

The Shepherd's Voice

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



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**You are welcome
to join us at
Good Shepherd**

Dear Friends,

On July 15 I celebrated my 24th year here as your pastor. I have been reflecting on our time together. One of the ways we could count different seasons in the past 24 years is with the people and organizations with whom we have shared our property.

When I started here we had the Growing Patch on campus. A few years later we had Behavioral Health Associates. Then a few years ago our Administrative Assistant, Kathy, and her family moved into our space after their home burnt down. They moved out a couple of months ago.

We have now been approached by another church, Fresno First Baptist. It is looking like they would be a great match with whom we can share our property. You will be hearing more details as they come up. Our Council was presented with the idea at our July meeting. Details are being worked on now.

I have met with their lead pastor, Pastor Lee. He is a really nice guy. The church is vibrant. Pastor Lee told me they have been praying for us. He said their desire is to be a blessing to wherever they end up. My prayer is that blessings will flow both ways.

At church it is inevitable that people will come and people will go. Many of you have been faithful here for years. I want to thank you for the partnership we have shared in the gospel. It has been an honor to serve with you. I look forward to continue to be a blessing and be showered with blessings as we continue together!

God's Peace,

Pastor Ted

Prayer Concerns

Members Needing Prayer:

Please pray for Gordon and Diane Fake upon the three recent losses of Diane's family members: her sister Janet Sharp in April, her nephew Russ Pate in June and most recently her sister Linda Hannah on July 29.

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:

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)



Sheri Bolm – 8/01
Whitney Linder – 8/01
Jim Sanborn – 8/04
Janet McQuillan – 8/07
Stacy Lairson – 8/15
Sue Oliver - 8/23
Jo Ann Huebner – 8/25
Madelynn Pattillo – 8/29
Paul Bolm – 8/31
*Any one that has seen a missing or incorrect birthday, baptismal, or anniversary date please contact Kathy in the office. 559-225-2092



Julie Werfelmann – 8/01
Bill Biggs – 8/12
Michelle Wilson – 8/16
William Hayes – 8/20
Heather Walker – 8/27
Steve Smith – 8/27
Dana Biggs – 8/31



Art/Janet Mehl - 8/10
Sean/Suzanne Walker - 8/20
Paul/Sheri Bolm - 8/20
Ted/Norma Miller - 8/26
Jim/Ruth Thompson - 8/30

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	July 5, 2026	July 12, 2026	July 19, 2026	July 26, 2026
Attendance		45		
General Fund	\$2,534.00	\$6,005.00	\$5,425.00	\$3,561.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)				
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)				
Community Center Capital Fund	Comm. Ctr: Loose Plate: \$29.00	Community Ctr:\$ Loose Plate: \$20.00	Community Ctr: \$ Loose Plate: \$ 10.00	Community Ctr: Loose Plate:\$20.00
Loose Plate				
Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)	HVAC: \$ Roeding: \$	HVAC: \$200.00 Thrivent: 32.00	HVAC: \$ 1,100.00 Prop. Imprv. \$350.00	HVAC: \$880.00 Roeding: \$ OWLS: \$
House Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.	Property Use: \$			Property Use: \$
	\$2,563.00	\$6,257.00	\$6,885.00	\$4,461.00

July Financials

**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**

Members and friends of Good Shepherd,

As I write my last entry to the monthly newsletter, Bill and I want you to know that in the four years that we have been members, we have grown you love you and the Church.

However, due to circumstances we did not anticipate, it is now time for us to move on. Bill and I pray for you and will only wish the very best as you move forward in service, commitment, prayer and love.

Yours in Christ,

Dana and Bill Biggs

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	\$25,856.77	\$27,671.20	(\$1,814.43)
Jul	\$20,266.00	\$27,017.67	(\$6,751.67)
Aug			\$0.00
Sep			\$0.00
Oct			\$0.00
Nov			\$0.00
Dec			\$0.00
Total	\$202,126.83	\$205,871.01	(\$3,744.18)

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

AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 1** - LHN Free Neighborhood Market
- Aug. 9** - Summer Book Club @ 4pm, Comm. Ctr.
- Aug. 10** - Esther Circle @ 6pm, Comm. Ctr.
- Aug. 12** - Worship Committee @ 4:30pm, Pr. Teds office.
- Aug. 9 & 16** - VBS with Lunch, all ages @ 11:30—1:30pm
- Aug. 17** - OWLS @ 12pm, Jacobson Hall
- Aug. 20** - Council Meeting @ 6pm, Comm Ctr
- Aug. 22** - GSLC Paint Night Fundraiser @ 2:30—6pm
- Aug. 26** - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office
- Aug. 26** - KingsMen/KingsKids' @ 6:30PM, Comm Ctr
- Aug. 28 & 29** - Voices United @ 6-9pm; All Day, Comm



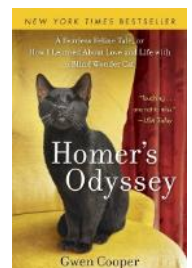
GSLC SUMMER BOOK CLUB

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, 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.



LHN Free Neighborhood Market 8/1 @

Bethany Lutheran Church, 9—11AM

There will be a food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market on Saturday, 8/1, from 9-11 a.m. at Hope Lutheran, 5425 N. Fresno. 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.

Calling all volunteers! Please mark your calendars now and plan to come help feed people at the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market next month. We are hosting the distribution on Sept. 5th, and need at least 25-30 people to help sort and bag produce, to sign in vehicles and load cars, and to direct traffic. All volunteers are invited and encouraged to go through the line, too. Hours of distribution will be 9-11, but we need volunteers from 7:30-12:30. Any portion of time you're available to support this ministry will be appreciated! Feel free to invite friends and relatives to help out, too. Come share the love of Jesus in this special way. You'll have a fun time, too, I promise! Feel free to call, text, or email me with any questions.

Shalom. Peace. Paz. Julie Werfelmann

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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



Vacation Bible School (VBS) 8/9, and 8/16

VBS will begin with an intergenerational opening, followed by a class with Pastor Ted for adults while the kids have games, crafts, and the like. We will all be focusing on the Apostle Paul and his journeys.



"God's Work, Our Hands." Sept. 12th



Our annual day of service will be coming the 2nd Saturday in September, on 9/12. Please plan now to join in one (or more!) of the following ways to serve.

We will be hosting the Lutheran Hunger Network FREE food distribution here @ GSLC from 9-11 (plus set up and clean up), and that will also be our first Saturday Sports & Crafts at Roeding Elementary. In the afternoon there will be an opportunity to assemble Blessing Bags for our friends @ Westside Rescue. Please see Julie or Janet if you have other ideas of ways to serve our community, and be sure to add this to your calendar now. Thank you!

Collecting Toiletries Until 9/12/26 for Blessing Bags

Please help GS bless the unhoused clients of Westside Rescue. We are collecting all kinds of toiletries, which need to be travel sized please.

We are looking especially for the following:

Deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, chapstick.

We also will need soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, combs, and some granola bars and cookies or other treats.

Please bring in your items and place them in the bin labeled Westside. We have put together 40-50 bags in the past. Thank you!!



Vacation Bible School





Hooties

Favorite Hymns by Occupation

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Dentist

"There Shall Be Showers of Blessings"

Meteorologist

"Holy - Holy - Holy"

Taylor

"Be Thou My Vision"

Optometrist

"There is Power in the Blood"

Electrician

"Sweet By and By"

Buyer

"I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hill"

Realtor

"He Touched Me"

Massage Therapist

"The Great Physician"

Doctor

Hooties

"I'll Fly Away"

Pilot

"Rock of Ages"

Geologist

"It is Well with My Soul"

Shoemaker

"Lamb of God"

Shepherd

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Surveyor

"Shall We Gather at the River?"

Tour Guide

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Veterinarian

Notes of Gratitude



AUG. 2026

	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 ● 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr)	5	6	7 ● 7PM Accion de Fe (Comm Ctr)	8
9 VBS ● 10AM Worship Service ● 11AM Lunch ● VBS ● 4PM Summer Book Club, Comm Ctr	10 ● 6:00PM Esther Circle (Comm Ctr)	11 ● 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr)	12 ● 4:30PM Worship Committee (Pr. Ted's Office)	13	14	15
16 VBS ● 10AM Worship Service ● 11AM Lunch ● VBS	17 ● 12:00PM OWLS (Jacobson Hall)	18 ● 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr)	19	20 ● 6PM Council Meeting, Jacobson Hall	21 ● 7PM Accion de Fe (Comm Ctr)	22 ● 2:30-6PM GSLC Paint Night Fund-raiser
23 ● 10AM Worship Service ● 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall) ● 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light	24	25 ● 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr)	26 ● 10AM Staff Meeting (Pr. Ted's Office)	27	28	29
30 ● 10AM Worship Service ● 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall) ● 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light	31					



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