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*"A man can
receive only
what is given
him from
heaven."*

~John 3:27



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

January 3, 2016



Each Week

Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

Ministry Team

The Congregation
Rev. Ron Youngdale
Jennifer de la Motte
Valerie Stonebreaker
Louise Rickey
Mitch Preus

**Community Focused
to be
Community Engaged**

Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (1/10) is the 1st Sunday after the Epiphany. The Scripture readings for that day are: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Romans 6:1-11; Luke 3:15-22. The Praise Band will lead our contemporary worship at the 9:00 a.m. service. The organist will lead our classic worship at the 11:00 a.m. service.

TCN Season Four

The next season for Transforming Churches Network begins TODAY. It will be a 10 week emphasis on "Empowering God's People." The first four themes are: **1) Sending (Luke 10)**; 2) Sowing (Matthew 13:1-23); 3) Missionary Principles (Luke 10 & Acts 8:26-36); 4) Spirit's Power (Luke 10). The last six weeks will be our Lent Theme: "Prayer: The First Step toward Reaching Our Community for Christ."

Lent 2016

The Lent season begins on Ash Wednesday (2/10). The Lent theme will be on "Prayer: The First Step toward Reaching Our Community for Christ." The Lord's Prayer will be the template for our 6 weekday services. Ash Wednesday will offer two worship services at 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The following five weeks will offer **FOUR** Lenten worship opportunities during the week: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Please use the yellow form to indicate the service you plan to attend during Lent. Thank you.

Join Us For Lunch

Please join us on January 8, 2016 for lunch at Samaritan Village in the Apple Room. The LWML invites all women to join us and our fellow members who live at Samaritan Village. This is the first gathering of the New Year. We will meet at church at 10:00 a.m. for carpooling. Please bring 3 dozen cookies wrapped in saran wrap packages of two in each package. The cookies will be sorted to be given to shut-ins as a post holiday event. The cost for lunch is \$10 and will be collected prior to leaving church. Sign up in the Narthex and bring a friend. If you have any questions, contact Louise Rickey at 209-634-3319.

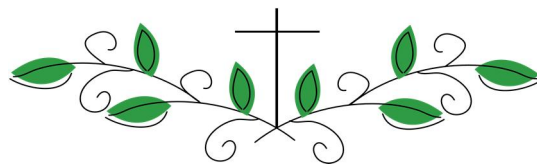


Financial Peace University

Another class of Financial Peace University will be offered starting Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Jim Knapp will be leading the 9-week class. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact him at 380-0528. The cost for the class is \$93.00 plus shipping and you can register on-line through our website.

Today's Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (1/3) is: *The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son*. The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a "Thirteenth Day" of Christmas; and yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the Incarnation of our Lord—that is, on God becoming flesh—the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. The Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth—not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word, to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6). With gold they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).



Altar Guild
For Month of January
Terry Goodwin
Tracie Schell



The One Year Thru the Bible	
January 3	Genesis 9:1-11:32
January 4	Genesis 9:1-11:32
January 5	Genesis 12:1-14:24
January 6	Genesis 15:1-17:27
January 7	Genesis 18:1-20:18
January 8	Genesis 21:1-23:20
January 9	Genesis 24:1-28:9

"The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart."
~Luke 6:45

This Week at GSLC January 4 - 10

- Monday, January 4**
 - 6:00 PM Youth Team
 - 6:30 PM Handbells
 - 6:30 PM Learning Matters
 - 7:00 PM Financial Peace Univ.
- Tuesday, January 5**
 - 8:30 AM Social Ministry
 - 9:30 AM Bible Discovery
 - 1:30 PM Knitting
 - 4:30 PM Outreach
 - 7:30 PM Praise Band
- Wednesday, January 6**
 - 6:00 AM Men's Network
 - 5:45 PM Confirmation
 - 5:45 PM Kingdom Quest
- Thursday, January 7**
 - 9:00 AM Thumbsmashers
 - 9:00 AM Bible Discovery
 - 1:00 PM Craft Team
 - 6:30 PM Learning Matters!
 - 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study
- Friday, January 8**
 - 6:00 AM Men's Life
 - 10:00 AM LWML Luncheon
 - 1:00 PM Stitches & Quilts
- Sunday, January 10**
 - 9:00 AM Worship
 - 10:20 AM Sunday School
 - 11:00 AM Worship
 - 6:00 PM Sr. High
 - 6:00 PM Couples Bible Study



Serving Today, January 3

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Elijah Mays, Joey Pagola
Elder: Charlie Jahn
Ushers: Derald Dunn, Dave Geiger, Rob Hillberg, Dave Judish, Ed Juncker, Margaret Routt, Glen Stabelfeld, Calvin Baker, Hannah Judish, Maddie Welch
Acolyte: Payton Hawkinson
Lector: Judy Rexin
Sound: Bill First
Projection: Mark Grobner

11:00 AM

Organist: Linda Buie
Elder: Jim Bollinger
Ushers: Beth Bollinger, Larry DeBora, Marvin Larson, Steve & Eileen Mitchell, Jay Oldson, Nathan Schmidt
Acolyte: Andrea Dunn
Lector: Dave Truax
Sound: Doug Paul
Projection: Storm Graser

Coffee Hour for Today: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. John & Danna Shipman

Altar Flowers are provided by John & Carol Prater in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Serving Next Sunday, January 10

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Elijah Mays, Joey Pagola
Elder: Rick Kaepernick
Ushers: Wayne Rickey, Karl Jahn, Alex Jahn, Kyle Rickey, Fallon Evans
Acolyte: Joshua Fitzgerald
Lector: Jennifer de la Motte
Sound: Richard Spratling
Projection: Rob Hillberg

11:00 AM

Organist: Linda Buie
Elder: Derek Schell
Ushers: Wayne Bailey, Tracie Schell, Greg Goodwin, John Shipman, Joe Ulrich, Carl Paul
Acolyte: Sarah Graser
Lector: Jennifer de la Motte
Sound: Dave Gale
Projection: Cyndi Gale

Coffee Hour for 1/10: 9:00 a.m. Joanne Alvernaz, Laverne Desper, Ethel Goiburn / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

Listed each week are different church families. Please pray for them.



Joe & Lois Ulrich
 Matt & Renette Ulrich
(Reese & Paige)
 Debbie Wilson
 Lindie Wilson
 Samantha Wilson
(Connor)
 Rob & Brandi Young
(Kylie & Thomas)



12/24/15 Attendance & Giving

5:00 PM 159
 11:00 PM 117
 Total Offerings: \$ 12,469.35

12/25/15 Attendance & Giving

10:00 AM 90
 Total Offerings: \$ 823.00

12/27/15, Attendance & Giving

9:00 AM 85
 11:00 AM 65
 Sunday School n/a
 Sunday Offerings: \$ 6,783.00
 Capital Fund: \$ 200.00
 Total Offerings: \$ 6,983.00

Care & Prayer

If you know of someone who is in need of care ministry, i.e. meals, etc, please pray for them and call Louise Rickey at (634-3319). If you have a prayer need in your life, call Pastor Ron or leave your name with the church office (667-7712).

Wayne Routt, home, 3431 Santos Ct., Turlock, CA 95382

Lavonne Oldson, home, 7700 Fox Rd., C10, Hughson, CA 95326

Nelly Hammerling, home, 3661 Apple Blossom Lane, Turlock, CA 95382

Faye Sutton, home, 8414 Magnolia Drive, Hilmar, CA 95324

Laura de la Motte, home, 2630 Marlee Dr., Turlock, CA 95380

Jerry Rexin, Garden City Health Care, 1310 West Granger, Modesto, CA 95350

Please pray for the family of Dorothy Grubb as they mourn her passing on December 26, 2015. A memorial service was held at the church yesterday, January 2, 2016.

We ask your prayers for LCMS congregations located throughout the U.S. and abroad, and the following churches in particular:

Our Savior Lutheran, Safford, AZ
Faith Lutheran, Churubusco, IN
Christ Lutheran, Albany, NY



A New Way to Make Donations to GSLC - AmazonSmile

The AmazonSmile Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) private foundation created by Amazon to administer the AmazonSmile program. All donation amounts generated by the AmazonSmile program are remitted to the AmazonSmile Foundation. In turn, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates those amounts to the charitable organizations selected by their customers. When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization. Donations are sent to the organization quarterly.



Recorded Worship Worship Services & Sermons

Sermons are recorded and available on the church website (www.gslct.org). For a full length CD recording of a worship service, contact the office (667-7712).

Youth Activities

Sr. High - Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Contact Jen de la Motte at 667-7712 for more information.

Altar Flower and Coffee Hour Hosts Posters for 2016

Sign-up now on posters on bulletin board in Narthex for your special days.



Lit 'N' Latte

Our first book selection for 2016 is the hauntingly compelling novel, *Brooklyn*, by Colm Toibin (2009). Set in 1950s Brooklyn, NY and Ireland, it is the story of a young woman torn between her family in Ireland and the American who wins her heart. We'll meet on Wednesday, January 20, 6:30 p.m. at our neighborhood Starbucks. Enjoy "reading in" the New Year!



Next Adult Literacy Tutor Training

LearningQuest - Stanislaus Literacy Centers is providing tutor training for volunteers 18 years and older who would like to become a literacy tutor for an adult. A one-hour orientation will be held on **Thursday, January 21, 2016** followed by a training day on **Saturday, January 23**. Our *Learning Matters!* tutors attend this training in order to become a part of our adult literacy ministry here at Good Shepherd, where we are especially in need of tutors to assist students who want to prepare to take the GED/HSE exam. Please contact Pam Youngdale or Beth Kirkpatrick at 667-7712 or lqturlock@gmail.com for sign-up information.

Save the Date – March 4-6, 2016

Mark your 2016 calendars for the next GSLC Women's Retreat, "*Lavender Springs Spa*", at the Villa Maria del Mar, in Santa Cruz. We're starting to plan for a time to get away from the busyness of life and just walk with God at our 11th annual retreat. A time of relaxation in a magnificent location, spent with old friends, new friends . . . what could be better?

~Pam Youngdale

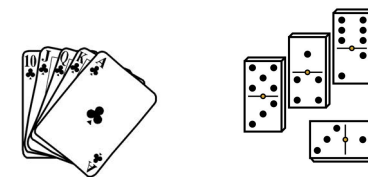
Sunday Adult Bible Study

Class will resume on January 10 at 10:20 a.m. We invite everyone to join us! Being in a Bible Study group would certainly be a great New Years Resolution! January will be mission month. Tom Brenda (the 10th) will share local missionary efforts, including a special emphasis on local Muslims; Mike Lange (the 17th) will share our district mission work; Wilson Kapula (the 24th) will share his mission to local Shiks; The Gideons (the 31st) will up-date us on their local and world wide efforts.

~ Mitch Preus

Food 'n Fun

Join us Thursday, January 14, at 1:30 p.m. for an afternoon of games, fellowship and snacks.



Assistive Listening Devices

We want to remind the congregation and visitors that assistive listening devices are available for those with hearing issues. An usher or elder can help get the device for you. Please ask.