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*Never tire of
doing what is
right.*

~2 Thessalonians 3:13



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

September 24, 2017

Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (10/1) is the **17th Sunday after Pentecost**. The appointed Scripture readings are: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-10; Philippians 2:1-18; Matthew 21:23-32. 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.

RELIEF EFFORTS

Please continue to pray for the people dealing with the aftereffects of Hurricanes. If you wish to contribute to those efforts, the following agencies use 100% of your donation toward relief efforts:

Texas District of the LCMS (Texas & Louisiana): (800) 951-3478 or <https://txlcms.org/how-can-i-help-hurricane-harvey>
Lutheran Church Charities (for all areas effected): (866) 455-6466 or <http://www.lutheranchurchcharities.org>
LCMS World Relief (Florida and surrounding areas): (888) 930-4438 or <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/hurricane-irma-relief>

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.



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
www.gslct.org
("Contribute Online"
button)

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).

House Fire Update

This past July, Megan and Chris McGowan (daughter and son-in-law of David and Kay Wallace) lost their home in Veneta, Oregon, in an electrical fire. We are grateful that Megan and Chris were unhurt and that their two dogs were saved. Their home and contents, however, were a total loss. (A firefighter was able to retrieve Megan's violin.) Anyone who would like to contribute toward a *Home Depot* gift card from *Good Shepherd* to bless them as they rebuild (they were insured) can give cash or check (to *GSLC*) to either Pastor Ron, Pam Youngdale, or drop it by the church office, no later than Sunday, October 1. (This donation does not qualify as tax-deductible.) Thank you for helping us show the love of Jesus to this family.



Sunday Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (9/24) is: **Disciples Live in Their Vocations by Grace through Faith in Christ**. Those who are sent as “laborers for His vineyard” (Matt. 20:1) depict the wide diversity of vocations to which the disciples of Christ Jesus are called. Whatever our particular stations in life may be, we are called to live and serve by faith in His promises. Our labors do not merit anything before Him, for He is already generous to one and all without partiality. In mercy He has chosen to bear “the burden of the day and the scorching heat” on our behalf, to make us equal to Himself, and to give us what belongs to Him, that is, the Kingdom of heaven (Matt. 20:12–15). This way of the Lord is foolishness to the world and foreign to our thoughts, but He draws near, so that “He may be found” (Is. 55:6), that “He may have compassion” and “abundantly pardon” (Is. 55:7). So it is that we are found in Christ Jesus, and He is honored in our bodies, “whether by life or by death” (Phil. 1:20), by “fruitful labor” (Phil. 1:22), or by suffering. It is by faith in His forgiveness that our works are “worthy of the Gospel” (Phil. 1:27).



This Week at GSLC September 25- October 1

Monday, September 25

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

Tuesday, September 26

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

Wednesday, September 27

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

Thursday, September 28

9:00 AM Thumbsmashers
1:00 PM Stitches & Quilts
6:30 PM Learning Matters

Friday, September 29

6:00 AM Men's Life
1:00 PM Craft Team

Sunday, October 1

9:00 AM Worship
10:20 AM Bible 4 U
11:00 AM Worship
6:00 PM Sr. High

trust in the
LORD
with all your
HEART

Altar Guild

September 24

Sandy Mann, Lyn Brock, Grace McCord, Chris Harcksen-Lucero

NLT Chronological Bible Reading Plan

September 24 Mark 1:1a; Luke 1:1-4; John 1:1-18; Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23b-38; Luke 1:5-38

September 25 Luke 1:39-2:40; Matthew 1:18-25

September 26 Matthew 2:1-3:17; Luke 2:41-3:22; Mark 1:1b-11

September 27 Mark 1:12-13; Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 5:1-15; John 1:19-2:25

September 28 John 3:1-4:45; Luke 3:19-20

September 29 Mark 1:14-39; Matthew 4:12-25; Luke 3:23a; John 4:46-54; Luke 4:16-44; Matthew 8:14-17

September 30 Luke 5:1-39; Mark 1:40-2:22; Matthew 8:1-4; Matthew 9:1-17; Luke 5:17-26;

Serving Today, September 24

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Shiloh Roten
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Andrew Knapp
Elder: Wayne Rickey
Ushers: Tom Baldwin, Sam Ruiz, Gary Moore, Bryan Krough, Judy Schippits, Nick Stoll, Grace Willming, Jordyn Chance
Acolyte: Payton Hawkinson
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 today: 9:00 a.m. No Volunteers 11:00 a.m. Picnic

Altar flowers for today are provided by John & Carol Prater
 In honor of the Prater family

Serving Next Sunday, October 1

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Shiloh Roten
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas
Elder: Rick Kaepernick
Ushers: Dave Geiger, Rob Hillberg, Ed Juncker, Glen Stabelfeld, Teresa Kaepernick, Mike Hawkinson, Calvin Baker, Maddie Welch, Caden Lindquist, Madison de la Motte
Acolyte: Payton Hawkinson
Lector: Abby Hawkinson
Sound: Kevin Rickey
Projection: Mark Grobner

11:00 AM

Organist: Linda Buie
Choir Director: Dr. Deborah Kavashch
Music Students: Jasmine Woodall, Giancarlos Delgado-Braun, Sarah Lindbergh-Lewis
Elder: Jim Bollinger
Ushers: Beth Bollinger, Larry DeBora, Steve & Eileen Mitchell, Emily Lloyd
Acolyte: Laura Gibson
Lector: Beth Bollinger
Sound: Tristan Flores
Projection: Storm Graser

Coffee Hour for 10/1: 9:00 a.m. No Volunteers / 11:00 a.m. Gibson Family

Oktoberfest 2017

On October 29 at 4:45 p.m. the GSLC Oktoberfest for 2017 begins in our Social Hall. Food, fun, music and festivities are mandatory for that event! Food will be provided (brats, potato salad, sauerkraut, pretzels, "strudel" and more). You are requested to bring the fun by bringing yourself, friends and neighbors. Games are for all ages, but especially for youth and children, will be in the Fellowship[Room. (Food costs will be offset from a freewill offering at the event.) Please sign up on the yellow form, if you are planning to attend. (Heidi Loesche, Mitch Preus, Pastor Ron)



9/17/17, Attendance & Giving

9:00 AM	129
11:00 AM	64
Bible 4 U Children	19
Bible 4 U Adults	8
Sunday Offerings:	\$4,776.25
Capital Fund:	<u>\$ 258.00</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 5,034.25

Care & Prayer

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

Jerry Rexin, Brandel Manor 1801 N. Olive Ave., Turlock, CA 95382

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

Joseph & Shannon Fortuna
 Michael & Rebekah Graser
(Storm & Sarah)
 Terry & Lori Gray
 Rod & Tarina Green
(Hannah, Jenna, Isabella & Gavin)

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

Grace Lutheran, Pocatello, ID
St. John Lutheran, Monticello, IA
St. John Lutheran, Good Thunder, MN

Refresh, Re-Energize & Reconnect

on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! Give your spouse the gift of your time and attention away from your daily routine. The next weekend is scheduled **October 13-15**, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in Rancho Cordova, CA. Married husbands & wives can apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org. Contact Pastor Ted & Marty Hartman at tnmheart@gmail.com or 530-333-4628 for more information. But hurry! Weekends fill fast and pre-registration is required one month ahead - by **September 13**.

Thank You

Thank you so much for your support of me in the Adopt-a-Student program. I can't let you know enough how much I appreciate it. Your support means a lot to me.

(Read his complete note on the bulletin board.)

With Gratitude,
Brandon Wittig (Concordia Seminary)
St Louis, MO

Eagle Project Update

"Hi, this is an update on the eagle project. As you may notice some holes in the flowerbeds in the parking lot and courtyard of the church. The youth group and I took out and replanted some of the plants on Saturday the 23rd. The new plants will be put in on the 30th. Thank you for your support and donations.

Cameron Loesche

Youth Activities

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

Winter Jam

Nov. 11th - Cost is \$30 - Jr & Sr. High Youth - Winter Jam is an incredible evening of live concerts by the top artists in Christian music, plus worship and ministry, to encourage believers and share the good news with those who have yet to trust Christ.

Assistive Listening Devices

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

Worship Services & Recorded 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).

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



Comfort Dog Ministry Update 9.24.17

We are happy to welcome back Comfort Dog Team Aaron (St. John's, Napa) and Reuben (First Lutheran, Yuba City). Please be sure to greet, and be greeted by them at today's services. They will also be available to answer questions between services and later today as special guests at our church picnic.

Last week we shared the thrilling news about the unanimous approval by the Board of Directors of our grant application to the *CNH-Church Extension Fund* for \$20,000 to establish a *Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry* here at *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*. We have also received a pledge of \$10,000 from friends of *GSLC* who wish to remain anonymous. These funds will enable us to purchase an *LCC-trained dog* and immediately begin preparations within our congregation and in the community to bring the mercy, compassion, presence, and proclamation of Jesus Christ through a Comfort Dog Ministry.

John 4:35 says, "Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." As one person who attended our information meeting realized, "The opportunities of this ministry are unlimited." Our committee couldn't agree more as we are constantly amazed at the fields ready-for-harvest that we keep "seeing" right here in our own community. We hope that *your* eyes will become more open as well as you consider the possibilities for outreach.

These fields won't bring forth a harvest without workers, however, and a Comfort Dog is just part of the work force. Recruiting a Comfort Dog Ministry Team is and will be our focus in the next few months.

This proposed ministry will be brought to the Church Council at the October 5 meeting. With their approval, the congregation would vote on Sunday, October 15, to authorize the addition of this ministry, which is not supported by the church budget. Your prayers and your time, talents, and treasure will be a blessing as we move forward, guided by God, aided by His people . . . and, hopefully, a Comfort Dog!

GSLC Comfort Dog Acquisition Committee

Tom Hoy
Susan Prier
Judy Ranheim
Pam Youngdale - coordinator

