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*Let no debt
remain
outstanding,
except the
continuing debt to love
one another.*

~Romans 13:8



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

December 6, 2015

Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (12/13) is the 3rd Sunday in Advent. The Scripture readings for that day are: Isaiah 9:6-7; Romans 5:1-5; Luke 2:8-14. 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. The Chancel Choir will provide music at the 11:00 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, the song for today (12/6), 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 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 on Dec. 13 at 7:00 p.m. Invite a friend to this beautiful evening as we "Shatter the Darkness with Song." We will need people to bring cookies for serving in the Social Hall after the service. If you can bring some, please sign up on the yellow form or call the church office (667-7712). Thank you.



Second 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**

A Gift for You

“Is There A Star in Your Eyes” is a candlelight program to celebrate the Advent of Christmas on **TONIGHT**. Everyone of every age is invited to join us for dinner at 5:15 p.m. and a program in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. You don’t want to miss this gift from the Good Shepherd LWML. Grandma is coming to visit the children and the candlelight program will make you smile. Childcare will be provided. Invite a friend. We’re looking forward to seeing you.

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.

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.



Children’s Christmas Program

The children will present their Christmas program on Dec. 20 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Bring a friend and join them for this festive, precious presentation about the events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. The 9:00 a.m. service will be a typical Sunday service on that day. Holy Communion will NOT be served at either service. Communion will be served on Christmas Day at the 10:00 a.m. service.



Altar Guild
For Month of December
 Sandy Mann
 Lyn Brock
 Nancy Widdowson



Closer Walk Daily Readings

- 12/6 Revelation 3:7-13
- 12/7 Revelation 3:14-22
- 12/8 Revelation 4
- 12/9 Revelation 5
- 12/10 Revelation 6
- 12/11 Revelation 7
- 12/12 Revelation 8

By one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

~Hebrews 10:14

This Week at GSLC December 7-13

Monday, December 7

- 6:00 PM Youth Team
- 6:30 PM Handbells
- 6:30 PM Learning Matters

Tuesday, December 8

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

Wednesday, December 9

- 6:00 AM Men’s Network
- 5:00 PM Children’s Practice
- 5:45 PM Confirmation
- 5:45 PM Kingdom Quest
- 6:30 PM Lit ‘n’ Latte
- 7:00 PM Choir

Thursday, December 10

- 9:00 AM Thumbsmashers
- 1:00 PM Craft Team
- 1:30 PM Food ‘n Fun
- 6:30 PM Learning Matters!

Friday, December 11

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

Sunday, December 13

- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:20 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 6:00 PM Sr. High
- 7:00 PM Christmas Festival of Music



Serving Today, December 6 ~ Advent 2

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: Caden Lindquist
Lector: Jim Smith
Sound: Bill First
Projection: Mark Grobner

11:00 AM

Organist: Linda Buie
Handbell Director: Kathie Mackie
Elder: Jim Bollinger
Ushers: Beth Bollinger, Larry DeBora, Marvin Larson, Steve Mitchell, Eileen Mitchell, Jay Oldson, Nathan Schmidt
Acolyte: Kaitlin Hinrikus
Lector: Michael McCord
Sound: Doug Paul
Projection: Storm Graser



Coffee Hour for Today: 9:00 a.m. Baker Family / 11:00 a.m. Maria

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

Serving Next Sunday, December 13 ~ Advent 3

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Elijah Mays, Joey Pagola
Elder: Rick Kaepernick
Ushers: Wayne Rickey, Karl Jahn, Alex Jahn, 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, John Shipman, Joe Ulrich, Carl Paul
Acolyte: Sarah Graser
Lector: Jennifer de la Motte
Sound: Dave Gale
Projection: Cyndi Gale

Coffee Hour for 12/13: 9:00 a.m. No Volunteers / 11:00 a.m. Lance & Mary Olson

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



Brian & Jen Hall
(Jackson & Austin)
 Doug & Carol Sperry
(Mason & Tyler)
 Kirk & Ruth Sperry
 Tom & Debbi Sperry

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



St. John Lutheran, Aurora, IN
Holy Trinity Lutheran, Tupelo, MS
Peace Lutheran, Hurst, TX

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

11/26/15, Thanksgiving Attendance & Giving

9:00 AM 68
 Total Offerings: \$ 866.00

11/29/15, Attendance & Giving

9:00 AM 101
 11:00 AM 86
 Sunday School 19
 Sunday Offerings: \$4,831.31
 Capital Fund: \$ 65.00
 Total Offerings: \$4,896.31



2016 Offering Envelopes

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

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.

Recorded Worship 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).

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.

2016 Calendars - Beautiful and useful - the youth are selling 2016 calendars for \$10. The calendars are wire spiral bound and made of heavyweight cardstock. The funds will help offset the cost of Petal Pushers.

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.



Lit 'N' Latte

Our next selection is a 2013 murder-mystery, *The Cuckoo's Calling*, by Robert Galbraith (aka JK Rowling). It's Rowling's first crime novel (there are now three), and features private investigator Cormoran Strike. We'll meet on **Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6:30 pm** at our neighborhood *Starbucks* to chat about it and decide whether or not Rowling should have stuck to writing for the adolescent/Harry Potter audience!

~Pam Youngdale

Community Outreach Holiday Craft Faire

The Craft Faire Committee would like to thank the congregation and community for supporting the Craft Faire and those we support in our community. Donations from the proceeds in the amount of \$600.00 were sent to the following organizations: Westside Ministries, Teen Challenge, Salvation Army, Turlock We Care, Aspira, Turlock Gospel Mission, Jessica's House, Prodigal Sons & Daughters and \$2,500.00 to the 2016 Women's Retreat.

Sandy Mann, Jean White & Grace McCord

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, you may bring new or gently used sleeping bags to the church. 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!

Collection Sundays - Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7



Bell Ringing

It is that time of year again, in which Good Shepherd will help supply volunteers to ring bells for the Salvation Army. Our assigned dates are Thursday, Dec. 10 and Friday, Dec. 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in front of Wal-Mart. Sign-up sheets will be on the table in the Narthex for two hour shifts. This is a wonderful and easy traditional holiday activity that helps so many people in our community! Men, women, teens, kids, friends, neighbors, sign up to RING. THOSE BELLS!!

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.

Food 'n Fun

Join us Thursday, December 10, at 1:30 p.m. for an afternoon of games, fellowship and snacks.

