



# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

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## SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS



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Dear Friends,

I hope your summer is a blessed one so far! This month has us preparing for fall activities and gearing up for a new year of programming. Some people will be getting in last vacations before school starts. I remember as a kid August was often a time of wishing summer break was a bit longer but also looking forward with anticipation to what the next school year would bring.

I would encourage you to be thinking about how you can be connected here at Good Shepherd as we begin this new year of programming. I will list a few possibilities here but there are others as well. Or if you have an idea for a ministry you'd like to start see me or any of our other leaders here and we can see how we can help. Here are a few of the opportunities for your involvement:

New Member Sessions: I will be leading new member classes beginning at the end of this month and into September. If you or someone you know would like to be a member of our church please let me know. I am planning on the first session to be after church on August 28. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about Good Shepherd and meet others who will become official members of our congregation.

Confirmation: Confirmation, of affirmation of baptism, is when a young person learns about the faith and then assumes the responsibility for their growing in their faith. It is often done during junior high but I have also had younger kids and high school age kids in the class as well. If you or someone you know would like to participate please see me. We will be having classes start in mid-September.

Symmetry: Symmetry is our Lay Leadership Development Program. Basically it helps people determine how God is calling them to live out their faith. Many in our church have grown in their relationship with God and each other by participating. We will be having an orientation meeting soon. If you have any questions please see me, Tom Rogers or Janet McQuillan.

There will be many more opportunities as we move into the months of fall. You can hear about them each Sunday as we gather for worship. Together we can grow in our faith and make a positive difference for our community at the same time as we serve together. Thanks for your part in our living out our mission of "Sharing the Love of Jesus!"

God's Peace,

Pastor Ted



## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

August 2011

We pray the Holy Spirit would work among us at church and lead us forth in the tasks that God would have us do.

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

Pray for God's Healing Presence in the lives of:

### Members:

- Verna Walden
- Penny Fey
- Adolph & Irene Pierini
- Pastor Jordan has passed through the gates of our Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Please pray for Marion, their families and friends.
- Ivan Miller has passed through the gates of our Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Please pray for Enid, his children, their families & friends.
- Dorothy Fake Brechmann and family
- Please remember in your prayers all the Good Shepherd families and friends who have lost loved ones
- Richard Schumacher
- Karl and Pauline Ritterbush
- Sue Brisendine

### Friends & Family:

- The family of Sally Borgaro (friends of Debbie Wilk)

- Lisa Franco (friend of Jill Anderson)
- Tim Rikard (friend of Matt Hayner)
- Kristin Harbin (niece of Carolyn Linn)
- Donna Welch (relative of Ruth Richards)
- Ken Selander (cousin of Carolyn Linn)
- Lee, Vanessa, Virginia Sanders, Naseem Rad (friends of Jill Anderson)
- Ally Maxwell (niece of Debbie Wilk)
- Kent Rollin (nephew of Arlene Robbins)
- Phyllis Jopes (Marilyn Woodward's sister)
- Bradley Hernandez (relative of a friend of Adair Johnson)
- Amy Arstein and family (Carolyn Linn's daughter)
- Kay Fenton (niece of Laura James)
- Mechelle (cousin of Adair Johnson)
- Tracy Riddle (niece of Marilyn Woodward)

### Ongoing Concerns:

Paula Schnee, Ruth Richards, Kirsten Linder and daughter Madelynn, Dorothy Brechmann, Alma Johnson, Jo Bitter, Louise Boyden, Sue Brisendine, Barbara Clark, Penny Fey, Karen Kubar, Jocelyn Miller, Vince Robbins Jr., Otis Strong, Zella Summers

### Armed Forces:

Wendy Mendel (Pauline Ritterbush's niece in Iraq), Major Scott Rowley, Army; Major John Lemay, Army; Specialist Jonathan Elsasser, Army; Amanda Gookins, Air Force; Theresa Rojas, Army; Steve Rowley, Army National Guard; Alex Arnold, Army



*Please contact the church office or fill out the Prayer Request Card in the back of the pews and place in our offering plate if you wish names added or taken off the prayer list. Please re-submit after three weeks to keep your loved ones in our church prayers. Call 225-2092 (church office) or 439-4237 (Diane Fake, prayer chain)*



The Reverend Philip A. Jordan  
July 9, 1917 - June 14, 2011



The pink rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Carolyn Jean Rowland to Dr. Kathryn Jean

Rowland in St. Louis, Missouri on Monday, July 18, 2011. Carolyn is the new great granddaughter of Josephine Bitter.



Church Women United's Human Rights Celebration and luncheon is Saturday, August

20 at New Praise Non-Denominational Church, 1388 W. Indianapolis, just off West. The theme is *Living Our Legacy ... Driving the Movement*. Call Lois Green for reservations. (227-2607)



## August Birthdays

Sheri Bolm .....	08/01
Whitney Linder .....	08/01
Madelyn Linder .....	08/03
Margie Kinler .....	08/03
Jim Sanborn .....	08/04
Shawn Terstegen .....	08/05
James Wilk .....	08/06
Janet McQuillan .....	08/07
Jennifer Wilk .....	08/07
Rudy Carrillo .....	08/08
Karl Ritterbush .....	08/10
Don Willard .....	08/10
Marissa Carrillo .....	08/11
Karen Kubar .....	08/11
Ginger Terstegen .....	08/13
Josephine Bitter .....	08/15
Stacy Lairson .....	08/15
Adelaide Dornbusch ....	08/17
Jeanette Sanchez .....	08/19
Jo Ann Huebner .....	08/25
Eric Klein .....	08/25
Vincent Robbins .....	08/25
Barbara Clark .....	08/26
Bob Robertson .....	08/28
Brian Jenkins .....	08/30
Paul Bolm .....	08/31
Valerie Swindle .....	08/31



## August Anniversaries

*Robert & Sheila Boehringer	08/03/1963, 48 years
*Frank & Betty Snyder	08/09/1961, 50 years
John & Sharon Nausley	08/16/1963, 48 years
*Paul & Sheri Bolm	08/20/1988, 23 years
*Sean & Suzanne Walker	08/20/1988, 23 years
*Adolph & Irene Pierini	08/23/1947, 64 years
*Ted & Norma Miller	08/26/1967, 44 years
*Francis & Carol Sullivan	08/27/1970, 41 years
*Kevin & Sabrina Follansbee	08/30/1980, 31 years
*James & Ruth Thompson	08/30/1980, 31 years



## August Baptisms

Julie Dixon	08/01
Karen Kubar	08/01
Brian Sturgeon	08/01
Brent Hofmann	08/07
Wayne Wilson, Jr.	08/08
Renata Vrablova	08/10
William Hayes	08/20
Ian Maltos	08/20
Carly Martinez	08/20
Steven Smith	08/27
Heather Walker	08/27
Adelaide Dornbush	08/29



*Our Pastor's  
9th Anniversary  
at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*

*Pastor Ted's Good Shepherd  
Lutheran Church Ministry began  
August 18, 2002 - 9 years*

### Church Directory Time!

It is time for us to update our church directory! We have arranged with Olan Mills once again. Everyone who has a photo taken will receive a free signature portrait and a free church directory. Olan Mills will be in Jacobson Hall on the following dates. We have many appointments available between the hours listed below:

- Friday August 5th between 2:45 PM and 9:20 PM
- Saturday August 6th between 11:35 AM and 5:10 PM
- Tuesday September 20th between 2:30 PM and 9:20 PM
- Wednesday September 21st between 2:30 PM and 9:20 PM

Sign up sheets are in the narthex. If you have any questions, see Julie Dixon or Carol Sullivan.

### Summer Game Night 8/7/11, 6-8 p.m.

Beat the heat and indulge your competitive streak! Come play cards and board games with your Good Shepherd Family on Sunday, August 7th in the community center. We will serve dinner and have fun hanging out. This is an event for all ages and always lots of fun for everyone. Want to help cook or have an idea you want to implement? Contact Julie at 287-3457 or [13jdixon13@gmail.com](mailto:13jdixon13@gmail.com).



### GSLC Food Pantry needed items:

Crackers, peanut butter, canned beans, canned beef stew, canned corn beef hash, canned Vienna sausages (beef & chicken), packaged complete meals, cereal, dried fruit, chicken helper with canned chicken, tuna helper with canned tuna, dried packaged pasta salad meals, canned soups, canned fruit, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, dry Kraft Parmesan cheese, breakfast cereal, instant coffee, tea, rice, dried pinto beans, 2 lb packaged of rice, granola bars, beef jerky, nuts, Top Ramen noodles, dried packaged milk. Thanks!

Ministry Assistants August 2011	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
<b>Deacons</b> - at 10:30 am	Open	Open	Open	Open
<b>Deacons</b> - at 9 am	Tom Rogers, Linda Rogers, Jennifer Wilk, Carolyn Linn	Tom Rogers, Linda Rogers, Jennifer Wilk, Carolyn Linn	Tom Rogers, Linda Rogers, Jennifer Wilk, Carolyn Linn	Tom Rogers, Linda Rogers, Jennifer Wilk, Carolyn Linn
<b>Lectors</b> - at 10:30 am	Mary Pranzo	Open	Francis Sullivan	Open
<b>Praise Band Song Leaders</b> - at 9 am	Alan Hofmann	Alan Hofmann	Alan Hofmann	Alan Hofmann
<b>Praise Band Instrumentalists</b> at 9:00 am	Tony Craig, Mike Zolo, Sean Walker, Ted Niemi and Seth Craig	Tony Craig, Mike Zolo, Sean Walker, Ted Niemi and Seth Craig	Tony Craig, Mike Zolo, Sean Walker, Ted Niemi and Seth Craig	Tom Rogers, Linda Rogers, Jennifer Wilk, Carolyn Linn
<b>Coffee Hosts</b> - 9 & 10:30 am	Hays Family	Wilk Family	Jim & Ruth Thompson	Rowley Family
<b>Counters</b>	Ruth Richards, Lois Green, Ken Green	Diane Fake, Sandy Terstegen, Adair Johnson	Alan Hofmann, Brenda Hofmann, Marilyn Woodward	Marilyn Woodward, Ruth Richards, Lois Green
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Set up: Open Take down: Marilyn Woodward	Set up: Open Take down: Marilyn Woodward	Set up: Open Take down: Tesha Novell	Set up: Open Take down: Penny Fey
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Mary Pranzo	Open	Francis Sullivan	Open
<b>Ushers</b> <i>Traditional Worship at 10:30 am</i>	Karl Ritterbush, Don Dueker, Willard Johnson, Vince Robbins, Richard Schumacher, Francis Sullivan	Karl Ritterbush, Don Dueker, Willard Johnson, Vince Robbins, Richard Schumacher, Francis Sullivan	Karl Ritterbush, Don Dueker, Willard Johnson, Vince Robbins, Richard Schumacher, Francis Sullivan	Karl Ritterbush, Don Dueker, Willard Johnson, Vince Robbins, Richard Schumacher, Francis Sullivan
<b>Ushers</b> <i>Praise &amp; Celebration Worship at 9:00 am</i>	Tom Rogers, Marty Klein	Tom Rogers, Marty Klein	Tom Rogers, Marty Klein	Tom Rogers, Marty Klein
<b>Sound Design</b>	Francis Sullivan	Francis Sullivan	Francis Sullivan	Francis Sullivan
<b>PowerPoint</b> - 10:30 am	Carol Sullivan	Carol Sullivan	Carol Sullivan	Carol Sullivan
<b>PowerPoint</b> - 9:00 am	Linda Rogers/Stacy Lairson	Linda Rogers/Stacy Lairson	Linda Rogers/Stacy Lairson	Linda Rogers/Stacy Lairson

Stewardship of Worship and Offerings	Attendance	General Fund	Special/ Memorial/ Altar Flowers (designated funds)	ELCA World Hunger (designated funds)	Community Center Capital Fund (designated funds)	Property Fund (designated funds)	Special Mission Gifts (designated funds)	Behavioral Intervention Association Contribution	Total Offerings
June 26, 2011	Contemporary at 9 am: 71 Traditional at 10:30 am: 47	3,970 <sup>50</sup>	59 <sup>13</sup>	—	35 <sup>00</sup>	300 <sup>00</sup>	VBS 137 <sup>00</sup>	—	4,501 <sup>63</sup>
July 3, 2011	Contemporary at 9 am: 60 Traditional at 10:30 am: 60	5,757 <sup>50</sup>	64 <sup>50</sup>	—	50 <sup>00</sup>	—	—	—	5,872 <sup>00</sup>
July 10, 2011	Contemporary at 9 am: 68 Traditional at 10:30 am: 48	5,777 <sup>50</sup>	118 <sup>70</sup>	—	180 <sup>00</sup>	—	Sweet Adelines 100 <sup>00</sup> WELCA Walk 50 <sup>00</sup>	2,900 <sup>00</sup>	9,126 <sup>20</sup>
July 17, 2011	Contemporary at 9 am: 72 Traditional at 10:30 am: 49	2,348 <sup>00</sup>	99 <sup>25</sup>	—	200 <sup>00</sup>	—	Praise Band 75 <sup>00</sup>	—	2,722 <sup>25</sup>

The Fresno County Chapter of THRIVENT for Lutherans recently hosted and financially underwrote our annual outing to the Fresno Grizzlies game. Congregational members were welcome to invite their friends to this event.

### Lutheran Night at the Grizzlies 2011 – Were you there??

If you were, then you enjoyed an old fashioned hotdog, soda and ice cream dinner before the game along with great weather for a Friday night at the ball park. (THRIVENT can't take credit for that, though!) This event provides our members a chance for fellowship and for non-members to see one of the ways that Thrivent gives back to the community.

Just a few "DID YOU KNOW's" about 2011's event:

There were 420 tickets sold for the event (this is a 25% plus increase over 2010)

16 (out of 22) of the area churches participated

Karen McGough of Hope Lutheran gave a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem!

Mike Fitzgerald of St Peter's Lutheran who threw out the first pitch

If you attended – we hope you met someone new! If not – you missed a great evening! Watch this spot for information about this event for next year. If you are interested in finding out more about THRIVENT For LUTHERANS Fraternal organization products please contact Mike and Leslie Fitzgerald, local Thrivent Representatives at (559)323-9226.















Mary  
Mother of  
our Lord

Monday, August 15  
Festival:  
Mary, Mother of our Lord

# August 2011



Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of  
month at 10:00 am  
& 11:30 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>7 9:00 am - Praise &amp; Celebration 10:00 am - Children's Sunday School 10:30 am - Traditional Worship 10:30 am - Adult Sunday School I 11:40 am - Adult Sunday School II 6 pm - 8 pm: Summer Game Night <i>Purple Heart Medal</i> Established (1782)</p> 	<p>1</p>  <p>Air Force Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10 am - 12 N: Church Women United 4:00 pm - Praise Band Practice</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>U.S. Coast Guard Established (1790)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9 am - 11 am: Roeding Saturday Sports &amp; Crafts</p>  <p>3 pm - 5 pm: <b>Youth Group</b></p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 am - Praise &amp; Celebration 10:00 am - Children's Sunday School 10:30 am - Traditional Worship 10:30 am - Adult Sunday School I 11:40 am - Adult Sunday School II 6 pm - 8 pm: Summer Game Night <i>Purple Heart Medal</i> Established (1782)</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 pm - Esther Circle</p> <p>Commemoration: Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), 1221</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center 7 pm - Christian Ed Committee 7:00 pm - Ruth Circle</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4:00 pm - Praise Band Practice</p> <p>Commemoration: Lawrence, deacon, martyr, 258</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>1 pm - <b>STAFF MEETING</b></p> <p>National Sons and Daughters Day</p> <p>Commemoration: Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, 1253</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>3 pm - 5 pm: Kids' Club Full Moon</p> <p>Commemoration: Florence Nightingale, 1910; Clara Maass, 1901; renewers of society</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:00 am - Praise &amp; Celebration 10:00 am - Children's Sunday School 10:30 am - Traditional Worship 10:30 am - Adult Sunday School I 11:40 am - Adult Sunday School II</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Festival: Mary, Mother of Our Lord</p> <p>(transferred from 09/14) Japan Surrendered Ending WWII (1945) National Navaho Code Talkers Day Commemoration: Maximilian Kolbe, 1941; Kaj Mink, 1944; martyrs</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center</p> <p>National Airborne Day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>4:00 pm - Praise Band Practice</p>  <p>6:00 pm - <b>Worship Committee</b></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>National Aviation Day</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>Church Women United Human Rights Celebration and luncheon 9 am - 12 N: WELCA Retreat in Community Center 3 pm - 5 pm: Kids' Club Commemoration: Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:00 am - Praise &amp; Celebration 10:00 am - Children's Sunday School 10:30 am - Traditional Worship 10:30 am - Adult Sunday School I 11:40 am - Adult Sunday School II</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:00 pm - Praise Band Practice</p> <p>Festival: St. Bartholomew, Apostle</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>1 pm - <b>STAFF MEETING</b></p>  <p>5:30 pm - <b>Hinds Hospice</b> Memorial Service</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Women's Equality Day</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>3 pm - 5 pm: <b>Youth Group</b></p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:00 am - Praise &amp; Celebration 10:00 am - Children's Sunday School 10:30 am - Traditional Worship 10:30 am - Adult Sunday School I 11:40 am - Adult Sunday School II</p> <p>Commemoration: Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center</p>	<p>31</p> <p>4:00 pm - Praise Band Practice</p>			

## Good Shepherd's 'Dog Days of August'

Pet therapy is a great part of life...even if you're homeless. So, during August, Good Shepherd's Stewardship Committee in partnership with non-profit Westside Rescue, is making a commitment to help Fresno's homeless people who have pets.

Here's where you, the good people of GSLC, can help. During August, we will be collecting donations of dog food, collars, leashes, canvas travel food/water dishes and even doggie toys! Flea and tick oral or topical medications such as Bio-Spot, Advantage, etc. are also needed. If you have items for cats, Westside Rescue will take those, too.

Please check around your house and see if you have any of the above items. If you don't have any of them, and you'd still like to help, a monetary donation would be tail-waggin' appreciated.

The Stewardship Committee has already received 100 pounds of donated dog food and forwarded it to Westside Rescue. You guys are GOOD! Donations are tax-deductible. In His Name. Woof!



Good Shepherd Church members,

Thank you so much for the donations of clothes, diapers, pins, & plastic pants, & for financial support. Our recent trip to Fiji was wonderful, & your church helped make it possible. We were able to bless the young moms & children at Homes of Hope with needed donations thanks to your generosity. I am looking forward to sharing photos & stories soon.

In His Grip,  
*Rudy*



# Youth Gathering News from the ELCA

~and what our youth will experience in New Orleans—July 2012~



**\* Practice Justice \* Practice Discipleship \* Practice Peacemaking \***

On the Practice Justice day, youth and adults will come together in the Superdome to **learn** about how we make the connection between God's justice, God's shalom, God's intention for the world, and our desire to serve. We will be reminded about how God's presence made a difference in the everyday lives of those living in New Orleans in 2009 through our service. Then, groups will **walk** justice as they enter into a multi-sensory experience to help them understand how the catastrophe of Katrina changed the course of history for New Orleanians. Next, groups depart by bus or by foot to **practice** justice in the midst of the fragile realities of recovery evident in the public education system, in housing and in the shrinking wetlands. At the end of the day, each group will **reflect** on their Practice Justice experience by debriefing with trained young adults who will help connect their experiences with their own sense of call to live out their baptismal identity in the communities to which they return.

## Roeding Saturday Sports & Crafts

We continue meeting in the mornings for these warmer months. We will be on site at the school at West and Dakota from 9-11 a.m. on 8/6, and 9/10. Thanks so much to our loyal regular volunteers and contributors. If you haven't been out there yet, mark these dates, and make an appearance—you'll be blessed!



### Backpacks for Roeding

We are once again gathering backpacks and school supplies for our kids at Roeding Elementary who are without. We are collecting new and very gently used backpacks, which can be placed in the bin in the narthex. We are also looking for crayons, markers, school glue and/or glue sticks, pencils, and erasers. Thank you so much for your efforts on behalf of these children and their families.

### Summer Game Night 8/7/11, 6-8 p.m.

Cribbage? Uno? Apples to Apples? You name it, and someone will play it with you! So beat the heat and go ahead and indulge your competitive streak. Come play cards and board games with your Good Shepherd Family on Sunday, August 7th in the community center. We will serve dinner and have fun hanging out. This is an event for all ages and always lots of old fashioned fun for everyone.



Thanks to everyone who attended and helped with VBS in June! Big kudos to Art Mehl, Autumn Hays, Sue Hays, Dana Klein, Eric Klein, Scott Rowley, and Pastor Ted for leading various parts of the classes. Thanks, Jimmy Sanborn, Courtney Bolm, and Kevin Bolm, for making everything fun for the younger kids. And finally, an extra special THANK YOU to Patricia Filer and Janet McQuillan for cooking for us all week!

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**“Return Service Requested”**

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**Carolyn Linn: Assistant Lay Minister**

President of the Congregation: Paul Bolm

Organist: Susan Berg      Praise Band Leader: Anthony Craig

Youth Ministries: Julie Dixon

Office Assistant: Cecile Bachar      Office Coordinator: Randy Nelson

President of Mission Coalition: Pastor Bob Crabb



Praise & Celebration Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School for Children at 10:00 am

Traditional Worship 10:30 am

Adult Sunday School at 10:30 am & 11:40 am

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:00 am - 12 noon      Lunch: 12 noon - 1:30 pm

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