



The Shepherd's Voice June 2022



GOOD
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MISSION
STATEMENT

Sharing The
Love of
Jesus
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You are welcome to join us at Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church

"Be still and know that I am God." - Psalm 46:10 Dear Friends,

As I write this, the news that 18 children and 1 teacher were killed in a shooting in Uvalde, Texas is breaking. To make a horrific situation even worse it was at an elementary school, with some of the most vulnerable among us slaughtered. The age of the students there is 10. It is one of those events that makes one question what kind of world we live in.

This is also an interesting time on the world stage. Russia has led an evil war against its neighbor causing nations all over the world to react. How can such atrocities, like the ones we hear about in Ukraine, exist? It's enough to question the goodness of people.

Well, it's a good thing our faith doesn't depend on people. When these types of things happen it is good for us to remember that God is in charge. The Psalms can be a great source of comfort and encouragement. It may help you to read some.

It is also important that we worship regularly, especially during times like these. We get encouragement from each other. I regularly see you support each other through all of life's stages. It has been fun to see many of you socialize as we have resumed the coffee hour. At times like these it is great to be a part of the church.

I look forward to worshipping with you! God's Peace, Pastor Ted

Prayer Concerns

Members in Need of Prayer:

Pat Hayner-Slusser Mary Norris & Family Vonny Sturgeon Dana Klein Julie Werfelmann & Family on the loss of Her Husband Rev. Paul Werfelmann.

Jennifer Neer & Family on the loss of her mother.

Connie Alvarado Woody Wilk Doris Moscatelli

Mabel Vogler Susan Berg

Richard & Kay Schu-

macher

Irene Pierini

Jocelyn Miller

Kirsten Linder

Jim Thompson

Family and Friends:

Jason Franklin Family (Sandy)

JJ Werfelmann (Julie)

Ginger & David Chappell (Sandy)

Lukas Franklin (Sandy) Gloria Valdez (Norris)

Joe Romero family upon his

death. (Norris)

Elizabeth Rosales (Victor Rosales)

Emily & Sawyer Bogart (Anderson)

Roger Robbins (Robbins)
Randy Fisher (Anderson)

Michelle B. (Norris)

Jaylyssa (Saturday Sports Family)

Bonnie Wolfe (Norris)

Nels Harris (Anderson-Harris)

Diane's Sisters & Niece

Mona White

Hudson Otten (Anderson)

Pauline Ritterbush
Marilyn & Family (Linn)

Rhylee Dinning (Kathy Edison)

Mary (Wilk)

David Davenport (Linder) Anne Todd-Cortez (Norris) Karen Ohanesian (Hays)

Rosemary (Vonny)

Eric & Cathy Bose (Bachar)

Nathan Robbins (Robbins)

Darlee (Norris)
Molly (Norris)

Mickey Cecil & Vergie G. (Norris)

Mike D.

Anthony Chollicho

Kim Carlson



Brenda Allen – 6/03
Art Mehl – 6/09
Debbie West – 6/12
Tesha Novell – 6/20
McKenna Hotetz – 6/21
Malina Hotetz – 6/21
Judith Smith – 6/22
Ruth Thompson – 6/23
Jacquelyn Miller – 6/24
Gloria Miller – 6/27
Michelle Wilson – 6/28
Debbie Keller – 6/29

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



Courtney Bolm – 6/13 Kevin Bolm – 6/13 Jacquelyn Miller – 6/29 Tesha Novell – 6/30







Please PRAY for those affected by COVID-19



Terry & Linda Roberts - 6/6 Ken & Susan Berg - 6/16 Steve & Janet McQuillan - 6/29



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	May 1, 2022	May 8, 2022	May 15, 2022	May 22, 2022	May 29, 2022
Attendance	57	50	40	49	50
General Fund	\$2,305.00	\$5,348.00	\$4,235.00	\$3,995.00	\$1,670.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)	Memorial: \$575.00			Memorial: \$	Memorial: \$
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)	ELCA Disaster: \$	ELCA Disaster: \$	ELCA Disaster: \$	ELCA Disaster: \$	ELCA Disaster: \$
Community Center Capital Fund Loose Plate	Loose Plate: \$25.00	Loose Plate: \$170.00	Loose Plate: \$140.00	Loose Plate: \$25.00 Comm Ctr: \$50.00	Loose Plate: \$325.00
Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)	MEF: \$1,000.00 BULA: \$50.00	Memorial Garden: \$2,500.00 Altar Flowers: \$178.13 Special Gift (Lighting): \$100.00		Special Gift (Lighting): \$1,000.00 Altar Flowers: \$200.00	Special Gift Lighting): \$2,000.00
BIA Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.	BIA: 5,176.26 Property Use: \$960.00	BIA: \$200.00			BIA: \$5,376.26 Property Use: \$175.00
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May Financials

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

This month has been a mixed month. Our income is up. This was due to receiving BIA's June rent early. Our expenses look down — but this is due to me making an error in calculating when to do direct deposit payroll and vendor payments. I miscounted and everyone is getting paid one day late. I KNEW Monday was a holiday — but forgot to take that into consideration. This will make next month's expenses higher than normal. The good news is we are on the plus side as we head into the summer season.



As I am sure most of you are aware we had, we had wire thieves vandalize our outside lights. They got into the parking lights first, then vandalized the courtyard lights. The expense to do the repairs they could do so far was \$1,105.00. To fix the lights we need to replace the old mercury vapor (no longer legal in CA) lights with LED lights. They will also be doing work to help prevent the vandalism in the future. The total cost will be \$6,832.00. I have turned both bills into the insurance company. I have provided all information they have requested to date. I am not sure what they will do with this and if they will authorize any payment. Our deductible is \$1000.00. I am unsure if we will have one deductible or two deductibles. I told them I was unsure how many times the thieves targeted us. I am waiting to see what they will do. We have received a donation of \$500.00 from the Memorial Garden and an additional \$2,600.00 for our congregation. I will let the congregation know what the insurance company decides.

Thank you for your continued support!

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	\$26,422.41	\$27,329.12	(\$906.71)
May	\$30,195.52	\$17,278.61	\$12,916.91
Jun			\$0.00
Jul			\$0.00
Aug			\$0.00
Sep			\$0.00
Oct			\$0.00
Nov			\$0.00
Dec			\$0.00
Total	\$140,918.93	\$123,643.44	\$17,275.49



Check Out These Announcements & Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!



COFFEE HOSTS/HOSTESSES NEEDED!!!

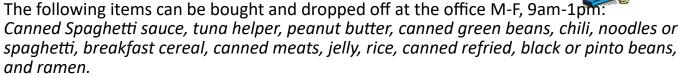


We have restarted our Coffee Social Hour and need people to sign up to be host/hostess for June/July. If you are able to host/hostess for a Sunday,

please sign up in Jacobson Hall.

Pantry Needs

The GSLC Food Pantry is in need of restocking.



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

National Dog Day August 26th



Founded in 2004 by Animal Welfare Advocate and Pet Lifestyle Expert, Colleen Paige, National Dog Day celebrates all breeds, mixed and pure and serves to help galvanize the public to recognize the number of dogs that need to be rescued each year, either from public shelters, rescues and pure breed rescues.

Celebrating National Dog Day can be as easy as giving your four-legged friend a big hug and kiss (if they like that sort of affection)! To celebrate your pet, we are asking you to send in a pic of you showing your furry friend how much their loved or just a favorite pic of them for the August Newsletter. Please give details on how you came to be their parent and how long you have been a dog mom/dad.

"Dogs should not have to lose their lives because of the atrocities they have been forced to endure at the hands of man"

Colleen Paige, Founder of National Dog Day

Food Pantry

Needš

Pentecost Sunday

PENTECOST PICNIC COMING 6/5

We are planning to celebrate the Day of Pentecost with a picnic after worship on Sunday, June 5th. We will have a bunch of bratwursts along with toppings and will set up a sundae bar for dessert. The congregation is invited to bring salads and sides to share as well as your own reusable place settings. (But yes, there will be paper plates available for those who forget.) If it is too hot outside, we will eat inside Jacobson. Please plan to join together with your Good Shepherd family to celebrate the birthday of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

PS - Don't forget to wear red



Honoring All Our Graduations/Promotions

If you had a graduation/promotion in your family that didn't make it into the June newsletter, here's one more chance. We would like to recognize any graduates, along with any honors and achievements, in our next newsletter. We want to hear about preschool through advanced college degrees if you'd like to share. We are excited to hear about all of our congregation's members and their loved ones! Please email anything you'd like to include to Kathy in the office at: gslcfresno@att.net.



On June 16 we are celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary. We would like to invite our Good Shepherd family to share in our celebration with cake and other goodies (with thanks to Suzie Gutierrez) during our fellowship time following the worship service on June 12.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Susan and Ken Berg

UNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Roeding Book Project Update - June 8th

We will be delivering the books to Roeding on Wed, June 8th around 8 a.m. We will distribute the books to the students in the cafeteria from 8:30-10:30. Please contact Julie @ 559-187-3457 or 13jdixon13@gmail.com if you would like to help transport or supervise the distribution. It's really fun to see the children who are so excited to get their own books to take home and keep! You do not have to commit to being there the entire time. Also, our own Ebay super shopper, Deb Wilk, has purchased 300 books for around \$150. If you would like to help her defray this cost, please give her a check or cash when you see her.

Christ in Our Home

The 'Christ in Our Home' Devotional for July, Aug., and Sept. is available in the office. You may pick one up M-F, 9am-1pm or you can email Kathy and she will send one out, just let her know if you prefer regular or large print.



CALIFORNIA FOOD BANK

LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 6/04, 9-11a.m.



There will be a food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church located at 2101 N. Fruit Ave. on Saturday, 6/04, from 9-11 a.m. Central CA Food Bank will provide gloves, and you will need to bring your own mask. On 6/4, 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! CENTRAL

Julie W.

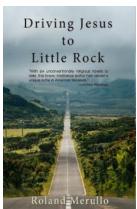
GOOD SHEPHERD SUMMER BOOK CLUB



Driving Jesus to Little Rock by Roland Merullo —



Wednesday, July 6 at 6:30 pm – Community Center



The narrator of the story, Eddie Valpolicella, is on his way from Massachusetts to Arkansas to give a talk on "his" novel, Breakfast with Buddha, when, not far from home, he picks up a mysterious hitchhiker. Plainly dressed, insisting that he's a fan of the author, the hitchhiker claims to be Jesus, the Jesus, and accompanies Eddie on a five-day road trip that challenges him in an amusing variety of ways.

Every night on the way south, Eddie calls home to speak with his wife, and Anna Maria's fiery insistence on choosing trust over suspicion gradually pushes him out of his original cynicism. Jesus plays tricks appearing and disappearing, changing shape, vacillating from stern teacher to affectionate friend-and Eddie, confused, suspicious, and wrestling with his own preconceived notions of spirituality, only very slowly realizes that he's being given precious guidance in the art of living.

Roland Merullo manages to walk a tightrope by raising deep philosophical questions without sounding preachy. The author provokes readers to think about life while also making them laugh and providing them with a boots-on-the-ground view of America. This journey includes wealthy Russian businessmen, poor Appalachian deer hunters, South American spirit guides, and tours of places as seemingly disparate as a therapeutic massage studio in Lower Manhattan, the Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, and Thomas Merton's Gethsemane monastery in rural Kentucky. Along the way there are meals and drinks, wrong turns and intriguing scenery, all brought into focus beside the book's utterly original yet strangely believable Jesus. - Amazon.com



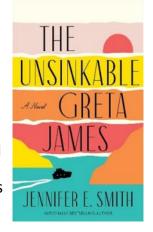
The Unsinkable Greta James



Saturday, August 6 at 9:30 am – Community Center

Greta James's rise to indie stardom was hard-won. Before she graced magazine covers and played to sold out venues, she spent her girlhood practicing her guitar in the family garage, full of big dreams and determination. Her first fan was her mother, Helen, who always encouraged Greta to follow her heart. But her father, Conrad, was less supportive; he saw only a precarious road ahead for his daughter, and always pushed her to make more practical choices.

Greta has spent her life trying to prove him wrong. And she's succeeded beyond even her own wildest dreams. But a week after her mother's sudden death, and just before the launch of her high-stakes sophomore album, she completely falls apart on stage. The footage quickly goes viral, and she stops playing, her career suddenly in the exact kind of jeopardy her father always predicted.



Months later, Greta--still heartbroken and humiliated and trying to find a way back to her music-reluctantly agrees to accompany Conrad on the week-long Alaskan cruise her parents had booked to celebrate their fortieth anniversary. It could be their last chance to heal old wounds and forge a



new relationship in the wake of such loss. But the trip will also prove to be a voyage of discovery for them both, as well as for Ben Wilder, a historian also struggling with a major upheaval in his life.

As Greta works to build back her confidence, and Ben confronts an uncertain future, they find themselves relying on each other to make sense of life's difficult, unexpected choices. In the end, Greta must face the biggest challenge of all: can she find a way to listen to the song within her while also making peace with those who love her? -- Powell's Books







Thursday, April 14th during the Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Two young people made their first communion at the Maundy Thursday worship service. Hazel and Thomas are the children of Norm and Sara and grandchildren of Pam Gerster. We had our traditional ice cream cake to celebrate this special occasion!

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Mission Endowment Fund



The Mission Endowment Fund is celebrating 25 years of promoting Christian stewardship and the mission and ministry of Good Shepherd. Your donations have made it possible to help the following recipients in our community and around the world!

MEF Donation Recipients

Mission churches in Sacramento & Lincoln California, Mount Cross Ministries, ELCA Disaster Relief, ELCA Bishop's Discretionary Fund, Sierra Pacific Synod Disaster Relief for Fire Relief in California, Wheat Ridge Palestinian Ministry, Lutheran Pacific Theological Seminary, BULA, The Columbarium, The Community Center, Youth & Children's Ministry, Carillon Repair, Kitchen Renovation, Roof Repair, Water Heater Repair, Women's Bathroom Remodeling Project, Julie's Closet, Jimmy Sanborn for Leadership Training, Individual & Families in Need, Central California Food Bank, Fresno Boys & Girls Club, Fresno Rescue Mission, Nancy Hinds Hospice, St Agnes Holy Cross Center for Women, Boy Scout Troop #130, Poverello House, Lutheran Campus Ministries, Marjoree Mason Center, Women & Children's Programs at the Fresno Rescue Mission, UCP, Central California-The Nest







Four generations celebrated the Baptism of Madeleine Claire Lofqvist on Easter Sunday. The baby's father, Chris Lofqvist, whose mother lives in Sweden, even made it possible for her, Ann Sofi Lofqvist, to view the event live from her home. Twenty-three family members applauded as Pastor Niemi proudly carried Madeleine down the aisle after the baptism, introducing her to the entire congregation.

The generations included:

One year old Madeleine Claire Lofqvist
Chris and Lindsey Lofqvist - Madeleine's parents
Rodd and Karen Tabler - Madeleine's grandparents
Vonny Rae Sturgeon - Madeleine's great grandmother
Madeleine's mother was baptized at Good Shepherd and her
grandfather was confirmed here.
It was the most Glorious Easter ever!

By Vonny Sturgeon

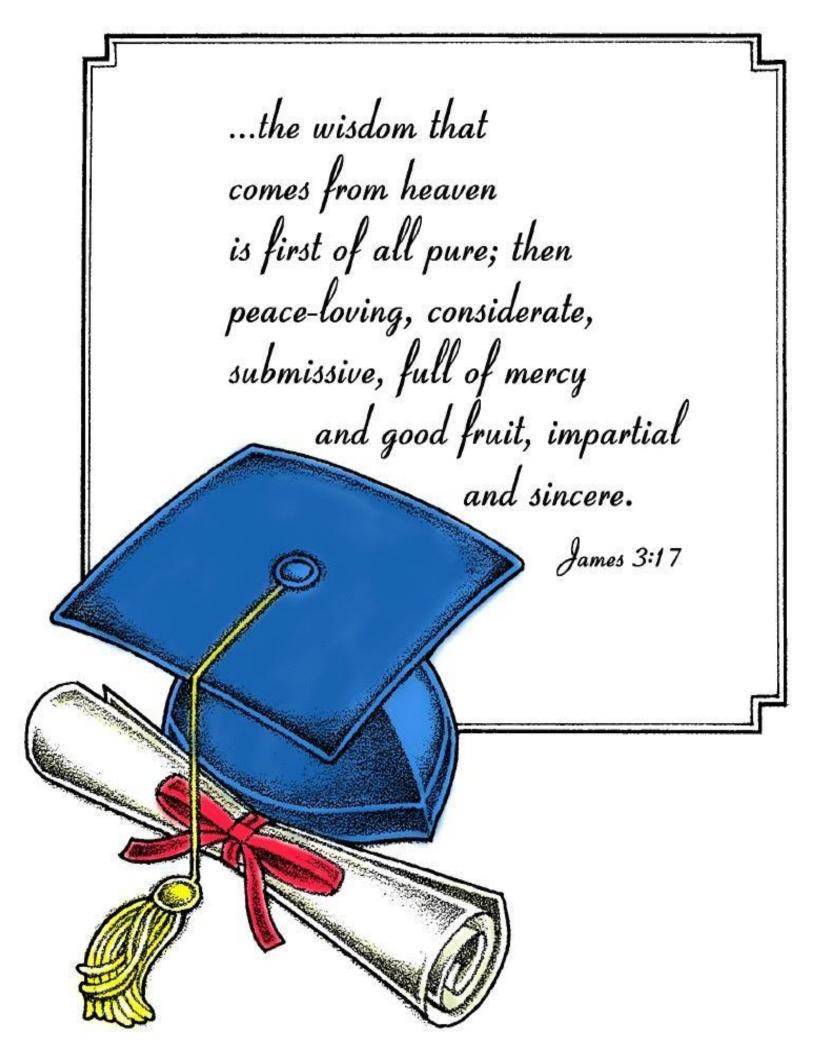
has been poured into our



through the

that has been given to us.

Romans 5:5, NRSV



Congratulations Class of 2022 **Congratulations** **Congratulations**

Kaelan Boyer graduated with honors from Thunder Ridge High School in Highlands Ranch, Colorado on May 19. Kaelan was awarded a college scholarship from Christ Lutheran Church for his leadership in various activities and for serving on several committees at church through the years. Kaelan is the son of former members Rick and Kathy Boyer and the grandson of Gordon and Diane Fake.







OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors)

A whole different language we had way back when.

Mergatroyd! Do you remember that word? Would you believe the <u>spell-checker did not recognize the word Mergatroyd</u>? Heavens to Mergatroyd! And several more! Try it!



The other day a not so elderly (I say 75) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy; and he looked at her quizzically and said, "What the heck is a Jalopy?" He had never heard of the word jalopy! She knew she was old But not that old.

Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle.

About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included: Don't touch that dial, carbon copy, you sound like a broken record, and hung out to dry. Shazam

Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd put on our best bib and tucker, to straighten up and fly right.



Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy Moley!

We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley; and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A., of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers.

Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore.



We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, "Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!" or, "This is a fine kettle of fish!" We discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.



Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone. Where have all those great phrases gone?

Long gone: Pshaw. The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the THE WHAT?

Don't take any wooden nickels. Wake up and smell the roses.

funny papers.

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills. This can be disturbing stuff! (Carter's Little Liver Pills are gone too!)



Leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth...

See ya later, alligator! After while crocodile. Okidoki.

You'll notice they left out "Monkey Business"!!!



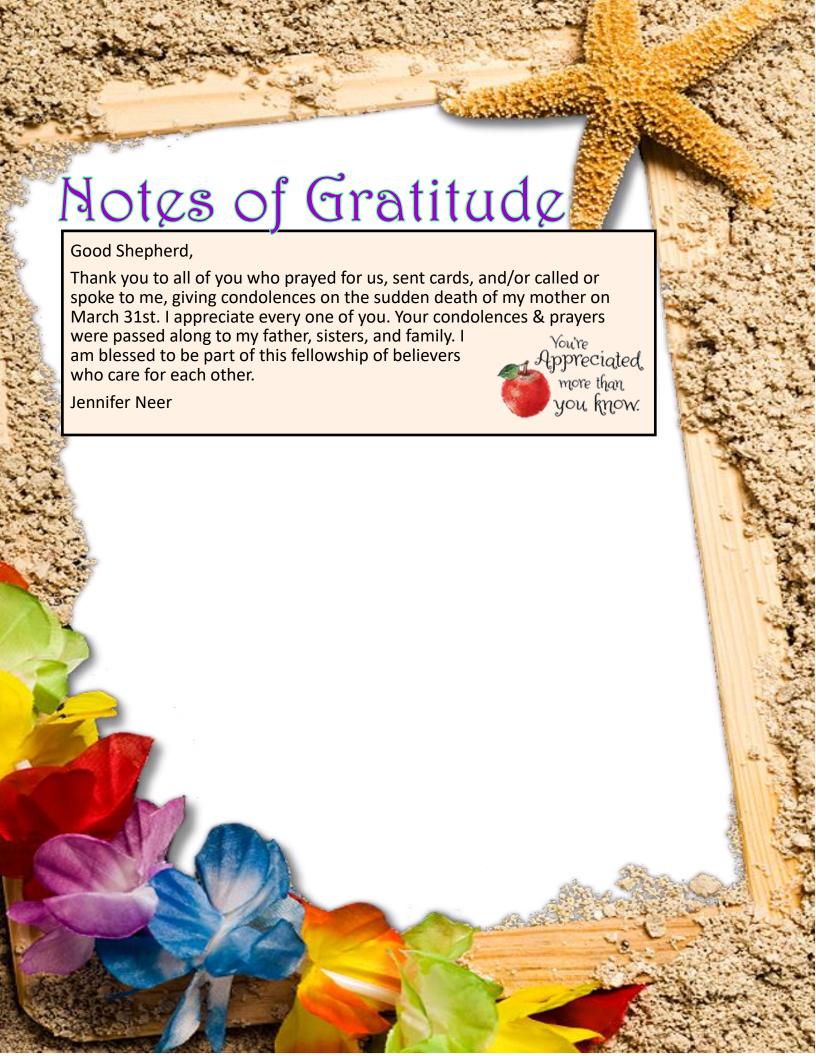
WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE FABULOUS 50'S ... NO ONE WILL EVER HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY AGAIN.

WE WERE GIVEN ONE OF OUR MOST PRECIOUS GIFTS: LIVING IN THE PEACEFUL AND COMFORTABLE TIMES. CREATED FOR US BY THE "GREATEST GENERATION!"

I'm hip!! WOOPS! ONE MORE, "SKEDADDLE "! **Courtesy of Carolyn Linn**







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