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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

November 20, 2016

Response Sunday

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 (11/27) is the 1st Sunday of Advent. The countdown to Christmas begins. The overall theme for Advent & Christmas is **“From Heaven Above...Be Ready!”** Each week will be a focus on a different person from the Christmas sections of the Bible. The first week will be on Elizabeth and Zechariah, with a theme of **HOPE**. The appointed Scripture readings for the day are: Genesis 21:1-7; James 2:20-24; Luke 1:5-25. The Praise Band will lead the music at 9:00 a.m. The organist will lead the music at 11:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day Worship

Since the early days of our country, we have dedicated one day each year to remember how God has blessed us as a nation. November 24, 2016, is that day. We will open our doors for the community to gather and give thanks to our Almighty God for the gifts He has given to us. Gather with us at 9:00 a.m. to bring praise to our Heavenly Father. Bring a neighbor!

Save the Dates

Christmas Festival of Music, Dec. 11, 7:00 p.m. (Chancel Orchestra, Praise Band, Bell Choir and more); *Children's' Christmas Program*, Dec. 18, 11:00 a.m. (The 9:00 a.m. service will be the usual contemporary worship service); *Christmas Eve*, 5:00 p.m. (Family Worship), 11:00 p.m. (Candlelight Worship); *Christmas Day*, 10:00 a.m. (This is a Sunday; only one service); *New Year's Day Worship*, 10:00 a.m. (This is a Sunday; only one service)



*“I will come
back and take
you to be with
me.”*

~John 14:3



Best Practices for Ministry

Feb. 23-25 in Phoenix, AZ.
This is one of the BEST conferences in our LCMS. It is available to anyone. Last year four people attended (Jen de la Motte, Mitch Preus, Tony Lorenzo, & Pastor Ron). This year we hope to double that number. There are over 300 workshops presented by people who are doing what they present in their communities. Pam Youngdale and Beth Kirkpatrick will be presenting a workshop about our Learning Matters ministry. Each person who attends is responsible for his/her airfare and lodging. We hope to travel together and stay at the same hotel. Meals are provided. We need to make reservations very soon. Please talk to one of us who attended last year.

Summer Mission Trip 2017

A mission trip is being planned to Alaska with Thirst Missions. Dates and specific places have not been set. See your Yellow form.

Coats for Kids

We are collecting new and used coats for kids. They will be brought to Westside Ministries for distribution to kids who need a coat. Our Confirmation students (5th-8th graders) went door to door on Nov. 7 telling people about the Coats for Kids ministry. They brought back over 50 coats from people and promises from many other people who want to give a coat, which will be brought to our church or to Carr's Cleaners. What a blessing. If you want to participate, bring a coat and place it in the "can" in the Social Hall. Our Confirmation Students will be part of the distribution on Dec. 14. Pray for this ministry.

38th Annual German Advent Service

November 27 at 4:00 p.m.
United Lutheran Church
649 Northgate Dr., Manteca
(209) 823-1971



Let your **roots** go down into Christ, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and **you will overflow with thankfulness.**

Colossians 2:7

Altar Guild
November
Wendy Brandeberry
Sharon Jensen
Nancy Thormahlen



The One Year Thru the Bible

- November 20 Colossians 1:1-2:23
- November 21 Colossians 3:1-4:18
- November 22 1 Thess. 1:1-3:13
- November 23 1 Thess. 4:1-5:28
- November 24 2 Thess. 1:1-2:17
- November 25 2 Thess. 3:1-18
- November 26 1 Timothy 1:1-20

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

~Ephesians 6:18

This Week at GSLC November 21-27

- Monday, November 21**
 - 6:30 PM Handbells
 - 6:30 PM Learning Matters!
 - 6:30 PM NAMI
- Tuesday, November 22**
 - 6:30 PM Middle Ground
 - 7:30 PM Praise Band
- Wednesday, November 23**
 - 7:00 PM Choir
- Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving (Office Closed)**
 - 9:00 AM Worship



- Friday, November 25 (Office Closed)**
 - 6:00 AM Men's Life
- Sunday, November 27**
 - 9:00 AM Worship
 - 10:00 AM BP Check
 - 10:15 AM Sunday School
 - 11:00 AM Worship
 - 6:00 PM Sr. High

Serving Today, November 20

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas
Elder: Ken Fitzgerald
Ushers: Tom Alvernaz, Jim Knapp, Aaron Lucero, Carlee Thomson, Matthew Fitzgerald, Jenna Green
Acolyte: Joshua Fitzgerald
Lector: Mike Bava
Sound: Jim Smith
Projection: LeRoy Gonzales

Organist: Linda Buie
Choir Director: Dr. Deborah Kavasch
Music Students: Jasmine Woodall, Giancarlos Delgado-Braun, Sarah Lindbergh-Lewis, Marshall Jones III, Ranelle Prescott
Instrumentalists: Joey Archie, trumpet Samantha Hernandez-Paramo, trumpet Meghan Hildebrand, horn, Dustin Speckman, trombone, Hector Salgado, tuba
Elder: Derek Schell
Ushers: Bart Muller, Rob Geiger, Greg Goodwin, Michael McCord
Acolyte: Tristan Loesche
Lector: Cyndi Gale
Sound: Doug Paul
Projection: Wayne Barber

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

The Flowers provided today are from Petra Thompson in loving memory of her Wedding Anniversary

Serving Next Sunday, November 27

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas
Elder: Victor Martino
Ushers: Tom Baldwin, Sam Ruiz, Gary Moore, Bryan Krough, Blaine Chance, Grace Willming, Jordyn Chance
Acolyte: Ashlan Lucero
Lector: Angie Martino
Sound: Kevin Rickey
Projection: Andrew Preuss

Organist: Linda Buie
Elder: Jim Smith
Ushers: Tom Hoy
Acolyte: Elizabeth Fisher
Lector: Evan Fisher
Sound: John Otte
Projection: Clorinda Otte



Coffee Hour for 11/27: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. Maria Sanchez

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



Belle (Martino) Alldrin
 Victor & Angie Martino
 Vivian Martino
 David McCord
 Dennis & Grace McCord
 (Michael & Rachel)
 John McCord
 George & Fran Meyer

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Treasurer's Financial Report General Fund

4 Months Ended October, 2016

Receipts	145,384.48
Expenditures	<u>149,600.71</u>
Fund Increase (Decrease)	(4,216.23)

11/13/16, Attendance & Giving

9:00 AM	153
11:00 AM	80
Sunday School	15
Adult Sun. School	14

Sunday Offerings:	\$ 7,147.75
Capital Fund:	<u>\$ 115.00</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 7,262.75

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).

Veva Larson, Memorial Hospital, 1700 Coffee Rd., Modesto, CA 95355
Ed De Boer, home, 4105 Cecelia Ct., Denair, CA 95316
Barbara Spratling, home, P.O. Box 165, Keyes, CA 95328
Soni Hill, home, 2140 Peace Way, Turlock, CA 95382

Don't Worry About
ANYTHING
 Instead, Pray About
EVERYTHING
 Tell GOD What
YOU NEED
 Thank HIM For All
HE HAS DONE.
 Philippians 4:6

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



Trinity Lutheran, Manilla, IA
 St. John Lutheran, Bound Brook, NJ
 Messiah Lutheran, Mendon, VT

Christmas Giving Tree

There is a Christmas tree set up in the Social Hall with tags that have the names and gift request of residents of convalescent homes. These residents have no close family, so a small gift would lift their spirits.

Lit 'n' Latte

We'll "read in" the new year with Jodi Picoult's latest novel, *Small Great Things* (2016). It's the "heart wrenching story of a labor and delivery nurse accused of murder by a white supremacist." Mark your new 2017 calendars for Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30 pm at our neighborhood *Starbucks*.
~Pam Youngdale

Craft Team Project

Please join us on Friday, December 2 at 1:00 pm and make a set of place mats for your table or for a gift. Sign up on the board in the Social Hall or by contacting Jean White (new phone #) at 620-8296 or whiteturlock@att.net. A sample will be by the sign up sheet. You will need 5 fat quarters of contrasting fabric, (1/4 yard of material) and approximately 1-1/4 yard of backing fabric.

Worship Services & Recorded Sermons

Sermons are recorded and available on the church website (www.gsllct.org). For a full length CD recording of a worship service, contact the office (667-7712).

Youth Activities

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

Petal Pushers

Sr. High & College Youth - It is time to decorate the Rose Bowl floats. This is a great opportunity to earn service hours as well as building friendships. We will be traveling down to Pasadena on Dec. 27 and return on Dec. 30. The cost of the trip is \$250, which includes some food, housing, and Disneyland tickets. For more information, talk to Jen (209) 324-9098.

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. The can will be here until December 12.

LWML Meeting

Our next LWML Meeting will be on December 13 at 11:00 a.m. Mark your calendar! Thank you to all who donated to the Mites boxes. We collected \$139.72 which will be sent to LWML to fund grant projects.

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.

Christmas Decorating

We need people to help decorate our church for Christmas. Decorating is on Nov. 27, 12:30 p.m. Also, we will be taking down the decorations on Jan. 1, 11:30 a.m. Sign up on your Yellow form to help.



Turlock Christmas Parade

We will be serving hot chocolate and popcorn during the parade on December 2nd. Please see your Yellow form if you are interested in helping with this event.

The Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry

Comfort, comfort my people, says the Lord. ~Isaiah 40: 1

The aim of the K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry of the Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) is to bring Mercy, Compassion, Presence and the Proclamation of Jesus Christ to those suffering and in need in the local congregation and its community. This LCC K-9 ministry began as a disaster response in 2008 after Hurricane Katrina and currently has about 100 dogs in service or in training. The dogs are 12-18 month old Golden Retrievers who serve as a bridge between the local

Ministries Handler, the Caregiver and the person being comforted and served. The dog is owned by the local congregation and lives in a members home. This dog becomes an integral part of the life and activities of its congregation. The intent of each visit by the Ministries team is to bring comfort and mercy through the presence of the dog and the love of Jesus Christ through prayer.

Current local congregations involved in this ministry are First Lutheran in Yuba City and St. John's in Napa. The dogs are provided and trained for a year to a year and a half in Northbrook, Illinois. These dogs are named and also have their own individual Facebook page. The initial cost of this ministry is about \$15,000, usually raised through local congregational donations. This cost includes the dog; the training for the handler, caregiver and dog, There is also an annual \$99 fee. Most local congregations include the dog on their insurance plans, and usually receive free or low cost services from local veterinarians. Before a congregation can be accepted into this ministry a Ministry Plan must be submitted for approval.

We are looking for a small team to explore this ministry. If you are interested please contact Judy Ranheim at 634-5584. Information on the LCC K-9 Comfort Dog ministry is also available at: lutheranchurchcharities.org.

Good Shepherd Social Ministries Team

December Birthdays



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| 1 - Ute Beckler | 10 - Lois Ulrich | 21 - Evelyn Hoskins |
| 1 - Roy Schmidt | 10 - Debbie Judish | 21 - Lindie Wilson |
| 2 - Patricia Credell | 10 - Titus Judish | 22 - Mason Sperry |
| 2 - Joanne Strand | 10 - Lillyana Chapman-Torres | 23 - Dylan Stoll |
| 3 - Jamee Bollinger | 10 - Hayden Hanson | 25 - Richard Spratling |
| 3 - JoAnn Conner | 11 - Elizabeth Fisher | 25 - Gretchen Gonzalez |
| 3 - Ortha Kling | 11 - Ed Juncker | 26 - Carlee Thomsen |
| 4 - Kay De Bora | 12 - Gerritt Mann | 26 - Evan Hitt |
| 4 - David Gale | 12 - Christie Christian | 27 - Pam Youngdale |
| 4 - Kaila Prater | 13 - Dottie Monreal | 27 - Tami Thomsen |
| 4 - Kristin Gustafson | 13 - Nicholas Smith | 28 - Linda Jahn |
| 4 - Devon Santos | 13 - Madisyn Espinosa | 28 - Elaina Envia |
| 5 - Gary Moore | 14 - Timothy Truax | 28 - Isabella Green |
| 5 - John Shipman | 15 - Ruth Sperry | 28 - Janessa Mitchell |
| 7 - Derald Dunn | 15 - Alexandra Knapp | 29 - David Chapman |
| 8 - Maddie Welch | 16 - Michael Barber | 29 - Jennifer Hinrikus |
| 8 - Mary Olson | 19 - Billie Hastings | 30 - Lisa Mackenzie |
| 9 - Krysta Chapman | 20 - Tracie Schell | 30 - David Lloyd |
| 9 - Clyde Clark | | 30 - Kurt Trepel |

December Anniversaries



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| 11 - Paul & Shirley Borchardt | 21 - Marvin & Veva Larson |
| 13 - Joe & Cindy Lorenzo | 25 - Derald & Marty Dunn |
| 15 - David & Veronica Jensen | 27 - Victor & Angie Martino |
| | 31 - Kurt & Denise Trepel |