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*Do everything
without
complaining or
arguing.*

~Philippians 2:14



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

December 14, 2014

Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (12/21) is the **4th Sunday in Advent!** The appointed Scripture readings for the day are: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-5; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38. 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 fourth Advent theme will drive our worship time: Comfort from Beyond (Luke 2:1-7). Holy Communion will be offered at both services.

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

Christmas Festival of Music

Tonight the Praise Band, Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir will provide an evening of music and Scripture at 7:00 p.m. Invite a friend to come and enjoy this festive service as we continue our preparations for celebrating Christmas, the birthday of Jesus Christ.

Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve will offer two services. The service at 5:00 p.m. will be a service that will be geared to children and families. The service at 11:00 p.m. will be more traditional and will include the Chancel Choir. Christmas Day will offer a service that will include Holy Communion. Invite a friend to these services.



Third 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**

2015 Offering Envelopes

Your 2015 Offering envelopes are located on the table in the Social Hall. Please pick them up and save the church the cost of mailing them to you.

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.

Turlock Together

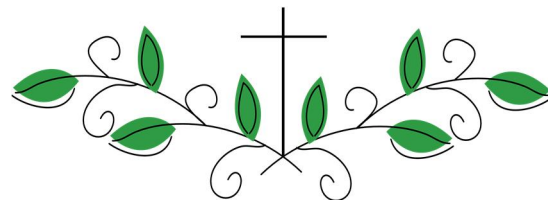
There is a blue barrel in the Social hall for the collection of donations of non-perishable food items and new toys for those less fortunate at Christmas.

Grace Lutheran Church Christmas Open House

To bid farewell to
Pastor Tim & Judy Huber
(Pastor Tim is retiring.)
Sunday, December 21, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Modesto Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Candlelight Concert

Thursday, December 18 at 8:00 p.m.
St Stanislaus Catholic Church
Modesto Symphony Orchestra & Chorus,
Expressions Youth Choir and Opus
Handbell Ensemble are performing.
Contact Gallo Center for the Arts at
209-338-2100 for more information.



Today's Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (12/14) is: *The Coming of the Christ Brings True Rejoicing in His Forgiveness*. When he preaches repentance, John the Baptist points us to Christ Jesus. John was sent by God "as a witness, to bear witness about the Light, that all might believe through him" (John 1:7). He baptizes with water in order to "make straight the way of the Lord," who shall redeem His people from their sins (John 1:23). That Lord Jesus "who comes after" John now stands among us and makes Himself known to us (John 1:26-27). He has been anointed by the Holy Spirit "to bring good news to the poor" and "to bind up the brokenhearted" (Is. 61:1). By the washing of the water with His Word and Spirit, He clothes His Church with "the garments of salvation" and adorns her with His own righteousness "as a bride adorns herself with her jewels" (Is. 61:10). Therefore, we "rejoice always" in the Lord, "pray without ceasing," and "give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thess. 5:16-18). For "the God of peace," who has called you by the Gospel, will surely "sanctify you completely," so that "your whole spirit and soul and body" will "be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:23-24).

Altar Guild Schedule

December 14

Nancy Widdowson
Sandy Mann
Lyn Brock

December 21

Nancy Widdowson
Kay Wallace
Sandy Mann
Lyn Brock

This Week at GSLC December 15-21

Monday, December 15

6:30 PM Handbells
6:30 PM Learning Matters!

Tuesday, December 16

9:30 AM Bible Discovery
1:30 PM Knitting
5:30 PM Council
6:30 PM Praise Band Caroling
6:30 PM Middle Ground Bible Study

Wednesday, December 17

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

Thursday, December 18

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

Friday, December 19

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

Sunday, December 21

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

Your Daily Walk Readings

December 14	James 1-5
December 15	1 Peter 1-5
December 16	2 Peter 1-3
December 17	1 John 1-5
December 18	2 John
December 19	3 John
December 20	Jude

God was reconciling the world
to himself in Christ,
not counting men's sins
against them.

~2 Corinthians 5:19



Serving Today, December 14

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band

Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Andrew Knapp

Elder: Ken Fitzgerald

Ushers: Wayne Rickey, Charlie Jahn, Karl Jahn, Alex Jahn, Andrew Preuss, Kyle Rickey, Matthew Fitzgerald, Fallon Evans

Acolyte: Joshua Fitzgerald

Lector: Marcie Fernandes

Sound: Richard Spratling

Projection: Rob Hillberg

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, Joe Ulrich, John Shipman, Carl Paul

Acolyte: Sarah Graser

Lector: John Otte

Sound: Dave Gale

Projection: Cyndi Gale

Coffee Hour for Today: 9:00 a.m. Marilyn Bennett & Clella Falke / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**



The Poinsettias that grace the church are provided by the Geiger family!



Serving Next Sunday, December 21

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band

Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick

Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Andrew Knapp

Elder: Mike Bava

Ushers: Joanne & Tom Alvernaz, Jim & Sandie Knapp, Tracie & Derek Schell, Andrew Knapp, Carlee Thomson

Acolyte: Luke Welch

Lector: Sharon Jensen

Sound: Jim Smith

Projection: LeRoy Gonzales

11:00 AM

Organist: Cheryl Harlan

Handbell Director: Kathie Mackie

Elder: John Otte

Ushers: Bart Muller, Rob Geiger, Michael Barber, Mikayla Schmidt

Acolyte: Hannah Green

Lector: Sandy Rethwisch

Sound: Eric Wallace

Projection: Summer Barber

Coffee Hour for 12/21: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. The Barber Family

“Family News”

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



Albert Envia
Michelle Envia
(Jacob & Jessica)
Shubert & Tina Envia
(Elaina & Paul)
Elizabeth Grobner
Mark Grobner

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



Faith Lutheran, Whittier, CA
Hope Lutheran, De Witt, MI
St. John Lutheran, Hamlin, NY

12/7/14 Attendance & Giving

9:00 AM	142
11:00 AM	90
Sunday School	42
Sunday Offerings:	\$11,245.00
Capital Fund:	\$ <u>943.00</u>
Total Offerings:	\$12,188.00



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, Turlock Nursing & Rehab., 1111 E. Tuolumne Rd. Turlock, CA 95382

Freda Hicks, Brandel Manor, 1801 N. Olive Ave., Turlock, CA 95382

Shirley Silveria, home, 500 N. Tully Rd., #65, Turlock, CA 95380

Goody Ruhl, Emanuel Medical Center, 825 Delbon Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382

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

Theme: *Garden Getaway*

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

See the Retreat registration form on the table in the Narthex for information and to register!

Pam Youngdale, 667-5494 or
Louise Rickey, 634-3319



Valerie Stonebreaker

Valerie's latest newsletter is on the board in the Narthex and copies are on the table in the Social Hall.

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.

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.

Lutheran Church of Togo Thank You Letter

The Lutheran Church of Togo sent us a thank you letter attached to the following email message. The letter is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Dear Pastor,

Salutations in the holy name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whose birth we wait with impatience in several weeks. We come, by way of this message, to express our gratitude and thankfulness towards God and your church for the various supports which you have given the Lutheran Church of Togo. You will see attached as a file our thank you letter. Excuse us, you can ask our sister Valerie to translate into English for us. May the Lord bless and keep you for what you have done.

*Rev. LARE Kolani Lambon,
President of the ELT*



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