

# The Shepherd's Voice October 2023

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You are welcome to join us at Good Shepherd Dear Friends,

It is great to be back with you! Two Sundays ago, I was in Burlingame attending our Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly. The big news of this year is that a new bishop was elected. Rev. Jeff Johnson, from University Chapel in Berkeley, is our new bishop. Thanks to Mary Norris and Michelle for representing Good Shepherd.

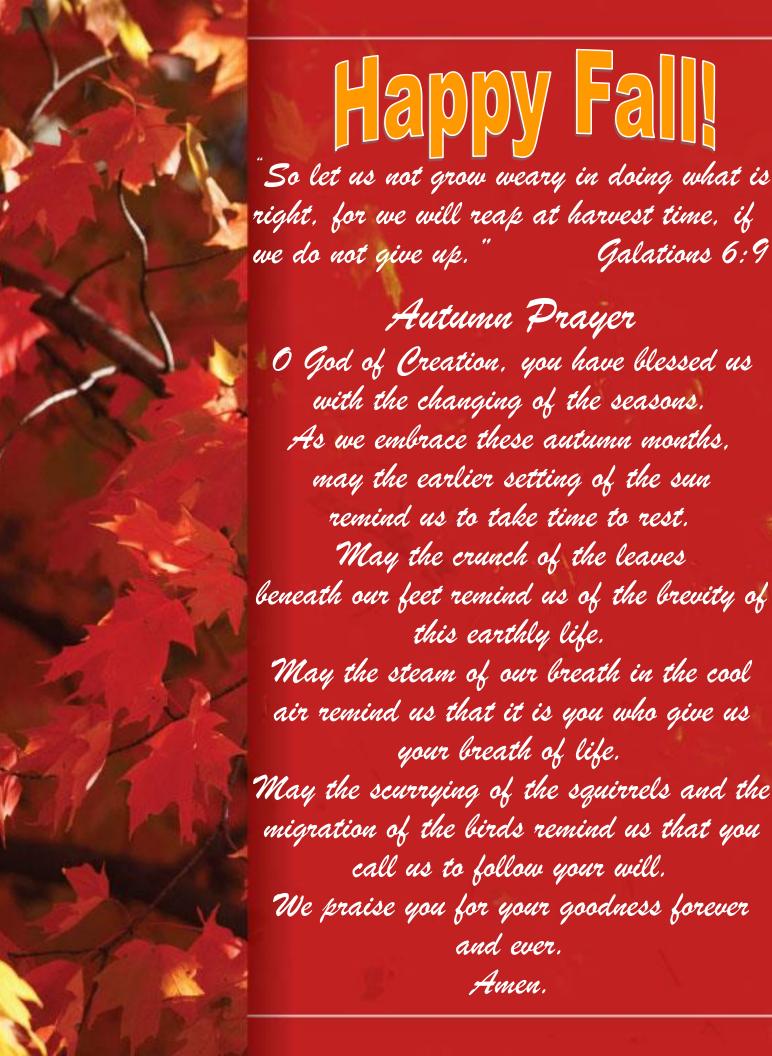
As we are celebrating a new bishop, I have been thinking about the other expressions of newness we are experiencing. It is a new season. With Autumn we say goodbye to the blazing heat of summer. We are back in the sanctuary after having worship for much of the summer in our fellowship hall. We have a new or renewed appreciation for air-conditioning.

Are there areas of your life that you need to experience newness? Spring is normally the season for rebirth but Autumn can also be a great time. Our faith is based on new beginnings. Each Sunday we celebrate forgiveness and the newness it brings to our relationships. We are born into this life only to be reborn into another.

If there are new beginnings you need to make I hope you take this season to do it. God is a God of new beginnings! Come worship with us each Sunday as we celebrate the new beginnings God is constantly offering us. See you at worship!

God's Peace,

Pastor Ted



# Prayer Concerns

# Members in Need of Prayer:

Jim, Jimmy & Stacy Lairson Sue Hays & Family on the passing of her Uncle Bill Essman. **Yvonne Smith** Mona White Neil and Verna Walden **Robert Harris** Jackie Miller Mary Schmidt Liz Smith Bill Biggs **Arlene Robbins** Mary Norris & Family Connie Alvarado Susan Berg Irene Pierini Jocelyn Miller

Kirsten Linder

Jim Thompson



**Family and Friends:** Ken & Becky (Lairson) Loren Gaither (Vonny) Russel DiGirolamo Blaise (Linn) Kevin & Collee (Pastor) Brad, Sam, & Luke Kossow Janet Sharp (Fake) Karl & Pauline Ritterbush (Fake) Art & Children (Anderson) Debbie West's Daughter, Christine Bill, Wife & Sons (Julie) Belinda Zavala (Norris) Renee Family on her passing. Dan Fev & (Norris) Family (Norris—No Relation) Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk) Bob Knous (Anderson) Melissa (Sandy T.) Joy Kensinger (Miller) Jenna Vance (Kossow) Emily Burton (Hays) Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny)

Jim D. (Norris)
Jade Dixon (Julie)
Pam (Smith)

Grace Johnson (Fake)
Sierra Ramirez (Norris)
Krystina Ramos (Norris)
Dora Barraza (Norris)

Carlos & Anne Cortez (Norris) Sandy Robbins (Robbins) JJ Werfelmann (Julie) Gloria Valdez (Norris)

Emily & Sawyer Bogart (Anderson)
Roger Robbins (Robbins)

Michelle B. (Norris) Bonnie Wolfe (Norris) Hudson Otten (Anderson) Karen Ohanesian (Hays) Rosemary (Vonny)

Nathan Robbins (Robbins)

Darlee (Norris)



Liz Smith – 10/08
Susan Berg – 10/09
Francis Sullivan – 10/13
Arlene Robbins – 10/15
George Weber – 10/21
Ted Miller – 10/23
James Thompson – 10/29

\*Any one that has seen a missing or incorrect birthday, baptismal, or anniversary date please contact Kathy in the office. 559-225-2092



Brenda Hofmann – 10/01 Linda Roberts – 10/11 Mark Sanchez – 10/15 Kurt Niemi – 10/17



If anyone has an anniversary this month, we do not have the info. Please email it to Kathy.

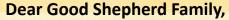


#### PRAYERS FOR

All Good Shepherd Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones, Members of Our Military Service, First Responders, & Those Affected by Natural Disasters and COVID-19. For Prayer Requests Call or email the Church Office 225-2092/gslcfresno@att.net

STEWARDSHIP OF WORSHIP & OFFERINGS	September 3, 2023	September 10, 2023	September 17, 2023	September 24, 2023
Attendance	42	52	33	45
General Fund	\$2,445.00	\$6,260.00	\$4,722.00	\$5,520.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)		7		
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)				ELCA Disaster: \$20.00
Community Center Capital Fund Loose Plate	Loose Plate: \$	Loose Plate: \$5.00	Loose Plate: \$	Loose Plate: \$140.00
Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)	Property Impr: \$1,200.00 (AC) Special Gifts: \$100.00 Special Gifts: \$50.00 (Boy Scouts)		Property Impr: \$458.00 (AC) Property Impr: \$500.00 (Yard Work)	OWLS: \$53.00
BIA Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.	BIA Rent: \$5,584.70	Property Use: \$520.00		
	\$9,379.70	\$6,785.00	\$5,680.00	\$5,733.00

# September Financials



This month our income was about normal as were our expenses. We had a repair to a classroom AC for just under \$690.00 that came out of general funds and the new motor for the sanctuary for \$2158.00 which we had covered by your very generous donations. We are ending this month with a balance in our general accounts checking account of \$1289.00 and \$532.00 in outstanding bills that have been paid with bill pay and will come out sometime soon. I do not need to tell you how scary that is for us as a congregation.

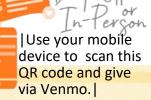
Mary brought to you the suggestion of reducing our janitorial to every other week. Our janitor charges \$175.00 every time she cleans our facilities (Sanctuary, Jacobson, Office & Community Center) I have not told our janitor that yet, as I need to make sure we, as a congregation, will handle the other weeks. Please contact Mary or me if you can help with this. The weeks Evelyn does not clean & restock would mean we would have to clean the restrooms – toilets, sinks and mopping – in Jacobson, office & Community Center. Making sure all trash was emptied and possibly vacuuming the narthex and mopping the entrance to Jacobson. That is the very minimum that could be done. I have not discussed with Steve if he would be willing to handle some of these chores every other week. I'll do that this week.

I thank you for the additional support you provided last week that helped make sure our paychecks did not bounce! Please pray if you can increase your giving to help cover our monthly deficit. I know this is a very personal decision. Please pray for the financial health of our church. The status of our church depends on it.

Yours in Christ, Caroline Sullivan

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Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
Jan.	\$29,767.46	\$28,676.00	\$1,091.46
Feb	\$16,632.38	\$26,498.19	(\$9,865.81)
Mar	\$26,340.90	\$27,231.47	(\$890.57)
Apr	\$31,706.88	\$29,665.56	\$2,041.32
May	\$27,528.38	\$25,258.92	\$2,269.46
Jun	\$19,452.40	\$25,631.57	(\$6,179.17)
Jul	\$33,016.90	\$29,448.31	\$3,568.59
Aug	\$18,622.90	\$28,992.48	(\$10,369.58)
Sep	\$26,819.70	\$27,603.94	(\$784.24)
Oct			\$0.00
Nov			\$0.00
Dec			\$0.00
Total	\$229,887.90	\$249,006.44	(\$19,118.54)



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# Check Out These Announcements & Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!

### **Coffee Hour**

ellowship hour We need people to sign up to be host/hostess for the months of Oct./Nov. If you are able to host/hostess for a Sunday, please sign up in Jacobson Hall.

#### Coffee Hostess Leftovers Sunday

We'll be doing a Leftover Sunday every last Sunday of the month. There always seems to be leftover cookies, chips or crackers - what better way to use up those leftovers than by having one Sunday where we have some of the treats we've previously enjoyed? Steve will freeze those cookies or cakes, so they they'll still be fresh. Also, if you have any leftover snacks you'd like to contribute, bring them in any other Sunday - Steve will freeze those too!

#### OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 4—Nov. 8 Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30PM, Comm Ctr

Oct. 7 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ 9AM—1PM, Int. Worship Ct.

Oct. 9 - Esther Circle @ 6:30PM, Fireside Rm

Oct. 15 - GSLC Book Club @ 4PM, Comm Ctr

Oct. 16 - OWLS @ 12PM, Sandy's Home

Oct. 19 - Council Meeting @ 6:30PM, Conf Rm

Oct. 22 - Pet Blessing@ 2PM, Court Yard

Oct. 25 - Kingsmen/Kingskids @ 6:30PM, Jacobson Hall

Oct. 29 - Reformation Sunday Service @ 10AM

Oct. 29- Pumpkin Carving/Spooky Potluck @11:30AM, Jacobson Hall

Oct. 31 - Halloween

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# Coming Soon.... "Season of Creation"

Genesis 1:1. In the beginning God created the heavens and the Earth. We read this amazing story about how God created the sky and trees, sun and moon, animals and water, and so much more, in just six days!

In celebration of the Creation and the Creator we are going to devote worship services to celebrating the Creation.

The schedule and topics are: October 1: Forests

October 8: Oceans October 15: Climate

October 22: Blessing of the Animals

May you feel closer to God in His Creation as we all enjoy a worship experience that includes scripture, music and art.







## IT'S FALL! A TIME FOR THANKSGI

Our Good Shepherd family will once again be providing Thanksgiving meals to families at Roeding School. Last year we provided meals for over 20+ families.

Please bring canned or dried food stuffs to church - a pink bin will be in the Narthex-for donations or you may drop them off with Kathy in the office M-F, 9am-1pm.

#### **Food Suggestions:**

1. Canned Fruit

5. Canned Yams

9. Cornbread Mix.

2. Green Beans\*

6. Peanut Butter

10. Jell-O

3. French Onion Rings\*

7. Grape Jelly

4. Cream of Mushroom Soup\* 8. Mashed Potatoes

\*(these 3 make an easy casserole)

Checks can be made out to Good Shepherd with a memo "thanksgiving basket fund". Pam will happily shop with any monies. Thank you so much to our Good Shepherd family 's past and present generosity.

Yours in Christ, Pam Gerster, Stewardship (559-999-5443)



# **Reformation Sunday** "Spooky" Potluck for All— **Including Pumpkin Carving**

#### JOIN US FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 29th

In 1517, Martin Luther posted his list of 95 Theses and posted them on the church door in Wittenberg Germany It sparked the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation and we celebrate it every year on the last Sunday of October. Our church will be adorned in red because red represents the Holy Spirit. Please wear red if you wish, and also wear your Luther Rose pin if you have one. We will review what the Luther Rose is all about, Mark your calendar now for October 29th!

Following worship, we will be hosting our "spooky potluck" and pumpkin carving in Jacobson Hall. Everyone in the congregation is invited to bring some sort of "spooky" dish to share (think "zombie brains" or "witches' fingers"), and we will provide the drinks. Be creative! We can turn the oven on low during worship to keep items warm. We will also be providing pumpkins for carving for anyone interested. Please be sure to let me know



how many pumpkins you would like to carve via email:13jdixon13@gmail.com or text: 559-287-3457. You are also free to bring your own pumpkin and/or carving tools and put on a costume to make it even more fun. Come eat an early lunch and carve a pumpkin with your church family!

Shalom. Peace. Paz., Julie Werfelmann

## Donations Via Venmo

Finally got Venmo set up correctly.

We are under treasure.gslc@att.net.

Use your mobile device to scan this QR code and give via Venmo.

Just an FYI - the fees from Venmo are slightly lower than PayPal fees.



# LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ International Worship Center, 10/7, 9-11a.m.

There will be a <u>drive through</u> food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market at the International Worship Center located at 3140 N. Argyle Ave., Fresno, CA 93727 on Saturday, 10/7, from 9-11 a.m. You can come for any or all and don't need to have signed up. Central CA Food Bank will provide gloves, but volunteers need to bring their own masks if desired and wear close toed shoes. As in the past, **anyone planning to volunteer on Saturday who is or has been feeling ill - especially if they have or have had a fever, cough or flu-like symptoms - is asked to PLEASE stay home. Volunteers will be encouraged to drive through and get food for their own household, too, just like usual.** 

Please share this information with anyone you know who could benefit and with those who might want to volunteer. Questions can be directed to Julie @ 13jdixon13@gmail.com or 559-287-3457.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry.



# Altar Guild Call to Serve

We are looking for someone to serve God by setting the communion table on Sunday mornings. It will be 4 Sunday mornings on (one month) and 8 Sundays off (two months) on a rotating basis. If you feel called to serve in this important function of worship, please contact Pastor Ted or Gloria Miller (Worship Chair). Thank you.

#### OWYS

The Hootie's future flight plan is to disembark at Sandy's on October 16, Monday at twelve hundred hours. A potluck is on the menu with table service and drinks provided. OWLS will BEE informed as to how to help their flying friends by guest speaker "Buddy The BEE Keeper" at 1:30 pm. Home Grown (1/2 pt.) honey will be available for those wishing to purchase. As Brian S. says, "BEE there or BEE square!"



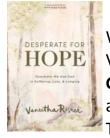
# Kingsmen/Kingskids October 25<sup>a</sup> @ 6:30PM

Kingsmen/Kingskids will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM in Jacobson Hall. There will be a potluck dinner. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share and plan on having a short bible time.



### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

SEPT. 27—NOV. 8 @ 6:30PM



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We will be studying from the Bible Study written by Vaneetha Risner. "Desperate for HOPE - Questions we ask God in suffering, loss, and longing." The study book is avail-

able at all the usual places including, Amazon, and Christian Book Distributors. This study book includes video access.

This will be a 7-week study, beginning September 27 and will end November 8. We meet at 6:30 in the Community Center.

Questions? Contact Sharon Rowley 313-0757 or <a href="mailto:sharon">shandrow@outlook.com</a> (Put Bible Study in subject line)

Bible Studies

Dig Deeper with Friends

## Pet Blessing October 22nd @ 2PM. Court Yard

We will be having our Blessing of the Animals Service once again this year. We will gather in the courtyard with our animal companions @ 2 PM on October 22nd. Pets of all kinds are welcome to join us as long as they are leashed or in carriers. Each and every pet will receive a blessing and a certificate as we join together to thank God for our animal friends. Please spread the word and invite your friends and neighbors to bring their pets, too. It'll be a "pawsome" time for all!



#### **Memorial Garden Committee 2023 Raffle**

This month in the US mail, you will be receiving news about the Memorial Garden Committee's 2023 Fundraiser Raffle. The drawing will be held on November 19 after church. We have some great prizes this year and are looking forward to a fun and exciting raffle! Please

see the prize flier on the next page for more information.





2nd Space Theatre

Two Tickets to the 2nd Space Theatre

HEATRE

Dinner and a Show for 2 at Roger Rocka's

Dinner a

Fall Décor & Wall Art

DINNER THEATER



Our Grand Prize is a night for 2 at the Stables Inn in Paso Robles plus 2 Terrace Experience tickets to the fabulous "Sensorio in Paso!"



## GSLC Book Club October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 4PM, Community Center

There has been a revision in the order we will be reading books this year:

November 19: "The Last thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave

January 21: "The Dictionary of Lost Words" by Pip Williams

February 18: "The Book Woman's Daughter" by Kim Michele Richardson

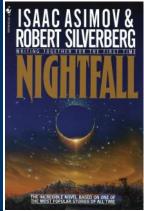
March 17: "A Spanish Sunrise" by Boo Walker

April 21: "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak

May 19: "To End All Wars" by Ernest Gordon

#### **October Book**

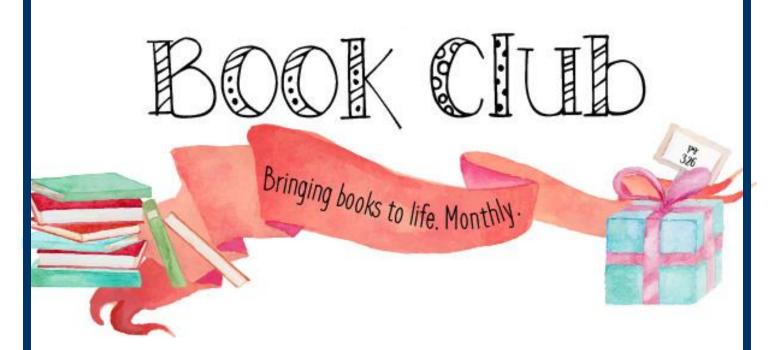
"Nightfall: the Novel" by Isaac Asimov & Robert Silverberg



In 1941, Astounding Science Fiction magazine published a short story by a little-known writer named Isaac Asimov. The story was called "Nightfall," and fifty years later it has long been recognized as a classic, its author a legend. Now, the Grand Master of Science Fiction teams with Robert Silverberg, one of the field's top award-winning authors, to explore and expand an apocalyptic tale that is more spellbinding today than ever before - Nightfall: The Novel.

Encompassing the psychology of disaster, the tenacity of the human spirit, and, ultimately, the regenerative power of hope, *Nightfall* is a tale rich in character and suspense that only the unique collaboration of Isaac Asimov and Robert Silverberg could create.

Does this sound interesting?!! Plan to read this month's selection and join us for a casual discussion, Sunday, October 15, at 4:00 in the Comm Ctr. No long-term commitment required - join us any month a book catches your interest.



God's Work, Our Hands



Blessing of the Food and the Volunteers.



God's vision, our mission unleashed







Join us for a day of service!

LHN Free Neighborhood Market







# **GSLC** Rally Sunday Service



The Rally Day Service was well attended.



Kid's Talk by Julie















Seventeen Hooties were met September 18th at the door with a "No Calorie Counting" warning. But most of them didn't care once their eyes glazed over all the many ice cream flavors and toppings to be indulged with soup spoons. Memories were jogged of the many uses of Grandma's apron. Numerous germs were forgotten but only LOVE was caught from that cloth. Reminders of what happens as we get older prompted nodding giggles. A "NEW" game was a lesson in how to follow directions to the "T" with consequences. Team "Saints and Sinners" conquered the "Faith Fighters" by two points even with Diane somehow on both teams? Liz Smith graciously donated our craft project's wooden OWL glow boxes, owl pins and materials. Although she was unable to attend, we greatly appreciated her thinking of this project months ago. BEE on the lookout for October's meeting announcements.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the fine spread we put out for the Roeding teachers and staff to welcome them back to school this fall. We hope they could all feel how much we appreciate all they do for "our" kids! Special thanks to Lori and Sue for helping transport and set up over at the school. Good work, team **Good Shepherd!** 



Let's Fiesta!!!



"Season of Creation: Planet Earth"

Sunday, September 24 was the first of five special worship services we are presenting. The litany was beautiful, as was the music. It was an extra special treat to be able to worship in the sanctuary! In front of the sanctuary was a beautiful display of various sized globes. In the back was a display of household products which would pollute our earth if not disposed of properly.

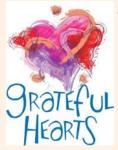
Julie Werfelmann officiated the service with a lot of wonderful people who played various parts in the service.





# Notes of Gratitude

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#### Many Thanks!!!

Many Thanks to Gloria & the Worship Team for coordinating a beautiful, thought-provoking, and timely Season of Creation worship series! It is so good to thank God for all of creation and to remind ourselves of God's wonder and glory expressed through it. Shalom, shalom, earth is our home!

Shalom, Peace, Paz.



#### Thank You Contributors!!



Julie Werfelmann

Thank you to all the members that contribute every month to the newsletter in some form or another. Your contribution makes creating the Newsletter a blessing and a success. Whether it's pictures, articles, expressions of gratitude, or upcoming events the effort is greatly appreciated. The Newsletter is vital to keeping connected.

God Bless!! Kathy





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