The Shepherd's Voice May 2023

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STATEMENT

Sharing The Love of Jesus



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

I love the month of May! It is my birthday month. Not only that, but many years my birthday falls on Mother's Day. I have many memories over the years of celebrating both of them with my mom. She always had a way of making my birthday seem more important. It was the selfless kind of love she showed all the time. Moms are like that.

Moms are very important to the life of Good Shepherd.
Not only are most of our worshippers moms but our last two
Congregational Presidents and all but three of our current
council members are moms. Most of our staff are moms. If it
weren't for moms not only would your family be in trouble but
so would your church!

A few months ago, I was talking to someone about her children. She said that her kids never acknowledge her on Mother's Day. I didn't believe her at first. I knew her kids to be good people! I write this to encourage you to celebrate your mom this Mother's Day.

I won't be seeing my mom on Mother's Day. But she will be here the week before. She has already talked about two birthday dinners for me. Once again, she is putting her family's needs above her own. Even though I won't be with her on Mother's Day you can bet I will call and let her know I love her and appreciate all she has done and continues to do.

Call your mom on Mother's Day if you won't see her in person. If your mom is already in Heaven you can say a prayer of Thanksgiving for her. Good moms are some of God's greatest gifts!

God's Peace,

Pastor Ted

Prayer Concerns

Members in Need of Prayer:

Mona White
Jackie Miller
Mary Schmidt
Liz Smith
Bill Biggs
Chris Walker
Arlene Robbins
Mary Norris & Family
Connie Alvarado
Susan Berg
Irene Pierini
Jocelyn Miller
Kirsten Linder
Jim Thompson

Family and Friends:

Sherry (Hays)

Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny) LeAnn, daughter of Tonya. Mona White's Care Giver

Jim D. (Norris)

Dennis Galloway & Wife, Janet

(Hays)

Please pray for Cathy and family on the loss of Kathy's hus-

band, Eric Bose. (Bolin)

Jade Dixon (Julie)

Fred Wilson (Sullivan)

Pam (Smith)

Grace Johnson (Fake)

Sierra Ramirez (Norris)

Krystina Ramos (Norris)

Dora Barraza (Norris)

Shauna Espinosa

Carlos & Anne Cortez (Norris)

Sandy Robbins (Robbins)

Pauline Ritterbush

Autumn Dunlop (Anderson)

JJ Werfelmann (Julie)

Gloria Valdez (Norris)

Emily & Sawyer Bogart

(Anderson)

Roger Robbins (Robbins)

Michelle B. (Norris)

Bonnie Wolfe (Norris)

Janet Sharp

Hudson Otten (Anderson)

Karen Ohanesian (Hays)

Rosemary (Vonny)

Nathan Robbins (Robbins)

Darlee (Norris)



MAY

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

"If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it." John 14:14, NRSV

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

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WORSHIP & OFFERINGS	April 2, 2023	April 9, 2023	April 16, 2023	April 23, 2023
Attendance		Maundy Thursday: 14		
		Good Friday: 31	41	46
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General Fund	\$12,299.00	\$1,870.00	\$5,900.00	\$1,550.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)				
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)				ELCA Disaster: \$2.00
Community Center	Loose Plate: \$65.00	Loose Plate: \$50.00	Loose Plate: \$100.00	Loose Plate: \$
Loose Plate Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)	Altar Flowers: \$160.00	Roeding Fam: \$140.00 Altar Flowers: \$20.00	Roeding Fam: \$25.00	Postage: \$100.00 Altar Flowers: \$60.00 OWLs: \$31.00
BIA Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.	BIA: \$5,480.48 Prop. Use: \$620.00		Prop. Use: \$100.00	
	\$18,624.48	\$2,080.00	\$6,125.00	\$1,743.00

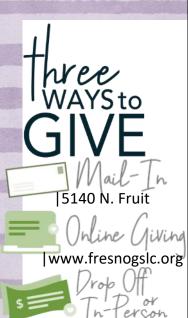
April Financials



Dear Good Shepherd Family,

\$2700.00 more than we take in. We have used any surpluses we had. At the council meeting in April, the council tried to find ways to cut expenses. The decision was made to eliminate the weekend janitor position. We are moving our internet, land line and Pastor's cell phone over to Comcast. This will reduce our monthly by about \$150.00. We have approached the company that we lease the copier from asking if there is a smaller (less costly) photocopier we could move to. I will look into whether we can move to smaller garbage and recycling bins. I need to get over to church and check the bins prior to the pickup to see if they are full our not and I haven't quite found the time to do that. If you have any thoughts on where we can cut expenses, please let me know. I am open to suggestions. Please continue to pray for the health of our church.

Yours in Christ, Caroline Sullivan, Treasurer



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	\$27,231.20	(\$890.30)
Apr	\$28,234.48	\$29,398.31	(\$1,163.83)
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	\$100,975.22	\$111,803.70	(\$10,828.48)





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 1 - 5 Roeding Staff Appreciation Week

May 3, 10, 17 L 24 - Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30PM, Comm. Ctr.

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

May 6 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market 9AM-12PM, Bethany Lutheran

May 8 - Esther Circle Bible Study @ 6PM, Fireside Rm

May 14 - Mother's Day

May 15 - OWLs 'Mad May'@ 1PM, Sandy's Home

May 18 - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Conf Rm

May 21 - GSLC Book Club @ 4PM, Comm. Ctr.

May 29 - Memorial Day, OFFICE CLOSED

May 30 - Roeding Book Distribution @?,???



Coming For A Visit

Karl and Pauline Ritterbush would like to let everyone know that they will be in Fresno from May 8th thru May 15th and will be in church services on The 14th of May. So if people want to see them that is the date, of course everything is subject to change. Right now they will come on the 9th of May. Hope to see all, Karl and Pauline

Upcoming Events

On Saturday, May 6, at 4:00 p.m. Fresno Choral Artists will present "All Nature Sings," a concert at the Social Hall of First Congregational Church, 2131 N. Van Ness Blvd. in Fresno. The concert will celebrate in song the majesty of our natural world. Refreshments for purchase will follow the concert. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$10 for students. For further information consult the organization's website www.fresnochoralartists.org



EVENTS

On Sunday, June 11, at 3:00 p.m. The Fresno Community Chorus Master Chorale will join the Fresno Philharmonic at Saroyan Theatre for performances of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9* and Geter's *Justice Symphony*.

Tickets are available through the Philharmonic's website, fresnophil.org.

GSLC Book Club ~ May 21st @ 4PM

May: "One Italian Summer" by Rebecca Serle



When Katy's mother dies, she is left reeling. Carol wasn't just Katy's mom, but her best friend and first phone call. She had all the answers and now, when Katy needs her the most, she is gone. To make matters worse, their planned mother-daughter trip of a lifetime looms: two weeks in Positano, the magical town Carol spent the summer right before she met Katy's father. Katy has been waiting years for Carol to take her, and now she is faced with embarking on the adventure alone.



But as soon as she steps foot on the Amalfi Coast, Katy begins to feel her mother's spirit. Buoyed by the stunning waters, beautiful cliffsides, delightful residents, and, of course, delectable food, Katy feels herself coming back to life.

And then Carol appears—in the flesh, healthy, sun-tanned, and thirty years old. Katy doesn't understand what is happening, or how—all she can focus on is that she has somehow, impossibly, gotten her mother back. Over the course of one Italian summer, Katy gets to know Carol, not as her mother, but as the young woman before her. She is not exactly who Katy imagined she might be, however, and soon Katy must reconcile the mother who knew everything with the young woman who does not yet have a clue.

Join us Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 in the Community Center for a casual discussion of this month's book. You are invited to join the group in any month that our book strikes your interests. There are no long-term commitments!! Questions - Contact Sharon Rowley shandrow@outlook.com

SUMMER BOOK CLUB READING

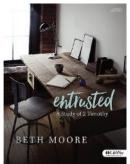
Are you interested in a LITTLE LIGHT SUMMER READING? Stories that might involve a road trip and a 5-star resort? With a little twist on what you might be expecting, plan to join us for our "Two Books of Summer" one Wednesday evening and one Saturday morning this summer. Full details to follow!!!

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Our weekly bible study at 6:30 in the Community Center goes until May 17th

We will be doing a Beth Moore Study

Entrusted, a study of 2nd Timothy



In Paul's final letter, he charged Timothy, his beloved son in the faith, to not be ashamed to fulfill God's call on his life. In the 6 session Bible Study, Beth Moore will challenge you to do the same.

God has a plan for you. He has entrusted you with the gospel message and

has gifted you to carry it to the furthest reaches of this planet. He's calling you to be His mighty servant, willing to face whatever difficulty you encounter as you carry our His mission.



Contact Sharon Rowley if you have any questions (shandrow@outlook.com).

LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ Bethany Lutheran, 5/6, 9-11a.m.



There will be a food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market at the Bethany Lutheran located at 5022 N. Madera Ave., Kerman, on Saturday, 5/6, from 9-11 a.m. 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. Please share this information with anyone you know

who could benefit and with those who might want to volunteer. Questions can be directed to Julio @ 13 divent? @gmail.com or 550, 287, 2457

to Julie @ 13jdixon13@gmail.com or 559-287-3457.

Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry! Shalom. Peace. Paz. Julie Werfelmann

Esther Circle Bible Study

Women's Meets the 2nd Monday @ 6:00PM

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Esther Circle is a women's Bible study group that meets on the second Monday of every month at 6:00 PM in the Fireside Room. We are using the bible study from, "The Gather" magazine.

CENTRAL

CALIFORNIA FOOD BANK

GSLC 65th Anniversary



Celebrating 65 years of "Sharing the Love of Jesus".

Roeding Summer Reading Project—Books Needed!!!

Distribution Will Be May 30th

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!



Roeding Carnival Date Set for June 2nd @ 12:30PM

The Roeding administration has asked us to once again staff the Cake Walk booth at their carnival this year, so please check your calendars to see if you can help out. **Set up will begin at 12PM.** It's lots of fun and a great way to be present with the students on campus. Please let Julie know if you can have some fun with the children at this event. Thank you!



Victor's Last Day—Wish Him Well



Unfortunately, our financial situation is such that we can no longer afford to pay a weekend janitor. This Sunday will be Victor's last day. The council regrets this decision, however, we felt there was little choice.

We are keeping our weekly janitor. She is responsible for cleaning the Sanctuary, Jacobson Hall, the Community Center, and the office. She cleans all the restrooms and takes out the trash.

What this means to us is we are now responsible for set up of our own snacks, make our own coffee/punch and clean up after ourselves. If you are bringing snacks, please be aware you will need to set them up and clean up afterwards. We can't leave food trash around till Evelyn cleans on Thursday (although the potential mice, rats and cockroaches would prefer we do...), so you'll be responsible for taking out the trash from the kitchen and Jacobson to the main garbage bin. If you need any help finding things or need instructions, just ask. If the pantry is locked see Pastor, Julie or me - we'll unlock it (we'll try to remember to do it early).

We have a great congregation and I know everyone will be willing to pitch in and help.

Thank you for understanding and please be sure to wish Victor well.

OWLs Mad May at Sandy's on Monday, May 15 @ 1PM

OWLs are scheduled to land at Sandy's on May 15, @ 1pm. Hootie's are encouraged to don mismatched clothes/shoes/hats? Bring a dish to share. Table service and drinks provided. Come and find out what "crazy" challenging games you will play. See Sandy T for directions/seating reservations.

























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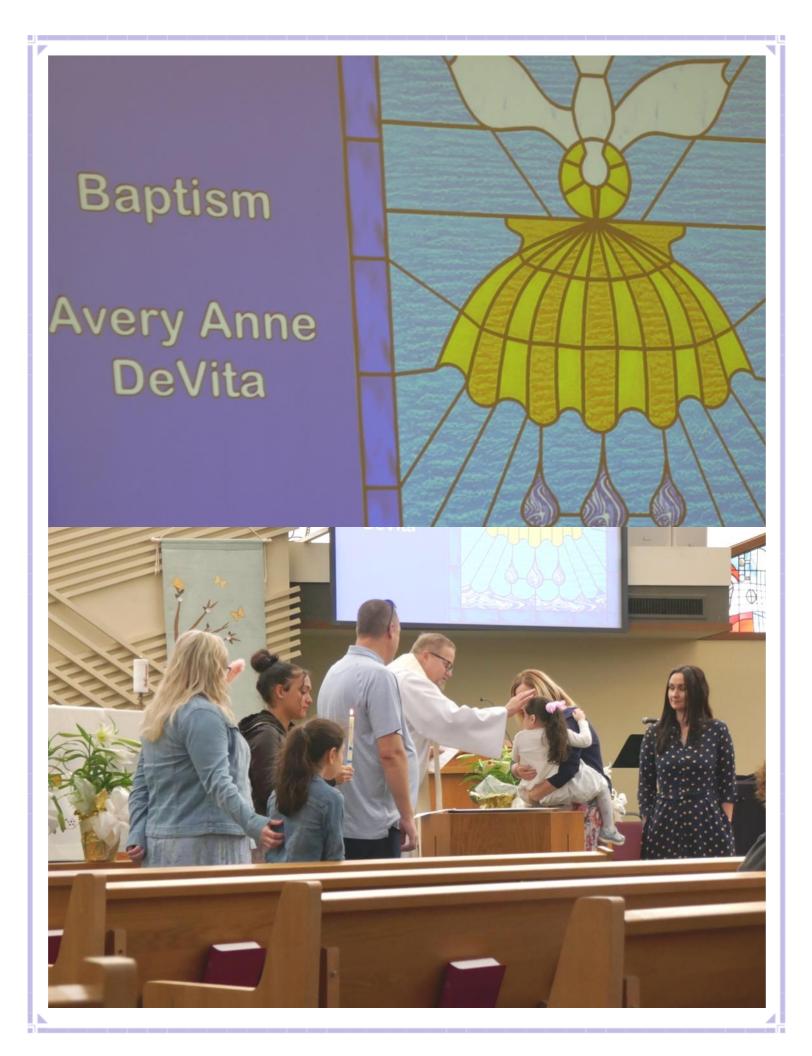






















Easter Bunny Assistants













children's Easter Clothing Project



Many, Many Thanks!

Thank you, Good Shepherd, for once again answering the call to provide love and support to one of our Roeding families! It was truly a group effort as some shopped, some donated money, and some did both. Others rounded up donations and helped organize and count contributions so we could provide relatively equal items to each child since they were all from one family. You guys are amazing!!

Special thanks to Liz for making Easter baskets for each child and shopping till she dropped, to Carol for managing donations and reimbursements for shoppers, and to 3 anonymous donors who contributed nearly \$500 to this project. Any leftover money remains in the dedicated Roeding fund for other needs the administration brings to us. It is a joy to get to be part of this ministry!

Love & grace to you all,

Julie



Our Hootie's happily reunited on April 17th. Eleven of us perched at Sandy's after many cancellations. The spaghetti noodles were almost forgotten so the agenda was rerouted. We may forget WHY we walk into rooms now but we DID remember catchy jingles of brands we grew up with. Aww, my people. A Senior's Alphabet

was enhanced proving we STILL have zest in our minds. The bread bringer forgot but our new and youngest fledgling, Julie, jetting in during her lunch hour saving the day. She landed just in time for grace with Seeduction Bread (and we were seeducted by it too). The Recycled Greedy Gift Grab was shortened due to those on early departure flights so what you grabbed is what you got. Woody won the door prize of a bouquet of Sandy's early blooming roses. Those lingering shared their unexpected pandemic period events and future Hootie Happening suggestions. It was during this trill that your Hootie Head had realized that no pictures had been taken. Our photographer was on vacay and her substitute was in sickbay. Hootie's, set your sights for Sandy's again for May Madness.

Notes of Gratitude



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Thank you for your clothing donations for the Roeding family!

Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Sue H.



Heartfelt Thanks

Thank You, Mona!!!





Many thanks to Mona White for serving as our speaker for International Women's Sunday. She talked about her calling to become an ELCA Deaconess. We learned about her journey as a Deaconess which was informative to all of us. Thanks very much, Mona!

"The chief end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul." Johann Sebastian Bach

Thank you to the Easter Choir for making these words of Bach ring true as we celebrated in song and instrument our Risen Savior Jesus Christ on Easter. We were blessed by your musical talent in so many ways: the Joyful chiming of the Good Shepherd Chimes, wonderful Hymn leading and singing by the Choral Ensemble, Paul Bolm's lovely, heartfelt singing of "The Lord's Prayer" and precise directing of the "Hallelujah Chorus," and the inspiring, majestic voices of you, The Easter Choir as you shared in song the Joy and Hopefulness of Easter Morning. All of you

blessed us with your musical gifts and honored your Savior of Life and Love! May you continue to experience Resurrection Joy today and always as you live so faithfully in His Light. He is risen!! He is risen indeed!!! Gratefully, Susan

Thanks So Much!!!



Thank you so much for the kind words, cards, and gifts for Administrative Professional's Day. I feel so blessed to have a job where my work and efforts are so greatly appreciated. I love being part of GSLC and thank you for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful family of faith. Kathy

Notes of Gratitude

Holy Week THANK YOU

Palm Sunday was a beautiful reminder of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Thank you to all who helped with the palms used to decorate the sanctuary and in the palm processional. The hosannas and praises and the celebratory waving of the palms were such a contrast to the shouts of "Crucify him!" that occurred less than a week later. It is important for us to remember how quickly people can turn on those they once celebrated and praised.





He is RISEN!

Alleluia! He is risen indeed!! And thanks to everyone who gave time, talents, and funds toward our Easter celebration! Thank you for all the beautiful Easter lilies and to the Sullivans for ordering them and decorating the Columbarium. Thanks to Marty and John and crew for showing up early and cooking

breakfast for us. Thanks to Janet for shopping for all of that food. Thanks to all who spent several hours here on Saturday stuffing eggs, decorating Jacobson and the sanctuary, and getting us ready for Easter Sunday. You know who you are!

There is something very special that happens when people gather together to work on a project to benefit all who wish to participate. Work somehow turns to fun, and something meaningful and even magical happens. The pictures capture how much fun everyone had working together to create a beautiful environment for our Easter celebration. It was a delight to behold! May our Easter season continue to be filled with sharing the love of Jesus with one another and all the world.

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.









Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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14 Happy Mother's Day



- Salt & Light (Jacobson)





