

The Shepherd's Voice April 2024

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CHURCH
MISSION
STATEMENT
Sharing The
Love of
Jesus

The grace of the Lord
JESUS
CHRIST,
the love of
GOD,
and the communion of
THE HOLY
SPIRIT
be with all of you.
2 CORINTHIANS 13:13, NRSV

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

Happy Easter! I'm writing this as I wait for you to show up to our Good Friday Worship. I'm sure our Easter was as glorious as ever!

I'd like to thank many people, including Susan Berg & the singers for their faithful worship leadership. It always sounds best at Easter! I'd also like to thank Julie for coordinating the Easter Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks to those who cooked & served the breakfast. Thank you to those of you who came Saturday to help us prepare the church. Thanks Patrick & Mary Norris for polishing all of the sanctuary wood. Thanks to Carol Sullivan for ordering & placing the Easter lilies. And thank you to all who came to worship!

This is one of those times I am reminded how blessed we are to be a part of this family of faith. Thanks for the part you play in our life together! I thank God for each of you.

God's Peace,

Pastor Ted

Prayer Concerns Taw

Members in Need of Prayer:

Bill Slusser

Betty Montgomery

Kathy Kuester

Jennifer Neer

Diane Fake

Sheila Boehringer

JoAnn Huebner

Dee Wright

Jim, Jimmy Sanborn & Stacy Lairson on the loss of Stacy's father,

Ken.

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

Irene Pierini

Jocelyn Miller

Kirsten Linder

Jim Thompson



Family and Friends:

Dirk Rathwick (Norris)

Zyg Zee (Norris)

Baby Owen (Fake)

Claire and family upon the death of Claire's husband, Dale Baumbach

Claire (Vonny)

Janet Sharp (Fake)

David Torres has passed away prayers

for his family and friends.

Julie Gonzales has passed away prayer for her family and

friends.

Debbie (Sullivan Family Friend)

Owen (Fake)

Josue & Maria Zamora (Visitor)

Jim & Judi (Werfelmann)

Anthony Collichio (Norris)

Mickey Cecil (Norris)

Jeanne Grant (Anderson)

Dorothy Lee Bruce (Julie)

Monica & Kyle Sedra (Werfelmann)

Jacob, Abbe & Family (Werfelmann)

Kevin & Collee (Pastor)

Brad, Sam, & Luke Kossow

Karl & Pauline Ritterbush (Fake)

Art & Children (Anderson)

Debbie West's Daughter, Christine

Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)

Bob Knous (Anderson) Melissa (Sandy T.)

Joy Kensinger (Miller)

Jenna Vance (Kossow)

Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny)

Jim D. (Norris)

Jade Dixon (Julie)

Pam (Smith)

Grace Johnson (Fake)

Sandy Robbins (Robbins)

JJ Werfelmann (Julie)

Emily & Sawyer Bogart (Anderson)

Roger Robbins (Robbins)

Hudson Otten (Anderson)

Karen Ohanesian (Hays)

Rosemary (Vonny)

Nathan Robbins (Robbins)



Pam Gerster - 4/07 Woody Wilk – 4/08 Dee Wright – 4/09 Jim Provost – 4/10 Sue Hays – 4/10 Dana Biggs - 4/12

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



Mary Norris – 4/02 Madelynn Pattillo - 4/08 Whitney Linder – 4/16 Chris Dueker – 4/28



Don & Chris Dueker - 4/4 William & Elizabeth Smith -4/20 Alan & Brenda Hofmann -4/23

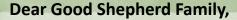
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PRAYERS FOR

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	March 3, 2024	March 10, 2024	March 17, 2024	March 24, 2024	March 31, 2024
Attendance	43	50	44	63 Maundy Thursday: 16 Good Friday: 26	Sunrise Service: 21 10AM Service: 95
General Fund	\$5,556.77	\$6,410.00	\$1,863.00	\$2,303.00	\$12,325.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)					
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)					
Community Center Capital Fund Loose Plate	Loose Plate: \$20.00	Loose Plate: \$40.00	Loose Plate: \$123.00	Loose Plate: \$170.00	Conn. Ctr: \$1000.00Loose Plate: \$120.00
Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)	Altar Flowers: 40.00	Altar Flowers: \$160.00 GSLC Pantry: \$45.00 Sewing Saints: \$35.00	Altar Flowers: \$20.00	Prop. Imprv: \$1000.00 Youth Trip: \$1000.00 Altar Flowers: 80.00 OWLS: \$46.00	Altar Flowers: 60.00
BIA Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.		BIA Rent: \$5,584.70 Prop. Use: \$240.00			Prop. Use: \$240.00
3	\$5,616.77	\$12,514.70	\$2,006.00	\$4,599.00	\$13,745.00

March Financials





He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Happy Easter! We had another good month. We received another annual donation, so our income was higher than expenses. I know we have one more annual donation coming in this month so that will help keep us in the black. We need to keep focus that these annual donations are not the norm and have to last us the rest of the year.

We only had one extra expense this month. We had our gardener mow down the weeds in the ponding basin behind the Community Center and spray to keep the weeds away (\$700.). Hopefully that should take care of it for several months. We were notified that our property insurance went up an additional \$120. per month due to four copper wire theft claims we had in 2022. We also paid our umbrella liability insurance annual premium this month (\$700.). Otherwise it was a good month. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the financial health of our church!

Yours in Christ, Caroline Sullivan, Treasurer

	Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
	Jan.	\$30,880.02	\$28,175.64	\$2,704.38
	Feb	\$48,464.00	\$25,461.28	\$23,002.72
	Mar	\$35,856.70	\$29,082.51	\$6,774.19
	Apr			\$0.00
	May			\$0.00
	Jun			\$0.00
	Jul			\$0.00
	Aug			\$0.00
	Sep			\$0.00
	Oct			\$0.00
	Nov			\$0.00
	Dec			\$0.00
	Total	\$115,200.72	\$82,719.43	\$32,481.29



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Coffee Hour

We need people to sign up to be host/hostess for the months of April/May. 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. 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!

APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1 - April Fool's Day

April 3, 10, 17 & 24 - Wednesday Evening Bible Study, Comm Ctr

April 6 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ 9AM—1PM, Bethel Church

April 8 - Esther Circle @ 6:30PM, Fireside Rm

April 15 - Tax Day

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April 15 - OWLS @ 1PM, Blast & Brew Restaurant

April 18 - Council Meeting @ 6:30PM, Conf Rm

April 21 - GSLC Book Club @ 4PM, Comm Ctr

April 24 - Kingsmen/Kings Kids @ 6:30PM, Jacobson Hal

April 28 - Earth Sunday, Give n' Take Sunday

LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ Bethel Church, 4/6, 9-11a.m.

There will be a <u>drive through</u> food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market at the Bulldog Pantry located at 187 N. Broadway St. on Saturday, 4/6, 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 @ <u>13jdixon13@gmail.com</u> or 559-287-3457. Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry.

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Happy 66th Anniversary GSLC!!!

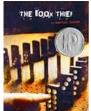
April 15th is the 66th Anniversary of our church. Celebrating 66 years of 'Sharing the Love of Jesus'.



The OWLS' next destination will be Blast & Brew Restaurant on April 15, Monday at ONE PM to prey upon a no-host luncheon. The Hooties may silently glide in but you can bet there will be songs of laughter once we are perched. BBR is on the east side of Palm. 1 block south of Herndon. Turn IN on PALMDON. Parking in back.

GSLC Book Club April 21 @ 4PM, Community Center

GSLC April's book: "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak



It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will be busier still.

By her brother's graveside, Liesel's life is changed when she picks up a single object, partially hidden in the snow. It is The Gravedigger's Handbook, left behind there by accident, and it is her first act of book thievery. So begins a love affair with books and words, as Liesel, with the help of her accordian—playing foster father, learns to read. Soon she is stealing books from Nazi book-burnings,

the mayor's wife's library, wherever there are books to be found.

But these are dangerous times. When Liesel's foster family hides a Jew in their basement, Liesel's world is both opened up, and closed down.

In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time.

Sound interesting?? You are welcome to come discuss one of the monthly books in very casual way, any month you are intrigued by a book.

Join us this month on **Sunday, April 21 at 4:00** in the Community Center for discussion of this month's book.

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

Anniversary

Kingsmen/Kings Kids Begins April 24 @ 6:30PM

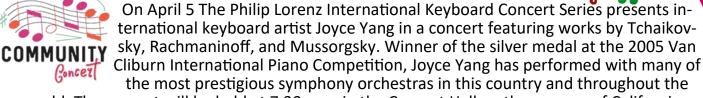
The first KingsMen and Kings Kids after Easter will take place on April 24th at 6:30 pm in Jacobson Hall.

Pizza will be provided.

Thank you. William Hayes



Upcoming Community Concerts



world. The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Concert Hall on the campus of California State University, Fresno. Advance tickets are available online through ticketsource.us.

Fresno's celebrated women's chorale, *Soli Deo Gloria*, directed by Dr. Julie Carter, presents "Celebrating Our Stories," a concert at 7:30 p.m.(pre-concert notes at 7:00 p.m.) on Friday, April 19, at University Presbyterian Church, 1776 E. Roberts, Fresno 93710. The concert will present music chosen to reflect the languages, hardships, and joys from the varied family heritages of chorale members, some of whom will also share their stories during the concert. The Luminosa women's choir from Clovis High School, directed by Tami Spurgeon, will also perform. 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 online at sdg.choir.com.

Fresno Community Chorus' *Master Chorale* on Sunday, April 28, at 2:30 p.m. presents Jocelyn Hagen's "The Notebooks of Leonardo da Vinci and Elaine Hagenberg's "Illuminare" featuring a unique and immersive audio-visual performance. The concert will be held at Shaghoian Concert Hall at the Clovis Unified School District Performing Arts Center, 2770 East International Ave., Fresno 93730. Tickets will be available at the door for \$25. Cheryl Montgomery and John Montgomery are members of this acclaimed Chorale.

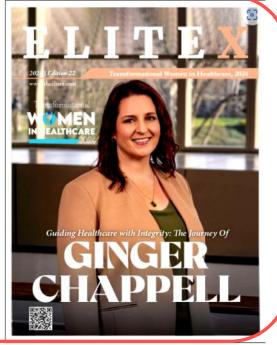
Congratulations Ginger!!!

Ginger is the daughter of Julian

and Sandy Terstegen.



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Pantry Needs Restocking

We could use: Rice, bagged pasta, canned sauces, canned vegetables (Corn, Green Beans), canned fruit (fruit cocktail, peaches, pineapple), canned chili beans, egg noodles, Cream of mushroom or chicken soup, Mayo, canned tuna, chicken or beef, ramen noodles, Mac N Cheese, boxed pasta meals, peanut butter and grape jelly. Donations can be dropped off at the office M - F, from 9AM - 1PM.



Roeding Summer Reading Project—Books Needed



Hey everyone - it's that time of year again! Time to start searching for children's books to give to our adopted school's children for summer reading. New and gently used books for ages preschool through 8th grade reading levels may be brought to church and put in the labeled bin.

Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with our adopted students @ Roeding Elementary!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study Resumes April 3rd!! @ 6:30PM, Community Center



We welcome spring as we begin our Wednesday evening bible study. We begin Wednesday, April 3; 6:30 pm in the Community Center. We begin April 3 and will end May 22.

Join us as we study with singer Adrienne Camp, "AS FOR ME - Life through the lens of the Psalms." From songs of praise to cries of lament and everything in-between, the book of Psalms captures the emotions of life. The psalmists paint a picture of a relationship with God that is filled with delays, disappointments, surprises, and triumphs. Through it all, their words model

an incredible resolve to keep their eyes on God. Instead of being swallowed up by the darkness of their emotions and circumstances, they persevered in grabbing hold of God's unfailing love and faithfulness, and their words reveal how you can do the same.

In this study, you will gain a deeper understanding of who God is and be encouraged to hold onto Him no matter what. Invite a friend to study along-side you!

Books are available on-line through Amazon, Christianbook.com, and other on-line book sellers. It is also available at Majesty Bibles and Gifts here in Fresno. You are encouraged to attend, even if you have not yet received your book.

As for me, I will tell about him forever; I will sing praise to the God of Jacob. Psalm 75:9



Emailing Statements

We will be emailing your quarterly statements this quarter. If you would like yours by traditional mail, please let the office know and we will mail it out. If you get one in the mail and would prefer email, please let the office know your email address and we will be glad to email future ones.

DWLS



A warm day drew 13 Hooties with Jo Anderson joining for the first time. Dee brought informative handouts on Recycling Food Scraps. The story of why Jesus & Moses learned that they shouldn't take the old man golfing was read. Dee treated us with yummy Indian pudding. Never got to Crazy 8's or UNO. Art & Julie taught some of us how to play Hearts. Others watched some

sporting poker faces while other looked like they were in "The Sting" needing visors. First game winner was Daine with Jackie & Janet grabbing second. Players learned "Hearts Can Be Broken" and that they need to stay clear of the Queen of Spades. Most importantly one member was reminded WHY we are Hooties and not Hooters.









St. Patty's Day Potluck & Lenten Project



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2024 Lenten Art

Many thanks to all who made butterfly or Easter egg magnets as part of our congregational activity. It was really fun to see all the different ways people decorated them! Thank you to Janet for getting all the supplies and for the great idea and to all who participated. Be sure to duck your head into the kitchen to take a look at the refrigerator before everyone takes their magnets home!





Maundy Thursday & Good Friday











Saturday Egg Stuffing & Decorating









Easter Breakfast





Easter Service



Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Egg Hunt



Notes of Gratitude

Big Thank You!

Thank you Austin Hays! Austin fixed the outside entrance walk light this week! It took several trips - nothing is ever easy it seems- but he got it done!! We appreciate it!





Thank You Very Much!!

Thank you so very much to MEF for the \$1000 check towards our next youth gathering trip. It is such a blessing to have this kind of incredible support for our young people!

With a grateful heart, Julie

Thanks a Bunch!!

Thank you to all who brought candy, coins, and other small items for the Easter eggs and also to the large group who showed up Saturday to faithfully decorate the hall and sanctuary and stuff the eggs for the hunt.





Special Thanks!!!

Special thanks to Austin, John, and Tom for cooking and serving our Easter breakfast and to Lisa for coming early to help set up, to Janet for all the food shopping, to Brenda for the yummy strawberries, and to Carol, Dana, Debbie, and Lisa for the delicious egg casseroles. It was an especially tasty Easter breakfast this year!

Thank You Contributors!!

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





The Monthly Newsletter of **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church ELCA** 5140 North Fruit Ave., Fresno, CA 93711

MISSION STATEMENT SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS

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Organist: Susan Berg

Youth Ministries: Julie Werfelmann Church Office Secretary: Kathy Edison

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