after worship. We give thanks and pray for all the saints in our lives and those in our community who are struggling with loss.

Learn More about the Columbarium on All Saints Sunday

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. Learn more about the Good Shepherd Columbarium by connecting with a representative in the lobby after worship on All Saints Sunday.

Upcoming Featured Events & Opportunities



Healing Prayer Service

- November 2, 7 p.m.
- Jared Stellmacher | jstellmacher@gslcwi.com
- Madison Campus Sanctuary

Special music and scripture readings remind us that God is always ready to receive our worries, concerns, illnesses and heartaches.



Family Friday Dinner

- November 3, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Emily Gold | egold@gslcwi.com
- Verona Campus Coffee Area

Enjoy a meal, fall crafts for kiddos and time for fellowship! Families with children age 5th grade and younger are welcome!



Fall Cleanup Day

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

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



All Saints Sunday

- November 5 at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- Jared Stellmacher | jstellmacher@gslcwi.com
- Madison Campus Sanctuary

We will honor and remember Good Shepherd members who have died during the past year as part of Worship on Sunday, November 5



The Gathering: A Brunch for All

- Tuesday, November 7 @ 10 a.m.
- Pastor Sheryl Erickson | serickson@gslcwi.com
- Peterson Hall @ Madison Campus

Enjoy brunch, a cup of coffee and good conversation on the first Tuesday of the month. Bring a dish to share – fruit, muffins, egg bake, yogurt – whatever you like.



Team World Vision Marathon

- November 12
- Danielle Sill | Danielle.n.sill@gmail.com
- Downtown Madison

Help cheer on the runners and walkers participating in the Madison full and half marathon as they move their feet for clean water worldwide!



November 12 & 19 are Commitment Sundays
 We've heard and read stories of generosity over the last month. You'll soon receive a packet in the mail with intent cards and more details. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can use your gifts to continue to support the work of Good Shepherd in the year ahead!



**Advent at Good Shepherd
 Breaking Through**

Our theme for Advent this year is based around Psalm 80:3 – "Restore us, O God: let your face shine upon us and we shall be saved."

Where do we see God's light breaking through and shining upon the darkness of our lives and this world? How do we welcome the coming of this light?

WEEK BY WEEK BIBLE TEXT & THEME

Advent 1 | Sunday, November 26
Potter & Clay
 Isaiah 64:19

Advent 2 | Sunday, December 3
Home is Wherever God Is
 Isaiah 40:1-11

Advent 3 | Sunday, December 10
Messengers of Hope
 Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Advent 4 | Sunday, December 17
God Keeps God's Promises
 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Christmas at Good Shepherd

We welcome the light that has come into the world as we gather for candlelight Christmas Eve services in Madison, Verona and online:

Madison Campus
 9:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Verona Campus
 10:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m.



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Conversation Sundays

This Month's Topic:
Servant Leadership



GUEST SPEAKER EVENT
**Exploring Servant Leadership
with Professor Tom Thibodeau**

Saturday, November 4 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Madison Campus

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



CONVERSATION SUNDAYS
**Let's Talk about Servant
Leadership at Church!**

Sunday, November 12 & Sunday, November 19
Madison & Verona Campuses

Theologian-in-Residence Ryan Panzer returns to lead our community through a conversation around Servant Leadership.