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*Peace I leave  
with you; my  
peace I give you.*

*~John 14:27*



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# News & Notes

Rally Day

September 7, 2014



## Each Week

### Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

### Sunday School

10:15 a.m.

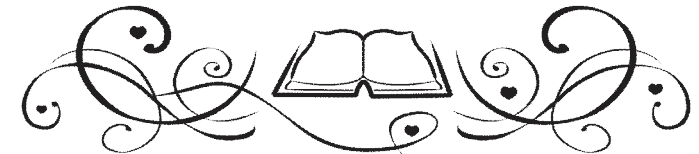
### Ministry Team

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 (9/14) is the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. The Scripture readings for that day are: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-12; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35. 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. The Chancel Choir will be singing during the 11:00 a.m. service.



## 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

### Sunday Morning Adult Class

Beginning today at 10:20 a.m., we will start a study of the Gospel of John. John's Gospel is unique in its description. It includes the great "I AM" statements of Jesus and declares that Jesus is the Son of God, one with the Father. Class begins at 10:20 a.m. and ends before the 11:00 a.m. service. Contact Mitch Preus at 571-0264 with any questions.

### Church Picnic

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 28 for our annual church picnic. It will again be held at Crane Park immediately following the late service usually around 12:30. Please join us for an exciting afternoon filled with fun, food, and fellowship. There will be a bounce house and piñatas for the kids, bingo for the adults and a cookie contest. If you have any questions or would like to be involved, please contact Troy de la Motte at 605-0732.

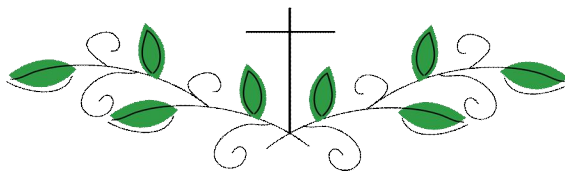


### Cookie Contest

This year during the church picnic we will have a cookie contest. Please sign up and bring your best cookie or brownie to be entered into the contest. We will have 5 to 7 random judges and will present awards based on taste, appearance, etc. Please sign up on the yellow form if you would like to enter or be a judge.

### Today's Reading Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (9/7) is: *Living as Humble Little Children of the Father*. True greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of child-like faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, "you will never enter the kingdom of heaven," but whoever is humbled like a little child will be "the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3-4). Though in our sin we deserve to be "drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6), we have instead been drowned ("buried") with Christ in Baptism and then raised to the new, humble life of a child of God. The Lord sends His watchman to warn us with a word from His mouth, in order that we may not die in our iniquity, but be turned from our pride and selfishness to live (Ezek. 33:7-9). Thus we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which "is the fulfilling of the law" (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we "pay to all what is owed to them" (Rom. 13:7) and we "owe no one anything, except to love each other" (Rom. 13:8).



## This Week at GSLC September 8-14

### Monday, September 8

- 9:30 AM Social Ministry Team
- 6:30 PM NAMI
- 6:30 PM Handbells
- 6:30 PM Learning Matters!

### Tuesday, September 9

- 9:30 AM Bible Discovery
- 1:30 PM Knitting
- 6:30 PM NAMI
- 6:30 PM Bunco
- 7:00 PM Council Meeting
- 7:00 PM Praise Band

### Wednesday, September 10

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

### Thursday, September 11

- 9:00 AM Thumbsmashers
- 9:30 AM Bible Discovery
- 1:00 PM Craft Team
- 1:30 PM Food 'n Fun
- 6:30 PM Learning Matters!
- 7:00 PM Adult Bible Study

### Friday, September 12

- 6:00 AM Men's Life
- 11:00 AM Pearl Askew's Mem.
- 1:00 PM Stitches & Quilts

### Sunday, September 14

- 9:00 AM Worship
- 10:15 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 5:00 PM Empty Nesters
- 6:00 PM Couples Bible Study
- 6:00 PM Sr. High

### Altar Guild

#### September 7

- Lori Smith
- Joanne Alvernaz
- Carol Ruiz

#### September 14

- Bonnie Muller
- Amy Fitzgerald



### Your Daily Walk Readings

- September 7 Joel 1-3
- September 8 Amos 1-2
- September 9 Amos 3-5
- September 10 Amos 6-7
- September 11 Amos 8-9
- September 12 Obadiah
- September 13 Jonah 1-4

*My comfort in my suffering is  
this: Your promise preserves  
my life.*

*~Psalm 119:50*

# Serving Today, September 7 - Rally Day

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Elder:** Charlie Jahn  
**Ushers:** Derald Dunn, Dave Geiger, Rob Hillberg, Glen Stabelfeld, Stuart Backstrom, Calvin Baker, Maddie Welch  
**Acolyte:** Jordyn Chance  
**Lector:** Bryan Krough  
**Sound:** Bill First  
**Projection:** Mark Grobner

**Organist:** Cheryl Harlan  
**Elder:** Jim Bollinger  
**Ushers:** Beth Bollinger, Marvin Larson, Larry De Bora, Nathan Schmidt, Hannah Jewish, William Hoskins  
**Acolyte:** Andrea Dunn  
**Lector:** Lacy Wallace  
**Sound:** Doug Paul  
**Projection:** Summer Barber

Coffee Hour for Today: 9:00 a.m. Bruce & Cheryl Harms / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

Altar Flowers for 9/7 are provided by the Harlan and Dayton Families in loving memory of John Dayton and in celebration of Florence Dayton's 101st Birthday!

# Serving Next Sunday, September 14

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Elder:** Ken Fitzgerald  
**Ushers:** Wayne Rickey, Kevin Rickey, Charlie Jahn, Karl Jahn, Alex Jahn, Andrew Preuss, Kyle Rickey, Matthew Fitzgerald, Fallon Evans  
**Acolyte:** Joshua Fitzgerald  
**Lector:** Jennifer de la Motte  
**Sound:** Richard Spratling  
**Projection:** Rob Hillberg

**Organist:** Linda Buie  
**Elder:** Derek Schell  
**Ushers:** Tracie Schell, Greg Goodwin, Joe Ulrich, Wayne Bailey, John Shipman, Carl Paul  
**Acolyte:** Sarah Graser  
**Lector:** Jennifer de la Motte  
**Sound:** Dave Gale  
**Projection:** Cyndi Gale

Coffee Hour for 9/14 9:00 a.m. Joanne Alvernaz & Mary Trickey / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

# "Family News"

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



Gordon & Dolores Thomas  
 Petra Thompson  
 Gy & Tami Thomson  
*(Carlee & Ty)*  
 Nancy Thormahlen  
 Karl & Miriam Torrison  
 Kurt & Denise Trepel

## 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**, home, 561 Meadowlark Dr., Turlock, CA 95382  
**Ross Hoskins**, Emanuel Hospital, 825 Delbon, Turlock, CA 95382  
**Marvin Larson**, Emanuel Hospital, 825 Delbon, Turlock, CA 95382

## August Official Acts

Marriage  
 8/30 Chris Hudelson & Kelly Guest

New Member  
 8/31 Janessa Mitchell

**Memorial Service**  
 There will be a Memorial Service for Pearl Askew on Friday, September 12, at 11:00 a.m.

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



*Grace Lutheran, Bishop, CA*  
*Bethel Lutheran, New Orleans, LA*  
*Our Redeemer Lutheran, Marshall, MO*

8/31/14, Attendance & Giving	
9:00 AM	134
11:00 AM	82
Sunday School	-0-
Sunday Offerings:	\$7,689.55
Capital Fund:	\$ .00
Total Offerings:	\$7,689.55

## Small Group Ministries Manual

Pick up a Small Group Ministries Manual for 2014. This is a great resource to find bible studies, serving opportunities, and much more. See your Yellow form and make a notation as to what you are interested in.

### Food 'n Fun

Food 'n Fun will meet September 11 at 1:30 p.m. for games and fellowship.



### 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).

### 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.gslct.org](http://www.gslct.org)). For a full length CD recording of a worship service, contact the office (667-7712).



## News Regarding our Missionary, Alvina Federwitz

Our missionary Alvina Federwitz who serves in Liberia which is in West Africa has not been allowed to return due to the Ebola Virus. She came to the states in March for home assignment and health needs. From May to July she traveled nearly 6000 miles with a speaking engagement almost daily. She was scheduled to return to Liberia in July, but was told that she could not return due to the Ebola Virus. She was again scheduled to return to Liberia on August 16 to continue her ministry. And again was denied due to the Ebola Virus.

She is currently staying with friends here in the states and communicates with her Liberian team daily via e-mail. The people there are experiencing some hardships as the roads to the city have been closed to prevent the spread of Ebola. This also prevents food from coming into the city and prices are skyrocketing. The Liberian team is in need of food, soap and bleach which they need to keep them free of the Ebola Virus. She asked that we pray that God will give the Lutheran Bible Translators Administration wisdom as to the best way to meet this need of food and supplies.

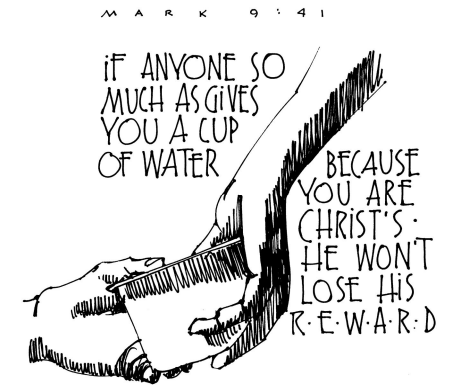
## Outreach Ministries

The Outreach team met on September 2.

- Transition to our new website has been seamless. We are grateful to Lacy Wallace, who moved all the data to the new site.
- The \$1,800 raised for Elohim Church in San Roman, has been sent to that church in Belize.
- The last booth at the Turlock Sales Yard will be on Oct. 7.
- The Togo Mission group is continuing to plan for the trip in July 2015. (Tony Lorenzo, Doug Kirkpatrick, Dave Wallace, Pastor Ron)
- The team will encourage the Church picnic to be an outreach event.
- On the day of the picnic we will distribute bottled waters to other people at the park that day as an expression of kindness.
- We are inviting Missionary Wilson Koppula to bring our congregation an update about his mission in Turlock. A date has not been chosen.
- A handout will be prepared to distribute to people who attend the Craft Faire in November. The handout will list events and services at our church during Advent and Christmas.
- Our congregation will again provide popcorn and hot chocolate for people at the Downtown Christmas parade.
- Our team would like to know if there is any interest in providing an entry

for our church in the Christmas parade. (Let us know if you have any ideas.)

The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 14, 4:00 p.m. (Becky Bailey, Margaret Routt, Judy Rexin, and Pastor Ron)



### Sr. High

Sr. High meets Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Contact Jen de la Motte at 667-7712 for more information.

### Beach Blitz September 19-20, 2014

Boardwalk Beach Blitz is a dynamic Christ youth event designed to help young people strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ. It reaches junior and senior high students through music, testimonies, fellowship and fun! Sign up today - cost is \$80. Contact Jen de la Motte for more information at 667-7712.