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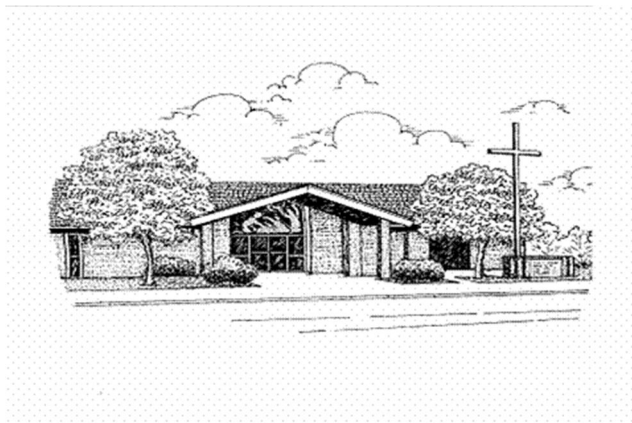
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*The virgin will
be with child
and will give
birth to a son,
and will call him Immanuel.*

~Isaiah 7:14



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

December 20, 2015



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 (12/27) is the 1st Sunday after Christmas. The Scripture readings for that day are: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15; Psalm 111; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:22-40. The Praise Band will lead our contemporary worship at the 9:00 a.m. service, which will be a typical Sunday service. The organist will lead our classic worship at the 11:00 a.m. service. There will be no Sunday School.

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 is the song of the Angels (Luke 2:8-14). **The fourth song, the song for today (12/20), 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

Thank you to our Chancel Choir (directed by Dr. Deborah Kavasch), Bell Choir (directed by Kathie Mackie), Praise Band (lead by Beth Kirkpatrick), Linda Buie (organist) and other vocal and instrumental musicians for the beautiful service. Thank you to Sandie Knapp and her crew for serving refreshments after the concert. Thank you to the support people for their part in making it a wonderful evening. They all helped us launch into our Christmas celebration.



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.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Class will resume on January 10 at 10:20 a.m. We invite everyone to join us ! Being in a Bible Study group would certainly be a great New Years Resolution! January will be mission month. Tom Brenda (the 10th) will share local missionary efforts, including a special emphasis on local Muslims; Mike Lange (the 17th) will share our district mission work; Wilson Kapula (the 24th) will share his mission to local Shiks; The Gideons (the 31st) will up-date us on their local and world wide efforts.

~ Mitch Preus

Altar Guild Schedule

For Month of December

Sandy Mann
Lyn Brock
Nancy Widdowson



Closer Walk Readings

December 20 Revelation 14
December 21 Revelation 15
December 22 Revelation 16
December 23 Revelation 17
December 24 Revelation 18
December 25 Revelation 19:1-10
December 26 Revelation 19:11-21

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

~Luke 2:10

This Week at GSL

Monday, December 21

Tuesday, December 22

1:30 PM Knitting Group
6:30 PM NAMI
7:30 PM Praise Band

Wednesday, December 23

7:00 PM Choir

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5:00 PM Worship
11:00 PM Worship



Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Office Closed
10:00 AM Worship



Sunday, December 27

Petal Pusher Leave
9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Blood Pressure Check
(No Sunday School)
11:00 AM Worship

Serving Today, December 20

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: 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

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



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

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

Serving Next Sunday, December 27

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Joey Pagola
Elder: Victor Martino
Ushers: Tom Baldwin, Sam Ruiz, Bryan Krough, Blaine Chance, Grace Willming,
Acolyte: Tristan Loesche
Lector: Sharon Jensen
Sound: Kevin Rickey
Projection: Wayne Barber

Organist: Linda Buie
Elder: Jim Smith
Ushers: Eileen Mitchell, Michael Barber, Summer Barber, Mikayla Schmidt
Acolyte: Elizabeth Fisher
Lector: Don Strand
Sound: John Otte
Projection: Clorinda Otte



Coffee Hour for 12/27: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. Gibson Family

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



James & Jennifer Hinrikus
(Justin & Kaitlin)
 Joel & Heidi Loesche
(Tristan & Cameron)
 Don & Joanne Strand
 Keith & Faye Sutton
 Carol Swanberg

Our prayers are with Billie Hastings and family as they mourn the passing of Bob Hastings.

December 13, 2015 Attendance & Giving

9:00 AM	128
11:00 AM	87
Sunday School	36
Sunday Offerings:	\$ 8,497.00
Capital Fund:	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 8,647.00

Christmas Festival of Music	
7:00 PM	170
Total Offerings:	\$ 418.00

Care & Prayer

If you know of someone who is in need of care ministry, please pray for them and call Louise Rickey at the church (634-3319). If you have a prayer need in your life, call Pastor Ron or leave your name with the church office. Please be praying for the following people:

- Wayne Routt**, home, 3431 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
- Faye Sutton**, home, 8414 Magnolia Drive, Hilmar, CA 95324
- Mel de la Motte**, Turlock Nursing & Rehab., 1111 E. Tuolumne Rd., Turlock, CA 95382



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

- Trinity Lutheran, Colby, KS*
- St. Paul Lutheran, Lewistown, MT*
- St. John Lutheran, Millvale, PA*

Lit 'N' Latte

Our first book selection for 2016 is the hauntingly compelling novel, *Brooklyn*, by Colm Toibin (2009). Set in 1950s Brooklyn, NY and Ireland, it is the story of a young woman torn between her family in Ireland and the American who wins her heart. We'll meet on Wednesday, January 20, 6:30 p.m. at our neighborhood Starbucks. Enjoy "reading in" the New Year!

~Pam Youngdale



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.

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).

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 - 30, 2015.

Next Adult Literacy Tutor Training

LearningQuest - Stanislaus Literacy Centers is providing tutor training for volunteers 18 years and older who would like to become a literacy tutor for an adult. A one-hour orientation will be held on **Thursday, January 21, 2016** followed by a training day on **Saturday, January 23**. Our *Learning Matters!* tutors attend this training in order to become a part of our adult literacy ministry here at Good Shepherd, where we are especially in need of tutors to assist students who want to prepare to take the GED/HSE exam. Please contact Pam Youngdale or Beth Kirkpatrick at 667-7712 or lqturlock@gmail.com for sign-up information.



Elders

The Elders met on December 2, 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.
- The SMART goal for our Outcome #1 was refined. The plan will continue to be implemented.
- The emergency evacuation procedures were briefly reviewed. A more detailed review will take place at the Feb. 2016 meeting. They will be reviewed and walked through every Sept.
- Lent worship was discussed. Four week day worship settings will be offered during Lent and will be part of the next Transforming Church Network season. Details are being refined.
- Revisions to the Marriage Manual were approved.

The next Elder's meeting is scheduled for Jan. 20, 6:30 p.m. (Dave Gale, Charlie Jahn, Ken Fitzgerald, Victor Martino, Jim Bollinger, Derek Schell, Jim Smith, Rick Kaepernick and Pastor Ron)

But my God shall supply
all your need according
to his riches in glory
by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

Join Us For Lunch

Please join us on January 8, 2016 for lunch at Samaritan Village in the Apple Room. The LWML invites all women to join us and our fellow members who live at Samaritan Village. This is the first gathering of the New Year. We will meet at church at 10:00 a.m. for carpooling. Please bring 3 dozen cookies wrapped in saran wrap packages of two in each package. The cookies will be sorted to be given to shut-ins as a post holiday event. The cost for lunch is \$10 and will be collected prior to leaving church. Sign up in the Narthex and bring a friend. If you have any questions, contact Louise Rickey at 209-634-3319.

Missing Tablecloth

We seem to be missing one round, red tablecloth for the tables in the Social Hall. If you have taken it home to launder, would you please return it back to the kitchen. Thank you.

Altar Flower and Coffee Hour Hosts Posters for 2016

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



A New Way to Make Donations to GSLC - AmazonSmile

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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.



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


 FOR
 unto us a
 Child^{is} born,
 unto us a Son
 is given; and the government
 will be upon His shoulder. And
 His name will be called
 Wonderful
 MIGHTY
 HIGH GOD
 Everlasting Father
 PRINCE OF PEACE
 PRINCE OF PEACE
 ISAIAH
 9:6

Calendar

January Birthdays

Happy Birthday

1/01	Marty Dunn	1/10	Sarah Osburne	1/20	Kathy Hagen
1/01	Janice Moskal	1/10	Sheila Schmidt	1/20	Jill Rodriguez
1/04	Nathan Schmidt	1/11	Taya Clark	1/22	Barbara Ring
1/05	Ken Fitzgerald	1/12	Tony Lorenzo	1/23	Amanda Thomazin
1/05	Lesa Volkmar	1/13	Nadine Petersen	1/24	Katie Tatum
1/06	Karen Yamshon	1/13	Rodney Schmidt	1/26	Michael Spratling
1/06	Elizabeth Grobner	1/13	Max Schlecht	1/27	Terry Goodwin
1/06	Tristan Loesche	1/14	Raydelle Kistler	1/28	Bill Preuss
1/08	Eileen Mitchell	1/15	Vicki Barber	1/28	Bryse Rochester
1/08	Hannah Green	1/16	Jessica Chance	1/28	Pastor Ronald Youngdale
1/08	Kylie Young	1/17	Eldeen Loretz	1/28	Cindy Trow
1/09	Mike Bava	1/17	Wayne Routt	1/30	Doug Sperry
1/09	Sarah Fisher	1/20	Jennie Backstrom	1/31	Danika Mann

January Wedding Anniversaries

1/03	John & Carol Prater
1/05	Richard & Barbara Ring
1/10	Dennis & Grace McCord
1/10	Roger & Ortha Kling
1/13	Ken & Amy Fitzgerald
1/18	James & Cheryl Harlan
1/28	Darel & Sandy Rethwisch
1/29	Terry & Lori Gray
1/29	Joe & Lois Ulrich

