

April 2024





"Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" Mark 16:3

This was the question asked by the three women that first Easter Sunday as they rose to prepare the body of Jesus. What they did not realize was that God had already removed that obstacle to raise Jesus from the dead.

What obstacles has God removed from your path, so that Jesus' resurrection can make a difference in your life?

We have spent the season of Lent reflecting on our theme: Cross Your Hearts: Living Together in God's Promises. We have reoriented our hearts toward the God who sent Jesus Christ into our world to die for us and save us from our sins. That centering and reorienting of our lives is meant to inspire us to go and serve the world God created. With a cross on our heart, we hear God's sacred promises for us: to love us, forgive us and never leave us.

Now, we gather to follow Jesus as he enters Jerusalem, celebrates his Last Supper and dies for our sins on the cross. Please join us as we remember and celebrate God's biggest promise: salvation and life everlasting from believing in the One who overcame death and the grave on Easter.

We look forward to seeing you at Easter as we return to the Madison and Verona Campuses to sing our Alleluias! **Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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PASTORAL TRANSITION Rev. Craig Jan-McMahon named Interim Lead Pastor

Good Shepherd has hired a new person in the interim to lead the church while the search continues for a new lead pastor. Pastor Craig McMahon will start work as Good Shepherd's new Lead Interim Pastor on Monday, May 13. Pastor Craig lives on Madison's near east side and has served at numerous Lutheran and United Church of Christ (UCC) churches in south-central Wisconsin and Illinois for nearly 20 years. He most recently served as the Senior Pastor at Windsor UCC in DeForest. Pastor Craig is married and has two adult children. Please welcome Pastor McMahon as he accepts a new role with Good Shepherd in this transition period.

Congregational Life

Baptisms

Margot Gabriele Gold, child of Emily and Tyler Gold, baptized March 17, 2024

Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy to John Schroeder on the death of his wife, Mary Schroeder of Madison, WI who died on March 3, 2024.

Christian Sympathy to Sherry Lewis on the death of her husband, John Lewis of Madison, WI who died on March 8, 2024.

Christian Sympathy to Tim & Mark Herbsleb & families, & Susan Poole & family on the death of their dad, Bob Herbsleb of Madison, WI who died on March 15, 2024.



Congratulations, Pastor Brent!

Congratulations to Pastor Brent Campbell (who served as Lead Pastor of Good Shepherd from 2003 - 2015) on his retirement in February, 2024, after serving as Lead Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, Anoka, MN.



And Farewell To Pastor Bob as well!

Golf League Returns May 20

Good Shepherd is looking for up to 16 individuals to revive the church's Golf League in 2024! We will play every other Monday at Pioneer Pointe Golf Course on Mineral Point Road starting Monday, May 20. We plan to play 8 times until the end of August. All Good Shepherd members are eligible to participate. Unable to commit, but want to participate? Subs are welcome as well. Interested? Email Director of Administration Rick Blum at **rblum@gslcwi.com**.

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD February 2024 Update

Statement of Activity - General Fund						
	Actual		Budget	Variance		
Revenue	\$	1,417,552	\$ 1,402,430	\$ 15,122		
General, Admin & Program Expenses Mortgage Principal - General Fund		(1,389,827) (37,113)	(1,438,949) -	49,122 (37,113		
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$	(9,388)	\$ (36,519)	\$ 27,131		

	Cas	h B	alances				
		Feb	oruary 2024	Fi	June scal YR 2023	YTD	Change
General Fund		\$	562,341	\$	607,582	\$	(45,241)
Board Designated Funds			65,972		112,154		(46,182)
Restricted Funds			384,996		1,424,919	(1	,039,923
Total Cash & Investments		\$	1,013,309	\$	2,144,655	\$ (1	,131,346
	Morte	gage	Balance				
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Loan Balance Outstanding



384,766 \$

665,097 \$

(280, 331)

LEAD PASTOR CALL PROCESS **Task Force to create Ministry Site Profile Following Listening Sessions** Summarizing feedback from over 300 members

More than 100 people helped provide input in-person in three listening sessions on Sunday, March 10 about what gifts and abilities they would like to see in Good Shepherd's next lead pastor. The healthy, generative feedback that came out of those sessions will supplement the information gathered through a recent survey of the congregation. More than 300 members and staff completed the survey over the past few weeks, and an additional 175 comments were provided by people who filled out the survey.

The Transition Task Force will take all the data received from the congregation to create a Ministry Site Profile for the ELCA. The profile will be filled with qualitative and quantitative information about Good Shepherd and highlight the top desired ministry tasks and gifts for the new lead pastor. In addition, the profile will have supporting attachments outlining the church's mission, vision and strategic plan, along with supporting documents like our annual report and budget.

The Task Force expects to finish the Ministry Site Profile and have it approved by the Good Shepherd Board at their next scheduled meeting on Monday, April 15. Once approved, the work of finding a new pastor for Good Shepherd will be handed off to a Call Committee, who will work with the ELCA on the process. The church is expecting the entire process to take another 9-12 months.

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Upcoming Events & Opportunities

congregational life Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Wednesday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m. at Madison Campus

If you have volunteered and served your church family through volunteering for the Holy Cow, Clothes Closet, Food Pantry, Worship Volunteer, Youth Ministry Volunteer, Funeral Luncheon Server or any other capacity, this dinner is for YOU along with all your fellow volunteers! We will have an evening of food and fellowship to recognize and honor your contributions to our church community. Please RSVP to Ronda Beggs at <u>rbeggs@gslcwi.com</u> to make sure we have plenty of food!

GOOD SHEPHERD FOUNDATION College Scholarships Available

For students going to ELCA-affiliated schools

Have a student going to an ELCA-affiliated college or seminary next year? The Good Shepherd Foundation can help. College students who are attending an ELCA-affiliated Lutheran college or seminary and are members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church are invited to apply for scholarships given to students every year. The amount to be distributed each year will be determined by the Good Shepherd Foundation. Visit <u>gslcwi.com/foundation</u> and click on the button for a college or seminary application. The deadline for this year is April 15.

congregational care Stephen Ministers Commissioned

Sunday, April 21st will mark the completion of months of training for the following individuals who will be commissioned as Good Shepherd Stephen Ministers. They will be commissioned at during 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Worship.

Becky Buck	Betty Forest	Lois O'Rourke Joe Price
Sam Buck	Charlotte Jerney	Nan Schilling
John Carrier	Jan Olson	Laura Woodard

The Stephen Ministers of Good Shepherd Church are skilled at supporting you through these life experiences. Stephen Ministers are available to meet in a confidential setting to provide a supportive, Christian, spiritual presence to anyone who feels the need for short term encouragement and support in their lives. If you would like more information regarding Stephen Ministry, or are interested in meeting with a Stephen Minister, please contact any of our pastoral staff.



Good Shepherd Night with Forward FC Soccer

Order your tickets and get ready to go Fullmingo with us as Madison Forward FC hosts the UW-Badgers on April 20th at Breese Stevens Field in what should be a fun night! **Get tickets at gslcwi.com/forwardfc**



2024 CHILI COOK-OFF & PIE AUCTION Thank you, Good Shepherd!

Over 300 people packed in the Verona Campus for the 15th annual Chili Cook-off and Pie Auction! This event continues to bless us with rich fellowship as we eat, laugh, and connect with one another. We take none of that for granted! Thank you all for showing up. When we put ourselves in each other's presence – to eat, to worship, to support, to play – it's amazing what the Holy Spirit does within and between us! See you next year!

Kids Summer Registration is Open!

Registration is now open for Good Shepherd's many Summer offerings for kids of all ages. Get moving and grow in faith at one of the many camps offered over the course of the Summer. There are also opportunities to volunteer and to gather as a family. To explore it all, head to **gslcwi.com/summer!**

Spring Clean-Up Day on April 6

Help clean up inside and outside our Madison and Verona facilities on Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m.– noon. There will be outdoor landscaping projects, as well as volunteer help needed setting up new rooms for our Little Blessings Preschool. Email Brent Marshall at **blmarshall@gslcwi.com** if you are interested, including which location you would like to work. If you're planning to work outside; please bring work gloves, rakes, tarps, loppers and trimmers if you have them.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER APRIL 20 Can the Mainline Church Survive?



"Charts About Religion" author Dr. Ryan Burge comes to Peterson Hall at the Madison Campus Saturday, April 20 at

9 a.m. to talk about changes in the American religious landscape, using decades of survey data. The talk will focus on the collapse of the mainline church, the strength of American evangelicalism, and the dramatic rise of the "nones" – those who claim no religious affiliation. Burge will also talk about the opportunities churches have to be more diverse going forward. There will be time for Q&A along with light refreshments. Madison Campus (MAILING ADDRESS) 5701 Raymond Rd. Madison, WI 53711-4231 608-271-6633

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Holy Week with Good Shepherd Indicates Streaming Broadcast Available at gsclwi.com/live Palm Maundy Thursday Good **Easter** Sunday Friday Sunday Madison Madison Madison Madison 9:00 a.m. 🗖 12 p.m. • & 7 p.m. 12 p.m. ■ & 7 p.m. 9 a.m. • & 10:30 a.m. Verona Verona Verona Verona 10 a.m. 🖷 & 6 p.m. 🖷 8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m. 7 p.m. 🛥 7 p.m. 🗖 WATCH AND GET MORE DETAILS AT VIDEO RESOURCE **Explore the Meaning** gslcwi.com/easter of Holy Week