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Sharing The  
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## *Sharing the Love of Jesus*

Dear Friends,

As of July 17 I will have been your pastor for 20 years. That's hard to believe! And yet when I take time to reflect, I think about all that has happened.

I have gone through a lot of changes since I showed up here. Many milestones have been passed. Almost 2/5's of my life has been spent here. Marriage/divorce, parenthood and a liver transplant are just a few of the life highlights I've lived in these 20 years.

Good Shepherd has gone through a lot of changes too. We have evolved in different directions. I would like to thank you for being a part of this congregation! To those of you who have been here since 2002, I want to thank you for being a constant in my life. I have struggled and grown with you as our lives have unfolded together. To those of you who have joined our congregation in the last 20 years I want to say what an honor it has been to welcome you to Good Shepherd. This is a very special place with outstanding people. People like you!

One thing that has not changed is why we are here. Back in 2003 we adopted the mission statement: *Sharing the Love of Jesus*. We have done that together in countless ways. There is no way to measure the difference we have made in our community and around the world as we have *Shared the Love of Jesus*. Thanks for your part in that!

Since none of us know how much time we really have left anywhere I won't speculate on the future. But I do know as long as we continue *Sharing the Love of Jesus* it will be my honor to serve! See you in worship!

God's Peace,  
Pastor Ted

## Prayer Concerns

### Members in Need of Prayer:

Mary Schmidt

Vonny Sturgeon

Chris Walker

Arlene Robbins

Mary Norris & Family

Dana Klein

Julie Werfelmann & Family

Jennifer Neer & Family

Connie Alvarado

Woody Wilk

Doris Moscatelli

Mabel Vogler

Susan Berg

Richard & Kay Schumacher

Irene Pierini

Jocelyn Miller

Kirsten Linder

Jim Thompson

### Family and Friends:

Johnny Rosales

Kathy & Child

Sandy Robbins (Robbins)

Karl & Pauline Ritterbush

Angela & Child (Hays)

Autumn Dunlop (Anderson)

JJ Werfelmann (Julie)

Gloria Valdez (Norris)

Joe Romero family upon his death.

Elizabeth Rosales (Victor Rosales)

Emily & Sawyer Bogart (Anderson)

Roger Robbins (Robbins)

Michelle B. (Norris)

Jaylyssa (Saturday Sports Family)

Bonnie Wolfe (Norris)

Diane's Sisters & Niece

Mona White

Hudson Otten (Anderson)

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)

Anthony Cholicho

Kim Carlson



Mick Konkol – 7/05

Heather Walker – 708

Steve McQuillan – 7/13

Kevin Bolm – 7/15

Nathan Montgomery – 7/20

Robert Boehringer – 7/22

Cheryl Montgomery – 7/26

Julie Werfelmann – 7/26

Arlynn Turnquist – 7/27

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



Allan Hofmann – 7/01  
 Caroline Sullivan – 7/01  
 Ruth Thompson – 7/06  
 Diane Fake – 7/28

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

PRAY FOR AMERICA



Please PRAY for those affected by COVID-19

Celebrating   
 An Anniversary This Month

Dave & Lori DeGiovanni - 7/10



## 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

# Prayers for America

*Father in Heaven,*

*We, the people, in the*

*Land of the free and*

*The home of the brave,*

*Desperately need YOU*

*Oh that we would leave our ways*

*Of seeking to be blessed*

*And instead seek to bless others.*

*We beg for Your guidance and wisdom*

*For our leaders.*

*We ask You to protect our land*

*From enemies, both within and without.*

*And we praise you for the freedom*

*We have through the blood of Your Son.*

*May Your plan be the desire of our nation.*

*Amen*



STEWARDSHIP OF WORSHIP & OFFERINGS	June 5, 2022	June 12, 2022	June 19, 2022	June 26, 2022
Attendance	52	48	38	45
General Fund	\$4,725.00	\$5,470.00	\$1,570.00	\$1,365.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)	Memorial: \$250.00			
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)				
Community Center Capital Fund	Loose Plate: \$335.00		Loose Plate: \$30.00	
Loose Plate				
Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)			Property Improvement (Lighting): \$6,937.00	
BIA Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.	\$5,310.00	\$5,470.00	\$8,537.00	\$1,365.00

# June Financials

**YOUR GIVING MATTERS!**

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

This month income was down. Part of the reason was BIA's rent was paid at the end of May (that's \$5,376.26). The second reason is – summer is here – people are traveling, and income is traditionally down during the summer. We did get the check in from our insurance company, Church Mutual, for the damage done to the lights in the courtyard and parking lot. The repairs for that were just completed this week, so the bill has not been paid.

If you notice, the expenses were high this month. This was partly due to an error I made last month. I miscalculated when I had to do payroll. I remembered that Memorial Day was a holiday but did not factor in the banks being closed and everyone got paid one day late. Normally our paychecks and the two vendors we pay by direct deposit (our janitor and our lawn service) are issued on the last working day of the month – the May payments went out on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

As I think everyone has heard we had a second copper theft – this time the air conditioner condenser outside the office (\$6,904.19 in damages). That claim has been turned in and the insurance company has approved on Friday of last week and the check should come in very soon. The AC condenser will be installed on 6/29 and the bill will be payable after that date. We will be responsible for our \$1000. deductible. The company doing the work gave us a quote for placing a cage over the condenser. This should prevent future vandalism. The cost is \$1,750.00 and we have authorized it – it just makes sense since they will see we replaced and will be headed back to do it again.

The next major expense we have is replacing one of the window air conditioners in one of the classrooms. This is a cost of \$3,280.71 and there is no insurance for that – it was just old. It is something we have to do. That expense will probably come in next

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	\$30,210.94	\$17,278.61	\$12,932.33
Jun	\$13,475.00	\$35,774.48	(\$22,299.48)
Jul			\$0.00
Aug			\$0.00
Sep			\$0.00
Oct			\$0.00
Nov			\$0.00
Dec			\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$154,409.35</b>	<b>\$159,417.92</b>	<b>(\$5,008.57)</b>

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## Report of Assembly

During the 2021 Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly, then Rev Megan Rohr was elected as our Bishop. She had the support of the majority of the LGBTQ Lutheran members. Undisclosed by the candidate Rohr was the ongoing case in San Francisco Superior Court for misappropriation of funds from Grace Lutheran Church in San Francisco.

During preparations for the 2022 SPS Synod Assembly this case came to light. In addition, the events of December 12, 2021, the Fiesta de la Guadalupe for Latino members were also divulged. The Mission Latina at St Paul's Lutheran in the Stockton Conference was closed in an inappropriate confrontation. <https://www.spselca.net/post/synod-council-statement-regarding-misi%C3%B3n-latina-luterana>

Catherine Slabaugh submitted the above article which is a good overview of the Synod's actions.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2022/06/03/lutheran-transgender-bishop-resign/>

*"In a report published May 27, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, announced she had asked for the resignation of Bishop Megan Rohrer from the Sierra Pacific Synod denomination."*

This was also published in the following:

<https://religionnews.com/2022/06/02/elca-presiding-bishop>

When the 2022 Assembly began, it was evident that now Bishop Rohr had lost a great deal of support of the LGBTQ community. Churchwide Bishop Elizabeth Eaton was present throughout the Assembly, in itself unusual. Also Carlos Pena from the Churchwide Council facilitating and observing the entire Assembly.

When the vote was finally called on the resolution of dismissal, a 2/3 vote was required. Voting members counted 309; 183 votes were cast for dismissal 138 votes cast against. The vote for dismissal failed.

The final business meeting was held Saturday morning when 4 resolutions published in the guidebook were considered. We were then hurriedly dismissed for closing worship WITHOUT the consideration of 2 resolutions which were submitted in writing during the Assembly. They were not read aloud or given to the voting members in any form. All unconsidered resolutions automatically go to the Synod Council for decision. We have no way to know what they are.

This was my third Assembly as a delegate. Overall it was very poorly organized, procedures were not understood by organizers, translations of information was not prepared ahead in spite of the knowledge of the makeup of our membership. This observation and disappointment was shared by other members at the microphone, including LGBTQ and Latina members.

I have prayed for the fire of Pentecost to inflame the leadership of our Synod so that we will be truly able to share the love with our diverse membership.

Respectfully submitted by your delegate,

Dee Wright



Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



IN GOD'S KITCHEN

WHAT ARE  
YOU  
COOKING?

Fresno  
Why?



Picture Courtesy of Sandy T.

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



## COFFEE HOSTS/HOSTESSES NEEDED!!!

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



GOODIES

## PASTOR TED'S 20TH YEAR WITH GOOD SHEPHERD



On July 17th we will celebrate Pastor Ted's 20th year as our Pastor. We thank him and pray for his continuing spiritual protection and development. A lot of wonderful things have taken place during the past 20 years as we all have "Shared the Love of Jesus" together. Congratulations, Pastor Ted!



## Save the Date God's Work, Our Hands.

Saturday, 9/10/22

Our congregation will be participating again this year in the ELCA's countrywide service project. Lutheran congregations throughout the U.S. will be serving our communities on this particular weekend in all kinds of different ways, and Good Shepherd is no exception. The Lutheran Hunger Network will take place here, and the Sewing Saints will be working on a project. We will put together "Blessing Bags" for our Westside Rescue friends to distribute to their human clients. If you have any ideas, please see Janet Mc, Art, Sharon, or me. Start making your plans now as to how you'd like to participate. We hope to see everyone involved in some way.

Thank you!  
Shalom, Julie







# GET INVOLVED!!!




Dear friends,  
How would you like to help contribute to our worship experience? Here are some brilliant opportunities to share your gifts and to grow in your faith and in your relationships with others by helping out in any or all of the following areas!

**Lectors** - people who read the lessons on Sunday morning. 

**Greeters** - arrive early to welcome others to Sunday worship and handout bulletins. 

**Children's Church leaders** - go to Jacobson or playground for special kids' time after the Gospel and through the prayers of the church. Brief discussion or activity around one of the lessons followed by some play and the Lord's Prayer before returning in time for communion. (You can still catch the sermon and prayers via Facebook later in the day!)



**Altar Guild** - come early to prepare the altar or stay late to put away communion items. 



**Videographers** - record Sunday worship via Facebook Live for those who can't make it to worship.



Please prayerfully consider how you can make worship more welcoming, more joyous, and more meaningful - for yourself AND for everyone else, too - by contributing in some of the aforementioned ways. You can offer to substitute, pick a month, or pick a regular week of the month to share your gifts through any of these ministries. Please contact Gloria Miller, Suzie Gutierrez, Pastor Ted, or me if you have any questions or would like to join in the work of the church in this way.

Thank you! Julie W.

## This Changes Everything VBS for Adults-Preschool Sunday Nights 7/31, 8/7, 8/14

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. —Ephesians 2:8



THIS truly changes EVERYTHING! God's generous gift of grace to each of us has the power to change *everything* in our individual lives and also *everything* in our life together as the Church. We will continue and expand upon this transforming theme we started last year. This VBS theme of change is particularly appropriate in our world that is still feeling the effects of Covid-19, not to mention the difficulties of war and drought.

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 while various crafts 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 7/31, 8/7, and 8/14. Please contact Julie @ 559-287-3457 or [13jdixon13@gmail.com](mailto:13jdixon13@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like to help.

Come and let your heart - your whole identity - be changed by God's grace!  
Bring your friends and family, too!

## FOOD FOR ROEDING FAMILIES!!!

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Another car load of food has been delivered to Roeding Elementary School along with \$50 gift cards. We have been feeding between 10-15 families due to the generosity of our church members, an anonymous donor and a special thanks to Nathan Montgomery for donating his Save Mart reward card to the thanksgiving Basket fund.

Roeding school staff say "AMAZING". They are also amazed as they know their families in need, separate out the food and in some cases deliver to families without transportation.

The Thanksgiving Baskets include: Sacks of carrots, potatoes, onions, apples/oranges, cans of red and green sauce, cheddar cheese, bags of rice, pinto beans, oatmeal, jars of peanut butter/jelly (grape of course), corn tortillas, bread and a gallon of milk for each family.

Thanks you for allowing me to "Share the Love of Jesus" with so many over this year.  
Pam Gerster



Mark & Laura—Roeding Staff



### 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.



### LHN Free Neighborhood Market

**@ All Nations 7th Day Adventist Church, 7/09, 9 -11a.m.**



There will be a food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market at 1135 E Alluvial (between Cedar and Millbrook) on Saturday, 7/09, from 9-11 a.m. Central CA Food Bank will provide gloves, and you will need to bring your own mask. **On 7/9, 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: Delores Jones - Phone: 824-8329.

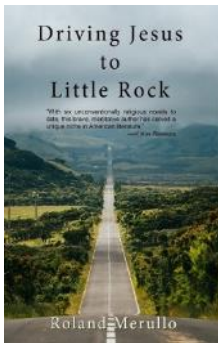
Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry!  
Julie W.



## 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

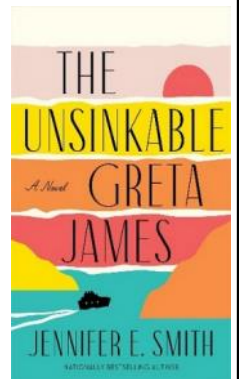
### ▶ The Unsinkable Greta James ◀

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.



Hooray for Summer Reading!

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



**WOMEN OF  
THE ELCA**

Trinity Lutheran  
Church, Fresno  
Margie Back,  
President

Summer 2022



**Summer Bible Study**

**Tuesday, July 19th  
9:00 to 12:15**

**You are invited to  
join us!**

You are invited to join us at Trinity for this special Summer Bible Study!  
3973 N. Cedar Avenue, Fresno, CA

(You can prepare ahead of time if you wish by reading the lessons in the Gather magazine.)

*Session 1: 9a.m.-10:30a.m. Session 2: 10:45a.m.-12:15p.m.*

*Bag lunch to follow. Cost will be \$2 for lunch.*

*Please call Nancy Newsome (970-0159) to sign up.*

# ROEDING Carnival 2022



2022

# Pentecost



Flowers by Jennifer Neer



Flowers by Mary Norris





WEAR RED FOR  
**Pentecost**

# Pentecost Picnic 2022



## Pentecost Picnic Fixings



*Yum*





*Anniversary  
Celebration*



*Ken & Susan Berg Celebrate 50 Years of  
Wedded Bliss.*



*50th Anniversary  
Reception  
Ken & Susan Berg*

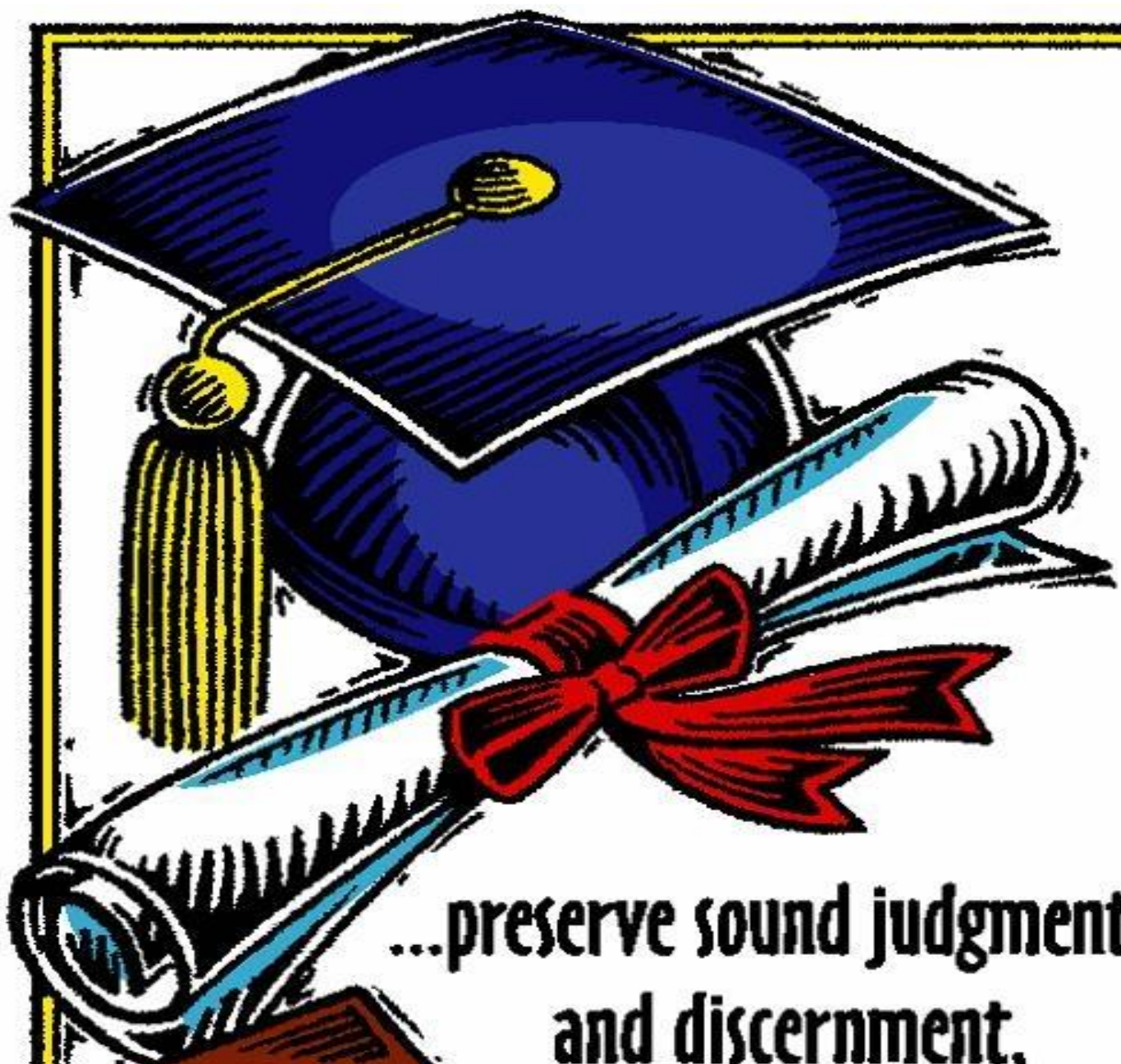




THANKS  
FROM THE  
HEART



HAPPY  
Anniversary  
FROM YOUR  
CHURCH FAMILY



**...preserve sound judgment  
and discernment,  
do not let them  
out of your sight;  
they will be  
life for you...**

**Proverbs 3:21-22**

**Congratulations, on Your Promotion!**



*Michelle Carly Wilson*



**Michelle Carly Wilson has graduated from 6th grade and is going to Thomas Jefferson middle school in Madera for the 2022-2023 school year. Your family is so proud of you!**

**Love, Mom & Dad**





# BULLARD HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE KNIGHTS



*Chris Walker*

Chris Walker has graduated from Bullard HS. He is the son of Sean and Suzanne Walker, was recently confirmed here, and has attended Good Shepherd for his entire life.

*Way to go, Chris!!!*

# Congratulations Class of 2022



*Jade Dixon*

Jade Dixon graduated from UC Davis on June 12th with a bachelor's degree in anthropology. She is the daughter of Paul & Julie Werfelmann, and we are all so proud of her for this achievement!





Way  
to  
Go!



# ROEDING

Every child at Roeding Elementary got to choose up to two books to take home for summer reading a week ago Wednesday. Many, many thanks to the whole congregation for collecting books and helping to label them all during our coffee hour over the past few weeks. Thank you to Kathy for printing more labels and to Sue for helping count books and organize this project. Special thanks to Woody Wilk and Alan & Brenda Hofmann for helping to transport and distribute over 1000 books to the children at our adopted school. It's not too late to give Debbie Wilk some money for the last several hundred she ordered from eBay. Well done, good and faithful servants!





## Our New Green Paraments!



Did you see our new green paraments when you entered the sanctuary on Sunday, June 19th? They are a generous gift from two couples in our membership and we are so very grateful!

Paraments are liturgical hangings on and around the altar. The color of the paraments that are hanging define what church season we are in, such as purple is for Lent, blue is Advent, red is Pentecost, etc.

Green is used for “ordinary time” of the church year when we are not in any liturgical season. Ordinary time usually lasts 30 weeks of the 52 weeks in the church year. We are now in ordinary time and it will last through October.

Because our green paraments hung for many years, they were very faded from the light hitting them. The donating couples said, “**It’s time for new green paraments!**”. They generously ordered them and now they are hanging! Thank You!

Julie Werfelmann conducted a “Blessing of the Paraments” during our worship service on June 19th.



You will see that the theme for the paraments coordinate with the concept of the stained glass window in the back of the sanctuary. If you never studied that window, take a moment to check out the shepherd section. Now we have the Shepherd and sheep in the back and in the front of our sanctuary. How fitting is that for our Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

~Gloria Miller  
Worship Chairperson

# National Dog Day August 26th



Austin found Candy eating a Skittles wrapper on the side of the road. He brought her home. I took her to the vet to see if she was chipped and now she's my 'Candy Cane', sweet as sugar.  
♥ Sue Hays



Candy



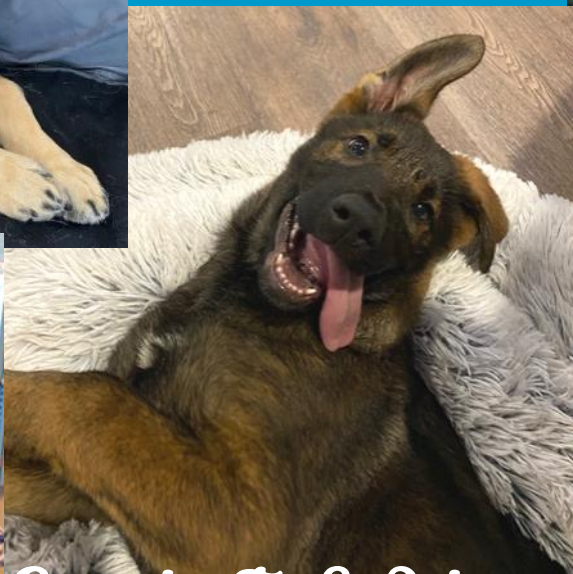
Loki



Winter

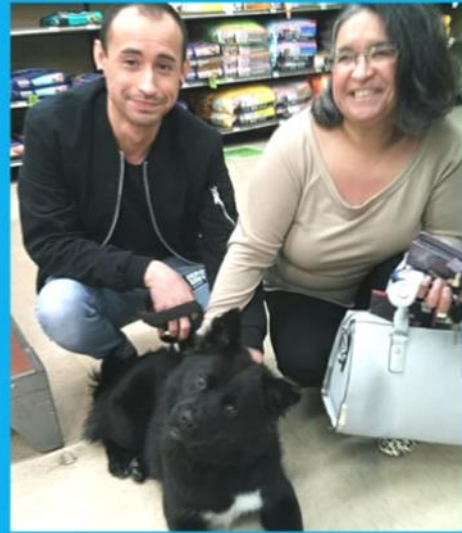


We have three granddogs.  
ST and my JT2



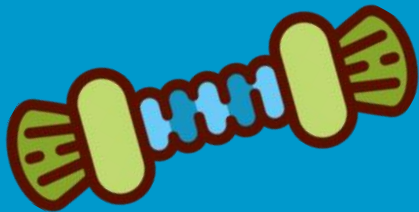
Sandy T. & Odin

# National Dog Day



**petco**  
TRAINING GRADUATE  
#petcograd @petco

*Baby*



**This Is Alex my son and I at Baby's Obedient Training graduation. Baby came to my husband Patrick and our family at 4 weeks old.**

**Mary C Norris**

*Rosie*

**Our dog's name is Rosie in the picture with Art.**

**She likes walking around the church area.**



# National Dog Day



Bella, Spirit & Ducky (Ducky was visiting)



Bella & Spirit  
Kurt & Pastor Ted's  
Fur-Babies





*Honduras Builed June 2022*



*Thankful*

OWES

(Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors)



## Title: Life Began in a Garden



Crazy Plant Lady definition: a lady who buys plants she doesn't need then digs up and moves existing plants in order to make room for more plants.

I garden to burn the crazy off.



Anyone who has time for drama isn't gardening enough.



Your life is your garden,  
Your thoughts are the seeds.  
If your life isn't awesome,  
You've been watering the weeds.

And into the garden I go to lose my mind and find my soul.

Bread feeds the body but flowers feed the soul.



The garden is a love song,  
A duet between a human being and mother nature.

Jeff Fox

If you are a gardener you can always put "plant manager" on your resume.

A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms.



# OWLS (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors)



How lovely is the silence of growing things.

Where flowers bloom, so does hope.

Gardening requires lots of water, most of it in the form of perspiration.

Lou Ericson

Wherever  
Flowers  
Bloom,  
There is  
Hope.



To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.

Audrey Hepburn



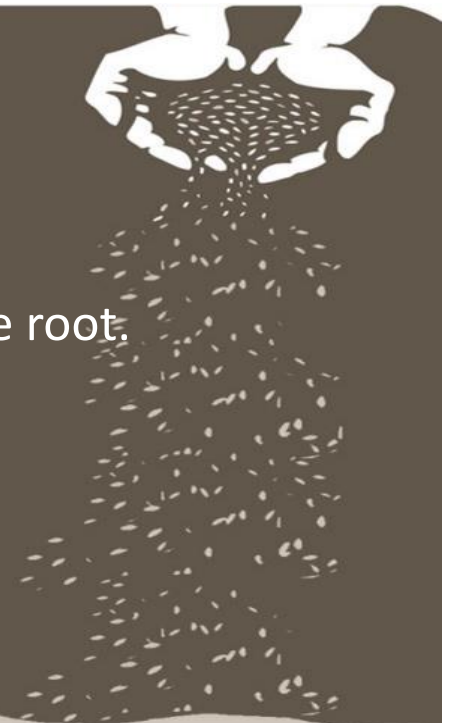
Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap  
But by the seeds that you plant.

Robert Louis Stevenson

Leave room in your garden for the angels to dance.



Keep planting seeds  
You never know what may take root.  
Ecclesiastes 11:6



# Notes of Gratitude

## Roeding Book Project Appreciation



Every child at Roeding Elementary got to choose up to two books to take home for summer reading a week ago Wednesday. Many, many thanks to the whole congregation for collecting books and helping to label them all during our coffee hour over the past few weeks. Thank you to Kathy for printing more labels and to Sue for helping count books and organize this project. Special thanks to Woody Wilk and Alan & Brenda Hofmann for helping to transport and distribute over 1000 books to the children at our adopted school. It's not too late to give Debbie Wilk some money for the last several hundred she ordered from eBay. Well done, good and faithful servants!

## Thanks! from Honduras

Thank you for your prayers and donations to help John build his 11th house in Honduras!  
GSLC Rocks!!



## Thanks! from the Berg's



Ken and I wish to thank you, our Good Shepherd Family for the beautiful cards and words of congratulations given to us on the celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday June 12. We also thank Suzi Gutierrez for her scrumptious desserts, Sandy Terstegen's welcoming hostessing, and to Victor Rosales who is so helpful to make sure everything is in working order. We love you, our Good Shepherd Family! We feel so blessed by your support and love! Thank you for helping us celebrate!  
Susan and Ken Berg

## Pastor Ted & Good Shepherd Lutheran Family,

Thank you so much for Baptizing our little Madeleine on Easter Sunday. It was such a special day for all of us and we will always enjoy telling Madeleine that she was surrounded by family and how very special her first Easter Sunday was, being Baptized in the same church 'Mommy' grew up in.

I know my Grandmother was really over the moon to have so much family in church that day to celebrate, and it was one of the happiest days of her life. Thank you to all who made it possible, and especially for the sweet handmade blanket she was gifted, we will cherish that blanket and that day forever.

Always, Lindsey, Chris & Madeleine



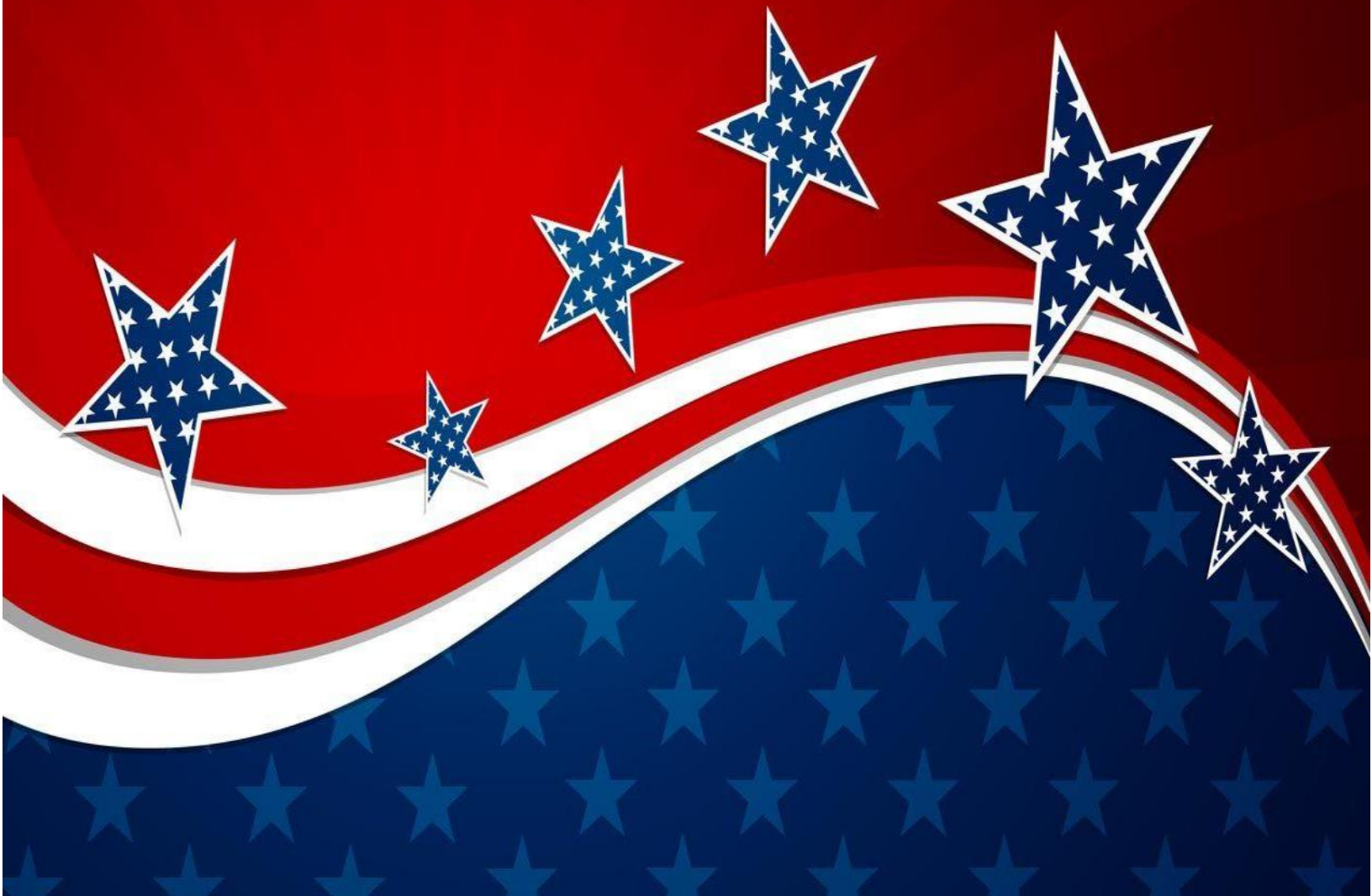


# Notes of Gratitude

## Thank You!!!

Thank you Good Shepherd prayer chain and my Good Shepherd family and friends for your prayers for healing. I am feeling much better and now test negative for COVID 19. Thank you Heavenly Father for all you do and have done for me. With much appreciation, Pat Hayner-Slusser.



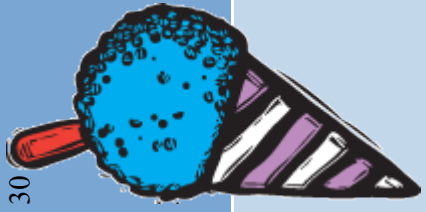

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# July 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>STAYING IN GOD'S WORD THIS SUMMER</b></p>						
<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10AM Worship Service</li> <li>11AM Coffee Social, Jacobson Hall</li> </ul>	<p>4Happy 4th of July!!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm &amp; Fireside Rm)</li> <li>5PM - 10PM Boy Scouts (Comm Ctr)</li> </ul>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm &amp; Fireside Rm)</li> <li>6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr)</li> </ul>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm &amp; Fireside Rm)</li> <li>6:30PM GSLC Book Club (Comm Ctr)</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm &amp; Fireside Rm)</li> </ul>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9AM - 4PM BIA (Conf Rm &amp; Fireside Rm)</li> </ul>	<p>9</p>
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*Galatians 5:1 (KJV)*



# *Independence Day Blessing*

*Stand fast therefore in the liberty  
wherewith Christ hath made us free,  
and be not entangled again  
with the yoke of bondage.*

*Have a Happy and Safe 4th.*

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