

The Shepherd's Voice

March 2025

**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,

As I write this we are nearing the beginning of the Church season of Lent. Lent is the forty-day period of repentance and renewal preceding Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter. Lent is a special time for meditation, prayer and other penitential practices. It is a time for renewal of baptismal vows and recommitment to our faith.

Some people fast during Lent; others will change some behavior they know to be unhealthy or unhelpful to their life of faith. Some add extra prayer time, Bible reading, or whatever else helps us be mindful of Easter and all that it means. It is a time to focus on all Jesus did for us.

It is the tradition here at Good Shepherd to join together each Wednesday night during Lent to gather for soup suppers and a Bible class. I invite you to join us at 6:15 for the dinner followed at 7:00 with the class. You could also just join us for the soup or the class. This year we have something special lined up for the soups. Susie Gutierrez is making plant-based soups on Sunday. You can join her after worship as she is teaching how to prepare the soups. We will then eat the soup on Wednesday.

I always look forward to gathering on Wednesdays during Lent. It is a time I get to sit down and eat with people that I don't always get to spend that much time with. I find we grow in our relationships each year as we share each week what is going on in our lives. I hope this can be a time you grow in your relationships with God and other people!

God's Peace,
Pastor Ted



Prayer Concerns

Members Needing Prayer:

Rev. Dr. Arlynn Turnquist
Mona White
Kay Schumacher
Betty Montgomery
Neil and Verna Walden
Liz Smith
Bill Biggs
Mary Norris & Family
Connie Alvarado
Jocelyn Miller
Kirsten Linder
Jim Thompson



Family and Friends:
Kathy (Secretary) and Family
Elaine (Werfelmann)
Linda Healy (White)
Ivonne Garcia (Zamora)
Barbara Shakespeare
Kristin & Penelope Almeda (McQuillan)
Phoebe (Neer)
Phil (Anderson)
Gary Assmussen (Deuker)
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)
Jade Dixon (Julie)
Pam (Smith)
Grace Johnson (Fake)
Hudson Otten (Anderson)
Karen Ohanesian (Hays)
Rosemary (Vonny)
Nathan & Sandy Robbins (Robbins)



Courtney Bolm – 3/13
Austin Hays – 3/13
Norma Miller – 3/21
Sandy Terstegen – 3/21

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



Michael Kubar – 3/01
Irene Pierini – 3/09
Sean Walker – 3/09
Dee Wright – 3/14



Neil & Verna Walden - 3/18
John & Sue Hays - 3/18
Craig & Cheryl Montgomery

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	Feb. 2, 2025	Feb. 9, 2025	Feb. 16, 2025	Feb. 23, 2025
Attendance			47	
General Fund	\$5,126.94	\$4,080.00	\$3,889.13	\$1,620.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)		Memorial: 50.00		
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)				
Community Center Capital Fund	Loose Plate: \$25.00	Loose Plate:\$20.00	Loose Plate: \$50.00	Loose Plate: \$10.00
Loose Plate				
Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)	OWLS: 142.00			Special Gift: 68.00
House Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.	Thrivent: \$48.00	Prop. Use: 50.00		House Rental: \$3,880.00
	\$5341.94	\$4,200.00	\$3,939.13	\$5,578.00

February Financials

**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**

Greetings Members and Friends of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church:

February was a traditional month in terms of income and expenses. We had PG&E, water, landscaping, janitorial, payroll, community center mortgage and insurance as a quick partial list of expenses. We came very close to covering all our expenses with income as you can see from the chart.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me should you have any questions. I am happy to discuss the financial status of the Church at any time.

A special thank you to those wonderful members who have volunteered to count our donations on Sundays. You are so very appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

Dana Biggs

Treasurer

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Check out these Announcements and
Mark your calendar for these Upcoming
events !



Coffee Hour

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

MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 5 - Worship Committee Meeting @4:30PM, Pr. Ted's Office

Mar. 4 - Shrove Tuesday @ 6PM, Jacobson Hall

Mar. 5 - Ash Wednesday

Mar. 5—9 - Soup Supper @ 6PM followed by Lent Worship @ 7PM, Jacobson Hall

Mar. 10 - Esther Circle @ 6PM, Comm Ctr

Mar. 16 - GSLC Book Club @ 4PM, Comm Ctr

Mar. 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 17 - OWLS @ 12PM, Susan Linder's Home

Mar. 20 - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Jacobson Hall

Mar. 26 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office



LHN Free Neighborhood Market 3/1/25 @ Bulldog Pantry, 9—11a.m.

There will be a food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market on Saturday, 3/1, from 9-11 a.m. at the Bulldog Pantry. 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.



Urgently Needed: Volunteer—Instagram Posts

The church is needing someone to step up and begin doing the Instagram post for the upcoming events and activities.

Girl Scout Cookies on Sale Mar. 2



It's time to pre-order your Girl Scout Cookies. You can do so either through the link below or by calling Sheri Eggebraaten at 559-903-1851 or emailing her at messagebysheri@aol.com. Girl Scouts will be here Mar. 2, after service, if you would like to make your purchases in person. Here is a direct link: <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/cookies/how-to-buy-cookies.html>



SHROVE TUESDAY

SHROVE TUESDAY 3/4/25 6-7:30 PM IN JACOBSON HALL

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Mardi Gras and Fat Tuesday, will soon be here, March 4th this year, and we are planning our usual celebration of silliness to end the Epiphany season and use up all the "fat" prior to the start of Lent. Janet's bringing a ham and her famous cheesy potatoes, and there will be lots of pancakes and amazing toppings. This is a fun event for ALL AGES!

Be sure to **wear your Fat Tuesday colors - green, gold, and purple - as well as a mask if you have one**, and you are also invited to dress as silly as you like. It's always so good to eat together and enjoy the traditional pancake races, a pancake flipping contest, and lots more.

If you'd like to volunteer to bring the King Cake or help me flip pancakes - or both! - please let me know. Thank you! Shalom, Julie



Ash Wednesday Soup Supper & Worship 3/5

Please plan to join your church family for soup followed by Ash Wednesday worship including the imposition of ashes in Jacobson Hall. Soup will start @ 6, and worship will follow at 7.

Hooties Gathering March 17 @ 12PM

Aon sceal (what's up in Irish) Hooties? Green marks March 17 at NOON as your next event hosted by Susan Linder. Please bring a dish to share and your ENTIRE table service. DO NOT park in the driveway; drop off only. A map regarding directions/parking will be sent out later by Sandy/Susan. Get your Irish on by getting into your GREEN garb and glitter. Pleasurable puzzles to be pondered by parliament.



Soups With Suzie - Every Sunday of Lent



Our own Susan Gutierrez has graciously volunteered to lead soup-making on the Sunday mornings before each Lenten Wednesday Soup Supper. We will meet in the kitchen following worship and some snacks, and she will teach us how to make a delicious plant based soup recipe each Sunday. No prior experience required! Suzie did this a couple of years ago, and it was a really fun experience. We learned a lot, too!

We will use the soup we make on Sunday mornings for each Wednesday Soup Supper during Lent. Mark your calendars now for March 2nd when we will make our first soup to be served on Ash Wednesday. If you'd like to help offset the cost of food supplies, please see Suzie. We will also put out a basket for a free will offering each Wednesday night and a sign up sheet for people to take turns bringing bread.

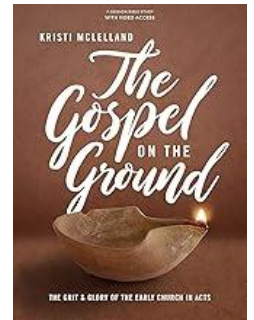
Shalom. Peace. Paz. Julie Werfelmann

Women's Bible Study



Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study is not meeting during Lent. We have very much enjoyed the study of ***Luke in the Land*** by Kristi McLelland. BEGINNING **April 23**, the Wednesday after Easter, we will begin "*The Gospel on the Ground*" which is a study of Acts. *Luke in the Land* led us to the crucifixion of Jesus. *The Gospel on the Ground* picks up as the gospel begins spreading with the new church. The book is available from your usual book seller. *The Gospel on the Ground* is also written by Kristi McLelland. Mark your calendars, get a copy of the study book, and plan to join us in the Community Center at **6:30 on April 23**.



Collecting Books for Summer Reading!



We will once again be providing books to the entire student population over at Roeding. We have a good start thanks to Thrivent's generosity, but we can always use more. Please bring in new or gently used books for preschool through 8th grade. Thanks for your support of our adopted school!

Financial Secretary & Property Person

Still Needed

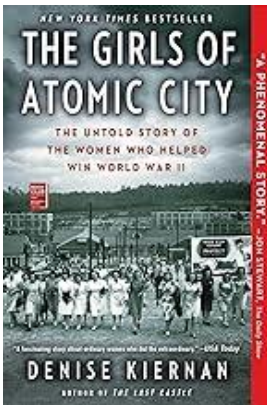
We are still in need of a Financial Secretary. Please see Pastor Ted, Mary, or anyone on council to get more information or to volunteer. We also are in need of more counters. Thank you so much to the four of you who have already stepped up to serve in this very important position! We are also in need of a Property person.



GSLC BOOK CLUB

GSLC Book Club - March

The Girls of Atomic City - by Denise Kiernan



The incredible story of the young women of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, who unwittingly played a crucial role in one of the most significant moments in U.S. history.

The Tennessee town of Oak Ridge was created from scratch in 1942. One of the Manhattan Project's secret cities, it didn't appear on any maps until 1949, and yet at the height of World War II it was using more electricity than New York City and was home to more than 75,000 people, many of them young women recruited from small towns across the South. Their jobs were shrouded in mystery.

They all knew something big was happening at Oak Ridge, but few could piece together the true nature of their work until the bomb "Little Boy" was dropped over Hiroshima, Japan, and the secret was out. The shocking revelation: the residents of Oak Ridge were enriching uranium for the atomic bomb.

The reverberations from their work there—work they didn't fully understand at the time—are still being felt today. In *The Girls of Atomic City*, Denise Kiernan traces the astonishing story of these unsung WWII workers through interviews with dozens of surviving women and other Oak Ridge residents. This is history and science made fresh and vibrant—a beautifully told, deeply researched story that unfolds in a suspenseful and exciting way. --- excerpt from Goodreads

We are reading another great book - ready for discussion! Please join us, **Sunday, March 16, at 4:00 in the Community Center** for casual discussion of "The Girls of Atomic City". We are not deeply structured, but do spend an hour discussing our book of the month. Join us in any month where the book strikes your fancy.



GSLC Brunch and Brainstorm HVAC Capital Campaign

March 30, 2025

Calling all Good Shepherd Lutheran Church members and congregants!

Join us in Jacobson Hall on

Sunday March 30, 2025,

for a Brunch and Brainstorming session immediately after church

We are looking for fund-raising ideas for our HVAC Capital Campaign and to sign up for "Talents, Gifts and Service Auction"

Please join us for a time of brainstorming and fellowship!

Lunch will be provided and prepared by Steve & Janet McQuillan!





Baptism







Kids' Talk



After a delicious potluck on February 2, quite a few enthusiastic players stayed for BINGO encouraged by our Bingo Caller Julie. She discovered she had numbers from more than one game so Steven stepped in to help.



IT TAKES A LOT OF
BALLS TO BE A BINGO
CALLER!!!





We had such fun playing BINGO and eating together to start off our February! There were a lot of laughs and some friendly - yet also pretty diehard - competition, especially to win the treasures Carolyn brought in. Thank you to all who brought delicious food to share and stayed to play.

Each of our winners got to pick out a prize from the prize table which was fully stocked by Carolyn, Sandy and a few others.





February Saturday Sports

We had a great time out at Roeding in February and celebrated Valentine's Day a little early. Jo brought cookies and supplied hot chocolate mix and the McQuillan and Mehl families provided all the gifts so each child received a special treat. Thanks also to volunteers Jo and Shauna!

Shalom,
Julie



OWLS

Pam Gerster's captivating chili drew 21 Hooties for February fellowship. Three flights were diverted. Owls do not hug but our group could have been mistaken for the Laughing Owl (New Zealand White Faced Owl).

A front porch entry bench became a Give/Take station of Jackie's lemons, Carolyn's travel treasures and Dee's junk mail handout.

A young man's Bible study discovered that Samson, John the Baptist, Moses and even Jesus had long hair would be a good excuse not to get a haircut in order to drive the family car. His wise father also pointed out that they all walked everywhere they went.

Foy and Mike Roberto were welcomed into our parliament.

A unanimous vote gave Jule \$50 for Roeding Saturday's treats/crafts. Mary noted an upcoming Octoberfest round table.

Hooties will compete in a summer break bulletin board baby contest. Winner and prize to be announced on Rally Day.

One table's discussion revolved around out houses, chamber pots and primitive TP while eating?!?

It was requested for members to bring ONE nonperishable food item for the Roeding pantry. This Hootie Head was glad they didn't follow directions after looking at the overflowing bin.



OWLS





an **IRISH** Prayer

May God give you...

*For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
AND A BLESSING IN EACH TRIAL.
FOR EVERY PROBLEM LIFE SENDS,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.*

Notes of Gratitude

HUGE thanks to Kay Provost and Family for providing the portable heater so we could worship in the sanctuary for a month!

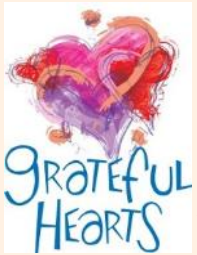


Thank you to Marty, Will, John, and Craig for your help moving the portable heater back inside after worship each week.

We are thankful to the following for offering to serve as counters:

Pam, Art, Gloria, Diane, Steven, Yvonne and Cheryl

(More counters are still needed.)



Thank you to the OWLS for \$50 towards snacks or door prizes for the kids at Roeding! Much appreciation for Jill and Jo for the hot chocolate, and many thanks to regular volunteers Shauna & Jo!

Shalom. Peace. Paz.

Julie Werfelmann

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.

God Bless!! Kathy

MARCH 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 ● 8-1PM LHN Free Neighborhood Market
2 ● 10AM Worship Service ● 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall) ● 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light	3	4 Shrove Tuesday ● 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr) ● 6PM Shrove Tuesday (Jacobson Hall)	5 Ash Wednesday ● 4:30PM Worship Committee (Pr. Ted's Office) ● 6PM Soup Supper ● 7PM Lent Worship	6	7 ● 7PM Accion de Fe (Comm Ctr)	8
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