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*As you know,
we consider
blessed those
who have
persevered.*

~James 5:11



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

December 4, 2016

Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (12/11) is the 3rd Sunday of Advent. The overall theme for Advent & Christmas is **“From Heaven Above...Be Ready!”** Our people of interest for this service will be the Shepherds! The theme for the 3rd week will be **Joy**, which is indicated by a **pink candle** in the advent wreath. The appointed Scripture readings for the day are: 1 Samuel 16:1, 4-13; Romans 1:14-16; Luke 2:8-20. The Praise Band will lead the music at 9:00 a.m. The organist and Bell Choir will provide music at 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Festival of Music

All our musicians will be involved in presenting music for the season on 12/11 at 7:00 p.m. We are preparing to celebrate the coming of God into our world as a baby, an almost unbelievable news release. What makes it believable is that it is true! *From heaven above* God entered our world. May this celebration of music assist you in being ready for your gift from heaven above! Bring a friend or neighbor or family member.

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.



Second 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**

Church Council

The Council met on 11/21/16. The following items were discussed.

- Leader Training #3: Visionary Leadership - Community focus
Community engaged
- Approval of previous minutes – Motion for approval passed
- Financial Report for July-October 2016: Income \$145,348.48; Expenditures \$149,600.71; Income <\$4,216.23>
- Quincy Property Report: Utilities Option “A” \$498,250.00; Utilities Option “B” \$587,550.00. The complete report is on our website (www.gslct.org/Resources/ChurchDocuments/InitialSitePlanforQuincyProp11-2016.pdf)
- 6. Endowment Fund Committee
- 7. Senior Pastor Report: Small Group Report 7-16 to 11-16; Ministry Team Summaries 7-16 to 11-16; Pastor Report 11- 2016
- 75th Anniversary as a Congregation – May 21– Mike & Julia Bava, coordinators- motion approved
- Yellow Form Comments – Council action
- Updates on Big Rock from Ministry teams. Completed: Elders, Social Ministry, Outreach
- Our Congregation has an agreement with Red Cross for our facilities to be an emergency shelter. Motion to submit agreement to our insurance carrier for review and comments - motion approved

The next meeting is scheduled for 1/25 @ 7:00 p.m.

Church Council Connection

Four of the Church Council members are designated the task of connecting with the *stewards* (members) of Good Shepherd. Those four Council members want to have a good understanding of our congregation’s needs to make sure the Council is adequately representing the whole congregation. Please keep in touch with them. They are: Bob Hoskins, Tony Paul, Bob Brandeberry and Traci Preuss.

Thank You

Thank you, Dave Wallace! He currently serves as the president of our congregation. That’s not all! He heads up the sound system team, was involved in installing the new system, sings in the Chancel Choir, oversees and organizes security needs for our congregation, assists in providing information about emergency preparedness for our congregation and individuals, and the list continues. His ministry has blessed us! (Pastor Ron)



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 bright. Thank you for volunteering.

Altar Guild
December
 Sandy Mann
 Lyn Brock
 Nancy Widdowson



The One Year Thru the Bible

December 4 Philemon 1:1-25
December 5 Hebrews 1:1-2:18
December 6 Hebrews 3:1-4:13
December 7 Hebrews 4:14-7:28
December 8 Hebrews 8:1-10:18
December 9 Hebrews 10:19-13:25
December 10 James 1:1-27

By one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

~Hebrews 10:14

This Week at GSLC December 5-11

- Monday, December 5**
 5:00 PM Youth Team
 6:30 PM Handbells
 6:30 PM Learning Matters!
- Tuesday, December 6**
 6:30 PM Middle Ground
 7:30 PM Praise Band
- Wednesday, December 7**
 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 8**
 9:00 AM Thumbsmashers
 1:00 PM Stitches & Quilts
 1:00 PM Food ‘n Fun
 6:30 PM Learning Matters!
- Friday, December 9**
 6:00 AM Men’s Life
 1:00 PM Craft Team
- Sunday, December 11**
 9:00 AM Worship
 10:15 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship
 6:00 PM Sr. High
 7:00 PM Christmas Festival of Music



Serving Today, December 4

9:00 AM

11:00 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

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: Laura or Elizabeth Gibson
Lector: Jennifer Hinrikus
Sound: Richard Spratling
Projection: Storm Graser

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

The Poinsettias that grace the church are donated by the Geiger Family!

Serving Next Sunday, December 11

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas
Elder: LeRoy Gonzales
Ushers: Wayne Rickey, Karl Jahn, Alex Jahn, Andrew Preuss, Fallon Evans, Alaura Lucero
Acolyte: Jessie Chance
Lector: Jennifer de la Motte
Sound: Doug Paul
Projection: Rob Hillberg

Organist: Linda Buie
Bell Choir Director: Kathie Mackie
Elder: Ken Lambert
Ushers: John Shipman, Joe Ulrich, James Hinrikus, Kaitlin Hinrikus, Carl Paul, Kylie Paul
Acolyte: Sarah Dunn
Lector: Jennifer de la Motte
Sound: Dave Gale
Projection: Cyndi Gale

Coffee Hour for 12/11: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. Lance & Mary Olson

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



Wayne & Amethyst Van Gaalen
(Clark, Savannah & Carter)
 Scott & Jeanette Welch
(Maddie, Jack & Luke)
 Dylan White
 George & Jean White

November's Official Acts

11/7 **Memorial Service**
 Burt Lindquist

11/27 **New Members**
 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:



Hope Lutheran, Billings, MT
Immanuel Lutheran, Portland, OR
St. John Lutheran, Dancy, WI

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



11/24/16, Thanksgiving Attendance
 9:00 AM 90
 Giving: \$1,239.00

11/27/16, Attendance & Giving
 9:00 AM 135
 11:00 AM 79
 Sunday School no classes
 Adult Sun. School 14

Sunday Offerings: \$ 5,241.18
 Capital Fund: \$.00
 Total Offerings: \$ 5,241.18

Christmas Decorating

Our Sanctuary, Chancel and outside are beautiful. Thank you to Troy de la Motte and all who helped him decorate the church last week: John Shipman, Jim Bollinger, Jamee Bollinger, Dave Judish, Lyn Brock, Krisi Alair and daughters, Paula Matthews, Judy Rexin, Gibson family, Otte family, Nancy Thormahlen, Stoll family, Hinrikus family, Sharon Jensen, Jen de la Motte, Sandy Mann and Danika, and anyone else we may have omitted! You have all blessed us.

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

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).

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.

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.

2017 Calendars - Beautiful and useful - the youth are selling 2017 calendars for \$10. The calendars are wire spiral bound and made of heavyweight cardstock. The funds will help offset the cost of Petal Pushers.

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.

Also, Zone 3, LWML is collecting empty plastic pill bottles. The bottles will be used by *Matthew 25: Ministries* for distribution of medications to people in need in developing countries. There will be a box to collect the bottles in the Social Hall. Contact Judy Rexin with any questions at 209-262-1320.

Cookies Requested for Christmas Festival of Music

Cookies are needed for the reception after the Christmas Festival of Music on December 11 at 7:00 p.m. See your Yellow form if you would like to help.

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.

Food 'n Fun

Join us Thursday, December 8, at 1:30 p.m. for an afternoon of games, fellowship and snacks.

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.

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.

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. 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

2017 Offering Envelopes

Please pick up your offering envelopes for next year from the tables in the Social Hall and save the church the cost of mailing it to you.