

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.

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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.

MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPPLY MINISTER PASTOR JACK

So many changes.

I used to be scared of changes, as I told once in a sermon of not wanting to dive into the deep end of the pool as a little kid. I still make sure there are no sharks in the pool, but I do swim in the deeper waters now.

The deeper waters call all of us.

They are often profound opportunities to reach for a fuller life – or to go down a road we only dreamed of – or to taste a new flavor of ice cream. But they are all opportunities.

Let's embrace our future – because we are not alone in it. We will have friends, we will have adventures, and we will have Jesus. What a combination!

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.


PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for healing:

Marilyn Minnich, Jan Carpenter’s sister; Rosie Sullivan; Karen Darby; Dave Bettis; Eric Smith; Lynette Figueroa’s nephew & mother; 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; 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, **The Fuller Center for Housing Merced County**, for our Sierra Pacific Synod Interim Bishop, **Rev. Claire Burkat**, and for the people of **Ukraine and Russia**, for the people impacted by the flooding in **California**, and for the people in **Turkey and Syria**.

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.

COUNCIL NEWS
May 24, 2023

Our new Call Committee has already met.

June and July communion will be on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Carolyn and Chris outreach to members.

A June 24th safety seminar will be held here emphasizing "Safety in the Public."

The Bear Creek Ukulele Society will be here on Saturday, June 17th.

Marc is checking on getting exterior motion detector lights.

Council meetings will be the 2nd Mondays of the month at 6 PM.

Pastor Jack's last Sunday will be June 18th.

Call Committee Update

The following people have volunteered to serve and were elected at the May 21 Congregational meeting.

- Chris Boyenga, Chair
- Jeane Hetland, Vice Chair
- Mary Jo Knudsen
- Candice Medefind
- Tim Shaw
- Judy Westerberg
- Marit Medefind, Alternate

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jan Collins	07/01
LaVonne Wenrich	07/02
Beth Loredo	07/09
Carol Linneman	07/10
David Hetland	07/11
Barbara Ward	07/12
Anna Marie Sofranek	07/13
Clark LiWang	07/15
Erica Kateley	07/16
Mary Jo Knudsen	07/18
Karen Faust	07/19
Judy Westerberg	07/19
Myrla Seibold	07/24
Devin Cherf	07/31

BIBLE TEXT READINGS

The Holy Trinity June 4
First Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
 Psalm 8
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Matthew 28:16-20
 White

Second Sunday After Pentecost June 11

Hosea 5:15-6:6
 Psalm 50:7-15
 Romans 4:13-25
 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
 Green

Third Sunday After Pentecost June 18

Exodus 19:2-8a
 Psalm 100
 Romans 5:1-8
 Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]
 Green

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost June 25

Jeremiah 20:7-13
 Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
 Romans 6:1b-11
 Matthew 10:24-39
 Green



Communion in June and July

Years ago, our church had communion on the first and third Sundays. This year, we will have that same order, but only in two of the summer months – June and July.

Communion every Sunday will resume in August.

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

12:00 PM on the third Thursday every month.
 Join us this month on Thursday, June 15th at Hong Kong Restaurant by Raley's for food and fellowship!



PROPERTY REPORT
May 24, 2023
April-May

HVACS: No problems at this time. We will be ordering and replacing filters.

MULCH PILES: Miguel has removed all the mulch piles.

FENCE: We are watching a section of fence.

LAWN UPKEEP: Due to PLENTIFUL RAINS, the lawn has overgrown. I tried to mow this with our tractor, but broke the belt (which was replaced). We have asked our gardener to cut the tall grass, but it hasn't been done at this time.

LIGHTS: Still have 8 bulbs that need to be put in.

SPRINKLERS: It has been observed that we have leaks around the property. My boys are finishing up on school, and we will address the problems in the upcoming months.

CLEAN-UP SATURDAYS: A small group of us have been vacuuming, sweeping, cleaning windows and window sills, and changing out toilet paper rolls and such. We are switching back to the first Saturday of the month at 9AM.

GARAGES: We need to make a copy of the right garage key. The recyclables were taken out and turned in by the Shaws.

ROOF REPLACEMENT: The roof is being replaced as we meet tonight. Benchmark has decided to just do the whole roof. We'll have to send them a thank you note.

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.

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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 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.

BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH
May and June Benevolence

The Fuller Center for Housing Merced County, CA
209-726-0850

P.O. Box 423, Atwater, CA 95301
www.thefullercenterforhousing.com

Our Vision

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Our Mission Statement

Seeking to put God's love into action, The Fuller Center for Housing brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

About The Fuller Center for Housing of Merced County

The Fuller Center for Housing 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. The Fuller Center for Housing 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. The Fuller Center for Housing 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.

ReUse Store

We operate a ReUse Store in Atwater on Third and Broadway. This store is operated by volunteers and is currently open 4 days a week, Wednesday - Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We sell new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories, building materials and more to the public at a fraction of the retail price. All funds generated are used to support and build homes for deserving families.

Donations may be given to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church with The Fuller Center on the memo line to be forwarded.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

Term ends May 2024

Pam Andersen
 David John Cherf II
 Marc Medefind
 Carolyn Stephens

Term ends May 2025

David Cherf
 Jan Collins
 Steven Hand
 Mary Jo Knudsen

Tim Shaw – Interim Treasurer & Bookkeeper
 Christine Boyenga – Financial Secretary
 Audit Committee: Pat Shaw, Chris Tomford, and Barb Ward

2023-2024 Council Officers

President: David Cherf Vice-President: Carolyn Stephens
 Secretary: David John Cherf II

*Next Meeting Date: **Monday, June 12 6:00 PM***

JUNE 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 June 4	Sunday June 11	Sunday June 18	Sunday June 25
Greeters/ Attendance	<i>Chris Boyenga</i>	<i>Mary Jo Knudsen</i>	<i>Nan Dailey</i>	<i>Chris Boyenga</i>
Ushers	<i>Karen & Al Arnold</i>	<i>Cherf Family</i>	<i>Karen & Al Arnold</i>	<i>Marc Medefind</i>
Reader/Assisting Ministers	<i>Marc Medefind</i>	<i>Pam Andersen</i>	<i>Tim & Pat Shaw</i>	<i>Mary Jo Knudsen</i>

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship w/communion 10:00 AM Sanctuary & Zoom Bible Study: 11:00 AM Lineberger Hall		Call Committee 5:30 PM	Centering Prayer** 9:00 AM		SOV Weekly News sent via email	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
FATHER'S DAY Worship w/communion 10:00 AM Sanctuary & Zoom		Call Committee 5:30 PM	Centering Prayer** 9:00 AM		SOV Weekly News sent via email	Safety Seminar 1:00 PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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**Call Church Office for more information on Centering Prayer location.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED