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*So we fix our  
eyes not on  
what is seen,  
but on what is  
unseen.*



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# News & Notes

December 11, 2016

## Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (12/18) is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. Our Advent & Christmas theme is *“From Heaven Above...Be Ready!”* Our people of interest for this service will be Mary & Joseph! The theme for the 4<sup>th</sup> week will be **Love**. Are you ready for all the love God has for you? The appointed Scripture readings for the day are: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25. The Praise Band will lead the music at 9:00 a.m. The organist will provide music at 11:00 a.m. The Children and youth of Good Shepherd will present the message at 11:00 a.m.

## Children’s Christmas Program

Bring family and friends to the Children’s Christmas Program during the upcoming (12/18) Sunday worship service at 11:00 a.m. You won't want to miss *For You, For Me*, presented by our children and youth.

## Christmas Festival of Music

Tonight we gather to celebrate Christmas! Our musicians have been preparing music for our enjoyment during this holy season. It truly is music *from heaven above*, because it is about God coming down to our world. May that which wowed the shepherds wow you tonight (12/11). Come at 7:00 p.m. Bring a friend or neighbor or family member. Refreshments will be served in the Social Hall after the service.

## Christmas Worship

*Christmas Eve*, 5:00 p.m. (Family Worship), 11:00 p.m. (Candlelight Worship); *Christmas Day*, 10:00 a.m. (This is a Sunday; only one service). Please take some of the Christmas business cards to invite family and friends these services.



## 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**

### New Year's Day

There will be only one Sunday worship service on *New Year's Day*. It is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Worship is a powerful way to begin a new year.

### Thank You

Thank you, Outreach Team, for serving our community during the Turlock Christmas Parade. Becky Bailey (Outreach chair) headed up our Hot Chocolate and popcorn booth. Many people who attended the parade in our area were able to have hot chocolate and popcorn. It is one way we lovingly touch people on behalf of our Lord and His Church. Thank you, to all who helped. (Pastor Ron)

### Cookies Requested for Christmas Festival of Music

Cookies are needed for the reception after the Christmas Festival of Music TONIGHT at 7:00 p.m. Bring cookies into Social Hall prior to concert.

### Financial Peace University

Jim Knapp will lead another class of Financial Peace University beginning Thursday, January 12. This is a 9-week course that teaches God's way of handling money. See the insert in your bulletin today. To register, go to Good Shepherd's website [www.gslct.org](http://www.gslct.org) and click on the Financial Peace University link and purchase your class materials for \$93.00. If you have any questions, contact Jim Knapp at 209-380-0528.

### Sunday Adult Bible Study

Dave Wallace will be speaking next Sunday, December 18 at 10:20, to the Adult Bible Study Class regarding his experience at the LCMS National Convention in Milwaukee, WI.

### Bell Ringing

Don't miss an opportunity to ring bells for the Salvation Army. **There are still openings on Dec. 13 & 14**. We are ringing outside of Walmart on Fulkerth. The money collected in the red buckets is used in many ways that help a multitude of people in need in our community. Be sure to put this on your list of things to do this holiday season. Sign up sheets are on the table in the Narthex. May your Christmas be merry and bright. Thank you for volunteering.

### Endowment Fund

Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ who continues to work through and among us each day. The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Endowment Fund is a way for individuals and couples to transfer their God-given blessings to the people they love and the ministries they care about by putting a prayerfully considered Charitable Gift Plan in place. The brochure included in today's worship folder will help you better understand the Endowment Fund and gives you an opportunity to request more information. Feel free to contact one of the Endowment Committee members. You may also log onto the Good Shepherd website for more information. (Mark de la Motte, Chris Harcksen-Lucero, Louise Rickey or Patsy Geiger).

### Altar Guild

December  
Sandy Mann  
Lyn Brock  
Nancy Widdowson



### The One Year Thru the Bible

|             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| December 11 | James 2:1-3:12    |
| December 12 | James 3:13-5:20   |
| December 13 | 1 Peter 1:1-2:10  |
| December 14 | 1 Peter 2:11-4:19 |
| December 15 | 1 Peter 5:1-14    |
| December 16 | 2 Peter 1:1-21    |
| December 17 | 2 Peter 2:1-22    |

*I have considered my way and have turned my steps to your statutes.*

~Psalm 119:59

### This Week at GSLC December 12-18

#### Monday, December 12

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

#### Tuesday, December 13

11:00 AM LWML Meeting  
6:30 PM Middle Ground  
6:30 PM NAMI  
6:30 PM Bunco  
7:30 PM Praise Band Caroling

#### Wednesday, December 14

6:00 AM Men's Network  
4:00 PM Confirmation Class to Westside Ministries Coat Drive  
6:30 PM Kingdom Quest  
7:00 PM Choir

#### Thursday, December 15

9:00 AM Thumbsmashers  
1:00 PM Stitches & Quilts

#### Friday, December 16

6:00 AM Men's Life  
1:00 PM Craft Team

#### Saturday, December 17

10:00 AM Play Practice

#### Sunday, December 18

9:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship w/Children's Christmas Program  
6:00 PM Sr. High



# Serving Today, December 11



**9:00 AM**

**11:00 AM**

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Praise Band Musicians:** Andrew Hall, Justin DE Freitas  
**Elder:** LeRoy Gonzales  
**Ushers:** Wayne Rickey, Karl Jahn, Alex Jahn, Andrew Preiss, Fallon Evans, Laura Lucero  
**Acolyte:** Jessie Chance  
**Lector:** Jennifer de la Motte  
**Sound:** Doug Paul  
**Projection:** Rob Hillberg

**Organist:** Linda Buie  
**Bell Choir Director:** Kathie Mackie  
**Elder:** Ken Lambert  
**Ushers:** John Shipman, Joe Ulrich, James Hinrikus, Kaitlin Hinrikus, Carl Paul, Kylie Paul  
**Acolyte:** Sarah Dunn  
**Lector:** Jennifer de la Motte  
**Sound:** Dave Gale  
**Projection:** Cyndi Gale

Coffee Hour: 9:00 a.m. Dorothy Watson / Chuck & Carol Barnes / 11:00 a.m. Lance & Mary Olson

 The Poinsettias that grace the church are donated by the Geiger Family in loving memory of Rev. Oren and Lucille Geiger 

# Serving Next Sunday, December 18

**9:00 AM**

**11:00 AM**

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Praise Band Musicians:** Andrew Hall, Justin DE Freitas  
**Elder:** Ken Fitzgerald  
**Ushers:** Tom Alvernaz, Jim Knapp, Aaron Lucero, Carlee Thomson, Matthew Fitzgerald, Jenna Green  
**Acolyte:** Joshua Fitzgerald or Logan Mackenzie  
**Lector:** Judy Moore  
**Sound:** Jim Smith  
**Projection:** LeRoy Gonzales

**Organist:** Linda Buie  
**Elder:** Derek Schell  
**Ushers:** Bart Muller, Rob Geiger, Greg Goodwin, Michael McCord  
**Acolyte:** Tristan Loesche  
**Lector:** Sunday School Children  
**Sound:** Doug Paul  
**Projection:** Wayne Barber



Coffee Hour for 12/18: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Program

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



Mike & Abby Youngdale  
*(Payton & Grant)*  
 Ellen Willming  
 Paul & Lisa Willming  
*(Grace)*  
 Rob & Brandi Young  
*(Kylie & Thomas)*  
 Pastor Ron & Pam Youngdale



We welcome today  
 Brody Liam Thomas,  
 child of Austin Thomas and  
 Alyssa Gonzalez, who will be  
 baptized at the 11:00 a.m.  
 service today.

| 12/4/16, Attendance & Giving |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| 9:00 AM                      | 155         |
| 11:00 AM                     | 94          |
| Sunday School                | 14          |
| Adult Sun. School            | 14          |
| Sunday Offerings:            | \$ 9,375.25 |
| Capital Fund:                | \$ 830.00   |
| Total Offerings:             | \$10,187.25 |

## 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).

**Veva Larson**, home, 500 N. Tully Rd., Spc. 44, Turlock, CA 95380  
**Soni Hill**, home, 2140 Peace Way, Turlock, CA 95382  
**Kay White Olson**, Emanuel Hospital, 825 Delbon Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382  
**Jean Duffy**, home, 159 W. Tuolumne, Apt. 22, Turlock, CA 95382  
**Barbara Ring**, Emanuel Hospital, 825 Delbon Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382

Please keep Joyce Philabaum and family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of Ted Philabaum. His memorial service was here on December 8.

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



*Redeemer Lutheran, Birmingham, MI*  
*Faith Lutheran, Boulder, MT*  
*Bethlehem Lutheran, Aiken, SC*



### Lit 'n' Latte

We'll "read in" the new year with Jodi Picoult's latest novel, *Small Great Things* (2016). It's the "heart wrenching story of a labor and delivery nurse accused of murder by a white supremacist." Mark your new 2017 calendars for Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30 pm at our neighborhood *Starbucks*.  
~Pam Youngdale

### 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. The can will be here until December 12.

### Summer Mission Trip 2017

A mission trip is being planned to Alaska with Thirst Missions. Dates and specific places have not been set. See your Yellow form.

### Worship Services & Recorded 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).

### 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.

### Youth Activities

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

### Petal Pushers

Sr. High & College Youth - It is time to decorate the Rose Bowl floats. This is a great opportunity to earn service hours as well as building friendships. We will be traveling down to Pasadena on Dec. 27 and return on Dec. 30. The cost of the trip is \$250, which includes some food, housing, and Disneyland tickets. For more information, talk to Jen (209) 324-9098.

**2017 Calendars** - Beautiful and useful - the youth are selling 2017 calendars for \$10. The calendars are wire spiral bound and made of heavyweight cardstock. The funds will help offset the cost of Petal Pushers.

### LWML Meeting

Our next LWML Meeting will be on December 13 at 11:00 a.m. Mark your calendar! Thank you to all who donated to the Mites boxes. We collected \$139.72 which will be sent to LWML to fund grant projects.

Also, Zone 3, LWML is collecting empty plastic pill bottles. The bottles will be used by *Matthew 25: Ministries* for distribution of medications to people in need in developing countries. There will be a box to collect the bottles in the Social Hall. Contact Judy Rexin with any questions at 209-262-1320.

### 2017 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your offering envelopes for next year from the tables in the Social Hall and save the church the cost of mailing it to you.

### Note from Seminary Student

Dear Good Shepherd,  
During this Thanksgiving season, I want to again thank you immensely for your support given to me through the Adopt-A-Student Program at Seminary. It means a lot to me. Your service and generosity to this brother doesn't go unnoticed. My fall quarter at Concordia Seminary finished very well. I destroyed all of my final Hebrew tests and ended the quarter with a 97%. Greek ended well also, but I don't know how I did on my final paper yet. I'm hoping I did alright, but it was the first (?) I've ever written, so we'll see. I'm currently enjoying my quarter break with my mother, father, sister, and brother-in-law in Saginaw, MI. It is really nice to simply have some time without thoughts of deadlines and due dates. I have spent some time starting to learn German using a website called "Duolingo". I suppose I simply haven't had enough fun with languages yet. If you wish to write me back, you can do so at:

Brandon Wittig  
801 Seminary Pl.  
Clayton, MO 63105

Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.  
~Brandon Wittig

*Thank You*

### Craft Faire Thank You

The Craft Fair committee says "THANK YOU!" to everyone who supported this event--workers, bakers, jam & jelly makers, sewers, knitters, crafters, and especially to our customers. With the proceeds (approximately \$7,200 before expenses) we were able to award \$500 to each of the following organizations in our community: ASPIRA, Jessica's House, Prodigal Sons & Daughters, The Salvation Army, Teen Challenge, United Samaritans, Turlock Gospel Mission, We Care (Turlock Men's Shelter), Westside Ministries. And, \$2,000 was set aside to help defray the cost of the Women's Retreat scheduled for March at Villa Maria in Santa Cruz. Again, a heart felt thank you to our congregation.

Jean White & Sandy Mann

### Weekly Notes to LCMS Churches

Each week GSLC sends out cards to the churches that we pray for. We enlist the help of members to send out the cards (cards and postage provided). If you are interested, please see your yellow form. Contact Tammy or Margaret in the office for more information. (667-7712)