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*Wisdom is
supreme;
therefore get
wisdom.*

~Proverbs 4:7



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

January 31, 2016



Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany

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 (2/7) is Transfiguration Sunday, the time when Jesus took three disciples up a mountain. The appointed Scripture readings for that day are: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 99; Hebrew 3:1-6; Luke 9:28-36. 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. The service and sermon will use Scripture readings that reflect our TCN theme #4 (see below).

TCN Season Four

The next season for Transforming Churches Network began on 1/10. It is a 10 week emphasis on "Empowering God's People." The first four weeks are focusing on the following 4 themes: 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). During the six weeks of Lent our TCN theme will be on prayer.

Lent 2016

The Lent season begins on Ash Wednesday (2/10). The Lord's Prayer will be the template for our 6 weekday services. The theme will be "Prayer – Empowered to Be Engaged." 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 check the Yellow Form to indicate which services you plan on attending on a weekly basis so we can properly prepare. Thanks.

Dave Horn Concert

Rev. Dave Horn is a Lutheran pastor whose ministry involves extensive travel and music. He travels with his wife, Sabra, throughout the USA. Dave and Sabra were here several years ago. He will be back here on Feb. 21 to lead our worship services in the morning and provide a concert in the evening (6:30 p.m.). Plan on inviting a friend to one of the Sunday worship services and the evening concert.

2016 GSLC Women's Retreat – Registering Now!

“Let my soul be at rest again, for the Lord has been good to me.”

Ps. 116:7



Registration has begun for our upcoming *Lavender Springs Spa* retreat, March 4-6, 2016. It's a time to get away from the busyness of life

and walk with God at the relaxing *Villa Maria del Mar Retreat Center*, Santa Cruz, CA. Forms can be picked up in the church narthex or see Women's Ministries>Women's Retreat on our website, gslct.org. Please return completed forms along with a \$50 deposit to the church office by Sunday, January 31. Spending time with old friends, new friends, at a magnificent oceanfront location . . . what could be better?

~Pam Youngdale

Today's Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (1/31) is: *Jesus Has Authority to Forgive Your Sins and Give You Life*. Jesus was sent to “preach the good news of the kingdom of God” (Luke 4:43). His preaching is an epiphany or manifestation of God, because His Word reveals the authority of His Cross and Resurrection, by which He has atoned for the sins of the world. By the preaching of His Gospel in every place, He silences the unclean spirits and casts out demons, heals the diseases of body and soul, and restores life and health to His creation (Luke 4:40–41). For the sake of His divine love, He is “patient and kind” toward us; He “bears all things,” “endures all things,” and “delivers up His body” to save us (1 Cor. 13:3–4, 7). So also for the sake of His love, He calls and sends His prophets, as ministers of His Word, “to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant” (Jer. 1:10).

Did You Know?

In 2015, the Stitches and Quilts group made many quilts as donations to various groups. They are as follows:

Royal Family Kids Camp - 25 lap size
Men's Shelter - 10 large twin size
Jessica's House - 15 lap size
Turlock Rehab - 35 wheel chair size
Bel Air Lodge - 36 wheel chair size

Many enjoyed the beautiful artwork!

Altar Guild Schedule

January

Tracie Schell
Terry Goodwin

February

Terry Goodwin
Lyn Brock
Sandy Mann



Thru the Bible Readings

January 31 Numbers 10:11-14:45
February 1 Numbers 15:1-21:35
February 2 Numbers 22:1-25:18
February 3 Numbers 26:1-31:54
February 4 Numbers 32:1-34:29
February 5 Numbers 35:1-36:13
February 6 Deuteronomy 1:1-5:33

God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.

~1 Corinthians 10:13

This Week at GSLC February 1-7, 2016

Monday, February 1

6:30 PM Learning Matters!
6:30 PM Handbells
7:00 PM FPU

Tuesday, February 2

8:30 AM Social Ministry
9:30 AM Bible Discovery
1:30 PM Knitting Group
4:30 PM Outreach
7:30 PM Praise Band

Wednesday, February 3

6:00 AM Men's Network
5:45 PM Confirmation
5:45 PM Kingdom Quest

Thursday, February 4

9:00 AM Thumbsmashers
9:00 AM Bible Discovery
1:00 PM Craft Team
6:30 PM Learning Matters

Friday, February 5

6:00 AM Men's Life
1:00 PM Stitches & Quilts

Sunday, February 7

9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
6:00 PM Sr. High



Serving Today, January 31

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Elijah Mays
Elder: Ken Fitzgerald
Ushers: Tom & Joanne Alvernaz, Jim & Sandie Knapp, Carlee Thomson, Matt Fitzgerald
Acolyte: Joey Pagola
Lector: Bill First
Sound: Jim Smith
Projection: LeRoy Gonzales

11:00 AM

Organist: Linda Buie
Elder: Dave Gale
Ushers: Bart Muller, Rob Geiger, Cyndi Gale, Doug Paul, John McCord, Michael McCord
Acolyte: Logan Bankson
Lector: Michael Graser
Sound: TBA
Projection: Summer Barber

Coffee Hour for Today: 9:00 a.m. Joe Lorenzo / 11:00 a.m. The Gibson Family

Altar Flowers for today are provided by Marcie Fernandes in loving memory of Ron Fernandes

Serving Next Sunday, February 7

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Elijah Mays
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: Caden Lindquist
Lector: Jennifer de la Motte
Sound: Bill First
Projection: Mark Grobner

11:00 AM

Organist: Linda Buie
Elder: Jim Bollinger
Ushers: Beth Bollinger, Larry DeBora, Jay Oldson, Marvin Larson, Steve & Eileen Mitchell, Nathan Schmidt
Acolyte: Sarah Graser
Lector: Jennifer de la Motte
Sound: Doug Paul
Projection: Storm Graser

Coffee Hour for 2/7: 9:00 a.m. Moore & Fitzgerald families / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

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



Doug Paul
 Tony & Karla Paul
 (Carl, Calvin & Kylie)
 Wayne & Lavonne Penrose
 Nadine Peterson
 Ted & Joyce Philabaum

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



Our Savior Lutheran, Carbondale, IL
Immanuel Lutheran, Saginaw, MI
Faith Lutheran, Spooner, WI

1/24/15, Attendance & Giving	
9:00 AM	183
11:00 AM	77
Sunday School	31
Sunday Offerings:	\$ 4,572.81
Capital Fund:	\$ _____-0-
Total Offerings:	\$ 4,572.84

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
Laura de la Motte, home, 2630 Marlee Dr., Turlock, CA 95380
Jo Stabelfeld, home, 2000 Thomas Taylor Dr., Hughson, CA 95326
Jerry Rexin, home, 3221 Mt. View Rd., Hughson, CA 95326

The Sleeping Bag Project

“Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth”- 1 John 3:18

The Social Ministry Team, in partnership with the Turlock Gospel Mission, is sponsoring a sleeping bag project for the homeless who are in need of sleeping bags for both warmth and shelter. On February 7th, you may bring new or gently used sleeping bags to the church. They will be given to the Gospel Mission for distribution. Monetary donations to purchase sleeping bags can also be given, just mark your check “sleeping bag project”.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Moore or Beth Bollinger. Thank you!

Lent Lunches 2016 Sponsored by LWML

A simple Lent lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. prior to the Lent Worship at 12:30 p.m. We are in need of people to cook, serve and clean-up. The Wednesday lunches will begin February 10 and end on March 16. Please sign-up on your Yellow form. Contact Judy Rexin at 216-7241 if you have any questions.

LWML Meetings

LWML meetings will resume on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 9. All women of the congregation are invited to join. Contact Judy Rexin at 216-7241 for more information.

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.

Worship Services & Sermons

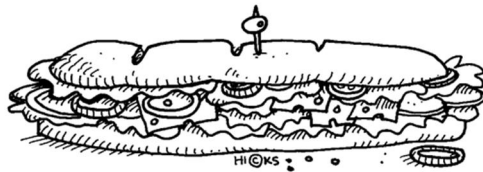
Sermons are recorded and available on the church website (www.gslct.org). For a full length CD recording of a worship service, contact the office (667-7712).

Sr. High

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

Super Bowl Subs are Back!

Celebrate the Super Bowl on Sunday, February 7, 2016 with delicious sub sandwiches prepared by GSLC Youth for you and your guests to enjoy. The cost of subs are \$10 for a foot long or \$40 for a meat tray that includes bread. Please submit a separate order form for each sub sandwich. Orders will be taken until **TODAY**. Subs will be available in the Social Hall on February 7 after early service or late service.



Dish 'n That Potluck Game Night

Join us **TONIGHT** at 5:00 p.m. for another game night. Please bring a dish to share. If you have any questions, please contact Mariane First at 632-7733.



Elders

The Elders met on January 20, 2016. Here is a summary of the meeting:

- Care ministry needs were discussed.
- Pastor Ron's report focused on information about new changes for the sound system.
- Rev. Dave Horn will be here on 2/21 for Sunday morning worship and an evening concert.
- The BIG Band from Sweden will be in Turlock on 6/21, sponsored by our congregation.
- The elders reviewed the involvement of high school youth.
- The SMART goal for our Outcome #1 was implemented by identifying new and potential people as ushers and assigning those people for contact by an elder.
- Lent midweek worship details were discussed and elders assigned to the various services. Also, elders were assigned to the Holy Week worship services.
- The elders discussed chapter 10 & 11 from "Why Nobody Wants to go to Church Anymore."
- The next Elder's meeting is scheduled for Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m.

(Dave Gale, Charlie Jahn, Ken Fitzgerald, Victor Martino, Jim Bollinger, Derek Schell, Jim Smith, Rick Kaepernick and Pastor Ron)

Knitting Group

The Tuesday afternoon knitting group will begin meeting at Mariane First's home at 1:30 p.m.. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Mariane at 632-7733.

Lit 'N' Latte

Our next book selection is from the non-fiction genre, Ruth Wariner's memoir, *The Sound of Gravel*. A January Costco Book Pick and recipient of stellar reviews, it's her account of growing up in a polygamist community in Mexico, with a few stints spent in the U.S. She shares what it was like to be part of a large extended family (47 siblings by blood), and she reflects on how, at an early age, she knew her beliefs were not aligned with those of her parents.

Due to *Good Shepherd's* Wednesday Lenten services, we will still meet but at a little later time. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, March 9, 7:30 pm**, at our neighborhood *Starbucks* to discuss a book that "movingly proves that we are all more than our circumstances."

~Pam Youngdale

