



GOOD
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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,

Two weeks ago we celebrated saster. What a wonderful day of worship and seeing each other again! It was great to welcome back those of you who have gotten out of the habit of regular worship. The church was full. The songs seemed to be sung with even more joy than usual. It was a real high point.

The following weekend the church was full again. This time it was on saturday for Paul Werfelmann's musical memorial. As you could expect, a man as great as Paul gets a good size crowd to show up at his funeral. Have you ever wondered how many people will be at yours?

anyway, for two weekends the church was full. It was exciting to have that much energy. On both weekends we welcomed back people who had been gone for awhile.

Then we celebrated the Sunday AFTER Easter. Maybe it was because we had such a huse membrial service the day before, but it was obvious there were a lot more open seats than just a day prior, and week prior. I suess this shouldn't surprise me as it is a pattern we have seen for years. It just seemed particularly true this year.

Whichever group you fall into, I'm so glad you worshipped with us when you did! If your worship pattern has dropped off, I encourage you to make worship a priority again. There is a lot of strength that we get from each other when we come together in community. If you were one of the ones in church the Sunday AFTEK Easter, I just want to commend you for your faithfulness! You recognize that god's love is something to be celebrated everyday, not just on the holy days.

I hope this season of easter brings you new life however you may need it. I also hope to see you at worship!

God's peace,

Prayer Concerns

Members in Need of Prayer:

John Bender & Family on the loss of His Mother.

Liz Smith & Family on the loss of Her Grandpa. Julie Werfelmann & Family on the loss of Her Husband Rev. Paul Werfelmann.

Connie Alvarado
Woody Wilk
Doris Moscatelli
Tom Rogers
Mary Norris & Family
Rev. Arlynne Turnquist
Mabel Vogler
Susan Berg
Richard & Kay Schumacher
Irene Pierini

Family and Friends:

Emily & Sawyer Bogart (Jill Anderson)

Roger Robbins (Arlene Robbins) Randy Fisher (Jill Anderson)

Michelle B. (Mary Norris)
Jaylyssa (Saturday Sports Fami-

Bonnie Wolfe (Norris')
Nels Harris (Anderson-Harris')

Diane's Sisters & Niece

Mona White

Hudson Otten (Jill Anderson) Marilyn & Family (Carolyn Linn) Rhylee Dinning (Kathy Edison)

Mary (The Wilk's)

David Davenport (Susan Linder) Anne Todd-Cortez (Norris') Karen Ohanesian (Hays) Rosemary (Vonny's Friend) Eric & Cathy Bose (Cecile Bach-

ar)

Nathan Robbins (Arlene Rob-

oins)

Darlee (Norris')
Molly (Norris')

Mickey Cecil & Vergie G.

(Norris')

Mike D.

Anthony Chollicho

Kim Carlson



Carolyn Linn – 5/05 Ted Niemi – 5/08 Kay Provost – 5/14 Carol Sullivan – 5/21 Alan Hofmann – 5/30

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



Steven Austin – 5/01
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

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



Jocelyn Miller

Kirsten Linder

Jim Thompson

Betty Snyder



Please PRAY for those affected by COVID-19



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 Natural Disasters and COVID-19.

For Prayer Requests Call or email the Church Office 225-2092/gslcfresno@att.net

STEWARDSHIP OF WORSHIP & OFFERINGS	Apr. 3, 2022	Apr. 10, 2022	Apr. 17, 2022	Apr. 24, 2022
Attendance	55	58 Maundy Thursday 23 Good Friday 25	126	41
General Fund	\$8,594.75	\$3,553.00	\$6,700.00	\$1,455.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)				Memorial: \$300.00
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)	ELCA Disaster: \$2.00	ELCA Disaster: \$	ELCA Disaster: \$	ELCA Disaster: \$
Community Center Capital Fund Loose Plate	Loose Plate: \$30.00	Loose Plate: \$251.00	Loose Plate: \$300.00	Loose Plate: \$
Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)	Special (Paraments): \$236.25	Altar Flowers: \$80.00	Altar Flowers: \$140.00	Youth: \$91.00 Comm Ctr: \$50.00
BIA Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.		BIA: \$5,376.26		
	\$8,863.00	\$9,260.26	\$7,140.00	\$1,896.00

April Financials

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

April giving was up from March. We were up slightly for Easter week. We did not have any major expenses for April. We had our yard person clear the weeds from the ponding basin area. They were dry and a fire hazard. The cost was \$500.00. Next month we will apply pre-emergent to the area to, hopefully, keep the weeds down. All other expense were as expected for April. Prayers for no major expenses! It is nice to be positive.



Yours in Christ,

Caroline Sullivan

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
Jan.	\$26,059.68	\$25,671.37	\$388.31
Feb	\$39,072.90	\$26,260.04	\$12,812.86
Mar	\$19,168.42	\$27,104.30	(\$7,935.88)
Apr	\$26,422.01	\$27,329.12	(\$907.11)
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	\$110,723.01	\$106, <mark>364</mark> .83	\$4,358.18



COFFEE HOSTS/HOSTESSES NEEDED!!!



We have restarted our Coffee Social Hour and need people to sign up to be host/hostess for May/June. If you are able to host/hostess for a Sunday, please sign up in Jacobson

Pantry Needs

The GSLC Food Pantry is in need of restocking.

The following items can be bought and dropped off at the office M-F, 9am-1pm: Canned Spaghetti sauce, tuna helper, peanut butter, canned green beans, chilly, noodles or spaghetti, breakfast cereal, canned meats, jelly, rice, canned refried, black or pinto beans, and ramen.

If you prefer we do the shopping, that works too! Just make a donation and designate it for the "Food Pantry".

†Live in the Faith lane, Sue Hays



Food Pantry

Needš

GSLC Book Club

GSLC BOOK CLUB - GOOD BOOKS AHEAD!!

MAY book club - "West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge

An emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America.



TRUTHFILLED

It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and worldweary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Behind the wheel is the young Dust Bowl rowdy Woodrow. Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real-life figures with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, a crusty old man with a past, a young female photographer with a secret, and assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes.

Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, West with Giraffes explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late.

Sunday, May 15 at 4:00 in the Community Center

We will announce the book list for 2022-2023 at our May discussion. Be on hand to hear what wonderful books await!

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY for Spring

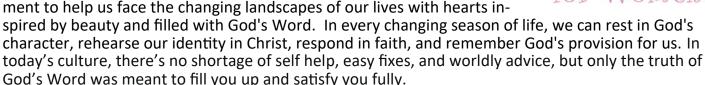
TruthFilled" - The Practice of Preaching to Yourself Through Every Season by Ruth Chou Simons

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." —Colossians 3:16a

Many of us want God's Word to dwell richly in us, but life can get in the way. We'd never intentionally write chapters of confusion, failure, loss, pain, conflict, or suffering into our stories. No one plans to wrestle with her identity in Christ, to struggle to

love her husband, to feel lonely in ministry, or to feel helpless in motherhood. Yet we often find ourselves in these seasons, struggling to embrace the gospel hope we need to fill our discouraged souls.

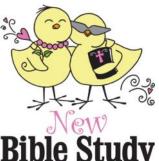
Join Ruth Chou Simons as she leads us through a practice of preaching gospel truth to ourselves by studying Paul's example in the Book of Colossians. In TruthFilled, Ruth combines her signature artistry and practical encouragement to help us face the changing landscapes of our lives with hearts in-



This will be a 7-week Bible Study, beginning Wednesday, April 20 and ending June 1. Meeting @ 6:30PM in the Community Center.

I have ordered 10 books. Contact Sharon Rowley 313-0757 (text okay) to reserve your copy. The cost will be \$20.00

(Books available to order on your own through Amazon and Christianbook.)



Book Club

Food Distribution

Another successful delivery of food for 10 deserving families at Roeding school, due to the generosity of our church family.





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Bereavement Committee volunteers needed! It's time to update and refresh our committee list! If you would like to join us in baking, serving or cleanup when families need us to reach out and help, please email **Diane Fake** at **gordonrf@comcast.net** or see me at church.



Roeding Summer Reading Project

We will once again be collecting books for our children at Roeding to be delivered right before school gets out for summer break. We are looking for new or gently used books for ages preschool through teens. Please keep your eyes and ears open for yard sales, library sales, and teachers retiring! Bring them in as you find them. Thank you!



LEN Free Neighborhood Market @ Bethany Lutheran Church, 5/07, 9-11a.m.

There will be a food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market at Bethany Lutheran 5022 N. Madera, Kerman, on Saturday, 5/07, from 9-11 a.m. Central CA Food Bank will provide gloves, and you will need to bring your own mask. On 5/7, anyone planning to volunteer 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 get food for their own household, too, just like usual. Please share this information with everyone you know who could benefit and with

those who might want to volunteer. Questions can be directed to me @ 13jdixon13@gmail.com or 559-287-3457.

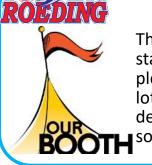
Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry! Julie W.

Help Celebrate Mission Endowment Fund's 25th Anniversary

Sunday, May 1st join the board of the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) in celebrating 25 years of promoting Christian stewardship and the mission and ministry of Good Shepherd. There will be a short temple talk and refreshments provided after service to highlight the difference your donations have made here at Good Shepherd, in our community and around the world. Thank you for all of your support over the years!



Roeding Carnival Date Set for May 27th @ 1PM



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. 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!

BULA Trip

Please help John Hays fund his 11th house building trip with the nonprofit BULA!

He leaves June 8th from Fresno/Yosemite Airport!

†Live in the Faith lane, Sue Havs



Send check to Bula c/o Rudy Roberts 1220 E Feemster, Visalia Ca 93292 Memo: June Build 22

Community Event

Community Music

Coro Piccolo, Quintus, and Altissima, ensembles of Fresno Community Chorus, Inc. perform "Night of the Soul," music to move, soothe, and inspire, on Sunday, May 15, at 3:00 p.m. at Hope Lu-



theran Church, 364 E. Barstow Ave., Fresno 93710. Good Shepherd's Cheryl and John Montgomery sing in Coro Piccolo. For tickets visit the tickets page of the Community Chorus website www.fresnocommunitychorus.org., email to fresnocommunitychorus@gmail.com, or call (559) 709-6245. All concert attendees must present valid ID and proof of full vaccination (including booster shots) prior to entrance. Masking is required.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF KITS

Thank You Volunteers!!!



A great group turned out Thursday to assemble materials

for 30 Lutheran World Relief Personal Kits.

Dee, Jan, Mary, Diane, Jackie,

Karla (taking photo) and JoAnn! (Janet and Marie also helped but snuck out before

the photo op!! Thanks again!

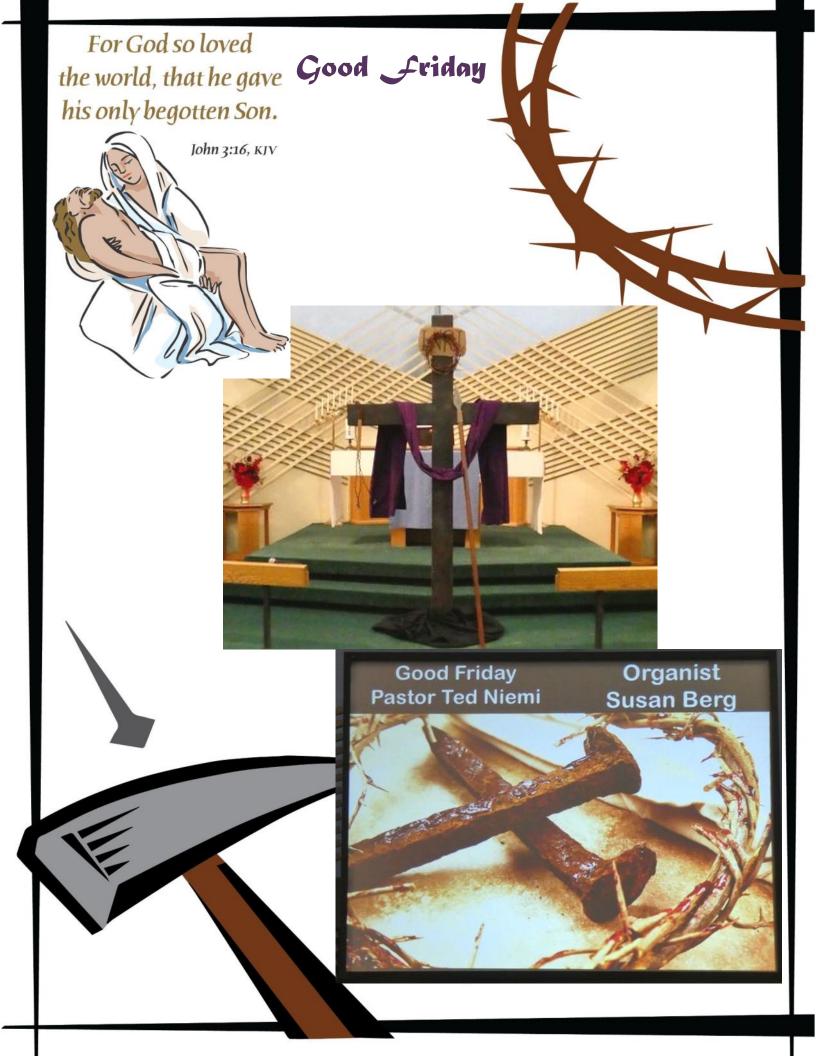




LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

























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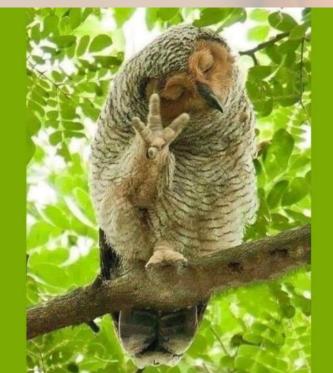
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CAN YOU IMAGINE THE NUN SITTING AT HER DESK GRADING THESE PAPERS, ALL THE WHILE TRYING TO KEEP A STRAIGHT FACE AND MAINTAIN HER COMPOSURE!

PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE WORDING AND SPELLING. IF YOU KNOW THE BIBLE EVEN A LITTLE, YOU'LL FIND THIS HILARIOUS! IT COMES FROM A CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEST.

KIDS WERE ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS. THE FOLLOWING 25 STATEMENTS ABOUT THE BIBLE WERE WRITTEN BY CHILDREN. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN RETOUCHED OR CORRECTED. INCORRECT SPELLING HAS BEEN LEFT IN.

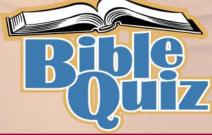
- 1. IN THE FIRST BOOK OF THE BIBLE, GUINESSIS. GOD GOT TIRED OF CREATING THE WORLD SO HE TOOK THE SABBATH OFF.
- 2. ADAM AND EVE WERE CREATED FROM AN APPLE TREE. NOAH'S WIFE WAS JOAN OF ARK. NOAH BUILT AND ARK AND THE ANIMALS CAME ON IN PEARS.
- 3. LOTS WIFE WAS A PILLAR OF SALT DURING THE DAY, BUT A BALL OF FIRE DURING THE NIGHT.
- 4. THE JEWS WERE A PROUD PEOPLE AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY THEY HAD TROUBLE WITH UNSYMPATHETIC GENITALS.
- 5. SAMPSON WAS A STRONGMAN WHO LET HIMSELF BE LED ASTRAY BY A JEZE-BEL LIKE DELILAH.
- 6. SAMSON SLAYED THE PHILISTINES WITH THE AXE OF THE APOSTLES.



Picture Courtesy of Diane Fake

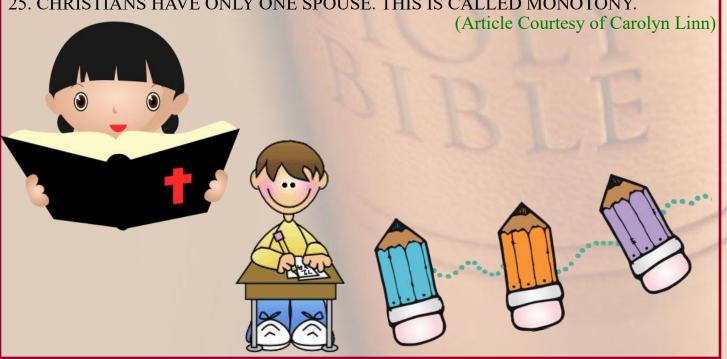
- 7. MOSES LED THE JEWS TO THE RED SEA WHERE THEY MADE UNLEAVENED BREAD, WHICH IS BREAD WITHOUT ANY INGREDIENTS.
- 8. THE EGYPTIANS WERE ALL DROWNED IN THE DESSERT. AFTERWARDS, MOSES WENT UP TO MOUNT CYANIDE TO GET THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.
- 9. THE FIRST COMMANDMENTS WAS WHEN EVE TOLD ADAM TO EAT THE APPLE.

10. THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT IS THOU SHALT NOT ADMIT ADULTERY.



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- 11. MOSES DIED BEFORE HE EVER REACHED CANADA THEN JOSHUA LED THE HEBREWS IN THE BATTLE OF GERITOL.
- 12. THE GREATEST MIRICLE IN THE BIBLE IS WHEN JOSHUA TOLD HIS SON TO STAND STILL AND HE OBEYED HIM.
- 13. DAVID WAS A HEBREW KING WHO WAS SKILLED AT PLAYING THE LIAR. HE FOUGHT THE FINKELSTEINS, A RACE OF PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN BIBLICAL TIMES.
- 14. SOLOMON, ONE OF DAVIDS SONS, HAD 300 WIVES AND 700 PORCUPINES.
- 15. WHEN MARY HEARD SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF JESUS, SHE SANG THE MAGNA CARTA
- 16. WHEN THE THREE WISE GUYS FROM THE EAST SIDE ARRIVED THEY FOUND JESUS IN THE MANAGER.
- 17. JESUS WAS BORN BECAUSE MARY HAD AN IMMACULATE CONTRAPTION.
- 18. ST. JOHN THE BLACKSMITH DUMPED WATER ON HIS HEAD.
- 19. JESUS ENUNCIATED THE GOLDEN RULE, WHICH SAYS TO DO UNTO OTHERS BEFORE THEY DO ONE TO YOU. HE ALSO EXPLAINED A MAN DOTH NOT LIVE BY SWEAT ALONE.
- 20. IT WAS A MIRICLE WHEN JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD AND MANAGED TO GET THE TOMBSTONE OFF THE ENTRANCE.
- 21. THE PEOPLE WHO FOLLOWED THE LORD WERE CALLED THE 12 DECIBELS.
- 22. THE EPISTELS WERE THE WIVES OF THE APOSTLES.
- 23. ONE OF THE OPPOSSUMS WAS ST. MATTHEW WHO WAS ALSO A TAXIMAN.
- 24. ST. PAUL CAVORTED TO CHRISTIANITY, HE PREACHED HOLY ACRIMONY, WHICH IS ANOTHER NAME FOR MARRAIGE.
- 25. CHRISTIANS HAVE ONLY ONE SPOUSE. THIS IS CALLED MONOTONY.



Notes of Gratitude



Thanks from the Heart!!!

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped make Paul's memorial service and celebration of life so beautiful. It was so very lovely and gave me such comfort. In addition to our immediate and extended family, special thanks to the following who really went above and beyond in their contributions of both time and effort: Francis and Carol Sullivan, Paul Bolm, Pastor Ted, Susan Berg, Kathy Edison, Mary Fey Norris, Karol Fair, Dale Fair, Victor

Rosales, Diane Fake and the entire Bereavement Committee, Dee Wright, Susan Linder, Liz Smith, and Justin Pipes. Huge thanks to those who brought us the amazing gift of their music: David Aus, Susan Berg, Paul Bolm, Alan Hofmann, Erik Johnson, Jimmy Sanborn, Mark Svetlik, Chris Walker, and Sean Walker.

Thank you also to the entire congregation for your love and support throughout Paul's illness and following his death. He loved hearing from you via calls, cards, emails, and texts. Thanks to all who have brought and sent us food and words of comfort and who have checked in on me over the past few weeks in particular. It is deeply appreciated. Thank you for the years of prayers. Paul was - and is - my beloved, and he brought me such joy and delight. Even though my faith is big, and I know he will never really leave me, I am

deeply grieving the loss of his physical presence. So, thank you for being our friends. That helps. And whatever you do, in honor of my darling husband, don't forget to be somebody's biggest fan!

Love,

Julie - and forever Paul, too.



I'd like to thank Carol and Francis Sullivan for their helpful collaboration with making our services enjoyable for everyone. Blessings Always!

Thank you as well, Kathy!

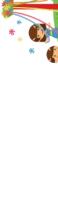


Mary C Norris



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