



# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

A PUBLICATION OF GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH - FEBRUARY 2011

PASTOR TED NIEMI

Dear Friends,

**G**OOD

**S**HEPHERD

**L**UTHERAN

**C**HURCH

**M**ISSION

**S**TATEMENT

## SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS

Well, we are now in the second month of 2011. This year has gotten off to a difficult start as a couple of families in our congregation, as we as a whole, have experienced significant loss. In the span of a week we had two very high profile funerals with Paige and Dr. Bob. Rarely have I seen a community as galvanized as I have with ours lately in care and concern for the families. It has shown how when one of us mourns we all mourn. There is strength in that.

This is the season of Epiphany. The Church year actually started back in November with the season of Advent, then Christmas. Epiphany is the third season in the Church year. It is a season with the themes of revelation and light. It seems ironic that we suffered such significant loss during the season of revelation and light. I have heard a lot of you asking why these things have to happen. And even in your asking, you seem to know that I don't have the answers. Even though God has revealed some things to us not everything has been revealed. There is a lot about this life and the way things unfold that we just do not know. That is where faith is so important. Even in the midst of those things we cannot understand we stand firm in the belief that our God is a loving God who wants the best for us. God does not cause suffering, God helps us through it.

As 2011 unfolds we will next go into the season of Lent. It is a season that we focus on the way of the cross. We take time to think about Jesus' suffering and the fact that he died so one day we can live again. In a way it feels like we are going through Lent now. It is a somber season and that fits with the way most of us have felt over the last month.

The next season we will experience is Easter. It is a time when we celebrate that God can bring life out of death, and does! We celebrate that because Jesus rose from the dead we too know that through our faith in him we will one day too. The worst that our world could throw at God was transformed into the best that God could do for us.

We then end up with Pentecost. It is the longest season lasting nearly half a year. It is the time we remember that God sent the Holy Spirit to be with us during this inbetween time when Jesus will come again. God's Spirit is what guides us and helps us understand that even when difficult times hit we are not alone or hopeless.

But, once again, we are at the beginning of a new year and this one has started off with some extremely tough losses. It is my hope and prayer that whatever you may be facing throughout this year you can do so framing it in a faith perspective. God is in control. We don't have all the answers and that is ok. Through our trusting in God everything will eventually be restored. Yeah, it can be hard to believe at times, but it's what we stake all of our eternity on!

I look forward to worshipping with you throughout all the seasons God gives us together!

God's Peace,  
Pastor Ted



Telephone:  
(559) 225-2092  
FAX:  
(559) 225-2093

E-Mail:

[gslcfresno@earthlink.net](mailto:gslcfresno@earthlink.net)

Web site:

[www.goodshepherdresno.org](http://www.goodshepherdresno.org)



**GOOD SHEPHERD  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PRAYER CONCERNS**

February 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 join the family of 5 month old Andrew in thanking God for His goodness and the Good Shepherd Family for praying. Pray for God's Healing Presence in the lives of:

**Members:**

- Mary Pranzo, David Libeu and family (David is Mary's brother-in-law)
- Ed Sturgeon
- Vonny Sturgeon
- Jill Anderson
- Dr. Bob Gerster and Paige Maltos have passed through the gates of our Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Please pray for their families and friends.
- Verna Walden
- Sue Brisendine
- Jerry Warner
- Bill Kuester
- Chris Dueker
- Paula Schnee
- Ruth Richards

**Friends & Family:**

- Amy Arstein and family (Carolyn Linn's daughter)
- Kay Fenton (niece of Laura James)
- Becky Holder and her granddaughter, Heather (friends of Diane Fake)
- Trish Hughes (niece of Woody Wilk)

- Jim Morris (relative of the Sullivans)
- Major John Lemay, Army, now serving in Afghanistan (brother-in-law of Kelly Fake Lemay)
- Todd Zeller (brother of Chris Dueker)
- Rebecca Morena (friend of Janet McQuillan)
- Mechelle (cousin of Adair Johnson)
- Kerri Kuehl (friend of Mary Pranzo)
- Kirk Fox (cousin of Paul Bolm)
- Pearledna Shropshire (friend of Ruth Richards)
- Barbara Lester (mother of Debbie Wilk)
- Tracy Riddle (niece of Marilyn Woodward)
- Ron Enger (father of Kristin Niemi)

**Ongoing Concerns:** Dorothy Brechmann, Alma Johnson, Jo and Ruben Bitter, Louise Boyden, Sue Brisendine, Barbara Clark, Penny Fey, Karen Kubar, William Kuester, Ian Maltos, Ben Matthew, Jocelyn Miller, Vince Robbins Jr., Otis Strong, Zella Summers

**Armed Forces:** 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)**



**February Birthdays**

Ron West	02/01
Ken Green	02/03
Ruth Richards	02/03
John Savona, Sr	02/03
Shannon Walker	02/06
Suzanne Walker	02/07
Sean Walker	02/08
Irene Pierini	02/09
Alexander Frankian	02/10
Chris Walker	02/12
Henny Goodin	02/17
Kristin Niemi	02/18
Pamela Martens	02/20
Catherine Menton	02/20
Reginald Mehling	02/21
Steven Smith	02/23
Jamie Frankian	02/26
Pete Pedersen	02/26
Paula Schnee	02/26
Kristen Nelson	02/27
Betty Williams	02/27



**February Anniversaries**

- Ron & Jan Nelson  
57 years, 02/06/1954
- Robert Harris & Jill Anderson  
2 years, 02/07/2009
- Don & Carla Willard  
25 years, 02/14/1986



**February Baptisms**

Alexander Carrillo	02/01
Vonny Sturgeon	02/01
Linda Rogers	02/02
Mallory Willard	02/02
Allen Westersund	02/04
Karen Westersund	02/04
Stoney Dodson	02/07
Kristi Jenkins	02/12
Ginger Terstegen	02/12
Shawn Terstegen	02/12
Eric Mork	02/14
Stacy Lairson	02/17
Jim Sanborn	02/17
Jimmy Sanborn	02/17
Randy Nelson	02/18
Paul Werfelmann	02/24
Melissa Willard	02/24
Devarie Anderson	02/25

Ministry Assistants February 2011	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
<b>Deacons</b> - at 10:30 am	Vickie Farr	Helen Stewart	Vickie Farr	Helen Stewart
<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	Open	Penny Fey	Helen Stewart	Mary Pranzo
<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	Tony Craig, Mike Zolo, Sean Walker, Ted Niemi and Seth Craig
<b>Coffee Hosts</b> - 9 & 10:30 am	Sullivans	The Rogers	The Kleins	Hays Family
<b>Counters</b>	Sandy Terstegen, Vickie Farr, Lois Green	Diane Fake, Marilyn Woodward, Lois Green	Mick Konkol, Debbie Konkol, Lois Green	Alan Hofmann, Brenda Hofmann, Lois Green
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Set up: Open Take down: Open	Set up: Open Take down: Open	Set up: Open Take down: Open	Set up: Open Take down: Open
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Open	Open	Open	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/ Stacy Lairson	Carol Sullivan/ Stacy Lairson	Carol Sullivan/ Stacy Lairson	Carol Sullivan/ Stacy Lairson
<b>PowerPoint</b> - 9:00 am	Linda Rogers	Linda Rogers	Linda Rogers	Linda Rogers

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)	Building Fund (designated funds)	Special Mission Gifts (designated funds)	Behavioral Intervention Association Contribution	Total Offerings
December 24, 2010	Traditional at 7 pm: 139	6,087 <sup>00</sup>	1,050 <sup>00</sup>	5 <sup>00</sup>	1,725 <sup>00</sup> Jelly sales 20 <sup>00</sup>	—	Mission 500 <sup>00</sup> Seminary fund 10 <sup>00</sup>	—	9,397 <sup>00</sup>
December 25, 2010	Traditional at 10 am: 47								
December 26, 2010	Contemporary at 9 am: 51 Traditional at 10:30 am: 33								
January 2, 2011 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas</i>	Contemporary at 9 am: 50 Traditional at 10:30 am: 32	4,442 <sup>00</sup>	92 <sup>00</sup>	7 <sup>50</sup>	315 <sup>00</sup>	—	Roeding Elementary School 100 <sup>00</sup> 2010 50 <sup>00</sup> Lutheran Magazine 12 <sup>00</sup>	—	5,018 <sup>50</sup>
January 9, 2011 <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>	Contemporary at 9 am: 71 Traditional at 10:30 am: 34	4,680 <sup>00</sup>	200 <sup>00</sup>	6 <sup>00</sup>	—	—	Lutheran Magazine 5 <sup>00</sup>	2,875 <sup>00</sup>	7,766 <sup>00</sup>
January 16, 2011 <i>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	Contemporary at 9 am: 777 Traditional at 10:30 am: 42	3,863 <sup>00</sup>	403 <sup>25</sup>	—	1100 <sup>00</sup>	—	—	—	5,366 <sup>25</sup>

Donations needed to meet budget without designated funds: Weekly: \$6,116.59 Monthly: \$24,304.17

## Important Announcement!



Sign up for our  
**e-NEWSLETTER**

The Shepherd's Voice newsletter will be e-mailed for the April 2011 publication. Be sure to submit your e-mail, if you have not already submitted your e-mail, to the church office. Again, the Shepherd's Voice newsletter will go paperless for the April 2011 and subsequent publications. For those of you without an e-mail address, copies of the Shepherd's Voice newsletter will be available in our narthex.

Church office e-mail is: [gslcfresno@earthlink.net](mailto:gslcfresno@earthlink.net) Thank you.













**President's Day**  
Monday, February 21

# February 2011



**Valentine's Day**

Saturday,  
February 14

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>6 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</b> 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><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> 10:00 am - Rachel Circle 6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center 7:00 pm - Ruth Circle <i>Boy Scouts of America Founded (1910)</i></p>	<p><b>9</b> 1 pm -  Bible Study Meeting 4 pm - Praise Band practice 6:30 pm - "Live a Praying Life" Study in Community Center</p>	<p><b>10</b>  4 pm - Praise Band practice 6:30 pm - "Live a Praying Life" Study in Community Center Commemoration: <i>Ansgar, Archbishop of Hamburg, missionary to Scandinavia, 865</i></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> 10 am -  <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i></p>
<p><b>13 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany</b> 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><b>14</b>   7:00 pm -</p>	<p><b>15</b> 10:00 am - Rachel Circle 6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center 7:00 pm - Ruth Circle</p>	<p><b>16</b> 10 am - Church Women United 4 pm - Praise Band practice 6 pm - Worship Committee 6:30 pm - "Live a Praying Life" Study in Community Center</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> Commemoration: <i>Martin Luther, renewer of the Church, 1546</i></p>	<p><b>19</b> 1 pm - 3 pm: Youth Group </p>
<p><b>20 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany</b> 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 2 pm - 4 pm: Drum Circle in Community Center  <b>DEADLINE</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> 12 Noon - OWLS  6:30 pm - Esther Circle</p>	<p><b>22</b> 6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center <i>Washington's Birthday</i></p>	<p><b>23</b> 1 pm - Staff meeting 4 pm - Praise Band practice 6:30 pm - "Live a Praying Life" Study in Community Center Commemoration: <i>Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, 156; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, missionary to India, 1719</i></p>	<p><b>24</b> 10:00 am - Shepherd's Voice newsletter mailing preparation  5:30 pm - <i>Hinds Hospice Memorial Service</i></p>	<p><b>25</b> Commemoration: <i>Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, 1921</i></p>	<p><b>26</b> 1 pm - 3 pm: Youth Group </p>
<p><b>27 Eighth Sunday after Epiphany</b> 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>						



Dr. Robert Gerster  
October 13, 1945 - January 12, 2011



Paige Armstrong-Maltos  
March 18, 1992 - January 9, 2011



Tom & Pamela Martens  
Carly Martinez, Ian Maltos  
14785 Calle Otono  
Chino Hills, CA 91709-3457  
Home: 909-606-4838  
Same cells:  
Tom: 559-269-7393  
Pam: 559-779-3918  
[tpmartens@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tpmartens@sbcglobal.net)



Annual Congregational meeting at 10 am, Sunday, January 30, 2011.



The cost of the Altar Flowers is \$36<sup>70</sup>. Please write 'Altar Flowers' on the memo line on your check made out to 'Good Shepherd Lutheran Church'. Thanks.



The Parish Nurse announces monthly FREE blood pressure checks between church services at 10 am in Jacobson Hall each first Sunday of the month.



**HEALING STATION THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES.** You are welcome to stay after both Worship Services for the opportunity for special prayers for healing in whatever area of your life you may need it. **HEALING STATION EVERY FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH.**



Fundraising is a good thing!

Thank you to all who have used their SaveMart S.H.A.R.E.S. card to raise funds for our community center. Thank you to all who have donated Box Tops for Education labels, donated Campbell soup can labels, used GoodSearch.com, shopped at GoodShop.com online, shopped at eScrip.com online & paid with eScrip.com registered credit cards at local



Thank you to all who have donated plastic bottles, aluminum cans & glass containers to Good Shepherd over the years. Recycling is very important to Good Shepherd & the earth. Thanks!

Also, thanks to all who have donated used ink cartridges & used toner cartridges. Keep recycling!



**GSLC Food Pantry needed items:**

Peanut butter, crackers, canned beans, packaged complete meals, cake frosting, jello, cereal, dried fruit, chicken helper with canned chicken, canned soups, canned fruit, Vienna sausages, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, cereal, instant coffee, rice, dried pinto beans. Thanks!



**Christ In Our Home - Light for Today** devotionals for Jan/Feb/Mar 2011 are available in our narthex and our church office. Four large print versions of *Christ In Our Home* are also available.



The prayer chain welcomes and encourages your requests for prayer with

your concerns. To initiate a prayer request, call Diane Fake (439-4237) or the church office (225-2092). Please state the nature of the request, name of the



**Zoo Lights Trip**  
A group of us made an expedition to the Chaffee Zoo on December 23rd to see the lights and also to visit the animals in the evening when many of them are more active. We saw wolves, elephants, and reptiles, but the ray exhibit was probably the favorite stop for the kids (besides the cookies & hot chocolate!) It was a fun time for all of us, and we hope this will become an annual event.



**Snow Day!**  
On Saturday, February 12th, we are planning a day to drive up to the snow and go sledding. Our departure time isn't firm yet, but we are thinking of leaving between 10-11, taking along lunches, and having some fun together in the snow. We will need drivers, kids of all ages are invited to join us, and friends are most certainly welcome! Mark your calendars, and contact Julie @ 287-3457 or 13jdixon13@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer to drive or chaperone.



**Drum Circle**  
Don't forget that drum circle happens on the third Sunday of the month from 2-4 in the community center. There is no age or experience requirement, and you can bring your own percussion instruments or use some of ours. We invite you to come check it out!

**THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE**  
The Monthly Newsletter of  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church ELCA  
5140 North Fruit Ave., Fresno, CA 93711

**“Return Service Requested”**

---

**Pastor Ted Niemi**

**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

Nursery care available for infants and toddlers

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

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

Phone: (559) 225-2092      FAX: (559) 225-2093

Church office e-mail: [gslcfresno@earthlink.net](mailto:gslcfresno@earthlink.net)

Pastor Ted's office e-mail: [goodshepherdspelca@earthlink.net](mailto:goodshepherdspelca@earthlink.net)

Church Web Site: [www.goodshepherdofresno.org](http://www.goodshepherdofresno.org)

Mission Statement

**SHARING THE  
LOVE OF  
JESUS**