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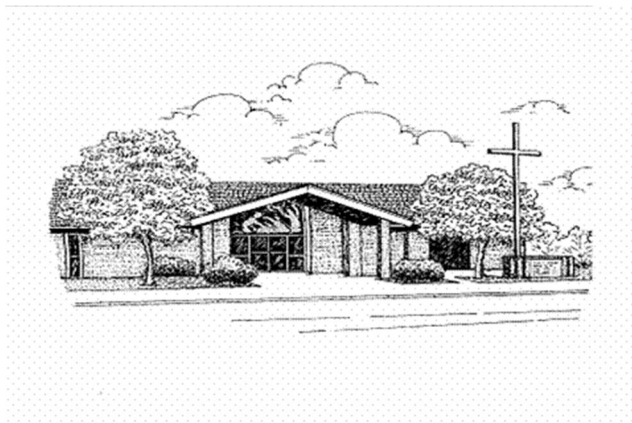
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*Where your
treasure is, there
your heart will be
also.*

~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 1st 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

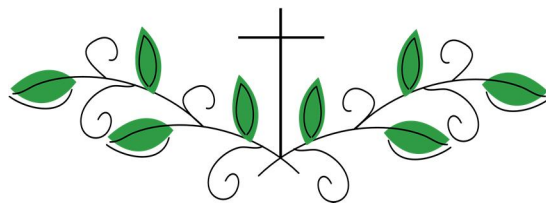
A new small group meeting to study issues we face in contemporary society. Aimed at those past college age and not yet thinking of retirement! This group meets Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. A study of Islam will begin in January. Part one will include an explanation of what Islam believes. This 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**

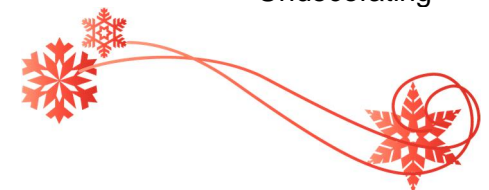
(Office Closed)
10:00 AM Worship

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
- ◇ E-mail address:
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 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). 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

Care & Prayer

If you know of someone who is in need of care ministry, please pray for them and call Louise Rickey at the church (634-3319). If you have a prayer need in your life, call Pastor Ron or leave your name with the church office. Please be praying for the following people:

Petra Thompson, home, 16860 Songbird Dr., Delhi, CA 95315
Freda Hicks, home, 159 W. Tuolumne Rd., Apt. 30, Turlock, CA 95382
Goody Ruhl, Brandel Manor, 1801 N. Olive Ave., Turlock, CA 95382

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

