

MAY 2022

THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



Shepherd of the Valley Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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.

We are in the season of the resurrection.

We are grateful for those who join us in worship as the sanctuary displays the white paraments. We thank those who give generously for our needs, and to fund our many outreaches to the community. We thank those who have stepped up to positions of leadership to keep our congregation moving ahead.

We join many congregations in the ELCA across the nation who are seeing a return to expanding patterns of liturgy and music, which so many of us enjoy, especially with a return to an option of communion at the altar.

We don't know what the future holds for the world-wide pandemic, or for the eroding situation in eastern Europe, and beyond. But we know the One who stepped out of the tomb, and into the light of a new day. We walk with him, and we will keep by his side through all our tomorrows. That one truth we can be sure of any day.

National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, May 5, at noon in Bob Hart Square, 510 W. Main Street. Join special guests and your neighbors downtown to pray together.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for healing:

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; LaVonne Wenrich; Jan & Joe Collins; Dottie Andersen; Sylvia Poupard; Jeane & David Hetland; Jan Carpenter; 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, **Habitat for Humanity of Merced County**, for our Sierra Pacific Synod Bishop **Dr. Rev. Megan Rohrer** 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.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

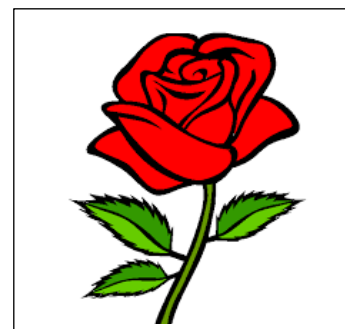
We are continuing to worship in person. The service will also be available on Zoom. The service will also be uploaded to our Facebook page..

Masks are optional and we encourage you to practice caution.

NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL

(From April 12 Council Meeting)

- Our Actual Net Income for March 2022 was \$2,027.93, while our YTD Actual Net Income is totaling at \$8,181.18
- The council would like to re-establish the Worship and Music Committee in order to further discuss the worship aspects of our services.
- The Congregational and Council Meetings have been moved. The Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, May 15th, and the Council Meeting for the month of May will be on Tuesday, May 17th.
- Our secretary, Carolyn, will be on a short vacation this summer. The council may ask for volunteers to help answer the phone while she is away.
- Carolyn Stephens agreed to pick up roses for our Mother's Day service on Sunday, May 8th.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

John Carpenter	05/02
Joy Woods	05/03
Ella Boyenga	05/04
Byron Gallaway	05/05
Nicole Hamrah	05/05
Judy Richards	05/06
Frank Bettis	05/07
Warren Westerberg	05/07
Josh Richards	05/15
Kaci Gallaway	05/19
Kali Linn	05/27
Liliane Bettis	05/29
Gleneda Muralt	05/30

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

"Chris" Christine Love	06/03
Elizabeth Richards	06/05
Elizabeth Pressly	06/13
Elizabeth Wetherell	06/14
Mikel Soria	06/14
Steve Hand	06/16
Kaydence Gallaway	06/17
Adrian Saldivar	06/18
Jim Christofferson	06/21
Vivian Poach	06/30

BIBLE TEXT READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter May 1

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)
 Psalm 30
 Revelation 5:11-14
 John 21:1-19 White

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 8

Acts 9:36-43
 Psalm 23
 Revelation 7:9-17
 John 10:22-30 White

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 15

Acts 11:1-18
 Psalm 148
 Revelation 12:1-6
 John 13:31-35 White

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 22

Acts 16:9-15
 Psalm 67
 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9 White

Seventh Sunday of Easter May 29

Acts 16:16-34
 Psalm 97
 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
 John 17:20-26 White



MONTHLY BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Jantz Cafe & Bakery in the
El Portal Plaza at 3361 G Street
 at 1:00 PM on the third Thursday every
 month. Join us this month on Thursday,
May 19th for food and fellowship!

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank my SOV church family for your many kind wishes, cards, flowers, and cupcakes on March 20th. All were very heart-warming. Also, our little Text Study group surprised me with a delicious luncheon and traditional Angel Food cake, on the following Wednesday which was my 102nd birthday.

Love you all, Dottie

**PROPERTY REPORT
FOR MARCH 2022
April 12, 2022**

SPRINKLERS: Have been working on locating water lines for trees. Ken has been the main person heading this up.

HVACS: All 10 units continue to run well. We will be changing out filters in preparation for the season of air conditioning.

MULCH PILES: We continue to move loads to the trash.

FENCE: We are watching a section of the fence. This will probably have to be addressed this year.

SANCTUARY UPKEEP: Has been noticed that we need to professionally clean the pews and carpet in the sanctuary. Have been waiting 'til after Lent to get quotes.

LAWN UPKEEP: My boys and Steve Hand have been cutting the grass and picking up sticks on a bi-weekly basis.

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

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**BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH
May and June Benevolence**



**Habitat for Humanity of Merced County
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P.O. Box 423, Atwater, CA 95301**

Our Mission Statement

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

About Habitat for Humanity of Merced County

Habitat for Humanity of Merced County is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities and hope. Habitat for Humanity of Merced County is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. Habitat for Humanity was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety, and that decent shelter in decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action for all.



Located at 1230 Broadway Avenue, Atwater, CA
Open Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 10 AM- 3 PM

Habitat for Humanity ReStores are nonprofit home improvement stores and donation centers that sell new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories, building materials and more to the public at a fraction of the retail price. ReStores are independently owned and operated by local Habitat for Humanity organizations. All profits from our ReStore will be used to fund our home builds and rehabs.

Donations may be given to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church with Habitat for Humanity on the memo line to be forwarded.

**Good News from the
Scholarship Committee**

Thanks to the generosity of our Shepherd of the Valley family, we have money in our Scholarship Fund. If you are a confirmed member of the church, a sophomore in college, and have completed a minimum of 24 units with a GPA of 3.0, you are eligible to apply. A flyer with the full criteria and deadlines is available in the church office and in the narthex. Thank you to our church family for your generous donations!

**Reminder--the deadline for submitting the
necessary paperwork is by noon,
Tuesday, May 10, 2022.**

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.



Eastern European Crisis Response

What you can do: Pray:

Please pray for those in Ukraine, Russia and neighboring countries that have been affected by the crisis in Ukraine. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

Give:

If you would like to give, make a check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" or "Where needed most" on your check's memo line.

For more information there are inserts on the table in the narthex.

PROGRAM YEAR CONGREGATION MEETING

**May 15, 2022
11:00 AM**

Plan to join the Program Year Congregation Meeting that will be held following the worship service at 11:00 AM in Lineberger Hall and via Zoom.

New council members will be elected. We have the following slate of candidates. Pam Andersen, David John Cherf II, Marc Medefind, and Carolyn Stephens.

Watch for more information as we get closer to the date.

Members will receive a postcard reminder. Committee Chairs are encouraged to write and send their reports early for publication in the meeting handout.

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.

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

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

Term ends May 2022

Pat Shaw
Marit Medefind
Sally Sales

Term ends May 2023

David Cherf
Betty Madsen
Amy Sofranek
Steve Hand

Tim Shaw - Interim Treasurer & Bookkeeper
Christine Boyenga – Financial Secretary
Audit Committee: To be elected in May

2021-2022 Council Officers

President: David Cherf as of November 1, 2021
Secretary: Amy Sofranek

Vice-President: To be determined

*Next Meeting Date: **MAY 17, 2022 6:00 PM***

MAY SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Sunday May 1	Sunday May 8	Sunday May 15	Sunday May 22	Sunday May 29
Screeners	<i>Mary Jo Knudsen</i>	<i>Chris Boyenga</i>	<i>Barb Ward</i>	<i>Nan Dailey</i>	<i>Chris Boyenga</i>
Ushers	<i>Cherf Family</i>	<i>Dave Bettis Ron Basso</i>	<i>Karen & Al Arnold</i>	<i>Cherf Family</i>	<i>Dave Bettis</i>
Reader/Assisting Ministers	<i>Nan Dailey</i>	<i>Pam Andersen</i>	<i>Mary Jo Knudsen</i>	<i>Barb Ward</i>	<i>Marc Medefind</i>

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Worship: 10:00 AM Sanctuary & Zoom Bible Study: 11:00 AM Lineberger Hall			Bible Study 10:00 AM	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	SOV Weekly News sent via email	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
MOTHER'S DAY Worship: 10:00 AM Sanctuary & Zoom			Bible Study 10:00 AM		SOV Weekly News sent via email	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Worship: 10:00 AM Sanctuary & Zoom Program Year Meeting 11:00 AM Lineberger Hall & Zoom		Council Meeting 6:00 PM	Bible Study 10:00 AM	Birthday Luncheon 1:00 PM Jantz	SOV Weekly News sent via email	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Worship: 10:00 AM Sanctuary & Zoom			Bible Study 10:00 AM		SOV Weekly News sent via email	
29	30	31				
Worship: 10:00 AM Sanctuary & Zoom	MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed					



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED