

## PASTOR'S NOTE

# The Easter Call to Forgiveness

Forgiveness is our calling. It's who we are. We are forgiven, embraced by a loving God through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We seek to forgive as we are forgiven, but confess that we have been prodigal with the grace freely given to us. We pray for that divine moment when the long-lost child comes home and receives a sweet embrace, a moment of compassion when repentance and forgiveness kiss. It's a moment of freedom, of new life, of power.

Our Lenten prayers come from a deep well of longing for this divine moment to reach us where we live--in our families, with our friends, across the chasms that divide us. And yet in these prayers we meet the challenge of the gospel.

Like the father running out to hug his returning son, the first step of forgiveness begins with us. While those who have wronged us are still far off, not wanting their repentance, filled with compassion we step forward with forgiveness.

The Spirit brings us together in this moment in time, and for this moment the grace and forgiveness of God in Christ gives us strength to embrace the needs of those who are with us now and those who yet far off.

May God create clean hearts within us and renew right spirits within us.

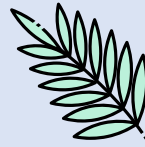
In Christ Always,

*Craig McMahon*

Pr. Craig McMahon

## WORSHIP TOGETHER Holy Week Schedule

\* Indicates Livestreamed Service



### Palm Sunday | April 13

*Palm Parade & Hosannas!  
Blessed is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord.*

Madison: 9:00 a.m.\*

Verona: 10:00 a.m.\* & 6:00 p.m.\*



### Maundy Thursday | April 17

*The Night of Betrayal & Desertion.  
Somber reflection on the power  
and cost of love.*

Madison: 12:00\* & 6:30 p.m.

Verona: 6:30 p.m.\*



### Good Friday | April 18

*Christ on the Cross.  
Forgiveness for the whole world.*

Madison: 12:00\* & 6:30 p.m.

Verona: 6:30 p.m.\*



### Easter Sunday | April 20

*Christ is Risen!  
Christ is Risen Indeed!*

Madison: 9:00\* & 10:30 a.m.

Verona: 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.\*

## Christian Sympathy

Christian Sympathy to Bob Dreger and family on the death of his sister, Karen Dreger Henn of Columbus, WI who died on February 14, 2025.

Christian Sympathy to friends and extended family of Judy McAusland of Madison, WI. Judy died on February 28, 2025.

Christian Sympathy to Polly Carter and family on the death of her brother, Dean Wetzel of Sun Prairie, WI who died on February 17, 2025

Christian Sympathy to Audrey Converse on the death her daughter, Kimberly Schultz of the Wisconsin Dells area of WI, who died on March 7, 2025.

Christian Sympathy to Ross Larson and family on the death of his mother, Joyce Marie DelPino of Nashville, TN, who died on March 14, 2025.

Christian Sympathy to the family of Eleanor Sather of Madison, WI. Eleanor died on March 21, 2025.

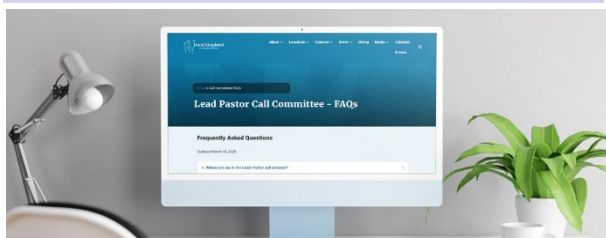
## Baptisms

Finnley Leonard Schmuhl, child of Margaret and Dan Schmuhl, baptized Sunday, March 2.

Vanessa Lynn Hinkle, child of John Hinkle and Cosmo Lian, baptized Sunday, March 9.

Agustin Pinho, child of Marcia Foltz and Alfredo Ramirez Pinho, baptized Sunday, March 16.

Lukas Steven Kemp, child of Jordan and Keith Kemp, baptized Sunday, March 30.



## Lead Pastor & Site Pastor Frequently Asked Questions Resource Now Available

Have questions about the Lead Pastor transition or the Verona Site Pastor? Find answers to many common questions at [gslcwi.com/ccfaq](https://gslcwi.com/ccfaq) & [gslcwi.com/vsiteprfaq/](https://gslcwi.com/vsiteprfaq/). Or you can pick up a printed copy of the FAQ's in the Lobby at the Madison and

## FINANCIAL DASHBOARD February 2024 Update

### Statement of Activity - General Fund

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$ 1,431,432	\$ 1,569,266	\$ (137,834)
General, Admin & Program Expenses	(1,457,568)	(1,464,603)	7,035
Mortgage Principal - General Fund	(51,659)	-	(51,659)
Revenue less Expenses and Mortgage	\$ (77,795)	\$ 104,663	\$ (182,458)

### Cash Balances

	February 2025	June Fiscal YR 2024	YTD	Change
General Fund	\$ 395,934	\$ 496,430	\$ (100,496)	
Board & Mortgage Reserve Designated Fund	(0)	36,110	(36,110)	
Donor/Grant Restricted Funds	253,438	228,816	24,622	
Capital Campaign Projects Fund	28,075	75,504	(47,429)	
Columbarium	83,276	63,195	20,081	
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 760,723	\$ 900,055	\$ (139,332)	

### Mortgage Balance

	February 2025	June Fiscal YR 2024	YTD	Change
Loan Balance Outstanding	\$ -	\$ 259,172	\$ (259,172)	



### 2025 CHILI COOKOFF & PIE AUCTION

## Thank you for Supporting our Youth!

Event raises over \$10,000 to support H.S. travels

Last month's Chili Cook-Off and Pie Auction was a heartwarming celebration of joy, generosity and intergenerational community. From the delicious food to the fun-loving crowd, it was an unforgettable evening – and together, we raised over \$10,000 to support our high school travel experiences! Our youth (and the staff who support them) are incredibly grateful for your support and the example you set. We'll do our best to be faithful stewards of the experiences you've made possible. A big thank you to everyone who participated, whether by cooking, baking, judging or simply enjoying the delicious flavors and great fellowship. Your support made this event a success, and we are grateful for the Good Shepherd community coming together in such a fun and meaningful way!



## Altar Flower Increase

Due to the increase in the cost of flowers, the price of an Altar Flower Bouquet is now \$60.00. Fortunately, we have not had to increase the cost for several years. Hopefully, it will stay at \$60.00 for quite a while. Thanks for your understanding! Please consider sponsoring a beautiful bouquet(s) for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. There are still many Sundays this year open for your sponsorship. Sign-up online at [gslcwi.com/altarflowers](https://gslcwi.com/altarflowers), on the Sign-up Chart in the Madison Lobby or contacting Judy at 608-271-6633 ext. 1000.

## Hiring a Children, Youth & Family Admin. Assistant

Good Shepherd is looking for someone to join our Children, Youth and Family team as a part-time Administrative Assistant. This position is part of a dynamic team working together to foster faith development among the younger members of the Good Shepherd congregation. This position is charged with organizing the programs, communication, volunteers and supplies to support the ministry work of the Children, Youth and Family team, working alongside Sarah Iverson, Director of Spiritual Development & Youth Director. The ideal candidate is highly organized, detail orientated, can work collaboratively and enjoys the process of executing the work of ministry. Apply and see the job description at [gslcwi.com/jobs](https://gslcwi.com/jobs).

## Fundraising Guidelines Approved by Board

Good Shepherd's Board has approved a new set of fundraising guidelines to ensure that all fundraising efforts conducted at church align with its mission and values while maintaining order, fairness, and transparency. The guidelines call for all requests to be sent to committees first before being brought for approval. Fundraising in the Narthex will continue to be prioritized for the Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) Ministry. You can see the guidelines by going to [gslcwi.com/serve](https://gslcwi.com/serve).



## Team World Vision Global 6K on May 17

Team World Vision is hosting a Global 6K on Saturday, May 17 at 9 a.m. at the Verona Campus. Participants can walk, run or roll the distance. The Holy Cow Food Truck will be there serving breakfast. Why 6k (3.7 mile)? 3.7 miles is the average distance women and children walk to fetch water every day. And, that water is unclear. Registration is \$50 and includes a t-shirt, race bib, and finisher's medal. And, the best part? Every registration will provide clean water for one person for life. Register at [gslcwi.com/global6k](https://gslcwi.com/global6k)



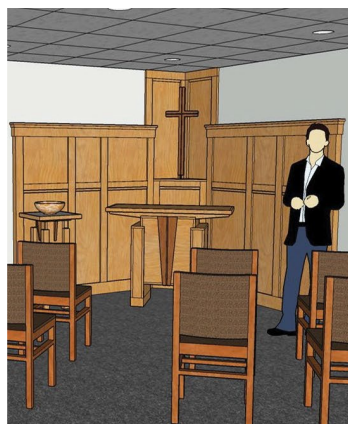
## Food Pantry Items

For the month of April, the Food Pantry is requesting Meals in a Can, Cereal and Ramen Noodles for the month of April. Donations can be dropped off at either Campus. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need!



## Join the Moo Crew!

The Holy COW Food Truck is recruiting volunteers for the 2025 food cart season. No experience necessary, just a desire to serve. Contact Rick Thomas at [rthomas@gslcwi.com](mailto:rthomas@gslcwi.com) for more information. Events begin April 8th.



## Meditation Chapel at Madison Campus Nearly Complete

The new Meditation Chapel at the Madison Campus is nearing completion. We expect installation of wainscoting and an altar to be done before Easter. There are still opportunities for you to sponsor items to complete the project. If you would like to donate or sponsor a part of the chapel, please email Director of Administration Rick Blum at [rblum@gslcwi.com](mailto:rblum@gslcwi.com).

## Double your Gift to Support Refugee Resettlement

Recent orders by the federal government have halted funds that were already promised to support local refugees who have recently moved to the Madison area. Good Shepherd's Refugee Resettlement Ministry, in partnership with JSS, is seeking to help their agency raise \$100,000 to continue to provide housing, food and essential support to local refugees. All donations received by Good Shepherd's Refugee Resettlement Ministry Fund from now until May 15 will be given to JSS and matched (up to \$5,000) by that Fund. If you would like to help, please go to [gslcwi.com/refugeefund2025](https://gslcwi.com/refugeefund2025).



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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

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

# Enjoy an Indoor Easter Egg Hunt & Holy COW Breakfast

Elementary age kids and younger are invited to hunt for Easter eggs, have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny, and enjoy a pay-what-you-can breakfast from the Holy COW food truck.

 **Saturday, April 12**

 **9:00 a.m.**

 **Madison Campus**

