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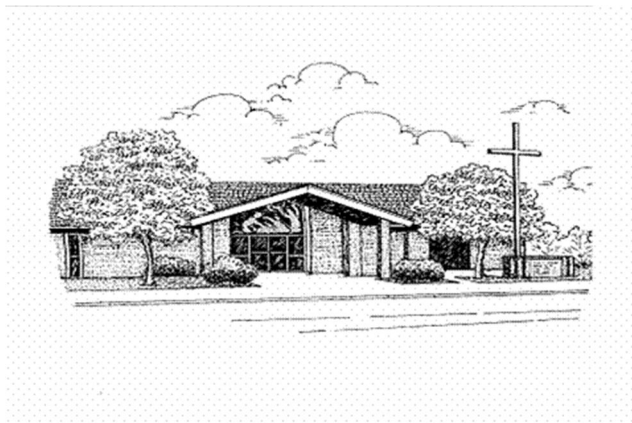
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*Where your  
treasure is, there  
your heart will be  
also.*

*~Matthew 6:21*



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# News & Notes

December 21, 2014



## **Fourth 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**

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

Next Sunday (12/28) is the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas!** The appointed Scripture readings for the day are: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 111; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40. 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.

### **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.

### **Christmas Festival of Music**

Thank you to our musicians for the lovely evening of music and worship on Dec. 14. Thank you to Dr. Kavasch and the Chancel Choir. Thank you to Kathie Mackie and the Handbell Choir. Thank you to Beth Kirkpatrick and the Praise Band. Thank you to our instrumental musicians: Linda Buie, Andrew Hall, Justin De Freitas, Andrew Knapp, Joey Pagola, Jamee Bollinger. Thank you to our readers: Mitch Preus and Louise Rickey. Thank you to our support volunteers: LeRoy Gonzales (projection), Kevin Rickey (sound), Richard Spratling (sound), Ken Fitzgerald (elder), and Josh Fitzgerald (acolyte). Thank you to Traci Preus and the volunteers who provided goodies. Thank you to all who attended and made the evening enjoyable for all of us.

### 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.

### 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.

### Middle Ground

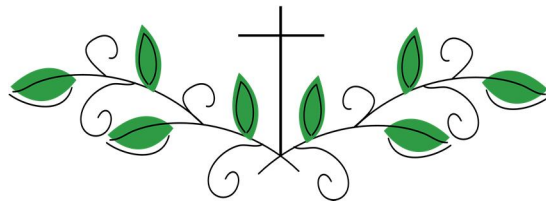
A new small group meeting to study issues we face in contemporary society. Aimed at those past college age and not yet thinking of retirement! This group meets Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. A study of Islam will begin in January. Part one will include an explanation of what Islam believes. This will be followed by discussion of how to defend the Christian's faith in response to Islamic challenges. The topic is meaningful and relevant in today's world! For more information, contact Mitch Preus at 571-0264.

### Co-ed Volleyball League

We will be again starting the co-ed volleyball league this January. Games will be held on Monday or Tuesday nights depending on the schedule. Game times begin at 6:30 or 7:30 each night. The league is open to all people ages 18 and over. Please sign up in the Narthex if you are interested. You may also contact Troy de la Motte at 605-0732 for more information

### Today's Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (12/21) is: *The Lord Builds a House for David: Jesus Christ Who Comes in the Flesh*. When King David "lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies," he piously supposed that he would build a house for God (2 Sam. 7:1-2). But the Lord would turn it around: He would establish a house for David, and an everlasting throne. This He has done, not only for David, but also for all His people, in the Son of David, Jesus Christ, "conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary" (Apostles' Creed). That holy Child, the incarnate "Son of the Most High," receives "the throne of His father David" and begins to reign "over the house of Jacob forever" (Luke 1:32-33). Having given Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world, His Body is the true and eternal Temple of God in which His people have their own place of peace and rest. That is "the Mystery that was kept secret for long ages" but is now "made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God" in order that we may have faith and life in Christ (Rom. 16:25-26). (Please note: these are not the readings we are using in the worship service today.)



### December Altar Guild

#### December 21

Nancy Widdowson  
Kay Wallace  
Sandy Mann

Lyn Brock

#### December 24

Nancy Widdowson  
Sandy Mann  
Lyn Brock

#### December 25

Sandy Mann  
Lyn Brock

#### December 28

Nancy Widdowson  
Sandy Mann  
Lyn Brock

### This Week at GSLC December 22-28

**Monday, December 22**

**Tuesday, December 23**

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

**Wednesday, December 24 -  
Christmas Eve**

5:00 PM Worship  
11:00 PM Worship



**Thursday, December 25 -  
Christmas Day**

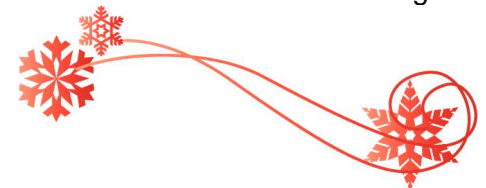
(Office Closed)  
10:00 AM Worship

**Friday, December 26**

(Office Closed)  
6:00 AM Men's Life

**Sunday, December 28**

9:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Worship  
12:00 PM Christmas  
Undecorating



### Your Daily Walk Readings

- December 21** Revelation 1-3
- December 22** Reflect & Review
- December 23** Revelation 4-6
- December 24** Reflect & Review
- December 25** Revelation 7-9
- December 26** Revelation 10-13
- December 27** Revelation 14-16

*My God will meet all your needs  
according to his glorious riches  
in Christ Jesus.*

*~Philippians 4:19*

## 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!

Final payment due January 11, 2015

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

### Lit 'n' Latte

Our next book, with a recommendation  
from author Paula Treick DeBoard (*The  
Fragile World, The Mourning Hours*), is  
the novel *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart.  
Paula will be joining us to discuss  
Lockhart's YA book, *her* two novels, and  
her third book, which she is currently  
writing. We'll meet on Wednesday,  
February 4, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at church  
in the Overflow Room. Mark your  
calendars and invite a friend!

~Pam Youngdale  
667-5494

### Literacy Tutor Training

Are you interested in becoming part of  
the tutoring team for *Learning Matters!*,  
our GSLC ministry to adults seeking to  
improve their reading/writing skills or  
earn their GED? The next training,  
provided by *LearningQuest*, will be  
Jan. 8 and 10, 2015 at the Modesto  
headquarters. Contact Pam Youngdale  
(667-5494) for more information.

## 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.

## NAMI

National Alliance on Mental Illness,  
Stanislaus, is a non-profit organization  
that provides services for a person  
living with mental illness and their  
families. Classes and support groups  
are offered to educate and help break  
the stigma of mental illness. One out of  
five youth will develop a mental health  
condition. Early recognition and  
intervention will give a person a better  
quality of life. Good Shepherd  
supports NAMI by providing  
classroom space for support groups  
and classes. If you or someone you  
know is experiencing a mental health  
issue, you can receive help and  
information from the following:

- ◇ NAMI Stanislaus  
P. O. Box 4120  
Modesto, CA 95352-4120
- ◇ Website:  
[www.NAMIStanislaus.org](http://www.NAMIStanislaus.org)
- ◇ E-mail address:  
[NAMI@stanislaus.org](mailto:NAMI@stanislaus.org)
- ◇ Telephone: (209) 558-4555

-Sandra Rethwisch,  
NAMI Family to  
Family Instructor



## Children's Christmas Program Thank You

Thank you to all the parents and  
volunteers who helped with this  
year's Children's Christmas  
program. It was a huge success and  
many people said it was one of the  
best they have seen! We would like  
to especially thank Linda Buie for  
leading the music and playing the  
piano, as well as Missy Lawrence  
for assisting Linda with the  
Children's Choir. Thank you to John  
Otte for helping with setting up of  
microphones and sound. Also thank  
you to all the parents who brought  
delicious treats to share after the  
program! What a great opportunity  
we had to share the Christmas  
message!

~Troy & Jen de la Motte

## Assistive Listening Devices

We want to remind the congregation  
and visitors that assistive listening de-  
vices are available for those with hear-  
ing 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).

## Serving Today, December 21 - Advent 4

**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:** Linda Buie  
**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 today: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. Barber Family

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



## Serving Next Sunday, December 28

**9:00 AM**

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Praise Band Musicians:** Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Andrew Knapp  
**Elder:** Victor Martino  
**Ushers:** Tom Baldwin, Sam Ruiz, Jerry Rexin, Bryan Krough, Zach Harcksen, Blaine Chance, Grace Willming  
**Acolyte:** Ashlan Lucero  
**Lector:** Amy Fitzgerald  
**Sound:** Kevin Rickey  
**Projection:** Andrew Preuss

**11:00 AM**

**Organist:** Cheryl Harlan  
**Elder:** Dave Gale  
**Ushers:** Cyndi Gale, Michael Barber, Summer Barber, Kelly Hudelson, Ellen Willming, John McCord, Michael McCord  
**Acolyte:** Rachel McCord  
**Lector:** Don Strand  
**Sound:** John Otte  
**Projection:** Clorinda Otte

Coffee Hour for 12/28: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

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



RayDelle Kistler  
 Grace Kistler-Fair  
 Ingie Klevmyr  
 Roger & Ortha Kling  
 Alex Knapp  
 Jim & Sandie Knapp  
 (Andrew)

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



Trinity Lutheran, Fort Pierce, FL  
 St. Paul Lutheran, Paducah, KY  
 Faith Lutheran, Warsaw, MO



### Children's Christmas Books

Why not check out a Christmas book from our Children's Library for your child during this Christmas season. We will have a table of books set up in the Social Hall during the coffee hour after both services.



December 14, 2014 Attendance & Giving	
9:00 AM	151
11:00 AM	94
Sunday School	47
Christmas Festival	106
of Music	
Sunday Offerings:	\$12,141.00
Capital Fund:	<u>\$ 140.00</u>
Total Offerings:	\$ 12,281.00

Calendar



## January Birthdays



1/01	Marty Dunn	1/10	Sarah Osburne	1/20	Jill Rodriguez
1/01	Janice Moskal	1/10	Sheila Schmidt	1/22	Barbara Ring
1/04	Nathan Schmidt	1/11	Taya Clark	1/23	Amanda Thomazin
1/05	Betty Ringen	1/12	Tony Lorenzo	1/24	Katie Tatum
1/05	Ken Fitzgerald	1/13	Nadine Petersen	1/26	Michael Spratling
1/05	Lesla Volkmar	1/13	Rodney Schmidt	1/27	Terry Goodwin
1/06	Karen Yamshon	1/13	Max Schlecht	1/28	Bill Preuss
1/06	Elizabeth Grobner	1/15	Vicki Barber	1/28	Bryse Rochester
1/07	Loretta Johnston	1/16	Jessica Chance	1/28	Pastor Ronald Youngdale
1/08	Hannah Green	1/17	Eldeen Loretz	1/28	Cindy Trow
1/08	Kylie Young	1/17	Wayne Routt	1/30	Doug Sperry
1/09	Mike Bava	1/20	Jennie Backstrom	1/31	Danika Mann
1/09	Sarah Fisher	1/20	Kathy Hagen		

## January Wedding Anniversaries



1/03	John & Carol Prater
1/05	Richard & Barbara Ring
1/10	Dennis & Grace McCord
1/10	Roger & Ortha Kling
1/13	Ken & Amy Fitzgerald
1/18	James & Cheryl Harlan
1/28	Darrel & Sandy Rethwisch
1/29	Terry & Lori Gray
1/29	Joe & Lois Ulrich

