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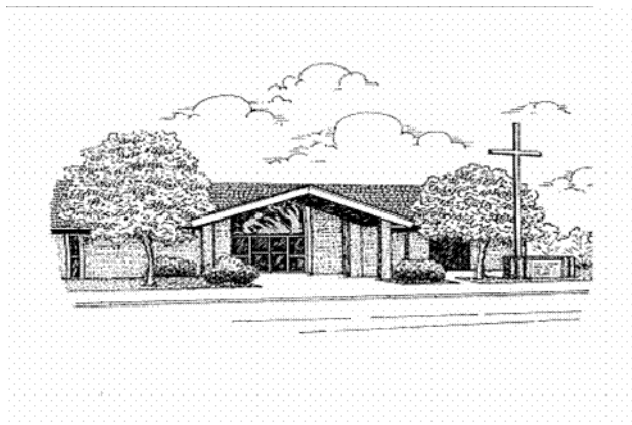
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*Carry each
others burdens.*

~Galatians 6:2



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

March 23, 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 (3/30) is the 4th Sunday in Lent. The Scripture readings for that day are: Genesis 3:1-8; 2 Thessalonians 3:11-13; John 6:48-58. The Praise Band will lead our music at the 9:00 a.m. service. The organist and Chancel Choir will lead our music at the 11:00 a.m. service. We continue the Sunday worship theme of **“Sons & Daughters of God: Who are We?”** We, who have been broken by sin, have been restored to the family of God by the Son of God. The fourth Sunday’s theme is **“Healed through Broken Bread.”**

Lent Worship on Wednesdays – “Son of God: Who is He?”

Two worship services are offered on Wednesdays during Lent: a 12:30 p.m. formal, liturgical service and a 6:30 p.m. informal, contemporary service. The overall theme for Wednesday services and Holy Week services will be the **“Son of God.”** The theme for 3/26 is **“Thy Will Be Done – The Savior of the World.”**

Martin Luther Study

A study of Martin Luther led by Mitch Preus begins today between services (10:20-10:50) in the Fellowship Room. We will use the film “Luther” as our outline and spend time to fill in the blanks and provide additional background material.



Belize Mission Update

The amount given through personal gifts and grants is \$5,506.49 plus an additional \$710.00 from Craft Faire sales for a total to date of \$6,216.49. The total needed to support the six short-term missionaries is \$9,912 (\$1,652/each). Thank you very much for your support for this mission trip. Envelopes are available at the Information Center in the Social Hall if you choose to support this mission. The six missionaries are: Jon & Becky Bailey, Doug & Beth Kirkpatrick, Pastor Ron & Pam Youngdale.

Lutheran Witness Magazine

It's that time again to renew your subscription to the Lutheran Witness Magazine for 2014. The cost of the 1 year subscription is \$15.60. If you are interested, please contact Tammy in the church office at 667-7712.

Literacy/GED Tutoring Update

After meeting with *LearningQuest* director, Karen Williams, on Feb. 12, we are taking the initial steps to launch an adult tutoring site to offer "hope through learning" here at GSLC. Beth Kirkpatrick and Pam Youngdale will serve as site coordinators and begin laying the groundwork for a two-night a week program to start this summer. Volunteers need to be trained. Look for updates here for the next tutor training or visit the *LearningQuest* website: www.lqslc.com.
~Pam Youngdale

Endowment Fund

Brian Hyde will be with us on April 6 to explain what an Endowment Fund is and how it can benefit the ministry of our congregation. Our Church Council is recommending that we set up an Endowment Fund to expand our mission in a variety of ways. We have asked Brian, of the LCMS Foundation, to offer his services of Christian gift planning. This is not a process of gift collecting, but a prayerful process that creates a Christian distribution for a person or family to bless their family, friends and the ministries that they love. Several of our leadership have worked, or are currently working, with Brian and have found it to be a blessing to their families and ministry. Plan on attending this meeting on April 6 during the Sunday School hour (10:15-10:55 a.m.) in the Fellowship Room). The Council will ask for the congregation to vote on setting up an Endowment Fund after the Congregational Meeting on May 15.



Easter Lilies

Lilies will be ordered for Easter. If you would like to purchase a lily for \$6.00, please fill out an envelope inserted in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate today or send it to the office. All orders need to be in by April 13. Contact Tammy in the church office at 667-7712 with any questions.

March Altar Guild
Sandie Knapp
Traci Preuss
Ayla Dillon
Lacy Wallace



Your Daily Walk Readings

- March 24 Numbers 26-30
- March 25 Numbers 31-33
- March 26 Numbers 34-36
- March 27 Deuteronomy 1-4
- March 28 Reflection
- March 29 Deuteronomy 5-7
- March 30 Deuteronomy 8-11

This Week at GSLC March 24-30

Monday, March 24

- 5:30 PM Volleyball
- 6:30 PM Handbells
- 8:00 PM College-Lifetree Cafe

Tuesday, March 25

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

Wednesday, March 26

- 6:00 AM Men's Network
- 11:45 AM Lent Lunch
- 12:30 PM Worship
- 6:30 PM Confirm/FaithWeavers
- 6:30 PM Worship
- 7:30 PM Choir

Thursday, March 27

- 9:00 AM Thumbsmashers
- 1:00 PM Craft Team
- 6:00 PM Empty Nesters
- 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study

Friday, March 28

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

Sunday, March 30 - New Member Sunday

- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 6:00 PM Sr. High
- 6:30 PM Praise Band Concert

*When I am weak,
then I am strong.*

~2 Corinthians 12:10

Lutheran Hour Schedule

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



March 23

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

March 30

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

April 6

"God Digs Deep"
Lutheran Hour Speaker:
Rev. Gregory Seltz

April 13

"A Hero? No, a Savior!"
Lutheran Hour Speaker:
Rev. Gregory Seltz

April 20

"Get Your Head into the Clouds"
Lutheran Hour Speaker:
Rev. Gregory Seltz

April 27

"What Will It Take?"
Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran
Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

Youth Events

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

5th - 8th Grade - Boomers Fun Night -
April 11, 2014 - Cost is \$15

Vacation Bible School - June 9-13, 2014
from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and we need your
HELP! The previous years we have had
as many as 130 kids, so we need a lot of
gifted servants to help make this outreach
ministry a success! The theme this year is
Wilderness Escape, where God guides
and provides. You'll have the exciting
opportunity to go back in time and join
Moses as he and the Israelites escape
Egypt. See the Yellow Form to sign up!

College/LifeTree - Hey Young Adults!
Are you looking for a place to plug in
and get connected? Join us Monday
nights from 8:00-9:30 pm - Lifetree Cafe'
is the place to be to meet old friends and
new friends. The first meeting is
scheduled for Monday, March 24. Talk to
Jen for more details and start spreading
the Word.



Lit 'n' Latte

Our next book is
*Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour
Bookstore* by Robin Sloan.
We'll meet on Wednesday,
May 14 at 6:30 p.m. at *Starbucks, Canal
& Johnson.*

~Pam Youngdale
667-5494

Letter from Joel Luckemeyer

Amy and I are thankful for your support and prayers. We are also thankful that Spring is almost here in St. Louis. It has been a long Winter. I don't recall ever having church canceled on a Sunday morning due to weather (which has happened twice in the last two months.) Both Amy and I have had a couple of "snow days" off of our jobs, and the seminary canceled classes once.

Even with all that time off my school work certainly did not relent. I took 15 credits this last quarter, and I am looking forward to only taking 12 this Spring. I am currently crafting a sermon on the Lord's Prayer which I will be preaching on April 9th. I would certainly appreciate your prayers for focus, courage, and boldness in proclaiming God's Word because public speaking is never easy. However, I am excited for this opportunity to preach.

Amy and I are excitedly and anxiously awaiting my vicarage assignment. We will know our location on April 29th at 3pm. The service will stream live online at www.csl.edu. We are praying for a local vicarage assignment because Amy recently received and accepted a Call to Concordia Publishing House as Associate Editor of Sunday School materials. Regardless of where we are placed, we trust that God has His place in mind for us. I know that we will ultimately end up where we are supposed to be.

Again, we cannot thank you enough for your prayers and support. You have been a blessing to us and you continue to be a blessing for us. We have lacked nothing, and that is because God has used you to be our blessing. Thank you and God bless you!

In Christ, Joel Luckemeyer

Got Too Much Stuff?

The youth group will be hosting a parking lot sale on Saturday April 26, (date change) 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. We will be asking for a \$15 donation for a spot for you to sell your stuff. If you do not wish to sell your own stuff, the youth will be taking donations up until the Friday before the sale. We are hoping to have lots of families participate in this event. If you have any questions or are ready to reserve your spot, please talk to Jen or Troy.



Co-ed Softball Sign ups

It is softball season once again. Games will begin the last week of April and will go through August 2 with a Tournament at Pedretti park. All games will be played on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays beginning at 6:15 p.m. We are looking for as many people to play as possible between the ages of 16 and 107 years old. The cost is \$25 which will cover the cost of a new team jersey. Please sign up on your Yellow form or the sheet on the table in the Narthex. Contact Troy de la Motte at 605-0732 for more information.

Serving Today, March 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 Hareksen
Acolyte: Jack Welch
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: Calvin Paul
Lector: Jennifer de la Motte
Sound: John Otte
Projection: Clorinda Otte

Coffee Hour for 3/23: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. The Strands & The Hillbergs

Altar flowers for March 23 are provided by Dave & Cyndi Gale in celebration of their wedding anniversary

Serving Next Sunday, March 30

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick
Elder: Mike Bava
Ushers: Tom Alvernaz, Gil Bostwick, Jim Knapp, Derek & Traci Schell, Alex Kanpp, Andrew Knapp
Acolyte: Jordyn Chance
Lector: Robyn Porter
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: Michael McCord
Lector: Eric Wallace
Sound: Eric Wallace
Projection: Summer Barber

Coffee Hour for 3/30: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. John & Danna Shipman

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



Candace Geiger
 Dave & Stephanie Geiger
 Joel Geiger
 Lucille Geiger
 Rick & Yvonne Geiger
 Rob & Patsy Geiger
 Kori & Susan Prier



March 16, 2014
 Attendance & Giving

9:00 AM 159
 11:00 AM 105
 Sunday School 38

Sunday Offerings: \$ 8,365.00
 Capital Fund: \$ 480.00
 Total Offerings: \$ 8,845.00

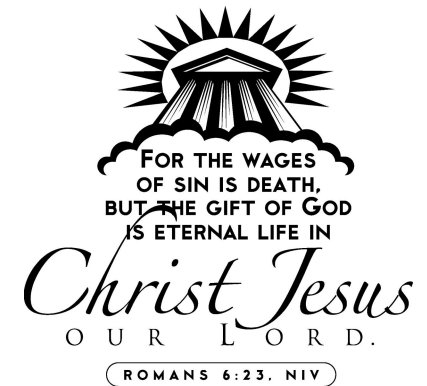
3/19/14 Lent 3
 Attendance & Giving

12:30 PM 27
 6:30 PM 77
 Offerings: \$658.00
 Capital Fund: \$ - 0-
 Total Offerings: \$ 658.00

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:

Inge Klevmyr, Brandel Manor, 1801 N. Olive Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382
Marvin Larson, home, 500 N. Tully Rd., Spc. 44, Turlock, CA 95382
John Prater, UCSF, use home address, 8082 Shoreen St., Hilmar, CA 95324



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



Guardian Lutheran, Dearborn, MI
Hope Lutheran, High Ridge, MO
St. Paul Lutheran, Park City, MT

Social Ministry Team

The team met on March 3, 2014.

- We are excited to welcome Beth Bollinger as a new member to our team.
- The Toy Drive for Verda's House had a final report: \$245.00 was used to obtain a gift card for Verda's House to use at Hands On in Modesto.
- The Financial Report was reviewed. We are unable to finalize expenditures for the TGM Winter Shelter meals, since all receipts have not been received yet.
- We need a new coordinator for the Cookie drive for Prodigal Sons and Daughters. Beth Bollinger will recruit and train the person.
- We are checking into the supply of prescription cards that are available at the Blood Pressure station on Sundays.
- Teen Challenge provided a presentation of their ministry on 2/23/14.
- We had wonderful staffing for the TGM Winter Shelter (2/16-2/22). Crowds for the meals and overnight were larger than expected. Next year the new building to house the Shelter should be operational. Churches will still be asked to prepare meals.
- The Adult Literacy Ministry is moving forward. Pam Youngdale and Beth Kirkpatrick will be the leaders. They have about 6-8 people who want to assist.

- The Lutheran Malaria Initiative has been cancelled.
- A budget request was completed for 2014-2015.
- The team reviewed and assessed their Ministry Plans and Outcomes for the congregational report in May. Ideas for new social ministry outcomes in our community were discussed. A blurb will be placed in News & Notes for ideas from congregational members.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 9:30 a.m. If you have any comments or questions about the above information, please talk to one of us: Beth Bollinger, Pam Hoskins, Judy Ranheim, Nancy Widdowson and Pastor Ron.



Recorded Worship Services & Sermons

Sermons are recorded and available on the church website (www.gslct.org). For a 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.

Women's Ministry Team

The team last met on February 28, 2014. The retreat was reported as a success and the dates for 2015 at Villa Maria in Santa Cruz are February 13-15. Stitches and Quilts is finishing up several quilts for the We Care Center. The 2013 Craft Fair final financial results were reported in the amount of \$3,748.56 after \$1,709.10 is given to the retreat fund. Each of the following organizations will receive \$500 Teen Challenge, Salvation Army, We Care, Turlock Gospel Mission, Aspira and Westside Ministries. The LWML Zone 3 Spring Rally is March 15 at St. Paul Lutheran in Tracy and the LWML CNH convention is May 1-3 in Sacramento. A voting delegate is needed for the convention. Anyone is welcome to attend either of these events. For more information and registration check the LWML cubby in the narthex. The next meeting is March 20, 10:30 at the Green Grub. (Jean White, Sandy Mann, Sharon Jensen, Louise Rickey)

Elders

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

- Care Ministry needs were discussed. Nine cards were sent to individuals.
- The involvement of the confirmed senior high members and elder contacts with them was reviewed.
- Pastor's Report.
 1. The small group report was presented. No discussion.

2. The Ash Wednesday service was reviewed.
3. A new member dinner will be offered in May or June.
4. The confirmation process was discussed. Pastor will work with a small group to discuss changes to the program.

- Chapter 7 in *Missional Renaissance* was discussed and applications were applied to our congregational needs.
- The current financial statements were reviewed and a budget proposal for 2014-2015 was prepared.
- Two elders have been identified to replace the two outgoing elders. The two nominees will be presented on the ballot in May 2014. They will serve for a minimum of one term (2 years). They can be elected to serve a second term.
- On the National Day of Prayer (5/1) the elders will host a prayer vigil for our congregation from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Members will be asked to sign-up for 15 minute spots.
- The outcomes for the Elders were reviewed for a report to the congregation in May.
- The next Elder meeting (4/16) will include the reading of the papers of the 7th & 8th grade Confirmation students. The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 6:30 p.m. (Bob Hoskins, Jim Harlan, Mike Bava, John Otte, Dave Gale, Charlie Jahn, Ken Fitzgerald, Victor Martino and Pastor Ron)

April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 am Bible Disc 1:00 pm Knitting 6:30 pm NAMI 7:00 pm Praise Band	2 6:00 am Mens Net 11:45 am Lent Lunch 12:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Confirm/ FaithW 7:30 pm Choir	3 9:00 am Thruembam 1:00 pm Craft Team 7:00 pm Adult Bible	4 6:00 am Men's Life 1:00 pm Stitches & Quilts	5 10:00 am - 3:30 pm CNH District Missions Conf (Livermore)
6 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sun School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High	7 9:30 am Social Min 5:00 pm Youth Min 6:30 pm Handbells 8:00 pm College- Lifetree Cafe	8 1:30 pm Knitting 7:00 pm Praise Band	9 6:00 am Mens Net 11:45 am Lent Lunch 12:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Confirm/ FaithW 7:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm Stewardship	10 9:00 am Thruembam 1:00 pm Craft Team 1:30 pm Food n Fun 7:00 pm Adult Bible	11 6:00 am Men's Life 1:00 pm Stitches & Quilts 4:30 pm 5th-8th Gr to Boomers	12
13 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sun School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High 6:00 pm Couples	14 6:30 pm Handbells 8:00 pm College- Lifetree Cafe	15 1:30 pm Knitting 6:30 pm NAMI 7:00 pm Praise Band	16 6:00 am Men's Net 6:30 pm Elders w/ 7 & 8 Gr. Confirm. 7:30 pm Choir	17 MAUNDY THURS. 7:00 pm Worship	18 GOOD FRIDAY (Office Closed) 7:00 pm Worship	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY 6:00 am Sunrise Worship 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Brunch 11:00 am Worship	21 6:30 pm Handbells	22 1:30 pm Knitting 7:00 pm Praise Band	23 7:30 pm Choir	24 9:00 am Thruembam 1:00 pm Craft Team 7:00 pm Adult Bible	25 6:00 am Men's Life 1:00 pm Stitches & Quilts	26 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Youth Group Parking Lot Sale
27 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am BP Ck 10:15 am Sun School 11:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Sr. High	28 6:30 pm Handbells 8:00 pm College- Lifetree Cafe	29 1:30 pm Knitting 7:00 pm Praise Band 7:00 pm Council	30 6:00 am Mens Net 6:30 pm 8th Grade Confirm Reh & Pictures 7:30 pm Choir	-----Belize Mission Trip----->		

April Birthdays



04/02 Tony Paul	04/10 Lisa Fernandes	04/19 Valerie Stonebreaker
04/03 Tom Sperry	04/10 Tyler Kelley	04/19 Betty Hillberg
04/03 Ted Philabaum	04/10 Paul Borchardt	04/20 Joel Geiger
04/04 Stella Lorenzo	04/11 Betty Bailey	04/21 Austin Hall
04/04 Jim Harlan	04/11 Lonnie Bennett	04/22 Ed Lawrence
04/04 Craig Baker	04/13 Payton Hawkinson	04/22 Cherie Bowen
04/05 Wes Monier	04/14 Noah Lawrence	04/23 Cody Oldson
04/05 William Hoskins	04/15 Nellie Hammerling	04/24 AnnaLisa Spratling
04/06 Marty Mann	04/16 Lori Smith	04/26 Caden Lindquist
04/08 Becky Bailey	04/16 Kirk Sperry	04/27 Kirsten Fritchle
04/08 Aiden Brown	04/16 Cole Kelley	04/28 Cyndi Gale
04/09 Shubert Envia	04/17 Darin Kelley	04/28 Joey Clark
04/09 Tom Baldwin	04/18 Katie Kelley	04/30 Shannon Clark

April Wedding Anniversaries



04/02 Eric & Lacy Wallace	04/20 Brian & Tami Dickens
04/09 Lee & Ellen Morse	04/21 David & Marian MacDonald
04/10 Kori & Susan Prier	04/22 Carl & Betty Hillberg
04/10 Wayne & Louise Rickey	04/25 Derek & Tracie Schell
04/20 Tom & Cindy Chapman	04/30 Darin & Katie Kelley