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

~2 Corinthians 4:18



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

December 13, 2015



Third 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**

Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (12/20) is the 4th Sunday in Advent. The Scripture readings for that day are: Isaiah 52:7-10; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Matthew 1:18-23. The Praise Band will lead our contemporary worship at the 9:00 a.m. service, which will be a typical Sunday service. The **Children's Christmas Program** will be presented during the 11:00 a.m. service. Bring a friend and join the children for this festive, precious presentation about the events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. Holy Communion will NOT be offered at either service. Communion will be served on Christmas Day at the 10:00 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 is the song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55). **The third song, the song for today (12/13), 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 TONIGHT at 7:00 p.m. Invite a friend to this beautiful evening as we "Shatter the Darkness with Song." A reception will be offered after the service in the Social Hall.

Christmas Worship

On Christmas Eve a Family Worship service will be offered at 5:00 p.m. A children's Christmas story will be read during the service. A second service will be offered at 11:00 p.m. The Chancel Choir will sing during the service. We close the service in the Social Hall with candles and in song.

A festive worship service will be offered on Christmas Day a 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion will be served.



Through the Bible in 2016

A new challenge for a new year! Read through the Bible in one year. "The One Year Through the Bible Devotional" will guide you with a daily Bible reading and a brief commentary on that section. You can choose to read the whole section or the chosen verses for the day, a nice alternative when time is a factor for you. The reading begins in Genesis and continues through Revelation. Whether you read the entire assigned section for the day or the chosen verses, you will get a great overview of the Bible. You may choose to receive this as a book (\$15.00) or as an app for your smart phone (\$7.99). **Are you willing to take the challenge?** Sign up on your Yellow form, call the church office (667-7712) or contact Pastor Ron. We will get you the information for ordering the book or the app.

Thank You, 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" (1 Peter 4:10).

One of the most powerful expressions of thanks in the entire Bible is found in the first chapter of Philippians where the Apostle Paul wrote, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" Thank you for participating in this year's stewardship emphasis in response to the Lord's leading in your life. Your commitment, financial support, as well as your participation through the investment of your time and talents, is a vital part of all that we do for the Lord here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. May God continue to bless your life and all that you do for the sake of the Gospel and this ministry in the days ahead.

~Stewardship Committee

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).

Altar Guild Schedule

For Month of December

Sandy Mann
Lyn Brock
Nancy Widdowson



Closer Walk Daily Readings

12/13	Revelation 9
12/14	Revelation 10
12/15	Revelation 11:1-14
12/16	Revelation 11:15-19
12/17	Revelation 12:1-13:1a
12/18	Revelation 13:1b-10
12/19	Revelation 13:11-18

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them.

~2 Corinthians 5:19

This Week at GSLC December 14-20

Monday, December 14

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

Tuesday, December 15

1:30 PM Knitting
7:30 PM Praise Band

Wednesday, December 16

6:00 AM Men's Network
5:00 PM Children's Practice
5:45 PM Confirmation
5:45 PM Kingdom Quest
7:00 PM Choir

Thursday, December 17

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

Friday, December 18

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

Saturday, December 19

11:30 PM Children's Practice for Christmas Program

Sunday, December 20

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



Serving Today, December 13

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Joey Pagola
Elder: Rick Kaepernick
Ushers: Wayne Rickey, Karl Jahn, Alex Jahn, Andrew Preuss, Kyle Rickey, Fallon Evans
Acolyte: Jordyn Chance
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. Samantha Wilson / 11:00 a.m. Lance & Mary Olson

The Poinsettias that grace the church are provided by the Geiger family!

Serving Next Sunday, December 20

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: Joey Pagola
Lector: Abby Hawkinson
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: Bella Green
Lector: Dave Judish
Sound: TBA
Projection: Summer Barber



Coffee Hour for 12/20: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

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



Jim & Lori Smith
 Nathan Smith
 Nick Smith
 Scott & Chrissy Stiles
 (Haley, Luke & Nolan)
 Valerie Stonebreaker

We Welcome New Members Today

James & Jennifer Hinrikus and their children, Justin (16) and Kaitlin (14), are originally from Nebraska but moved recently from Missouri to Riverbank. James enjoys 4-wheeling, while Jenn's interests lean toward flower gardening. Justin likes football and Kaitlin's sport is volleyball.
James & Heidi Loesche and their boys, Cameron (13) and Tristan (11) recently moved to Turlock from Spring, TX. The Loesche's enjoy reading and watching movies. Cameron's favorite subject is History and Tristan's favorite subject is Math.

12/6/15, Attendance & Giving	
9:00 AM	109
11:00 AM	97
Sunday School	43

Sunday Offerings:	\$ 17,016.00
Capital Fund:	<u>\$ 1,545.00</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 18,561.00

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
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, home, 3661 Apple Blossom Lane, Turlock, CA 95382
 1801 N. Olive Ave., Turlock, CA 95382
Lonnie Bennett, home, 7816 Cedar Lane, Hilmar, CA 95324
Faye Sutton, home, 8414 Magnolia Drive, Hilmar, CA 95324



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

Faith Lutheran, Clewiston, FL
Faith Lutheran, Hawks, MI
Faith Lutheran, Mansfield, OH



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.



Women's Ministry Meeting

The next Women's Ministry Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17, at 10:30 a.m. We will be meeting at the Green Grub. Contact Sandy Mann at 634-8213 with any questions.

Save the Date — January 8, 2016

LWML Luncheon at Samaritan Village
More information to follow

Sending Notes to LCMS Churches

See your Yellow form if you would like to help in sending notes to the LCMS churches across the country. Contact the church office if you have any questions.

Sr. High

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

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.



Is There A Star In Your Eyes?

Many people participated in the Advent Candle Lighting program sponsored by the LWML last Sunday. To Shiloh, Linda, Pastor Ron, Paul, Shirley (Grandma), Judy, Mary, Joshua, Ashlan, Michael, Alaura, Eileen, Judy, Beth, Jean, Lyn, Wayne, and Dennis, we say "Thank You". To all of you who enjoyed the Minestrone Soup and dessert we hope your palates were fulfilled and that the program filled your hearts with the spirit of the Advent Season. Thank you all for taking the time to share the evening with us. (LWML Committee).

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.

Outreach Ministries

- The Outreach team met on December 1.
- The Christmas parade kiosk with hot chocolate and popcorn will be set up and staffed on Dec. 4. We have a good response to the need for volunteers. Thank you!
- More LHM booklets will be ordered for Emanuel Medical Center.
- The Konrad Hack Event was a good community outreach event. We had a good number of visitors for the event.
- We are set with our Christmas advertising: outside banner, posters, business cards, post cards for the Christmas Festival of Music, ad for the Modesto Bee, a website banner.
- Outcome # 4 has been completed by the team. This was to include more prayer for people not involved in church or not Christians during the Fall season.
- We have four people attending the Best Practices Conference in Phoenix, AZ, Feb. 18-20. (Tony Lorenzo, Mitch Preus, Jen de la Motte, Pastor Ron)
- The Missional Lifestyle Training Process offered by our CNH District will not be pursued at this time.
- Missionary Tim Brenda will present his ministry of "Helping Hands" to our congregation on Jan. 10 during the SS time.
- Pastor Mike Lange, from our CNH District staff, will present information about our mission work in the district on Jan. 17.

- The team discussed a possible idea for a float in next year's Christmas parade: a large motorized manger with a large cross.
- Updating the church brochure is still in process.

Next meeting: Jan. 5, 4:30. (Becky Bailey, Margaret Routt, Judy Rexin, and Pastor Ron.

Altar Flower and Coffee Hour Hosts Posters for 2016

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



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

