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*May my  
meditation be  
pleasing to him,  
as I rejoice in the  
Lord.*

*~Psalm 104:34*



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# News & Notes

November 8, 2015

## **Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC**

Next Sunday (11/15) is the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. The appointed Scripture readings for that day are: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-13. 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 at both services.

## **Resurrection Workshop**

It is happening on Nov. 21, 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. The “Resurrection Workshop” will be offered for adults of all ages as we all prepare for what happens before and after our resurrection to eternal life. Presentations by different individuals will be given on each of these subjects: your medical care at life’s end; your burial; your will/trust; your funeral/memorial service; and your vital records. Your loved ones will be extremely grateful for your preparations in all the above areas. Sign-up on the yellow form.

## **Thanksgiving Day Worship**

A worship service to offer our gratitude to God for all He has given our country, these United States of America, will be offered on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 a.m. Bring a neighbor and join our worship.

## **Transforming Churches Network (TCN)**

We are discovering *Natural Ways for “Movin’ Out with God’s Love.”* Today (11/8) we focus on a reading from the book of Acts. The emphasis is on *“Movin’ Out - Curiosity and Friendship.”* Today’s text for the sermon is Acts 17:16-23.



### **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**

## Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms". (1Peter 4:10)*

What does it mean to be a "faithful steward" and how does your stewardship translate into practical Christianity? Psalm 24:1 states clearly, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." God owns it all and has never relinquished the title deed to the world. Our responsibility is to manage that which belongs to God which God has entrusted to us. What kinds of things belong to God? Certainly our time is a gift given to everyone equally 24 hours per day. Our talents are also gifts on loan from God. Not everyone receives an equal amount of talents or abilities, but we all can excel at something. The question is not **whether** we can do something, but **if** we will use our talents and abilities to serve God. "...whenever you don't want to do something, one excuse is as good as another". Stop and think about it: 80% of the work in most churches (including our church) is done by 20% of the people. Will you go against that trend by making a commitment to use your time and talents to make a difference in the ministry and outreach of our church? God is counting on you!

## Today's Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (11/8) is: ***The Lord Freely Feeds and Provides for Us with Everything He Has.*** Those who contribute "large sums" from "out of their abundance" have done very little. They cannot purchase God's favor with their money. But "the poor widow" with her two small coins, who "out of her poverty has put in everything she had," entrusts herself and her life to the mercy of God (Mark 12:41-44). Such faith is not disappointed, for the Lord is faithful, and He provides for His people by His grace. Thus was the poor widow of Zarephath able to feed the Prophet Elijah "for many days," as well as herself and her household, "according to the word of the Lord that He spoke by Elijah" (1 Kings 17:15-16). He feeds us, too, by His Word, not only with daily bread for this body and life, but unto the life everlasting in Christ Jesus. "By the sacrifice of Himself," by the giving of His body and life and all that He had, He has entered "into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf" (Heb. 9:24-26). He is our great High Priest and the Temple of God, as well as the priestly food with which He feeds us.

## Worship Services & Sermons

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

## Altar Guild Schedule

### For Month of November

Wendy Brandeberry  
Sharon Jensen  
Nancy Thormahlen



## Closer Walk Daily Readings

11/8	1 Peter 4:12-19
11/9	1 Peter 5
11/10	2 Peter 1:1-11
11/11	2 Peter 1:12-21
11/12	2 Peter 2:1-12
11/13	2 Peter 2:13-22
11/14	2 Peter 3:1-10

*Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.*

~Psalm 95:1

## This Week at GSLC November 9 - 15

### Monday, November 9

5:00 PM Youth Team  
6:30 PM Handbells  
6:30 PM Learning Matters!

### Tuesday, November 10

8:30 AM Social Ministry  
9:30 AM Bible Discovery  
1:30 PM Knitting  
6:30 PM NAMI  
6:30 PM TCN Bible Study  
7:30 PM Praise Band

### Wednesday, November 11 - Veterans Day

6:00 AM Men's Network  
7:00 PM TCN Bible Study  
7:00 PM Choir

### Thursday, November 12

9:00 AM-4:00 PM Craft Faire  
9:00 AM Thumbsmashers  
9:00 AM Bible Discovery  
1:00 PM Craft Team  
6:30 PM Learning Matters!  
7:00 PM TCN Bible Study

### Friday, November 13

9:00 AM-4:00 PM Craft Faire  
6:00 AM Men's Life  
1:00 PM Stitches & Quilts  
4:30 PM Boomers

### Saturday, November 13

9:00 AM-3:00 PM Craft Faire

### Sunday, November 15

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

## Serving Today, November 8

**9:00 AM**

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

**11:00 AM**

**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, Joe Ulrich, John Shipman, Carl Paul  
**Acolyte:** Sarah Graser  
**Lector:** Jennifer de la Motte  
**Sound:** Dave Gale  
**Projection:** Cyndi Gale

Coffee Hour for today: 9:00 a.m. LaVerne Desper, Joanne, Kassie & Amanda / 11:00 a.m. Gibson Family

Altar Flowers are provided by the Hawkinson & Fritchle families  
 in honor of Pastor Ron & Pam's 30th Wedding Anniversary

## Serving Next Sunday, November 15

**9:00 AM**

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Praise Band Musicians:** Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Joey Pagola  
**Elder:** Ken Fitzgerald  
**Ushers:** Tom & Joanne Alvernaz, Jim & Sandie Knapp, Carlee Thomson, Bryse Rochester, Carlee Thomson, Matthew Fitzgerald  
**Acolyte:** Tristan Loesche  
**Lector:** Judy Moore  
**Sound:** Jim Smith  
**Projection:** LeRoy Gonzales

**11:00 AM**

**Organist:** Linda Buie  
**Elder:** Dave Gale  
**Ushers:** Bart Muller, Rob Geiger, Cyndi Gale, John McCord, Michael McCord, Doug Paul  
**Acolyte:** Jenna Green  
**Lector:** Mitch Preus  
**Sound:** TBA  
**Projection:** Summer Barber

Coffee Hour for 11/15: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

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



Lubby Hildebrand  
 (Aiden)  
 Ernie & Andrea Hildrebrand  
 Bob & Pam Hoskins  
 Ross Hoskins  
 Tom Hoy  
 Chris & Kelly Hudelson

We welcome today,  
 Thomas Denzil Young,  
 son of Rob & Brandi Young,  
 who will be baptized at the  
 9:00 a.m. service.

### Final Budget Report 2014-2015

The complete 12 month budget report is available on the table in the Information Center in the Social Hall.

11/1/15, Attendance & Giving	
9:00 AM	132
11:00 AM	92
Sunday School	18

Sunday Offerings:	\$ 8,778.50
Capital Fund:	\$ <u>2,743.00</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 11,521.50

## 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

**Marvin Larson**, Memorial Hospital, 1700 Coffee Rd., Modesto, CA 95355



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



*Immanuel Lutheran*, Athens, IL  
*Trinity Lutheran*, Norborne, MO  
*Concordia Lutheran*, Triangle, VA

## Our Friends

Back in September we asked people to identify one unchurched friend or one person who is not attending worship. The goal was to pray for them regularly throughout the 10 week TCN season. Please identify that person on the Yellow Form today. Use only their first name, or some other name, in order to keep the person anonymous to the rest of us. We will print those names next week.

## Council Input

The Church Council would appreciate any input you have for them regarding needs in our congregation or suggestions for our congregation. You may use the Yellow Form for today's worship service to relay your input to them. Thank you.

## Nursery Substitute Staff

We need a list of people who are willing to serve in the Nursery when our Nursery Worker, Maria, is absent, or she has more children than one person can handle. We rarely need this person, but it is essential to have people who are willing to fill in at the last moment. If you are willing to serve on this list, please sign up on your Yellow form. Talk to Pastor Ron for more info. Thank you.

## 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.

## Sr. High

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

**Boomers Fun Night for 5th - 8th Grade**  
Friday, November 13, 2015 - Sign-up in advance with Jen. Cost is \$15 for a wristband and dinner. Meet at church at 4:30 p.m. and we will be back at 8:30 p.m.

**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.

## Operation Christmas Child We Need Your Help to Fill Our Shoeboxes!

All donations need to be in by November 15th. See list of items needed on board in Social Hall.

## 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.

## Community Outreach Holiday Craft Faire

November 12, 13, & 14, 2015

The Craft Fair is this week. We are still in need of helpers. Please take a moment to look at the sign-up sheets in the Narthex and set aside an hour or two to join us in the social hall to help our shoppers and keep the tables stocked and appealing. Thank you for all your support for this Community Outreach fundraiser.

## Support the Troops

Good Shepherd Lutheran will be participating again in the Support the Troops program in coordination with the Merced Elks Club. Your donations of snack items such as packaged nuts, dried fruit, candy, cookies, crackers, granola bars, pretzels and jerky, along with cash donations for shipping costs will be received today and next Sunday, November 15. Thank you.

~The Social Ministries Team

## Turlock Gospel Mission's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Turlock Gospel Mission's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner is Thursday, November 26. They are in need of volunteers and food donations. If you can help, please pick up a form from the table in Narthex or register on-line at [turlockgospelmission.org](http://turlockgospelmission.org). For more information, call 656-1033.

## Elders

The Elders met on October 28, 2015. Here is a summary of the meeting:

- Care ministry needs were discussed and cards sent.
- The elders reviewed the involvement of the high school youth.
- Pastor Ron presented his report focusing on the Oktoberfest event. There have been many positive comments from people who attended.
- The "Externally-Focused" article for leaders during TCN was discussed.
- We reviewed the SMART goal for our Outcome #1. We will continue discussion next month on specific details.
- The emergency evacuation procedures will be discussed next month.
- Placement of wheel chairs will be in the middle aisle, due to blockages that occur in the side aisles, blocking emergency exit pathways.
- Elders were assigned to the Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas services.
- Rev. Dave Horn will be a guest musician and preacher on 2/21.

The next Elder's meeting is scheduled for Dec. 2, at 6:30 p.m.

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

