



# The Shepherd's Voice

## May 2025

**GOOD  
SHEPHERD  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
MISSION  
STATEMENT**  
Sharing The  
Love of  
Jesus

But God  
demonstrates  
*his own love*  
for us in this:  
While we were  
still sinners,  
*Christ died*  
**FOR US.**  
Romans 5:8, 14

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**You are welcome  
to join us at  
Good Shepherd  
Lutheran Church**

**Dear Friends,**

**Happy Easter! The first Easter brought many changes to the lives of Jesus' believers. Life was going to be different for them.**

**This Easter is going to bring a change to our church. Carolyn Linn, our main worship assistant, will be moving to a retirement community that is a ways from the church. That means she will not be with us for worship after May 4.**

**We have been so incredibly blessed by Carolyn. She has been the main worship leader for over 25 years. When I started here she was the head deacon. Many of you were the recipients of her pastoral care. We all were blessed by her faithful prayers every week.**

**On May 4, we are having a card/gift reception for Carolyn. Please come and join us in thanking Carolyn for decades of faithful service here at church. She has been a powerful example of how God can use us if we are open to serving as God calls.**

**Jesus helped the first believers with their changes that first Easter. Jesus will help us get through this change to our church this Easter.**

**I thank God for Carolyn. And I thank God for you!**

***God's Peace,***

***Pastor Ted***

## Prayer Concerns

### Members Needing Prayer:

Julie Werfelmann  
Dee Wright  
Rev. Dr. Arlynne 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 Friends:

Steve Lower (Terstegen)  
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)



Carolyn Linn – 5/05  
Ted Niemi – 5/08  
Mona White – 5/13  
Kay Provost – 5/14  
Carol Sullivan – 5/21  
Alan Hofmann – 5/30  
William Biggs—5/31

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



Pat Hayner-Slusser – 5/04  
Chris Walker – 5/07  
Sue Hays – 5/09  
Ted Niemi – 5/18  
Ted Miller – 5/21  
Carolyn Linn – 5/29



**Mary and Patrick Norris - 5/04**

### 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	Apr. 6, 2025	Apr. 13, 2025	Apr.20, 2025	Apr. 27, 2025
Attendance	46	57	125	45
General Fund	\$1,055.00	\$8,510.00	\$26,443.00	\$2,925.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)				
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)				
Community Center Capital Fund	Loose Plate: \$	Loose Plate	Loose Plate: \$	Loose Plate:\$250.00
Loose Plate				
Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)	Special Gifts: \$55.00	Altar Flowers: \$200.00	Special Gifts: \$6,900.00 Altar Flowers: \$200.00	Special Gifts: \$25.00
House Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.				Property Use: \$50.00
	\$1,110.00	\$8,710.00	\$33,543.00	\$3,250.00

## April Financials

YOUR GIVING  
MATTERS!

Greetings to all members and friends,

We continue to be blessed with very generous members. April was a month of large donations to both the Church and our HVAC fund.

We had only the usual expenses this month. The income will help us with the expense of our property repairs the insurance company wants us to complete and will help carry us through the coming month's expenses.

Thank you all for the continued support of our congregation. We are truly fortunate.

My very best to each and every one of you.

	Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
Dana Biggs	January	\$25,373.56	\$36,900.42	(\$11,526.86)
	February	\$19,059.07	\$20,490.82	(\$1,431.75)
Treasurer	March	\$38,406.00	\$17,168.22	\$21,237.78
Good Shepherd	April	\$59,735.11	\$38,157.74	\$21,577.37
Lutheran Church	May			\$0.00
Mobile: 402-830-8307	June			\$0.00
	July			\$0.00
	August			\$0.00
	September			\$0.00
	October			\$0.00
	November			\$0.00
	December			\$0.00
	Total	\$142,573.74	\$112,717.20	\$29,856.54

Note: Income and Expenses include \$10,000 in HVAC donations and \$10,000 transfers out to HVAC account

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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 May/June. If you are able to host/hostess for a Sunday, please sign up in Jacobson Hall.

### MAY UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 3 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ 8-12PM
- May 7 - Worship Committee Meeting @ 4:30PM, Pr. Ted's Office
- May 7—28 - Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30PM, Comm Ctr
- May 10 - Roeding Saturday Sport @ 10AM—12PM, Roeding Elementary
- May 12 - Esther Circle @ 6PM, Comm Ctr
- May 15 - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Jacobson Hall
- May 18 - Memorial Garden Meeting after church, Comm Ctr
- May 18 - GSLC Book Club @ 4PM, Comm Ctr
- May 19 - OWLS @ 12PM, Gloria Miller's
- May 28 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office
- May 28 - 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

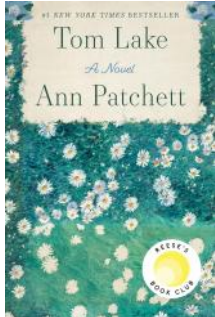
The church is needing someone to step up and begin doing the Instagram post for the upcoming events and activities.

## GSLC BOOK CLUB



### GSLC Book Club - May

Our book this month: **Tom Lake by Ann Patchett**



In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew.

Tom Lake is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born. Both hopeful and mournful, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart. As in all of her novels, Ann Patchett combines compelling narrative artistry with piercing insights into family dynamics. The result is a rich and luminous story, told with profound intelligence and emotional subtlety, that demonstrates once again why she is one of the most revered and acclaimed literary talents working today.

Join us for very casual but meaningful discussion **Sunday, May 18, 4:00 in the Community Center.**

### Collecting Books for Summer Reading!



We will once again be providing books to the entire student population over at Roeding. We have a good start thanks to Thrivent's generosity, but we can always use more. Please bring in new or gently used books for preschool through 8th grade. Thanks for your support of our adopted school!

### Hooties Gathering May 19th @ 12PM

Hooties, let it all hang out at Gloria Miller's on May 19th, NOON. Diane will conduct the activities.

Bring:

A LABELLED dish to share

Your ENTIRE table service

Energy to play UNO ???

See Sandy T for a map & to sign up.





## Summer Book Club

Our Book Group will meet twice this summer for two "lighter, summer reads".

Please join us if you are so inclined.



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 6:30 pm for "The Wedding People" by Alison Espach.**

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.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 9:30 am - "The Invisible Life of Addie Larue" by V E Schwab**

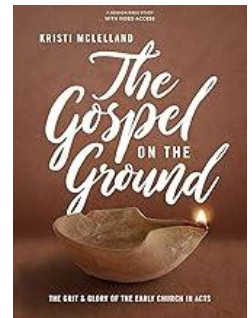
## Wednesday Evening Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

**"The Gospel on the Ground" by Kristi McLelland**

**Wednesday at 6:30 in the Community Center**

Come journey with us beginning **Wednesday, April 23** as we begin a new study "The Gospel on the Ground - The Grit & Glory of the Early Church in Acts." Luke is the author of both the gospel of Luke and the book of Acts. Join us as we continue the story of what happens after the resurrection. We meet every Wednesday, in the **Community Center at 6:30, from April 23 through June 11.**



Purchase your book through your favorite book seller, locally at Majesty Bible & Gifts at Cedar and Herndon, or order through LifeWay, Amazon, Christian Book. There is no study work before our first meeting; but plan to have your book with you for the April 23 meeting.

All are welcome. You do not need to sign up for a long-term commitment. There is no past study pre-requisite.

## 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



## Clean-up Day

The church received notice that we were in jeopardy of losing our coverage if we did not take care of certain outside requirements. Trees needed to be trimmed away from the structures, the roofs needed to be cleaned off, and gutters needed to be cleaned out, just to name a few. A call went out for help, and CREW 5 reported for duty carrying ladders, blowers, trimmers, cutters, a wheel barrel, gloves, cookies and cold water. Much work was done to whittle down the list of requirements that the insurance required. Thank you, CREW 5!

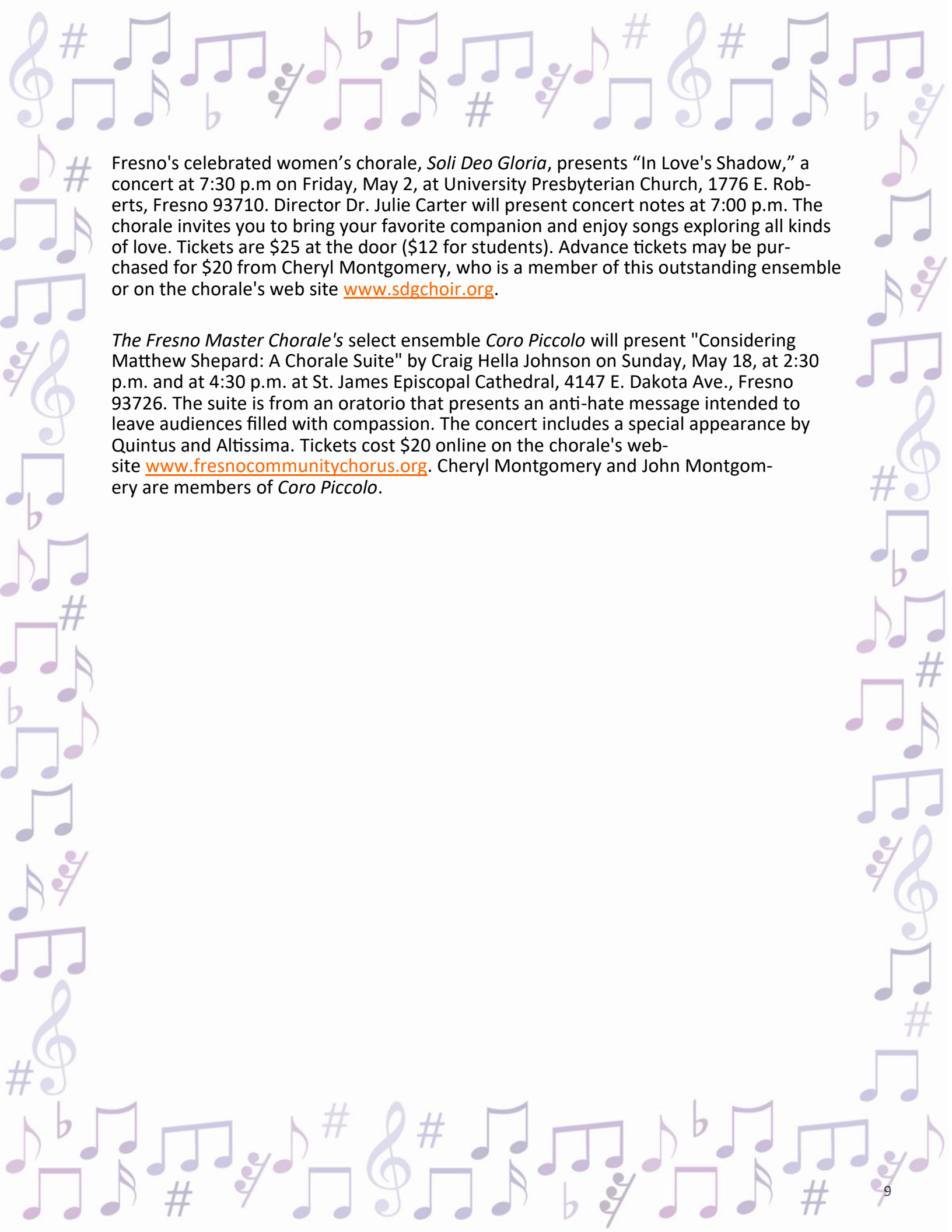


## KingsMen/KingsKids' Wednesday 5/28

KingsMen and KingsKids will be on Wednesday May 28th at 6:30 pm. I'll be bringing in a broccoli salad from Berrock Shop. If anyone else wants, please bring another type of salad or a fruit salad. Also, bring in a dessert if you would like too. Thanks.







Fresno's celebrated women's chorale, *Soli Deo Gloria*, presents "In Love's Shadow," a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 2, at University Presbyterian Church, 1776 E. Roberts, Fresno 93710. Director Dr. Julie Carter will present concert notes at 7:00 p.m. The chorale invites you to bring your favorite companion and enjoy songs exploring all kinds of love. Tickets are \$25 at the door (\$12 for students). Advance tickets may be purchased for \$20 from Cheryl Montgomery, who is a member of this outstanding ensemble or on the chorale's web site [www.sdgchoir.org](http://www.sdgchoir.org).

*The Fresno Master Chorale's* select ensemble *Coro Piccolo* will present "Considering Matthew Shepard: A Chorale Suite" by Craig Hella Johnson on Sunday, May 18, at 2:30 p.m. and at 4:30 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Cathedral, 4147 E. Dakota Ave., Fresno 93726. The suite is from an oratorio that presents an anti-hate message intended to leave audiences filled with compassion. The concert includes a special appearance by Quintus and Altissima. Tickets cost \$20 online on the chorale's web-site [www.fresnocommunitychorus.org](http://www.fresnocommunitychorus.org). Cheryl Montgomery and John Montgomery are members of *Coro Piccolo*.





Brunch & Brainstorm – Capitol  
HVAC Fund

Super-Saintly Award Cake to Brenda  
Allen & Cheryl Montgomery





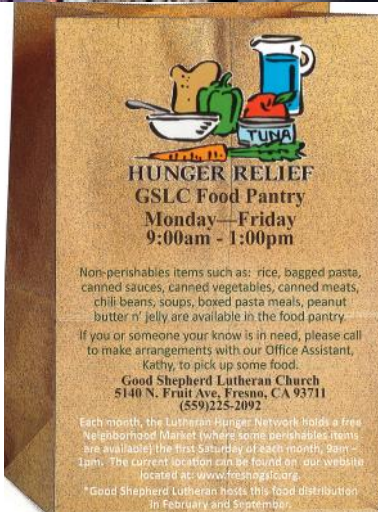
# LHN Free Neighborhood Market



GSLC hosted the Lutheran Hunger Network Free Neighborhood Market on April 5.











We had a great time out at Roeding again last month! We are on campus on the second Saturday of the month from 10-12, and volunteers are always welcome. Thank you to all who have helped this year!





## King's Blood Tulip



Diane Fake's Tulip Submission



Blooming for Holy Week...



Sue Hay's Tulip Submission



Julie Werfelmann's Submission











# EASTER PREPARATIONS



Stuffing Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt held after church on Easter Sunday



















Our Columbarium and Memorial Garden where you are always invited for reflection and meditation...

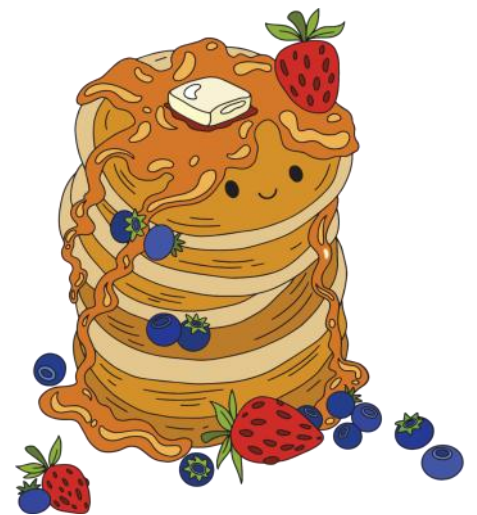




*Faster  
Breakfast*









# Easter Service













# Egg Hunt





# OWLS

Our April meeting has to go down in the record books. Twenty-four were to attend. Friday on they were literally dropping like flies due to car accidents, falls, illnesses, appointments or forgetfulness. We ended up with 12 who enjoyed the voyage to the Greek Islands and Greece with the Fakes.

It was Unanimous that OWLS would donate \$100 towards GS's campus repairs to comply with the infractions that the insurance has noted. We will also be purchasing a large medic first responder first aid bag to be kept in the Sacristy. Research and announcements are in the process.

Some interesting notes from the Fake's slideshow are that the Aegean Sea is truly as clear blue as you can imagine and none of the slides were altered. The slideshow began with the Island of Patmos where John was exiled by the Romans. There he wrote the book of Revelations in the Cave of the Apocalypse.

Mykonos is noted as an island where the jet settlers of the 70's vacationed. It is where Jackie Kennedy Onassis and her husband Aristotle frequented. It is also famous for its picturesque windmills and narrow whitewashed walking streets. Many of the little shops sold the "Evil Eye" which is known as a good luck symbol. Diane enjoyed purchasing Evil Eyes for her daughters and "Mykonos" dresses for her granddaughters.

Olives are the main cash crop of the Mediterranean area. On the Island of Paros, the Fakes and their travel group drove by an olive tree said to be over one thousand years old.

Santorini is the most visited and most scenic of all the Greek Islands and is built on the edges of a volcanic caldera.

On the mainland of Greece, the Fakes visited Meteora with its monasteries built on top of huge rock formations, Delphi and Athens all famous World Heritage Sites.

Of course, many cats were showcased in the enjoyable slide show. Thanks to the Fakes for a memorable vacation packed into an hour.





STWLS





# Notes of Gratitude

Way to go, guys! Thank you to all the men who cooked and served Easter breakfast. It was great!

Many thanks to Sharon R for bringing the Easter m&m's ♥

Thank you to Brenda for the strawberries for Easter breakfast and to Janet Mc for the sausage, pancake toppings, and the punch!

Thank you to everyone who donated candy and other treats for the Easter eggs and to all who showed up on Saturday to stuff the eggs, decorate the hall, and transport the lilies.

I love the idea of fruit on your Pancake! All of you did a fantastic job 😊 😊 looking forward to next year. My thanks to everyone who made this happen!

-Brenda

Thanks ever so much to everyone who stepped up and pitched in over Easter weekend when I was sidelined. I am so appreciative ♥

*Shalom. Peace. Paz.*

*Julie Werfelmann*

## **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 4<sup>th</sup>? 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





# MAY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 ● 7PM Accion de Fe (Comm Ctr)	3 ● 8-1PM LHN Free Neighborhood Market
4 ● 10AM Worship Service ● 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall) ● 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light	5	6 ● 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr) ● 6:30PM Pentecostal Tabernacle (Jacobson Hall)	7 ● 4:30PM Worship Committee (Pr. Ted's Office) ● 6:30PM - 7:30PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study (Comm Ctr)	8	9	10 ● 10-12PM Roeding Saturday Sports, Roeding Elementary
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18 ● 10AM Worship Service ● 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall) ● 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light ● 4PM GSLC Book Club (Comm Ctr)	19 ● 12:00PM OWLS (Gloria Miller's Home)	20 ● 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr) ● 6:30PM Pentecostal Tabernacle (Jacobson Hall)	21 ● 6:30PM - 7:30PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study (Comm Ctr)	22	23	24
25 ● 10AM Worship Service ● 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall) ● 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light	26	27 ● 8AM Roeding Book Distribution, Roeding Elementary ● 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr) ● 6:30PM Pentecostal Tabernacle (Jacobson Hall)	28 ● 10AM Staff Meeting (Pr. Ted's Office) ● 6:30PM - 7:30PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study (Comm Ctr) ● 6:30PM KingsMen/KingsKids', Jacobson Hall	29	30 ● 7PM Accion de Fe (Comm Ctr)	31



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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**SHARING THE**

**LOVE OF**

**JESUS**

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**Youth Ministries: Julie Werfelmann**

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