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*Jesus
answered,
"My teaching
is not my own.
It comes from
him who sent me."*

~ John 7:16



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

New Member Sunday

November 27, 2016

Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (12/4) is the 2nd Sunday of Advent. The countdown to Christmas continues. The overall theme for Advent & Christmas is **"From Heaven Above...Be Ready!"** Our person of interest for this service will be King Herod, the Grinch who tried to steal Christmas! The second week theme will be **PREPARE**. The appointed Scripture readings for the day are: Isaiah 40:1-5; 1 Peter 1:13-16; Matthew 2:1-12. The Praise Band will lead the music at 9:00 a.m. The organist and Chancel Choir will provide the music at 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion will be offered at both services.

Advent & Christmas Events

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). Please take some of the Christmas business cards to invite family and friends to these services.

There will be only one Sunday worship service on *New Year's Day*. It is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Worship is a powerful way to begin a new year.



First 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**

December Prayer Walking Idea

Take a walk around a shopping area (Countryside, Downtown Turlock, Vintage Faire Mall, or somewhere else). Pray for the businesses and the shoppers. Pray that the people will hear the Christmas story about Jesus. Pray that people will be reunited with family and friends during the season. Thank the Lord for the many material blessings we have.

Thank You

I am thankful for Darel Rethwisch. He seems to be our designated tree trimmer. Recently, he trimmed the Olive tree. He has the eye and the skill for making our trees look good and remain healthy. "Thank you, Darel." (Pastor Ron)

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 if you are interested in attending.

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.



VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS NEEDED!
Ring a bell...help change a life

Bell Ringing

Don't miss an opportunity to ring bells for the Salvation Army. The money collected in the red buckets is used in many ways that help a multitude of people in need in our community. Be sure to put this on your list of things to do this holiday season. Sign up sheets are on the table in the Narthex. May your Christmas be merry and bring. Thank you for volunteering.

38th Annual German Advent Service

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

Altar Guild
November
Wendy Brandeberry
Sharon Jensen
Nancy Thormahlen



The One Year Thru the Bible

- November 27 1 Timothy 2:1-3:16
- November 28 1 Timothy 4:1-6:21
- November 29 2 Timothy 1:1-2:26
- November 30 2 Timothy 3:1-4:22
- December 1 Titus 1:1-16
- December 2 Titus 2:1-15
- December 3 Titus 3:1-15

*I wait for the Lord,
my soul waits,
and in his word
I put my hope.*

~Psalm 130:5

This Week at GSLC November 28-December 4

Monday, November 28

- 6:30 PM Handbells
- 6:30 PM Learning Matters!
- 6:30 PM NAMI

Tuesday, November 29

- 6:30 PM Middle Ground
- 7:30 PM Praise Band

Wednesday, November 30

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

Thursday, December 1

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

Friday, December 2

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

Sunday, December 4

- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 6:00 PM Sr. High



Christmas Decorating

We are decorating the church TODAY at 12:30 p.m. If you are available to help, please stay and see Troy de la Motte.

Serving Today, November 27

9:00 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

11:00 AM

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



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

Serving Next Sunday, December 4

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas
Elder: Rick Kaepernick
Ushers: Derald Dunn, Dave Geiger, Rob Hillberg, Ed Juncker, Glen Stabelfeld, Teresa Kaepernick, Mike Hawkinson, Calvin Baker, Caden Lindquist
Acolyte: Payton Hawkinson
Lector: Beth Bollinger
Sound: TBA
Projection: Mark Grobner

11:00 AM

Organist: Linda Buie
Choir Director: Dr. Deborah Kavasch
Music Students: Jasmine Woodall, Giancarlos Delgado-Braun, Sarah Lindbergh-Lewis, Marshall Jones III
Elder: Jim Bollinger
Ushers: Beth Bollinger, Larry DeBora, Marvin Larson, Steve & Eileen Mitchell, Emily Lloyd, Andrea Dunn
Acolyte: Robert Gibson
Lector: Jennifer Hinrikus
Sound: Richard Spratling
Projection: Storm Graser

Coffee Hour for 12/4: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. The Gibson Family

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



Dottie Monreal
 Janice Moskal
 Bart Muller
 Dave & Bonnie Muller
 Scott & Jeanette Welch
 (Maddie, Jack & Luke)

Martino Family Thank You

We wish to thank Pastor Ron, Pam and the other friends here at Good Shepherd who reached out with a kind word, prayer or card as we experienced the loss of our granddaughter, Emmette Joy. We feel so fortunate to have a loving church home filled with such compassionate and caring people.

With Love,
 Victor and Angie Martino

11/20/16, Attendance & Giving

9:00 AM	123
11:00 AM	92
Sunday School	10
Adult Sun. School	9
Sunday Offerings:	\$ 9,684.00
Capital Fund:	\$ 40.00
Total Offerings:	\$ 9,724.00

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, Turlock Skilled Nursing & Rehab., 1111 E. Tuolumne Rd., Turlock, CA 95382

Barbara Spratling, home, P.O. Box 165, Keyes, CA 95328

Soni Hill, home, 2140 Peace Way, Turlock, CA 95382

John Marvin, home, 1345 Valley View Dr., Turlock, CA 95380

Those Joining GSLC Today

Agnieszka Zarycki (Jacob)
 Robert & Julia Gibson (Robert,
 Laura, Elizabeth & Curtis)
 Tony Inzana & Laverne Berger
 Inzana
 Joyce Chelgren
 Scott White (Sarah)
 Kay White Olson

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



St. John Lutheran, Center Point, IA
 St. Paul Lutheran, Cuba MO
 Jordan Lutheran, Apex, NC

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.

Food 'n Fun

Join us Thursday, December 9, at 1:30 p.m. for an afternoon of games, fellowship and snacks.

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.

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.

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.

Please keep the family of Ed De Boer in your prayers as they mourn his passing. Ed entered heaven on November 21. Funeral plans are pending.

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.

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.

Thank You

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during my last cataract surgery. Everything went just fine. I am glad that it is all behind me now.

Yours truly,
Darlene Comly

Turlock Community Gospel Choir

Turlock Covenant Church invites you to an evening of worship with the Turlock Community Gospel Choir on Sunday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m., 316 S. Laurel Street, Turlock. The musical program will be a mix of both traditional and contemporary music from the African-American tradition. Call the church at 667-1191 with any questions.

Elder Summary

The Elders met on Nov. 15, 2016. Here is a summary of the meeting:

- Care ministry needs were discussed.
- Youth participation in the Elder teams was reviewed.
- The Elder budget was reviewed. There are no issues or concerns.

- The new Acolyte schedule from Jen was reviewed. Acolytes now serve on a specific Elder worship team, one Sunday each month.
 - Elder assignments for the special worship services in Advent and Christmas were reviewed.
 - A discussion began about the need to adopt a specific Bible translation for buying new Bibles in the future since the NIV1984 is no longer available. This will continue in January.
 - The following items pertaining to high school youth will be incorporated into the yearly outcomes for Elders: interest in usher training, being reminded by texts when they are to serve as ushers, suggestions for worship and music in worship, a "mush ball" or similar event.
 - The Elder Letter to be mailed in February was reviewed and adopted.
 - The Elders discussed a question from a member about how to address people talking during certain parts of the worship service. No specifics were decided other than recognizing this is a sensitive matter.
 - Weekday services in Lent will be offered in a similar format as last year, one on Wednesday around noon, one on Wednesday evening, one on Tuesday evening and one on Thursday evening.
 - Leadership training was given about visionary leadership.
- The next Elder's meeting is scheduled for Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m. (Jim Bollinger, Ken Fitzgerald, Victor Martino, Derek Schell, Jim Smith, Rick Kaepernick, LeRoy Gonzales, Ken Lambert and Pastor Ron)