

THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



Shepherd of the Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church

1455 East Yosemite Avenue, Merced CA 95340 209-383-0632

Our Mission Statement: To be loving Christians, centered in God's Word and serving one's neighbor.

Our Vision Statement: Accepting people where they are and loving them as God does.

MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPPLY MINISTER PASTOR JACK

STAFF

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David Cherf

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Sunday worship is live on Zoom at 10:00 AM and in-person in sanctuary. (See updates on calendar & SOV Weekly News emails.)

Please have your articles for the newsletter sent each month by the 15th to:
shepherdofthevalleyelca@gmail.com
Thank you.

THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE newsletter is available as a paper copy for pickup, mailed, or sent as an email attachment, or viewed on the website.

Fall has begun, and what a welcome season it is. Cooler temps, hot pumpkin spice drinks with whipped cream, and colorful leaves on the trees. Our schools are in full swing, and hopefully the viruses are being held at bay.

Fall is a season of change, and the perfect time to consider how Shepherd of the Valley can transform itself in its worship, fellowship and outreach. We want more life within our walls, more answers to prayers, more guidance towards our future, and more progress towards a called pastor.

That's not being greedy. That's asking our Lord to align our desires with his – our future dreams with what he envisions for Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran. That's something he can get behind and bless. Something he can encourage us on. Something that will bring us closer together.

I look forward to tomorrow – because Jesus will be there, and so will you.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for healing:

Gleneda Muralt’s niece, Shereida; Lynette Figueroa; Nan Dailey; Kimberly Castillo’s daughter Jillian and mother-in-law Lupe; Pam Andersen; Pastor John Russell-Curry and his family; Warren Westerberg; Jan & Joe Collins; Dottie Andersen; Sylvia Poupard; Jeane & David Hetland; Karen Darby; Penny Waha; Annie Sofranek; Susanne Smith; David Cherf; and people who are ill around the world.

We lift prayers for our Benevolence of the Month, **Boys and Girls Club**, for our Sierra Pacific Synod Interim Bishop, **Rev. Claire Burkat**, and for the people of **Ukraine and Russia**.

The names on the Prayer List may be removed at the end of each month unless the office is notified that you would like them left on for another month. Please leave a message at the office, 209-383-0632. Thank you.



ELCA Statements and information are available on the web sites: Sierra Pacific Synod, spselca.org, and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, elca.org.

NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL

(From September 20 Council Meeting)

- Our August 2022 Actual Net Income was \$(2,247.18) and the YTD Actual Net Income is \$15,120.86
- Our Roof Repair Fund is up to \$5,464.88
- The council agreed that our annual Thankfest will be held this upcoming November
- Our weekly 10AM bible studies will soon be focused around the Advent season
- The Clean-up Saturday for October will be held on 10/01/22 at 9:00AM



SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY ANNIVERSARY

Tuesday, October 25, is the 63rd anniversary of Shepherd of the Valley. We will be celebrating this anniversary on Reformation Sunday, October 30. You are encouraged to wear red on this Sunday.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Desiree Hamamoto	10/05
Parker Oates	10/06
Nan Dailey	10/06
Marit Medefind	10/10
Brandon LiWang	10/12
Betty Madsen	10/13
Kaylei Rigers	10/13
Annie Sofranek	10/13
“Ana” Anastasia Crosley	10/16
Sarah Sofranek	10/17
Ron Basso	10/18
Rylee Bernal	10/20
David J Cherf II	10/20
Bryan Hofmann	10/20
Yolanda Campos	10/22
Stacy Christofferson	10/29

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mary Brown	11/01
Tim Shaw	11/02
Ana Boyenga	11/04
Gwen Cherf	11/06
Karen Goldsmith	11/06
Larry Waha	11/06
John Pruett	11/07
Danica Christofferson	11/13
Kylie Christofferson	11/13
Oliver Lee Oates	11/20
Dominic Basso	11/23



MONTHLY BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

12:00 PM on the third Thursday every month at Table 59, 3360 N. State Highway 59 in Merced.

Join us this month on Thursday, October 20th for food and fellowship!

BIBLE TEXT READINGS

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost October 2

Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10 Green

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 9

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7--15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19 Green

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 16

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8 Green

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost October 23

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 or Sirach 35:12-17
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14 Green

Reformation Sunday October 30

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36 Red

You are encouraged to wear red this Sunday.

Centering Prayer

The Centering Prayer group meets on Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the sanctuary. Centering Prayer is a form of silent meditation and helps you to quiet your mind and become centered in daily life. If you're interested in exploring this ancient form of Christian prayer and would like more information, please contact Dave Hetland (209 489-8969). Beginners are welcome!

Chicken BBQ to Support Campus Ministry

Campus Ministries of Merced is sponsoring a take-out BBQ fundraiser on October 15, 2022. Proceeds go to benefit students at Merced College and UC Merced who are involved with Wesley Foundation, an ecumenical organization that supports a part-time pastor who engages students in Bible study, journey conversations, worship and service opportunities.

Time: 3-6 pm

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2022

Place: Drive-through pick up at United Methodist Church, 899 Yosemite Pkwy

Menu: Chicken, salad, cookie, beans

Tickets: \$20/dinner pack

For tickets, call Dave Hetland at 209 489-8969

PROPERTY REPORT
September 20, 2022
August-September

HVACS: All seems to be going good. Office seems to kick on at off times. We have been monitoring the situation.

MULCH PILES: Manuel of the Healthy House gardeners has been moving loads to the trash.

FENCE: We are watching a section of fence.

LAWN UPKEEP: Lawn seems okay.

LIGHTS: Lots of lights are burnt out on the outside. David and his crew will be figuring this out.

WASP NEST: Was sprayed and will be knocked down.

SPRINKLERS: All sprinklers seem fine. No issues have been raised.

CLEAN-UP SATURDAYS: A small group of us have been cleaning and changing out toilet paper rolls and such. If there are any issues, please bring them to my attention.

CENTER ISLAND TREES: My boys and I have been out on multiple days hand watering these trees Now that the heat is going away, we can get out and get to work on this station.

All seems to be going good, we have been fixing problems as they arise and as always are looking forward to starting new and finishing old projects.

David Cherf, Property Manager
cell/text: (209) 489-7757
home: (209) 725-0921

Recycling Reminder

Please do not drop off recycling items by the garage. This is friendly reminder that the program has been discontinued.

The September-October Benevolence
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MERCED COUNTY
615 West 15th Street, Merced, CA 95340
209-722-9922
www.bgcmcerced.org

OUR MISSION

To enable all young people, especially those who need us the most, to be productive, caring, and responsible individuals.

The Boys & Girls Club of Merced County is part of one of the largest and most impactful community organizations across America. We set out to serve youth, their families, and communities through evidence-based youth development programs.

We are a non-profit organization that is working hard to fill in the gaps for our youth and it is our goal that every child graduates high school ready for opportunities in the workforce, vocational trade, post-secondary education, and/or the military.

We know that we are not the *single* answer, but with strategic partnerships, dedicated sponsors, caring staff, passionate mentors, dedicated volunteers and leaders, we will serve the needs of our youth, help children explore their interests, facilitate the pursuit of their dreams and be on track for a Great Future!

How do we serve youth?

The Boys & Girls Club of Merced County provides programs and mentors to foster a sense of competence, usefulness and belonging in youth, so they can reach their full potential.

Our Five Key Elements for Positive Youth Development

Fun, Safety, Recognition, Open Opportunity, and Relationship With A Caring Adult.

Donations may be given to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church with Boys & Girls Club on the memo line to be forwarded.

Shepherd of the Valley Website
www.thesovlutheran.net

The website is active and being monitored by Carolyn Daberkow, Administrative Assistant. Take a little time to review the website. Any suggestions/articles and/or photos may be shared with Pat Shaw and Jeane Hetland to be reviewed for placement.

You will find the links to the Zoom gatherings by clicking on ABOUT US, click on WORSHIP SERVICE OUTLINES and click on the long link. You will need the Zoom app downloaded to your phone, tablet, or computer first.

Thanks go to Carolyn Daberkow, along with Jeane Hetland for the continuing updates.

SOV WORSHIP SERVICES ARE ON FACEBOOK

Our worship services can be seen any day, at any time, on Facebook. Just type in the search box "Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Merced" and you will see the church listed. Click on our church and our Facebook page appears, with all the services.

We encourage you to send the service to your family and friends by clicking on the "SHARE" icon below the picture, and then use "Share to your friends" or "Send in Messenger" service.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We are continuing to worship in person. The service will also be available on Zoom. The service will also be uploaded to our Facebook page.

The US Centers for Disease Control is advising that masks be worn in indoor public settings in California due to rising COVID cases. We encourage you to practice caution.

CHRISTMAS CHILD ANNOUNCEMENT
Shoebboxes for Operation Christmas Child will be available for pick-up in the narthex on October 19th. Information on how to pack a shoebox is available inside each box. The final collection day will be November 21st.

COATS FOR KIDS

Our "Coats for Kinds" Ministry has begun. We are again collecting new jackets for students K-6th at Burbank Elementary School. The collection tub is in the Narthex. The new jackets will be delivered to the school on October 17th. As always, the need is great and your participation is appreciated.

In Memoriam

We have received word Charter Member, Betty Hale, passed away on Sunday, September 11. We express our condolences to all of her family.

A memorial service for Betty will be held here at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 15. A reception will follow in Lineberger Hall.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

Term ends May 2023

David Cherf
 Steve Hand
 Betty Madsen
 Amy Sofranek

Term ends May 2024

Pam Andersen
 David John Cherf II
 Marc Medefind
 Carolyn Stephens

Tim Shaw –Interim Treasurer & Bookkeeper
 Christine Boyenga – Financial Secretary
 Audit Committee: Bryan Hofmann, Mary Jo Knudsen, Carolyn Stephens

2022-2023 Council Officers

President: David Cherf Vice-President: Steve Hand
 Secretary: Amy Sofranek

*Next Meeting Date: **OCTOBER 11, 2022 6:00 PM***

OCTOBER SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

To help serve the glory of God in worship - please contact Chris Boyenga, 209-759-8544 to participate as Greeter, Usher, or Reader/Assisting Minister for our 10 A.M. Sunday Worship Service.

	Sunday October 2	Sunday October 9	Sunday October 16	Sunday October 23	Sunday October 30
Greeters	<i>Mary Jo Knudsen</i>	<i>Chris Boyenga</i>	<i>Mary Jo Knudsen</i>	<i>Chris Boyenga</i>	<i>Barb Ward</i>
Ushers	<i>Cherf Family</i>	<i>David Bettis</i>	<i>Cherf Family</i>	<i>Marc Medefind</i>	<i>David Bettis</i>
Reader/Assisting Ministers	<i>Nan Dailey</i>	<i>Marc Medefind</i>	<i>Barb Ward</i>	<i>Pam Andersen</i>	<i>Mary Jo Knudsen</i>

**SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Church Clean-Up 9:00 AM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Worship: 10:00 AM Sanctuary & Zoom Bible Study 11:00 AM Lineberger Hall			Centering Prayer 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM		SOV Weekly News sent via email	
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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30	31					
Reformation Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM Sanctuary & Zoom						



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED