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*I wait for the
Lord, my soul
waits, and in his
word I put my
hope.*

~Psalm 130:5



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

November 30, 2014

Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (12/7) is the **2nd Sunday in Advent!** The appointed Scripture readings for the day are: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8. 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. Holy Communion will be offered. The first Advent theme will drive our worship time: Comfort from Good News (Luke 1:39-45).

The Comfort of Christmas

During the four Sundays of Advent and Christmas we will use the theme: **The Comfort of Christmas**. The four themes for the four Sundays in Advent will be:

- 11/30 Comfort from Good News
- 12/7 Comfort from Room
- 12/14 Comfort from Giving
- 12/21 Comfort from Beyond

Joyful Giving Thanksgiving

Thank you to all who responded to our stewardship emphasis this past month. Your response cards will be placed on the altar throughout 2015 as a reminder of our commitment to support the work of the Lord through our church. Thank you for your ongoing support of our congregation. *“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”* (2 Corinthians 9:8)



First Sunday In Advent

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**

Financial Peace University

Jim Knapp will lead a new class beginning January 5, 2015. The Monday night classes will start at 7:00 p.m. Contact Jim Knapp at 209-380-0528 or jimk2542@gmail.com for more information.

New Assistant Secretary

We welcome a new Assistant Secretary to the Church staff. Her name is Margaret Munnely and she will be job-sharing with Tammy. Margaret will work part-time Mondays, Wednesdays and all day Fridays. Please stop by and say hello.

Closer Walk: 365 Day Devotional

See your Yellow form today to order a 365 daily reading devotional that will guide you through the entire New Testament. The cost is \$12.00 and needs to be paid prior to December 8.



Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

December 8, 9, and 10

*Walmart Neighborhood Market,
2480 Geer Road, Turlock
(*Note: Change of Location)

There are sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex. Please sign up in groups of two for a 2-hour shift. Take a reminder card of your time with you.

Today's Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (11/30) is: *The Lord Jesus Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us*. Although we pray that God "would rend the heavens and come down" (Is. 64:1), that He would take vengeance against our enemies, we ourselves "have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment" (Is. 64:6). We have continued in our sins for "a long time, and shall we be saved?" (Is. 64:5). Yet, the Lord does not punish us in anger. He comes in voluntary meekness and humility to save us by His grace. Just as He once came into Jerusalem to sacrifice Himself for us upon the Cross (Mark 11:4-8), He still comes to His Church with the fruits of His Passion. By His ministry of the Gospel we are "enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge," and so He will "sustain you to the end" (1 Cor. 1:5, 8). Although "heaven and earth will pass away," His words "will not pass away" (Mark 13:31). As He sends disciples to call us to Himself in the fellowship of His Church, so will He "send out the angels" to gather us and all of His elect "from the ends of the earth" to Himself in heaven forever (Mark 13:27).



Altar Guild

November 30
Bonnie Muller
Lacy Wallace

December 7
Nancy Widdowson
Kay Wallace
Sandy Mann
Lyn Brock



Your Daily Walk Readings

November 30 Reflect & Review
December 1 1 Thessalonians 1-5
December 2 2 Thessalonians 1-3
December 3 Reflect & Review
December 4 1 Timothy 1-6
December 5 2 Timothy 1-4
December 6 Titus 1-3

*In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.*

~John 1:1

This Week at GSLC December 1-7

Monday, December 1

5:00 PM Youth Team
6:30 PM Handbells
6:30 PM Learning Matters!

Tuesday, December 2

1:30 PM Knitting
6:30 PM Middle Ground Bible Study
7:00 PM Praise Band

Wednesday, December 3

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

Thursday, December 4

9:00 AM Thumbsmashers
9:30 AM Bible Discovery
1:00 PM Craft Team
6:30 PM Learning Matters!

Friday, December 5

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

Sunday, December 7

9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
6:30 PM Children's Christmas Program



Serving Today, November 30 - Advent 1

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Andrew Knapp
Elder: Ken Fitzgerald
Ushers: Wayne Rickey, Charlie, Karl & Alex Jahn, Andrew Preuss, Kyle Rickey, Matthew Fitzgerald, Fallon Evans
Acolyte: Alaura Lucero
Lector: Beth Kirkpatrick
Sound: Richard Spratling

11:00 AM

Organist: Linda Buie
Choir Director: Dr. Deborah Kavasch
Music Students: Katelyn Woods, Julia Acosta, Michael Bernal, & Giancarlos Delgado-Braun
Elder: Derek Schell
Ushers: Wayne Bailey, Tracie Schell, Greg Goodwin, John Shipman, Joe Ulrich, Carl Paul
Acolyte: Emily Lloyd
Lector: Eric Wallace
Sound: Dave Gale
Projection: Cyndi Gale

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

Altar Flowers for 11/30 are provided by Petra Thompson
 in memory of Petra & John's Wedding Anniversary

Serving Next Sunday, December 7 - Advent 2

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Andrew Knapp
Elder: Charlie Jahn
Ushers: Derald Dunn, Dave Geiger, Rob Hillberg, Dave Judish, Ed Juncker, Margaret Routt, Glen Stabelfeld, Calvin Baker, Stuart Backstrom, Hannah Judish, Maddie Welch
Acolyte: Jordyn Chance
Lector: Jennifer de la Motte
Sound: Bill First
Projection: Mark Grobner

11:00 AM

Organist: Cheryl Harlan
Elder: Jim Bollinger
Ushers: Beth Bollinger, Larry DeBora, Jim Harlan, Marvin Larson, Eileen Mitchell, Nathan Schmidt
Acolyte: Andrea Dunn
Lector: Jennifer de la Motte
Sound: Doug Paul
Projection: Summer Barber

Coffee Hour for 12/7: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

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



Wes & Mary Monier
 Margarete Monier
 Dottie Monreal
 Glen & Jo Stabelfeld
 Muriel Stenzel
 Don & Joanne Strand
 Keith & Faye Sutton
 Carol Swanberg



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).

Petra Thompson, Emanuel Hospital, 825 Delbon Ave., Turlock, CA 95382
Danna Shipman, home, 4269 Ferreira Ranch Dr., Turlock, CA 95382
Marty Dunn, home, 2525 Nicklaus Drive, Turlock, CA 95382
Rick Kaepernick, home, 7205 Beltis Drive, Modesto, CA 95356
Freda Hicks, Brandel Manor, 1801 N. Olive Ave., Turlock, CA 95382



11/23/14, Attendance & Giving	
9:00 AM	139
11:00 AM	79
Sunday School	43

Sunday Offerings:	\$ 5,206.00
Capital Fund:	\$ <u>120.00</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 5,326.00

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

Calvary Lutheran, Indianapolis, IN
Zion Lutheran, Bolivar, MO
Grace Lutheran, Racine, WI



Save the Date!

GSLC 10th Annual Women's Retreat
Feb. 13-15, 2015

Theme: *Garden Getaway*

"There is a time and a season for everything." Ecclesiastes 3

- Cost*: \$155 (\$205 private room)
- \$50 deposit due by Dec. 22 (turn in to church office)
- *Includes \$75 subsidy from Craft Faire proceeds
- Registration begins November 30, 2014. Keep watching here for more information on retreat topics and updates.

~Pam Youngdale

Craft Faire Thank You & Update

The Craft Faire Committee would like to thank our church family and many community friends for your support in making our 10th Annual Community Outreach Craft Faire a successful event. This event raised over \$6,400 to be used in support of 8 or 9 local charities and the Women's Retreat in February. Watch News & Notes for the date of events in support of Valerie Stonebreaker in Togo.

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.

Petal Pushers

December 27 - 30

The 2015 Rose Parade theme, "Inspiring Stories," calls to the source of Christian faith and life: The word of God as recorded in the books of the Bible. The youth will be helping make the Lutheran Hour float possible by donating their time to help fund the float. The youth will again donate their time by organizing beans, gluing leaves and cutting flowers on floats. The cost is \$250.00 per person, which includes most meals, lodging at the church, van rental, and supplies. If you need more details, talk to Jen de la Motte.



Sr. High

The Sr. High Youth are selling 2015 Calendars for \$10.00. The calendars will be sold between services in the Social Hall. The funds will go to help offset the cost of Petal Pushers.

The Sr. High Youth are also selling McCrea's slow cooked, handcrafted caramels. An order form is available on the table with the calendars.

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

Turlock Together

There is a blue barrel in the Social hall for the collection of donations of non-perishable food items and new toys for those less fortunate at Christmas.

Coats 4 Kids Coat Drive Westside Ministries

Used coats & Jackets
Drop off at Carr's Cleaners
By December 5th
500 E Main St

New Coats & Jackets
Drop off at
Westside Ministries
By December 5th
950 Columbia St

Monetary Donations
Can be mailed to
Westside Ministries
P O Box 354
Turlock, Ca 95381
or phone
209-667-8593

Recorded Worship Services & Sermons

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

Lit 'n' Latte

Our next book selection is from our favorite local author, Paula Treick DeBoard. Paula's second published novel, *The Fragile World*, "is a journey through America's heartland and a family's brightest and darkest moments, exploring the devastating pain of losing a child and the beauty of finding the way back to hope." We'll meet on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 pm, at our neighborhood Starbucks.

~Pam Youngdale
667-5494

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is up and in the Social Hall for folks to pick up a tag and purchase a gift for those residents in various local nursing homes. Each tag will list the resident's name and what they are wishing for. Please make sure you attach the Christmas tree tag to the outside of the wrapped gift. The deadline to bring their wrapped gift is Sunday, December 14. Please contact Judy Ranheim at 634-5584 or Nancy Widdowson at 648-5136 for more information.

