

# The Shepherd's Voice June 2024

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Sharing The
Love of
Jesus
PASTOR TED NIEMI



Hear the word of the LORD,
O nations, and declare
it in the coastlands
far away ...

Jeremioh 31:10, NRSV

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

This month our synod assembly is being held in Fresno. When I mention that, I always wonder how many people understand what I'm talking about. I've known more than a few people who thought I was talking about a "senate" when I said "synod." I thought I would take this month's newsletter article to explain what that means.

We are part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). That is the largest Lutheran denomination in the United States. There are about 3 million of us. As of 2021, there were 8,724 congregations. There are probably a fewer than that now.

Our ELCA can be broken down into 65 synods. You can think of them like states. Their geographical space varies as they are determined by population. For instance, our Sierra Pacific Synod contains Northern California and Nevada. That is a huge area. But the Minneapolis/St. Paul area, where Lutherans are plentiful, has several synods in that metropolitan area alone.

So, when our synod gets together we have people representing churches from areas as liberal as San Francisco to conservative areas like Fresno. You can imagine the lively conversations that happen when social issues come up with a group as diverse as that.

I would like to thank Julie Werfelmann and Mary Norris for being our delegates from Good Shepherd. We will be meeting downtown June 7-9. Please keep our assembly in your prayers. You can follow along by Googling "2024 Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly."

It is comforting to know that although we may not be a huge congregation we are part of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. When 8,000 plus congregations get together on the same issue powerful things happen. Thanks for your being a part!

God's Peace,

**Pastor Ted** 

# oncerns

#### **Members Needing Prayer:**

ers for his wife and sons.

**Kay Schumacher** Arlene Robbins on the death of her son, Roger Robbins. Roger Robbins has entered the church triumphant. Pray-

Mona White

Don Dueker

Bob Boehringer on the passing of his wife, Sheila. Sheila has entered the church trium- Owen (Fake) phant.

Irene Pierini family and friends on her passing. Irene has entered the church triumphant.

**Betty Montgomery** 

Diane Fake

JoAnn Huebner

Dee Wright

**Yvonne Smith** 

Neil and Verna Walden

**Robert Harris** Jackie Miller

Mary Schmidt

Liz Smith

Bill Biggs

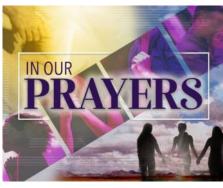
Mary Norris & Family

Connie Alvarado

Jocelyn Miller

Kirsten Linder

Jim Thompson



#### Family and Friends:

Irene Goldman (Dueker) Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk) Betty (Anderson) Tonya (White) Shanese (White) Dirk Rathwick (Norris) Zyg Zee (Norris) Baby Owen (Fake) Claire (Vonny) Janet Sharp (Fake) Debbie (Sullivan Family Friend)

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

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)

JJ Werfelmann (Julie) **Emily & Sawyer Bogart** 

(Anderson)

Hudson Otten (Anderson)

Karen Ohanesian (Hays)

Rosemary (Vonny)

Nathan, Roger & Sandy Robbins (Robbins)



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



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

#### 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	May 5, 2024	May 12, 2024	May 19, 2024	May 26, 2024
Attendance			44	47
General Fund	\$4,140.00	\$1,960.00	\$3,998.00	\$1,230.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)				
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)				
Community Center Capital Fund Loose Plate	Loose Plate: \$20.00	Loose Plate: \$45.00	Loose Plate: \$25.00	Loose Plate: \$105.00
Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)	Color Printing: \$75.00			MEF: \$
BIA Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.	BIA Rent: 5,408.00			
3	\$9,643.00	\$2,005.00	\$4,023.00	\$1,335.00

# **May Financials**



#### **Dear Good Shepherd Family,**

Our income this month was down, partly because our income was up the last few months because we received yearly donations. We only had one unusual but expected expenses and one unplanned expense. We had the \$750.00 fee to the synod for the conference in June. At the beginning of the month, BIA removed the refrigerator in the small kitchen in their office area. When they did, they did not fully turn off the water to the water dispenser. The kitchen flooded on the new floor we just replaced. We had to call Servpro for them to dry out the floor. The total cost was \$2037.65 including a visit from a plumber. We have billed BIA for this and hopefully it will be reimbursed in June. With the lower donations and the slightly higher expenses, we negative almost \$10,000.00. We are still in the positive for the year to date, but the reduction is troubling.

I'm asking for you to please pray for the financial health of our church, for Dana Biggs as she trains and then assumes the treasurer position and the council while the search for a replacement to the loss of almost \$5,600.00 in income when BIA leaves at the end f next

month.

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	\$21,278.01	\$25,469.88	(\$4,191.87)
May	\$16,931.00	\$26,915.99	(\$9,984.99)
Jun			\$0.00
Jul			\$0.00
Aug			\$0.00
Sep			\$0.00
Oct			\$0.00
Nov			\$0.00
Dec			\$0.00
Total	\$153,360.05	\$135,089.76	\$18,270.29



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# 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 June/July. 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!

# JUNE/JULY UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ 9am-1pm, TBA

June 10 - Esther Circle @ 6:30pm, Fireside Rm

June 14 - Flag Day

June 16 - Father's Day

June 17 - OWLS @ 12:30pm, Jacobson Hall

June 19 - Juneteenth

June 20 - Council Meeting @ 6:00pm, Conf Rm

June 23, 30, July 7, Aug. 4, & 11 - VBS @ 6:15—8:30pm, Jacobson.

June 26 - GSLC Summer Book Club @ 6:30pm, Comm Ctr

June 26 - Kingsmen/Kingskids @ 6:30pm, Jacobson Hall

July 1- LHN Free Neighborhood Market 9AM-12PM, All Nations 7th Day

Adventist Church

# July 4 - Happy 4th of July!!! OFFICE CLOSED

July 20 - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Conf Rm

July 28 - GSLC Summer Book Club @ 4pm, Comm





# OWLS June 17th @ 12:30PM

Hooties will hustle into Jacobson Hall on June 17, Monday at 12:30 pm. Suzie's Summer Garden's Veggie Variety Grub is on the menu. \$8 in cash or a check made out to Susan Gutierrez is requested. A mental match may require a nap by attendees once they return home.

# 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.



# LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ TBA, 6/1, 9-11a.m.

There will be a <u>drive through</u> food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market on Saturday, 6/1, 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.

# From Generation to Generation VBS Coming on 5 Sundays In June/July/August

Our VBS kicks off this year on June 23rd so mark your calendars now, and tell your friends, neighbors, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and so on! We will be meeting 5 Sunday nights throughout the summer, and our VBS will be *for all aqes, FREE, and begin with dinner each night @ 6:15.* Dates will be June 23rd and 30th, July 7th, Aug 4th & 11th from 6:15-8:30. We will eat and open together and then adults are invited to Pastor Ted's class while kids are invited to participate in



art, crafts, science, and games. Then we will gather back together for music and snacks.

All are welcome! Please see Janet or Julie if you'd like to help with music for all, arts & crafts for young people, games & science for kids, or kitchen crew/snack station for all. Thank you!

Shalom. Peace. Paz. Julie Werfelmann

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# Good Reading GSLC Summer Book Club

In case you have wanted to join our book club discussions but did not have time, here is your chance to come read for fun with us. Books available from your favorite book seller. There are a couple of copies available to borrow. For questions, contact Sharon Rowle (email shandrow@outlook.com - put summer book club in the subject line).

#### **Book #1 - SEABREEZE INN by Jan Moran**

Join us Wednesday, June 26 at 6:30pm in the Community Center.

A widowed artist. An old crush. One summer to get her life back.

Ivy was devastated to discover her late husband spent their life savings on a sprawling old beach house in California. But as a part-time art teacher in her forties with two daughters in college, she has to quickly recreate her life. Renovating the historical home with her sister reveals incredible hidden secrets—and a handsome small-town VIP turns out to be her former high school surfer crush.

Although it's been ten years since his wife's death, Bennett is avoiding the pain of loving—and possibly losing—another woman. Ivy's request for a bed-and-breakfast variance couldn't come at a worse time for him.

Despite heaps of challenges, Ivy has one summer to sway the town to salvage her livelihood and the new life in Summer Beach she has come to love. Will Ivy's journey to revitalize her life also rekindle an old flame?

If you like to binge-watch series like Virgin River, Sweet Magnolis, and Cedar Cove, you'll love this clean and wholesome family beach series with sweet, second-chance romance and a touch of mystery. Start your vacation in Summer Beach, and find out why readers say, "Life is better in Summer Beach!"

#### Book #2 - THE LITTLE BOOKSHOP BY THE SEA by Eliza J Scott

Join us Sunday, July 28 at 4:00 pm in the Community Center.

#### Welcome to your happy place...

Each morning as bookseller Florrie Appleton cycles along the promenade of her seaside hometown, watching the surfers far out in the bay, breathing in the fresh salty air, she counts herself lucky. She has a small but picture-perfect cottage overlooking the sea, a group of friends she can always rely on, and the job of her dreams at her favorite bookshop. But when tragedy strikes, her little slice of heaven is in danger of being lost forever.

To save the bookshop from closure, Florrie finds herself thrown together with the elderly owner's handsome grandson, Ed Hartes, who has a habit of making butterflies dance in her stomach. But the only romance Florrie has time for lies within the pages of her favorite novels, and her instincts are telling her to be wary. There's something Ed's keeping from her, and she can't face another heartbreak.

When Florrie stumbles upon a mysterious stash of yellowed letters in the storeroom, it seems Ed isn't the only one with secrets. The old bookshop is full of stories waiting to be told, and they aren't only in the pages of the books.

JAN MORAN

Seabreeze

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" The Little "











# DWLS









A stunning spring day lured 14 Hooties into Dee's garden on the hunt for hidden creatures. Art and Janet did not find them all but were deemed the winners due to not utilizing major hints from attendees. A pastor discovered a soldier of the C/E Army of the Lord was actually in the Secret Service. Members were most generous in stamp donations for monthly mailings. July's jump of five cents will cost you 69 cents for letters. Vonny was sent down memory lane with an apologetic door prize. Art donned in his melon apron to merrily scoop up ice cream while Hooties piled on an array of toppings. As we refreshed with homemade lemonade a dragonfly's aerial display entranced all for several minutes. Lingering guests visited while Vonny endured Mr. Miyagi (Art) instructing Danielsan (Susan) on the techniques of Rummikub. Was his tutoring the cause of his loss to Dee's victory?



# Roeding Staff Snacks Were Very Well Received!

We took over tablecloths, flower bouquets, and all kinds of food and drink to show our appreciation for the Roeding staff who take such good care of our children over there. Thank you to everyone who contributed cash or food items, and special thanks to Lori for helping transport and set everything up in their staff room. It made their week!



# Braden Charles Linn

Carolyn Linn's grandson, Braden
Charles Linn, is graduating from Kingwood High School in Kingwood, Texas,
May 25th. He will be attending Auburn
University, Auburn, Alabama, in the
fall. Carolyn will plan to attend his
graduation that weekend.

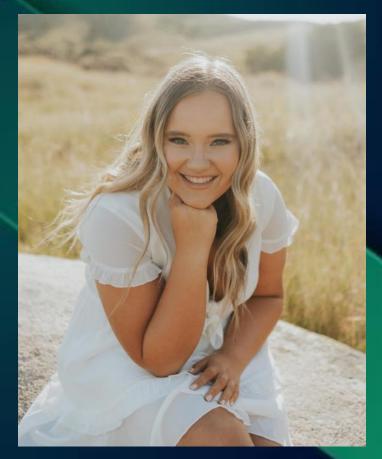




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Clovis East High School



Kaitlyn Sullivan Foote

Kaitlyn will graduate from Clovis East on May 30th.

Kaitlyn has earned the Lifetime

California Scholarship Federation award as well as the Principal's Award. She has

received a scholarship from Fresno Pacific
University and is planning on attending there and
majoring in Education. Her Grandparents, Francis and
Caroline Sullivan could not be more proud of her.





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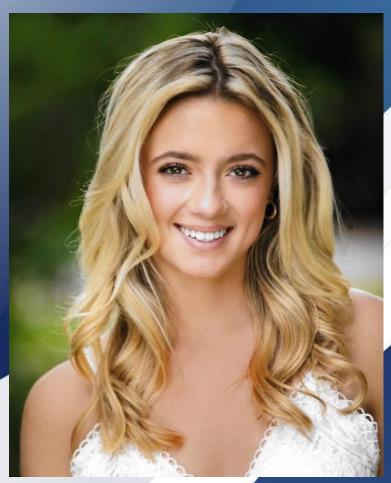


Our grandson, Jeffrey William Berg, graduated from University High School on Saturday, May 18. He will be attending the University of California at Berkeley and plans to major in Chemistry. Jeffrey received 3 honorary seals on his diploma: California Scholarship Federation Life Members, Golden State Seal Merit Diploma, and California State Seal of Biliteracy. We are two very proud grandparents, Ken and Susan Berg.



Jeffrey with Grandmother's and Aunt

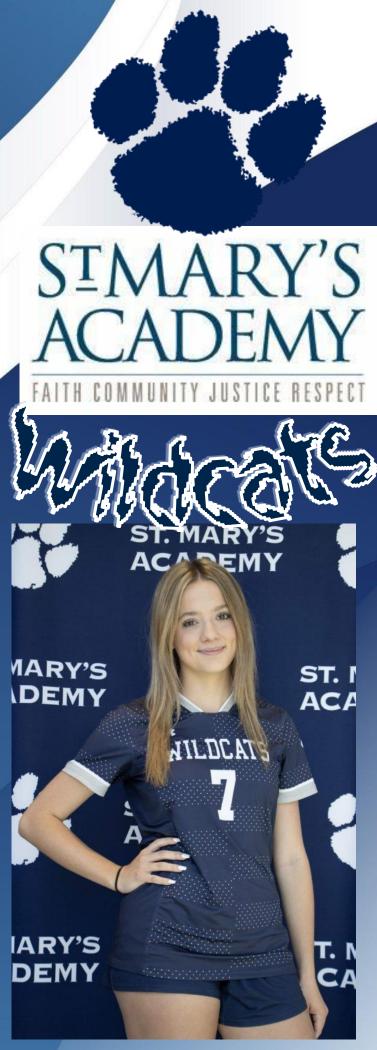




# Camille Werfelmann

Camille Werfelmann graduated from St.
Mary's Academy in Englewood, CO on May
18th. She will be attending the University
of Colorado in the Honors Program this
fall. Camille is the daughter of Steve and JJ
Werfelmann and the granddaughter of
Paul and Julie Werfelmann.







# Brennan William Boyer

Brennan William Boyer graduated from Thunder Ridge High School in Highlands Ranch, Colorado on May 16, 2024. Brennan will be attending Arapahoe Community College in the fall. He was awarded a scholarship by Christ Lutheran Church in Highlands Ranch. Brennan is the grandson of Gordon and Diane Fake

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... DO NOT LET WISDOM
AND UNDERSTANDING
OUT OF YOUR SIGHT,
PRESERVE SOUND
JUDGMENT AND
DISCRETION; THEY
WILL BE LIFE FOR YOU ...

PROVERBS 3:21-22, NIV



Dance, and French and a minor in Political Science while never getting a B. I truly don't know how she does it! She is off to follow in her parents' and grandfather's footsteps and will be starting law school at the University of Kansas this fall. Look forward to a front row seat to all you will do! Mom and Dad (Granddaughter of Bill and Dana Biggs)







# Rory Biggs

Rory Biggs, the daughter of Brian and Dawn Biggs and the granddaughter of Bill and Dana Biggs, will graduate from Daniel Hand High School in Madison, CT on June 13th. Rory Biggs has been an active student all through high school. She participates in several local and school plays throughout the year. She is looking forward to further developing her artistic skills at the New York School of Visual Arts. . She will be majoring in Animation.



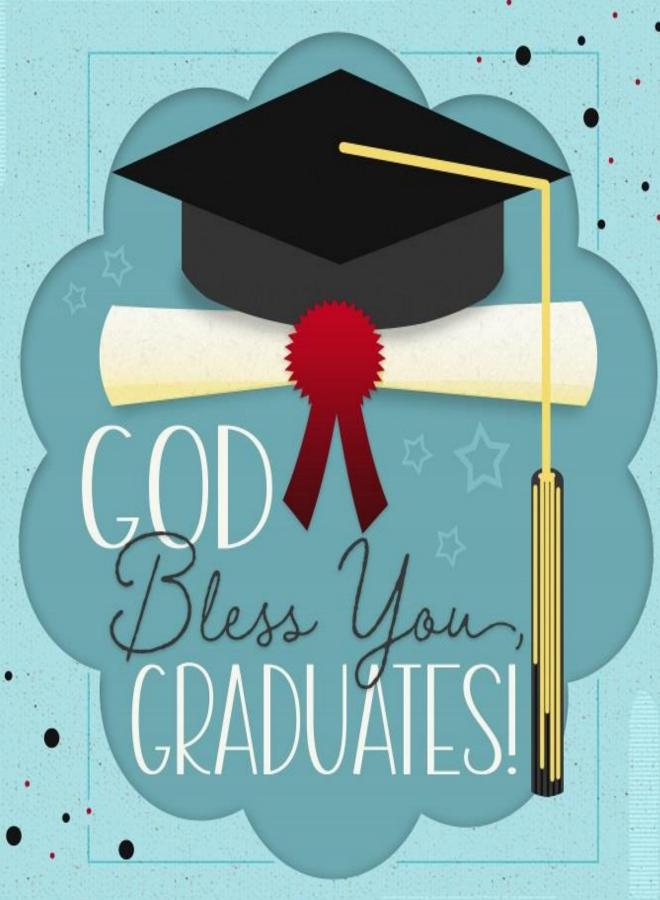
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# Marie Tade Lemay

Marie Jade Lemay will be promoted on June 3 from De Portola Middle School in San Diego to Canyon Hills High School. Marie is the granddaughter of Gordon and Diane Fake.

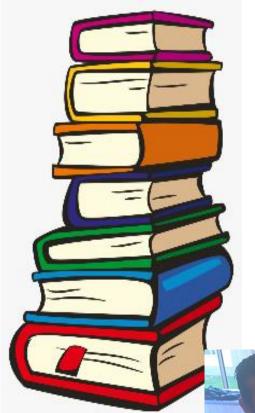




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# Roeding Summer Reading Project

Four of us took all the books the congregation had collected this school year over to Roeding Elementary - our adopted school - on Tuesday, May 28th. It was such fun to get to give two books to each of the kids who were so excited and happy to be receiving them! We actually ran out of books this year, which has never happened before.

Thankfully our very own super shopper, Debbie Wilk, had ordered another bunch of books to be delivered a couple of days later. We made plans to take them over for the last 3 classes before the week ended. Disaster was averted!

As a side note, Debbie paid \$400 for 500 books, and would LOVE to get some donations from the rest of the congregation. Thanks, Debbie, for your faithfulness and for taking the initiative. If you can help offset her cost, please give Debbie or Woody some cash or a check or talk to her about Venmo. Thank you.

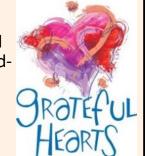
Many thanks also to everyone else who donated books and also to that amazing crew of labelers on the Sunday before Memorial Day! Finally, special thanks to Pam, Sheri, and Woody for helping me to distribute the books to our wonderful children at Roeding. It was a fine and fun way to "share the love of Jesus!"





### Thanks, with Grateful Hearts!

We are grateful for all the cards, letters, notes and phone calls we received congratulating us on our 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. At the time of our wedding, I was so poor that Verna had to pay the \$3.00 for the wedding license. I am still trying to convince her that it was the best investment she ever made.



One of the great experiences of this 75 years has been our membership in the family of Good Shepherd. We have been blessed indeed and we love you all.

Verna and Neil

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Thank You!!

Baby Lillian Brown says thank you Sewing Saints for my blanket



#### Thanks OWLS!!!

What a great time! Thanks to the OWLS for finding all the "bugs" in the yard; for participating in our ice cream social, topped with a game of Rummikub!! Many thanks to Sandy and Gloria who gave me a hand in my slow setting up process! Also special thanks to all who helped cleanup! Dee Wright

### Thanks for the Prayers!!!

Thank you to my Good Shepherd family for all the prayers of support while my son battled with cancer. He lost the fight May 22 and triumphantly went home to be with the Lord. Please continue to pray for me, his wife & My Family. Sincerest thanks, Arlene R.







#### Thanks!

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Shalom. Peace. Paz.

Julie Werfelmann



#### Many Thanks!!

Many thanks to Janet Mc for buying our Pentecost barbecue items, to Steven for grilling up the hot dogs, and to everyone who contributed cash or salads and sides. It was a lovely celebration of the birthday of the Church!

#### 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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Take Cold Showers twice a day.

Wear loose cotton clothes.

Avoid going out in direct sunlight. Wear a cap, or take an umbrella with you. Wear sunscreen lotion with SPF 30+ Step up on water intake. Just plain water taken many times a day is better than sugary juice.

Similar to how a radiator is able to pull off heat to cool an entire engine, simply wearing a cool wrist band against your palpable wrist pulse can cool you down. The key is that you should be able to feel your pulse close enough to the skin to be able to exchange heat.

Do not drink very cold beverages or very hot beverages in summer.

If you have been out in the sun too long refresh with a salty sweet drink, like lassi, tender coconut water or fresh lime juice.

Avoid storing food in the fridge. Eat fresh.

Pour a few buckets of water in the open terrace. Brings the temperature down a few degrees.

Wet a bedsheet and hang it against the window when the sun gets unbearable. It's better than just turning on the airconditioner considering your energy bills and of course the environment.



Step up on your salads and fruit intake.

Keep a spray bottle filled with water in the fridge and spray yourself when you feel too hot. This will bring down the body temperature.



# **STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY THIS SUMMER**

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