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*Where your  
treasure is,  
there your  
heart will be  
also.*

*~Matthew 6:21*



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# News & Notes

December 18, 2016



## Fourth 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 (12/25) is Christmas Day. The worship service is at **10:00 a.m.** (Only one service will be offered.) Holy Communion will be served. We complete our Advent & Christmas theme, ***“From Heaven Above...Be Ready!”***

## Christmas Eve Worship

Two worship services will be offered. The music will be different, but the message will be the same. The **5:00 p.m.** service is designed as a Family worship service. A story for children will be read during the service. The **11:00 p.m.** service is a Candlelight worship service. The Chancel Choir will provide special music. We conclude that service in the Social Hall with candles and singing. The service will incorporate our Christmas theme, ***“From Heaven Above...Be Ready!”*** The main person of interest will be the Innkeeper in Bethlehem. Come at either time and enjoy as we enter into the holiness of Christmas Eve.

## 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.

## Christmas Undecorating

Please stay after the service on New Year's Day to help put away the Christmas decorations. We need all the help we can get. We should be done in about an hour. Talk to Troy de la Motte for more information. Thank you.

### Thank You

Thank you to ALL of our musicians. The Christmas Festival of Music was spectacular and special. Thank you to the Music Ministry Team: Linda Buie, Dr. Deborah Kavasch, Beth Kirkpatrick, Kathie Mackie, and Kay Wallace. Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Praise Band, Bell Choir and other musicians. (Pastor Ron)

### 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.



### Cookie Thank You

Thank you to all who brought delicious Christmas cookies to be enjoyed after the Festival of Music! It was a beautiful evening of Music & Fellowship.

~Traci Preuss & Sandie Knapp

### 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. Pick up a brochure in the alcove of the Narthex to help you better understand the Endowment Fund and it will give 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).



### Sunday Adult Bible Study

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

Altar Guild  
December  
Sandy Mann  
Lyn Brock  
Nancy Widdowson



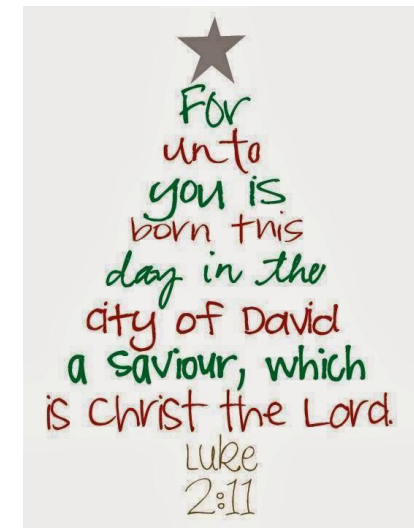
The One Year Thru the Bible	
December 18	2 Peter 3:1-18
December 19	1 John 1:1-2:29
December 20	1 John 3:1-4:21
December 21	1 John 5:1-21
December 22	2 Jn 1:1—3 Jn 1:15
December 23	Jude 1:1-25
December 24	Revelation 1:1-3:22

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.*

~ James 1:17

### This Week at GSLC December 12-18

- Monday, December 19**
- Tuesday, December 20**  
6:30 PM Middle Ground
- Wednesday, December 21**  
7:00 PM Choir
- Thursday, December 22**
- Friday, December 23**  
6:00 AM Men's Life
- Saturday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve**  
5:00 PM Worship  
11:00 PM Worship
- Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day**  
10:00 AM Worship



# Serving Today, December 18

## 9:00 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

## 11:00 AM

**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

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 25

## 10:00 AM (1 Service Only)

**Organist:** Linda Buie  
**Elder:** Jim Smith  
**Ushers:** Tom Hoy, Lance Olson, Cameron Loesche  
**Acolyte:** Elizabeth Fisher  
**Lector:** Mitch Preus  
**Sound:** TBA  
**Projection:** Leroy Gonzales



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



Mike & Abby Hawkinson  
*(Payton & Grant)*  
 Tony & Laverne Inzana  
 Harold Nobbe  
 Nathan Schmidt  
 Roy & Elizabeth Schmidt  
*(Mikayla & Caleb)*

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Treasurer's Financial Report General Fund

5 Months Ended November, 2016

Receipts	180,742.16
Expenditures	<u>188,412.89</u>
Fund Increase (Decrease)	(7,670.73)

### 12/11/16, Christmas Festival of Music

7:00 PM 141  
 Offerings: \$ 418.70

### 12/11/16, Attendance & Giving

9:00 AM 130  
 11:00 AM 76  
 Sunday School 12  
 Adult Sun. School

Sunday Offerings: \$ 10,329.59  
 Capital Fund: \$ 700.00  
 Total Offerings: \$ 11,029.59

## 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  
**Kay White Olson**, Cypress of Covenant Village, 2125 N. Olive Ave., Turlock, CA 95382  
**Jean Duffy**, home, 159 W. Tuolumne, Apt. 22, Turlock, CA 95382  
**Barbara Ring**, home, 2125 N. Olive Ave., D-13, Turlock, CA 95382  
**Pam Hoskins**, home, 472 W. Springer Dr., Turlock, CA 95382



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

*Hope Lutheran, Adrian, MI*  
*Bethany Lutheran, Hawthorne, NV*  
*Faith Lutheran, Green Bay, WI*

### 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

### 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)

### 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.

### 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.



### St. Paul Lutheran Church Pastor Installation

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Merced, proudly announces the installation of our next Senior Pastor. Reverend William Northend will be installed on Sunday, January 8th at 3:00 p.m. A special meal will follow the installation from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. If you have questions or need more details, please feel free to call the church office at 209-383-3301.



# January Birthdays



1/01	Marty Dunn	1/09	Sarah Fisher	1/23	Alaura Lucero
1/01	Janice Moskal	1/10	Sarah Osburne	1/26	Michael Spratling
1/04	Nathan Schmidt	1/10	Sheila Schmidt	1/27	Terry Goodwin
1/05	Ken Fitzgerald	1/10	Joshua Lawrence	1/28	Bill Preuss
1/05	Lesa Volkmar	1/11	Taya Clark	1/28	Bryse Rochester
1/05	Daniel Clark	1/12	Tony Lorenzo	1/28	Pastor Ronald Youngdale
1/06	Elizabeth Grobner	1/13	Nadine Petersen	1/28	Laura Gibson
1/06	Tristan Loesche	1/16	Jessica Chance	1/30	Doug Sperry
1/08	Eileen Mitchell	1/17	Eldeen Loretz	1/31	Danika Mann
1/08	Hannah Green	1/20	Jennie Backstrom		
1/08	Kylie Young	1/22	Barbara Ring		
1/09	Mike Bava	1/23	Amanda Thomazin		

# Wedding Anniversaries

*Happy Anniversary*

1/01	Lance & Mary Olson	1/18	James & Cheryl Harlan
1/03	John & Carol Prater	1/28	Darel & Sandy Rethwisch
1/03	Richard & Barbara Ring	1/29	Terry & Lori Gray
1/10	Dennis & Grace McCord	1/29	Joe & Lois Ulrich
1/10	Roger & Ortha Kling	1/30	Roy & Samantha Hart
1/13	Ken & Amy Fitzgerald		