



The Shepherd's Voice

May 2024

**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,

We currently have more than a few of our members and friends on our prayer list who have cancer. We have had times of celebrating when someone wins a battle with cancer. We have also had funerals of people who died of cancer.

Below is an article I got from my parents' church, Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Surprise, AZ. I thought it would be helpful to share so we can all be sensitive to those who are facing cancer.

Finding out that someone you know has cancer can be difficult. If you're close to the person, this can be a shocking and stressful time for you, too. If you are not comfortable talking about cancer, you might not be the best person for your friend to talk with at this time, as you work through your own feelings. You can even explain to your friend that you are having trouble talking about cancer. You might be able to help them find someone who is more comfortable talking about it (i.e. support groups, pastor).

But if you feel you want to be there to help, here are some suggestions for listening to, talking with, and being around this person. Communication and flexibility are the keys to success. The most important thing is to **listen**. Try to hear and understand how they feel. Don't make light of, judge, or try to change the way the person feels or acts. Let them know that you're open to talking whenever they feel like it. Or, if they don't feel like talking right at that time, that's OK, too. You can offer to listen whenever they're ready.

You're not alone if you don't know what to say to someone who has cancer. Sometimes the simplest expressions of concern or just listening are the most meaningful things you can do.

Try to make your response honest and heartfelt. Here are some ideas:

"I'm not sure what to say, but I want you to know I care".

"I'm sorry to hear that you are going through this".

"How are you doing?"

"If you would like to talk about it, I'm here".

"Please let me know how I can help".

"I'll keep you in my thoughts".



If someone tells you that they have cancer you should never tell anyone else unless they have given you permission. Let them be the one to tell others. It might feel awkward if you hear through the grapevine that someone has cancer. You could ask the person who told you if it's public information. If it's not, you probably shouldn't say anything to the person with cancer. But if it is public information, don't ignore it. You might say, in a caring way, "I heard what's happening, and I'm sorry".

I hope this is helpful in your being a caring, sensitive person. It is wonderful to be a part of this community that cares for each other!

God's Peace,
Pastor Ted



*From the
Pastor*



Prayer Concerns



Members Needing Prayer:

Don Dueker
 Bob Boehringer on the passing of his wife, Sheila. Sheila has entered the church triumphant.
 Irene Pierini family and friends on her passing. Irene has entered the church triumphant.
 Betty Montgomery
 Jennifer Neer
 Diane Fake
 JoAnn Huebner
 Dee Wright
 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
 Jocelyn Miller
 Kirsten Linder
 Jim Thompson

Family and Friends:

Tonya (White)
 Shanese (White)
 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)
 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)

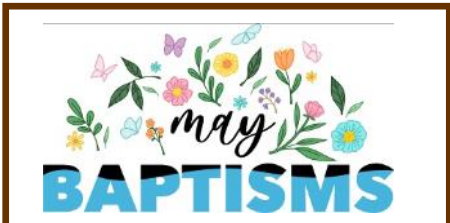


"If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."
 John 14:14, NRSV



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 | April 7 2024 | April 14, 2024 | April 21, 2024 | April 28, 2024 |
|--|--|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Attendance | 47 | 38 | 46 | 47 |
| General Fund | \$9,315.00 | \$1,483.00 | \$1,120.00 | \$1,820.00 |
| Special Memorial (designated funds) | | | Boehringer Mem: \$25.00 | |
| ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds) | | | | |
| Community Center Capital Fund | Loose Plate: \$50.00 | Loose Plate: \$5.00 | Loose Plate: \$155.00 | Loose Plate: \$105.00 |
| Loose Plate | | | | |
| Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds) | Prop. Imprv: \$2,420.00 Color Printing: \$30.00 | | | MEF: \$500.00 |
| BIA Rent/ Property Use/ Misc. | BIA Rent: \$5,584.70 | | Prop. Use: \$1,640.00 | |
| 4 | \$17,419.70 | \$1,488.00 | \$2,940.00 | \$2,425.00 |

April Financials

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

This month we came in negative **\$4,194.93**. We had no unexpected expenses. This is not a particularly great sign for upcoming months. I think we have cut our expenses as much as we can. I do expect our PG & E to be slightly lower now that the children have moved off campus and the school rooms are not being heated or cooled. If you have any ideas on how to cut expenses, let me know. Please continue to pray for the financial health of your church and pray for guidance for the council as they face this challenging year.


Yours in Christ,
Caroline Sullivan, Treasurer

| Month | Income | Expenses | Difference |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Jan. | \$30,880.02 | \$28,175.64 | \$2,704.38 |
| Feb | \$48,414.00 | \$25,461.28 | \$22,952.72 |
| Mar | \$35,857.02 | \$29,066.97 | \$6,790.05 |
| Apr | \$21,277.70 | \$25,422.63 | (\$4,194.93) |
| 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 | \$136,428.74 | \$108,126.52 | \$28,302.22 |

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| 5140 N. Fruit Ave. |

 Online Giving

| www.fresnogslc.org |

 Drop Off
In-Person

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



Check Out These Announcements & 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.



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!

MAY UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 1, 8, 15 & 22—Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30pm, Comm Ctr
- May 4 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ 9am-1pm, Bethany
- May 5 - Cinco de Mayo
- May 5 - Columbarium Meeting @ 11am, Conf Rm
- May 12 - Mother's Day
- May 13 - Esther Circle @ 6:30pm, Fireside Rm
- May 16 - Council Meeting @ 6:00pm, Conf Rm
- May 19 - Pentecost BBQ after service, Jacobson Hall
- May 19 - GSLC Book Club @ 4pm, Comm Ctr
- May 20 - OWLS @ 1pm, Dee Wright's Home
- May 27 - Memorial Day
- OFFICE CLOSED
- May 29 - Kingsmen/Kingskids, Jacobson Hall
- May 31 - Staff Meeting @ 10am

UPCOMING EVENTS

LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ Bethany Church, 5/4, 9 -11a.m.



There will be a drive through food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market at Bethany Church located at 5022 N. Madera Ave, Kerman, CA on Saturday, 5/4, 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.

Pentecost BBQ on May 19th

Please plan to stay after worship on 5/19 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?!?

We plan to celebrate by grilling up hot dogs and providing chili to top them. (You are also welcome to bring other meats/proteins to grill if you'd rather.) We will also be supplying everything for ice cream sundaes! The congregation is invited to bring salads and sides to complete the meal. Remember to wear red, and feel free to bring your friends! All are welcome. ♥



OWLS May 20 @ 1PM

OWLS SUNDAES & RUMMIKUB



Hooties will land for an afternoon treat of ice cream in the garden of Dee Wright on May 20, Monday at 1 pm. Tables will be set for Rummikub pros (visors not provided) and learners. Nonplayers may chat over another scoop. Call Dee for ride arrangements. Sandy will contact members for ingredient signups. PS. Counting calories

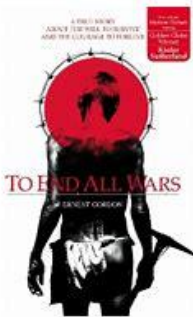


GSLC Book Club

May 19 @ 4PM, Community Center



May Book: "To End All Wars"



When Ernest Gordon was twenty-four he was captured by the Japanese and forced, with other British prisoners, to build the notorious 'Railroad of Death' where 16,000 prisoners of war gave their life. Faced with the appalling conditions of the prisoner's camp and the brutality of the captors, he survived to become an inspiring example of the triumph of the human spirit against all odds.

To End All Wars is the gripping story about the will to survive and the courage to forgive behind the 1957 movie "The Bridge on the River Kwai" and the 2001 film "To End All Wars."

Join us Sunday afternoon, May 19 at 4:00 in the Community Center for casual discussion about our monthly book. No long term commitment, join us any month you choose to read our book choice.

This book will end our 2024-2025 book list. The books for next year will be announced in May and will be available in the June Newsletter.



ALSO!! There will once again be our Summer Mini-book club. Those two book titles plus their meeting dates will also be available in the June Newsletter.



Kingsmen/Kings Kids Begins May 29 @ 6:30PM

The next date for Kingsmen will be May 29th. Marty will be providing a BBQ dinner. As always, side dishes are welcomed if possible.

Thank you, William Hayes



MEF Presentation April 14th

Sunday April 14th the Mission Endowment Fund board was pleased to present a \$500.00 check to Guy Adams from The Heart of the Horse Therapy Ranch in Clovis, CA. The ranch offers a "hands on" experience with horses to persons of the Central San Joaquin Valley who are medically fragile and veterans with service related injuries and severe PTSD. Guy shared an inspiring story of a young lady who thought she would never walk as a result of her injury who over time was able to play softball in high school. We are so happy to support this great organization.



Guy Adams from the Heart of the Horse Therapy



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.

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.



We praise and celebrate the birth of Lillian Marie Brown,
born on April 9th to Autumn and Eric Brown. Lillian Marie
is the granddaughter of Sue and John Hays.



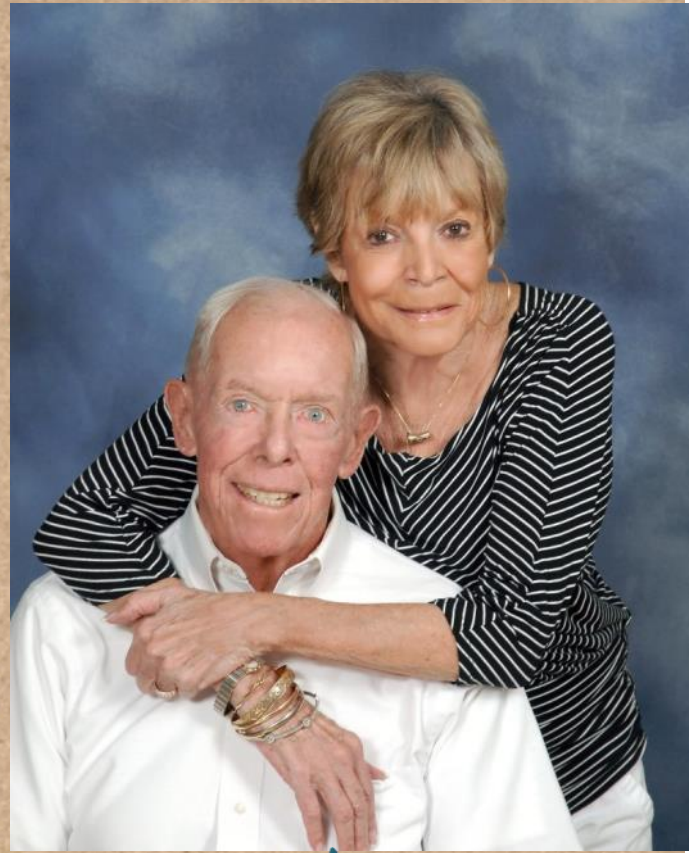
Lillian Marie Brown
6.5 pounds and 19 inches long.
Mom and baby are healthy and happy.

Sheila Boehringer

November 24, 1940 – April 9, 2024

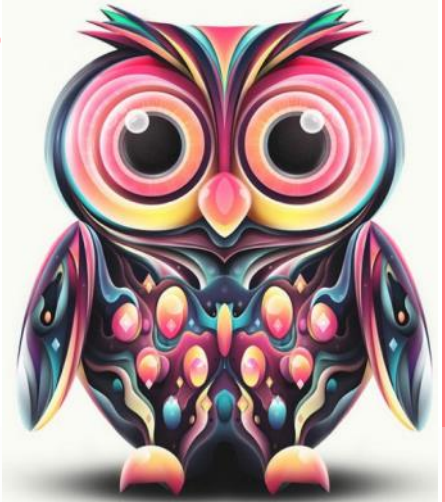
*Sheila Boehringer went home to be with the Lord April 9th.
She has entered the church triumphant.
Please pray for Bob Boehringer and family on their loss.*

*"WELL DONE,
good
AND
faithful
SERVANT!"*



MATTHEW 25:21

DWLS



Bask and Brew Restaurant reserved a perch for 14 Hooties in April. Business noted the passing of two of Good Shepherd's members. The existence of GSLC's 55 years was celebrated. How Eve checked Adam's faithfulness jolted joy. Attendees belted out the Doxology for grace. A five minimum per check policy had an easy division. So, we thought. When the check arrived three of us couldn't figure out why our total was so high. Julie must be part bulldog because she was relentless searching for that bone (answer). Our check had been given to the party of five by mistake. Mary rolled in as the last members exited. A semi-truck had taken a siesta on its side had her tapping frustration in a "parking lot". It wasn't until your Hootie Head got home that I realized no photos were taken. But believe me, we all had a great time swapping memories while scarfing down our sustenance.

Owl-ways



Notes of Gratitude

Thank You Contributors!!

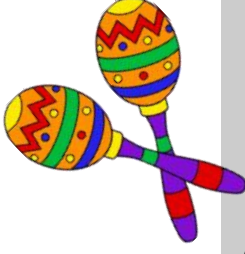





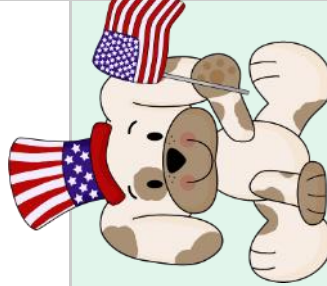
Thank you to all the members that contribute every month to the newsletter in some form or another. Your contribution makes creating the Newsletter a blessing and a success. Whether it's pictures, articles, expressions of gratitude, or upcoming events the effort is greatly appreciated. The Newsletter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

God Bless!! Kathy



MAY 2024



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|
|  <p>5 Cinco de Mayo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10AM Worship Service 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall) 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light | <p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr) 6:30PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study (Comm Ctr) | <p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6PM - 10PM Men's Choir (Comm Ctr) 6:30PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study (Comm Ctr) | <p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6PM - 10PM Men's Choir (Comm Ctr) 6:30PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study (Comm Ctr) | <p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6PM - 10PM Men's Choir (Comm Ctr) 6:30PM Council Meeting (Conf Rm) | <p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6PM - 10PM Men's Choir (Comm Ctr) | <p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9AM—1PM LHN Free Neighborhood Market |
| <p>12 <i>Happy Mother's Day!!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10AM Worship Service 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall) 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light  | <p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30PM Esther Circle (Fireside Rm) 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr) 6:30PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study (Comm Ctr) | <p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr) 6:30PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study (Comm Ctr) | <p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6PM - 10PM Men's Choir (Comm Ctr) 6:30PM Council Meeting (Conf Rm) | <p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6PM - 10PM Men's Choir (Comm Ctr) 6:30PM Council Meeting (Conf Rm) | <p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6PM - 10PM Men's Choir (Comm Ctr) | <p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12PM—2PM Group (Comm Ctr) |
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| <p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10AM Worship Service 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall) 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light | <p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED  | <p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr) | <p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6PM - 10PM Men's Choir (Comm Ctr) | <p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6PM - 10PM Men's Choir (Comm Ctr) | <p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10AMN Staff Meeting (Pr. Ted's Office) |  |

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