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*Nobody
should seek
his own good,
but the good
of others.*

~1 Corinthians 10:24



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

Mother's Day

May 8, 2016



Seventh Sunday Of Easter

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

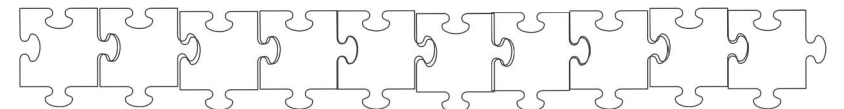
**Community Focused
to be
Community Engaged**

Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (5/15) is the Day of Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian Church. The appointed Scripture readings for that day are: Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 143; Acts 2:1-21; John 14:23-31. The Praise Band will lead the music at 9:00 a.m. The organist will lead the music at 11:00 a.m. The Bell Choir will provide music at the 11:00 a.m. service.

The Puzzle Pieces

During the worship service on May 1, I gave each of the 10 Confirmation students a puzzle piece and asked them to put them together after the service in the Social Hall. They assembled the puzzle on the table next to their cake. Each piece is to remind them of their part of the class and our congregation. If they are missing, the puzzle is incomplete. The picture on the puzzle is of a cement mixer. That represents the importance of a good foundation as a Christian, which those 10 students now have. They have completed four years of studying God's Word. That puzzle will be placed on the bulletin board in the Narthex as a reminder of the importance of those 10 young people. I will leave it up for six months. Please remember these 10 people in your prayers as they move forward in their faith journey with Jesus. (Pastor Ron)



The BIG Big Band from Sweden

They are coming back! WE have hosted this band 2 times in the past. During their first visit they performed at CSUS in the outdoor amphitheater. The last time they performed at the Turlock Community Theater. They are returning on Tuesday, June 21. They will perform at the Turlock Covenant Church, which is co-hosting the band with our congregation. This is a very talented music group that has a variety of music styles. All ages will enjoy them. Mark the date on your calendar. We NEED housing for the 45+ band members. Please check out the blurb on the yellow form. We need help to make this event possible. Thank you.

Bylaw Revision

The bylaws for our Endowment need to be revised in order to clarify how we nominate people to serve on that committee. The revision will be presented for a vote after our Congregational Meeting on May 18. The revision assigns the nomination procedure to the Church Council. The current bylaw does not state who is responsible for that procedure. This is the proposed revision: Three members of the congregation, *nominated from the congregation through the Council*, elected by the Voters, for a two-year term and subject to re-election for one additional two-year term. The italics, underlined section is the proposed addition.

Elder Team Summary:

The Elders met on April 20, 2016. Here is a summary of the meeting:

- The Elders invited the 14 Confirmation students to share their papers, which are a summary of what they learned this year. Also, each Elder shared a Bible verse with the students.
- Pastor Ron’s report focused on an update about the BIG Big Band from Sweden that we are hosting on 6/21; a confirmation need and a need for a person to sign during worship.
- Several more people were discussed as possible people to serve on Elders. Two people are needed to serve for a two year term.
- Two elders were assigned to serve as worship leaders on May 29: Ken Fitzgerald and Jim Smith.
- The revised usher duties were approved.
- The National Day of Prayer vigil is set for May 5.
- The next Elder’s meeting is scheduled for June 22, 6:30 p.m.

(Dave Gale, Charlie Jahn, Ken Fitzgerald, Victor Martino, Jim Bollinger, Derek Schell, Jim Smith, Rick Kaepernick and Pastor Ron)

2016 Graduates

It is time again to celebrate our graduates. If you have an immediate family member graduating this year, please see your Yellow form and let us know all about them.

Altar Guild
For Month of May
Amy Fitzgerald
Joanne Alvernaz
Grace McCord



The One Year Thru the Bible

- May 8 Psalms 46:1-49:20
- May 9 Psalms 50:1-53:6
- May 10 Psalms 54:1-56:13
- May 11 Psalms 57:1-59:17
- May 12 Psalms 60:1-62:12
- May 13 Psalms 63:1-65:13
- May 14 Psalms 66:1-68:35

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

~1 Thessalonians 5:18

This Week at GSLC May 9-15

- Monday, May 9**
 - 6:30 PM Handbells
 - 6:30 PM Learning Matters
 - 6:30 PM NAMI
- Tuesday, May 10**
 - 1:30 PM Knitting
 - 6:15 PM Softball @ Monte Vista
 - 6:30 PM NAMI
 - 6:30 PM Middle Ground
 - 7:30 PM Praise Band
- Wednesday, May 11**
 - 6:00 AM Men’s Network
 - 10:00 AM LWML Meeting
 - 7:00 PM Choir
 - 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study
- Thursday, May 12**
 - 9:00 AM Thumbsmashers
 - 9:30 AM Bible Discovery
 - 1:00 PM Stitches & Quilts
 - 1:30 PM Food ‘n Fun
 - 3:30 PM Faith Basics 101-3
 - 6:30 PM Learning Matters!
- Friday, May 13**
 - 6:00 AM Men’s Life
 - 1:00 PM Craft Team
- Sunday, May 15**
 - 9:00 AM Worship
 - 10:20 AM Sunday School
 - 11:00 AM Worship
 - 6:00 PM Sr. High



Serving Today, May 8

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band

Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick

Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Elijah Mays

Elder: Rick Kaepernick

Ushers: Wayne Rickey, Karl Jahn, Alex Jahn, Kyle Rickey, Fallon Evans

Acolyte: Jordyn Chance

Lector: Mark 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, John Shipman, Joe Ulrich, James Hinrikus, Carl Paul

Acolyte: Laura Gibson

Lector: Sandy Rethwisch

Sound: Dave Gale

Projection: Cyndi Gale

Coffee Hour for Today: 9:00 a.m. Men's Ministry / 11:00 a.m. Men's Ministry

Altar flowers for today are provided by John & Clorinda Otte in celebration of their 11th Wedding Anniversary

Serving Next Sunday, May 15

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band

Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick

Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Elijah Mays

Elder: Ken Fitzgerald

Ushers: Tom & Joanne Alvernaz, Jim & Sandie Knapp, Aaron Lucero, Carlee Thomson, Matthew Fitzgerald

Acolyte: Joshua Fitzgerald

Lector: Jennifer de la Motte

Sound: Jim Smith

Projection: LeRoy Gonzales

11:00 AM

Organist Linda Buie

Handbell Director: Kathie Mackie

Elder: Dave Gale

Ushers: Bart Muller, Rob Geiger, Cyndi Gale, Doug Paul, John McCord, Michael McCord

Acolyte: Tristan Losesche

Lector: Jennifer de la Motte

Sound: TBA

Projection: Summer Barber

Coffee Hour for 5/15: 9:00 a.m. Mariane First & Janice Brereton / 11:00 a.m. Debbie Judish

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



Brad & Christie Christian
Matthew Christian
Rich & Laverne Desper
Amanda Edwards
Dakota Edwards
Alaix & Kassie Espinosa
(Madisyn)



5/1/16, Attendance & Giving	
9:00 AM	113
11:00 AM	171
Sunday School	21
Sunday Offerings:	\$9,283.15
Capital Fund:	\$ 695.00
Total Offerings:	\$ 9,978.15

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).

Laura de la Motte, home, 2630 Marlee Dr., Turlock, CA 95380

Jerry Rexin, home, 3221 Mt. View Rd., Hughson, CA 95326

Ernie Conner, home, 3166 Station Avenue, Atwater, CA 95301

Gordon Thomas, Brandel Manor, 1801 N. Olive Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382

Betty Hillberg, home, 1240 Heathernoel Way, Turlock, CA 95382

Mel de la Motte, Turlock Nursing, 1111 E. Tuolumne Road, Turlock, CA 95382

Patsy Geiger, home, 2465 Franks Ct., Turlock, CA 95382

Please pray for the family of Fern Duhm, who mourn her passing. She entered heaven on May 2, 2016.

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



Celebration Lutheran, Saint Johns, FL
Trinity Lutheran, Arcadia, MI
Grace Lutheran, Livingston, NJ

Lit 'n' Latte

Our next book is *The Light Between Oceans*, the first novel by M.L. Stedman, and an Amazon Best Book of the Month 2012. If you've never met with us, or it's been awhile, come join us! We'll discuss it and select our first summer read on Wednesday, June 1, 6:30 pm, at our neighborhood *Starbucks*. Friends are always welcome, too!

~Pam Youngdale

Mark Your Calendars!

GSLC Women's Retreat
March 24-26, 2017
 Villa Maria del Mar
 Santa Cruz, CA

Watch for updates here and on our website: gslct.org>ministries>women's ministries>women's retreat

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.

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).

Sr. High

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

Vacation Bible School June 13-17, 2016

Gear up for an adventure! Vacation Bible School - June 13 - 17, 2016 from 9 a.m. - Noon. Ground kids in the rock-solid foundation of God's love, a love that takes us through life's dark times. Kids will spend each day spelunking through activity stations with their Cave Crews. Ages 3 years - 6th grade. Sign-up today! Cost is \$15 per youth! See our website to register.

Change for Life

Good Shepherd will again be participating in the "Change for Life" baby bottle drive for the Turlock Pregnancy Center. We will be distributing the bottles for a few weeks, beginning Sunday, May 8th. Please take this opportunity to use your "change" to make a positive impact in the lives of mothers and their unborn children. Last year we donated over \$1000, and would like to match that wonderful gift. The baby bottles will be available in the fellowship hall for the next few weeks. Please return them on Sunday, June 26th, if possible. Thanks so much for your generosity!

The Social Ministries Team

Craft Faire Needs Jams & Jellies

The 2016 Craft Fair is on the horizon and each year we sell approximately 400-8 oz. jars of jams, jellies, fruit butters, etc. Fruit in the valley is getting ready to be picked and turned into our favorite toppings. Please check out the yellow form and sign up to let us know what you will be able to help with this year. Our craft fair has proven to be a success and well received in our community. Thank you for your support.

2016 Craft Fair Committee

Stewardship Team Summary from 4/19/16 (Revised)

1. Financial Peace University was conducted by Jim Knapp Jan. – March 2016.
2. A brief review was conducted of the Stewardship Emphasis in Fall 2015: "Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace."
3. The congregations 2015-2016 budget was reviewed. Several items were noted:
 - The congregation's offerings (July-March) are down \$29,443 from last year: \$380,964 (2015) compared to \$351,541 (2016).
 - The Income vs. Expenditures for July 2015 – March 2016 is: \$351,541 (Income) - \$354,902 (Expenditures), which means we have a deficit of \$3,361.

4. The budget for 2016-2017 was prepared for the Church Council. Due to the current financial situation, the budget includes only increases that are necessary. The budget does not include some of the increases requested.

The next meeting will be held in Sept/Oct 2016.

Youth Team

The Youth Ministry Team met on Monday May 2. The meeting opened with a prayer and video devotion by Jen. The team talked about the Big Rock outcome that will be presented in May. Tom gave the team a handout that will help in gathering the adults needed to complete our mentoring groups to the youth. A BBQ party will be hosted at the end of summer to welcome the new Confirmands. A Lock-in is scheduled for June 3 for the Junior High Youth. The idea of a houseboat is still being researched due to Lake McClure not renting houseboats this year. The team discussed a youth covenant issue and ended at 6:15 pm. The members present were Jen, Dave Judish, Tom Hoy, and Lori Smith.

Save the Date!

Invite everyone you know who likes great instrumental music to the concert present by the BIG Big Band from Sweden. "No one doesn't like big band music." The concert will be held at Turlock Covenant Church on June 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.