



Holy Week Worship with Good Shepherd

Palm Sunday | March 24

Madison 9 a.m. 🏠
Verona 10 a.m. 🏠
& 6 p.m. 🏠

Maundy Thursday | March 28

Madison 12 p.m. 🏠
& 7 p.m.
Verona 7 p.m. 🏠

Good Friday | March 29

Madison 12 p.m. 🏠
& 7 p.m.
Verona 7 p.m. 🏠

Easter Sunday | March 31

Madison 9 a.m. 🏠
& 10:30 a.m.
Verona 8:30 a.m.
& 10 a.m. 🏠

🏠 **Livestream Available**

Being Present to Suffering

“Were you there when they crucified my Lord?” asks the hymn. As we enter Holy Week, this is a good question. How are we “there”? How are we present to Jesus’ suffering and death—in our hearts and minds, our communities, and our world? What is the meaning of his suffering and death for us? Good Friday worship invites us into such questions and through them forms our faith and guides our lives toward compassion. Traditions such as the Way of the Cross enable people to imagine themselves present with Jesus in his last hours before death.

In Good Friday worship, we accompany Jesus to the cross with other witnesses who show various ways of being present—or not. A fearful Peter denies Jesus. A group of women keep watch and weep for Jesus on the cross. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus take care of his lifeless body. Watching, weeping, caring, and even denying are all common human responses to suffering. Becoming aware of our own witness and responses, we can be present more compassionately to Christ crucified, wherever and whenever we encounter him in suffering and injustice.

Even as we consider how to “be there” in the face of suffering, we know that, as always, Jesus has gone first. The reading from Isaiah reminds us how Jesus, through his death, is present with us in our suffering. We can trust that wherever we go and whatever we go through, Jesus is “there”; he can “sympathize with our weaknesses” (Heb. 4:15). We know that we are not alone in our own suffering and death, and we consider what to do now with that knowledge. Good Friday draws us into a community that wonders together: how can we be “there” with Christ crucified in our world and share the hope of resurrection in such places?

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Gather for Midweek Lenten Worship & Soup Lunch

- Soup lunch: 11:15 a.m.
Madison Campus
- Worship In-person and online:
12:00 p.m. Madison Campus

During Lent, we are offering a midweek worship service. This contemplative worship service features Marty Haugen’s “Holden Evening Prayer” while we explore our theme: “Cross Our Hearts: Living in God’s Promises” through music, scripture, reflections and prayer.

Join us Wednesdays at noon at the Madison Campus for in-person worship and online
March 6, 13, 20.

Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy to Dale Love on the death of his wife, Jan Love of Madison, WI who died on January 26, 2024.

Christian Sympathy to Shirley Duerst on the death of her mom, Darlene Cathman of Lancaster, WI who died on February 21, 2024.



Did you know the Foundation supports ministries like Music Mondays?

Foundation Awards Grants

Recently, the Good Shepherd Foundation approved grant requests totaling \$34,828.44 to fund the following projects:

- New lighting to enhance worship and improve visibility at the Verona Campus
- Support for Music Mondays this summer
- New tablecloths for both campuses
- Additional support for the Allied Food Pantry

The Foundation’s mission is to expand and continue the legacy of our church and transform lives by reflecting Jesus’ love. Both current and deferred gifts are welcome.

Additional Foundation information is available at gslcwi.com/foundation.

We thank you for your financial gifts allowing these grants to be given.



Join the Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee is looking for new members to aid our mission of being welcoming to all as we have been welcomed. If you would like to join our next meeting, please contact Stephanie Orland at sortland33@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD January 2024 Update

Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 1,264,743	\$ 1,239,007	\$ 25,736
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(1,226,497)	(1,282,239)	55,742
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(32,820)	-	(32,820)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ 5,426	\$ (43,232)	\$ 48,658

Cash Balances

	June			
	January 2024	Fiscal YR 2023	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 594,110	\$ 607,582	\$	(13,472)
Board Designated Funds	66,962	112,154		(45,192)
Restricted Funds	327,679	384,576		(56,897)
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 988,751	\$ 1,104,312	\$	(115,561)

Mortgage Balance

	June			
	January 2024	Fiscal YR 2023	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ 434,265	\$ 665,097	\$	(230,832)



SOUPER BOWL XXIII

The Soup Total Surpassed Our Goal!

Community comes together to tackle hunger

Thanks to ALL of You on the Good Shepherd Team who joined the fight to “tackle hunger” in the Madison & Verona Communities. We set a new post-covid record with 2,051 cans of soup donated! Thanks to all who put money in the soup pots, the church school offerings and donated online. At this time, the total is an amazing \$1,642! Your monetary gifts will make it possible for the Pantries to purchase other needed food items. All the soup and money is divided between the Good Shepherd, Allied and Badger Prairie Food Pantries to help feed hungry families who rely on the food pantries.





YOUTH FUNDRAISERS

Pies, Chili & Community for a Good Cause

Head to Verona Campus this Month for this Beloved Event

The Chili Cook-off and Pie Auction is back! This family friendly night of intergenerational fun is a great place to meet or invite a friend. This beloved event raises money for our HS youth summer travels. This summer they will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans from July 15 – 21. This is an opportunity for our youth to worship, serve, play, and stretch their Spirits alongside 20,000 other young Lutherans from around the world. Good Shepherd has a long history of supporting our youth through experiences of travel and pilgrimage and we look forward to taking a big crew down to the Bayou this summer.

Your ticket gets you in the door to enjoy pie and custard, homemade cornbread, coffee, lemonade, and all the chili fixings. Individual cups of chili are pay-what-you-like throughout the night, enjoy as much as you like! We will mix and mingle, eat, and fellowship from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. before we announce the winners and begin the pie auction! In addition, throughout the night there is music and face painting for the kids!

Buy Your Tickets Today at gslcwi.com/chili24



Community Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast on March 23

All are welcome to this fun and free community event at the Madison Campus! Elementary age kids and younger are invited to hunt for Easter eggs, take a picture with the Easter Bunny and enjoy breakfast from the Holy COW! Come and celebrate at this event – rain (snow) or shine at 9:00 a.m.



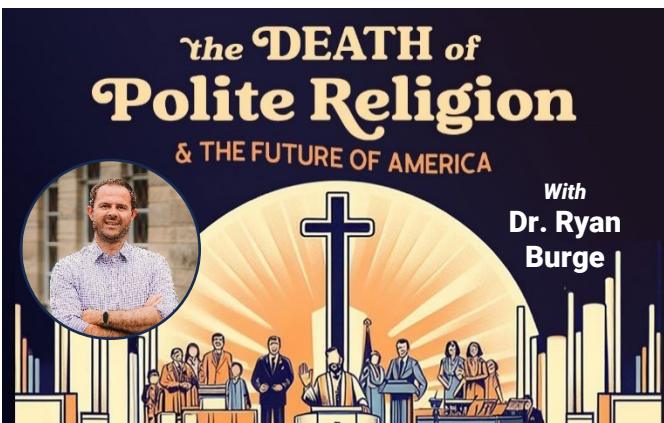
Dive Into an Ocean of Opportunities this Summer!

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!



Welcoming New Members this Month

Good Shepherd hosted a new member gathering on February 25. These new members will be received in worship in the coming weeks – be sure to introduce yourself and help welcome them to Good Shepherd!



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER EVENT

One of the Country's Leading Data Analysts on Religion and Politics Visits on April 20

Using five decades of social science survey data, Dr. Ryan Burge charts how and why the American religious landscape has changed. The discussion will focus on the collapse of the mainline church, the perpetual strength of American evangelicalism, and the dramatic rise of the "nones". Additionally, Dr. Burge will help attendees think about ways to make our own congregations less polarized and homogeneous as a means to transform not only our congregation but also our community.



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Sunday Worship Times

In-Person & Online | gslcwi.com/live

9:00 a.m. Madison Campus

10:00 a.m. Verona Campus

6:00 p.m. Verona Campus

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Lead Pastor Call Process Updates

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

Share your Feedback by Thursday, March 7

A congregation-wide survey was shared on Sunday, February 25 for members to provide feedback about important tasks and gifts for Good Shepherd's next lead pastor.

If you didn't yet take the survey, visit gslcwi.com/transition for the link. All responses are needed by Thursday, March 7 so the results can be shared at Listening Sessions after each worship service on Sunday, March 10.

REVIEW THE FEEDBACK RESULTS

Listening Sessions Sunday, March 10

After each Worship Service on Sunday, March 10, all Good Shepherd members are invited to a Listening Session to review the results of the congregational survey. Members of the Transition Task Force will lead these listening sessions and be there to field your additional questions.

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