

The Shepherd's Voice

June 2025

**GOOD
SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
MISSION
STATEMENT**
Sharing The
Love of
Jesus
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You are welcome
to join us at
Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church

Dear Friends,

Happy summer! One thing about living in Fresno is you know when it is summer. I'm not just talking about the over 100-degree temperatures we will be enduring for the next few months, or the fact that many children are soon to be on break from school. What I am talking about is Vacation Bible School! It is a highlight of our summer each year at Good Shepherd.

You are invited! It will be an opportunity for us to reorient ourselves to the proper order of things. It will be a time of nurturing that spiritual side of ourselves. It will be a time you can grow in your relationship with God and each other.

Just like during Lent, this is an opportunity for us to share dinners for a while. Unlike Lent, no one is needed to sign up to bring food. Dinners are provided. Some of us will build relationships with others that we don't have the opportunity to at other times. I encourage you to attend.

Will this be a blessed summer for you? It helps to put ourselves in places where we know we are sure to be blessed. VBS is one of those places. Whether you are here to participate as an attendee or a helper you are sure to be blessed. I hope this is a blessed summer for you!

God's Peace,

Pastor Ted

Prayer Concerns

Members Needing Prayer:

Julie Werfelmann
Rev. Dr. Arlynn
Turnquist
Mona White
Kay Schumacher
Betty Montgomery
Neil and Verna Walden
Liz Smith
Bill Biggs
Mary Norris & Family
Connie Alvarado
Jocelyn Miller
Kirsten Linder
Jim Thompson

Family and Friend:

Jade Dixon (Julie)
Kathy (Secretary) and Family
Elaine (Werfelmann)
Linda Healy (White)
Ivonne Garcia (Zamora)
Barbara Shakespeare
Phoebe (Neer)
Phil (Anderson)
Gary Assmussen (Deuker)
Irene Goldman (Dueker)
Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)
Betty (Anderson)
Tonya (White)
Shanese (White)
Zyg Zee (Norris)
Claire (Vonny)
Janet Sharp (Fake)
Anthony Collichio (Norris)
Mickey Cecil (Norris)
Dorothy Lee Bruce (Julie)
Melissa (Sandy T.)
Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny)
Pam (Smith)
Grace Johnson (Fake)
Hudson Otten (Anderson)
Karen Ohanesian (Hays)
Rosemary (Vonny)
Nathan & Sandy Robbins (Robbins)



Brenda Allen – 6/03
Art Mehl – 6/09
Debbie West – 6/12
Tessa Novell – 6/20
McKenna Hotetz – 6/21
Malina Hotetz – 6/21
Judith Smith – 6/22
Ruth Thompson – 6/23
Jacquelyn Miller – 6/24
Gloria Miller – 6/27
Debbie Keller – 6/29

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



Mona White—6/6
Courtney Bolm – 6/13
Kevin Bolm – 6/13
Jacquelyn Miller – 6/29
Tessa Novell – 6/30



Terry & Linda Roberts - 6/6
Ken & Susan Berg - 6/16
Steve & Janet McQuillan - 6/29

PRAYERS FOR

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

STEWARDSHIP OF WORSHIP & OFFERINGS	May 4, 2025	May 11, 2025	May 18, 2025	May 25, 2025
Attendance		52		44
General Fund	\$3,402.37	\$1,503.48	\$4,530.00	\$2,333.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)				
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)				
Community Center Capital Fund	Loose Plate: \$	Community Ctr: \$60.00	Loose Plate: \$	Loose Plate:\$
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Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)	Special Gifts/HVAC: \$332.18	Special Gifts/HVAC: \$1,100.00	Special Gifts/HVAC: \$10,250.00	Special Gifts/HVAC: \$3,749.06 OWLS: \$126.00
House Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.				House Rent: 3,880.00
	\$3,734.55	\$2,663.48	\$14,780.00	\$10,088.06

April Financials

OUR GIVING
MATTERS!

Greetings to members and Friends of Good Shephard Lutheran Church:

We have had a good month and have had only the anticipated expenses. Thank you to all those who continue to sustain our Church with your generous donations and commitment.

In May, we received donations for the HVAC fundraising account of \$12,857.09. That brings our overall fundraising total to **\$35,477.60**. Well done!

My gratitude and very best to each of you.

Dana Biggs

Treasurer

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Mobile: 402-830-8307

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
January	\$25,373.56	\$36,900.42	(\$11,526.86)
February	\$19,059.07	\$20,490.82	(\$1,431.75)
March	\$38,406.00	\$17,168.22	\$21,237.78
April	\$59,735.11	\$38,157.74	\$21,577.37
May	\$31,266.09	\$27,520.55	\$3,745.54
June			\$0.00
July			\$0.00
August			\$0.00
September			\$0.00
October			\$0.00
November			\$0.00
December			\$0.00
Total	\$173,839.83	\$140,237.75	\$33,602.08

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Check out these Announcements and Mark your calendar for these Upcoming events !



Coffee Hour

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

JUNE/JULY UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 4 - Worship Committee Meeting @ 4:30PM, Pr. Ted's Office
- June 7 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ 8-12PM
- June 15 - GSLC Book Club @ 4PM, Comm Ctr
- June 16 - OWLS @ 12PM, TBA
- June 19 - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Jacobson Hall
- June 25 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office
- June 25 - KingsMen/KingsKids' @ 6:30PM, Jacobson Hall
- June 29 - GSLC VBS @ TBA, Jacobson Hall
- July 2 - Worship Committee Meeting @ 4:30PM, Pr. Ted's Office
- July 2 - GSLC Summer Book Club @ 6:30PM, Comm Ctr
- July 12 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ 8-12PM
- July 18 - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Jacobson Hall
- July 30 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office
- July 30 - KingsMen/KingsKids' @ 6:30PM, Jacobson Hall



LHN Free Neighborhood Market 6/7/25, All Nations 7th Day Adventist Church, 7:30—11a.m.



There will be a food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market on Saturday, 5/3, from 9-11 a.m. at All Nations 7th Day Adventist Church, located at 1135 Alluvial Ave. 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



Urgently Needed: Volunteer—Instagram Posts

The church is needing someone to step up and begin doing the Instagram post for the upcoming events and activities.

GSLC SUMMER BOOK CLUB



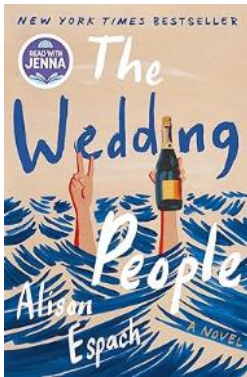
Join us for a lighter fare when we read two books:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 6:30 pm in the Community Center

"The Wedding People" by Alison Espach

(rated 4.1 on Amazon, 4.3 on Goodreads)

A propulsive and uncommonly wise novel about one unexpected wedding guest and the surprising people who help her start anew.



It's a beautiful day in Newport, Rhode Island, when Phoebe Stone arrives at the grand Cornwall Inn wearing a green dress and gold heels, not a bag in sight, alone. She's immediately mistaken by everyone in the lobby for one of the wedding people, but she's actually the only guest at the Cornwall who isn't here for the big event. Phoebe is here because she's dreamed of coming for years—she hoped to shuck oysters and take sunset sails with her husband, only now she's here without him, at rock bottom, and determined to have one last decadent splurge on herself. Meanwhile, the bride has accounted for every detail and every possible disaster the weekend might yield except for, well, Phoebe and Phoebe's plan—which makes it that much more surprising when the two women can't stop confiding in each other.

In turns absurdly funny and devastatingly tender, Alison Espach's *The Wedding People* is ultimately an incredibly nuanced and resonant look at the winding paths we can take to places we never imagined—and the chance encounters it sometimes takes to reroute us.

(Available at your favorite book seller, and the Fresno County Public Library as e-book, audiobook, actual pages book.)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 9:30 am in the Community Center

"The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue" by V E Schwab

(rated 4.5 on Amazon, 4.2 on Goodreads)

A Life No One Will Remember. A Story You Will Never Forget.

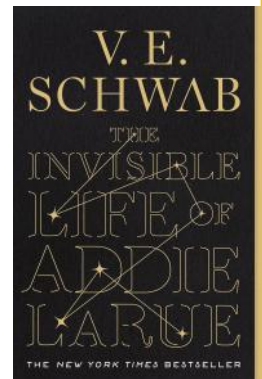
France, 1714: in a moment of desperation, a young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever—and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets.

Thus begins the extraordinary life of Addie LaRue, and a dazzling adventure that will play out across centuries and continents, across history and art, as a young woman learns how far she will go to leave her mark on the world.

But everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore and he remembers her name.

(Available at your favorite book seller, and the Fresno County Public Library in a variety of formats.)

Join us for one or both books. Questions? Contact Sharon Rowley





ROEDING CARNIVAL, Friday, June 6th

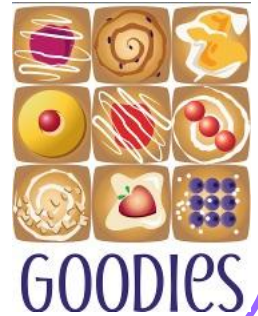
Roeding Carnival Friday, June 6th, 12:30-2:30

We are handling the cake walk booth again this year - so we need all kinds of sweet treats for prizes as well as people to help in the booth.

We are looking for store bought items only, and they need to be small portions - cookies, cupcakes, muffins, fresh fruit like cherries or berries, etc. please bring your items to the church office any time NEXT Thursday, 6/5 or Friday, 6/6 by NOON. You are also welcome to give me cash to shop or connect with me at another time/location. Thank you!!

Shalom. Peace. Paz.

Julie Werfelmann



Pentecost Potluck

Please plan to stay after worship to celebrate the birthday of the Church! Pentecost is the day we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of our mission to the world as Jesus's ambassadors and representatives. How exciting is that?!?

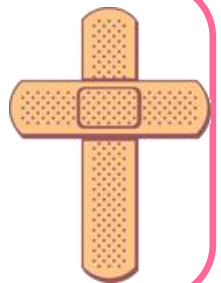
Next Sunday - 6/6 - is Pentecost!

Please wear red to worship, and plan to join in a Pentecost Potluck afterwards. You are invited to bring a main course, salad, or side to share. Drinks and a birthday cake will be provided!



Healing Sunday

The first Sundays of the month will be Healing Sunday. Personal prayers will be offered for any who so desire. Please come forward right after worship. There will also be 2 stations offering blood pressure checks. Thank you to our nurses for volunteering to provide this service!



Financial Secretary & Property Person Needed

We are still in need of a Financial Secretary. Please see Pastor Ted, Mary, or anyone on council to get more information or to volunteer. We also are in need of more counters. Thank you so much to the six of you who have already stepped up to serve in this very important position! We are also in need of a Property person.





Fund Raising Event Starting

The Stewardship Committee is starting another fund-raising event; we are collecting new, gently worn shoes of any sort. Our goal is to collect 2500 pounds of shoes.

100 bags = 25 pairs of shoes = \$1000.00

Each bag that Funds2Orgs will supply to us can hold 25 pairs. (They respectfully ask we don't raid local thrift stores for shoes)

This is a 60-day challenge and the clock starts on May 7th but definitely start collecting today!!

We must reach out to our neighbors, colleagues, co-workers and family members to achieve this goal.

More details to follow!! In Christ's Love, Your Stewardship Committee <3



OWLS Gathering June 16th @ Noon

Hooties, do we really KNOW each other? Come to Sandy's on June 16th at NOON to find out. Guests are requested to bring a LABELLED dish to share and their ENTIRE table service. Your memory will be tested at this summer farewell.



Crafting Fair on Rally Day: HVAC Fund!



Shout out to all crafters. There will be a craft fair at Good Shepherd on Rally Day Sept 7. Show off your crafts by donating them to the craft fair. All proceeds will go to the HVAC fund. Contact Pam Gerster



KingsMen/KingsKids' Wednesday 5/25

The next KingsMen and KingsKids meeting will be on June 25th, 6:30 pm. If you would like, please bring a veggie salad or fruit salad, or a dessert. Thanks.



To my Faith Family at Good Shepherd,

How can I thank you for the kind words and expressions of gratitude in the lovely cards you gave me on May 4th? I was overwhelmed by your sentiments. I praise God for all the blessings and evidence of His presence He has allowed us to share together.

We are still One in the Spirit, even though distance separates us a bit. May each of us continue to grow in our faith and reliance on Jesus Christ as the way, the truth and the life. Our journeys will bring us into the Heavenly Kingdom together where we will spend eternity before the Throne of God forever. God bless you all.

To God Be the Glory!

With my deepest love and gratitude,

Carolyn



Roeding Teacher Appreciation Day

Many thanks to all who provided yummy treats for the Roeding staff for Teacher Appreciation. Be sure to check out the sweet thank you note from the staff on the bulletin board in the hallway.



Special thanks to Brenda for the cute decorations and for transporting and helping set everything up. It looked so nice!



Roeding Teacher Appreciation



Roeding Book Labeling







Roeding Saturday Sports





We had another fun day out at Roeding in May. We played kickball, colored and made some crafts, and had our Easter Egg Hunt. Many thanks to all who supported this ministry - and most especially to all of our volunteers! We are off until September due to the Fresno heat and summer vacations. See you back out there in September!

OWLS

Diane led the 15 OWLS' May meeting at Gloria's home that was patriotically decorated with stars and stripes. It was unanimous to purchase batteries (size?) for the hearing devices. Greeters will offer them with instruction. Carolyn Linn was proclaimed an HONARY HOOTIE :)

Benefits entail just her presence and hugs. No table service-no dish to share. Gloria gave an interesting Memorial Day history breakdown.

The "Decoration Day" Civil War time custom was made official by military order. Memorial Day is observed on May's last Sunday because flowers are plentiful then across the USA. It was declared for citizens to pray for permanent peace. (And do we ever need it NOW!) I'm sure we all honored our fallen on this national holiday which began in 1971.





Notes of Gratitude

Many thanks to all who provided yummy treats for the Roeding staff for Teacher Appreciation. Be sure to check out the sweet thank you note from the staff on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Special thanks to Brenda for the cute decorations and for transporting and helping set everything up. It looked so nice!

Thank you to all who helped with our Roeding Summer Reading Project! Many hands made the work light 💖

Thanks to all who donated books and to all who helped with the labeling. Special thanks to Woody and Diane for coming in on Memorial Day to help finish labeling the last of the books and to Woody for helping transport all of those books over to Roeding! It turned out great!!!



JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10AM Worship Service 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall) 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light 	2	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr) 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30PM Worship Committee (Pr. Ted's Office) 	5	6	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8-1PM LHN Free Neighborhood Market
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