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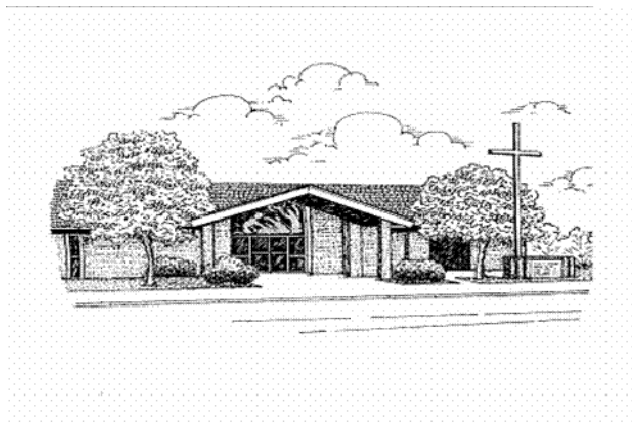
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*With humility  
comes wisdom.*

*~Proverbs 11:2*



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# News & Notes

January 19, 2014



## 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 (1/26) is the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**. The appointed Scripture readings for that day are: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-25. The Praise Band will lead our music at the 9:00 a.m. service. The organist will lead our music at the 11:00 a.m. service. The Handbell Choir will provide special music at the 11:00 a.m. service. Invite a friend to one of our services.

## Lent Worship

The first worship service during Lent is Ash Wednesday. A 6:30 p.m. service will be offered (3/5) with Holy Communion. The following five Wednesdays will offer two services each Wednesday. The 12:30 p.m. services will be formal Lent services. The 6:30 p.m. services will be more informal. The theme for the Wednesday services will be the **"Son of God,"** which is based on the upcoming movie ("Son of God") that opens in theaters on 2/28. You are encouraged to see the movie before the Lent series begins. The reason for two services is to offer a service for those who prefer a service during daylight hours and to offer a more informal service in the evening time.



## Bits & Pieces

### 2013 Contribution Statements

Your 2013 Contribution Statements are ready and located on the tables in the Social hall.

### The Giving Tree Thank You

Staff and Residents at Turlock Residential want to thank you so much for your giving spirit this Christmas. We were all blessed.

Thank you, Robin.



### Recorded Worship Services & Sermons

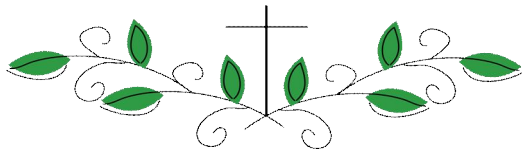
Sermons are recorded and available on the church website ([www.gslct.org](http://www.gslct.org)). For a full length CD recording of a worship service, contact the office (667-7712).

### 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.

### Sunday Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (1/19) is: *God Reveals His Glory in Christ and His Cross*. "The LORD, the Redeemer of Israel" calls forth "his Holy One" (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, "from the womb" of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also "as a light for the nations" whose salvation reaches "to the end of the earth" (Is. 49:6). John came "baptizing with water" (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29) and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross. When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended "from heaven like a dove" and "remained on him" (John 1:32). By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father and "called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we "are not lacking in any gift," but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, "guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:7-8).



January Altar Guild  
Tracie Schell  
Chrissy Stiles  
Terry Goodwin



### Your Daily Walk Readings

January 20 Exodus 7-10  
January 21 Exodus 11-12  
January 22 Exodus 13-15  
January 23 Reflection  
January 24 Exodus 16-18  
January 25 Exodus 19-20  
January 26 Exodus 21-24

*"I am the vine;  
you are the branches."*

~John 15:5

## This Week at GSLC January 20-26

### Monday, January 20

5:30 PM Volleyball  
6:30 PM Handbells

### Tuesday, January 21

9:30 AM Bible Discovery  
1:30 PM Knitting Group  
5:30 PM Volleyball  
5:30 PM NAMI  
7:00 PM Council  
7:00 PM Praise Band

### Wednesday, January 22

6:00 AM Men's Network  
5:45 PM Confirmation  
6:30 PM FaithWeavers

### Thursday, January 23

8:30 AM Bible Discovery  
9:00 AM Thumbsmashers  
1:00 PM Craft Team  
7:00 PM Faith Basics 101-2  
7:00 PM Financial Peace U  
7:00 PM Adult Bible Study

### Friday, January 24

6:00 AM Men's Life  
Women leave for Retreat

### Sunday, January 26

9:00 AM Worship  
10:00 AM Blood Pressure Ck  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship  
6:00 PM Sr. High  
Women return from Retreat

## Of Interest

### Lutheran Hour Schedule

**KCBC (770 AM) 7:30 a.m., Sundays**    **KMJ (580 AM) 7:00 a.m., Sundays**



**January 26**

"Jesus in a Box"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

**February 2**

"Jesus Gets It"

Lutheran Hour Speaker:  
Rev. Gregory Seltz

**February 9**

"You're Still in the Game"

Lutheran Hour Speaker:  
Rev. Gregory Seltz

**February 16**

"Living in God's Choice"

Lutheran Hour Speaker:  
Rev. Gregory Seltz

**February 23**

"The Walls, the Moats"

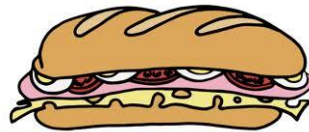
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### Youth Events

#### Sr. High

**TONIGHT** - Sr. High at 6:00 p.m.

**2014 Sub Sandwich Sale** - order a foot long sub for only \$10. The youth will make your sub based on your order form. Subs can be picked up on Feb. 2 after the 1st service in time for the big game. If you have any questions, call Jen de la Motte - 324-9098 or stop by the table in the Social Hall. The proceeds from the sub sales will go to help the youth attending the houseboat trip June 16 - 19, 2014.



**UnStable** - The High School District Gathering is taking place March 7-9 at William Jessup University near Rocklin, CA. Students and leaders from our CNH district will come together for a weekend to grow deeper in their faith and be encouraged in our walk with Jesus. The cost is \$150 - talk to Jen to sign up.

**5th - 8th Graders** - It's time for Boomers! February 14, 2014 - Sign-up in advance. Cost is \$15 for a wristband and dinner. Meet at Church at 4:30 p.m. and we will come back at 9:00 p.m.

## F. Y. I.

### Council Notes

Council meeting of November 19<sup>th</sup> included a discussion of our developing Endowment Committee and its commitments to the Missouri Synod contract. The Core Values & Ends Statements were reviewed in the context of the "Governing with Soul" workshop. The revisions to the Personnel Manual's PTO and Sick Leave policies were approved. The personnel requirements for Youth workers were reviewed and will be forwarded to Greg Goodwin. The next meeting will be held January 21<sup>st</sup>.

### 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: Tracie Schell, Sandy Mann and Craig Baker.



## Serving Today, January 19

9:00 AM

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Elder:** Mike Bava  
**Ushers:** Tom Alvernaz, Gil Bostwick, Jim Knapp, Tracie & Derek Schell, Alex Knapp, Andrew Knapp  
**Acolyte:** Luke Welch  
**Lector:** LeRoy Gonzales  
**Sound:** Jim Smith  
**Projection:** LeRoy Gonzales

11:00 AM

**Organist:** Cheryl Harlan  
**Elder:** John Otte  
**Ushers:** Bart Muller, Rob Geiger, Michael Barber, Blaine Chance  
**Acolyte:** Hannah Green  
**Lector:** Beth Bollinger  
**Sound:** Eric Wallace  
**Projection:** Summer Barber

Coffee Hour for 1/19: 9:00 a.m. Cheryl Harms / 11:00 a.m. Mitch Preus & Dayton Family

Altar flowers for 1/19 & 1/25 are provided by Cherie Bowen  
 in memory of Jim Bowen's birthday

## Serving Next Sunday, January 26

9:00 AM

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Elder:** Victor Martino  
**Ushers:** Sam Ruiz, Beth Bollinger, Jerry Rexin, Bryan Krough, Zach Harcksen  
**Acolyte:** Fallon Evans  
**Lector:** Marcie Fernandes  
**Sound:** Kevin Rickey  
**Projection:** Andrew Preuss

11:00 AM

**Organist:** Cheryl Harlan  
**Handbell Director:** Kathie Mackie  
**Elder:** Dave Gale  
**Ushers:** Cyndi Gale, Kelly Guest, Amanda Bailey, Ellen Willming, John McCord  
**Acolyte:** Michael McCord  
**Lector:** Mitch Preus  
**Sound:** John Otte  
**Projection:** Clorinda Otte

Coffee Hour for 1/26: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

## "Family News"

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



Jan & Jennie Backstrom  
 (Stuart)  
 Lilli Backstrom  
 Florence Dayton  
 John Dayton  
 Paul Dayton  
 Jim & Cheryl Harlan

### Care & Prayer

If you know of someone who is in need of care ministry, please pray for them and call Louise Rickey at the church (634-3319). If you have a prayer need in your life, call Pastor Ron or leave your name with the church office. Please be praying for the following people:

**John Prater**, home, 8082 Shoreen St., Hilmar, CA 95324  
**John Dayton**, home, 12100 Horseshoe Rd., Oakdale, CA 95361  
**Doris Casaretto**, Emanuel, 825 Delbon, Turlock, CA 95382  
**Nick Francis**, home, 3022 Kansas Ave, Atwater, CA 95301  
**Eldeen Loretz**, Covenant Village Care, 2125 N. Olive, Room 110A, Turlock, CA 95382  
**Gordon Peterson**, English Oaks, 2633 W. Rumble Rd., Modesto, CA 95350  
**Alice Bechard**, Memorial Hospital, 1700 Coffee Rd., Modesto, CA 95355

January 12, 2014 Attendance & Giving	
9:00 AM	171
11:00 AM	83
Sunday School	56
Sunday Offerings:	\$ 8,729.09
Capital Fund:	\$ 280.00
Total Offerings:	\$ 9,009.09

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



*Ascension Lutheran*, Atlanta, GA  
*First Trinity Lutheran*, Beatrice, NE  
*Immanuel Lutheran*, Wild Rose, WI

Tom Truax entered heaven on Tuesday, January 14, 2014.

Keep his wife, Tami, and their children, Terrance & Timothy, in your prayers.

His service was held here yesterday.



## Ministry Teams

### Outreach Ministries

The Outreach team met on Jan. 7.

- A job description for contacting our missionaries was developed: (1) monthly contact by email; (2) post recent newsletters on the missionary bulletin board; (3) insert information blurbs in News & Notes as often as needed.
- Dan & Patty Schmelzer, missionaries in Kenya, will be assigned a contact person soon. Two people have volunteered.
- New name tags will be ordered after finding a better tag than the current one
- The team discussed the costs for the LHM booklets that we provide for distribution through the chaplain at Emanuel Hospital.
- The Advent/Christmas advertising through banners, yard signs and business cards seemed to be a success. We will use them again next year.
- Offering popcorn and drinks at the Turlock Christmas parade was a success. We distributed many Christmas business cards. Next year we will only offer popcorn and hot chocolate.
- A request of \$650 to bring electricity to the national church office in Togo is being finalized.
- It was decided that Outreach will no longer fund Lifetree Café, since it has not been an outreach tool. The team hopes our congregation can offer it under some other ministry team.

- Easter advertising was discussed. We will distribute personalized flashlights at the Sunrise service. New Sunrise banners will be needed in the next few years.
- The Belize mission trip in April (4/21-4/26) is finalized. Fund raising will begin soon to help support the 6 missionaries who will represent our church.

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 4, 4:00 p.m. (Becky Bailey, Margaret Routt, Judy Rexin, and Pastor Ron)

### Youth Team

The youth team met on January 6, 2014 at 5:30 pm. The team discussed the Petal Pushers trip and the details of the expenses. The team voted to use some Servant Event funds to offset the cost of the food and lodging while the youth were serving on the floats. The team also discussed the upcoming events for Sr. High youth which include the High School District gathering in March and the Houseboat in June. The youth will be selling Super Bowl Subs to offset the cost of both trips. Jen presented some servant event organizations and the idea that we can take part in some local serving opportunities in the upcoming months. Boomers is set on the calendar for February 7, 2014 at 4:30 pm for 5th through 8th grade youth.

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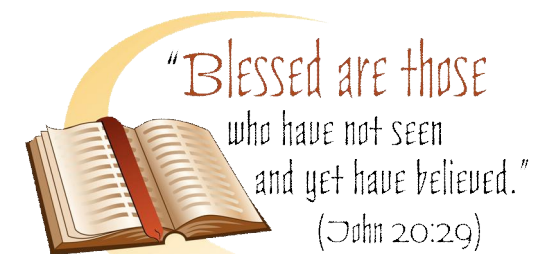
### Elders

The Elders met on Jan. 14, 2014. Here is a summary of the meeting:

- Care Ministry needs cards were discussed.
- The involvement of the confirmed senior high members was reviewed.
- Pastor's Report.
  1. The small group report was presented. No discussion.
  2. Pastor has completed all course work for mission coach certification. It will be incorporated into his ministry to coach people in discipleship and leadership.
  3. The previous services (12/29/13 and 1/5/14) were discussed. The services and sermons were led by lay leaders, who did a good job.
  4. Rev. Mike Lange, our CNH District Missions Director, will be visiting our church on 2/2.
  5. A group from Teen Challenge will be with us on 2/23.
  6. The article, "Becoming an Inclusive Church," was reviewed. (It is available from Pastor.)
- The new procedures for handling the offerings at the close of a service were discussed. They seem to be good and workable procedures and will be continued.

- The use of songs during Holy Communion during the 9:00 a.m. service was discussed. Having the two musicians provide music during that time was seen as a good way to offer a time for meditation for the congregation.
- The Elder Lent service schedule for Wednesdays was set. (A description of the Wednesday worship services is provided elsewhere in this News & Notes.)
- An elder letter to the congregation was reviewed. It will be sent in February.
- The elders formed a list of people to ask to serve as elders. Two elders will complete their terms in June.

The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 10, 7:00 p.m. (Bob Hoskins, Jim Harlan, Mike Bava, John Otte, Dave Gale, Charlie Jahn, Ken Fitzgerald, Victor Martino and Pastor Ron)



## February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <small>9:00 am Worship Pick Up Your Subs 10:15 am Sun School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High</small>	3 <small>9:30 am Social Min 5:30 pm Volleyball 6:30 pm Handbells</small>	4 <small>9:30 am Bible Disc 1:30 pm Knitting 4:00 pm Outreach 5:30 pm Volleyball 5:30 pm NAMI Peer 6:30 pm NAMI 7:00 pm Praise Band</small>	5 <small>6:00 am Men's Net 5:45 pm Confirm. 6:30 pm FaithW 7:30 pm Choir</small>	6 <small>9:00 am Thumbsn 9:00 am Bible Disc 1:00 pm Craft Team 7:00 pm Adult Bible 7:00 pm Faith B-101 7:00 pm FPU</small>	7 <small>6:00 am Men's Life 1:00 pm Stitches &amp; Quilts</small>	8
9 <small>9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sun School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High 6:00 pm Couples</small>	10 <small>5:30 pm Volleyball 6:30 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Elders</small>	11 <small>9:30 am Bible Disc 1:30 pm Knitting 5:30 pm Volleyball 5:30 pm NAMI Peer 6:30 pm Bunco 7:00 pm Praise Band</small>	12 <small>6:00 am Men's Net 5:45 pm Confirm. 6:30 pm FaithW 7:30 pm Choir</small>	13 <small>9:00 am Thumbsn 9:00 am Bible Disc 1:00 pm Craft Team 1:30 pm Food 'n Fun 6:00 pm Empty N. 7:00 pm Adult Bible 7:00 pm FPU</small>	14 <small>6:00 am Men's Life 1:00 pm Stitches &amp; Quilts 4:30 pm 5th-8th Grades to Boomers</small>	15
16 <small>9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sun School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High</small>	17 <small>PRESIDENT'S DAY (Office Closed)</small>	18 <small>TGM Shelter 9:30 am Bible Disc 1:30 pm Knitting 6:30 pm NAMI 7:00 pm Praise Band</small>	19 <small>February 16 - 22</small>	20 <small>9:00 am Thumbsn 9:00 am Bible Disc 11:00 am Women's 1:00 pm Craft Team 7:00 pm Adult Bible 7:00 pm Faith B-201 7:00 pm FPU</small>	21 <small>6:00 am Men's Life 1:00 pm Stitches &amp; Quilts</small>	22
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## February Birthdays



02/01 Pauline Johnson	02/08 Nick Jensen	02/18 Scott Welch
02/02 Donna Borges	02/08 Todd Chance	02/18 Ellen Willming
02/02 Victor Martino	02/09 Barbara Spratling	02/19 Dave Wallace
02/03 Rebecca Ruiz	02/09 Christopher Spratling	02/19 Calvin Baker
02/04 Alex Bava	02/09 Gy Thomson	02/20 Veva Larson
02/04 Ellen Morse	02/10 Tami Truax	02/22 George Meyer
02/04 Joanne Boyett	02/11 Cheryl Harms	02/24 Mariane First
02/04 Dorothy Schlecht	02/11 Tyler Schmidt	02/24 Tim MacDonald
02/06 Tina Envia	02/15 Sue Baldwin	02/25 Tom Alvernaz
02/06 Jackson Hall	02/16 Nicole Barber	02/26 Lubby Hildebrand
02/06 Ian MacKenzie	02/17 Irmgard Hack	02/28 Larry De Bora
02/06 Tara Schlecht	02/17 Caleb Lawrence	02/28 Rick Geiger
02/07 Mike Hawkinson	02/18 Wanda Schutz	02/28 Dave Muller

## February Wedding Anniversaries

02/02 Robert & Cindy Beckler	02/14 Denis & Debbie Robillard
02/14 Sam & Carol Ruiz	02/15 Michael & Shawnii Spratling
	02/26 Clyde & Taya Clark

