

The Shepherd's Voice

May 2026

**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,

For the beginning of this month we are still in the season of Easter. It is a time of hope coming from the ashes of death and defeat. Easter was a miracle only God could have imagined. How could something so beautiful come from such suffering and death?

This month will be special for me in that it is my 56th birthday. It should have been special because I was first married 30 years ago this month. I am part of the group of 50% that I never wanted to be a part of. I'm part of the 50% who have gone through divorce. For those of you who have been through divorce you know how much it can turn your life upside down. It was a major life low point. It was hard to live with that failure.

But God had new life for me waiting right around the corner! Instead of celebrating a 30th anniversary of what could have been this month I will celebrate my honeymoon with an amazing woman who is wonderful. Sure, my family and I had to go through a time of suffering and death of a marriage to get there. I had to go through a time of personal hell but God had a better future for me than I could have planned out myself! I am forever grateful for the way God worked this out. But it raises the same question as above: "How could something so beautiful come from such suffering and death?"

So, this month I am grateful for the personal Easters we can experience! How have you experienced new life and hope this Easter season? Have you noticed the new life all around you?

Happy Easter! He is Risen!

God's Peace,

Pastor Ted

Prayer Concerns

Members Needing Prayer:

Diane and Gordon Fake and family upon the passing of Diane's sister Janet Sharp from Hanford.

Steven Smith

Jo Anderson

Pat Haynor

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)



Carolyn Linn – 5/05

Ted Niemi – 5/08

Mona White – 5/13

Kay Provost – 5/14

Joan Williamson – 5/24

Alan Hofmann – 5/30

William Biggs—5/31

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



Pat Hayner-Slusser – 5/04

Chris Walker – 5/07

Sue Hays – 5/09

Ted Niemi – 5/18

Ted Miller – 5/21

Carolyn Linn – 5/29



Mary and Patrick Norris - 5/04

Foy and Mike Roberto - 5/?

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	Apr. 5, 2025	Apr. 12, 2025	Apr. 19, 2025	Apr. 26, 2025
Attendance	97		44	45
General Fund	\$4,070.00	\$2,855.00	\$4,330.00	\$1,281.00
Special Memorial (designated funds)				
ELCA Disaster Response World Hunger/Malaria (designated funds)				
Community Center Capital Fund	Comm. Ctr: Loose Plate: \$210.00	Community Ctr:\$ Loose Plate: \$10.00	Community Ctr: \$ Loose Plate: \$	Community Ctr: Loose Plate:\$646.67
Loose Plate				
Special Mission Project Gifts (designated funds)	HVAC: \$500.00	HVAC: \$700.00 Altar Flowers: \$172.50	HVAC: \$700.00	HVAC: \$600.00 OWLS: \$102.00
House Rent/ Property Use/ Misc.	Property Use: \$900.00			
	\$5,680.00	\$3,737.50	\$5,030.00	\$2,629.67

April Financials



Dear Members and friends of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

In the month of April we paid the second installment of our property taxes, our umbrella policy annual payment, and our deposit on the bathroom remodel. We continue to be blessed by God with an extraordinary congregation of giving and committee members and friends.

Many thanks for all you accomplish each and every month.

HVAC account balance: \$66,280.58

Dana Biggs
Treasurer
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Month	Income	Expenses	Difference
Jan.	\$19,979.00	\$33,559.75	(\$13,580.75)
Feb	\$53,515.00	\$29,731.36	\$23,783.64
Mar	\$46,025.00	\$32,916.89	\$13,108.11
Apr	\$17,077.17	\$40,118.95	(\$23,041.78)
May			\$0.00
Jun			\$0.00
Jul			\$0.00
Aug			\$0.00
Sep			\$0.00
Oct			\$0.00
Nov			\$0.00
Dec			\$0.00
Total	\$136,596.17	\$136,326.95	\$269.22

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Online Giving

|www.fresnogslc.org|



Drop Off or In-Person



|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 Hour

We need people to sign up to be host/hostess for the months of May/June. If you are able to host/hostess for a Sunday, please sign up in Jacobson Hall.

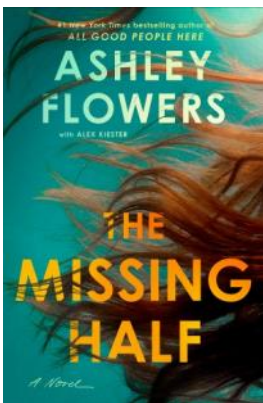
MAY UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 2** - LHN Free Neighborhood Market
- May 6, 13, 20 & 27** - Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30PM, Comm Ctr
- May 9** - Roeding Saturday Sports @ 10-12PM, Roeding Elementary
- May 11** - Esther Circle @ 6PM, Comm Ctr
- May 13** - Worship Committee Meeting @ 4:30PM, Pr. Ted's Office
- May 17** - GSLC Book Club @ 4PM, Comm Ctr
- May 18** - OWLS @ 12pm, Comm Ctr
- May 21** - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Comm Ctr
- May 24 Pentecost Sunday** Barbeque after church
- May 27** - KingsMen/KingsKids' @ 6:30PM, Comm Ctr
- May 29** - Roeding Carnival @ 12—2pm, Roeding Elementary



GSLC BOOK CLUB

May 17 - *The Missing Half* by Ashley Flowers



Nicole “Nic” Monroe is in a rut. At twenty-four, she lives alone in a dinky apartment in her hometown of Mishawaka, Indiana, she’s just gotten a DWI, and she works the same dead-end job she’s been working since high school, a job she only has because her boss is a family friend and feels sorry for her. Everyone has felt sorry for her for the last seven years—since the day her older sister, Kasey, vanished without a trace.

On the night Kasey went missing, her car was found over a hundred miles from home. The driver’s door was open and her purse was untouched in the seat next to it. The only real clue in her disappearance was Jules Connor, another young woman from the same area who disappeared in the same way, two weeks earlier. But with so little for the police to go on, both their cases eventually went cold.

Nic wants nothing more than to move on—from her sister’s disappearance and the state it’s left her in. But then one day, Jules’s sister, Jenna Connor, walks into her life and offers Nic something she hasn’t felt in a long time - hope. What follows is a gripping tale of two sisters who will do anything to find their missing halves, even if it means destroying everything they’ve ever known.

OWLS May 18th @ 12PM

OWLS May 18, Monday, Noon in the Community Ctr.

Mr. Miles Robinson, Administrative Manager for the Agency on Aging, will be the OWLS featured speaker on May 18, Monday, NOON in the community center.

Hooties are encouraged to bring a

- LABELLED dish to share and their
- ENTIRE table service.

His Informative & Assistance Program is an entry point to services for older adults & caregivers in Fresno and Madera counties. Seniors are helped to find resources that meet their individual needs.

Please bring your LISTENING EARS for his presentation



LHN Free Neighborhood Market 5/2 @

Bethany Lutheran Church, 9—11AM

There will be a food distribution of the Lutheran Hunger Network's FREE Neighborhood Market on Saturday, 5/2, 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



Flagpole Dedication



On Sunday May 24th of Memorial Day Weekend at 11:30AM, the GSLC Memorial Garden Committee would like to invite everyone to our flagpole dedication ceremony in honor of our veterans who are inurned in our Columbarium and whose names are on the Wall of Remembrance.

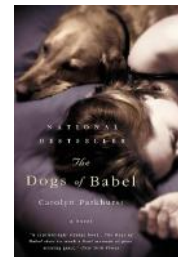
Summer Book Club

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

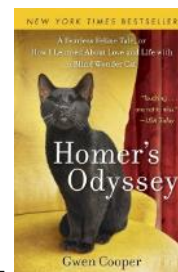
A poignant and beautiful debut novel explores a man's quest to unravel the mystery of his wife's death with the help of the only witness -- their Rhodesian ridgeback, Lorelei.



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.



Church Office Organization



For those members who may not be aware, the Church office organization has changed. Ever since Kathy has moved into the Church house with her family, the financial office and computer have been relocated downstairs and are now located in the office.

Therefore, financial information, personal financial information and personnel information are now stored in the office. Our Treasurer, Dana, has these things at her desk and in drawers and other locations in the office. As with Kathy's desk, Dana's desk and various places within the office are now very sensitive areas and should not be accessed or items used.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Kathy and secondarily, to Dana, if you need anything within the office. They are very happy to help you and accommodate your needs.

Mail Boxes can still be accessed, but all efforts should be made to come to the office when Kathy and Dana are there during the week or when Dana is there on Sunday after Church. Your help and understanding with maintaining the confidentiality of records is very appreciated. Our members and employees need to feel their information is secure and not accessible to anyone entering the office.

Thank you.

FRESNO TNR'S MEOW MIXER TACO DINNER FUNDRAISER

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Support a Great Cause & Mingle
with Like Minded Cat Lovers!

MAY 16
2026



DOOR PRIZES & LOTS OF RAFFLE ITEMS!



DOORS OPEN: 5:30 PM
DINNER: 6:00 PM TO 7:30PM



All-You-Can-Eat Tacos During Dinner
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
5140 N. Fruit - Fresno

\$30

Questions?? email: events@fresnotnr.org



Raffle tickets on sale now!

1st Prize - 65" Sony TV

2nd Prize - Automatic cat litter box

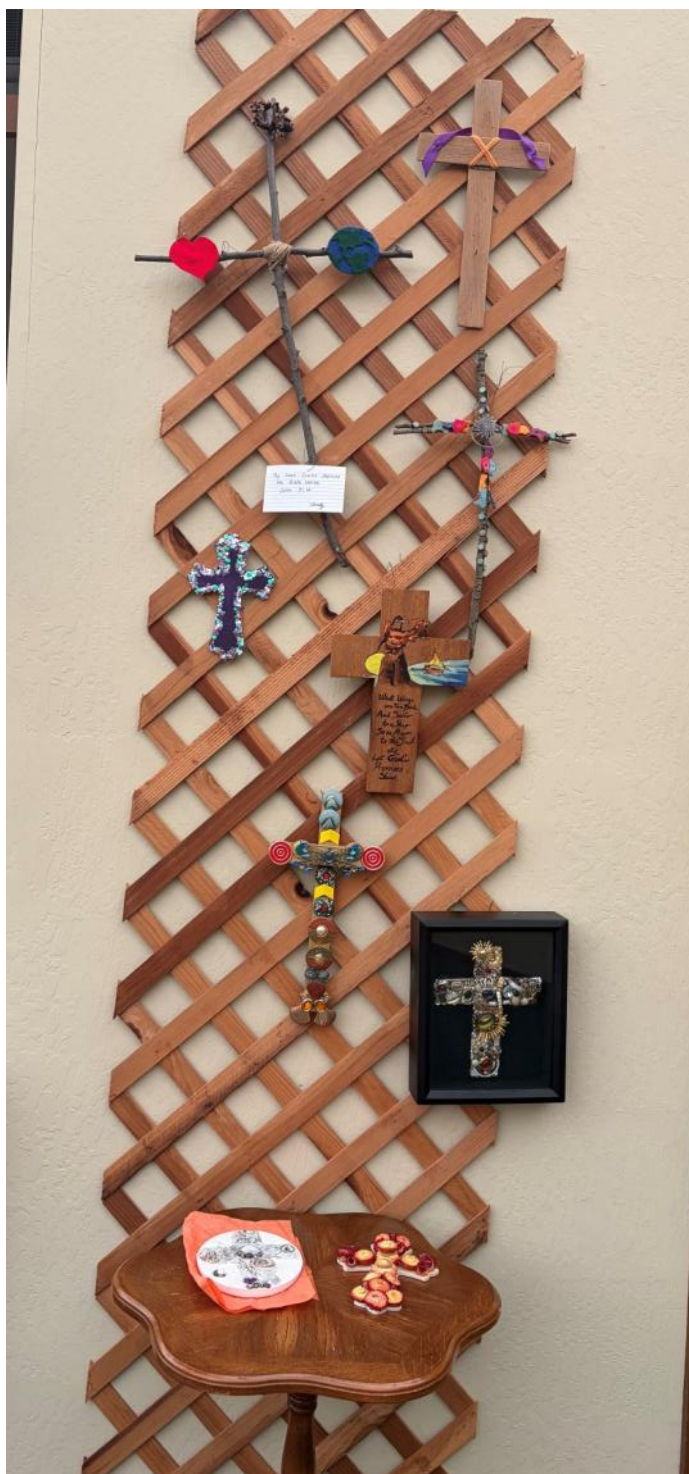
3rd Prize - \$100 Gift card



Lenten Cross Project

We learned anew that our church family is both talented and creative! A number of people designed and made crosses as a Lenten project this year. We displayed them right as you entered the sanctuary to enhance our Easter worship this year. Thank you to all of our artists and designers!

P.S. Please be sure to pick up your cross after worship one of these first Sundays.







It was nice to be back in our Sanctuary for Palm Sunday!



Palm Sunday

Processional of the Palms



Our Praise Band



John Montgomery plays, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"



Choral Ensemble



Cellist: John Montgomery



Lector: Dennis Hart



Acolyte: Sharon Hart



Extinguishing the Christ Candle



The Shadow Of Burial



The Christ Candle is Restored in Anticipation of our Lord's Resurrection



The Christ Candle is carried down the aisle during Silent Meditation



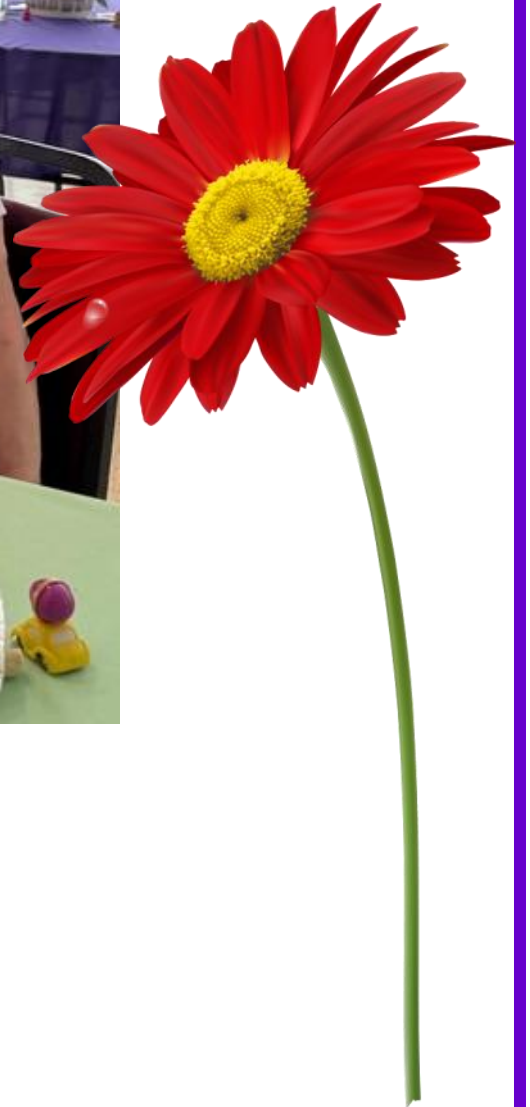
Good Shepherd's Easter Bunnies preparing the Easter Eggs and carrying the lilies to the sanctuary





Easter Breakfast









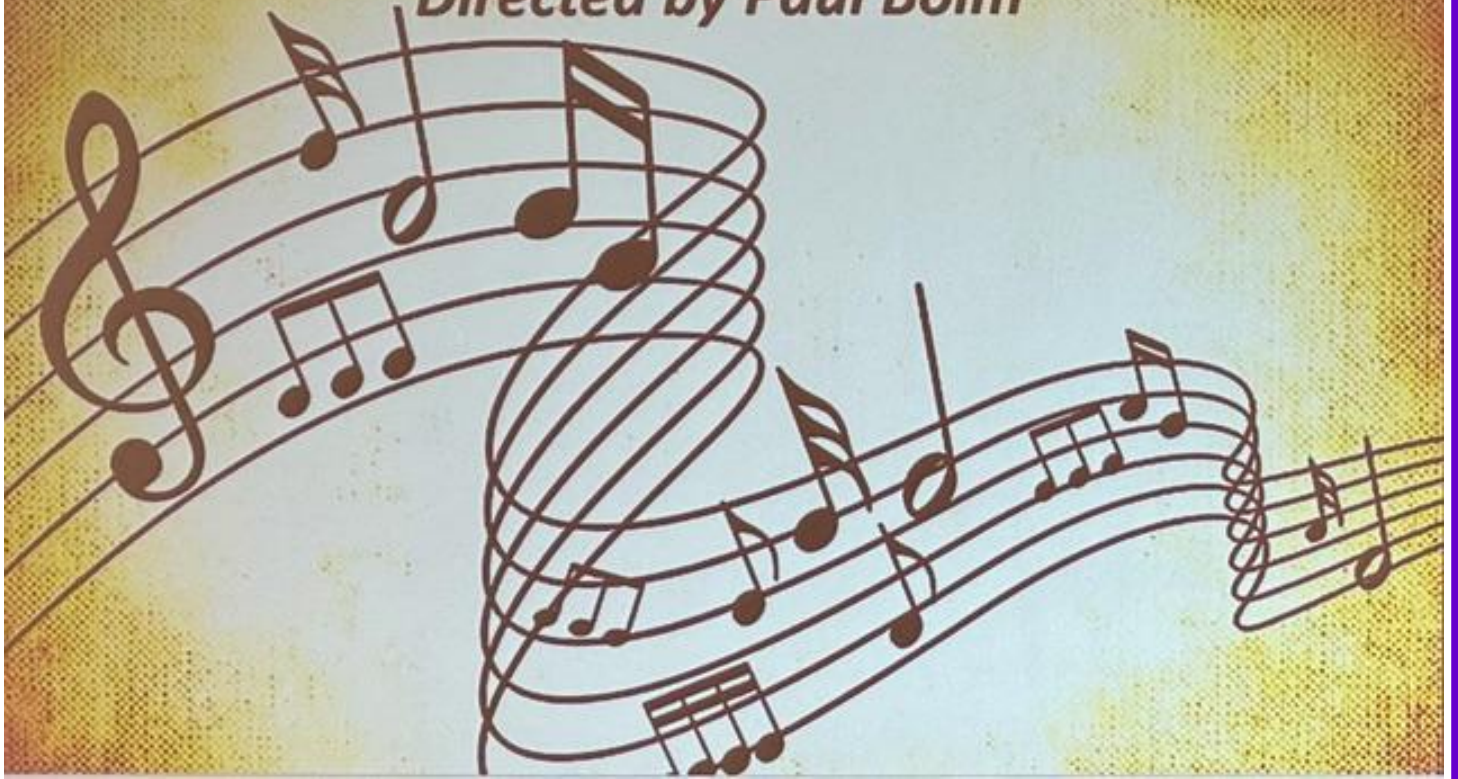
Easter Service



Kids' Talk

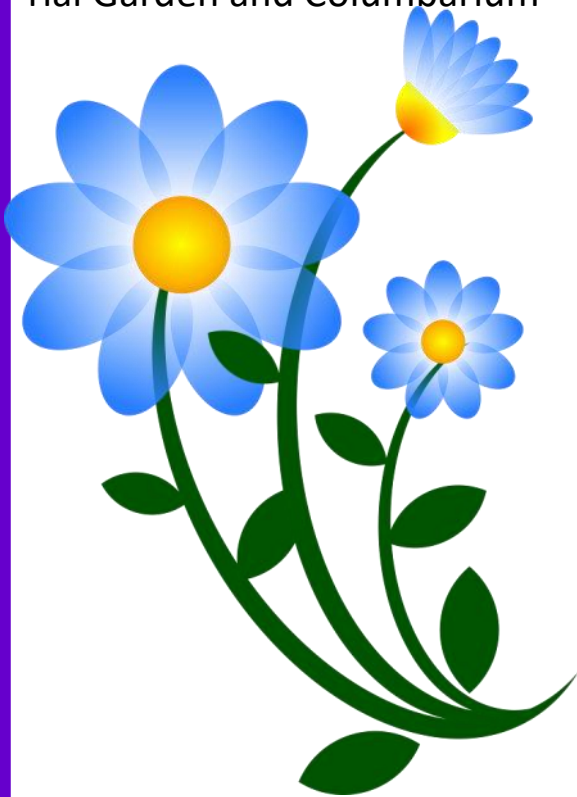


"Hallelujah Chorus"
from Handel's "Messiah"
Directed by Paul Bolm





Our beautiful Campus, Memorial Garden and Columbarium







Easter Egg Hunt









Hooties Gathering in April

Fourteen Hooties gathered at the home of Gordon and Diane Fake for April's meeting. Easter lilies adorned the entrance. Bunnies and decorative eggs graced the tables. Our opening funny was redeemed with guessing what occupation paired with the hymn presented.

- * Linda Dencker was welcomed as a new Hootie.
- * Office first aid kit will be checked for missing items.
- * Jacobson's sliding glass door rollers will be researched.
- * Postage stamps were purchased before July's price jump.
- * Another set of drapes and sheers on sale were purchased for Jacobson.
- * Huge Jesus picture donated by Carolyn could be hung above the sliding glass doors in Jacobson. Upon entering the hall, the drapes catch your eye with the light shining through. After all Jesus IS the LIGHT of the world!

Gordon and Diane shared a lively slideshow drawn from four cross-country trips, featuring highlights from some of their favorite national monuments and parks across the United States and Canada. Their journey took us from Key West to Cape Canaveral, on to Washington, D.C., Niagara Falls, and New York City. We experienced the excitement of the Daytona 500 and an F1 race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, celebrated Mardi Gras in New Orleans, and even ventured onto rugged four-wheel-drive trails in Colorado. Along the way, we saw glaciers in Alaska and along Alberta's Icefields Parkway, as well as brilliant fall colors in both the Appalachians and the Colorado Rockies. And that was only part of the adventure, but you get the idea!

Under HIS eyes,
Sandy Terstegen





Notes of Gratitude

Many Thanks!!

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

May 3rd Art Mehl

May 10th Jim & Ruth Thompson

May 17th John & Joyce Velasquez, Ann Randall-Pino

May 24th Art Mehl & Susan Linder

May 31st Dennis Hart



MAY 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 • 7PM Accion de Fe (Comm Ctr)	2 • 8-1PM LHN Free Neighborhood Market
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10AM Worship Service 11AM Coffee Social (Jacobson Hall) 11AM—12PM Kid's Salt & Light 	5 • 6PM - 10PM Voices United (Comm Ctr)	6	7	8	9 • 10-12PM Roeding Saturday Sports, Roeding Elementary
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MISSION STATEMENT

SHARING THE

LOVE OF

JESUS

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Congregation President : Jill Anderson

Music Minister/Organist: Susan Berg

Youth & Family Pastor: Julie Werfelmann

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Worship Service 10:00 am

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