

An Update from Interim Lead Pastor Craig

## A Good Shepherd Welcome



When I walked into my sunny new office on the first day, cheery signs and lovely cards made by our children, welcomed me. WELCOME was hand-colored on the front of the cards, with kind wishes such as these written inside:

Hello Pastor Craig.  
I am so excited to see you.  
I hope you like sharing  
God's love with us.  
Love,  
Josephine

Hello!  
Welcome to our  
church Pastor Craig!  
We hope  
you love it here.  
- Brook

Dear Pastor Craig,  
I hope that you have a great time at  
our church and feel welcome no  
matter what! I will keep you in my  
prayers and I hope I will get to know  
you well.  
- Charlotte

The Staff continued this Good Shepherd welcome with treats and good cheer on the first day, and a rich and beautiful chapel service on the second day—followed by tacos 😊

Throughout the week, each time I met someone in the lobby, or out walking with the Tuesday Trekkers, or saying hello to the knitters, or eating potato salad with our choir and handbell ringers, I was given the same Good Shepherd welcome: “Hello Pr. Craig. Welcome! It is so good to have you here.”

On my first Sunday at Good Shepherd, Hospitality Director Ronda Beggs rolled out the red carpet, and had sheet cakes for every worship service to celebrate Pentecost.

Behind the scenes, church leaders were welcoming me in ways that often go unseen. Our Pastors planned to ease me into the rhythms of Good Shepherd ministry, giving me time to get to know the church before I presided over Holy Communion or preached for the first time.

Long before my first day with you, Board President Bob Beggs worked with Bishop Joy Mortenson-Wiebe to make it possible for me to answer the call to serve as your Interim Lead Pastor.

Though our start was delayed longer than we had hoped, Steve Frei included me in the work of the Transition Team, soliciting my perspective on the Mission Site Profile.

And Rick Blum, with tireless energy and attention to essential details, made it possible for me to join you on Pentecost Sunday rather than mid-summer.

Thank you, Good Shepherd, one and all. I am grateful to God for the time we are given to join in ministry together and pray we will faithfully follow the Holy Spirit wherever we are led.

Yours in Christ,  
Pr. Craig

## Baptisms

Claire Joy De Stadler, child of Andrew and Marie De Stadler, baptized on May 5, 2024.

Connor Dean DeMars, child of Matt and Taylor DeMars, baptized on May 19, 2024.

Dylan Grace DeMars, child of Matt and Taylor DeMars, baptized on May 19, 2024.

## Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy to Steve Frei & family on the death of his mom, Joyce Frei of Sun Prairie, WI on April 28, 2024.

Christian Sympathy to former Good Shepherd pastor, Pastor Tim Nybrotten & family on the death of his mom, LaMay Nybrotten of New Glarus, WI on April 30, 2024.

Christian Sympathy to Sue Buehler on the death of her son, Steven Buehler of Madison, WI on May 3, 2024.

## Save the Date for 2024 Annual Meeting on July 21

Good Shepherd will hold its Annual Meeting following a 9:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service at the Madison Campus. There will be only one worship service that Sunday. Refreshments will be provided.

## Foundation Grants Awarded

Recently the Good Shepherd Foundation approved grant requests totaling \$51,255 to fund the following projects:

10 summer internships for high school and college youth:

- Holy Cow (1)
- Media (1)
- Children, Youth and Family (6)
- Facilities (1)

Grants also provided support for the Good Shepherd Food Pantry, and scholarships for children, youth and adult chaperones to go to summer camps and the National Youth Gathering.

The Foundation's mission is to expand and continue the legacy of our church to transform lives by reflecting Jesus' love. Both current and deferred gifts are welcome. Additional Foundation information is available at [gslcwi.com/foundation](http://gslcwi.com/foundation).

## FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

### April 2024 Update

#### Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 1,754,676	\$ 1,719,581	\$ 35,095
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(1,756,020)	(1,784,384)	28,364
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(46,082)	-	(46,082)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ (47,426)	\$ (64,803)	\$ 17,377

#### Cash Balances

	April 2024	June Fiscal YR 2023	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 503,521	\$ 607,582	\$	(104,061)
Board & Mortgage Reserve Designated Fu	63,896	112,154		(48,258)
Donor/Grant Restricted Funds	228,406	202,908		25,498
Beyond Campaign Projects Fund	75,504	117,699		(42,195)
Columbarium	63,058	63,969		(911)
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 934,385	\$ 1,104,312	\$	(169,927)

#### Mortgage Balance

	April 2024	June Fiscal YR 2023	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ 307,453	\$ 665,097	\$	(357,644)

## GOOD SHEPHERD COLUMBARIUM

### A Beautiful Resting Place



A beautiful place of final rest is a visible reminder of loved ones and is an important part of remembering, honoring and healing. The old church cemetery of years gone by was a reminder of those saints who had gone on to life eternal. Today the Good Shepherd Columbarium serves as a modern version of that reminder.

Our Good Shepherd Columbarium is located on the grounds of our Verona Campus. The Columbarium consists of niches holding urns of our beloved saints. It also has a peaceful garden, a statue of the Good Shepherd, benches for contemplation, and a soothing waterfall. This is a sacred place to sit and give thanks to God for the gift of loved ones.

The walkway around the Columbarium consists of stone pavers, which can be purchased and engraved as a memorial to loved ones buried elsewhere or inurned in the Columbarium. Benches are also available for purchase to honor a family member, a friend, or the glory of God. The Columbarium niches are available to Good Shepherd members, their families, and friends of the church. There are currently 144 niches in the columbarium with 50 of those currently available to purchase. Because of increasing costs of materials, the price for a niche will increase starting July 1, 2024. For more details, contact the Columbarium Administrator at 608-640-4902 before this date.

If you have been thinking about purchasing a niche, visit the Columbarium, take a walk through its peaceful setting, and decide if it could serve as a final resting place for you or your loved ones.



## Stop the Violence Dinner

📅 Wednesday, June 5 from 5-7 p.m.

👤 Rick Thomas | rthomas@gslcwi.com

📍 Madison Campus Parking Lot

The Holy COW provides dinner as community organizations and leaders partner in solidarity against violence.



## Family Friday Dinner

📅 Friday, June 7 at 5:00 p.m.

👤 Emily Gold | egold@gslcwi.com

📍 Verona Campus Parking Lot

Enjoy time to connect with other families over a meal served by the Holy Cow Food Truck at the Verona Campus Tent. Food, drinks, and outdoor toys provided.



## Kinder Creation Camps

📅 June 10-12 from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

👤 Emily Gold | egold@gslcwi.com

📍 Verona Campus

Discover God's creation through outdoor exploration, musical movement and hands-on creations. Register at [gslcwi.com/summer](http://gslcwi.com/summer).



## Baptism Class

📅 June 19 at 7:00 p.m.

👤 Emily Gold | egold@gslcwi.com

📍 Zoom Meeting

Go to [gslcwi.com/baptism](http://gslcwi.com/baptism) or contact Emily Gold for more information about this class.



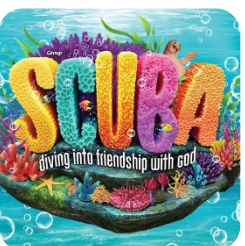
## Bingo Night

📅 Thursday, June 20 at 6:00 p.m.

👤 Ronda Beggs | rbeggs@gslcwi.com

📍 Verona Campus Parking Lot Tent

Fun for all ages as we host a Bingo night with prizes and snacks from the Holy COW at the Verona tent.



## Scuba VBS

📅 June 24-27 from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

👤 Joanne Zastrow | jzastrow@gslcwi.com

📍 Verona Campus

Kids dive into an underwater adventure where they'll experience God's ever-flowing, never-ending love through Bible stories, imagination station crafts, tidal treats, music and play.

### MEMBERSHIP

## New Member Gathering

Interested in becoming a member or learning more about our church? Please join us for lunch and fellowship on June 23rd at 11:00 a.m. at our Verona campus. We'll have an informal gathering where you can learn what membership at Good Shepherd means. Children welcome! RSVP to Ronda Beggs at [rbeggs@gslcwi.com](mailto:rbeggs@gslcwi.com)

### WORSHIP & MUSIC

## Sing with Summer Choir

Throughout the summer (Sundays June 9, 23, July 7, 21, and August 4, 18), EVERYONE - all ages - are invited to sing in the Summer Choir at the Madison Campus. Simply meet at 8:15 a.m. for a brief rehearsal in the sanctuary and sing for 9:00 a.m. worship. If you've been contemplating joining the choir or just love to sing, this is a great opportunity for you! Contact Jared Stellmacher at [jstellmacher@gslcwi.com](mailto:jstellmacher@gslcwi.com) if you have any questions, and if you're interested, just show up on Summer Choir Sundays.

### LITTLE BLESSINGS PRESCHOOL

## Summer Enrollment

There are a few openings remaining for summer classes for children ages two and half to five years old at Little Blessings Preschool-Madison Campus! Classes are M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Heidi Anderson at [handerson@gslcwi.com](mailto:handerson@gslcwi.com).

## Creation Sunday June 23

Sunday, June 23rd will be Creation Sunday. There will be special displays along with music and prayers. Watch for details leading up to this celebration of creation.

## Labyrinth Coming to Verona

For a few years, we've been working on getting an outdoor labyrinth planned and built at our Verona Campus through a generous grant from the Good Shepherd Foundation. In June, we will be placing the labyrinth off the parking lot of our Verona Campus near the Good Shepherd Columbarium. Read a full update from Pastor Dara Schuller-Hanson at [gslcwi.com/labyrinth](http://gslcwi.com/labyrinth) to learn more!



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**Sunday Worship Times**

**In-Person & Online | [gsclwi.com/live](http://gsclwi.com/live)**

9:00 a.m. Madison Campus

10:00 a.m. Verona Campus

6:00 p.m. Verona Campus

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# Music Monday

**Good Food  
& Good Music.**  
*Live at Good Shepherd.*

## Music Mondays are Back this June!

Exploring the intersection of food, faith, and music — Bringing Jesus' love and grace beyond our walls!  
Free music — pay what you can food cart — Unlimited fun! Mondays 5–7 p.m. at Madison Campus



**JUNE 3**

**Red Hot Tradjazz Band**  
*New Orleans Jazz Favorites*



**JUNE 10**

**Trophy Husbands**  
*Top 40 & Classics*



**JUNE 24**

**All That Jazz**  
*Big Band Music*

**ELCA National Youth  
Gathering Fundraiser!**