

The Shepherd's Voice

July 2025

**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**

JOIN US FOR VBS

"At the Table"

VBS Continues July/Aug. @ 5:45!

Our Vacation Bible School will be on 5 Sunday nights again this year: 6/29, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, and 8/10. Please mark your calendars now and join us for some summer fun, friends, & food! The schedule will be as follows:

Dinner: 5:45-6:15

**Opening: 6:15 followed by classes for all
ages 6:30-7:30**

Snacks & Music: 7:30-8

Please see Julie if you'd like to help with crafts, games, &/or science activities, Janet if you'd like to join in the kitchen tomfoolery (her words!), or pastor Ted for any questions about the adult class.

It's free, and all are welcome!

Prayer Concerns

Members Needing Prayer:

Julie Werfelmann
Rev. Dr. Arlynn
Turnquist
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 Friend:

Jade Dixon (Julie)
Kathy (Secretary) and Family
Elaine (Werfelmann)
Linda Healy (White)
Ivonne Garcia (Zamora)
Barbara Shakespeare
Phoebe (Neer)
Phil (Anderson)
Gary Assmussen (Deuker)
Irene Goldman (Dueker)
Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)
Betty (Anderson)
Tonya (White)
Shanese (White)
Zyg Zee (Norris)
Claire (Vonny)
Janet Sharp (Fake)
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)
Rosemary (Vonny)
Nathan & Sandy Robbins (Robbins)



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
Arlynn 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
Caroline Sullivan – 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 1, 2025	June 8, 2025	June 15, 2025	June 22, 2025	June 29, 2025
Attendance	46	45			56
General Fund	\$5,350.00	\$2,680.00	\$3,402.00	\$2,760.00	\$1,676.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)					
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)					
Community Center Capital Fund	Loose Plate: \$	Community Ctr:	Community Ctr: \$190.00	Loose Plate:\$	Loose Plate:\$
Loose Plate					
Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)	Special Gifts/HVAC: \$12,300.00	Thrivent: \$14.00	Special Gifts/HVAC: \$3,070.00	Special Gifts/HVAC: \$100.00 OWLS: \$44.00	Special Gifts/HVAC: \$939.20
House Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.					
	\$17,650.00	\$2,694.00	\$6,662.00	\$2,904.00	\$2,615.20

April Financials

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Greetings members and friends of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church:

June was a good month for us thanks to the many generous donations we have received. We continue to be blessed as we continue to worship and serve God.

Our income included offerings and also donations for HVAC. Our expenses were the usual expenses we have throughout the year with our HVAC funds being transferred out of our main account to the HVAC designated savings account.

Our HVAC account balance at the end of June is \$53,062.44!

Thank you to all who continue to sustain our Church and ministries.

Best regards to all,

Dana Biggs

Treasurer

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
Jan.	\$25,373.56	\$36,900.42	(\$11,526.86)
Feb	\$19,059.07	\$20,490.82	(\$1,431.75)
Mar	\$38,406.00	\$17,168.22	\$21,237.78
Apr	\$59,735.10	\$38,157.74	\$21,577.36
May	\$31,266.09	\$27,520.55	\$3,745.54
Jun	\$32,525.20	\$31,279.00	\$1,246.20
Jul			\$0.00
Aug			\$0.00
Sep			\$0.00
Oct			\$0.00
Nov			\$0.00
Dec			\$0.00
Total	\$206,365.02	\$171,516.75	\$34,848.27

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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 June/July. If you are able to host/hostess for a Sunday, please sign up in Jacobson Hall.

JULY/AUGUST UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2 - Worship Committee Meeting @ 4:30PM, Pr. Ted's Office

July 2 - GSLC Summer Book Club @ 6:30PM, Comm Ctr

July 12 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ 8-12PM

July 18 - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Jacobson Hall

July 20 & 27 - VBS @ 5:45PM (Dinner); 6:30PM (Classes)

July 30 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office

July 30 - KingsMen/KingsKids' @ 6:30PM, Jacobson Hall

Aug. 2 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ 8-12PM

Aug. 2 - GSLC Summer Book Club @ 9:30AM, Comm Ctr

Aug. 3 & 10 - VBS @ 5:45PM (Dinner); 6:30PM (Classes)

Aug. 6 Worship Committee Meeting @ 4:30PM, Pr. Ted's Office

Aug. 15 - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Jacobson Hall



LHN Free Neighborhood Market 7/12/25, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 7:30—11a.m.



There will be a food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market on Saturday, 7/12, from 9-11 a.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran, located at 2101 N Fruit. 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



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.

GSLC SUMMER BOOK CLUB



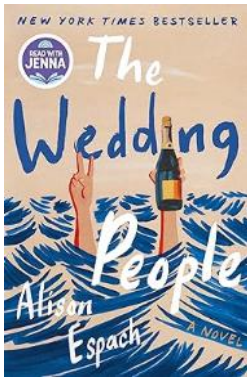
Join us for a lighter fare when we read two books:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 6:30 pm in the Community Center

"The Wedding People" by Alison Espach

(rated 4.1 on Amazon, 4.3 on Goodreads)

A propulsive and uncommonly wise novel about one unexpected wedding guest and the surprising people who help her start anew.



It's a beautiful day in Newport, Rhode Island, when Phoebe Stone arrives at the grand Cornwall Inn wearing a green dress and gold heels, not a bag in sight, alone. She's immediately mistaken by everyone in the lobby for one of the wedding people, but she's actually the only guest at the Cornwall who isn't here for the big event. Phoebe is here because she's dreamed of coming for years—she hoped to shuck oysters and take sunset sails with her husband, only now she's here without him, at rock bottom, and determined to have one last decadent splurge on herself. Meanwhile, the bride has accounted for every detail and every possible disaster the weekend might yield except for, well, Phoebe and Phoebe's plan—which makes it that much more surprising when the two women can't stop confiding in each other.

In turns absurdly funny and devastatingly tender, Alison Espach's *The Wedding People* is ultimately an incredibly nuanced and resonant look at the winding paths we can take to places we never imagined—and the chance encounters it sometimes takes to reroute us.

(Available at your favorite book seller, and the Fresno County Public Library as e-book, audiobook, actual pages book.)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 9:30 am in the Community Center

"The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue" by V E Schwab

(rated 4.5 on Amazon, 4.2 on Goodreads)

A Life No One Will Remember. A Story You Will Never Forget.

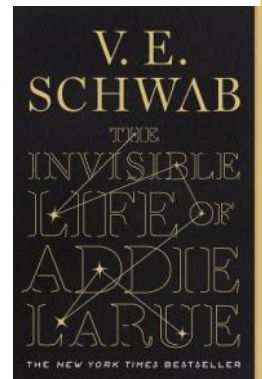
France, 1714: in a moment of desperation, a young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever—and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets.

Thus begins the extraordinary life of Addie LaRue, and a dazzling adventure that will play out across centuries and continents, across history and art, as a young woman learns how far she will go to leave her mark on the world.

But everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore and he remembers her name.

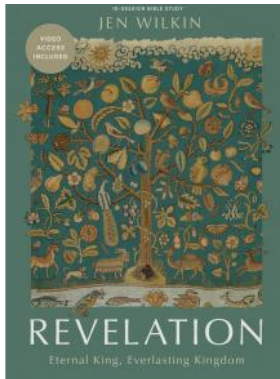
(Available at your favorite book seller, and the Fresno County Public Library in a variety of formats.)

Join us for one or both books. Questions? Contact Sharon Rowley



Wednesday Bible Study—Fall 2025

Join us **September 10 at 6:30**, as we begin a new study year. We will begin with "**Revelation - Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom**" by Jen Wilkin.



"No other book of the Bible feels as inaccessible and as intimidating to us as *Revelation*. It overflows with images and ideas that confound our modern ears. But if all Scripture is God breathed and profitable, we should assume Revelation is as accessible and helpful as any other book of the Bible. Two thousand years ago, John's Revelation was circulated and read aloud among seven churches in Asia Minor. Those who heard the letter understood it and drew encouragement from its message. The same can be true for us today. In this 10-session Bible study, Jen Wilkin helps you discover how the last book of the Bible speaks both a steadying word of assurance and a strong call to endure to the church in every age."

I cannot tell you enough about how good this study is. This is a repeat of the study we did a year ago. It is presented in a way that "it all makes sense." It is not an easy study, but DO NOT let that discourage you. Revelation is not preached on much, and is rarely studied as a whole book. You will go through the whole book of Revelation, in 2-3 chapters a week. We are repeating this study because it is truly "mind-blowing" in its concepts.

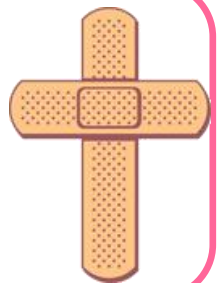
Come join us in September as we study again, with new eyes, all that God has for us in the final book of our Bibles. You really don't want to miss this!! Questions? Contact Sharon Andrasen Rowley or ask one of the Good Shepherd regular attendees of the Wednesday evening studies.

The book is available from all the usual places: Amazon, Christianbook.com, Lifeway. Or order it with your local Christian book seller. Those who have already done this study, you can buy a new book or use your old one.



Healing Sunday

The first Sundays of the month will be Healing Sunday. Personal prayers will be offered for any who so desire. Please come forward right after worship. There will also be 2 stations offering blood pressure checks. Thank you to our nurses for volunteering to provide this service!



Financial Secretary & Property Person Needed

We are still in need of a Financial Secretary. Please see Pastor Ted, Mary, or anyone on council to get more information or to volunteer. We also are in need of more counters. Thank you so much to the six of you who have already stepped up to serve in this very important position! We are also in need of a Property person.





Fund Raising Event Starting

The Stewardship Committee is starting another fund-raising event; we are collecting new, gently worn shoes of any sort. Our goal is to collect 2500 pounds of shoes.

100 bags = 25 pairs of shoes = \$1000.00

Each bag that Funds2Orgs will supply to us can hold 25 pairs. (They respectfully ask we don't raid local thrift stores for shoes)

This is a 60-day challenge and the clock starts on May 7th but definitely start collecting today!!

We must reach out to our neighbors, colleagues, co-workers and family members to achieve this goal.

More details to follow!! In Christ's Love, Your Stewardship Committee <3



Food Pantry Needs Restocking

We could use: Rice, bagged pasta, canned sauces, canned vegetables (Corn, Green Beans), canned fruit (fruit cocktail, peaches, pineapple), canned chili beans, egg noodles, Cream of mushroom or chicken soup, Mayo, canned tuna, chicken or beef, ramen noodles, Mac N Cheese, boxed pasta meals, peanut butter and grape jelly. Donations can be dropped off at the office M - F, from 9 - 1PM.



Crafting Fair on Rally Day: HVAC Fund!



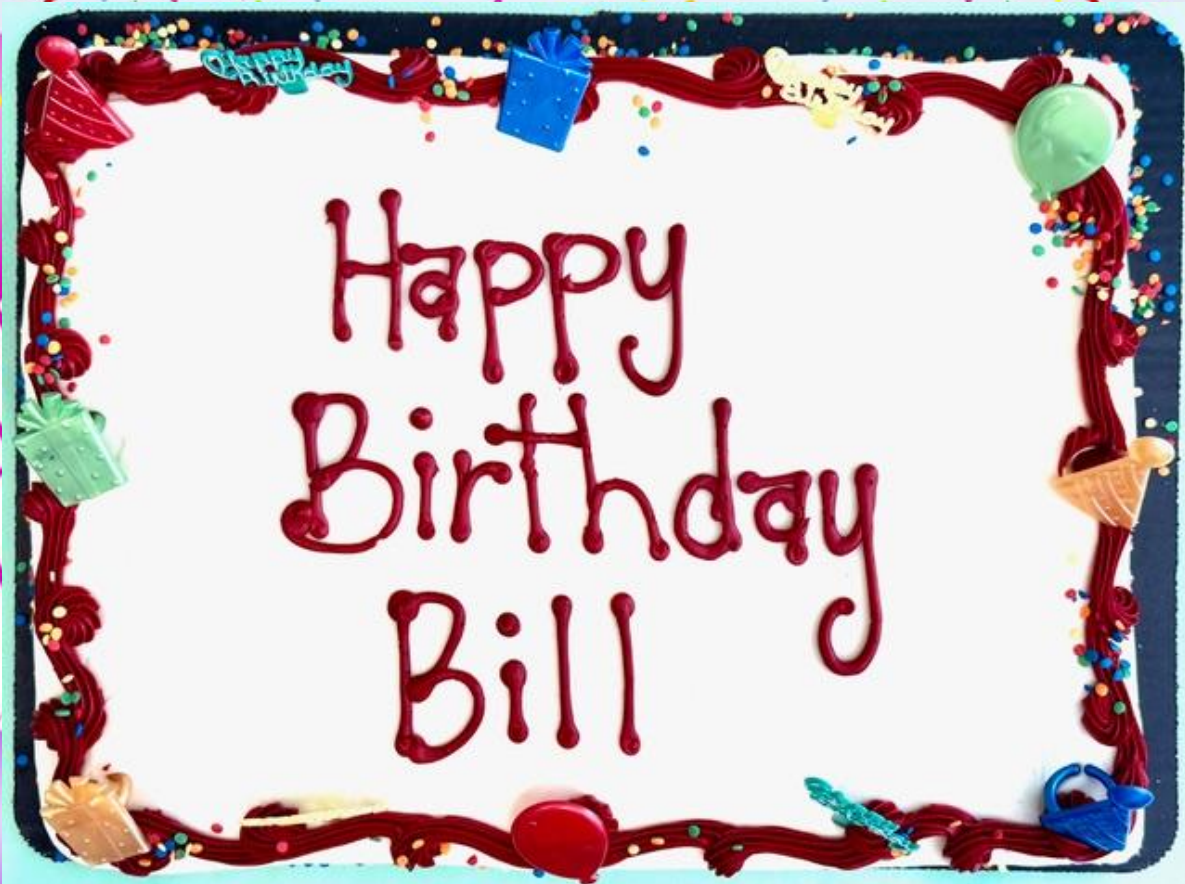
Shout out to all crafters. There will be a craft fair at Good Shepherd on Rally Day Sept 7. Show off your crafts by donating them to the craft fair. All proceeds will go to the HVAC fund. Contact Pam Gerster



KingsMen/KingsKids' Wednesday 7/30

The next KingsMen and KingsKids meeting will be on July 30th, 6:30 pm. Thanks.





On Sunday, June 1, the congregation sang Happy Birthday to all those celebrating birthdays in June. After church we enjoyed a birthday cake honoring Bill Biggs on, his 85th birthday!





The cake walk booth at the Roeding Elementary carnival in June was a lot of fun for all of us! Many thanks to everyone who donated yummy baked goods, fruit, or cash, and a special thanks to Russell, Jill, and Lori for coming out to help run the booth. The kids had a great time, and so did all of us!

Shalom. Peace. Paz.

Julie Werfelmann



Elise & Celine Lemay

Elise Lemay has been promoted to De Portola Middle School from Tierrasanta Elementary School in San Diego where she has been enrolled in the Spanish immersion program since Kindergarten. The immersion program continues in Middle School. Her sister Celine has been promoted from Transitional Kindergarten (TK) to Kindergarten where she will also begin the language immersion program in Spanish. Elise and Celine are the granddaughters of Gordon and Diane Fake.



Austin Kinler



Austin Kinler grandson of Yvonne Smith - pre school graduation.



GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Kaden Bolm

Grandson of Paul and Sheri Bolm graduated from Kindergarten at Ayer Elementary School.





Carolyn Linn's grandson, Carson Linn, graduated from Purdue University last month. He has been offered a job at NASA, beginning in August. Carson will follow his grandfather, Jack Kamman, who enjoyed a career, serving in NASA's Mission Control during the 1960s when men were walking on the moon. Carson would like to do the same thing. Even with the family connection, Carson had an internship at NASA last summer and proved his potential worth to the United States' Space Program.

DWLS

June's meeting was to be a surprise 90th birthday party for John. A few of us were early and so was John! The few bellowed a surprise birthday greeting which indeed startled him with happiness. Thirteen attendees showered John with cards.

Hooties learned how long a second is to God and what a million dollars is to him. The first letter that appears the most out of the usual 25 attendees first name is "j". Members shared the meaning of their names and why it was chosen to them.

One lowly green bean dish surrounded by plentiful salads, all different, lured many back to the kitchen for seconds. A delicious carrot cake decorated to match the 90th birthday plates and napkins had us scooping up every crumb.

It was an enjoyable summer sendoff afternoon. We will meet again in September.



OWLS



Notes of Gratitude

Many Thanks!!

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

June 29 Diane Fake

July 6 Yvonne Smith

July 13 Jim and Ruth Thompson

July 20 Art Mehl

July 27 Woody and Deb Wilk



Thank you Everyone!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered or donated items or cash for the Roeding carnival cake walk booth. We were a smashing success!

Thanks to ALL


Thanks to all who helped at or attended our first night of VBS! Hope to see everyone back on 7/20 @ 5:45.



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JULY 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 • 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr)	2	3	4 Happy 4th of July 	5
6 • 10AM Worship Service • 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall) • 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light	7	8 • 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr)	9	10	11 • 7PM Accion de Fe (Comm Ctr)	12 • 8-1PM LHN Free Neighborhood Market
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