



The Shepherd's Voice

June 2023



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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,

Happy summer! One thing about living in Fresno is you know when it is summer. I'm not just talking about the over 100-degree temperatures we will be enduring for the next few months, or the fact that many children are soon to be on break from school. What I am talking about is Vacation Bible School! It is a highlight of our summer each year at Good Shepherd.

You are invited! Please take time to look for the announcement with all of the details in this newsletter. This year we are having VBS over many Sunday evenings. It will be a time you can grow in your relationship with God and each other.

Just like during Lent, this is an opportunity for us to share dinners for a while. Unlike Lent, no one is needed to sign up to bring food. Dinners are provided. Some of us will build relationships with others that we don't have the opportunity to at other times. I encourage you to attend.

Will this be a blessed summer for you? It helps to put ourselves in places where we know we are sure to be blessed. VBS is one of those places. Whether you are here to participate as an attender or a helper you are sure to be blessed. I hope this is a blessed summer for you!

**God's Peace,
Pastor Ted**

Prayer Concerns

Members in Need of Prayer:

Verna Walden
 The Sullivans on the loss of Carol's brother, Fred Wilson.
 Jill & Robert Anderson
 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

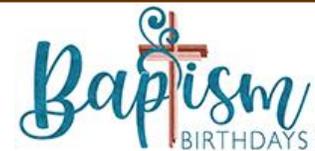
Family and Friends:

Emily Burton (Hays)
 Marilyn Molen (Linn)
 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 husband, Eric Bose. (Bolin)
 Jade Dixon (Julie)
 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)



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
 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*



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



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

"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

STEWARDSHIP OF WORSHIP & OFFERINGS	April 30, 2023	May 7, 2023	May 14, 2023	May 21, 2023	May 28, 2023
Attendance	51	47	45	49	46
General Fund	\$3,300.00	\$3,470.00	\$7,847.00	\$2,430.00	\$1,915.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)					
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)					
Community Center Capital Fund	Loose Plate: \$110.00	Loose Plate: \$101.00	Loose Plate: \$20.00	Loose Plate: \$4.00	
Loose Plate					
Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)	Prop. Imprv: \$281.25	Color Printing: \$100.00		OWLS: \$40.00	
BIA Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.		BIA: \$5,480.48 Prop. Use: \$780.00			BIA: \$5,480.48
	\$3,691.25	\$9,931.48	\$7,867.00	\$2,474.00	\$7,395.48

May Financials

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

This month looks better than it was. We received June's rent from BIA in May. That means we'll be short next month. The good news is we had someone volunteer to pay for a weekend custodian 2 hours each Sunday. Victor was unable to come in for just two hours. We hired Alex Medina, Mary Norris' son. Say hi and welcome him. We are heading into summer when donations are traditionally down. Please continue to pray for the financial 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	\$27,231.47	(\$890.57)
Apr	\$31,706.88	\$29,665.56	\$2,041.32
May	\$27,527.96	\$25,258.92	\$2,269.04
Jun			\$0.00
Jul			\$0.00
Aug			\$0.00
Sep			\$0.00
Oct			\$0.00
Nov			\$0.00
Dec			\$0.00
Total	\$131,975.58	\$137,330.14	(\$5,354.56)

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



GOODIES

Coffee Hour

We need people to sign up to be host/hostess for the months of June/July. If you are able to host/hostess for a Sunday, please sign up in Jacobson Hall.



JUNE/JULY UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 1** - Roeding Book Distribution @7:30AM, GSLC (Behind Jacobson Hall)
- June 2** - Roeding Carnival 12:00PM—1:30PM, Roeding Elementary
- June 3** - LHN Free Neighborhood Market 9AM - 12PM, TBA
- June 7—July 19** (Skip 7/5) - Hope Lutheran Women's Evening Bible Study @ 6:30-8PM, Hope Lutheran Church
- June 14** - Kingsmen/Kingskids @ 6:30PM, Jacobson Hall
- June 15** - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Conf Rm
- June 18** - Father's Day
- June 19** - OWLS @ 12PM, The Fake's Home
- June 25, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 8/6 & 8/27** - GSLC VBS @ 5:30-8PM, Jacobson Hall/Comm Ctr
- July 4** - OFFICE CLOSED
- July 8** - LHN Free Neighborhood Market 9AM-12PM, All Nations 7th Day Adventist Church
- July 12** - GSLC Book Club @ 6:30PM, Comm Ctr
- July 17** - OWLS @ 12PM
- July 20** - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Conf Rm
- July 23** - MEF Sunday



Roeding Book Distribution June 1 @ 7:30 AM

Debbie Wilk has done some super bargain eBay shopping for over 700 books, so if anyone would like to help offset her costs, please feel free to throw some money over Deb's way! "Distribution will be on Thursday, June 1st. We will need people to help transport the books, meeting behind Jacobson @ 7:30am. We are to arrive at 8am to put out the books, and students will arrive @ 8:30am to start choosing their books.

Please be sure to let me know if you want to help deliver and distribute the books to the children that morning. We will need at least 5-6 people, and it's guaranteed fun!



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. It's lots of fun and a great way to be present with the students on campus.

We need lots and lots of baked goods such as cupcakes, cookies, muffins, etc. in smallish (2-3 servings) portions to use as prizes. Once again, **EVERYTHING HAS TO BE STORE BOUGHT AND NOT HOMEMADE.** (I'm sorry!) Small bags of cherries were also a big hit, so berries and grapes might also be winners. Please let me know if you can provide some "prizes."

Thanks some more! Julie (559-287-3457 or 13jdixon13@gmail.com)



LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ TBA, 6/3, 9 -11a.m.

There will be a food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market at TBA on Saturday, 6/3, 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 Julie @ 13jdixon13@gmail.com or 559-287-3457.

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



HOPE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY June 7- July 19 @ 6:30-8PM

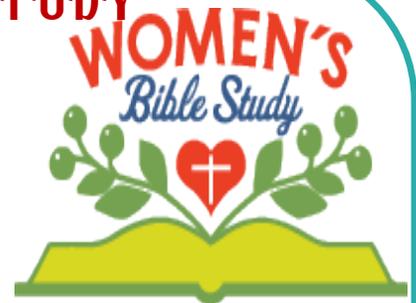
We would like to invite the women of your congregations to join us for a Women's Bible Study at Hope Lutheran Church. Below is the information. Please share this with the women in your congregation, encourage them to get in touch as soon as possible so we can order the appropriate number of books.

Blessings, Candy Paulsen (559-313-9567)

The nearly annual Women of Hope Bible study will begin on the evening of June 7th. Candy Paulsen and Donna Lippmann will lead the discussion of the book "The Heart of Jesus : Women in the Gospel of Luke". The study starts with a look at Elizabeth and Mary, visits the Sinful Woman and the Dead Girl, and concludes with the Women who Rejoiced at the Resurrection. We will meet nearly weekly from June 7 until July 19 (skipping July 5) from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Hope Lutheran church adult education room. The study will also be available via Zoom. **Please contact Candy or Donna ASAP so that books (\$7) can be ordered.**

Candy Paulsen cap27@sbcglobal.net

Donna Lippmann donna_chandler@sbcglobal.net



Upcoming Community Event



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.

Kingsmen-Kingskids Meeting June 14th @ 6:30PM in Jacobson Hall



The Kingsmen is the men's group here at Good Shepherd, and men of all ages are invited to come take part in a short Bible study and share in plenty of fellowship. For this meeting, we will be having a potluck dinner so bring a dish to share and join in the fun .

The Kingskids is the monthly kid's group here at Good Shepherd and kids of all ages are invited to come have some fun and fellowship, too.



OWLS June 19th @ 12PM

OWLS—June's Journey at Noon

Just WHAT did Gordon & Diane DO on their vacay? Come to OWLS at THEIR house for June's 19th Journey at noon! Bring a dish to share, tableware provided. See Sandy or Diane for details.



VBS Dates Set For 6 Nights, June - Aug. for Adults to Preschool



VBS dates are set for June and July, Sunday evenings from 5:30-8PM. We hope everyone will find the time to join together on these upcoming summer Sundays to be nourished and encouraged through God's Word to us. Pastor Ted will lead an adult class in the community center and activities will be offered for children of all ages in Jacobson Hall. Dinner will begin at 5:30 in Jacobson Hall, the opening for all will be at 6:15, and then classes divided by age will run from 6:30-7:30. Closing music and snacks will be from 7:30-8 in Jacobson, and the adults are invited to join the children once again for this time of fun and praise. Mark your calendars for 6/25, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 8/6, and 8/27.

Please contact Julie @ 559-287-3457 or 13jdixon13@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to help. Come be transformed and see how we are agents of God's C.H.A.N.G.E.

Bring your friends and family, too!

GSLC Summer Book Club Celebrates it's 10th Anniversary!!

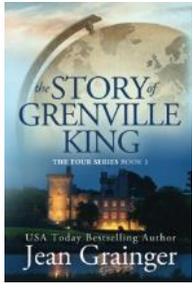


We began in 2013 with "Sensible Shoes" by Sharon Garlough Brown and "Gone South" by Meg Moseley. That summer we were able to Skype with author Meg Moseley which was quite exciting. **Since then we have read 89 books!!**



Celebrate with us as this summer we read:

"The Story of Grenville King" by Jean Grainger; a book that takes you to the real heart of Ireland.



Conor O'Shea has had enough of driving and guiding tours of Ireland. So when an opportunity to renovate and run the magnificent but rundown Castle Dysert as a five-star resort presents itself, he grabs it with both hands. But problems arise almost immediately when his business partner appears to have more on her agenda than just business. To add to that, his darling wife seems discontented as a stay at home mom, and his in-laws have moved in.

With his family's future now entangled in a stunningly beautiful old castle on the coast of Clare, Conor undertakes a mammoth project, and in so doing, he uncovers the troubled past of this ancient stronghold. The mystery of the family who lived, loved, and lost their lives within the walls of the castle are reflected in his own family as they too struggle to let go of the past. Like in every small Irish village, gossip abounds. But do the ghosts of regret still haunt these ancient hallways? It is now left to Conor to explore the truth and uncover a heartbreaking lesson on the power of memory and the long threads that bind us together.

We will discuss "The Story of Grenville King" on WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, at 6:30 in the Community Center.

"The Mostly True Story of Tanner & Louise" by Colleen Oakley

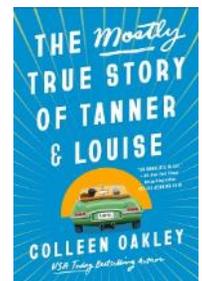
Twenty-one-year-old Tanner Quimby needs a place to live. Preferably one where she can continue sitting around in sweatpants and playing video games nineteen hours a day. Since she has no credit or money to speak of, her options are limited, so when an opportunity to work as a live-in caregiver for an elderly woman falls into her lap, she takes it.

One slip on the rug. That's all it took for Louise Wilt's daughter to demand that Louise have a full-time nanny living with her. Never mind that she can still walk fine, finish her daily crossword puzzle, and pour the two fingers of vodka she drinks every afternoon. Bottom line -- Louise wants a caretaker even less than Tanner wants to be one.

The two start off their living arrangement happily ignoring each other until Tanner starts to notice things—weird things. Like, why does Louise keep her garden shed locked up tighter than a prison? And why is the local news fixated on the suspect of one of the biggest jewelry heists in American history who looks eerily like Louise? And why does Louise suddenly appear in her room, with a packed bag at 1 a.m. insisting that they leave town immediately?

Thus begins the story of a not-to-be-underestimated elderly woman and an aimless young woman who—if they can outrun the mistakes of their past—might just have the greatest adventure of their lives.

Discussion of "The Mostly True Story of Tanner & Louise" will be SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, at 9:30 in the Community Center.



Roeding Teacher Appreciation

Thanks For All Your Hard Work!!!



#APPRECIATED

With Love
Good Shepherd



OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors)



May Madness ...



May Madness

May Madness with OWLS lived up to its name from the beginning. Diane's vintage coffee urn spigot started spitting. An SOS went out to Dee who brought her pot. Well, most of it. Back home for the bottom she flew. Eleven Hooties feasted on salads and sweets.

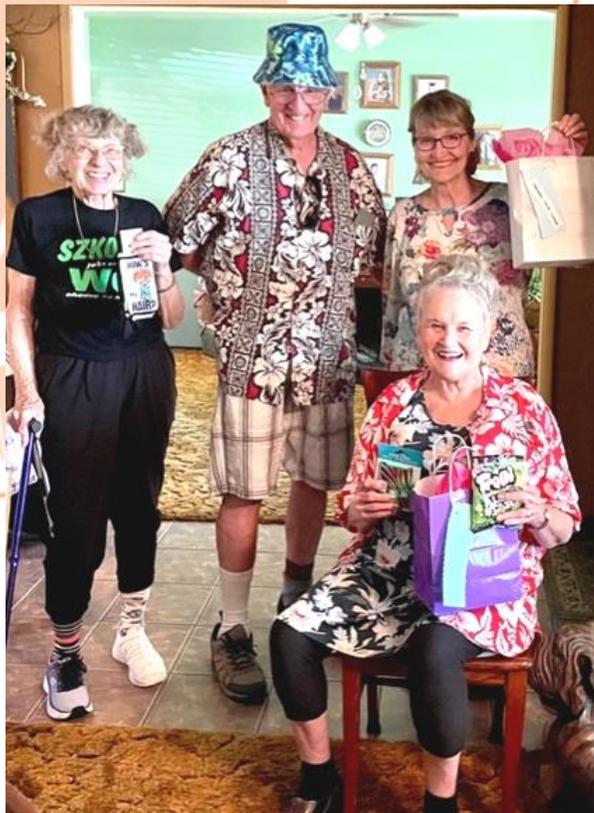
The "7 Wonders of the World" (as per a young student) were revealed. 1) to see, 2) to hear, 3) to touch, 4) to taste, 5) to feel, 6) to laugh and 7) to love.

Memories were jogged on what we had "back in the day". Three TV stations went off the air at midnight after the national anthem was played and a poem about God. It came back on the air at about 6 am. Many of us did not know that Ed Sturgeon, Vonny's love, gave the FIRST locally produced news and farm show on KMJ as their anchor. An "Older Than Dirt" quiz (or "You Seriously Qualify as a Member of OWLS" questionnaire) was aced by Diane and Janet with Carolyn, Art and Woody only missing one.

Members were enlightened as to the why of their crazy/mixed up attire for the day. "Clashing Clothes Day" is usually celebrated on the fourth Thursday in January. We were a little off on our timing due to COVID cancellations and your not so normal Hootier Head but let me tell ya those birds were STYL-IN"! Category winners were pegged by ballots. Diane strutted as "Confident Color Clasher". Dee "Seriously Socket It to Me (Us)". Hands down was Woody donning his sombrero as "Bonnet Boaster". The "Primadonna of Prints and Patterns" champion was Carolyn. Winners were awarded with candy and a useful item related to the category's description.

Door prizes (table deco) of rose bouquets from Sandy's garden were drawn for Janet, Diane and Jim.

Check your passports for we will board ship at Gordon and Diane's in June. Destination? A surprise! Watch for itinerary in the bulletin.







Good Shepherd was honored with the presence of Karl and Pauline Ritterbush who visited for the first time since moving to Buhl, Idaho two years ago. They provided sandwich makings and a huge chocolate cake for the social hour after church. Karl spoke to us about their new home, community and the surrounding area. Thank you Karl and Pauline for visiting and please don't wait so long to come back next time!





Happy Mother's Day!

Celebrating Mother's Day,
May 14, 2023

A big thank you goes to Mary Norris
and her son Alex for cutting, wrap-
ping and tying the beautiful roses
for the ladies on Mother's Day!







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Notes of Gratitude



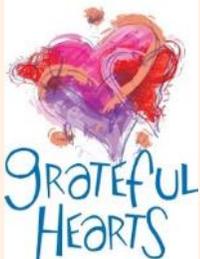
Holy Week THANK YOU (CORRECTION)

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.

Our Good Friday Tenebrae service certainly captured the way darkness overshadowed goodness for a while. Thank you to Gloria for her time and efforts to create a meaningful worship experience, as well as to all who helped. Thank you to all who attended Holy Week worship - in person or via Facebook. Easter cannot be fully celebrated without the walk through Holy Week, as we experience once again the triumph of Palm Sunday, the command to love one another and do in remembrance of Jesus on Maundy Thursday, and finally the sorrow that comes with Good Friday.

A Big Thank You!!!

A big thank you goes to Mary Norris and her son Alex for cutting, wrapping and tying the beautiful roses for the ladies on Mother's Day! The roses added so much beauty to our special day and were certainly appreciated by all of us.



Thanks Diane!

Thank you, Diane Fake, for all the fabulous photos you take for our newsletter! You are so faithful and ready to photo document all of our goings on here at Good Shepherd. You even get people lined up to fill in when you know you won't be here! We are so blessed and fortunate to have someone with your initiative and dedication in our midst. Many, many thanks from your church family

Thanks for the Roeding Staff Appreciation Treats!

Thank you to all who brought food for the Roeding teachers and staff to show them our appreciation for their hard work. You guys really came through, even with such short notice! Our adopted school's staff was showered with all kinds of goodies. Special thanks to Lori for helping transport, decorate, and set up.
Shalom. Peace. Paz. Julie Werfelmann



Notes of Gratitude

Thanks to Our Good Shepherd Family

Ken and I would like to thank you, our Good Shepherd family, for the expressions of concern and love through my recent hospitalization. Your kindness and prayer support through this time carried us through my medical adventure. Having such caring support is certainly a precious gift from Our Heavenly Father. Thank you, dear friends, for loving and praying us through to brighter tomorrows. With much love, Susan and Ken Berg



Thanks So Much!



Dear congregation - thank you so much for your prayers during my brother's illness. I appreciate your kind thoughts and prayers at his passing. You are a wonderful caring congregation and I feel blessed by you.

Caroline Sullivan

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





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- 4 10AM Worship Service
- 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall)
- 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light (Jacobson Hall)

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- 10AM Worship Service
- 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall)
- 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light (Jacobson Hall)

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- 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall)
- 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light (Jacobson Hall)

25 GSLC VBS

- 10AM Worship Service
- 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall)
- 11:15AM—1PM Kid's Salt & Light (Jacobson Hall)

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- 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm & Fireside Rm)
- 5PM - 10PM Boy Scouts (Comm Ctr)

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- 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm & Fireside Rm)
- 5PM - 10PM Boy Scouts (Comm Ctr)

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- 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm & Fireside Rm)
- 12PM OWLS June's Journey (The Fake's Home)
- 5PM - 10PM Boy Scouts (Comm Ctr)

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- 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm & Fireside Rm)
- 5PM - 10PM Boy Scouts (Comm Ctr)

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- 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf & Fireside Rm)
- 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr)

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- 6:30PM - 8PM Kingsmen/Kingskids (Jacobson Hall)

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- 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf & Fireside Rm)

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- 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm & Fireside Rm)
- 6:00PM Council Meeting (Conf Rm)

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- 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf & Fireside Rm)

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- 7:30AM Roeding Book Distribution (Behind Jacobson Hall)
- 9AM - 4PM BIA

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- 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf & Fireside Rm)

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- 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf & Fireside Rm)

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- 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf & Fireside Rm)

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- 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf & Fireside Rm)

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- Roeding Carnival
- 9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf & Fireside Rm)
- 12:30PM Roeding Carnival (Roeding)

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- All Day Budge (Jacobson Hall)



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