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STATEMENT

SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS



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Dear Friends,

He is Risen! Yes, by now we've said that once again dozens of times in church. It seems as common to hear on Easter morning as Merry Christmas is on December 25. But it is more than a greeting like "Aloha" or "Hey, how's it going?". It contains a profound truth ... that God loves you so much Jesus came to lay down his life so that you can know the joy of Heaven.

Later this month four of us from GSLC will be traveling to Fiji. Most people I tell this to at first are envious. It is true, Fiji is known to be one of the most beautiful places in our world. But then I tell them why we're going. It is not a pleasure vacation filled with beaches, tropical drinks and lazy days lounging by the pool. We are going as a part of a ministry called Bula. We are going to work at a shelter that rescues young women and their children from the sexual exploitation industry. We may be moving a house, working in the gardens that feeds the people, and many other tasks that it takes to build up a self-sustaining community. When I share that information people are not quite as envious. I am glad to be able to go as I think it provides me the opportunity for spiritual growth that going to Hawaii one more time just couldn't do.

I must admit, part of me would enjoy staying on the resort side of the island we will be on. I really do enjoy things like beaches, tropical drinks and lounging by the pool. My understanding is that we will be on the side of the island that is not subsidized by the tourist industry. We will be on the side where real life happens, even very ugly things like sexual exploitation of some of the most vulnerable. As I have been anticipating what I might expect as we will be working I am finding it significant that we are going during the season of Easter. God gave us this beautiful planet of ours to care for and enjoy. And humanity has messed things up in significant ways ever since. Easter is a time that we remember our God didn't stay on the comfortable side. Jesus came into our world and had to go through some pretty awful things so that we would be freed from whatever darkness we are mired in.

Jesus' life was lived with more significance than anyone else ever. His life counted because of the grace, love, and mercy he gave to those who needed it. At Easter we celebrate that because of what he did on the cross we will know what it is like to live on the good side for all of eternity!

I am looking forward to the trip as a opportunity for spiritual growth. But the fact is you don't have to fly to the other side of the world for that kind of an experience. There are hurting people all around us right here if you take a good look around. How can you live out your Easter faith and live a life of greater significance this Easter season? He is Risen indeed!

God's Peace,
Pastor Ted



**GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRAYER CONCERNS**

May 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:

- Josefina Warner
- Jim Sanborn
- Carla Koll-Haugh, Elaine Koll's daughter, has passed through the gates of our Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Please pray for Elaine, family, and friends.
- The Martens & Pruitt Families
- Owen Richards, Ruth's son, has passed through the gates of our Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Please pray for Ruth, family, and friends.
- Kirk Fox, Paul Bolm's cousin, has passed through the gates of our Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Please pray for the Bolm family and friends.
- Jill Anderson
- Penny Fey
- Karl Ritterbush
- Sue Brisendine

Friends & Family:

- Mr. and Mrs. Spurlock (relatives by marriage of Ruth Richards)
- Phyllis Jopes (Marilyn Woodward's sister)
- Bradley Hernandez (relative of a friend of Adair Johnson)
- David Libeu (brother-in-law of Mary Pranzo)
- The family of Tony Montelongo upon his death (friends of Jill Anderson)
- Amy Arstein and family (Carolyn Linn's daughter)
- Kay Fenton (niece of Laura James)
- Mechelle (cousin of Adair Johnson)
- Barbara Lester (mother of Debbie Wilk)
- 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, William Kuester, 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)



Thank you to the gracious, kind, hard working, selfless, giving, loving, dedicated, righteous & time giving Shepherd's Voice newsletter preparers every month for 52 years. You made the newsletter happen. Thank you. Surely goodness & mercy shall follow you all the days of your life (heaven included)! Our Shepherd's Voice monthly newsletters are now sent via e-mail.



Please submit all names of recent graduates & those receiving promotions for posting to our bulletin, newsletter & web site. Thank you!
(High School, College, University, Junior College, Graduate school, Armed Forces, Pre-school, Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle, Seminary, Medical, Nurses, Technical, Service special training, etc.) [Immediate family, extended



May Birthdays

Kelly Fake Lemay	05/03
Carolyn Linn	05/05
Stephen Rowley	05/05
Elaine Koll	05/06
Christine Carrillo	05/07
Ronald Nelson	05/07
Charlotte Savona	05/07
Pr. Theodore Niemi	05/08
Kirsten Andersen	05/09
Thomas Rogers	05/12
William Gutknecht	05/15
Mark Follansbee	05/16
Andrea Swindle	05/17
Mabel Vogler	05/18
Ashley Crump	05/21
Carol Sullivan	05/21
Matthew Swindle	05/21
William Thompson	05/29
Matthew Hayner	05/30
Alan Hofmann	05/30
Mark Kirkpatrick	05/30



May Baptisms

Kimberly Crump	05/01
Jamie Frankian	05/04
Patricia Hayner	05/04
Brennen Kirkpatrick ...	05/06
Chris Walker	05/07
Sue Ann Hays	05/09
Ruth Richards	05/09
Michael Follansbee	05/12
Dennis Fey	05/14
Mark Kirkpatrick	05/15
Theodore Niemi	05/18
Ashley Crump	05/21
Ted Miller	05/21
Matthew Hayner	05/24
Deanna McQuillan	05/28
Carolyn Linn	05/29
Autumn Galli	05/31



May Anniversaries

Karl & Pauline Ritterbush	05/21/1988, 23 years
Pr. Ted & Kristin Niemi	05/25/1996, 15 years
John & Kristi Jenkins	05/26/1979, 32 years

OWLS

The "Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors" will meet on Monday, May 16th at 12N for a potluck luncheon



LOOKING FOR A Bible Study?

A new Wednesday evening Bible study is starting this week - Wednesday, April

27 at 6:30 in the Community Center. Join us in a seven week study led by Jennifer Rothschild "Walking by Faith: Lessons Learned in the Dark". This is the same woman we enjoyed last summer as she led us in the interactive study "Fingerprints of God". She is an amazing woman who lost her eyesight in her teens, but gained something much more valuable - spiritual insight. God has taught her to see that living a life based on faith rather than sight requires us to look at our situations through a lens that filters out what is seen and, instead, focuses on what is unseen - those things that are eternal. The study begins April 27 and



Chorale Music

The San Joaquin Chorale under the direction of Dr. Roy Klassen will present its Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, at First Congregational Church at 2131 N. Van Ness Blvd. in Fresno. General admission is \$12 with \$8 for seniors and students. Ken Berg from our church family is a member of the Chorale.

On Sunday, May 1, Soli Deo Gloria, a women's chorus under the direction of Dr. Julie Carter, presents "A Kaleidoscope of Song" at 7:00 p.m. at University Presbyterian Church at 1776 E. Roberts Ave. in Fresno. General admission is \$15 with \$10 for seniors and students. Come and



May Friendship Day

Church Women United is celebrating May Friendship Day and Scholarship Award Luncheon on Friday, May 6th at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 2435 N. Thesta at Clinton. Registration begins at 9:30 am and lunch is \$7⁰⁰. The 10 am service theme is "Living Our Friendship ... Passing On the Key." Fellowship of the Least Coin will be a special offering. Make reservations with Lois Green, 227-

Ministry Assistants May 2011	May 1	May 8 <i>Mother's Day</i>	May 15	May 22	May 29 <i>Memorial Day Weekend</i>
Deacons - at 10:30 am	Open	Mary Pranzo, Helen Stewart	Open	Mary Pranzo, Helen Stewart	Open
Deacons - 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	Tom Rogers, Linda Rogers, Jennifer Wilk, Carolyn Linn
Lectors - at 10:30 am	Vonny Sturgeon	Helen Stewart	Ed Sturgeon	Mary Pranzo	Francis Sullivan
Praise Band Song Leaders - at 9 am	Alan Hofmann	Alan Hofmann	Alan Hofmann	Alan Hofmann	Alan Hofmann
Praise Band Instrumentalists 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	Tony Craig, Mike Zolo, Sean Walker, Ted Niemi and Seth Craig
Coffee Hosts - 9 & 10:30 am	Arlynne Turnquist	Pat Hayner & Ruth Richards	Bolm Family	The McQuillan's	The Kleins
Counters	Mick Konkol, Debbie Konkol, Adair Johnson	Marilyn Woodward, Sandy Terstegen, Lois Green	Sandy Terstegen, Vickie Farr, Lois Green	Alan Hofmann, Brenda Hofmann, Lois Green	Vickie Farr, Ken Green, Lois Green
Altar Guild	Set up: Sue Hays Take down: Rick Schumacher	Set up: Lori DeGiovanni Take down: Rick Schumacher	Set up: Tesha Novell Take down: Open	Set up: Open Take down: Open	Set up: Open Take down: Scott Rowley
Altar Flowers	Arlynne Turnquist & Dee Wright	Open	Open	Karl & Pauline Ritterbush	Open
Ushers <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	Karl Ritterbush, Don Dueker, Willard Johnson, Vince Robbins, Richard Schumacher, Francis Sullivan
Ushers <i>Praise & Celebration Worship at 9:00 am</i>	Tom Rogers, Marty Klein	Tom Rogers, Marty Klein	Tom Rogers, Marty Klein	Tom Rogers, Marty Klein	Tom Rogers, Marty Klein
Sound Design	Francis Sullivan	Francis Sullivan	Francis Sullivan	Francis Sullivan	Francis Sullivan
PowerPoint - 10:30 am	Carol Sullivan	Carol Sullivan	Carol Sullivan	Carol Sullivan	Carol Sullivan
PowerPoint - 9:00 am	Linda Rogers/Stacy Lairson	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)	Building Fund (designated funds)	Special Mission Gifts (designated funds)	Behavioral Intervention Association Contribution	Total Offerings
March 27, 2011 <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	Contemporary at 9 am: 65 Traditional at 10:30 am: 58	3,592 ⁵⁰	282 ²⁰	—	—	—	Repair budget 126 ⁰⁰ Hymnal 185 ²⁰ ELCA Disaster Response Japan 45 ⁰⁰	—	4,231 ²⁰
April 3, 2011 <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	Contemporary at 9 am: 64 Traditional at 10:30 am: 52	5,737 ⁵⁰	119 ⁶⁵	—	180 ⁰⁰	—	BULA 25 ⁰⁰	—	6,062 ¹⁵
April 10, 2011 <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	Contemporary at 9 am: 60 Traditional at 10:30 am: 46	4,096 ⁵⁰	263 ⁰⁰	—	45 ⁰⁰	—	KAIRO 300 ⁰⁰ BULA 50 ⁰⁰	2,900 ⁰⁰	7,654 ⁵⁰
April 17, 2011 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Contemporary at 9 am: 64 Traditional at 10:30 am: 57	3,789 ⁵⁰	98 ⁰⁰	—	35 ⁰⁰	—	KAIRO 300 ⁰⁰ Mission 25 ⁰⁰ Sweet Adelines 200 ⁰⁰ BULA Mission 100 ⁰⁰ Praise Band 75 ⁰⁰ Lutheran World Relief 11 ⁰⁰	2,900 ⁰⁰	7,533 ⁵⁰

Donations needed to meet budget without designated funds:

Weekly: \$6,116.59

Monthly: \$24,304.17



WELCA is cookin' up a
GSLC Family Recipe/Celebration Book
and we need **YOU** !

Please share your favorite recipes, favorite bible verses, or draw a picture to be included.
We are **expecting** (praying for) **100%** participation!!!
All entries need to be received by June 15th

See Dana Klein for entry form or email your submission to:
medklein@sbcglobal.net




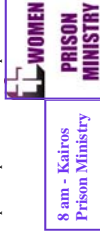







Mother's Day
Sunday, May 8

May 2011















Monday, May 30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 2nd Sunday in Easter 9:00 am - Praise & 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><i>Law Day/Loyalty Day</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>Commemoration: <i>Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373 (transferred from 6/30)</i></p> <p>Festival: <i>Philip and James, Apostles</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:00 pm - Praise Band Practice 6:30 pm - Bible Study "Walking by Faith: Lessons Learned in the Dark"</p> <p>Commemoration: <i>Monica, mother of Augustine, 387</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>5 pm - 8 pm: Village in Jacobson Hall</p>  <p>NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER <i>Cinco de Mayo</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 am - Church Women United <i>May Friendship Day</i> at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 2435 N. Thesta at Clinton</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>9 am - 11 am: Roeding Sports & Crafts</p>  <p>3 pm - 5 pm: Youth Group</p>
<p>8 Mothers' Day 9:00 am - Praise & 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: <i>Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, c. 1416</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>4 pm - 8 pm: Fairmont Private School Play in Jacobson Hall 6:30 pm - Esther Circle</p> <p>Commemoration: <i>Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, 1760</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>4 pm - 8 pm: Fairmont Private School Play in Jacobson Hall 6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center 7 pm - Ruth Circle 7 pm - Christian Ed Committee</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:00 pm - Praise Band Practice 4 pm - 8 pm: Fairmont Private School Play in Jacobson Hall 6:30 pm - Bible Study "Walking by Faith: Lessons Learned in the Dark"</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1 pm - Staff meeting 4 pm - 8 pm: Fairmont Private School Play in Jacobson Hall 5 pm - 8 pm: Village in Conference room</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8 am - Kairois Prison Ministry</p>  <p>Festival: <i>Matthews, Apostle</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>3 pm - 5 pm: Youth Group</p>
<p>15 4th Sunday in Easter 9:00 am - Praise & 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><i>Peace Officers Memorial Day</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>12 Noon - OWLS</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center</p>  <p>Full Moon</p>	<p>18</p> <p>4:00 pm - Praise Band Practice 6 pm - Worship Committee 6:30 pm - Bible Study "Walking by Faith: Lessons Learned in the Dark"</p> <p>Commemoration: <i>Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, 1160</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>5 pm - 8 pm: Village in Jacobson Hall</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30 pm - Columbarium committee</p>	<p>21</p> <p>3 pm - 5 pm: Youth Group</p>  <p>Armed Forces Day</p> <p>Commemoration: <i>Helena, mother of Constantine, c. 330</i></p>
<p>22 5th Sunday in Easter 9:00 am - Praise & 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><i>National Maritime Day</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center</p> <p>Commemoration: <i>Nicolaus Copernicus, 1543; Leonhard Euler, 1783; scientists</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>4:00 pm - Praise Band Practice 6:30 pm - Bible Study "Walking by Faith: Lessons Learned in the Dark"</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1 pm - Staff meeting</p>  <p>5:30 pm - Hinds Hospice Memorial Service</p>	<p>27</p> <p>John Cabot, renewer of the church, 1564</p>	<p>28</p> <p>3 pm - 5 pm: Youth Group</p>
<p>29 6th Sunday in Easter 9:00 am - Praise & 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: <i>Jif T Transovskiy, hymnwriter, 1637</i></p>	<p>30</p> 	<p>31</p> <p>6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center</p> <p>Festival: <i>Visit of Mary to Elizabeth</i></p>				



Junior Sewing Saints



 Thanks to our youth and children for their efforts this Lenten Season as they 
 helped our Sewing Saints with their “Britches for Boys” project. Nearly 
 every Wednesday after the soup suppers, the young people gathered to put the 
 elastic through the waists of the many pairs of shorts sewn by the Sewing 
 Saints. Thank you to Dee Snyder and the rest of the “Saints” for entrusting 
 them with this project. It was fun! 



Vacation Bible School

Our VBS this year will be presented from Sunday, June 12—Thursday, June 16, from 6–8 p.m. Dinner will be served from 6–6:30, and classes for adults and children will run from 6:30–8 p.m. See Julie if you’d like to volunteer to help. Mark your calendars now!

Roeding Elementary Testing Help


We are still collecting juice boxes and granola bars for our kids at Roeding to help them do well during testing. The testing period is coming up soon, but it's not too late to grab some juice or granola bars. We hope to provide a couple of days worth of healthy snacks for the **WHOLE** school. Thank you for all your support of these students!

Calling All KIDS!
We are having lots of fun very Saturday. Our new time is from 3-5 p.m. in the Community Center, and everyone is welcome. Bring your friends and we'll have

Don't Forget

Kids' Sunday School is every Sunday from 10-10:45/10:50 in Julie's office.

We meet in Jacobson's to get our snacks, and then we dig into the Bible!




Roeding Saturday Sports & Crafts

We are back to meeting in the mornings for the warmer months ahead. We will be on site at the school at West and Dakota from 9-11 a.m. on the first Saturdays of the month, except in July and September due to holidays. The next dates are 5/7, 6/4, 7/9, 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!



2012 ELCA Youth Gathering
citizens with the saints
Ephesians 2:14-20

2012 ELCA Youth Gathering

We are formatting a plan to take our youth to New Orleans to the National Gathering July 18th- 22nd of next year. Please plan to help us with our fundraising! This is a wonderful event that unites thousands of Lutheran HS students from all over the nation, and we can't go without your support. If you have any awesome ideas of ways we can work to raise funds, please share them with us!

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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

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