



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

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STATEMENT

SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS



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Dear Friends,

I am writing this two weeks earlier than normal because Kristin and I are taking vacation time together. This is partly out of necessity because Kurt will be switching from nanny care to day care and we have to be available in case it gets off to a rough start and he is asked to leave early some days. We are hopeful however that things will work out and we will have a relaxing couple of weeks together.

It has been a long time since we have taken time off together. There are all kinds of reasons why, which I guess are just glorified excuses: it not being convenient to travel anywhere far with a young child, work demands, economic considerations, to name a few. But now summer is almost over and we still have not made deliberate time to spend together. Life sure can slip by if you let it!

This to me has been a reminder of why God had to command us to take a break. It was #3 in God's Top Ten list: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Last month in *The Lutheran* their feature article was about how important it is to take time off to maintain and build upon our relationships with God and others, especially those in our family who are to be closest to us. I hope you have been more intentional than I have this summer in taking care of this. Taking Sabbath time is more than just showing up for church each week.

But now that I mention it, showing up for church each week is a good thing too! And since it is now September and schedules are resuming it is timely to remind ourselves of that. If you have let your worship discipline lack during the summer months now is the time to rededicate yourself to being a regular worshipper. Find a place you can become involved in our ministries. There are opportunities to serve here. Your life can truly make a difference and be more meaningful by helping us live out our mission of *Sharing the Love of Jesus!*

I look forward to reconnecting with you and God as we worship together!

God's Peace,

Pastor Ted



**GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRAYER CONCERNS
September 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:

- Jackie Miller
- Verna Walden
- Penny Fey
- Adolph & Irene Pierini
- Dorothy Fake Brechmann and family
- Please remember in your prayers all the Good Shepherd families and friends who have lost loved ones
- Richard Schumacher
- Sue Brisendine

Friends & Family:

- Agnes Barnes has passed through the gates of our Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Please pray her daughter, Pamela Martens, family and friends.
- Rev. Robert W. Mattheis has passed through the gates of our Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Please pray for his wife, Jan, family and friends.
- Marlene Connery (Elaine Koll's cousin)

- Tracy Riddle (Marilyn Woodward's niece) has passed through the gates of our Heavenly Father's Kingdom. Please pray for families & friends.
- Tim Rikard (friend of Matt Hayner)
- Donna Welch (relative of Ruth Richards)
- Nicole O'Brien, Lisa Franco, Eva, Lee, Vanessa, Virginia Sanders, Naseem Rad (friends of Jill Anderson)
- Kent Rollin (nephew of Arlene Robbins)
- Phyllis Jopes (Marilyn Woodward's sister)
- Mechelle (cousin of Adair Johnson)

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,



Linda Sandoval (former member) from Springfield, Ohio wishes the Good Shepherd congregation best wishes. She says she reads our prayer list & prays as she receives the weekly bulletin for the homebound. Bless you Linda.



Tracy Riddle



Rev. Robert W. Mattheis
December 2, 1935 - July 23, 2011



Pamela Martens' mother, Agnes Barnes, passed August 14 and is now in the arms of Jesus. She was 81 years old.



You are encouraged to bring home the altar flowers you have generously provided to our church after the Traditional Worship. Please remember to return the glass vases as they are owned by San Francisco Floral. Thank you.



September Birthdays

Lois Green	09/01
Emma Andreasen	09/02
Susan Gutierrez	09/02
Ryan Hofmann	09/02
Nikole McQuillan	09/03
Brian Sturgeon	09/05
Christian Coelho	09/07
Sara Gerster	09/08
Willard Johnson	09/09
Ralph Hitter	09/10
Suzanne Jenkins	09/10
Kay Schumacher	09/12
Caitlin Elsasser	09/14
Brenda Hofmann	09/14
Jere Gauss	09/16
Esther Chapin	09/18
Anne Mose	09/18
Jill Anderson	09/19
Emily Droge	09/19
Linda Roberts	09/19
David Gerster	09/20
Kirsten Linder	09/20
John Montgomery	09/20
Mark Sanchez	09/21
John Nausley	09/22
Juanita Pasma	09/22
Azure Pellegrino	09/22
Joshua Farr	09/23
Leslie Thompson	09/26
Jimmy Sanborn	09/26
Craig Montgomery	09/27
Mary Pranzo	09/27
Yvonne Smith	09/29



September Baptisms

Matthew Follansbee	09/01
Bob Robertson	09/01
Andrea Swindle	09/01
Austin Hays	09/03
James Wilk	09/08
Scott Rowley	09/14
Jeanette Sanchez	09/15
Mabel Vogler	09/18
Damon Fey	09/19
Janet McQuillan	09/22
Nicholas Dodson	09/26
Deborah Campbell	09/28
Nikole McQuillan	09/28



September Anniversaries

- * Tom & Linda Rogers
09/12/1987, 24 years
- * Richard & Kay Schumacher
09/12/1957, 54 years
- * Otis & Debra Strong
09/14/1973, 38 years
- * Eric & Kim Frankian
09/23/2006, 5 years

Church Directory Time!

- September 20th between 2:30 PM and 9:20 PM
- Wednesday September 21st between 2:30 PM and 9:20 PM



Patricia Hayner-Slusser
Bill Slusser
Matt
4003 N Angus St
Fresno CA 93726-4223

Dorothy (Fake) Brechmann
925 N. Cornelia Ave.
Fresno, CA 93706



Thank you to Don Dueker, Karl Ritterbush, Pauline Ritterbush, Dorothy Miller, Ted Miller, Kristin Niemi, Ted Niemi, Deborah Wilk & Willis Wilk for 278⁰⁰ in donations from the Thrivent Financial's "Choice Dollars" program on August 5, 2011. Total \$1,646⁰⁰ donations for March through August 2011.



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

GSLC

Stewardship Committee
will hold their annual silent auction
on Rally Day,
September 11th

Last year we raised over \$1,100.00 thanks to your generous donations!!

We are looking for gift cards, spa packages, creative gift baskets, a weekend stay at a cabin or the ocean or a donation of your culinary skills...the sky is the limit!!

All proceeds will go to the youth of Good Shepherd for the ELCA Gathering next summer in New Orleans!!!



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 September 2011	September 4	September 11 <i>Rally Day</i>	September 18	September 25
Deacons - at 10:30 am	Helen Stewart	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
Lectors - at 10:30 am	Penny Fey	Mary Pranzo	Ed Sturgeon	Vonny Sturgeon
Praise Band Song Leaders - at 9 am	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	Tom Rogers, Linda Rogers, Jennifer Wilk, Carolyn Linn
Coffee Hosts - 9 & 10:30 am	Open	Open	Open	Open
Counters	Jill Anderson Harris, Bob Harris, Lois Green	Vickie Farr, Ken Green, Lois Green	Alan Hofmann, Brenda Hofmann, Diane Fake	Marilyn Woodward, Sandy Terstegen, Adair Johnson
Altar Guild	Set up: Lois Green Take down: Open	Set up: Sue Hays Take down: Penny Fey	Set up: Lois Green Take down: Tesha Novell	Set up: Lori DeGiovanni Take down: Open
Altar Flowers	Open	Open	Open	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
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
Sound Design	Francis Sullivan	Francis Sullivan	Francis Sullivan	Francis Sullivan
PowerPoint - 10:30 am	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

Stewardship of Worship and Offerings	Attendance	General Fund	Special/ Memorial/ Altar Flowers <small>(designated funds)</small>	ELCA World Hunger <small>(designated funds)</small>	Community Center Capital Fund <small>(designated funds)</small>	Property Fund <small>(designated funds)</small>	Special Mission Gifts <small>(designated funds)</small>	Behavioral Intervention Association Contribution	Total Offerings
July 24, 2011	Contemporary at 9 am: 68 Traditional at 10:30 am: 46	3,336 ⁰⁰	61 ⁵⁰	—	10 ⁰⁰	—	—	—	3,407 ⁵⁰
July 31, 2011	Contemporary at 9 am: 62 Traditional at 10:30 am: 38	2,520 ⁰⁰	24 ⁰⁰	—	—	—	—	2,900 ⁰⁰	5,444 ⁰⁰
August 7, 2011	Contemporary at 9 am: 71 Traditional at 10:30 am: 45	6,562 ⁵⁰	59 ⁷⁵	—	175 ⁰⁰ SaveMart SHARES Card 660 ²¹	—	ELCA Disaster Response - Horn of Africa 25 ⁰⁰	—	7,482 ⁴⁶
August 14, 2011	Contemporary at 9 am: 66 Traditional at 10:30 am: 46	2,994 ⁵⁰	99 ⁰⁰	—	425 ⁰⁰	—	ELCA Disaster Response - Horn of Africa 100 ⁰⁰ Praise Band 75 ⁰⁰	—	3,693 ⁵⁰



Lutheran Campus Ministries

TAPESTRY

A weekly gathering for college students and young adults in early careers at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings beginning Wednesday, August 24 at the LCM Center (2311 E. Shaw Ave., across from Fresno State). Each TAPESTRY gathering will begin with a meal, followed by Bible study, and concluding with song and prayer. Guests and friends are always welcome! Call 224-9051 for more information.

3rd SUNDAY

An evening worship service for students and young adults on the third Sunday of each month beginning Sunday, September 18. The worship will begin at 6:30 p.m. inside the LCM Chapel and will include special music, reflection on God's Word, prayer, and a celebration of Holy Communion.

GIFTS Project (Growing In Faith Through Service)

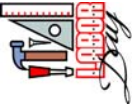








Each month, students and young adults will plan and participate in a special project serving the people in our community. Details on the September GIFTS project will be available soon.

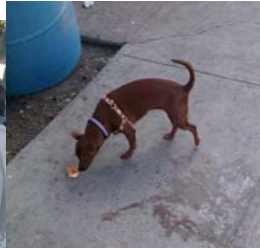


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Sunday, September 11th

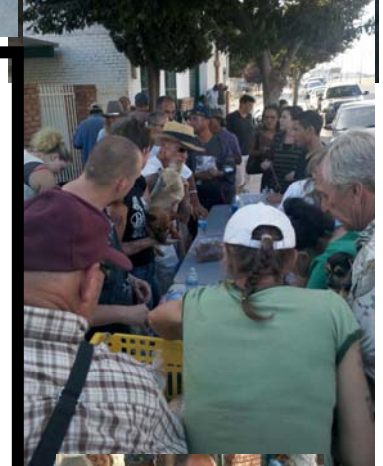
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4</p> <p>9:00 am - Praise & Celebration 10:00 am - Children's Sunday School 10:30 am - Traditional Worship 10:30 am - Adult Sunday School I 11:40 am - Adult Sunday School II 11:40 am - Choir practice</p>	<p>5</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10 am - 12 N: Church Women United 4:00 pm - Praise Band Practice 6:30 pm - TAPESTRY - Lutheran Campus Ministry student gathering at Fresno State</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>1 pm - STAFF MEETING</p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>V-J Day: Japan Signed Formal Surrender (1945)</i> <i>Commemoration: Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, 1872</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 am - 11 am: Reading Saturday Sports & Crafts</p>  <p>3 pm - 5 pm: Youth Group</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Rally Day</p> <p>10:00 am - Rally Day Worship</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 pm - Esther Circle</p>  <p>Full Moon</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center 7 pm - Christian Ed Committee 7:00 pm - Ruth Circle</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1 pm - Staff meeting 4:00 pm - Praise Band Practice 6:30 pm - TAPESTRY - Lutheran Campus Ministry student gathering at Fresno State</p> <p><i>Commemoration: John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407</i></p>	<p>15</p>  <p>5:30 pm - Columbarium Committee</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>POW/MIA Recognition Day</i> <i>Commemoration: Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, c. 258</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p>3 pm - 5 pm: Youth Group</p> <p><i>U.S. Constitution Approved (1787)</i> <i>Commemoration: Hildegard, Abbess of Binger, 1179</i></p>
<p>18</p> <p>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 11:40 am - Choir practice 6:30 pm - Lutheran Campus Ministry Worship at LCM Chapel</p>	<p>19</p> <p>12 Noon - OWLS</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>2:30 PM through 9:20 PM: Church Directory photos 6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center</p> <p><i>Commemoration: Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>2:30 PM through 9:20 PM: Church Directory photos 4 pm - Praise Band Practice 6 pm - Worship Committee 6:30 pm - TAPESTRY - Lutheran Campus Ministry student gathering at Fresno State</p> <p><i>Festival: Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i></p>	<p>22</p>  <p>1 pm - STAFF MEETING</p> <p>5:30 pm - Hinds Hospice Memorial Service</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>First Day of Autumn</p>	<p>24</p> <p>3 pm - 5 pm: Youth Group</p>
<p>25</p> <p>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 11:40 am - Choir practice</p> <p>Gold Star Mother's Day</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6 pm - 10 pm: Voices United rehearsal in Community Center</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1 pm - Staff meeting 4:00 pm - Praise Band Practice 6:30 pm - TAPESTRY - Lutheran Campus Ministry student gathering at Fresno State</p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>Festival: Michael and All Angels</i></p>	<p>30</p>	



Westside Rescue

Here are a few of the pictures of Westside Rescue in action on any given Friday evening in downtown Fresno. They are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and all donations are tax deductible and go straight to the people and their pets. You can find out more about them by finding their page on Facebook.

Good Shepherd has been hugely supportive of our community once again as we have collected over 200 pounds of dog food, 30 or so of both leashes and collars, countless toys, bowls, and doggie treats, along with various meds and grooming items. We will be collecting for this organization through the month of August on behalf of the Stewardship Committee.



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 through the end of August. 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.



Rally Day 9/11/11

Get Ready! Get Set! Go! It's Rally Day! Our annual tri-tip barbecue, silent auction, and all-star family fun day is on September 11th this year. We will have only one service this day @ 10 a.m., followed by lunch and fellowship on the lawn. We will also take a moment to remember those who lost their lives or their loved ones on this day ten years ago. At the same time, we will celebrate the fact that we have the freedom to worship and to gather together, and we will kick off the fall season of education and growth opportunities here at Good Shepherd. There will be a waterslide/bouncehouse for the children, along with face-painting, volleyball, bocce ball, and more for the entire congregation! Do invite your friends and neighbors—we will share the love of Jesus!!

ELCA Youth Gathering News



Thus far, Good Shepherd has three young people committed to attending the National Gathering in New Orleans next July 18-22. They are Courtney Bolm, Kevin Bolm, and Jimmy Sanborn. There is still time to join us if you are a high school student who will enter 9th grade in the fall of 2012 through a senior graduating in the spring of 2012. We are meeting regularly for a bible study and team-building on the second Sunday of the month from 11:30-1. Anyone on Facebook can find out more about what goes on at this event by locating the “ELCA Youth Gathering” page. You can also go to www.elca.org and click on the “Growing in Faith” tab under which “youth gathering” is listed. Following is a powerful quote from the Gathering Director:

"We return to New Orleans, not as representatives of a fist-pumping, all-powerful God who uses us to “fix” broken lives, but as representatives of a wounded God who brings a greeting of peace, and a gesture of understanding by joining with them in their life. That is the harder path." -Heidi Hagstrom, ELCA Youth Gathering Director.

Please keep your ears open for the events we are planning to help us raise money for this trip, and please pray for us and the ways God will use us, challenge us, and encourage us in New Orleans. The next thing up is the car wash during both services on Sept. 18th. Thank you for your overwhelming support of our

Roeding Saturday Sports & Crafts

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



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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

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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