



The Shepherd's Voice

June/July 2026

**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**

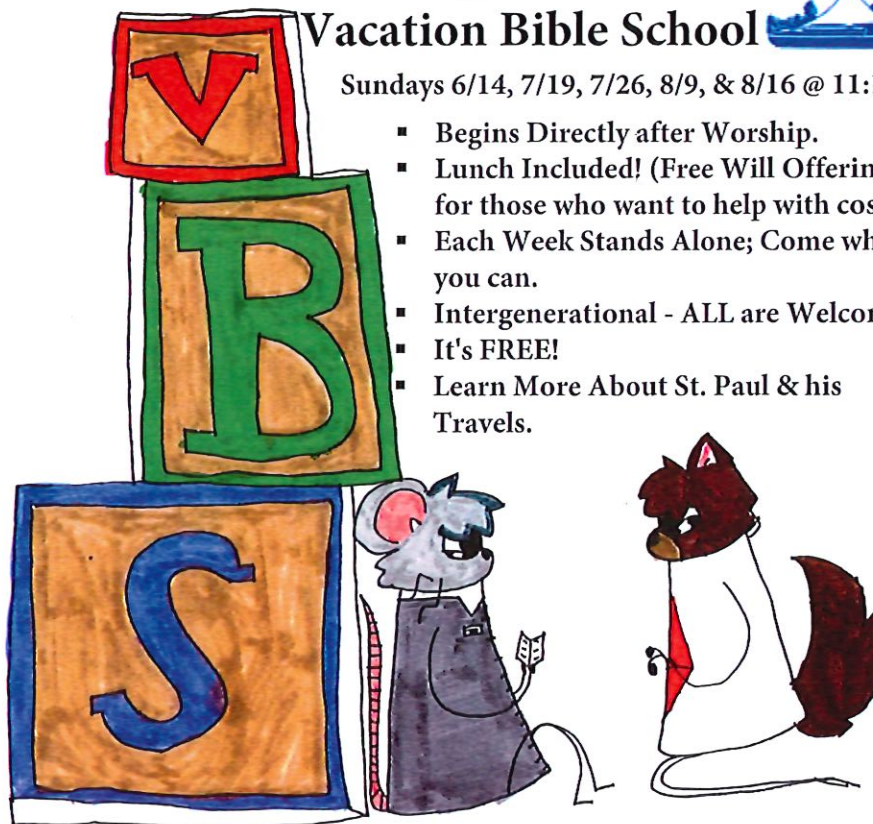
Running for the Prize

Vacation Bible School



Sundays 6/14, 7/19, 7/26, 8/9, & 8/16 @ 11:15

- Begins Directly after Worship.
- Lunch Included! (Free Will Offering for those who want to help with costs)
- Each Week Stands Alone; Come when you can.
- Intergenerational - ALL are Welcome.
- It's FREE!
- Learn More About St. Paul & his Travels.



please plan to join
us in Jacobson Hall @ 11:15. There will be intergenerational
openings and closings - with crafts, games, and science for the
kids and a class with Pastor for the adults in between. We
invite everyone to make VBS part of their summer family fun!

Schedule: Lunch 11:15-12
Opening 12-12:15
Adult/Kid Classes 12:15-1:15
Closing 1:15-1:30

Good Shepherd Lutheran
5140 N Fruit Ave
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Questions: 559-287-3457

Prayer Concerns

Members Needing Prayer:

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
Bill Biggs
Mary Norris & Family
Connie Alvarado
Jocelyn Miller
Kirsten Linder
Jim Thompson



Family and Friend:

Ro (Sandy T.)
Randy Williams (Dueker)
Christopher Robbins (Robbins)
Dan Taylor (Wilk)
Kevin (Hays)
Nels (Harris)
Karen Tabler (Vonny)
George Pisching (Woody W.)
Julie Schneider (Vonny)
Kaitlyn (Lisa K.)
Coach (Sandy T.)
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)
Melissa (Sandy T.)
Frank and Anita Porco (Vonny)
Pam (Smith)
Grace Johnson (Fake)
Hudson Otten (Anderson)
Karen Ohanesian (Hays)



Mick Konkol – 7/05
Heather Walker – 7/08
Steve McQuillan – 7/13
Kevin Bolm – 7/15
Nathan Montgomery – 7/20
Robert Boehringer – 7/22
Cheryl Montgomery – 7/26
Julie Werfelmann – 7/26
Arlynne Turnquist – 7/27

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

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Allan Hofmann – 7/01
Ruth Thompson – 7/06
Diane Fake – 7/28



Dave & Lori DeGiovanni - 7/10

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	June 7, 2026	June 14, 2026	June 21, 2026	June 28, 2026
Attendance	49		40	43
General Fund	\$8,056.00	\$5,580.00	\$5,285.00	\$1,930.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)				
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)				
Community Center Capital Fund	Comm. Ctr: Loose Plate: \$37.00	Community Ctr:\$5.00 Loose Plate: \$	Community Ctr: \$ Loose Plate: \$ 40.00	Community Ctr: Loose Plate:\$
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Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)	HVAC: \$ 100.00 Roeding: \$50.00	HVAC: \$205.00	HVAC: \$200.00	HVAC: \$560.00 Roeding: \$200.00 OWLS: \$56.00
House Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.	Property Use: \$50.00			Property Use: \$170.00
	\$8,293.00	\$5,790.00	\$5,525.00	\$3,052.00

June Financials

**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS**

Greetings Good Shepherd Members and Friends:

We continue to sustain ourselves because of you, our generous and committed members. Thank you!

As we pay our obligations, please keep in mind as you look at June income that a portion of that was brought over to our operating account from the designated account for our bathroom remodeling project, and likewise, the expenses show the payments to the construction company from that account

So far, the project payment has been made in full. Painting needs to be completed by the Good Shepherd crew, baseboard attached, and then a final city inspection. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact President Jill.

May July be a wonderful month full of God's blessings as we celebrate our country's 250th anniversary.

In Christ,

Dana Biggs

Treasurer

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
Jan.	\$21,066.72	\$34,067.14	(\$13,000.42)
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	(\$19,288.91)
May	\$19,062.24	\$20,769.71	(\$1,707.47)
Jun	\$25,553.58	\$27,671.20	(\$2,117.62)
Jul			\$0.00
Aug			\$0.00
Sep			\$0.00
Oct			\$0.00
Nov			\$0.00
Dec			\$0.00
Total	\$181,557.64	\$178,853.34	\$2,704.30

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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 July/Aug. If you are able to host/hostess for a Sunday, please sign up in the Comm Ctr.

JULY UPCOMING EVENTS

July 8 - Worship Committee @ 4:30pm, Pr. Teds office.

July 11 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market

July 19, 26, 8/9 & 8/16 - VBS with Lunch, all ages @ 11:30—1:30pm

July 16 - Council Meeting @ 6pm, Comm Ctr

July 29- Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office



GSLC SUMMER BOOK CLUB

For the **Summer Book Club**, we usually read books that are lighter or more "summer reads." This year we have a book about a cat adventure and another book about a dog adventure.

Sun, June 28th at 4 pm in the Community Center

The Dogs of Babel by Carolyn Parkhurst

A poignant and beautiful debut novel explores a man's quest to unravel the mystery of his wife's death with the help of the only witness -- their Rhodesian ridgeback, Lorelei.

Sun, August 9th at 4 pm in the Community Center

Homer's Odyssey by Gwen Cooper

Everyone warned that Homer would always be an "underachiever," since he was blind. But the kitten nobody believed in quickly grew into a three-pound dynamo with a giant heart who eagerly made friends with every human who crossed his path.



KingsMen/KingsKids'

Hello, hope everyone had a nice 4th of July. The next KingsMen and KingsKids will be on Wednesday evening, July 29th at 6:30 in Jacobson Hall. For dinner we will have an old fashioned pot luck. So if you can, please bring a dish, salad or dessert to share. Thank you.



LHN Free Neighborhood Market 7/11 @

Bethany Lutheran Church, 9—11AM

There will be a food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market on Saturday, 7/11, from 9-11 a.m. at the Bethany Lutheran Church. 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.



HVAC GoFundMe Fundraiser

The Good Shepherd HVAC GoFundMe fundraiser is now live on it's website. <https://gofund.me/05d79cff>

Please send this link: to family, friends, businesses etc., via Facebook, email and any other social media platforms to get the word out to raise funds for a new HVAC system. We have a fundraising goal of \$150,000 to support the purchase of a new HVAC system.

Dear Family, Friends and Supporters,

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Fresno, with it's iconic tent style roof, is in desperate need to replace the antiquated HVAC system.

Every donation, big or small, will make a tremendous difference. Together, we can bring warmth back to our church and restore the place where our community worships and grows faith. Thank you for your support. We are truly grateful for your kindness and generosity.

Blessings, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Fresno

Thank you, Reynaldo Villalobos

Support New HVAC at Good Shepherd Fresno

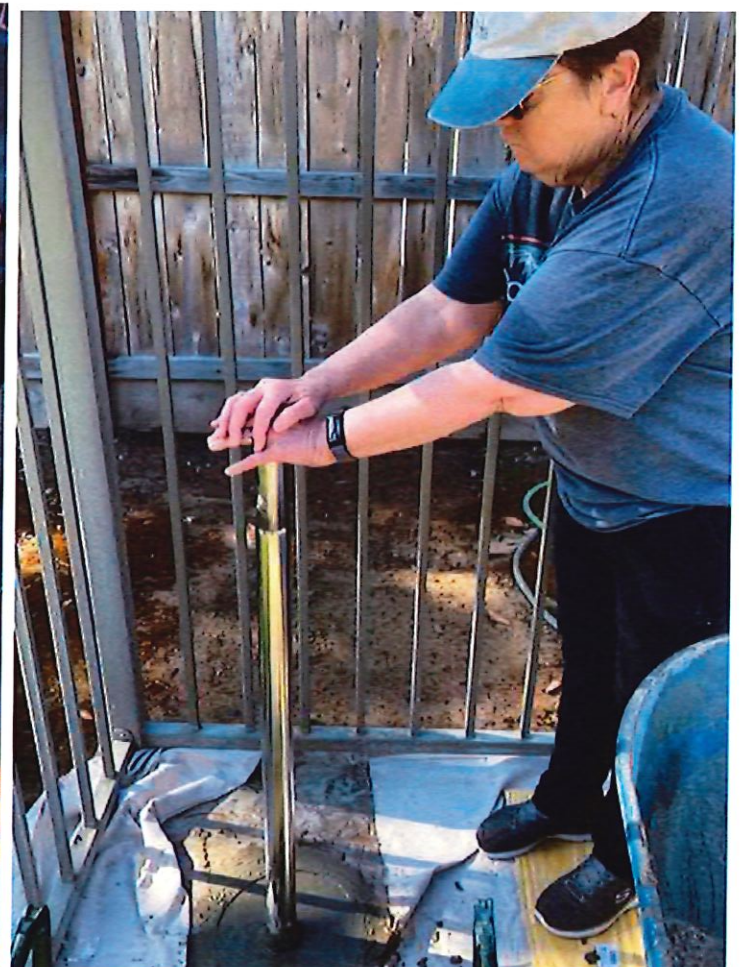
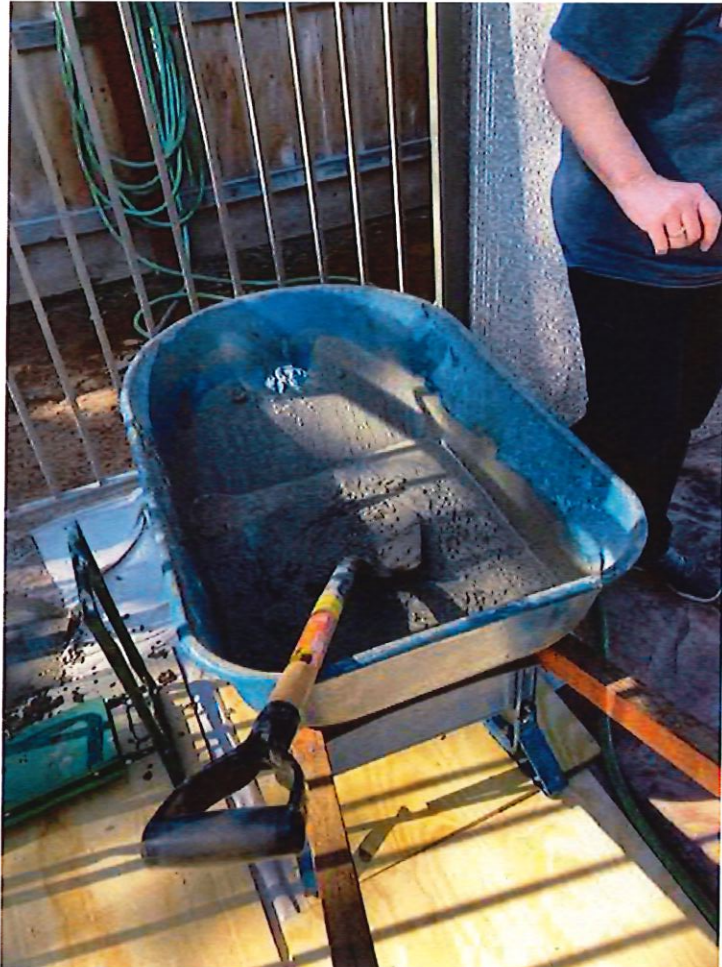




We had lots of fun making Mother's Day bouquets with all our Roeding Saturday Sports kids for their moms. We also gave away books in our door prize drawing and had a marvelous time. Thanks everyone 💕

The Memorial Garden Flag Pole Project was “in the works” for many months. We were happy to be able to hold our Dedication, Flag Raising and Veterans Recognition Program on Memorial Day Sunday, May 24. We want to thank Rico’s Memorial Stones for our plaque, Miller and Company Concrete Cutting for cutting the large hole at no cost for the new concrete to hold the pole, our Columbarium-Memorial Garden Committee and a special thank you to Francis and Carol without whom this project would never had come to fruition.









*Flag Pole Dedication.
Flag Raising.
and Veterans Recognition*



May 24, 2026
11:15AM

Welcome

Opening Prayer

About Our Flagpole

Posting and Raising of Colors

Reading of the Plaque

*Recognition of the Veterans Inurned in Our
Columbarium*

Recognition of the Veterans

Memorialized on Our Wall of Remembrance

Closing

Special thanks to Boy Scout Troop 301 for
raising our colors

Veterans Inurned

Jack Robert Fake - Army Air Corp WWII
Kenneth Harvey Green - Navy WWII
Thomas Eugene Harlan - Marine -Labrador
Korea
Jon Randall Nelson - Army Vietnam
Vincent R. Robbins - Army Stateside Korea
Loren Eric Schmidt—Army W. Germany Korea
Edward C Sturgeon - Navy WWII

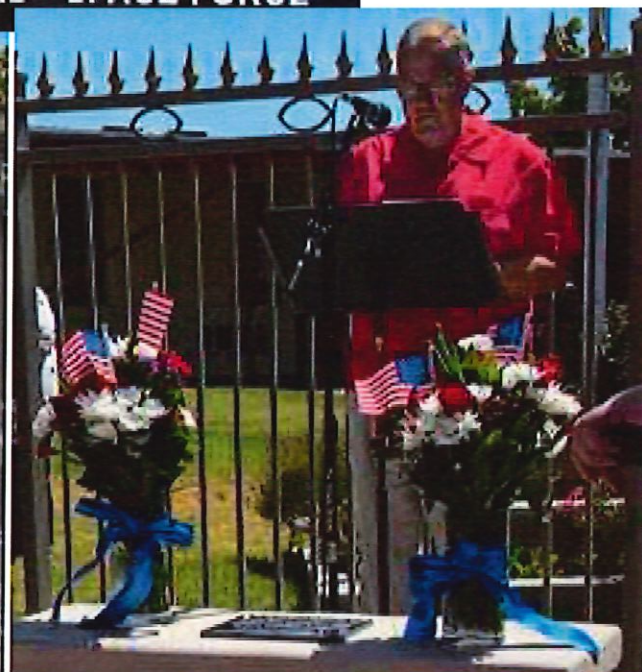
Veterans Memorialized

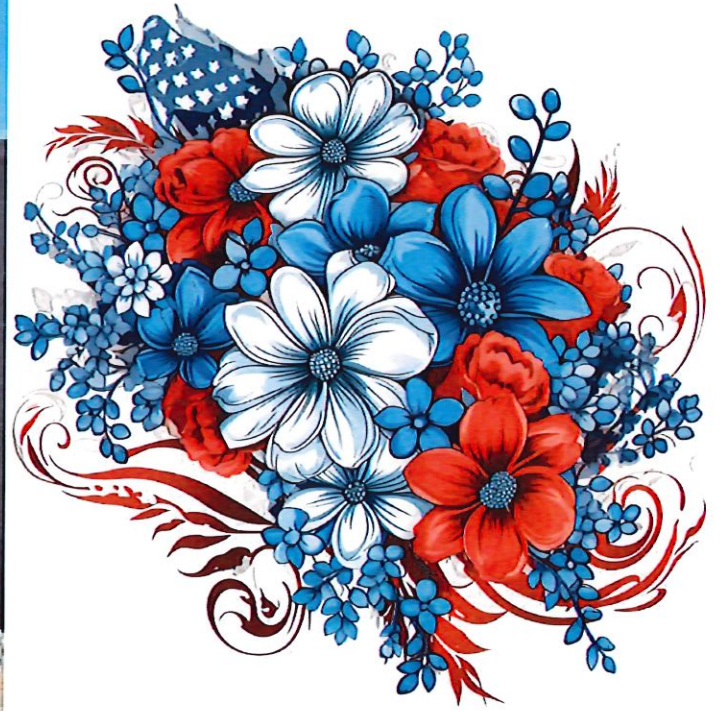
Burton Bourzao - Army Air Corp World War II
Clarence Bourzao - Navy WWII
Robert Gerster - Army Vietnam
Pastor Lloyd Jacobson - Navy WWII
Virgil Lords - Army WWII
Thurmon Eugene Smith - Marine Stateside
Korea
Emmett Sullivan- Army Air Corp World War II
Pastor Paul Werfelmann - Air Force Thailand
Vietnam



*This Flag And Flagpole Are Placed Here In
Honor Of The Veterans Inurned Here As Well As
Those Veterans Whose Names Are On The Wall Of
Remembrance And All Veterans Who Have Served
Our Country In Times Of Peace And War.*

**ARMY - NAVY - MARINE CORPS
AIR FORCE - COAST GUARD - SPACE FORCE**





Our Memorial Garden Committee received this information on Pastor Lloyd Jacobson written by his daughter Kathy when we reached out asking for military information on loved ones who are inurned at the columbarium or on our Wall of Remembrance. Since some of you may not know who Jacobson Hall is named after, I thought you would enjoy reading this interesting story on Good Shepherd's first Pastor, "Pastor Jake." Diane

Lloyd Jacobson's Military History in WWII

Yes, he was indeed in World War II, a Navy Chaplain, which gave him the rank of Lieutenant. He joined the Navy February 22, 1943 in Madison, Wisconsin where he was a minister at St. Paul's Lutheran Church living above the church with his wife, then pregnant two years after the February 15, 1941 marriage. He had the desire to enlist earlier, but my mother persuaded him to wait until the baby was born so "he would know what he would be coming home to." He went to the hospital and told my mother that he enlisted the day my sister was born. He was 31 at the time, born 7/24/1911.

From Madison, the Navy moved him to Norfolk, Virginia, with his wife Virginia, and baby Judith. I don't know how long he was in Norfolk for basic training. There were no refrigerators then. The kitchen sink was broken when he threw down a block of ice to fit it in the ice box.

From there he was moved by the Navy to the San Francisco area. They managed to find a small apartment in Park Merced where the want-ads were full of apartments wanted, but no ads for vacancies. My mother had put an ad in the paper for a place for Navy Chaplain with pregnant wife and 2-year-old daughter, awaiting orders for shipping out.

They lived day-to-day, savoring each evening that my dad came back from the Navy office with the news of "we didn't ship out. We have one more day!" They spent Christmas there. Dad made the apartment cheery for Christmas by hanging Christmas cards by red ribbon on the wall next to each stair. He was creative that way. For company gatherings before or after dinner, he cut bread in quarters, put peanut butter on each, and arranged them creatively on a dinner plate.

Finally, he was shipped out to Okinawa early 1945, and my mother went back to Minneapolis, her home town, to have my sister, Susan, born March 20, 1945. Mom had a Japanese nurse and the irony was not lost on her that her husband was fighting the Japanese. The enlisted were not supposed to tell families at home where they were, but through scripture my dad wrote to my mom, she figured it out. Okinawa is known for the fiercest fighting of anywhere in WWII.

A kamikaze pilot decided not to commit suicide and landed his plane safely on Okinawa. He had been given a funeral before he left Japan. He could not return to Japan ever,¹⁴ because that would bring shame on his family. I have his Japanese flag to this day.

My mother's brother, a Navy physician, was also on Okinawa, and the two found each other. My dad went to his camp where my uncle, Dr. Howard Andersen (eventually of Mayo Clinic, he's on the internet for a medical device invention), was currently in the surgery tent. Dad waited. When my uncle emerged it was, "Bud!" "Jake!"

My dad's unit built the first Christian Church on Okinawa. The soldiers never missed their duty, but worked after hours. My uncle brought his quartet for the dedication on the church. I have a copy of the service of dedication. Navy dignitaries were there.

When a person enlists it is for 4 years. However, he must have been home on leave or home in the reserves, because I was born 2 years after my sister Susan! Judith, February 22, 1943, Susan, March 20, 1945 and me, Katherine, April 16, 1947.

I was born Berkeley, California while Dad was campus pastor of Lutheran Students at Cal Berkeley.

From there we moved to Portland, Oregon, around October 1947, where I was baptized at St. James Lutheran Church, which still exists today, downtown. The church had been dying slowly as the previous pastor had a long illness and died. Dad was told to go up and give the church a decent burial! There were only 11 attendees on any given Sunday.

Being in his 30's, energetic, and enthusiastic, he had no intension of burying the church. Every week he and a few members got together at the parsonage with visitor cards. Mom served coffee. They divided up the cards to make visitations. Dad instructed the group on what to say, how long to stay (short, maybe 5 or 10 minutes) what to do if the TV was on, etc.

Over the next 5 years the church grew to where it became the seat of Synodical Conventions.

The national church wanted dad to work with other churches in the United States, so we moved to White Plains, New York, a suburb of New York City, where the Lutheran church headquarters were at the time. He traveled all the time.

After two years, he accepted a call from First Lutheran at Thomas and Ferger in Fresno and you know the rest!

I think it is interesting that no pastor that I know of makes house calls regularly. But that was the main way my dad enlarged the church wherever he was.





Good Shepherd members wearing red and our Pentecost brats and hotdog BBQ



Hooties Gathering in May

Bulldogs and pansies greeted fifteen Hooties in May. The opening funny reminded men to beware if they ever have a car accident with a woman.

Lois Ceja was welcomed as a new member. We were happy to see Steven's smiling face as Yvonne's tagalong. Pat surprised us all too.

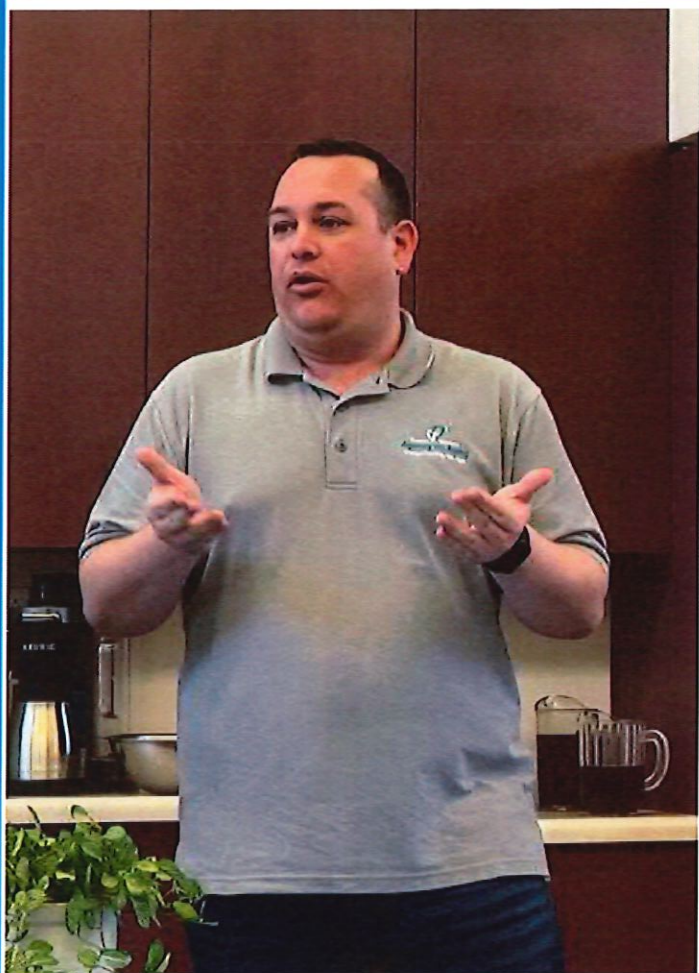
The fourth First Aid Kit was purchased for Good Shepherd's campus. Eight Disabled Parking Cones and Handicapped sleeves were ordered. Our congregation's needs are becoming more apparent. And we must not forget our visitors.

Gail Lansidel, Founder-CEO, of A Choice for Seniors will be June's featured Speaker. We will not meet in July or August. Julie volunteered to host September with a speaker from Cat Catch-Spade-Release. October's Trivent speaker is Chris O'Brien. Sandy is cemented for December. Volunteers are needed for the other months.

Four items became orphans. The search went out for parents. Would we ever have a meeting where NO one left anything? Come on, we wouldn't be SENIORS if we didn't.

Our speaker was Mr. Mile's Robinson from the Agency of Aging. His flyer, booklet and presentation noted many connections for advocacy and referrals. This was most helpful for those of us without family in the area. We appreciated the efforts he invested in preparing the talk plus engaging in our numerous questions. But before he left, he was reminded that we are not just Older Seniors, but OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SENIORS!

That statement didn't last long for Hootie's Head for she was corned in the parking lot for trying to get away with E2 bug's trunk lid up. An embarrassing senior moment. So much for the WISE part.



Speaker: Mr. Mile's Robinson from the Agency of Aging



OWLS' June Gathering

June's 250th USA themed meeting was the lowest attended with eight members and some guests. Carolyn introduced friends, Stan & Susan, who have recently attended GS several times. Grim made a surprise visit.

We were scheduled to have a speaker who was booked months earlier. Contact was made several days early as a reminder with a lunch invitation. The person gave me HER personal number for follow-up. The reminder call was to THAT person who was out of town and had NO idea what I was talking about. Right agency though. She offered to give an explanation of their services over the phone to our Hooties. That wouldn't work. She and I felt bad. Was this a sick joke?

One opening humorous tale was from a Sunday School class. Little Noah explained to his teacher that at 'Amen' at the end of our prayers is like hitting 'Send' so God gets the message.

A new member, Linda, suggested name tags with humorous timing for your Hootie Head couldn't keep her name straight. Julie noted a crafting of name tags would be fun for an upcoming meeting.

July and August - Dark

September - Julie hosts Cat Catch-Spade-Release Speaker

October - Trivent Speaker

November - Spaghetti Factory

December - Sandy's Christmas Party

Jan. - Linda's Name Place Card Craft

Feb. - Susan

March -?

April -?

May -?

June -?

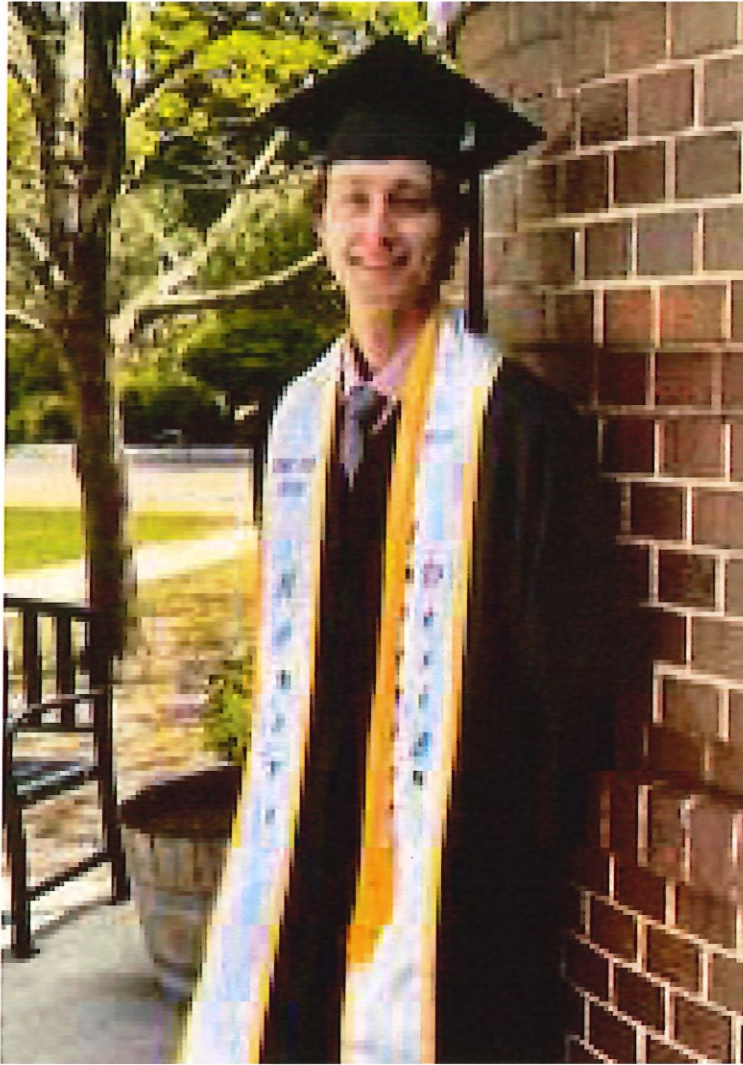
Linda won the disco ball door prize. The look on her face when told she had to bust out her 70's dance moves was priceless. Some say the ball deters flies if hung in the sun near an outside door. There has been a reduction at your leader's home. It fooled the blue jays from using the pool fence railing as their toilet throne for a couple of days.

And sadly, UNO cards were sent home again. You'd think your leader would learn.

See you in September when the summer's through (music).

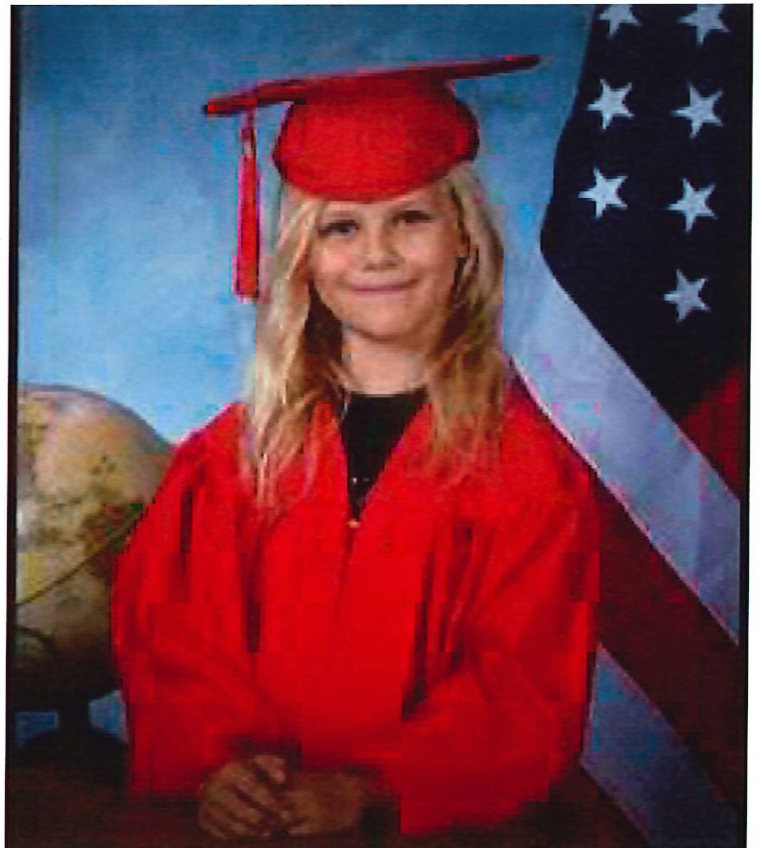






Kaelan Boyer graduated Summa Cum Laude receiving his BFA degree in Interior Design from the Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design in Denver, Colorado. He was chosen to display his Senior Project as one of the school's gallery exhibits. His project was to design a restaurant including the floor plan and each room complete with furniture, lighting, wall and floor coverings, etc. He is the grandson of Gordon and Diane Fake.

Celine Lemay has been promoted from Kindergarten to the First Grade at Tierrasanta Elementary School in San Diego. She has been enrolled in the Spanish Language Immersion Program where half of the day is taught in Spanish. Celine is the granddaughter of Gordon and Diane Fake.

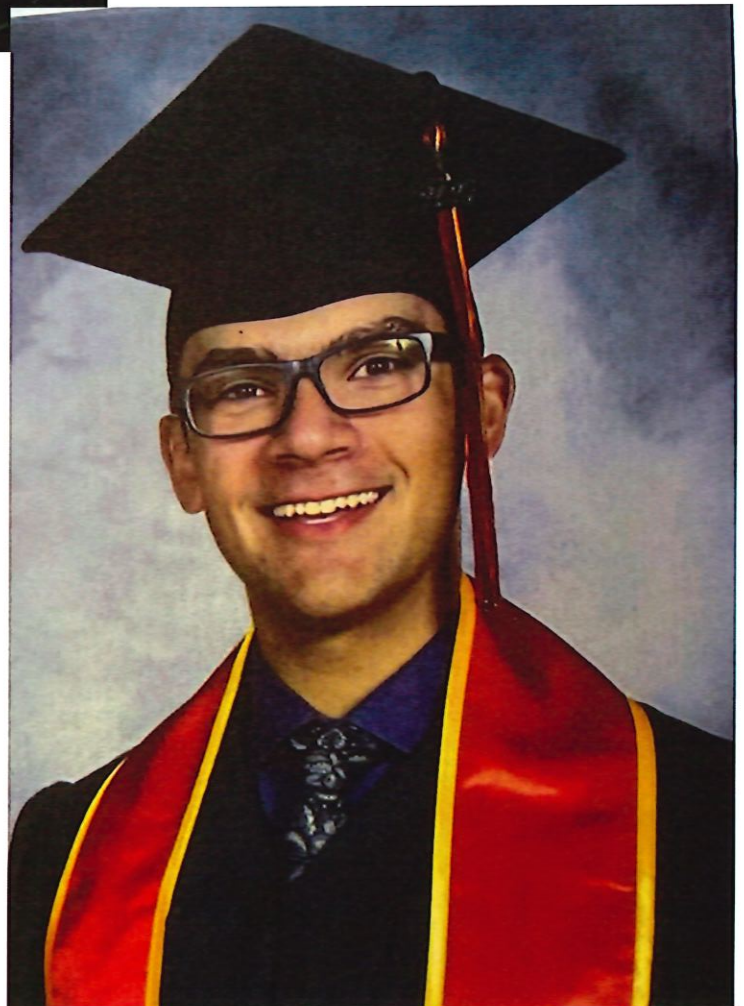




Margaret "Meg" Brady, Bill and Dana Biggs granddaughter.

Meg graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in May of 2026 with a dual degree, earning High Distinction in both Environmental & Sustainability Studies and Dance. She was recognized as a Chancellor's Scholar and inducted into the UNL chapter of the Pi Beta Kappa Honor Society. She was also a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority.

Ivan Villalobos, son of Kim and Reynaldo, graduated with honors from University High School. He will attend Sacramento State in the fall where he will pursue a degree in jazz studies and music education.





Our grandson, Jacob Berg, graduated from University High School on Thursday, May 14. He will be attending the University of the Pacific in Stockton and plans to major in Environmental Studies. Jacob's passion is fishing, and he is interested in becoming a game warden. We are two very proud grandparents, Ken and Susan Berg

Daisy Slusser will graduate from Pioneer High School this month. Her Dad, Greg Slusser, has been her AP Science teacher this year! Daisy will be attending Cal-Poly, San Luis Obispo in the Fall where she will major in Bio-Chemistry. All her grandparents are proud of her, including Dee Wright!



Notes of Gratitude

Many Thanks!!

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteer Counters who have committed for the month of June to sort the Sunday Offering and prepare the weekly deposit.

June 7th Mary Norris

June 14th Art Mehl

June 21st Woody Wilk

June 28th Jim & Ruth Thompson

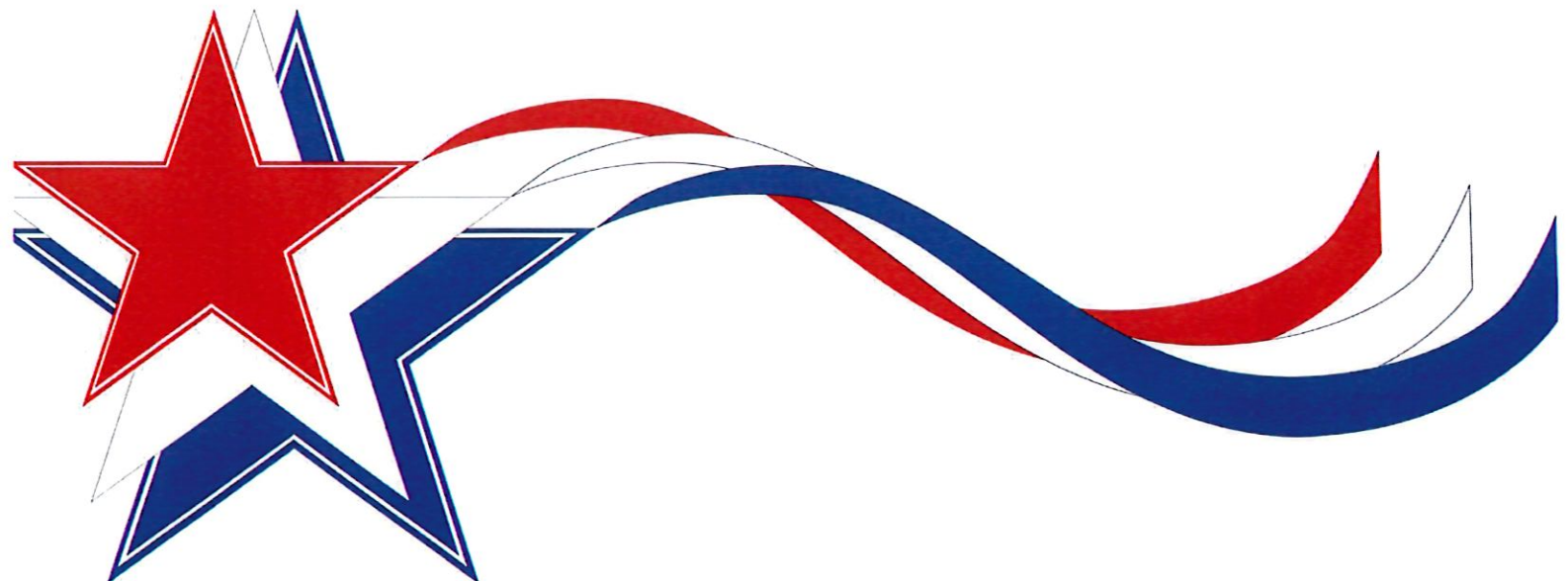


Thank you, John and Austin, for preparing our Easter breakfast, and thank you to Lou for serving and Janet for shopping! Thanks also to Joan & Julie for the egg casseroles and to Brenda for the fresh strawberries ♥

Thank you to everyone who brought treats for staff appreciation at Roeding Elementary, our adopted school, and to Brenda for delivery and setup.



Thank you, parish nurses Joan, Pam, Jennifer, and Janet for taking blood pressures on the first Sunday every month.



JULY 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	10AM Worship Service 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall) 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light	7 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr)	8 4:30PM Worship Committee (Pr. Ted's Office)	9	10 7PM Accion de Fe (Comm Ctr)	11 8-1PM LHN Free Neighborhood Market
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