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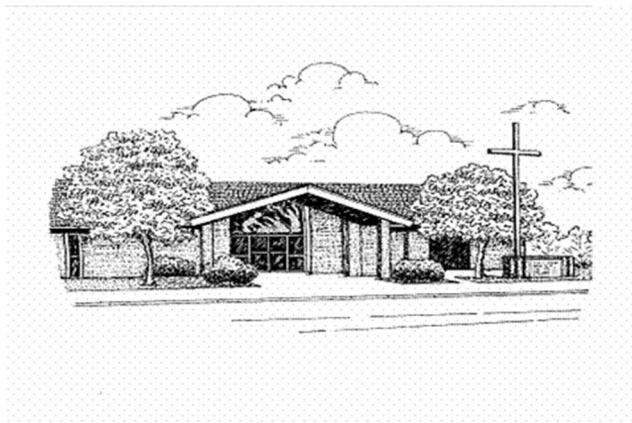
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*The Spirit helps
us in our
weakness.*

~Romans 8:26



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

Back to Church Sunday

September 17, 2017

Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (9/24) is the **16th Sunday after Pentecost**. The appointed Scripture readings are: Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 27:1-9; Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30; Matthew 20:1-16. At the 9:00 a.m. Contemporary service the Praise Band will lead worship music. At the 11:00 a.m. Classic service the organist will lead the music. The Comfort Dogs, Aaron & Reuben, will be with us on Sunday morning!

RELIEF EFFORTS

Please continue to pray for the people along the Gulf Coast dealing with the aftereffects of Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey. Pray for the Texas District of the LCMS, which is coordinating relief efforts. If you want more information about the work of our Church Denomination's efforts or if you want to contribute to assist in their efforts, please call them or check out their website: (800) 951-3478, <https://txlcms.org/how-can-i-help-hurricane-harvey> One other place to check on relief efforts is Lutheran Church Charities, (866) 455-6466, <http://www.lutheranchurchcharities.org> (We are awaiting information about relief efforts following Hurricane Irma.)

NEW LUTHER MOVIE

Our congregation is sponsoring a showing of the new Luther movie, *Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World*. We are scheduled to host a showing on Thursday, Oct. 26, 6:30 p.m. at the Turlock Theater. In order for the event to happen, we need to have 97 people to reserve tickets (\$11.00). You can check out the details, preview the trailer and reserve tickets at <http://luthermovie.link/Turlock> or talk to Paula Hanson or call the church office (667-7712).



Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:20 a.m. Bible 4 U
11:00 a.m. Worship

Ministry Staff

The Congregation
Rev. Ron Youngdale
Jennifer de la Motte
Louise Rickey
Mitch Preus

**Community Focused
to be
Community Engaged**

**GSLC WiFi
Access Code
af0000000**

For Online Giving
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FAITH BASICS

Pastor Ron is offering five Faith Basics classes beginning Oct. 12. This is an opportunity to get an overview of the basic teachings from the Bible. Also, if you are interested in joining Good Shepherd and have not been confirmed in a Lutheran Church, these classes will provide that for you. More information is printed on the yellow form insert. Talk to Pastor Ron (667-7712) for more info.

WE CARE MEN'S SHELTER

We need a few more people who are willing to serve once or once in a while or often. Please sign up on the Yellow Form if you can help bring the food to the shelter, serve the food, return and clean the pots and pans. The time commitment is about one hour each time. We provide meals on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. Talk to anyone from the Social Ministry Team: Beth Bollinger, Pam Hoskins, Judy Ranheim, Nancy Widdowson, Danna Shipman or Pastor Ron. Thank you.

And walk in love,
as Christ also has loved us
and given Himself for us,
an offering and
a sacrifice to God

Ephesians 5:2



Today's Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (9/17) is: **Forgiving as the Lord Forgives Us.** In settling His accounts with us, our Lord acts not with anger, but with compassion. He does not imprison us as we deserve, but He forgives all our debts and releases us (Matt. 18:23-27). Therefore, our Lord bids each of us to have "mercy on your fellow servant," and "forgive your brother from your heart" (Matt 18:33, 35). By the Lord's forgiveness of our sins, we are free to forgive those who sin against us, because He has been handed over to the jailers in our stead, and He has paid our entire debt with His lifeblood. Whether we live or die, we "are the Lord's" (Rom. 14:8). Since we all will "stand before the judgment seat of God," we are not to despise our brother (Rom. 14:10), but gladly forgive him. By the grace of God, our brother also "will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand" (Rom. 14:4). Though we daily sin against each other, the Lord intends "to bring it about that many people should be kept alive" (Gen. 50:20). Jesus speaks kindly by His Gospel and promises: "I will provide for you and your little ones" (Gen 50:21).



Altar Guild Schedule

September 17

Terry Goodwin, Tracie Schell,
Joanne Alvernaz, Jean White,
Nancy Widdowson, Kay Wallace

NLT Chronological Bible Reading Plan

September 17	Ezra 9:1-10:44; Nehemiah 1:1-2:20
September 18	Nehemiah 3:1-7:3
September 19	Nehemiah 7:4-8:12
September 20	Nehemiah 8:13-10:39
September 21	Nehemiah 11:1-12:26; 1 Chron. 9:1b-34
September 22	Nehemiah 12:27-13:31; Nehemiah 5:14-19; Malachi 1:1-2:9
September 23	Malachi 2:10-4:6; Joel 1:1-3:21

*Be wise in the way you act
toward outsiders; make the
most of every opportunity.*

~Colossians 4:5

This Week at GSLC September 18-24, 2017

Monday, September 18

6:30 PM	Learning Matters!
6:30 PM	Bells
6:30 PM	NAMI
7:00 PM	FPU

Tuesday, September 19

9:30 AM	Bible Discovery
6:30 PM	Middle Ground
7:30 PM	Praise Band

Wednesday, September 20

6:00 AM	Men's Network
5:45 PM	Confirmation
5:45 PM	Kingdom Quest
6:30 PM	Lit 'n' Latte
7:00 PM	Choir

Thursday, September 21

9:00 AM	Thumbsmashers
11:30 AM	Senior Luncheon
1:00 PM	Craft Team
6:30 PM	Elders
6:30 PM	Learning Matters!

Friday, September 22

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

Sunday, September 24 - Picnic

9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	BP Check
10:20 AM	Bible 4 U
11:00 AM	Worship



Serving Today, September 17

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Shiloh Roten
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas
Elder: LeRoy Gonzales
Ushers: Tom Alvernaz, Jim Knapp, Aaron Lucero, Carlee Thomson, Matthew Fitzgerald, Jenna Green, Ashlan Lucero
Acolyte: Logan MacKenzie
Lector: Jennifer de la Motte
Sound: Jim Smith
Projection: TBA

11:00 AM

Organist: Linda Buie
Elder: Derek Schell
Ushers: Bart Muller, Rob Geiger, Greg Goodwin, Michael McCord
Acolyte: Tristan Loesche
Lector: Jennifer de la Motte
Sound: Rob Gibson
Projection: Wayne Barber

Coffee Hour for today: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. **John & Danna Shipman**

Altar Flowers for today are provided by Sharon Jensen in memory of Jay Jensen

Serving Next Sunday, September 24

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Shiloh Roten
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas
Elder: Wayne Rickey
Ushers: Tom Baldwin, Sam Ruiz, Gary Moore, Bryan Krough, Judy Schippits, Nick Stoll, Grace Willming, Jordyn Chance
Acolyte: TBA
Lector: LeRoy Gonzales
Sound: Mike Bava
Projection: Andrew Preuss

11:00 AM

Organist: Linda Buie
Bell Director: Kathie Mackie
Elder: Jim Smith
Ushers: Tom Hoy, Lance Olson, Jon Bailey, Robert Gibson, Joel Loesche, Cameron Loesche, Sarah Graser
Acolyte: Elizabeth Fisher
Lector: Jean White
Sound: John Otte
Projection: Clorinda Otte

Coffee Hour for 9/24 : 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m.

Care & Prayer

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



Judy Bergman
 Lyn Brock
 Dennis & Linda Buie
(Peter)
 Scott & Chrissy Stiles
(Haley, Luke & Nolan)
 Nick & Elizabeth Stoll
(Alexis & Dylan)

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



St. John Lutheran, Oxnard, CA
Trinity Lutheran, Stewardson, IL
Grace Lutheran, Mart, TX

September 10, 2017
 Attendance & Giving

9:00 AM 146

11:00 AM 90

Bible 4 U Children No Tally

Bible 4 U Adults No Tally

Sunday Offerings: \$ 10,671.31
 Capital Fund: \$ 80.00
 Total Offerings: \$11,751.31

If you know of someone who is in need of care ministry, i.e. meals, etc, please pray for them and call the church office. If you have a prayer need in your life, call Pastor Ron or leave your name with the church office (667-7712)
Lyn Brock, home, 1300 Cahill Avenue, Turlock, CA 95380
Sandy Rethwisch, home, 3760 Bert Crane Rd., Atwater, CA 95301
Elfriede Schmidt, Turlock Nursing & Rehab., 1111 E. Tuolumne Rd., Turlock, CA 95382
Petra Thompson, Turlock Nursing & Rehab., 1111 E. Tuolumne Rd., Turlock, CA 95382
Joyce Chelgren, Sequoia @ Covenant Village, 2125 N. Olive Avenue, Turlock,

The
Will of God
 will never take you
 where the
Grace
 of *God*
 will not protect you.



Youth Activities Sr. High

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

Jobs/Opportunities/Needs

On the bulletin board in the Narthex across from the phone, is a place to post jobs/opportunities and/or needs. Feel free to post your ads and to check out the board.

LCC K-9 Comfort Dog News

Aaron and Reuben Comfort Dogs will be back to worship with us at both services on Sunday, September 24. Their handlers will be available to answer questions about the ministry during the Sunday School hour. The teams will join us afterwards for fun, food, belly rubs, and training demonstrations at the church picnic at Crane Park. We'll also have handouts about the *Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dogs*, which were shared at the information meetings last week. We're looking forward to seeing you there!
GSLC K-9 Comfort Dog Committee – Tom Hoy, Susan Prier, Judy Ranheim, Pam Youngdale - coordinator



Share God's Word

Lift up
your
Hearts
in
Praise!



Lit 'n' Latte

Our next book is R.J. Palacio's best-selling YA book, *Wonder* (2012), coming soon as a movie. August (Auggie) Pullman was born with a facial deformity that prevented him from going to a mainstream school. But he's about to start 5th grade at Beecher Prep. With short chapters and a shifting narrative, it's a quick, easy read: a feel-good book with a great message.

We'll meet on Wednesday, **September 20** at **6:30 pm** at our neighborhood Canal & Johnson *Starbucks* to discuss Palacio's WONDERful book!

~Pam Youngdale

AmazonSmile

We have added an AmazonSmile button to our website. You will now be able to access your Amazon account and add GSLC as a charitable organization that can benefit from your purchases. Check it out!

Worry ends when
FAITH IN GOD
Begins

Save the Dates

The Church picnic is scheduled for September 24 at Crane Park after morning worship.



Oktoberfest is scheduled for October 29, 5:00 p.m., in our Social Hall. Plan on bringing a friend!



Recorded Worship Services & Sermons

Sermons are recorded and available on the church website (www.gslct.org). For a cd recording of a worship service contact the office (667-7712).

Assistive Listening Devices

Assistive listening devices are available for worship services. An usher or elder can help get the device for you. Please ask.

LWML News

Mite Sunday is October 29. Save your change and pick up a mite box, fill it with change and bring it on October 29. LWML will be hosting in between services. Mite boxes have changed in color and design over the years, but what has never changed is the dedication of freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Districts still retain 75% of mite offerings for the work of the LWML at that level. National mites fund over one million dollars in mission grants. WE are **HOT!** This year we funded Grant #9, Joy of Harvest Hmong Language School for \$10,000. It is wonderful we fund this grant in time for the new fall school year of the Hmong Language School., which recently opened in Fresno. Mission grant collection is now going toward Grant #10, LINC Bay Area theological training. This grant is a big \$20,000. IN the next 7 months our goal is to bring in \$51,913.40 to fund CNH Mission grants.

Social Ministry Team

The team met on Sept. 5:

- The financial statement for the team was reviewed. No issues.
- We will invite a representative from Turlock Pregnancy Center to update the congregation in April about their ministry.
- Information about where to send funds for relief due to the storms and flooding in Texas and Louisiana was printed in News & Notes.
- A coordinator for the We Care Men's Shelter meals has been identified. We will use the Yellow Form for people

to volunteer to assist in serving the meals.

- Turlock Gospel Mission does not yet have a plan or schedule for meals during the upcoming season. We will inform the congregation as soon as we get details from them.
- The Comfort Dog Ministry is moving forward. Two information presentations are being prepared for 9/10 (4:00 p.m.) and 9/14 (6:30 p.m.). The congregation will be asked to vote on this ministry on 10/15.
- The congregation will be informed regularly about proper disposal methods for hazardous waste. A process is being formulated.
- We are waiting on a response about insurance from the Red Cross before moving forward to make our facilities available as an emergency shelter.
- Information about Bethesda Lutheran Communities, a ministry for developmental disabilities adults and children, will be provided to the congregation in the near future.
- Our congregation will provide staffing the Salvation Army Bell Ringing on Dec. 11 & 12. More info will be provided in November.
- The Christmas Giving Tree is being organized again. Information will be given to the congregation in November.

The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 17, 8:30 a.m. If you have any comments or questions about the above information, please talk to one of us: Beth Bollinger, Pam Hoskins, Judy Ranheim, Nancy Widdowson, Danna Shipman or Pastor Ron.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

The Outreach team met on Sept. 5.

- The team's financial report was reviewed. No issues.
- The Hmong Ministry (Pastor Doua) in Merced is expanding to Fresno (Redeemer Lutheran)
- More LHM Booklets will be ordered for our Information Center.
- Those who expressed interest in an entry for the Turlock Christmas parade will meet on 9/10 between the services.
- National Back to Church Sunday, Sept. 17, will be celebrated at both services.
- Jennifer de la Motte is talking to Missionary Curtis Burnam to work with our youth in evangelism. He might be visiting here.
- The team brainstormed for designing a new church brochure.
- The team will begin new member mentors with the next group who join GSLC.
- The team adopted their #3 Outcome as meeting the Big Rock for 2017-2018. The focus will be on how to help our congregation identify what we are doing and what we can be doing with social media.
- The team is hoping to develop a mission trip next year to assist in relief in Texas and Louisiana.

Next meeting: Oct. 17, 4:30 p.m. (Becky Bailey, Margaret Routt, Judy Schippits, and Pastor Ron)



Elders

The Elders met on August 17, 2017.

- Care ministry needs were discussed. Cards were sent to several people.
- Involvement by high school youth on Elder worship teams was reviewed.
- Pastor Ron relayed some changes for contemporary worship services. Shiloh Roten is the new Praise Band leader.
- "PrayBuzz," an app for sending prayer requests, is being reviewed by the elders and others as an alternative to email.
- Several changes are being made for Confirmation Classes. The main one is adding Sunday morning as an extension of teaching on Wednesdays and reducing Wednesdays by 30 minutes. Other changes will be looked at in the future.
- Pastor Ron reviewed with the elders about possible Bible translations. He is using the New Living translation, but is looking into the Christian Standard Bible.
- Sunday elder procedures were reviewed. Checking all doors at the end of services on Sundays is very important for the 11 a.m. elder.
- A letter to be sent to the congregation in September was approved.
- Plans for reviewing the emergency evacuation procedures will be discussed in September.

The next Elder's meeting is scheduled for Sept. 21, 6:30 p.m. (Jim Bollinger, Derek Schell, Jim Smith, Rick Kaepernick, LeRoy Gonzales, Ken Lambert. Mark de la Motte, Wayne Rickey and Pastor Ron)

calendar

October Birthdays

10/01 Bart Muller	10/15 Jim Smith	10/22 Tarina Green
10/01 Matt Ulrich	10/16 Lyn Brock	10/22 Clark Van Gaalen
10/02 Missy Lawrence	10/16 Troy de la Motte	10/23 Lilli Backstrom
10/02 Kris Rickey	10/16 Keith Sutton	10/24 Rylie Bankson
10/02 Olivia Dillon	10/17 Joe Ulrich	10/25 Chris Harcksen-Lucero
10/04 Abby Hawkinson	10/17 Nicole Mann	10/25 Adam Lloyd
10/07 Carl Paul	10/18 Elizabeth Gibson	10/25 Brenda Rickey
10/09 Dave Truax	10/19 Stewart Fritchle	10/26 Logan Bankson
10/09 Grant Hawkinson	10/20 Aaron Lucero	10/28 Jenny Ranheim
10/11 Julia Bava	10/20 Richard Ring	10/29 Robert Beckler
10/11 Cindy Beckler	10/21 Debora Clark	10/30 Dolores Thomas
10/13 Jeanette Welch	10/21 Jenna Torrison	10/30 LeRoy Gonzales
10/13 Thea Santos	10/22 Krisi Pancake	

October Wedding Anniversaries

10/01 Mike & Donna Langgle	10/17 Matt & Renette Ulrich
10/04 Bryan & Suzanne Krough	10/18 Rick & Teresa Kaepernick
10/14 Merritt & Nicole Mann	10/23 Evan & Sarah Fisher
10/14 Karl & Miriam Torrison	10/30 Jon & Becky Bailey
10/17 Keith & Faye Sutton	10/31 Homero & Gretchen Gonzalez