The Shepherd's Voice

November 2026

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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 it is election day. I do not know any of the outcomes yet as it is still early. I hope you exercised your right, privilege and responsibility to vote.

This month we began worship with All Saints' Day. It is a day of hope. We lift up the names of those who have passed from our congregation on to the next life and others we love as well. It is in the hope of the resurrection that we celebrate their resurrection.

Our faith is all about hope. Hope in things realized and hope in things still to come. What I appreciate most about this round of midterm elections is that there seems to be a sense of hope permeating much of our society. It is the anticipation of better days. It is knowing if we do our part we can make this place better. With God's blessings and our participation we can make a real difference.

I hope you know hope! It's what gets me though some days. Our church exists to share the hope of Jesus and better tomorrows with our world that is hurting. Thanks for doing your part!

God's Peace,

Pastor Ted

Prayer Concerns

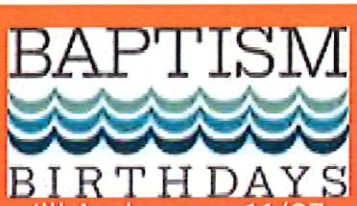
Members Needing Prayer:
John Velasquez and family upon the loss of his wife Joyce
Gloria Miller
Steven Smith
Jo Anderson
Cate Casa
Yvonne Smith
Chris Dueker
Arlene Robbins
Robert Harris
Mona White
Julie Werfelmann
Betty Montgomery
Neil and Verna Walden
Liz Smith
Mary Norris & Family
Connie Alvarado
Jocelyn Miller
Kirsten Linder
Jim Thompson

Family and Friend: The Hannah Family (Fake)
Stormy White (Mona)
Paula (White)
Ro (Sandy T.)
Randy Williams (Dueker)
Christopher Robbins (Robbins)
Nels (Harris)
Karen Tabler (Vonny)
Julie Schneider (Vonny)
Kaitlyn (Lisa K.)
Pauline Ritterbush
Julie Schnieder (Bender)
Jade Dixon (Julie)
Elaine (Werfelmann)
Ivonne Garcia (Zamora)
Phil (Anderson)
Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)
Zyg Zee (Norris)
Claire (Vonny)
Anthony Collichio (Norris)
Mickey Cecil (Norris)
Dorothy Lee Bruce (Julie)
Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny)
Pam (Smith)
Grace Johnson (Fake)
Hudson Otten (Anderson)
Karen Ohanesian (Hays)

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



Deborah Wilk - 11/02
Patricia Slusser - 11/05
Brenden Novell - 11/14
Gordon Fake - 11/19
Janet Mehl - 11/22
Verna Walden - 11/25
Autumn Hays - 11/26
*Any one that has seen a missing or incorrect birthday, baptismal, or anniversary date please contact Kathy in the office. 559-225-2092



Jill Anderson - 11/07



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

STEWARDSHIP OF WORSHIP & OFFERINGS	Oct. 4, 2026	Oct. 11, 2026	Oct. 18, 2026	Oct. 25, 2026
Attendance			42	53
General Fund	$5,211.00	$3,885.00	$2,190.00	$4,512.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)				
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)				
Community Center Capital Fund Loose Plate	Loose Plate: $5.00	Community Ctr:$ Loose Plate: $ 20.00	Community Ctr: $ Loose Plate: $	Community Ctr: Loose Plate:$ 30.00
Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)	HVAC: $ 100.00 Food Pantry: $100.00	HVAC: $ 500.00 Food Pantry: $400.00	Prop. Impr: $6,000.00 Food Pantry: $150.00 HVAC: 90.00	HVAC: $1410.00 Food Pantry: $185.00 Prop. Impr: $100.00
House Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.			Prop. Use: $50.00	
	$5,416.00	$4,805.00	$8,480.00	$6,237.00

OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
Jan.	$21,066.72	$34,067.14	($13,000.4
Feb	$53,600.29	$26,731.36	$26,868.93
Mar	$45,197.64	$33,247.85	$11,949.79
Apr	$17,077.17	$36,366.08	($19,288.9
May	$19,062.24	$20,769.71	($1,707.47)
Jun	$25,856.77	$27,671.20	($1,814.43)
Jul	$20,266.00	$27,017.67	($6,751.67)
Aug	$28,671.48	$29,275.06	($603.58)
Sep	$26,829.00	$35,493.55	($8,664.55
Oct	$25,083.43	$29,611.95	($4,528.52)
Nov			$0.00
Dec			$0.00
Total	$282,710.74	$300,251.57	($17,540.8

four WAYS to GIVE



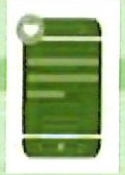
Mail-In



Online Giving



Drop Off In-Person or



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

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

Coffee Host/Hostess



We need people to sign up to be host/hostess for the months of Nov./Dec. If you are able to host/hostess for a Sunday, please sign up in the Comm Ctr.



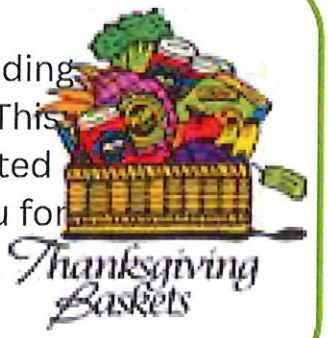
November Upcoming Events

Nov. 1 - All Saints' Sunday
Nov. 4, 11, 18 - Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30pm, Comm. Ctr.
Nov. 9 - Esther Circle @ 6pm, Comm. Ctr.
Nov. 7 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ 7:30am—11am
Nov. 11 - Worship Committee @ 4:30pm, Comm Ctr.
Nov. 14 - Roeding Saturday Sports @ 10—12pm, Roeding Elem
Nov. 15 - GSLC Book Club @ 4pm, Comm Ctr
Nov. 16 - OWLS @1pm, Spaghetti Factory
Nov. 18 - Staff Meeting @ 10am, Pr. Ted's Office
Nov. 19 - Council Meeting @ 6pm, Comm. Ctr.
Nov. 25 - Happy Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED.



Thanksgiving Baskets

The Blessings of Thanksgiving will soon be with us. Roeding School has a great need for our Thanksgiving Baskets. This year we are asking for checks and monies only designated for Thanksgiving Baskets. I will grocery shop. Thank you for your ongoing generosity for this blessing. Contact Pam Gerster 559-999-5443 for questions and donations.

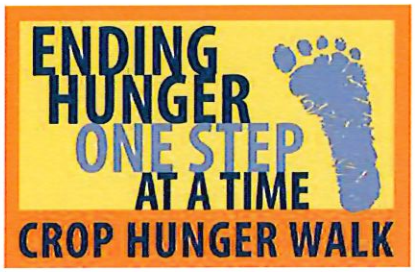


OWLS November 16

OWLS Nov. 16, Mon., 1PM, Spaghetti Factory

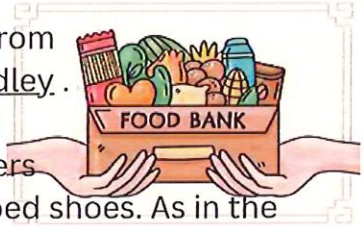
HOOTIES No - Host Luncheon
Nov. 16, Mon. at ONE pm
Old Spaghetti Factory
1610 E. Shaw Ave.
Fresno 93710
Tune up those vocals !?!

Fresno-Clovis CROP Hunger Walk



The Fresno-Clovis CROP Hunger Walk this year will be held Sunday, November 15, 2026. Registration begins at 1:30pm and the walk starts at 2:00pm from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church located at 5140 North Fruit Ave Fresno, CA 93711. 75% of the proceeds go to Church World Service and 25% will go to the Central California Food Bank. Register online and use this link Your paragraph text and search for the Good Shepherd Lutheran Fresno to make a donation to our team. If you have any questions or need more information contact Julie Werfelmann or Janet McQuillan 259-3053

LHN Free Neighborhood Market, 11/7



There will be a food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market on Saturday, 11/7, from 9-11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran, 1254 N. Frankwood Ave, Reedley. 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. Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry.
Shalom. Peace. Paz. Julie Werfelmann 13jdixon13@gmail.com; 559-287-3457

GSLC Book Club

CALLING ALL READING FRIENDS!



Here is the list of books for 2026-2027 Book Club
November 15 - Twice: A Novel; by Mitch Albom
We don't meet in December
January 17 - The Noticer; by Andy Andrews
February 21 - Ordinary Grace; by William Kent Kreuger
March 21 - Project: Hail Mary; by Andy Weir
April 18 - There Are Rivers in the Sky; by Elif Shafak
May 16 - We'll Prescribe You a Cat; by Syou Ishida

GSLC BOOK CLUB - Nov. 15

Join us as we begin another exciting Book Club year.
What if you got to do everything in your life—twice? The heart of Mitch Albom's newest novel is a stunning love story that dares to explore how our unchecked desires might mean losing what we've had all along.
In Twice, America's favorite storyteller, Mitch Albom, is at the top of his powers. A love story that is enchanting, probing, and clairvoyant in matters of the heart, Twice will make you think, weep, and overflow with love from beginning to end.
The beauty of a book club is reading something outside of your normal book choices. No long term commitment - please join us even if you don't finish your book.
Join us Sunday, November 15 at 4:00 in the Community Center!



Operation Christmas Child

It's OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD TIME!!!!
You are invited to pack a shoebox with toys and other items to bring joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children around the world in need of hope. All you have to do is decide whether your gift will be for a boy or girl & the age category: 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and fill it with gifts. Shoeboxes, shoebox labels and donation forms will be in Jacobson Hall. There is a suggested donation of $10 per box to cover shipping. We do have a family who will cover all of the shipping costs so don't let that stop you. You can even build a shoebox on line and never have to go to the store. We will be scheduling a packing party after worship in the very near future. We will be accepting boxes until November 22nd. If you have questions, please call Julie Werfelmann 287-3457 or Janet McQuillan 259-3053.



Do Not Include
NO SOAP; candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Westside Rescue's 13th Annual

HOLIDAY PIE SALE

Apple* Peach Pumpkin
French Apple Cherry
Razzleberry* Lemon Meringue
(*Option of No Sugar Added)

Orders due:
11/15/26 at 8pm.

Place orders at:
Westsiderescue@gmail.com
or with your favorite volunteer!

Payment:
We accept cash, check,
Paypal & Venmo.
(westsiderescue@gmail.com)

ALL PIES $23

Pick up:
4668 N. Sonora Ave, Ste 101
Fresno, CA 93722
Tuesday, 11/24 12-6pm

Questions? Text:
559-369-5977/559-647-4289

www.westsiderescuefresno.com

HOOTIES





HOOTIES

A WARM, FALL DAY WELCOMED TWENTY-THREE HOOTIES AND TWO GUEST SPEAKERS. CO-HOST JILL SPRINKLED AN ECLECTIC ASSORTMENT OF PUMPKINS THROUGHOUT AMONG WHAT FALL DECO SANDY TOTED FROM HOME.

DON AND CHRIS DUEKER FROM LAUGHLIN, NEVADA SURPRISED US. THEY ARE MEMBERS IN NV AND GS BUT MOST OF ALL FOREVER HOOTIES. DON URGED US TO VISIT IN JULY & AUGUST. WHEN ASKED IF HE'D PAY OUR TRANSPORTATION IT WAS MET WITH A FIRM "NO!" PRESIDENT JILL EVEN TRIED TO BARTER PEACHES WITH HIM AND GOT AN EVEN LONGER "NO!" BUT HE DID REMIND US THAT HE HAD AC.

CHURCH BLOOPERS FROM NEWSLETTERS, BULLETIN BOARDS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE A HIT AS OUR STRESS RELIEVING FUNNIES.

THRIVENT PROVIDED SAL'S PARTY TRAYS OF TAQUITOS AND MINI BURRITOS. GUACAMOLE AND QUESADILLAS FILLED OUT THE MAIN MENU ALONG WITH JULIE'S SCALLOPED POTATOES. THERE WERE SOOO MANY COOKIES THAT WE COULD HAVE COOKIE CORNER FUND RAISER ON THE SPOT. SHOULD HAVE REQUESTED DESSERTS. DEE BROUGHT ICE CREAM TUBS TO TOP IT OFF.

CHRIS O'BRIEN WAS THE FEATURED THRIVENT SPEAKER. HIS PAMPHLETS, BOOKLETS AND KNOWLEDGE NOTED PLANNING, GUIDANCE AND SOLUTIONS TO FIT WHEREVER WE ARE IN LIFE. THRIVENT IS JUST A MEETING, PHONE CALL OR VIRTUAL MOMENT AWAY. MARY NORRIS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SIGN UP MEMBERS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THRIVENT IS THE LARGEST DONATOR TO HABITAT FOR COMMUNITY. FORTUNE 500 NAMED THRIVENT AS THE MOST ETHICAL COMPANY FOR 13-14 YEARS.

THE NON-PROFIT FINANCIAL SERVICE WAS BORN IN THE LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD. FIRES LEFT MANY WIDOWS WITHOUT SUPPORT, SO SOME GUYS GOT TOGETHER TO HELP AND THAT'S HOW IT ALL STARTED :)

PAM NOTED SEED MONEY FOR GSLC HAS SUPPLEMENTED OUR OUTREACH. SOME EXAMPLES ARE THE ROEDING THANKSGIVING BASKETS, THE CRAFT CART, OUR KITCHEN REMODEL, THE FORMER SEWING SAINTS, PLUS TRUNK OR TREAT'S PIZZA AND BOUNCE HOUSE.

CHRIS BROUGHT PATRICA GUITERREZ WHO SPOKE ON MEDICARE. AN IMPORTANT NOTE FROM HER WAS IF YOUR CURRENT PLAN IS STILL GOOD FOR YOU PERSONALLY NO AGENT CAN CHANGE IT. THEY WILL JUST PROVIDE INFORMATION.

WE WERE REMINDED BEFORE DEPARTING THRIVENT'S TAGLINE IS MONEY IS A TOOL, NOT A GOAL.

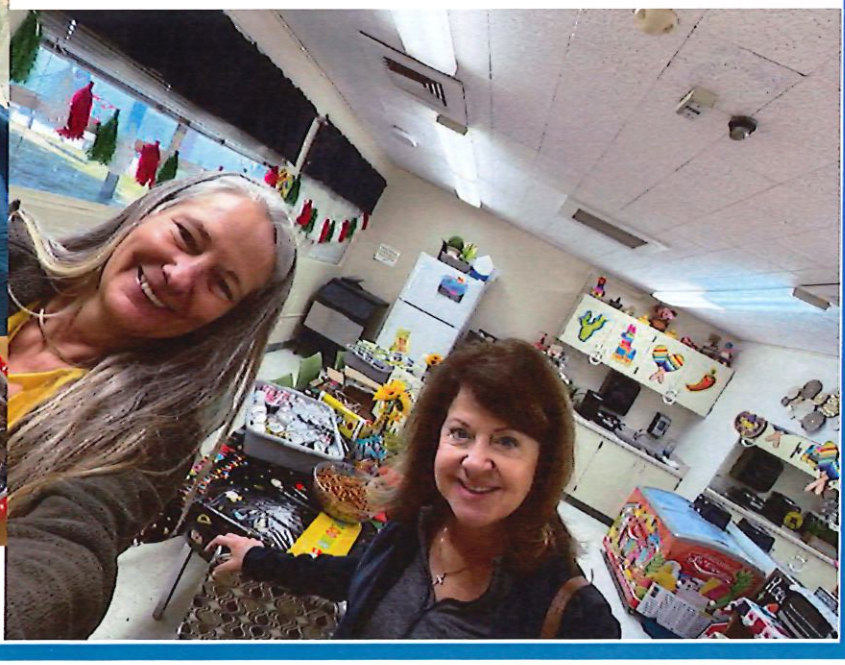
MORE GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS - ROEDING TEACHERS

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MORE GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS - BLESSING BAGS





ROEDING SATURDAY SPORTS










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Crayons




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GSLC PET BLESSING





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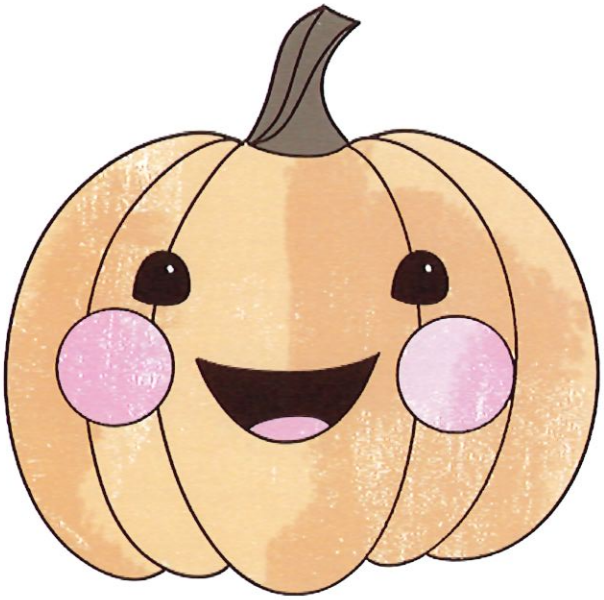


SPOOOKY POTLUCK & PUMPKIN CARVING










Monster
Eyes


HERE LIES THE
WICKED WITCHES
OF THE
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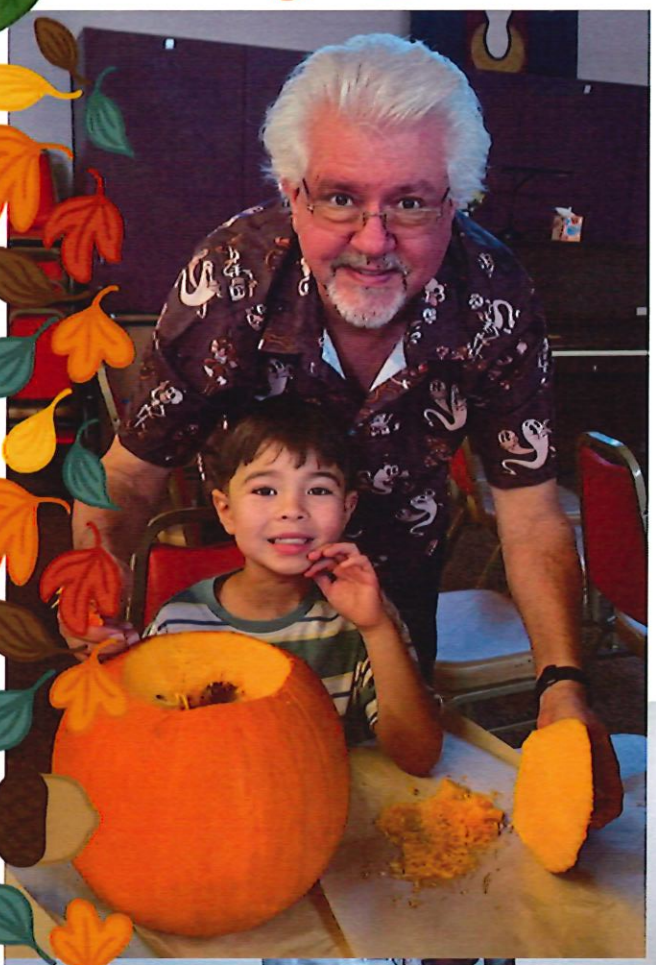


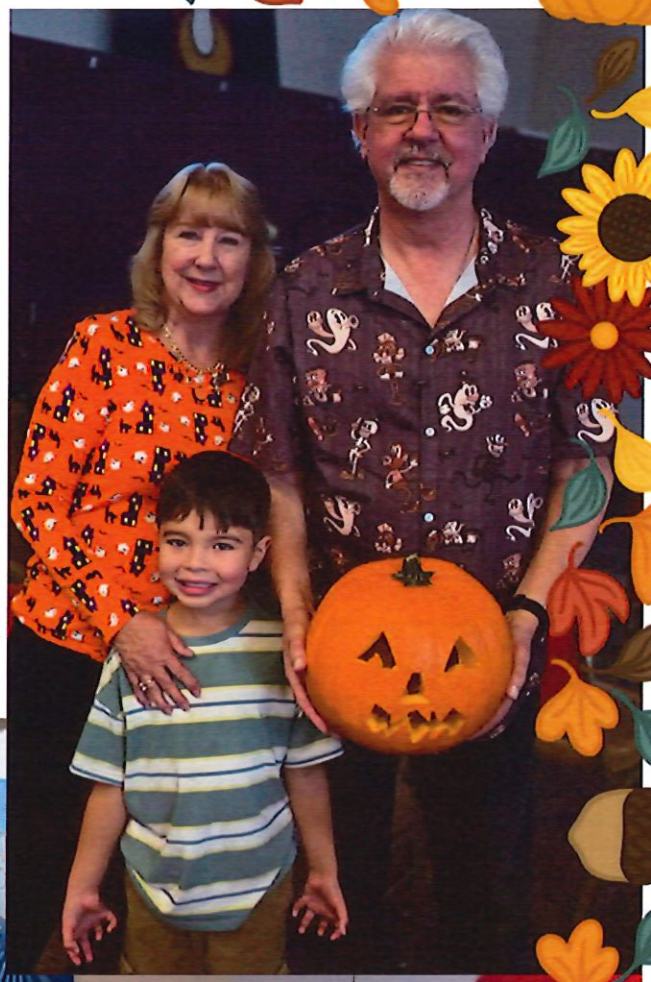
























Notes of Gratitude

COUNTERS CORNER

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

NOV. 1 JOHN MONTGOMERY & JOAN WILLIAMSON

NOV. 8 DEE WRIGHT & JO ANDERSOM

NOV. 15 SHAUNA ESPINOSA & DEE WRIGHT

NOV. 22 JILL ANDERSON & ROBERT HARRIS

NOV. 29 DEE WRIGHT & JOAN WILLIAMSON

MANY THANKS FOR THOSE WHO WILL COUNT IN NOVEMBER.



THANK YOU TO DANA KLEIN AND HER TEAM, LORI DE GIOVANNI, KRIS KELLY, AND MARTY KLEIN, FOR A WONDERFUL SPAGHETTI DINNER!! $1410.00 WAS RAISED FOR THE HVAC. AND THANK YOU TO MARY NORRIS'S UNCLE FOR PLAYING ITALIAN MUSIC.

I HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED COMMENTS THAT WE SHOULD DO IT AGAIN!

JILL ANDERSON, CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT, AND CHURCH COUNCIL





Notes of Gratitude

THANKS TO CATE FOR BRINGING "PEOPLE TREATS" FOR THE PET BLESSING AND ALSO TO CATE AND SHAUNA FOR HELPING TAKE PICTURES OF THE ATTENDEES!



THANK YOU JANET, SUZIE, AND JULIE FOR BUYING THE PUMPKINS FOR THE PUMPKIN CARVING.



MANY THANKS TO OUR PARISH NURSES WHO HAVE SO FAITHFULLY TAKEN BLOOD PRESSURES EVERY 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH THIS YEAR. THANK YOU JANET, JENNIFER, JOAN, AND PAM!





NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All Saints' Sunday • 10AM Worship Service • 11AM Coffee Social • 11AM-12PM Kid's Salt & Light • 5PM Accion de Fe (Comm Ctr)	2	3 • 6PM-10PM Voices United(Comm Ctr)	4 • 6-8PM Fresno First Baptist (Jacobson Hall) • 6:30PM Wednesday Bible Study (Comm Ctr)	5	6	7 • 8-1PM LHN Free Neighborhood Market
8 • 10AM Worship Service • 11AM Coffee Social • 11AM-12PM Kid's Salt & Light • 5PM Accion de Fe (Comm Ctr)	9 • 6PM Esther Circle (Comm Ctr)	10 • 6PM-10PM Voices United(Comm Ctr)	11 • 4:30PM Worship Committee (Pr. Ted's Office) • 6-8PM Fresno First Baptist (Jacobson Hall) • 6:30PM Wednesday Bible Study (Comm Ctr)	12	13 • 7PM Accion de Fe (Comm Ctr)	14 • 10-12PM Roeding Saturday Sports (Roeding Elem.)
15 • 10AM Worship Service • 11AM Coffee Social • 11AM-12PM Kid's Salt & Light • 4PM GSLC Book Club, Comm Ctr • 5PM Accion de Fe (Comm Ctr)	16 • 12PM OWLS (Comm Ctr)	17 • 6PM-10PM Voices United(Comm Ctr)	18 • 10AM Staff Meeting (Pr. Ted's Office) • 6-8PM Fresno First Baptist (Jacobson Hall) • 6:30PM Wednesday Bible Study (Comm Ctr)	19 • 6PM Council Meeting (Comm Ctr)	20 • 5-10PM Voices United Set Up (Comm Ctr)	21 • ALL DAY Voices United (Comm Ctr)
22 • 10AM Worship Service • 11AM Coffee Social • 11AM-12PM Kid's Salt & Light • 5PM Accion de Fe (Comm Ctr)	23	24 • 6PM-10PM Voices United(Comm Ctr)	25 Happy Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED • 6-8PM Fresno First Baptist (Jacobson Hall)	26	27 • 7PM Accion de Fe (Comm Ctr)	28
29 • 10AM Worship Service • 10am - 1pm Fresno First Baptist Worship (Jacobson) • 11AM Coffee Social • 11AM-12PM Kid's Salt & Light • 5PM Accion de Fe (Comm Ctr)	30					

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