



# The Shepherd's Voice

## July 2024

**GOOD  
SHEPHERD  
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,

Today I was texting my best friend from my elementary-high school days. We were sharing with each other what we had been up to in terms of fun. He said he was getting into karaoke. Then he said something that struck me. He said he liked karaoke at one bar in particular "because the people who go to this bar, even though they are from different walks of life, are so welcoming." I thought to myself, "sounds like a good church!" I have heard that Good Shepherd is a welcoming congregation. I imagined what people might say about our welcoming.

It is true that our congregation is made up of different walks of life. I like to think that with that kind of diversity there is someone who can relate to whoever is coming to visit us. I appreciate how our differences have not been polarizing like they are in society.

Tonight the Presidential Debate will be on TV. I will watch it. I am so grateful that in a society as polarized as ours can be we can also experience the acceptance of all here at church. After all, that is the way it will be in Heaven. We better get used to it.

Thank you for your being a welcoming congregation. I hope visitors feel the same way about our community as my friend does about his bar. We are from different walks of life, yet hopefully always so welcoming. We worship the same God, maybe praying for radically different outcomes in terms of things like the upcoming election, but united in the love that God has for all people. Wouldn't it be wonderful if people caught a glimpse of Heaven from our fellowship here?

See you at worship!

God's Peace,  
Pastor Ted

# Prayer Concerns

## Members Needing

### Prayer:

Mary Schmidt  
Kay Schumacher  
Mona White  
Betty Montgomery  
Diane Fake  
Yvonne Smith  
Neil and Verna Walden  
Liz Smith  
Bill Biggs  
Mary Norris & Family  
Connie Alvarado  
Jocelyn Miller  
Kirsten Linder  
Jim Thompson

## Family and Friends:

Charlie (Terstegen)  
Gary Assmussen (Deuker's  
Cousin)  
Please pray for the Bob  
Krause family on his pass-  
ing. (Anderson)  
Irene Goldman (Dueker)  
Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)  
Betty (Anderson)  
Tonya (White)  
Shanese (White)  
Dirk Rathwick (Norris)  
Zyg Zee (Norris)  
Claire (Vonny)  
Janet Sharp (Fake)  
Anthony Collichio (Norris)  
Mickey Cecil (Norris)  
Jeanne Grant (Anderson)  
Dorothy Lee Bruce (Julie)  
Monica & Kyle Sedra  
(Werfelmann)  
Jacob, Abbe & Family  
(Werfelmann)  
Melissa (Sandy T.)  
Joy Kensinger (Miller)  
Frank and Anita Porco  
(Vonny)  
Jim D. (Norris)  
Jade Dixon (Julie)  
Pam (Smith)  
Grace Johnson (Fake)  
Hudson Otten (Anderson)  
Karen Ohanesian (Hays)  
Rosemary (Vonny)  
Nathan & Sandy Robbins  
(Robbins)



Mick Konkol – 7/05  
Heather Walker – 7/08  
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



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 Illness, Natural Disasters and War.  
For Prayer Requests Call or email the Church Office 225-2092/gslcfresno@att.net

STEWARDSHIP OF	June 2, 2024	June 9, 2024	June 16, 2024	June 23, 2024	June 30, 2024
Attendance	54	49	59	55	
General Fund	\$2,390.00	\$3,875.00	\$7,395.00	\$1,533.00	\$2,181.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)					
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)					
Community Center Capital Fund	Loose Plate: \$10.00	Loose Plate: \$	Loose Plate: \$	Loose Plate: \$170.00	Loose Plate: \$
Loose Plate					
Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)	Color Printing: \$		Property Improvement: 2,037.00 Roeding: 1,000.00		
BIA Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.		BIA Rent: \$5,408.00 Property Use: \$700.00			
ω	\$2,400.00	\$9,983.00	\$10,432.00	\$1,703.00	\$2,181.00

# June Financials

**YOUR GIVING MATTERS!**

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Happy Summer everyone. Our income was about what it normally is. Next month our income will be significantly less as this is the last rent payment we will receive from BIA. We only had one unplanned expense – a vandal broke a window in the BIA office area (\$325.00). Next month, we should see a decrease in our PG & E with BIA not using the buildings.

This is my last report. I would like to thank everyone for all their support over the years. I appreciate it more than I can say. Dana Biggs is catching on very quickly and I know she will do a great job. I am so grateful she agreed to take on this challenging position! I am also grateful to Dana Klein for taking on the financial secretary position – she is doing a wonderful job as well! I will ask you all to continue to pray for the financial health of our church. We are facing some challenging times ahead.

Yours in Christ,

Caroline Sullivan

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	\$16,931.32	\$24,888.33	(\$7,957.01)
Jun	\$21,481.00	\$26,425.28	(\$4,944.28)
Jul			\$0.00
Aug			\$0.00
Sep			\$0.00
Oct			\$0.00
Nov			\$0.00
Dec			\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$174,841.37</b>	<b>\$159,487.38</b>	<b>\$15,353.99</b>

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This Summer

# 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 July/Aug. 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!

## JULY/AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**July 7 - VBS @ 6:15—8:30PM, Jacobson Hall**

**July 13- LHN Free Neighborhood Market 9AM-12PM, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church**

**July 18 - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Conf Rm**

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

**July 31 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office**

**July 31 - KingsMen/KingsKids @ 6:30PM, Jacobson Hall**

**Aug. 3 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market 9AM-12PM, Hope Lutheran Church**

**Aug. 4, 11 - VBS @ 6:15—8:30PM, Jacobson Hall**

**Aug. 15 - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Conf Rm**

**Aug. 28 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office**



## From Generation to Generation VBS on 3 Sundays In July/August

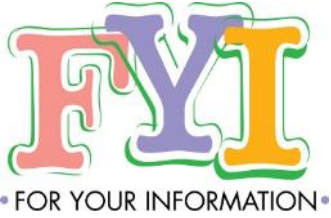
Our VBS continues on July 7th, so mark your calendars and tell your friends, neighbors, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and so on! We will be meeting 3 more Sunday nights throughout July & Aug. Our VBS will be for all ages, FREE, and begin with dinner each night @ 6:15. Remaining dates are July 7th, 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



## *KingsMen/KingsKids July 31st @ 6:30PM*



Hello folks, KingsMen and KingsKids will take place on July 31st at 6:30 pm. This time for dinner, we are going to do something special. It will be build your own subway sandwich. I'll bring the bread for the subways. I just need a few folks to bring the rest. Meat, cheese and pickles. Also whatever else you like to put on your subway. We do

## **LHN Free Neighborhood Market 6/13 @ Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 9 -11a.m.**



There will be a drive through food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market on Saturday, 6/13, from 9-11 a.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church located at 2101 N. Fruit Ave. 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](mailto:13jdixon13@gmail.com) or 559-287-3457. Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry.



## *OWLS Sept. 18th*

OWLS are grounded for July and August. Get your passports ready for a vacation with Pilot Gordon and Co-Pilot Diane Fake on Sept. 18. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for details.



## *Roeding Food Donations*

School is ending and I have just delivered my last load of food to Roeding School. Due to the generosity of Good Shepherds members and a private donor I have been able to deliver food and gift cards almost monthly. Peggy Lora at school has identified families in need. She has also delivered food to their homes if needed.

There is a real need for this stewardship at Roeding. Thanks to Good Shepherd's generosity, I have been blessed in my stewardship at Roeding School. Yours in Christ. Pam Gerster



## 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](mailto: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**

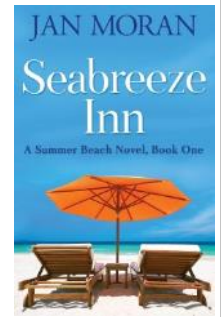
**Join us Sunday, July 28 at 4:00 pm in the Community Center.**

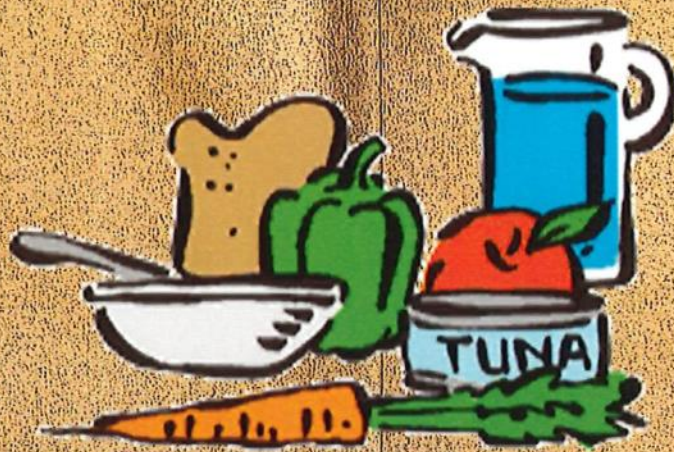
**Welcome to your happy place...**

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.





**HUNGER RELIEF**  
**GSLC Food Pantry**  
**Monday—Friday**  
**9:00am - 1:00pm**

Non-perishables items such as: rice, bagged pasta, canned sauces, canned vegetables, canned meats, chili beans, soups, boxed pasta meals, peanut butter n' jelly are available in the food pantry.

If you or someone your know is in need, please call to make arrangements with our Office Assistant, Kathy, to pick up some food.

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Each month, the Lutheran Hunger Network holds a free Neighborhood Market (where some perishables items are available) the first Saturday of each month, 9am – 1pm. The current location can be found on our website located at: [www.fresnogslc.org](http://www.fresnogslc.org).

\*Good Shepherd Lutheran hosts this food distribution in February and September.



# VOLUNTEER

להתנדב (le-heet-nah-DEV) [HEBREW]

To volunteer oneself, as in helping people in need, or spending quality time with underprivileged children

## ESA/LOVE INC

### Volunteer Opportunities

If you know someone who is looking for a way to give back to the community, ESA/Love INC is always looking for a few good men or women to serve! We need volunteers to help with the Love INC Help Line or inside the ESA business office three hours a week.

## Care Fresno

### Summer Program

#### Volunteer Opportunity

Care Fresno's Summer Program is happening Monday-Thursday during the weeks of July 8th-July 25th. You can volunteer to help kids:

- refine their math and literacy skills,
- lead the water games for the kids,
- be a mentor to the kids at the program.
- help with the Bible story time to help kids know God

*Young, Seasoned, Man or Woman, We All Make A Difference When We Share Of Ourselves*

**There will be a site lead at each summer program site.**

**For More Information on Volunteering Visit:  
<https://www.lovenet559.org/volunteering>**



**SATURDAY SPORTS AT ROEDING  
ELEMENTARY  
WE HAVE SEVERAL VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES AT CSLC!!  
COME HAVE SOME FUN!!**







**THANK YOU  
WOODY FOR  
YOUR HELP!**



# DWLS

June's 15+ mph wind gusts directed Hooties to their final destination.



Chef Suzie Guitierrez steamed up cauliflower, broccoli, summer squash and baby potatoes topped with a YUUUUUMYYYY cashew ranch dressing. We learned that vegetables are protein and contain salt. They should be steamed instead of zapped in a microwave to retain those nutrients. A refreshing cheesecake (NOT!) from a purple sweet potato topped off our meal. Members were provided a "Vegetables Just as Themselves" handout.



Her best compliment was "Can Suzie cook at each of our meetings?" One of the mental matches to ponder over the summer was "If Mary had Jesus and Jesus was a little lamb, does that mean that Mary had a little lamb? And again no one stayed to play games."



# Notes of Gratitude

## Thanks!

Thanks, Debbie, for your faithfulness and for taking the initiative. 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!”

*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**



# JULY 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>GOD BLESS AMERICA</b></p> <p><b>VBS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10AM Worship Service</li> <li>11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall)</li> <li>11AM—12PM Kid's Salt &amp; Light</li> <li>6:15—8:30PM VBS (Jacobson Hall)</li> </ul>	1	2	3	4	5	6
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The Monthly Newsletter of  
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