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*Set your minds  
on things above,  
not on earthly  
things.*

*~Colossians 3:2*



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# News & Notes

August 17, 2014

## **Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC**

Next Sunday (8/24) is the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. The Scripture readings for that day are: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 11:33-12:8; Matthew 16:13-20. The Praise Band will lead our contemporary worship at the 9:00 a.m. service. The organist will lead our classic worship at the 11:00 a.m. service.

## **Guest Preacher**

We welcome Pastor Bob Fickenscher. He is serving as our worship leader and preacher this morning. We appreciate his ministry to us and with us.

## **Faith Basics**

A new Faith Basics course begins on September 18. Six sessions (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) are offered for those who want to know more about the basic teachings in the Bible and about our Lutheran Church. This is a main path to membership in our church. Talk to Pastor Ron for more info (667-7712). The schedule is:

**FB 101** (4 sessions) – Who God Is: The Bible  
9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/16

**FB 201** (1 session) – Who We Are: Our Church,  
History & Ministries 10/23

**FB 301** (1 session) – Who You Are:  
Your Ministry Opportunities 10/30



*Tenth Sunday After Pentecost*

## **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**

## Pre-Resurrection Workshop Today and August 24 Between Services

Rev. Paul Springer will continue his 3-week Sunday morning class in the Fellowship Room at 10:20 a.m.

## Member Night Out Tonight, August 17, 5:30 P.M.

Join us in the Social Hall for a fun-filled evening of entertainment and fellowship together with ice cream sundaes and root beer floats. Contact Louise Rickey at 634-3319 for more information.

## Confirmation

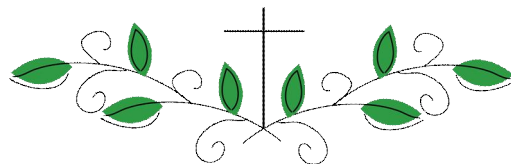
Confirmation classes for students in 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades begin on Sept. 3, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. That evening will be the opening session for parents and students. Regular student learning sessions begin on Sept. 10. The evening schedule will be: 5:45 p.m., Dinner and activities; 6:30 p.m., Learning Sessions. Talk to Pastor Ron or Jen de la Motte for more information.

## FaithWeaver Friends

FaithWeaver Friends is all about, well, friends. Kids apply each week's Bible Point to their lives in ways that relate to their peers. With Jesus at the center, kids connect to God and each other through a variety of fun activities. They journal. They play. They even eat creative snacks. FaithWeavers meets on Wednesday nights, beginning September 10, from 5:45 p.m - 8:00 p.m. Contact Jen de la Motte at 667-7712 to register.

## Today's Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (8/17) is: *The Church Lives Under the Cross of Christ and Prays in the Hope of His Mercy*. By her persistent prayer that Jesus would have mercy and help her (Matt. 15:22, 24), and even in the face of His initial silence and apparent rejection (Matt. 15:23–26), the Canaanite woman boldly confessed her faith in Him (Matt 15:28). Her beautiful example encourages us to cling to the words and promises of the Gospel, even in the face of the Law that accuses and condemns us. “For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable” (Rom. 10:29), and His Law “has consigned all to disobedience” for the very purpose “that He may have mercy on all” (Rom. 10:32). Hence, the woman’s faith and hope were not disappointed, but her prayers were answered in the mercy of Christ. Not only does He grant us the crumbs from His Table, but He also feeds us with “the children’s bread” in the house of His Father (Matt. 15:26–27). He has brought us to His “holy mountain,” and He makes us joyful in His house, where He hears our prayers and accepts our sacrifice of praise upon the altar of His cross (Is. 56:7).



## This Week at GSLC August 18-24

### Monday, August 18

6:30 PM NAMI Family to Family  
6:30 PM Learning Matters!

### Tuesday, August 19

1:30 PM Knitting  
6:30 PM NAMI  
7:00 PM Praise Band

### Wednesday, August 20

6:00 AM Men's Network

### Thursday, August 21

9:00 AM Thumbsmashers  
1:00 PM Craft Team  
6:30 PM Learning Matters!  
7:00 PM Adult Bible Study

### Friday, August 22

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

### Sunday, August 24

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

Altar Guild  
August 17

Cherie Bowen  
Andrea Hildebrand  
Chris Harcksen

August 24  
Debbie Judish  
Laci Wallace

August 31  
Jean White  
Lacy Wallace



## Your Daily Walk Readings

**August 17** Ezekiel 7-11  
**August 18** Reflect & Review  
**August 19** Ezekiel 12-15  
**August 20** Ezekiel 16-19  
**August 21** Ezekiel 20-23  
**August 22** Ezekiel 24-28  
**August 23** Ezekiel 29-32

*Strengthen the feeble hands,  
steady the knees that give way.*

~Isaiah 35:3



## Serving Today, August 17

**9:00 AM**

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Elder:** Mike Bava  
**Ushers:** Tom Alvernaz, Jim Knapp, Tracie & Derek Schell, Carlee Thompson, Andrew Knapp  
**Acolyte:** Jack Welch  
**Lector:** Jennifer de la Motte  
**Sound:** Jim Smith  
**Projection:** LeRoy Gonzales

**11:00 AM**

**Organist:** Linda Buie  
**Elder:** John Otte  
**Ushers:** Bart Muller, Rob Geiger, Michael Barber, Mikayla Schmidt  
**Acolyte:** Rachel McCord  
**Lector:** Jennifer de la Motte  
**Sound:** Eric Wallace  
**Projection:** Summer Barber

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

Altar flowers for 8/17 & 8/24 are provided by Clella Falke in loving memory of Ray & Terry

## Serving Next Sunday, August 24

**9:00 AM**

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Elder:** Victor Martino  
**Ushers:** Sam Ruiz, Jerry Rexin, Bryan Krough, Zach Harcksen, Blaine Chance, Grace Willming  
**Acolyte:** Alaura Lucero  
**Lector:** Rob Hillberg  
**Sound:** Kevin Rickey  
**Projection:** Andrew Preuss

**11:00 AM**

**Organist:** Cheryl Harlan  
**Elder:** Dave Gale  
**Ushers:** Cyndi Gale, Kelly Guest, Amanda Bailey, Ellen Willming, John McCord, Michael McCord  
**Acolyte:** Kylie Paul  
**Lector:** Summer Barber  
**Sound:** John Otte  
**Projection:** Clorinda Otte

Coffee Hour for 8/24: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

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



Patricia Martin  
 Belle Martino  
 Victor & Angie Martino  
 Vivian Martino  
 John Marvin &  
 Dr. Deborah Kavasch

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



*St. Philip Lutheran, Compton, CA*  
*St. Timothy Lutheran, Otisville, MI*  
*St. John Lutheran, Britton, SD*

## 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).

**Derald Dunn**, home, 2525 Nicklaus Drive, Turlock, CA 95382  
**Pauline Johnson**, Brandel Manor, 1801 N. Olive Ave., Turlock, CA 95382  
**Suzanne Rueter**, Central Valley Specialty Hospital, 730 17th Street, Modesto, CA 95354

Turn to me and be saved,  
 All the ends of the earth!  
 For I am God,  
 and there is no other.  
 Isaiah 45:22

## Men's Network

The Men's Network meets for Bible study on Wednesday mornings, 6:00 a.m., at Panera Bread. They are beginning a new study using Francis Schaeffer's book, "How Should We Then Live?" We invite other men to join us for this stimulating look at Western Culture's response to Christianity in our day and age. Call Pastor Ron for more information (667-7712).

### 8/1014 Attendance & Giving

9:00 AM	146
11:00 AM	97
Sunday School	35
Sunday Offerings:	\$ 8,700.00
Capital Fund:	\$ 320.00
Total Offerings:	\$ 9,020.00

## Social Ministry Team

The team met on August 4:

- The new coordinator for the Cookie drive for Prodigal Sons and Daughters is Michelle Cardoso.
- A Diaper Drive for Verda's House will be held on 9/21 & 9/28.
- The Support Our Troops drive will be held again in November.
- Disaster Preparedness kits will be distributed this fall on a Sunday.
- Learning Matters! Has been launched in the Cooper House. It is helping English speaking adults in the community be better at reading and writing and preparing them to take the GED, if needed.
- Our congregation will provide a TGM meal on 10/4. A team is needed to prepare and serve the meal.
- The suggestion to have a booth at the Turlock Farmer's Market was discussed. It was decided not to do that at this time.
- The team is considering a drive to collect sleeping bags and back packs for homeless, which will be distributed through TGM.
- The team is considering preparing and distributing simple quilts to homeless.
- Offering training on Mental Health First Aid and QPR Suicide Prevention is being discussed.
- A Disability Ministry Assessment Task Force is being assembled to assess our needs of ministry to and with people dealing with disabilities.

- The team is prepared to address the TGM Winter Shelter needs, as soon as we are aware of dates and specific needs.
- The team will participate in supporting the Turlock Pregnancy Center next May and June.
- Our congregation will again offer the Christmas Giving Tree.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 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.



### Lit 'n' Latte

Our next book selection is Christina Baker Kline's fiction novel *The Orphan Train*, about children who were brought on trains to adoptive families from the mid-nineteenth century to the start of the Great Depression. We'll gather at Starbucks on Wed., Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. to share our impressions, sip a beverage, and choose our next book.

~Pam Youngdale  
667-5494

## Outreach Ministries

The Outreach team met on August 6.

- Our website is now hosted by a different company, which involves a financial savings. Lacy Wallace was extremely instrumental in moving the site.
- Over \$1,800 was raised for Elohim Church in San Roman, Belize, to help them bring electricity and water into their building and buy chairs.
- We sent 24 Spanish Bibles to Elohim in Belize.
- The dinner provided for Missionary Gospel Fellowship on 8/5 was greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who prepared and served the meal.
- The team preparing for the mission in Togo is forming plans with Valerie and the Lutheran Church in Togo (Tony Lorenzo, Doug Kirkpatrick, Dave Wallace, Pastor Ron). The trip is set for the last 2 weeks in July 2015. The first fund raising even will be on Sept. 14.

The team reviewed its outcomes.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 2, 4:00 p.m. (Becky Bailey, Margaret Routt, Judy Rexin, and Pastor Ron)

### 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).

## Elders

The Elders met on August 4, 2014. Here is a summary of the meeting:

- Care ministry needs were discussed. Follow-ups will be made as needed.
- Pastor Ron reported about his leadership/discipleship coaching of several people in our congregation.
- Pastor reported about training Mitch Preus to assist in bringing Holy Communion to shut-ins. This will be formalized on 8/10 during the 11:00 a.m. service.
- New elder manuals were distributed and reviewed.
- The usher schedules were updated.
- The Emergency Evacuation procedures will be reviewed on a Sunday in September.
- Pastor Ron discussed several changes to the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation classes. Bob Hoskins and Tony Paul will assist in developing resources to compliment the curriculum.
- The Operational Policies were reviewed.

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

### 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.