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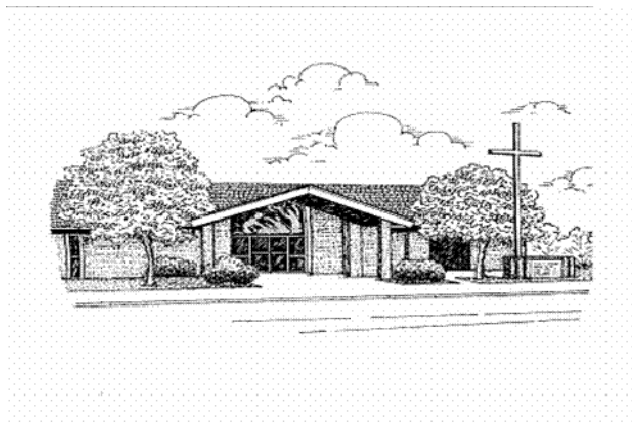
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*The Lord is near
to all who call
on him.*

~Psalm 145:18



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

February 16, 2014



Sixth 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 (2/23) is the 7th Sunday after the Epiphany. The appointed Scripture readings for that day are: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-23; Matthew 5:38-48. 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 be at the 11:00 a.m. service. A group from Teen Challenge will be with us on Sunday. We extend a hearty welcome to them as they participate in both worship services. The Lord God is working in their lives in a powerful way.

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.

CNH Missions Conference

Saturday, April 5, Our Savior Lutheran, Livermore

Greg Finke will be the keynote speaker at the event scheduled 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person. Contact Glenna Sanlis at 925-245-4000, ext. 4035 for more information. Pick up a form from the Information table in the Social Hall.

Bits & Pieces

Elders

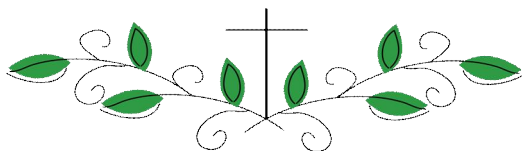
The Elders met on Feb. 10, 2014. Here is a summary of the meeting:

- Care Ministry needs were discussed. Six cards were sent to individuals.
- The involvement of the confirmed senior high members and elder contacts with them was reviewed. People appreciate the involvement of youth on Sunday mornings.
- The use of acolytes in worship was discussed. This discussion will continue at the March meeting.
- Pastor's Report.
 1. The small group report was presented. No discussion.
 2. A group from Teen Challenge will be with us on 2/23.
 3. New members will be brought in on March 30.
- Chapter 6 in *Missional Renaissance* was discussed and applications were applied to our congregational needs.
- The Lent service schedule for Wednesdays was reviewed.
- The elders reviewed the list of people to ask to serve as elders. Two elders will complete their terms in June. Several people will be asked to serve.

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

Sunday Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (2/16) is: *Christ Sets Life before Us so that We Can Walk in His Ways*. The God who reveals Himself in His incarnate Son promises life and blessing to all who obey His commandments "by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules" (Deut. 30:16). However, we are "people of the flesh" and "infants in Christ" (1 Cor. 3:1) among whom "there is jealousy and strife" (1 Cor. 3:3). Jesus must instruct us against the human ways of anger, adultery, divorce, and false witness (Matt. 5:21-37), because all who live in these ways "shall surely perish" (Deut. 30:18). On the cross He died to forgive our sins and free us from the ways of curse and death. Since Jesus Christ is our "life and length of days" (Deut. 30:20), we can be reconciled to our brother, live in chastity and marital faithfulness, and speak with honesty. He who serves from His cross also offers His gift of reconciliation at His altar, and we can be at peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are "God's field, God's building" (1 Cor. 3:9).



February Altar Guild

Sharon Jensen
Amy Fitzgerald
Gerry Ratzlaff
Mary Trickey



Your Daily Walk Readings

February 17 Numbers 26-30
February 18 Numbers 31-33
February 19 Numbers 34-36
February 20 Deuteronomy 1-4
February 21 Reflection
February 22 Deuteronomy 5-7
February 23 Deuteronomy 8-11

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

~ James 5:16

This Week at GSLC February 17 - 23

Monday, February 17— President's Day
(Office Closed)

6:00 PM TGM Meal

Tuesday, February 18

9:30 AM Bible Discovery
 1:30 PM Knitting Group
 5:30 PM Volleyball
 5:30 PM NAMI Peer to Peer
 6:30 PM NAMI
 6:00 PM TGM Meal
 7:00 PM Praise Band

Wednesday, February 19

6:00 AM Men's Network
 6:00 PM TGM Meal

Thursday, February 20

9:00 AM Bible Discovery
 9:00 AM Thumbsmashers
 1:00 PM Craft Team
 1:00 PM Faith Basics 201
 6:00 PM TGM Meal
 7:00 PM Faith Basics 201
 7:00 PM Financial Peace U
 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study

Friday, February 21

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

Sunday, February 23

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

Of Interest

Lutheran Hour Schedule

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



February 23

"The Walls, the Moats"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour:
Rev. Ken Klaus

March 2

"God's Reality Check"
Lutheran Hour Speaker:
Rev. Gregory Seltz

March 9

"Life God's Way"
Lutheran Hour Speaker:
Rev. Gregory Seltz

March 16

"Re-Born Free"
Lutheran Hour Speaker:
Rev. Gregory Seltz

March 23

"Surprise, Surprise"
Lutheran Hour Speaker:
Rev. Gregory Seltz

March 30

"The Bogeyman"
Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour:
Rev. Ken Klaus

Youth Events

Sr. High

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

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.



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.

Lit 'n' Latte



Our next book selection comes recommended by our January guest author, Paula DeBoard.

It's *The Round House* (F) by Louise Erdrich, a recent recipient of the *National Book Award*. We'll meet to discuss it on **March 13** (note this is a **Thursday** night due to Wednesday evening Lent services at GSLC), 6:30 p.m. at *Starbucks @ Canal & Johnson*.

~Pam Youngdale

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Turlock Together Letter

In a letter dated February 5, 2014, Major Debi Shrum of the Salvation Army, stated:

"Dear Friends, Thank you so much for allowing Turlock Together to place a donation barrel at your place of business. These donations were used in the Turlock Together Christmas Distribution Program. This effort allowed us to provide approximately 1,800 food boxes and 5,532 toys to families in need during the 2013 Christmas Season. With your gift you have become an active part of our plan to serve the community of Turlock. Without concerned members of the community like you this would not be possible."

Note from Pastor Mike Lange

Dear Members of Good Shepherd,
Thank you for your donation of \$250 to the CNH District Mission Agency. Your gift will help to multiply the work of reaching people with the saving message of Jesus Christ!

God's blessings be with you!

Pastor Mike Lange

Recorded Worship Services & Sermons

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

Christoph Bull Organ Concert

On Friday, February 28, at 7:30 p.m. Christoph Bull will present an organ concert at the First Christian Reformed Church, 2620 College Ave, Modesto. Christoph has inspired audiences at major venues such as the Walt Disney Concert Hall in LA and the Lincoln Center in New York. An international performer, he has even performed in diverse locations such as Moscow, Salzburg, and Taiwan. The program will feature an eclectic mix of music sure to appeal to a broad audience. All ages are invited, and families are encouraged to attend! Tickets are \$20 at the door, but there will be some complimentary tickets available also. Contact Phil & Dottie Browning at 209-481-7933(cell) if you have any questions.



Covenant Care Hospice

Volunteers are needed for Hospice care. If you are interested in volunteering, there are training sessions scheduled for February 28 & March 1. Contact Sandy Ricardo, Covenant Care Hospice, at 664-2550 for more information. Please see the signs posted on board in Narthex for Grief Support Groups for the Spring of 2014.

Serving Today, February 16

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: Ty Thomson

Lector: Abby Hawkinson

Sound: Jim Smith

Projection: LeRoy Gonzales

11:00 AM

Organist: Dr. Benjamin Boren

Choir Director: Dr. Deborah Kavasch

Elder: John Otte

Ushers: Bart Muller, Rob Geiger, Michael Barber, Blaine Chance

Acolyte: Mikayla Schmidt

Lector: Patsy Geiger

Sound: Eric Wallace

Projection: Summer Barber

Coffee Hour for 2/16: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. Danna Shipman

Altar flowers for 2/16 & 2/23 are provided by Gerry Ratzlaff
in loving memory of Les Ratzlaff

Serving Next Sunday, February 23

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: Alaura Lucero

Lector: Jennifer de la Motte

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: Kylie Paul

Lector: Jennifer de la Motte

Sound: John Otte

Projection: Clorinda Otte

Coffee Hour for 2/23: 9:00 a.m. Chuck & Carol Barnes / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

"Family News"

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



Don Bak
Craig & Stephanie Baker
(Danielle, Calvin)
Sierra Baker
Tom & Sue Baldwin
Dewey & Taryn Bankson
(Logan & Rylie)

February 9, 2014
Attendance & Giving

9:00 AM	164
11:00 AM	78
Sunday School	60

Sunday Offerings:	\$ 7,182.17
Capital Fund:	\$ 270.00
Total Offerings:	\$ 9,452.17

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



Peace Lutheran, Taft, CA
Concordia Lutheran, Hoisington, KS
St. Mark Lutheran, Milwaukee, WI

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 Dayton, home, 12100 Horseshoe Rd., Oakdale, CA 95361
Eldeen Loretz, Covenant Care, 2125 N. Olive, Room 110A, Turlock, CA 95382
Alice Bechard, Turlock Nursing & Rehab, 1111 E. Tuolumne Rd., Turlock, CA 95382
Inge Klevmyr, Brandel Manor, 1801 N. Olive Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382
Judy Ranheim, home, 4408 Reflection Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382



Please pray for the family of:

Doris Casaretto, who entered heaven on February 9, 2014. Her memorial service was held at GSLC on February 15, 2014.

Ministry Teams

Outreach Ministries

The Outreach team met on Feb. 4.

- The job description for contacting our missionaries was revisited: (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, have been assigned a contact person, Scott Belyea.
- New name tags have been ordered. A different (stickier) tag was ordered.
- Becky received more LHM booklets for our rack in the Information Center.
- Two people have provided the funds (\$650) to bring electricity to the national church office in Togo. The money will be transferred to them.
- Easter advertising is in place. Personalized flashlights are ready to be distributed at the Sunrise service. They have our church name and address. Lent and Easter information will be submitted to the Bee and the Turlock Journal.
- The Belize mission trip in April (4/21-4/26) is finalized. Fund raising will take place on 2/9 using an envelope insert in N&N, baskets for offerings on the fellowship tables, and a raffle during the fellowship time.
- Initial plans for a short term mission trip to Togo in 2015 were discussed. Information will be distributed soon. Fund raising for the trip will begin in

Sept.

- The team worked on the Ministry Plan Report for the congregational meeting in May.
- The yellow form will be used to recruit volunteers to help with our monthly outreach at the Turlock Sales Yard on Tuesdays.
- Having Rev. Michael Lange at our church on 2/2 was part of our goal for publishing monthly outreach information. The next effort will be to encourage people to see the "Son of God" movie and bring a friend.

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



Winter Doldrums?

Ignore the cold with private time and one-on-one attention on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekend is scheduled in Rancho Cordova, CA on March 28-30, 2014. Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Ted & Marty Hartman at 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.

Ministry Teams

Property Team

The team met on January 30, 2014.

- The paver project in the side yard is done. (Good work, Thumbsmashers!)
- We responded to a request to use our facilities by an outside group. It was decided the use did not fit with our facilities use policies.
- A new policy for ongoing upkeep of the handbells was adopted.
- Window coverings for the Nursery and Fellowship Room will be ordered. The Thumbsmashers will install them.
- A member has indicated possible assistance in repairing our sidewalk repairs. We will find out detailed information from him.
- The planters in the fenced in area need shrubs/plants. We will get a landscape plan.
- Some major capital needs have been identified and will be discussed further: phone system, carpeting/floor covering replacement, sanctuary seating, painting the exterior of the church, dry rot remediation, ceiling repair in the Social Hall and chancel lighting.
- A walk through was conducted.
- A roof issue was noted by the AC/Heater unit on the Social Hall. A contractor will be asked to investigate.
- Several smaller needs were identified and will be addressed.

(Bob Hoskins, Wayne Rickey, Richard Ring, Burt Lindquist, Bill First and Pastor Ron)

Social Ministry Team

The team met on February 3:

- A report about Support Our Troops was in a recent News & Notes. It was a very successful ministry project.
- The Toy Drive for Verda's House has had a good response. People have given \$190.00. People can contribute for one more Sunday (2/9).
- The next Diaper Drive for Verda's House will be in the Fall.
- The TGM Winter Shelter in January was well staffed. Everyone provided a very welcome environment for our guests. Volunteers to staff the Shelter in February have been assigned and contacted.
- The Christmas Giving Tree report will be in the next News & Notes.
- The Adult Literacy Ministry is being developed. A meeting is scheduled for 2/12 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Lutheran Malaria Initiative has been postponed.
- Teen Challenge will be at our church on 2/23 during both services.
- Lesa Volkmar is moving out of state. Our team and congregation will miss her. We thank her for her enthusiastic involvement in ministry. She has blessed us.
- Beth Bollinger will be joining our team. The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 9:30 a.m. If you have any comments or questions about the above information, please talk to one of us: Lesa Volkmar, Pam Hoskins, Judy Ranheim, Nancy Widdowson and Pastor Ron.

March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sun School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High	3 9:30 am Social Min 5:00 pm Youth Tm 5:30 pm Volleyball 6:30 pm Handbells	4 9:30 am Bible Disc 1:30 pm Knitting 4:00 pm Outreach 5:30 pm NAMI Peer 5:30 pm Volleyball 6:30 pm NAMI 7:00 pm Praise Band	5 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:00 am Men's Net 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm Choir	6 9:00 am Thumbs 9:00 am Bible Disc 1:00 pm Craft Team 7:00 pm Adult Bible	7 6:00 am Men's Life 1:00 pm Stitches & Quilts	8
9 Daylight Saving Time 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sun School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High 6:00 pm Couples	10 5:30 pm Volleyball 7:00 pm Elders	11 9:30 am Bible Disc 1:30 pm Knitting 5:30 pm NAMI Peer 5:30 pm Volleyball 6:30 pm Bunco 7:00 pm Praise Band	12 6:00 am Men's Net 12:30 pm Worship 5:45 pm Confirm. 6:30 pm FaithW 6:30 pm Worship 7:30 pm Choir	13 9:00 am Thumbs 9:00 am Bible Disc 1:00 pm Craft Team 1:30 pm Food 'n Fun 6:30 pm Lit 'n' Latte 7:00 pm Adult Bible	14 6:00 am Men's Life 1:00 pm Stitches & Quilts	15
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30 New Member Sunday 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sun School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High	31 6:30 pm Handbells 7:00 pm College-Lifetree Cafe					

March Birthdays



03/02 Elaine Rainey	03/14 Andrea Hildebrand	03/24 Josh Fitzgerald
03/03 Jennifer de la Motte	03/14 Debbie Sperry	03/25 Don Bak
03/03 Antigone Amaya	03/15 Linda Osburne	03/25 Amber Bostwick
03/04 Amber Evanoff	03/16 Jo Stabelfield	03/25 Ciella Falke
03/05 Maryann Schmidt	03/17 Zachary Harcksen	03/26 Jessica Envia
03/06 Gordon Thomas	03/17 Stephanie Baker	03/27 Samaire Otte
03/06 Kyle Rickey	03/21 Shannon Fortuna	03/27 Dominic Rodriguez
03/10 Dewey Bankson	03/21 Soni Hill	03/28 Lacie Chance
03/11 Caleb Schmidt	03/21 David Yonan	03/29 Karl Jahn
03/12 Jeff Chance	03/21 Jordyn Chance	03/29 Terrence Truax
03/12 Nathan Monier	03/22 Wayne Van Gaalen	03/29 Marian MacDonald
03/12 Dale Belyea	03/23 Matthew Christian	03/30 Kay Wallace
03/13 Jerry Rexin	03/23 Rich Desper	03/31 Nancy Widdowson

March Wedding Anniversaries

03/01 Troy & Jen de la Motte	03/22 Rob & Patsy Geiger
03/04 Dewey & Taryn Bankson	03/28 Dave & Cyndi Gale
03/04 Steven & Cindy Trow	03/28 Jim & Lori Smith
	03/30 Bill & Tammy Coleman

