



I will sing of
the Lord's great
love forever.

PSALM 89:1

The Shepherd's Voice

February 2025

**GOOD
SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
MISSION
STATEMENT**
Sharing The
Love of
Jesus
PASTOR TED NIEMI

For God
so loved
the world.

JOHN 3:16



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You are welcome
to join us at
Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church

Dear Friends,

I have been out of town for the last couple of weeks. With that being the case I don't have much to write about right now! So with this being February, a month where love is celebrated, I thought it would be a good opportunity to focus on the "love chapter" of 1 Corinthians 13. Please reread this and think about how you can help bring love into your world which will bleed out into all of our worlds. Our world needs more love right now.

13 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, ⁴ but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; ⁵ it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. ¹³ So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

I hope Good Shepherd is always a place where love is seen in palpable ways. Thank you for however you bring that to life! I look forward to worshipping with you.

God's Peace,
Pastor Ted

Prayer Concerns

Members Needing

Prayer:

Jack Niemi Has entered the church triumphant. Please pray for Ruth, Pr. Ted and Family on their loss.

Jim Provost Has entered the church triumphant please pray for Kay and family on their loss. Mary Schmidt Has entered the church triumphant please pray for family and friends on their loss.

Roger Bachar has entered the church triumphant. Please keep Cecile and the Klein family in your prayers for comfort during this difficult time.

Judy Smith and family upon the loss of all three of her daughters:

Kathie Smith, Vickie Farr and Melanie Kelton

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:

Carter and Family (McQuillan)

Kathy (Secretary) and Family

Elaine (Werfelmann)

Linda Healy (White)

Ivonne Garcia (Zamora)

Barbara Shakespeare

Kristin & Penelope Almeda

(McQuillan)

Please pray for the family and friends of Jeanne Grant on her passing. (Anderson)

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)

Jim D. (Norris)

Jade Dixon (Julie)

Pam (Smith)

Grace Johnson (Fake)

Hudson Otten (Anderson)

Karen Ohanesian (Hays)

Rosemary (Vonny)

Nathan & Sandy Robbins

(Robbins)



Kurt Niemi – 2/04
Suzanne Walker – 2/07

Sean Walker – 2/08
Chris Walker – 2/12
Kristin Niemi – 2/18
Connie Alvarado – 2/19
Steve Smith – 2/23
Mary Norris – 2/24
Michael Kubar – 2/29

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



Neil Walden - 2-1
Vonny Rae Sturgeon – 2/01
Ivan Villalobos – 2/10
Stacy Lairson – 2/17
Jim Sanborn – 2/17



**Robert Harris &
Jill Anderson - 2/7**

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 WORSHIP & OFFERINGS		Jan. 5, 2025	Jan. 12, 2025	Jan. 19, 2025	Jan. 26, 2025
Attendance					
General Fund		\$6,145.00	\$1,755.00	\$5,543.00	\$2,480.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)					Memorials: \$50.00
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)					
Community Center Capital Fund		Loose Plate: \$4.00	Loose Plate:\$10.00	Loose Plate: \$10.00	Loose Plate: \$15.00
Loose Plate					
Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)		Spec. Gifts: \$90.00 Init. Offering: \$30.00		Prop. Imprv: \$350.00	Init. Offering: \$10.00
BIA Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.		Prop. Use: \$300.00			
		\$6,569.00	\$1,765.00	\$5903.00	\$2,555.00

January Financials

**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**

Greetings Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Members:

You can see from the chart of Income and Expenses that our expenses outpaced our income in January.

We opened the new designated savings account for fundraising activities related to the HVAC for the Sanctuary. Many thanks to an anonymous donor we now have \$10,100.00 in the account.

We paid our customary obligations and quarterly taxes, our annual renewal of Go Daddy, our website host program, our annual renewal of QuickBooks, the purchase of a new computer for Kathy, the purchase of a new screen for her computer, and the cost of several attempts to fix her old computer before we were forced to purchase a new one.

We also renewed our subscription to Hometouch, the program for home bound lessons to create the devotionals.

We paid the Sierra Pacific Synod our Semi-Annual Mission Support/Churchwide.

Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions.

Yours in Christ,

Dana Biggs
Treasurer

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
January	\$25,373.56	\$36,900.42	(\$11,526.86)
February			\$0.00
March			\$0.00
April			\$0.00
May			\$0.00
June			\$0.00
July			\$0.00
August			\$0.00
September			\$0.00
October			\$0.00
November			\$0.00
December			\$0.00
Total	\$25,373.56	\$36,900.42	(\$11,526.86)

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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 Feb./Mar. 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!

FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 5—Feb. 26 - Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30PM

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

Feb. 14 - Happy Valentine's Day!!!

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

Feb. 17 - Presidents' Day **OFFICE CLOSED**

Feb. 17 - OWLS @ 12PM, Pam Gerster's Home

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

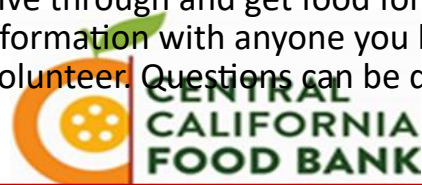
Feb. 26 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office

Feb. 26 - KingsMen and KingsKids @ 6:30pm, Jacobson Hall



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. Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry.



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.

Hooties Gathering Feb. 17 @ 12PM

Pam Gerster will host the Hooties on February 17th at NOON. Her captivating chili is on the menu. Guests are to bring a nonperishable food item for Roeding Elementary.

And tote their ENTIRE table setting plus a dish to share.

See Sandy for a map to her home.



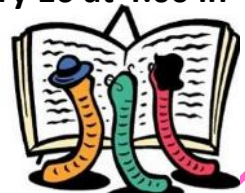
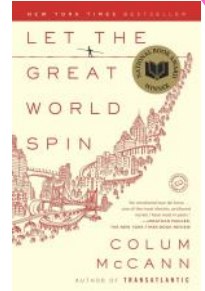
GSLC BOOK CLUB - February 16

February book: **"Let the Great World Spin" by Colum McCann.**

In the dawning light of a late-summer morning, the people of lower Manhattan stand hushed, staring up in disbelief at the Twin Towers. It is August 1974, and a mysterious tightrope walker is running, dancing, leaping between the towers, suspended a quarter mile above the ground. In the streets below, a slew of ordinary lives become extraordinary in this stunningly intricate portrait of a city and its people. It is a sweeping and radical social novel, capturing the spirit of America in a time of transition, extraordinary promise, and, in hindsight, heartbreaking innocence. It tells the story of a dazzlingly rich vision of the pain, loveliness, mystery, and promise of New York City in the 1970s. --Amazon

If you like to read and this book sounds interesting, join us **Sunday, February 16 at 4:00 in the Community Center** for casual discussion.

As always, we are quite informal. Join us any month a book interests you; no long term commitment.



KingsMen and KingsKids' 2/26 @ 6:30pm



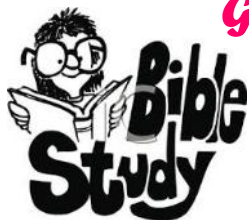
The next KingsMen and KingsKids meeting will be 2/26. 6:30 pm inside Jacobson Hall. We will be building our own tacos. I can provide the street taco tortillas and some cheese. If some other could please bring other ingredients. Like meat (a must have), cilantro, onions, lemon, hot sauce (if you choose) and maybe another dish if you can. Thank you.

-Will



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 massagebysheri@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>



GSLE Wednesday Evening Bible Study 2025

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY AFTER EASTER

AFTER EASTER: Following Easter, we will be using another of Kristi McLeland's books, "**The Gospel on the Ground** - the Grit and Glory of the Early Church in Acts." I am so excited to continue with Dr. Luke, as we look at the early church.

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!

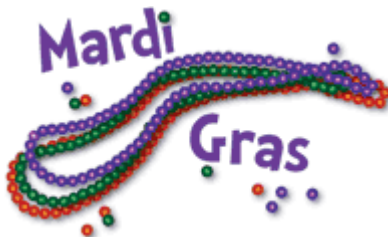


Be sure to **wear your Fat Tuesday colors - green, gold, and purple** - as well as a mask if you have one, and you are also invited to dress as silly as you like. It's always so good to eat together and enjoy the traditional pancake races, a pancake flipping contest, and lots more.

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.

Roeding Request

We are hoping for some hot chocolate packets for Saturday Sports as well as food for the pantry which we will be bagging up in February to take to the school. Most needed - Canned Tuna/Chicken, jelly, soups, fruit, and pasta sauce.

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!



SAY IT WITH A SONG

SINGING VALENTINES

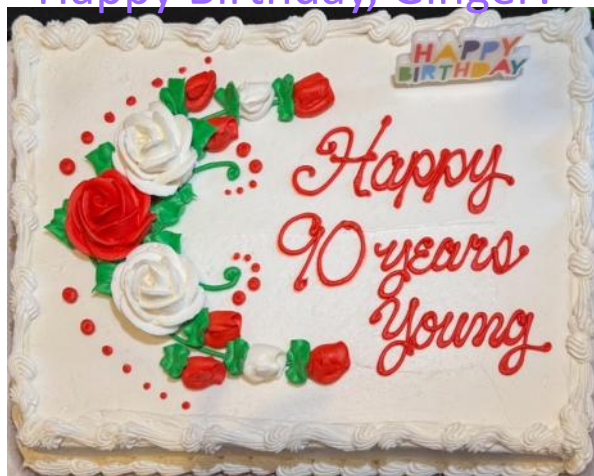
with Voices United



FEBRUARY 14 STARTING AT 1PM

On January 10 Ginger Bremer celebrated her 90th birthday! She was joined by her innumerable children at church on Sunday, January 12 to continue the celebration with her Good Shepherd church family.

Happy Birthday, Ginger!



DWLS



Where's the beef?" became the bookends for February's gathering. Mary's husband BBQed finger likin pork ribs. Kudos Chef Patrick! An array of dishes stuffed us all. Hooties were given the Bathtub Test. Grace reminded God of his words in Proverbs 17:22. Members gave the most generous love offering ever. Unanimous votes were cast for donating \$100 to Lutheran disaster Response for the fire victims of LA. Another \$100 was gifted for Parish house locks and needed repairs. The sanctuary's heater/ac systems had \$100 towards their repair also. Julie claimed first place, Woody second and Diane third in the oral company slogan retrieval. Unique rope bowl prizes were crafted by Mary. First answers were accepted, and the ref couldn't read minds or even understand some of the "Porky Pig/Sylvester the Cat" responses. Finally, it took a couple tries for Wendy to explain where the beef was.

Notes of Gratitude

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



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A PRAYER
for

Saint Valentine's Day

God bless you
on this special day,
God keep you
in His care,
And may His blessing
and His love
Go with you everywhere.



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