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*[God] comforts  
us in all our  
troubles.*

*~2 Corinthians 1:4*



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# News & Notes

February 2, 2014



Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany

## 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 (2/9) is the **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**. The appointed Scripture readings for that day are: Isaiah 58:3-9; Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20. 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.

## CNH District Missions Counselor

It is our pleasure to have Rev. Michael Lange with us today. He serves our California-Nevada-Hawaii District in the area of missions. Today he provides a message from God's Word during the services and provides more information about missions during the Sunday School hour (10:20 – 10:50 a.m.) in the Fellowship Room.

## Conflict Transformation

A study on Conflict Transformation (Resolution) will begin on February 9 during the Sunday School time (10:20-10:50 a.m.) in the Fellowship Room. Pastor Ron will lead the study, which will help you better understand conflict and how to manage conflict.

## Teen Challenge

Guests from our local Teen Challenge will be with us during the worship services on 2/23. It is amazing how the Lord has used that ministry to change lives. Come and hear more. Bring a friend.

## Of Interest

### Bible Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (2/2) is: *God Gives the Gift of a Child to Destroy Death*. The Lord opened the barren womb of Hannah and gave her the gift of the son for whom she prayed, and in grateful response she presented and gave the child, Samuel, to the Lord's service. "As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD" (1 Sam. 2:28). So, too, did Mary and Joseph present the Child promised from the fall, born of a virgin's womb. The true offering wasn't the turtledoves or young pigeons. It was the Child they carried. This Child has come to "destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery" (Heb. 2:14b-15). Set free by His advent in our flesh and the promise of what He would do "in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people" (Heb. 2:17b), Simeon and Anna rejoiced, and we with them, for we know that we, too, can face death unafraid and "depart in peace" (Luke 2:29) when our time comes.



### Lent Worship – "Son of God: Who is He?"

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (3/5). A 6:30 p.m. service will be offered for everyone. Holy Communion will be served. The following five Wednesdays will offer two times for worship on Wednesdays: a 12:30 p.m. formal service and a 6:30 p.m. informal service. The theme for all Wednesday services and Holy Week services will be the "*Son of God*." Clips from the movie "Son of God" will be used during each service. The movie opens in theaters on 2/28. You are encouraged to see the movie before the Lent series begins.

### "Women's Retreat" - What a Life Changing Experience!

This was my first women's retreat and I certainly did not know what to expect. Words are inadequate, but feelings aren't! I feel happy, refreshed! I feel God's presence intensified. I feel a unique bond with my "Sisters in Christ". I feel my problems are so minute. I feel uplifted. Good Shepherd has such a good group of ladies, and to be a family with them....well, I truly hope next year, if at all possible, more sisters can make it because it's incredible, truly incredible. Sure, the chocolate was delicious, but the companionship was even better. THANK YOU TEAM COORDINATORS for making this possible. Your effort and love put into this did not go unnoticed.

~Karen Andersen

### February Altar Guild

Sharon Jensen  
Amy Fitzgerald  
Gerry Ratzlaff  
Mary Trickey



### Your Daily Walk Readings

**February 3** Pause & Review  
**February 4** Leviticus 8-10  
**February 5** Leviticus 11-15  
**February 6** Leviticus 16-17  
**February 7** Leviticus 18-20  
**February 8** Pause & Review  
**February 9** Leviticus 21-23

Praise the Lord, O my soul;  
all my inmost being,  
praise his holy name.

~Psalm 103:1

## This Week at GSLC February 3 - 9

### Monday, February 3

3:30 PM Social Ministry Team  
5:00 PM Youth Team Mtg  
5:30 PM Volleyball  
6:30 PM Handbells

### Tuesday, February 4

9:00 AM Bible Discovery  
1:30 PM Knitting  
4:00 PM Outreach  
5:30 PM Volleyball  
5:30 PM NAMI Peer to Peer  
6:30 PM NAMI  
7:00 PM Praise Band

### Wednesday, February 5

6:00 AM Men's Network  
5:45 PM Confirmation  
6:30 PM FaithWeavers  
7:30 PM Choir

### Thursday, February 6

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

### Friday, February 7

6:00 AM Men's Life  
1:00 PM Stitches & Quilts

### Sunday, February 9

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

## Serving Today, February 2

**9:00 AM**

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Elder:** Charlie Jahn  
**Ushers:** Derald Dunn, Dave Geiger, Rob Hillberg, Glen Stabelfeld, Elizabeth Grobner, Stuart Backstrom, Maddie Welch  
**Acolyte:** Caden Lindquist  
**Lector:** Alex Knapp  
**Sound:** Bill First  
**Projection:** Mark Grobner

**11:00 AM**

**Organist:** Dr. Benjamin Boren  
**Choir Director:** Dr. Deborah Kavasch  
**Elder:** Bob Hoskins  
**Ushers:** Marvin Larson, Bill Coleman, Larry DeBora, Rochelle Beckler, Nathan Schmidt, Hannah Judish, William Hoskins  
**Acolyte:** Emily Lloyd  
**Lector:** Michael Graser  
**Sound:** Doug Paul  
**Projection:** Summer Barber

Coffee Hour for Today: 9:00 a.m. Pam Youngdale & Abby Hawkinson  
 11:00 a.m. Sr. High Youth

Altar flowers for February 2 & 9 are provided by Kay De Bora  
 in loving memory of Rudy De Bora

## Serving Next Sunday, February 9

**9:00 AM**

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Elder:** Ken Fitzgerald  
**Ushers:** Wayne Rickey, Kevin Rickey, Charlie Jahn, Karl Jahn, Alex Jahn, Tim Truax, Andrew Preuss, Kyle Rickey, Matthew Fitzgerald  
**Acolyte:** Joshua Fitzgerald  
**Lector:** Charlie Jahn  
**Sound:** Richard Spratling  
**Projection:** Rob Hillberg

**11:00 AM**

**Organist:** Cheryl Harlan  
**Elder:** Jim Harlan  
**Ushers:** Joe Ulrich, Wayne Bailey, Carl Paul  
**Acolyte:** Rachel McCord  
**Lector:** Ernie Conner  
**Sound:** Dave Gale  
**Projection:** Cyndi Gale

Coffee Hour for 2/9: 9:00 a.m. Mary Trickey / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

## “Family News”

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



Amanda Bailey  
 Jon & Becky Bailey  
 Warren Bailey  
 Wayne & Betty Bailey  
 Elaine Rainey  
 Darel & Sandy Rethwisch  
 Jerry & Judy Rexin

### 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).

**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 Care, 2125 N. Olive, Room 110A, Turlock, CA 95382  
**Gordon Peterson**, English Oaks, 2633 W. Rumble Rd., Modesto, CA 95350  
**Alice Bechard**, Turlock Nursing & Rehab, 1111 E. Tuolumne Rd., Turlock, CA 95382  
**Joanne Alvernaz**, home, 1266 Casual Lane, Turlock, CA 95382

### January Official Acts

#### Baptisms

1/12 Olivia Rebecca Dillon  
 1/26 Ezekiel Gerard Santos

#### Funerals

1/18 Tom Truax

1/26/14, Attendance & Giving  
 9:00 AM 136  
 11:00 AM 82  
 Sunday School 46

Sunday Offerings: \$6,406.00  
 Capital Fund: \$ -0-  
 Total Offerings: \$ 6,406.00

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

*Trinity Lutheran*, Casa Grande, AZ  
*Calvary Lutheran*, Bedford, IN  
*Peace Lutheran*, Detroit, MI





## Information & Youth Events

### Wondering What to Give your Spouse for Valentine's Day?

Enjoy a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend with private, one-on-one time with your spouse. The next Weekend is scheduled in Rancho Cordova, CA on March 28 - 30, 2014. Apply now at [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org) or contact Ted & Marty Hartman at [tnmheart@gmail.com](mailto:tnmheart@gmail.com) or 925-518-4504 for more information. Weekends fill fast and pre-registration is required – don't miss out! Registrations must be received by March 5.



### 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.

### Recorded Worship Services & Sermons

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

### Youth Events

#### No Youth Group - TONIGHT

**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.



### Toys for Verda's House

The Social Ministries Team will be collecting cash donations to purchase a gift card from either Target, Wal-Mart or Nasco. The gift card will be directed to the program director of Verda's House so that she can purchase developmental toys for their program. See the Social Ministries Team in the Social hall today and next week, February 9. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

- Social Ministries Team

## F. Y. I.

### CNH Mission Conference Saturday, April 5, 2014 Our Savior Lutheran, Livermore *"Living the Missionary Life in Your Neighborhood"*

The Mission Conference is for all individuals in our congregations. The conference will feature the CNH Mission Vision, Community Outreach Ideas and "How To" Workshops. The Keynote speaker is Greg Finke of Dwelling 1:14. Visit [www.cnh-lcms.org](http://www.cnh-lcms.org) or contact Glenna Sanlis at 866-452-6739 for more information.

### Turlock Gospel Mission Benefit and Appreciation Dinner

**Saturday, March 22**  
Assyrian American Civic Club  
2618 N. Golden State Blvd.  
6:00 p.m. Appetizers  
7:00 p.m. Dinner

### Driver Needed

We have an individual in our congregation who needs someone to drive him to necessary appointments. The driver would be registered through "Bridges - Volunteer Driver Program." The driver will use his/her own vehicle and be reimbursed at \$.50/mile. If you might be willing to serve as a driver, please call the church office (667-7712) or talk to Pastor Ron. Thank you

### We Want You!

To the ladies of GSLC: We are looking for Altar Guild ladies to either set up or take down the altar one month a year. Please contact Terry Goodwin at 667-9146 for more information. Sign-up on the Yellow form if you are interested.



### Update from Joy of Harvest Ministries (Merced), An Outreach Ministry to the Hmong people in the Central Valley

Despite the many challenges and shortcomings we faced this past year, God is faithful and blessed our ministry graciously to proclaim the truth of the Gospel without wavering. In our context of ministry, it is more often the norm rather than the exception that we are called to bring the good news of Jesus into some very difficult situations. It is in such situations that we have the great privilege and honor of seeing the power of the Gospel transform lives, calling many to faith in Christ every year. We continue to give God thanks and praises for all the ministries that Joy of Harvest has impacted this past year. Each continues to experience growth. Joy of Harvest continues to train leaders, provide the necessary mentorship and coaching, and develop new areas for Word and Sacraments ministries.

(Rev. Kou Seying)