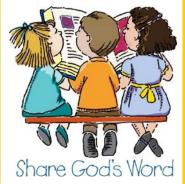
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Sharing The Love of Jesus



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You are welcome to join us at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Dear Friends,

September is a time when summer schedules morph into our regular schedules. Kids are back in school. As a parent our schedules change as our kids are gone now for most of the day. Football season is here.

September 2022

At church we mark the beginning of this new year of programming with our Rally Day Weekend on September 10-11. It is also our God's Work, Our Hands Weekend. We will join with other congregations across our Evangelical Church in America to serve our own local community. There are several opportunities for you to be involved. Please look through this newsletter for more information.

This may also be a time that we recommit ourselves to worshipping regularly after the more relaxed summer days. If you have gotten out of the habit of coming to worship I encourage you to get back into the swing of things.

It is important that we take time each week to come together to worship the One who gives us all the days, whether summer or the rest of the year. Some people say they can worship God anywhere. What they are really saying is that church is not necessary. Who, then, is really being worshipped? The communion of saints isn't just for our time in heaven. We gather weekly to thank, praise and worship God.

I look forward to serving our community and worshipping with you!

God's Peace, Pastor Ted

Prayer Concerns

Members in Need of Family and Friends: Praver: Jeanna (Sullivan)

Marilvn Woodward has entered the Church Triumphant. Please pray for daughter Laurie and her family. Liz Smith **Bill Biggs** The Neil Walden family on the loss of their great granddaughter, Erica Brisendine. Mona White Art Mehl **Kay Schumacher & Family** on the loss of her husband, Richard and also the loss of her sister, Billie. Mary Schmidt Vonny Sturgeon **Chris Walker Arlene Robbins** Mary Norris & Family Julie Werfelmann & Family Jennifer Neer & Family **Connie Alvarado** Doris Moscatelli Mabel Vogler Susan Berg Irene Pierini Jocelyn Miller **Kirsten Linder** Jim Thompson

Jennifer (Wilk) Wenzel The Wenzel Family (Wilk/ Wenzel) Carlos & Anne Cortez (Norris) Sandy Robbins (Robbins) Karl & Pauline Ritterbush Autumn Dunlop (Anderson) JJ Werfelmann (Julie) Gloria Valdez (Norris) Emily & Sawyer Bogart (Anderson) Roger Robbins (Robbins) Michelle B. (Norris) Bonnie Wolfe (Norris) **Diane's Sisters & Niece** Mona White Hudson Otten (Anderson) Mary (Wilk) Anne Todd-Cortez (Norris) Karen Ohanesian (Hays) Rosemary (Vonny) Eric & Cathy Bose (Bachar) Nathan Robbins (Robbins) Darlee (Norris) Molly (Norris)



Lois Green – 9/01 Susan Gutierrez – 9/02 Brian Sturgeon – 9/05 Kay Schumacher – 9/12 Brenda Hofmann – 9/14 Ava Villalobos – 9/15 Ivan Villalobos – 9/15 Juan Villalobos – 9/18 Jill Anderson – 9/19 Linda Roberts – 9/19 John Montgomery – 9/20 Mark Sanchez – 9/21 Jimmy Sanborn – 9/26 Craig Montgomery – 9/27

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



Judith Smith – 9/01 Austin Hays – 9/03 Cheryl Montgomery – 9/15 Janet McQuillan – 9/22



If anyone has an anniversary this month, we do not have the info. Please email it to Kathy.



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

STEWARDSHIP OF WORSHIP & OFFERINGS	August 7, 2022	August 14, 2022	August 21, 2022	August 28, 2022
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General Fund				
Special Memorial (designated funds)		Memorial: \$190.00	Memorial: \$100.00	Memorial: \$50.00
ELCA Disaster Response				
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Community Center Capital Fund	Loose Plate: \$6.00	Loose Plate: \$101.00	Loose Plate: \$51.00	Loose Plate: \$0
Loose Plate				
Special Mission Proiect Gifts				Roeding: \$2,2500.00
(designated funds)				
BIA Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.	Property Use: \$480.00			BIA Rent: \$5,479.79
3	\$1.971.00	\$9.131.00	\$1.296.00	\$10.074.79

August Financials

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Happy Labor Day! As you can see from the overview report, August was tough. We had an income of \$19,652. but expenses of \$33,130. Overall, our expenses, year to date, exceed our income by \$12,199. Hopefully the summer doldrums are over, and our attendance will pick back up. The good news is we haven't had any large expenses this month. We do still have 3 air conditioner units on backorder for classrooms (just over \$3,900. Per unit). Stay cool during this heat wave.

Yours in Christ,

Caroline Sullivan	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	\$13,475.40	\$36,120.31	(\$22,644.91)
	Jul	\$28,604.94	\$21,973.25	\$6,631.69
	Aug	\$19,652.79	\$33,130.11	(\$13,477.32)
	Sep			\$0.00
	Oct			\$0.00
three,	Nov			\$0.00
WAYSto	Dec			\$0.00
	Total	\$202,667.48	\$214,867.11	(\$12,199.63)

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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 Sept/Oct. If you are able to host/hostess for a Sunday, please sign up in

Jacobson Hall.



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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EVENTS

Sept. 5 - Labor Day—Office Closed Sept. 10 - God's Work, Our Hands: LHN Free Market GSLC Host Sept. 11 - Rally Sunday Barbeque Lunch Oct. 16 - Pet Blessing, Court Yard, Time TBA Oct. 22 - Memorial Garden Spaghetti Dinner Oct. 30- Pumpkin Carving & Spooky Potluck, Time TBA Nov. 6 - Daylight Savings Ends Nov. 24 - THANSGIVING—Office Closed in observance of Thanksgiving.



God's Work, Our Hands Saturday, 9/10/22

Our congregation will be participating again 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 be putting together Blessing Bags for our friends at Westside Rescue to distribute to their homeless clients later in the month. From home, baking, cooking or buying for Roeding Staff Welcome Back Spread on 9/12. HOMEMADE TREATS FOR ROEDING STAFF ARE FINE! Bring your items on Rally Day, and see Julie if you'd like to help deliver on Monday morning 9/12. Let's make the teachers and staff know they are loved and appreciated! 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

GSLC RALLY DAY 2022!!!

Mark your calendars September 11th -Plan to bring a friend to celebrate! More info to follow... We will be having a BBQ right after worship - hot dogs, hamburgers, and brats. The congregation is invited to bring salads or sides to share as well as your own place settings. We will have paper products available if you prefer. Ice cream sundaes for dessert! Don't forget any treats you've made or bought for our Roeding school staff to be delivered Monday morning.

The Count Down has begun

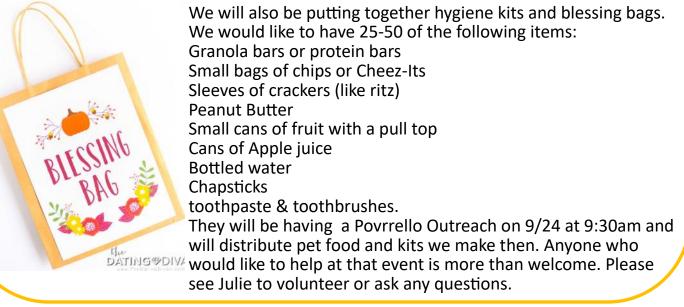


GWOH Help With Westside Rescue

We will be helping out our friends at Westside Rescue again this year. We are in need of the items below. If someone wanted to write a Thrivent grant for money, I can help or find a shopper.

- 4 Kirkland dog 40 pound maroon bag
- 2 Kirkland puppy yellow bag
- 2 Kirkland cat purple bag

Westside Rescue



SEWING SAINTS LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The Sewing Saints will be assembling about 100 Personal Kits for LWR. We will meet on Saturday, September 10th at 9 AM in Jacobson Hall. We need 10 helpers to get them put together . Bring scissors to remove packaging and your sense of humor! In 2021 many Disaster Relief items were sent to CALIFORNIA! Please sign up with JoAnn Huebner or Dee Wright. Many thanks!



Christ in Our Home

The 'Christ in Our Home' Devotional for Oct.—Dec. 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 @ Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 9/10, 9 -11a.m.

There will be a <u>drive through</u> food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market at Good Shepherd on Saturday, 9/10, from 9-11 a.m. as part of "God's Work. Our Hands." Day of Service. Volunteers are needed from 7:30 -1, which includes help with setup and clean up. You can come for any or all and don't need to have signed up. Please wear your yellow GWOH shirt or blue GSLC shirt if you have one.

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 @ <u>13jdixon13@gmail.com</u> or 559 -287-3457. Thank you for your oppoing support of this ministry!

Shalom. Peace. Paz. Julie Werfelmann





GSLC Book Club

ANNOUNCING THE 2022-23 BOOKS

September: "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom October: "The Book of Longings" by Sue Monk Kidd November: "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Bennedict & Victoria Christopher Murray December: skip

January: "The Lost Letters of Pergamom" by Bruce Longenecker February: "Sea of Tranguility" by Emily St John Mandele March: "In an Instant" by Suzanne Redfern April: "The Beantown Girls" by Jane Healey May: "One Italian Summer" by Rebecca Serle

> Plan to join us on Sunday, September 18 at 4:00 in the Community Center for casual discussion of "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" by Mitch Albom. There is no long term commitment in our book group. Join us any month a book strikes your fancy. We meet the third Sunday of most months, September through May, at 4:00 in the Community Center. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Rowley at shandrow@outlook.com Please put GSLC in the subject line so I don't miss it.

Sunday, September 18 at 4:00PM in the Community Center

ednesday evening bibi STARTS SEPTEMBER 21 (a) 6:30PM

Isaiah was human just like us, and yet he radically trusted God and called anyone who would listen to do the same. His message highlights freedom from captivity and light breaking through darkness for those who would heed his words. Anyone in need of a little freedom and light in their thoughts, attitudes, or actions? Hanging out with Isaiah over the seven sessions will be like filling a trust prescription with amazing side effects of hope and peace in your life! Unpacking Isaiah's words will reveal that we can trust God more than our own human effort or the counterfeits the world suggests.

There is so much to study in Isaiah. It has been referred to as "a Bible in miniature." The book's sixty-six chapters and the Bible's sixty-six books include all genres of biblical literature, such as historical narrative, poetry, and prophecy. Some have compared Isaiah's first thirty-nine chapters with the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament because of the emphasis on God's judgment toward sin, while the last twenty-seven chapters parallel the New Testament's focus on God's grace.

There is a lot to unpack in this study. There are 7-weeks of study. We can take a break when we start to get overwhelmed. We will walk through this together, leaving no one behind; and finish by Thanksgiving.



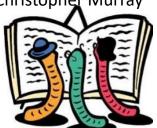
Mitch

Albom

Join us Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm in the Community Center as we begin our study. Books are available from the usual sources, such as Christian Book, LifeWay and Amazon. The books are just a bit more expensive than we are used to. But they now include access to all the video lessons on-line through LifeWay. We will watch the videos each week and have group discus-**Bible Study** sion as usual. If you need to miss a week, you can always keep up by watching **Questions?** the video on your own.

Contact Sharon Rowley at shandrow@outlook.com Please put GSLC in the subject line so I do not miss it.







WELCA Conference 9

You are invited to join WELCA Conference 9 at our "annual" event

"Who is My Neighbor?"

Speaking on Immigration and Trafficking:

Sue Hertless Current President, Sierra Pacific Synodical WELCA

Linda Rube Participant with Sue in a recent Immigration Immersion Program

Pr. Christian Chavarria Sierra Pacific Synod Theologian in Residence, from El Salvador



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Trinity Lutheran Church, Fresno Morning registration begins at 8:15 Registration cost: \$15, includes lunch Registration deadline: September 4 Sign up with Dana Klein

Sunday Salt & Light

Begins 9/18 from 11-1

We are reimagining Sunday mornings for youth and children. Children's church will continue to be available during the sermon portion of worship, featuring some kid-focused ministry moments and an activity of some kind. After worship, youth and children can grab some snacks with friends and family in Jacobson Hall. By 11:15, it will be Salt & Light time, and all kids and youth are invited to head over to the community center and other parts of the campus for bible story time, lots of creative play, and faith conversations. Families will need to pick up their children at 1 pm. I'm looking for a few adult substitutes and/or regulars to join us weekly or occasionally so we can split into primary and secondary age groups. See Julie if you have any questions or if you'd like to spend some time with our super great kids and youth on a Sunday morning or two! 559-287-3457, 13jdixon13@gmail.com, or complete the "Get Involved Card." Shalom. Peace. Paz. Julie Werfelmann



Memorial Garden Committee Raffle

Stay tuned for news about this year's Memorial Garden Committee Raffle! Now that we are able to gather together once again, we are also making plans for an exciting spaghetti-Fest in Jacobson Hall. Mark your calendar on October 22 for an evening of entertain-



ment, dinner and fellowship. Details about raffle and dinner tickets coming soon!

HELP NEEDED!!! PERSONAL CARE KITS/QUILTS DELIVERED

Driver needed to take our Personal Kits and Quilts in OCTOBER. They can be delivered on Thurs 10/13, Friday 10/14, or Sat 10/15 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Having a p/up truck would be helpful. Please contact Dee Wright.



New Directory



Kathy is working on updating the directory using publisher, for when there are new members or for anybody that never received the spiral bond directory. She will be including birthdays and anniversaries so if the church does not have this info for any of your family members please email it to Kathy, or if you would rather she not list it you can let her know. It was also suggested that people with certain expertise could be listed next to their name, like 'electrician', so when members are needing some help they know who they can reach out to for assistance or contacts. If you know of any other updates or additions that need to be made please email Kathy at the church office: gslcfresno@att.net





She will be using the pictures from the original directory unless you want to provide an updated snapshot or selfie. You can email these pics to her or text her at: 559-593-5321.

DEADLINE: September 30, 2022



GSLC VBS 2022





BUT BY THE GRACE OF GOD I AM WHAT I AM, AND HIS GRACE TO ME WAS NOT WITHOUT EFFECT. 1 CORINTHIANS 15:10, NIV



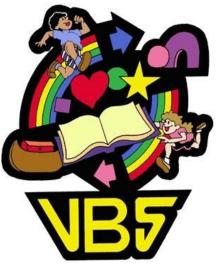




Skittles Experiment

Grow A Rainbow







THE SCIENCE

The skittles dissolve, but the colors do not initially mix with each other. The reason the food colors meet in the middle of the plate and do not initially mix is because each skittle has the same amount of sugar dissolving.



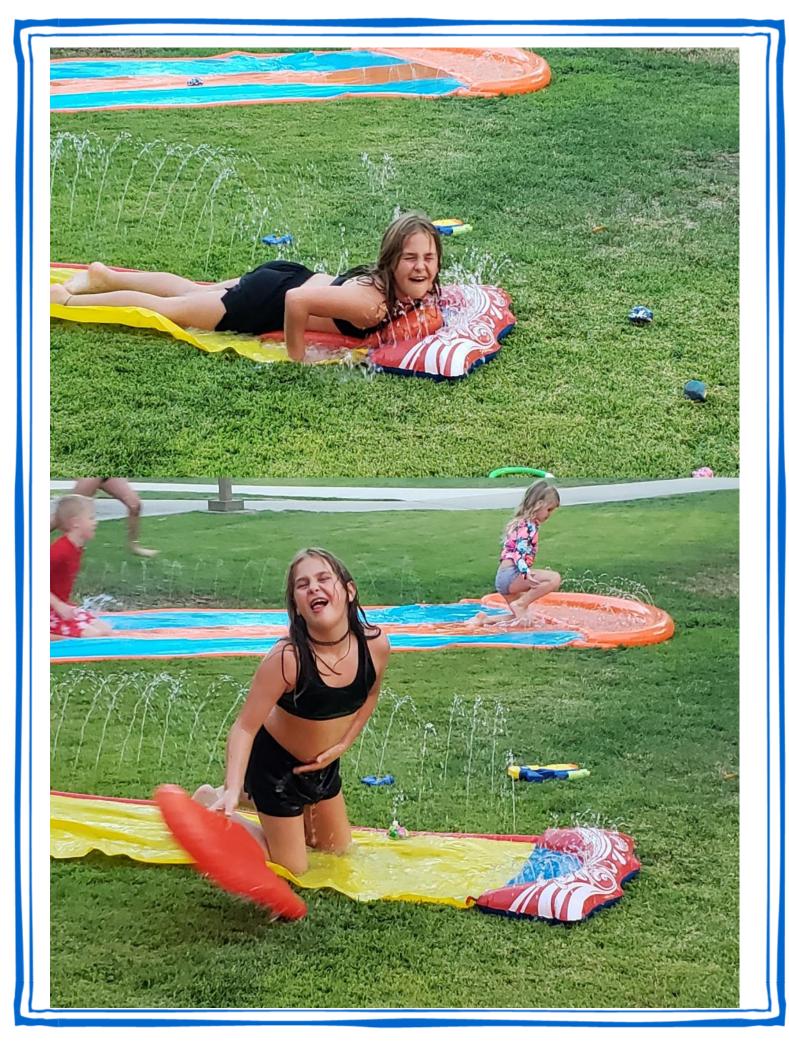














ENLIGHTENMENT



"The only mystery in life is why the kamikaze pilots wore helmets." Al McGuire

"The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits." Albert Einstein

"War is God's way of teaching Americans geography."

Ambrose Bierce

'It would be nice to spend billions on schools and roads, but not right now that money is desperately needed for political ads."

Andy Borowitz

"At every party there are two kinds of people - those who want to go home and those who don't. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other."

Ann Landers

"My opinions have changed, but not the fact that I'm right."

Ashleigh Brillant

"Have you noticed that all the people in favor of birth control are ready born?" Benny Hill



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I'm Taller

АВС



"The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us."

Bill Waterson

"As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it."

Buddy Hackett

"My favorite machine at the gym is the vending machine."

Caroline Rhea

"All right everyone, line up alphabetically accord-

ing to your height." Casey Stengel



"Never under any circumstances take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night."

Dave Berry

"How many people here have telekinetic powers? Raise my hand."

Emo Philips

'If you live to be one hundred, you've got it made. Very few people die past that age" George Burns'

"Trouble knocked at the door, but, hearing laughter, hurried away."

Benjamin Franklin

God's Grace Changes EVERYTHING! GIANT Thanks!

VBS was full of love and fun, just like it is each year! We got to roll around in God's grace and forgiveness and let it change us for the better. We were also reminded that God's grace is for ALL, and that if we let it, it will change our purpose, our community, and our perspective.



Many thanks to everyone who came and especially to all the people who made VBS possible again this year, giving of their time and energy to manifest God's grace through their joyful presence: Woody, Chris, Sean, Mary, Russell, Pastor Ted, Tesha, Ruth, Jim, Victor, Yvonne, Carol, Francis, Steve and Janet Mc. It is always so fun to see the various ages and generations interacting and playing together!

Thanks For Update!

Thank you, Kathy, for the Church Directory Update provided for us in the Sunday bulletin! I really appreciate having an updated list. Diane



THANK YOU 💖

Gordon and I want to thank you for the cards, calls, emails and texts we received on the loss of our brother-in-law Jack Hannah. We both want you all to know that Jack's legacy was more than pro baseball, coaching and the writing and singing of award winning songs about the history and life of the American Cowboy. Jack was a man of God first and foremost and wrote over one hundred songs of faith before he ever wrote one



about cowboys! He recorded two albums of his spiritual songs clear back in the 70's and a couple more recently. He read the Bible every single day and witnessed for Christ all of his life whether on a baseball or football field, working cattle or "Ridin' Up the Glory Trail." Thank you again for your outpouring of condolences for our family. Gordon and Diane Fake

A Big 'Thank You"

A big thank you to all of you who brought cookies for the reception held after the service for Richard Schumacher. We had plenty of cookies and I was glad to have some left over for the church social hour the next day. I have an amazing group of ladies who always come through for the Bereavement Committee. A special thank

you goes to Mary Norris, Sandy Terstegen and Gloria Miller for helping with the set up and clean up afterwards. A EXTRA special thank you to Mary for the table decorations! Diane

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