



The Shepherd's Voice

August 2024

GOOD
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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,

On my phone I have a weather app. It has a 45 day outlook predicting at least the temperatures to come. I am happy to report that the 100+ degree days are soon coming to an end! After this month we are pretty much in the clear. Sometimes when the heat gets as extreme as it has been lately it is difficult to think of much else.

This has been a busy summer. This Sunday we are continuing our Vacation Bible School which has been going well. You still have August 4 and August 11 to join us at 6:30 for dinner and a fun night. I have enjoyed the time I have shared with those of you who have participated.

Our Council has also been meeting regularly as usual but are currently meeting even weekly as developments unfold concerning our facilities and finding people who want to use them during the week. We also are continuing to explore options to get the sanctuary HVAC situation resolved. I would like to thank Mary Norris for her leadership as our Council President as well as each of our Council members. We are blessed to have a very active, productive group this year.

Soon school will start and regular activities will resume. I hope you can find time to enjoy these last dog days of summer. We are fortunate to live in a part of the world where we can really appreciate the cooler days coming after surviving record breaking heat like we have, again, this year.

Please take the time to look through this newsletter to see what is happening at your church. There are ways for you to connect and get involved. Thanks for your part in our living out our mission of *Sharing the Love of Jesus!*

God's Peace,

Pastor Ted





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Newsletter from the Congregational President of GSLC

Hi GSLC Family,

- Hope everyone is doing well!
Directory: Our church directory will be available next Sunday. Thank you for helping us stay connected!
- **Building Rental:** We're exploring rental options for our building to generate income. Potential tenants include CVTC and the Learning Academy.
- **Sanctuary HVAC:** We're working hard to resolve the Sanctuary's HVAC issues. We're considering energy-efficient Mini Split units and exploring potential financial assistance. Our goal is to be back in the Sanctuary for the holidays.
- **Neighborhood Safety:** Our Neighborhood Watch is active! Pick up safety packets in the office. We're also creating a joint community Facebook page.
- **Fireside Room Furniture:** Help us furnish the Fireside Room! Check out our Amazon registry: GSLC or search "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Fresno, CA, Parish House." We need a sofa, loveseat, ottoman, dining set, rug, lamps, and coffee table.
- **Upcoming Events:** VBS is wrapping up. Join us for God's Work, Our Hands in September, followed by Rally Day and our Oktoberfest celebration in October. Volunteers are needed!

Thanks for your continued support!

Mary C Norris
Congregation President (559)905-0615



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God's work. Our hands.

Prayer Concerns

Members Needing

Prayer:

Francis Sullivan
 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:

Please pray for the family and friends of Jeanne Grant on her passing. (Anderson)
 Brian (Hays)
 Phoebe (Neer)
 Phil (Anderson)
 Gary Assmussen (Deuker's Cousin)
 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)
 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)



Sheri Bolm – 8/01
 Whitney Linder – 8/01
 Jim Sanborn – 8/04
 Janet McQuillan – 8/07
 Stacy Lairson – 8/15
 Jo Ann Huebner – 8/25
 Madelynn Pattillo – 8/29
 Paul Bolm – 8/31
 *Any one that has seen a missing or incorrect birthday, baptismal, or anniversary date please contact Kathy in the office.
 559-225-2092



Julie Werfelmann – 8/01
 Bill Biggs – 8/12
 Michelle Wilson – 8/16
 William Hayes – 8/20
 Heather Walker – 8/27
 Steve Smith – 8/27
 Dana Biggs – 8/31



Art/Janet Mehl - 8/10
 Sean/Suzanne Walker - 8/20
 Paul/Sheri Bolm - 8/20
 Francis/Carol Sullivan - 8/22
 Ted/Norma Miller - 8/26
 Jim/Ruth Thompson - 8/30



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	July 7, 2024	July 14, 2024	July 21, 2024	July 28, 2024
Attendance	45	46	51	58
General Fund	\$4,333.00	\$7,026.00	\$861.00	\$933.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)			Memorials: \$25,000.00	
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)				
Community Center Capital Fund		Comm Ctr: \$2,600.00		Lose Plate: \$4.00
Loose Plate				
Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)				Altar Flowers: \$449.75
BIA Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.				
4	\$4,333.00	\$9,626.00	\$25,861.00	\$1,446.75

July Financials

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Income: \$43,393.41

Expenses: \$18,708.47

Difference: \$24,684.94

Message:

Greetings Good Shepherd. Lutheran Church,

Another month has quickly passed. In July we were very fortunate and grateful to have received a Memorial donation of \$25,000 from Pastor Paul Werfelmann's Church through Julie.. This amount contributed to our July income. However, Julie and her family will be determining how the funds should be used.

I would like to take the opportunity to deeply and sincerely thank Caroline Sullivan for being an exceptional treasurer for the Church for over 10 years. She has been a wonderful steward of our funds. She made sure all bills were paid and deposits made, paying attention to detail and never missing anything. Her love of the Church and its members showed each and every day through her work. She has also been a very patient teacher to me as I learn the books, programs and traditions of the Church. .

Thank you, thank you, Caroline for all you have done and will continue to do for the Church.

Yours in Christ,

Dana Biggs

GSLC Treasurer

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|www.fresnogslc.org |



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or
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|Use your mobile device to scan this QR code and give via Venmo. |



Don't
Forget
Your
Pledge

This Summer

it's summer! it's summer! it's summer! it's summer! it's summer!

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 Aug./Sept. 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!

AUG./SEPT. UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- Aug. 28 - KingsMen/KingsKids @ 6:30PM, Jacobson Hall
- Sept. 7 - God's Work, Our Hands Work Day @ 8AM—1PM, Jacobson Hall
- Sept. 7 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market 9AM-12PM, GSLC Host
- Sept. 8 - Rally Day Service @ 10AM, Sanctuary
- Sept. 8 - Rally Day Celebration @ 11:15AM, Jacobson Hall
- Sept. 9 - Esther Circle @ 6:30PM, Conf Rm
- Sept. 11—Nov. 20 - Wednesday Evening Bible Study, Comm Ctr
- Sept. 15 - GSLC Book Club @ 4PM, Comm Ctr
- Sept. 18 - OWLS @ 1pm, The Fake's Home
- Sept. 19 - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Conf Rm
- Sept. 25 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office



From Generation to Generation VBS 2 Sundays Remaining In August



Our VBS will pick back up on Aug. 4th @ 6:15pm so tell your friends, neighbors, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and so on! Our VBS will be for all ages, FREE, and begin with dinner each night @ 6:15. The remaining dates will be 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! Thank you! *Shalom. Peace. Paz. Julie Werfelmann*

KingsMen/KingsKids Aug. 28 @ 6:30PM



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

Join us Wednesday, Aug. 28th @ 6:30PM for a potluck.

Please bring a main dish and a side or dessert for this meeting.



LHN Free Neighborhood Market 8/3 @ Hope Lutheran Church, 9 -11a.m.

There will be a drive through food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market on Saturday, 8/3, from 9-11 a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church located at 5435 N. Fresno St. 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.



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.

Memorial Garden Committee

The Memorial Garden Committee will be recognizing those who contributed so much to the creation of the Good Shepherd Columbarium and Memorial Garden. Please join us in honoring these individuals at a dedication ceremony for our new plaque led by Pastor Ted in the Columbarium area immediately after church on September 8.



Then stay for the Rally Day Celebration with fun and food for everyone!



Oktoberfest Call to Service



Oktoberfest will benefit the entire church so sign up today to volunteer. You can help no matter your age or capabilities. **We will find you a job!**
See sign up sheets on the wall next to bathroom.

Save The Date 9/7/24 God's Work, Our Hands



God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

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. We will also be baking for our adopted school staff @ Roeding Elementary to welcome them back to school. Start planning what you'll bake/cook/buy and let Julie know if you'd like to help deliver the treats on 9/9.

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, 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.



***Rally Day Worship & Celebration—Mark your calendars 9/8. Plan to bring a friend to celebrate! More info to follow...**

WELCA September Retreat



The Women of the ELCA in the Sierra Pacific Synod are holding a retreat September 6-8. The focus is "Love One Another...Cultivating a Heart Like Ruth's." The retreat will be at Old Oak Ranch in Sonoma, CA. There will be two W-ELCA churchwide representatives, Pastor Tracy Williams and Valora Starr, who will work together in telling the story of Ruth and cultivating our hearts to be more like Ruth's.

The cost is \$150 (\$75 for first-timer attendees or for those who just can't afford the \$150.) The deadline to register is August 1. If you'd like to go, but will need a ride, let me know. I know someone who's going and would be happy to drive you there.

For more information and registration forms--either online or by mail--check out our (WELCA Synodical) website, www.spswelca.org. Even if you aren't going, check out the website.

Save the Date: ELCA Oktoberfest 2024

We will be holding our 2024 All Church Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 5th, 2024, from 5—8 pm in the Community Center and Jacobson Hall:

- Fun/Food (Bratwurst, sauerkraut and potato salad)
- Music
- Boutique Beer
- Vendors
- Silent Auction
- Tickets on sale Rally Day and every Sunday Thru Sep. 29th





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.

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

Winning Easter Egg Hunt



July 4th



The Special Music on Patriotic Sunday included the Battle Hymn of the Republic by the Choral Ensemble: John Montgomery, Cheryl Montgomery, Mary Norris, Ken Berg and Mona White. Our Music Director is Susan Berg.



July 4th



Paul Bolm and
Michelle Norris
Joined on the bongos.



On July 14, the Choral Ensemble added the Good Shepherd Chimes for the Special Music.



On Sept 21 Susan joined the ensemble and a bongo was added for the South African "Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises"



VBS
Generation
to Generation
Day 1





**THANKS to Our
VBS Volunteers!**





VBS
Generation
to Generation
Day 2




VBS - Generation to Generation Day 3



We have had 3 sessions of our summer VBS for all ages, and it's been a great time! It's not too late to join in the fun!!

Our theme verse is: "For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 100:5.

We've visited the stories of Abraham, Joseph (sold into slavery), and David so far, and we've been reminded that God's faithfulness goes on and on - for generations and generations, and generations to come! We can count on it, trusting God through all things.

The food has been great, and has only been outdone by the fine company and God's immeasurable love for us! Thanks to everyone who has helped or participated in any way. BIG thanks to Janet, Steve, Carol, Steven, and Yvonne for feeding us so well! Our last 2 sessions are 8/4 and 8/11, with dinner @ 6:15. Hope to see you all soon  *Shalom. Peace. Paz. Julie Werfelmann*







HAPPY ANNIVERSARY PASTOR TED!



Thank you
for
22 years
of service!

Those who have served well
gain an excellent standing
and great assurance in their
faith in Jesus Christ.

-1 Timothy 3:13

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Pastor Ted!!
Monday, July 15, was the 22nd
anniversary of Pastor Ted's service as
pastor at Good Shepherd. Thank you
Pastor Ted for 22 years of service
and Happy Anniversary!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY Mona White!!
July 15 was also the 34th
anniversary for Mona White as a
Deaconess. Happy Anniversary
Mona and thank you for 34 years of
service!



Congratulations Mona!!

On a Lifetime of Service

as Deaconess



Deaconess
Concordia
Service
Laying of Hands
Dom & pastors
ambassadors
Deaconess
Society

Fresno
Good Shepherd
Lutheran Homes
Chaplain

Deaconess
Concordia
Ascension Lutheran
Church
Indianapolis, IN
7/7/1990

GSLC adopted
Good Shepherd Lutheran
Filbert House
(Bob Gerster
visit)

United Christian
Church Choir
Minister of Music

My Infiltration as
Minister of Music
United Christian
Church
10/16/2007



TWLS

Rules of Getting Older



THINGS I HAVE NOTICED
AS I HAVE AGED

Talking to myself yields expert advice.

"In style" are my clothes that still fit.

I don't need anger management. I need people to stop ticking me off.

My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance for certain people that needs work.

The biggest lie I have told myself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."



"On-time" is when I get there.

It would be great if I could put myself in the dryer for ten minutes and came out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.

People my age are a lot older than me.

Growing old should take longer, but it hasn't.

Aging has slowed me down but hasn't shut me up.

I've never learned to act my age and hope I never will.

And the one to always follow or there will be an unpleasant outcome is -

"One for the road" means using the bathroom before I leave the house.



Notes of Gratitude



Thank You!

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.







Thank you so much to all who have faithfully helped make VBS a great experience again this summer! Well done, friends!!

With love & gratitude, Julie



AUGUST 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
  4 VBS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10AM Worship Service • 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall) • 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light • 6:15—8:30PM VBS (Jacobson Hall) 	 5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr) 	7	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6PM - 10PM Men's Choir (Comm Ctr) 	9	10
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18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10AM Worship Service • 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall) • 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light 	19	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr) 	21	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6PM - 10PM Men's Choir (Comm Ctr) 	23	24
25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10AM Worship Service • 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall) • 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light 	26	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr) • 6PM - 7PM HO Assoc. Meeting (Conf Rm) 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30PM Kingsmen/Kings Kids (Jacobson Hall) 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6PM - 10PM Men's Choir (Comm Ctr) 	30	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1PM - 4PM Girl's Scouts (Comm Ctr)



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MISSION STATEMENT

SHARING THE

LOVE OF

JESUS



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Summer Fun