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*"My eyes have
seen your
salvation, which
you have
prepared in the sight of all
people.
~Luke 2:30-31*



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

December 27, 2015

Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (1/3) is Epiphany Sunday. The Epiphany of our Lord is actually 1/6. We will use next Sunday to celebrate the holy day. The Scripture readings for that day are: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12. 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 served at both services.

TCN Season Four

The next season for Transforming Churches Network begins on 1/10. It will be a 10 week emphasis on "Empowering God's People." The first four weeks will focus on the following 4 themes; 1) Sending (Luke 10); 2) Sowing (Matthew 13:1-23); 3) Missionary Principles (Luke 10 & Acts 8:26-36); 4) Spirit's Power (Luke 10). The last six weeks will be our Lent Theme: "Prayer: The First Step toward Reaching Our Community for Christ."

Lent 2016

The Lent season begins on Ash Wednesday (2/10). The Lent theme will be on "Prayer: The First Step toward Reaching Our Community for Christ." The Lord's Prayer will be the template for our 6 weekday services. Ash Wednesday will offer two worship services at 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The following five weeks will offer **FOUR** Lenten worship opportunities during the week: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.; Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

First Sunday After Christmas



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**

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.

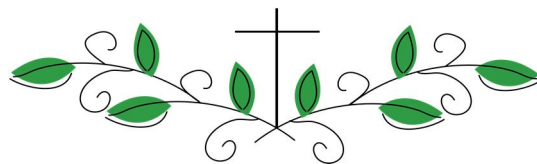
Financial Peace University

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.



Today's Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (12/27) is: *The Firstborn Son of God Is Our Redemption from Sin and Death*. When the Lord destroyed the firstborn sons of Egypt, He spared the sons of Israel by providing a lamb in their stead. Hence, all the firstborn sons belong to Him. Every firstborn male animal was sacrificed, and every firstborn son of man was redeemed (Ex. 13:12-13). Therefore, the parents of Jesus "brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord" (Luke 2:22). However, He is not redeemed from priestly service but is consecrated for "the redemption of Jerusalem" and "the consolation of Israel" (Luke 2:25, 38). For God the Father did not spare His only-begotten Son, but offered Him up as the true Passover Lamb, in order to redeem His people from bondage. His Cross has caused many to stumble and fall, but His blood atoned for the sins of the world and delivers us from death. We now depart in the peace of Christ because we are also raised with Him. As we receive His body and blood, we join Simeon and Anna in "giving thanks to God the Father through Him," "singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs," including the Nunc Dimittis, with thankfulness in our hearts (Luke 2:28-32, 38; Col. 3:15-17).



Altar Guild Schedule

December
Sandy Mann
Lyn Brock
Nancy Widdowson
January
Tracie Schell
Terry Goodwin



Closer Walk Daily Readings

December 28 Revelation 20:7-15
December 29 Revelation 21:1-8
December 30 Revelation 21:9-27
December 31 Revelation 22
January 1 Genesis 1:1-3:24
January 2 Genesis 4:1-5:32
January 3 Genesis 6:1-8:22

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me.

~Psalm 138:8

This Week at GSLC December 28 - January 3

Monday, December 28

Tuesday, December 29

7:30 PM Praise Band

Wednesday, December 30

Thursday, December 31 ~ New Year's Eve

**Friday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day
(Office Closed)**



Sunday, January 2

9:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

6:00 PM Sr. High



Serving Today, December 27

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Elijah Mays, 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

11:00 AM

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 Today: 9:00 a.m. Becky Bailey / 11:00 a.m. The Gibson Family

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

Serving Next Sunday, January 3

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Elijah Mays, Joey Pagola
Elder: Charlie Jahn
Ushers: Derald Dunn, Dave Geiger, Rob Hillberg, Dave Judish, Ed Juncker, Margaret Routt, Glen Stabelfeld, Calvin Baker, Hannah Judish, Maddie Welch
Acolyte: Payton Hawkinson
Lector: Judy Rexin
Sound: Bill First
Projection: Mark Grobner

11:00 AM

Organist: Linda Buie
Elder: Jim Bollinger
Ushers: Beth Bollinger, Larry DeBora, Jay Oldson, Marvin Larson, Steve & Eileen Mitchell, Nathan Schmidt
Acolyte: Andrea Dunn
Lector: Dave Truax
Sound: Doug Paul
Projection: Storm Graser

Coffee Hour for 11/1: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

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



Dave & Kay Wallace
 Scott & Jeanette Welch
 (*Maddie, Jack & Luke*)
 Dylan White
 George & Jean White
 Ellen Willming
 Paul & Lisa Willming
 (*Grace*)



12/20/15, Attendance & Giving	
9:00 AM	110
11:00 AM	167
Sunday School	17

Sunday Offerings:	\$ 8,335.00
Capital Fund:	\$ <u>220.00</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 8,555.00

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
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
Terry Goodwin, home, 1360 Heathernoel Way, Turlock, CA 95382

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

Redeemer Lutheran, Thousand Oaks, CA
Trinity Lutheran, Slayton, MN
Immanuel Lutheran, Reeseville, WI



A New Way to Make Donations to GSLC - AmazonSmile

The AmazonSmile Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) private foundation created by Amazon to administer the AmazonSmile program. All donation amounts generated by the AmazonSmile program are remitted to the AmazonSmile Foundation. In turn, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates those amounts to the charitable organizations selected by their customers. When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization. Donations are sent to the organization quarterly.

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

Sunday Adult 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

The Sleeping Bag Project

The social ministry committee, in partnership with the Turlock Gospel Mission, is sponsoring a sleeping bag project for the homeless who are in need of sleeping bags for both warmth and shelter. The first Sunday of each month, through February 2016. Bring new or gently used sleeping bags to the church next Sunday, January 3, 2016. They will be given to the Gospel Mission for distribution. Monetary donations to purchase sleeping bags can also be given, just mark your check "sleeping bag project". If you have any questions, please contact Judy Moore or Beth Bollinger. Thank you!

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.



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

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

