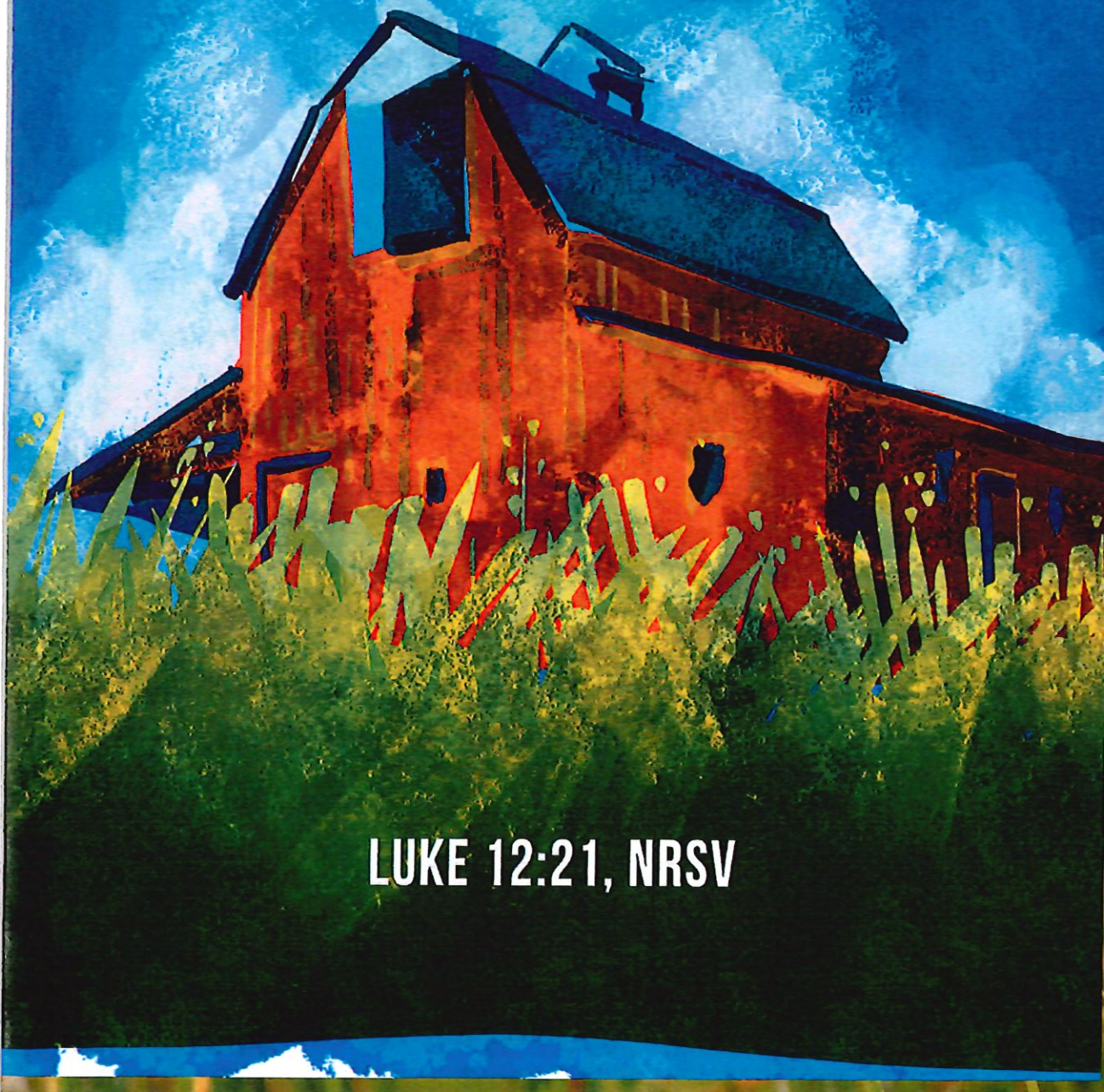


THE PARABLE OF
THE RICH FOOL

*"So it is with those
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LUKE 12:21, NRSV

UPCOMING *Events*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

Aug. 2 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market @ 8-12PM
 Aug. 2 - GSLC Summer Book Club @ 10:30AM, 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

September

Sept. 3 Worship Committee @ 10:30PM, Pt. Ted's Office
 Sept. 6 - God's Work, Our Hands Work Day @ 8AM—1PM, Jacobson Hall
 Sept. 6 - LHN Free Neighborhood Market 9AM-12PM, GSLC Host
 Sept. 7 - Rally Day Service @ 10AM, Sanctuary
 Sept. 7 - Rally Day Celebration @ 11:15AM, Jacobson Hall
 Sept. 8 - Esther Circle @ 6:30PM, Conf Rm
 Sept. 10 - Wednesday Evening Bible Study, Comm Ctr
 Sept. 15 - OWLS @ 1pm, The Fake's Home
 Sept. 18 - Council Meeting @ 6PM, Conf Rm
 Sept. 21 - GSLC Book Club @ 4PM, Comm Ctr
 Sept. 24 - Staff Meeting @ 10AM, Pr. Ted's Office
 Sept. 24 - KingsMen/KingKids @ 4:30PM, Jacobson Hall

WEEKLY *Sneak Peek*

SUNDAY, August 3

10am: Worship Service
 11:15: Coffee Social
 11:15am: Salt & Light, Class Rm 2
 5:45pm: VBS Dinner, Jacobson Hall
 6:30pm: VBS Classes, Comm Ctr & Jacobson

MONDAY, August 4

OFFICE HOURS: 2pm—6pm

TUESDAY, August 5

6pm - 10pm: Voices United, Comm Ctr

WEDNESDAY, August 6

THURSDAY, August 7

FRIDAY, August 8

7pm: Accion de Fe, Comm Ctr

SATURDAY, August 9

SUNDAY, August 10

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MISSION STATEMENT

SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Welcomes You
To Our Worship Service
August 3, 2025**

Pastor: Ted Niemi

Pastor to Youth & Families: Julie Werfelmann

Congregation President: Mary Norris

Music Minister/Organist: Susan Berg

Worship 10:00 AM

Office Secretary: Kathy Edison

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9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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A Community of Miraculous Expectations

SERVING THIS WEEK

Deacons _____ Pam Gerster, Cheryl & Craig Montgomery

Altar Guild Set Up _____ Brenda Allen

Altar Guild Take Down _____ Marty & Dana Klein, William Hayes,
Janet McQuillan, John Montgomery

Sound System _____ Open

Power Point _____ Mary Fey-Norris

Greeters _____ Marty Klein, William Hayes

Lector _____ Pam Gerster

Coffee Hostess _____ Left-over Sunday

Piano _____ Susan Berg

Singers ____ Ken B., Bill B., Paul B., Cheryl & John M., Mary N., Jennifer N.,

Mona W.

We rejoice in the Lord's answers to prayers
and thank God for His goodness.

**Members Needing
Prayer:**

Mona White
Julie Werfelmann
Rev. Dr. Arlynn
Turnquist
Kay Schumacher
Betty Montgomery
Neil and Verna Wal-
den
Liz Smith
Bill Biggs
Mary Norris & Family
Connie Alvarado
Jocelyn Miller
Kirsten Linder
Jim Thompson

Family and Friends:

Pauline Ritterbush
Jo Anderson
Julie Schnieder (Bender)
Jade Dixon (Julie)
Kathy (Secretary) and Family
Elaine (Werfelmann)
Linda Healy (White)
Ivonne Garcia (Zamora)
Phoebe (Neer)
Phil (Anderson)
Gary Assmussen (Deuker)
Irene Goldman (Dueker)
Jennifer Wenzel (Wilk)
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)

Prayers For

All Good Shepherd Families Who Have Lost Loved Ones, Members of
Our Military Service, First Responders, and Those Affected by Illness,
Natural Disasters and War.

For Prayer Requests: Complete the prayer request card on the back of
the pew or call/email the church office 225-2092/gslcfresno@att.net

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Worship Service
August 3, 2025 - 10AM
Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Prelude Susan Berg, Piano

Announcements

Opening Hymn "Here I Am to Worship" by Tim Hughes (c 2001 Thank You Music; CCLI Song #409181, CCLI Lic. # 2032355)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness.
opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus:

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

2. King of all days, oh, so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
all for love's sake became poor. (Chorus)

Bridge:

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. 4x

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross.

In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

You free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
And you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of +Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: We pray together...

C: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Special Music

"The Lord Is in This Holy Temple" by Douglas E. Wagner (c 2006 Lorenz Publishing Company, a division of The Lorenz Corporation)
Choral Ensemble with The Good Shepherd Chimes

Lesson 1	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; Page 603 in the cranberry Bible 2:18-23	Page 682 in the red Bible
Lesson 2	Colossians 3:1-11	Page 1073 in the cranberry Bible Page 215 in the red Bible
Gospel	Luke 12:13-21	Page 949 in the cranberry Bible Page 76 in the red Bible

Kids' Talk

Julie Werfelmann

Children are now invited - but not required - to go with the adult leader to kids' church in classroom 2 during the sermon. They will return in time for communion with their families.

Sermon

"Are You Wise or Foolish?"

Pr. Ted Niemi

Sermon Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision" #793 (vv. 1-4)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping. thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine Inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Sharing the Peace

Special Music

"Goodness of God" by Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding and Brian Johnson (c 2018 Capitol CMG Paragon/Fellow Ships Music/So Essential Tunes/SHOUT! Music Publishing Australia/Bethel Music Publishing, CCLI Sone # 7117726, CCLI Lic. 2032355)
John Montgomery, Solo

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Communion shall be served using the method known as “intinction”: the wafer will be handed to you, and you will dip the wafer into either the gold chalice of wine, or the ceramic chalice of grape juice. For those who are not able to come up for communion, please just remain seated and our ushers will be happy to direct the communion servers to bring communion right to you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Children are welcome to come up for communion to receive an animal cracker (unless otherwise advised by the parent or guardian). Please come, for all are welcome.

Communion Hymn “Take My Life That I May Be” #685 (vv. 1-4, 6)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Blessing

Closing Hymn “Forever” by Chris Tomlin (c 2001 Rising Springs
Music/Vamos Publishing/worshiptogether.com
songs, CCLI Song # 3148428, CCLI Lic. # 2032355)
Song Leaders and Congregation

1. Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King.
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,
His love endures forever.

For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise.
Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
forever God is with us, forever, forever.

3. From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
By the grace of God we will carry one,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise.
Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
forever God is with us, forever, forever, forever.

Sending

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Susan Berg, Piano

“ARE YOU WISE OR FOOLISH?”

Preaching text: Luke 12:13-21

Money is a powerful force in our lives. Jesus knew the powerful pull money and the stuff it can buy has on our lives. In the 1st 3 gospels, 1 out of every 6 verses talks about money. 16 of the 34 parables that Jesus told deal specifically with money. There are over 500 verses in the Bible that deal with prayer, but there are over 2,500 verses that deal with money.

Jesus said that either we will control our money or our money will control us. It is a blessing or a curse.

In our Bible reading someone comes up to Jesus and says, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.”

Jesus replies, “ ... one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”

And then he told a story about a man who was very prosperous. His land did so well he didn’t know what to do. He had too much stuff. It’s the kind of problem we’d like to have, isn’t it? Actually, many of us do have that problem. When I was in the process of moving three years ago I needed to rent a storage unit. That wasn’t a problem. We have lots of storage units in Fresno to pick from. Lots of barns being built for people’s stuff. I found one close to my home. I was blown away at the size of that storage unit property. My unit was D-18. To get to the D block you had to drive about a half mile down, passing units the whole way. And people fill those garages up to the top.

The guy in the parable says, “I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. (In other words, “I will get more storage units.”) And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink and be merry.”

And then Jesus suggests something interesting. He suggests that God calls him a fool. God says to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be? So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Why would Jesus suggest someone like that is a "fool?" Not a "sinner," not "greedy," or "self-centered." Why would God have called such a person a fool?

One reason he could have been a fool is if he paid too high a price for his success. How many people get rich at the cost of their health physically, emotionally or spiritually? What good is a bank full of money if your health is gone, if the people you love turn their backs on you because you have failed them, or if you are not right with God? People have been known to sacrifice their health, their marriage, their relationships with their children, their respect and their reputation. People have wreaked all kinds of havoc on their own lives in the pursuit of the almighty dollar. Maybe this guy was so obsessed with making money that he gave up what was really important. That would make him a fool.

Or maybe he was a fool because he put off living until it was too late. Have you ever done that? I have. Someday I will have time and money ... when I am done with school ... or when I have my first job ... or when the children are grown ... or when the mortgage is paid ... when our goals have been reached ... that is when we will think about making a life. But what if it is too late when we finally get around to making a life? Wouldn't that be sad? Wouldn't that be foolish? Don't wait for a tomorrow that will never come. That would be foolish. He had worked hard for all of this stuff ... that someone else would end up enjoying.

Or maybe he was foolish because he never understood how to get the most joy from his wealth. What could you do with your money that would give you the most happiness? We have so much.

Others have so little. Research shows the more luxuries we have, the less they bring us happiness. I'm not trying to make us feel guilty, just a little foolish. Givers, research shows, have: lower blood pressure, lower risk of dementia, less anxiety and depression, reduced cardiovascular risk, and overall greater happiness. To know that we have made a real difference in somebody's life ... that can bring unimaginable joy. He may have been foolish because he never understood how his wealth could bring him real joy.

Or maybe he was foolish because he didn't think about his accountability to God. Jesus says, "So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." Some people today are functional atheists. That is, they may believe in the existence of God, but it makes no real difference in the way they live their lives. There is no accountability to God. We Lutherans can struggle with this. We believe we are saved only by God's grace. It is nothing we have done. We are saved because of Jesus.

But, one day we will stand before God and give an accounting of how we used all our resources, including our financial resources. That should not surprise us. Doesn't it make sense that our God who blessed us so richly with who we are, our talents and abilities and opportunities, that we should be held accountable for how we used them? Wouldn't it be foolish to assume otherwise?

The good news for each of us is that if you have been living foolishly the Lord hasn't called you home yet. We all can start living wisely today.

AMEN.

Sunday, August 3, 2025

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

Clutter is nothing more than postponed decisions. —Barbara Hemphill

Imagine cleaning out a closet that has been cluttered for years. You discover items you no longer need — old clothes, broken gadgets and things you’ve outgrown. I just went to a closet in my office. I was shocked when I took inventory: board games, candlesticks, recipe box, Spanish and Mandarin flash cards, an illustration file, a folding chair, a Calumet Baking Powder tin, three cigar boxes, file folders and much more! It would be very difficult to get anything else in that closet. Sometimes, to make room for the new, you have to let go of the old.

The apostle Paul writes in our Bible reading for today that we should “put to death” earthly things like anger, greed, and malice (vv. 5-8) — things that clutter our mental, emotional and spiritual lives. These behaviors belong to our old selves, Paul says, but in Christ, we are called to clean out the closet and clothe ourselves in new attitudes that reflect his character.

To “put on the new self” (v. 10) is to live as people transformed by grace. It’s an ongoing process, requiring daily renewal of our minds and choices. It means living with an eternal perspective. Perhaps it means that we will evaluate what occupies our thoughts and how we spend our time. Living out our “new self” might also require that we let gratitude shape our perspectives. Remember, every good gift comes from God, and gratitude goes a long way to making life easier.

But, we may need to clean out the closet and get rid of a lot of useless junk — stuff that just collects dust and grime. When we set our hearts and minds on things above, we begin to see life through God’s perspective. This doesn’t mean we ignore earthly responsibilities but that we live with a deeper purpose. As Paul says, “Your life is now hidden with Christ in God” (v. 3).

Perhaps it is time to ask God to help you as you attempt to become a cleaner and leaner follower of Jesus!

Let us embrace this new identity and walk in the freedom and hope it brings.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord, thank you for giving us a new identity in Christ. Help us to focus on things above and not be consumed by earthly distractions. Teach us to put off the old self and to live in the new, reflecting your love and grace in all we do. In Jesus’ name. Amen.



HomeTOUCH® Activity Page

Week of August 3, 2025

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 13-14

Monday: 2 Kings 22-25

Tuesday: Obadiah

Wednesday: Jeremiah 1-2

Thursday: Jeremiah 3-5

Friday: Jeremiah 6-8

Saturday: Psalms 82-84

WHAT NUMBERS?

What numbers should replace the question marks?

7	8	9	8
5	1	1	4
2	7	8	4
2	2	7	2
?	?	1	2

WHAT BIBLE BOOK?

In what book of the Bible would you find the following popular Bible stories?

1. Jonah and the fish
2. Daniel in the lion's den
3. The visit of the magi
4. The prodigal son
5. Noah and the flood
6. David and Goliath
7. Manna in the wilderness
8. Joseph's multi-colored coat
9. The annunciation
10. The wedding at Cana

WORD SEARCH: ROMANS 8

This is one of the great chapters of Scripture. In it we find such themes as what it means to walk in the Spirit and how we cannot be separated from the love of God. Find the words taken from this chapter in the word search below.

N	O	I	T	A	N	M	E	D	N	O	C	X	V	Q
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Abba	elect	Jesus	adoption	family
justifies	angels	firstborn	Lord	bondage
flesh	love	called	freedom	Spirit
Christ	fruits	powers	condemnation	heart
glorified	peace	creation	conquerors	
good	purpose	hardship	decay	
died	intercedes	redemption	predestined	

ANSWER to What Numbers?: 0 and 5. Subtract the lower line from the one immediately above it and put the answer directly below.

Answers to What Bible Book?

1. Jonah
2. Daniel
3. Matthew
4. Luke
5. Genesis
6. 1 Samuel
7. Exodus
8. Genesis
9. Luke
10. John

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer Needed—Instagram Posts



The church is needing someone to step up and begin doing the Instagram post for the upcoming events and activities.

NEW VOLUNTEER
POSSIBILITIES

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!

Financial Secretary & Counters Needed

Counter Job Description (2 counters each week):

- Collect tithes and offerings from collection plate.
- Check the Financial Secretary mailbox for checks received from previous week.
- Total all checks and cash, provide adding machine tape for Treasurer.
- Make copies of all checks for data entry purposes (include on the copy the cash received; I just handwrite this).
- Prepare Bank of America deposit slip and place in B of A deposit bag.

Take to the bank (This May be done by Financial Secretary or Treasurer).

Financial Secretary Job Description

Weekly:

- From copy of checks enter in "ICON" our church financial software
- Email to Treasurer the weekly report of donations.

Monthly:

Every month provide to Kathy the fund totals of donations for the newsletter, this report is run from ICON.

Quarterly:

Every quarter run statements for our donors and end of year the full year for our donors.

We are also in need of a Property person.

Shalom. Peace. Paz. Julie Werfelmann

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.

HVAC GoFundMe Fundraiser Goes Live

Support New HVAC at Good Shepherd
Fresno



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. Our church has been unable to provide a comfortable environment for our congregation to gather and praise together for the past two years inside our sanctuary. We have had to use our Jacobson Hall to provide service to our congregation.

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

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. Mary Norris will be running a craft goods table. If inspired, there will be crafting items available. Show off your crafts by donating them to the craft fair. All proceeds will go to the HVAC fund. Contact Pam Gerster for details and donations. 559-999-5443 . Remember bakers are crafters too!



Many Thanks!!

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

August 3rd Art Mehl

August 10th Jim and Ruth Thompson

August 17th Yvonne and Steven Smith

August 24th Diane Fake and Dee Wright

August 31st Pam Gerster



"At the Table" VBS @ 5:45!



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION • 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!

Save the date - 10/29

Save the date - 10/29 - Trunk or Treat!! Plan now to come out and support this safe and fun community event!



God's Work. Our Hands.—Saturday 9/6



Our congregation will be participating again this year in the ELCA's nationwide service project on Saturday, September 6th. Lutheran congregations throughout the U.S. will be serving our communities on this particular weekend in all kinds of different ways, and Good Shepherd is no exception.

The Lutheran Hunger Network will take place here that morning, and we will also be putting together "Blessing Bags" that afternoon for our Westside Rescue friends to distribute to their human clients.

If you have any ideas for other group projects, please see Janet Mc or me. You are also more than welcome to come up with an individual project or a neighborhood project on your own. Start making your plans now as to how you'd like to participate, be sure to wear your yellow GWOH t-shirt, and take some pictures!

We hope to see everyone involved in some way. Thank You!

Shalom,

Julie, 559-287-3457 or 13jdixon13@gmail.com

P.S. Please see me, text, or email immediately if you don't have the yellow shirt and would like one ordered. The order has to be placed by **August 15th** to be here in time.