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Jesus answered,  
"My teaching is  
not my own. It  
comes from him  
who sent me."

~John 7:16



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

# News & Notes

November 29, 2015

## Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (12/6) is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent. The appointed Scripture readings for that day are: Malachi 3:1-7; Psalm 66:1-12; Philippians 1:2-11; Luke 3:1-20. 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. Holy Communion will be offered in both services. The Bell Choir will provide music at the 11:00 a.m. service.

## Advent/Christmas Season

The theme for our Advent/Christmas worship is *Shatter the Darkness with Song*. Each Sunday will include one of the "songs" from the Bible that are associated with the season. The first "song" is the one from Zechariah, John the Baptist's father (Luke 1:67-79). **The second song, the song for December 6 is the song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55).** The third song is the song of the Angels (Luke 2:8-14). The fourth song is the song of the Church (Matthew 1:18-23). The themes for four Sundays and the four candles on the Advent Wreath will be drawn from the four songs: Repentance – **Remembrance** – Rejoicing – Reconciliation. Join us and bring a friend.

## Christmas Festival of Music

Our Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Praise Band and other musicians will present the Christmas Festival of Music on Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m. Plan on inviting a friend to this beautiful event as we "Shatter the Darkness with Song."



*First Sunday In Advent*

## 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**

### A Gift for You

“Is There A Star in Your Eyes” is a candlelight program to celebrate the Advent of Christmas on December 6. Everyone of every age is invited to join us for dinner at 5:15 p.m. and a program in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. You don’t want to miss this gift from the Good Shepherd LWML. Grandma is coming to visit the children and the candlelight program will make you smile. Childcare will be provided. Invite a friend. We’re looking forward to seeing you.

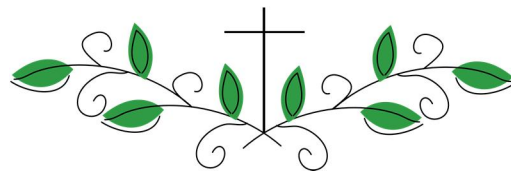


### TCN – Stress Kit

Pick up the small package today to give to someone you know who may need a special message during this Christmas time, the message of Jesus birth and the promise of salvation. When you and I celebrate the coming of the Prince of Peace with joy and gladness, others may be feeling the world crashing in on them, the heartache is too much to bear, the addiction too hard to overcome, or the depression too great. They may be asking “Where is God?” Giving this small package may put a smile on their faces, and give you the opportunity to share the answer they are searching for.

### Today’s Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (11/29) is: *The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us*. The Season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this first Sunday establishes this theme for the rest of the season. The Son of God came long ago to be our Savior, “a righteous Branch,” descended from David (Jer. 33:15). As He then came into Jerusalem, riding on a lowly donkey to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world (Luke 19:28-40), so does He come to His Church today in the humility of Word and Sacrament to deliver the fruits of His Passion: the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He absolves us and establishes our hearts, “blameless in holiness before our God and Father” (1 Thess. 3:13). The same Lord Jesus, who came to Jerusalem then, and who comes to us now in peace, will come again with power and great glory on the Last Day. Then there will be “distress of nations in perplexity,” with “people fainting in fear.” Yet, as we anticipate that great and terrible day, He bids us to rest securely in Him: “Raise up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:25, 26, 28).



### Altar Guild Schedule

#### For Month of November

Wendy Brandeberry  
Sharon Jensen  
Nancy Thormahlen

#### For Month of December

Sandy Mann  
Lyn Brock  
Nancy Widdowson

### This Week at GSLC November 30 - December 6

#### Monday, November 30

6:30 PM Handbells  
6:30 PM Learning Matters!

#### Tuesday, December 1

1:30 PM Knitting  
5:00 PM Outreach  
5:30 PM Choir  
7:30 PM Praise Band

#### Wednesday, December 2

6:00 AM Men’s Network  
5:45 PM Confirmation  
5:45 PM Kingdom Quest  
7:00 PM Elders

#### Thursday, December 3

9:00 AM Thumbsmashers  
1:00 PM Craft Team  
5:30 PM Indoor Soccer  
6:30 PM Learning Matters

#### Friday, December 4

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

#### Sunday, December 6 ~ Advent 1

9:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship  
5:15 PM Advent Dinner & Program

### Closer Walk Readings

- November 29** Jude 1-16
- November 30** Jude 17-25
- December 1** Revelation 1:1-8
- December 2** Revelation 1:9-20
- December 3** Revelation 2:1-11
- December 4** Revelation 2:12-29
- December 5** Revelation 3:1-6

*In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and Word was God.*

~John 1:1



# Serving Today, November 29 ~ Advent 1

**9:00 AM**

**11:00 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:** Kali Gose  
**Lector:** Rob Hillberg  
**Sound:** Richard Spratling  
**Projection:** Rob Hillberg

**Organist:** Linda Buie  
**Choir Director:** Dr. Deborah Kavasch  
**Music Students:** Jasmine Woodall, Julia Acosta, Michael Bernal, Giancarlos Delgado-Braun  
**Elder:** Derek Schell  
**Ushers:** Wayne Bailey, Tracie Schell, Greg Goodwin, John Shipman, Joe Ulrich, Carl Paul  
**Acolyte:** Kylie Paul  
**Lector:** Ernie Conner  
**Sound:** Dave Gale  
**Projection:** Cyndi Gale

Coffee Hour for Today: 9:00 a.m. Judy Rexin & Mary Trickey / 11:00 a.m. Jim & Cheryl Harlan

Altar flowers for today are provided by Petra Thompson in memory of Petra & John's Anniversary

# Serving Next Sunday, December 6 ~ Advent 2

**9:00 AM**

**11:00 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 Jewish, Ed Juncker, Margaret Routt, Glen Stabelfeld, Calvin Baker, Hannah Jewish, Maddie Welch  
**Acolyte:** Caden Lindquist  
**Lector:** Jim Smith  
**Sound:** Bill First  
**Projection:** Mark Grobner

**Organist:** Linda Buie  
**Elder:** Jim Bollinger  
**Ushers:** Beth Bollinger, Larry DeBora, Jim Harlan, Marvin Larson, Eileen Mitchell, Nathan Schmidt  
**Acolyte:** Kaitlin Hinrikus  
**Lector:** Michael McCord  
**Sound:** Doug Paul  
**Projection:** Storm Graser

Coffee Hour for 12/6: 9:00 a.m. Baker Family / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

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



Nathan Schmidt  
 Roy & Elizabeth Schmidt  
*Mikayla & Caleb*  
 Wanda Schutz  
 John & Danna Shipman



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



*Trinity Lutheran, Saint Anthony, ID*  
*Immanuel Lutheran, Macomb, MI*  
*Zion Lutheran, Clyman, WI*

11/22/15, Attendance & Giving	
9:00 AM	150
11:00 AM	90
Sunday School	no tally
Sunday Offerings:	\$10,399.69
Capital Fund:	\$ _____ -0-
Total Offerings:	\$10,399.69

## 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  
**Mariane First**, home, 3400 Santos Ct., Turlock, CA 95382  
**Laura de la Motte**, home, 2630 Marlee Dr., Turlock, CA 95380  
**Lavonne Oldson**, home, 7700 Fox Rd., C10, Hughson, CA 95326  
**Nelly Hammerling**, Brandel Manor, 1801 N. Olive Ave., Turlock, CA 95382  
**Lonnie Bennett**, Emanuel Hospital, 825 Delbon Ave., Turlock, CA 95382





## VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

*Ring a bell...help change a life*

### Bell Ringing

It is that time of year again, in which Good Shepherd will help supply volunteers to ring bells for the Salvation Army. Our assigned dates are Thursday, Dec. 10 and Friday, Dec. 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in front of Wal-Mart. Sign-up sheets will be on the table in the Narthex for two hour shifts. This is a wonderful and easy traditional holiday activity that helps so many people in our community! Men, women, teens, kids, friends, neighbors, sign up to RING. THOSE BELLS!!



### Lit 'N' Latte

Our next selection is a 2013 murder-mystery, *The Cuckoo's Calling*, by Robert Galbraith (aka JK Rowling). It's Rowling's first crime novel (there are now three), and features private investigator Cormoran Strike. We'll meet on **Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6:30 pm** at our neighborhood Starbucks to chat about it and decide whether or not Rowling should have stuck to writing for the adolescent/Harry Potter audience!

~Pam Youngdale

### Sr. High

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

**2016 Calendars** - Beautiful and useful - the youth are selling 2016 calendars for \$10. The calendars are wire spiral bound and made of heavyweight cardstock. The funds will help offset the cost of Petal Pushers.

**Petal Pushers 2015** - Sr. High Youth - the Youth will be working on the Rose Bowl floats in Pasadena again this year. The dates are December 27 - 31, 2015. The cost of the trip is \$200 per youth. Sign up with Jen.



Children's  
Christmas Program

### Children's Christmas Program

The children will present their Christmas program on Dec. 20 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Bring a friend and join them for this festive, precious presentation about the events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. The 9:00 a.m. service will be a typical Sunday service on that day. Holy Communion will NOT be served at either service. Communion will be served on Christmas Day at the 10:00 a.m. service.

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

#### *A Man Called Martin*

Lutheran Hour Ministries has produced an informative and interesting study on Martin Luther. This year's study looks at his life and times. An excellent introduction to Luther that we hope many of you will join us for this program. The study begins at 10:20 a.m. Mitch Preus (571-0256) will be leading the study in the Fellowship Room.



### Turlock Christmas Parade

We will be serving hot chocolate and popcorn during the parade on December 4th. Please see your Yellow form if you are interested in helping with this event.

### Letter from Joy Of Harvest Hmong Ministry

Dear Our Brothers and Sisters at Good Shepherd,

This Thanksgiving season we give thanks to God our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for all that you have done and you are doing for Joy of Harvest Hmong Ministries. May the Lord bless you with a wonderful time with families and friends on Thanksgiving day.

Blessing,  
Vicar Doun & Sue Xiong

### Turlock Together

There is a blue barrel in the Social Hall for the collection of donations of non-perishable food items and new toys for those less fortunate at Christmas.



### Coats 4 Kids

Westside Ministries is again collecting coats for Coat Drive Dec. 16-18. Donations of new/used coats and/or monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. All donations need to be received by Dec. 5. Westside Ministries 667-8593. See flyer on board in Narthex



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