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*Mary treasured  
up all these  
things and  
pondered them in  
her heart.*

*~Luke 2:19*



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# News & Notes

December 28, 2014

**First Sunday After Christmas**



## 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 (1/4) is the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas!** The appointed Scripture readings for the day are: 1 Kings 3:4-15; Psalm 119:97-104; Ephesians 1:3-14; Luke 2:40-52. 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.

## Thank You

We want to thank ALL who have made our Advent and Christmas season a time of reverent worship and delightful celebrations. Thank you to the Altar Guild for their regular preparations of that area for worship. Thank you to all our musicians: Praise Band, Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir. Thank you to our elders, ushers, acolytes, sound board operators, and projection operators. Thank you to all who provided refreshments on Sundays and after the Sunday evening events. Thank you to the readers and others who assisted with worship. Thank you to our office staff and the faithful volunteers who help them prepare the materials for worship and other events. We are a blessed congregation. God is so good!

## Lent Worship

As we close the Christmas season and enter a new calendar year, we look forward to the next major season on our church calendar, the time of Lent. That season begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18. Mark your calendar. More information will be coming.



## 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.

## 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 (12/28) is: *The Time Has Fully Come for Redemption and Purification through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.* "When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son," born of the Woman, "to redeem those who were under the law" (Gal. 4:4-5). Therefore, "according to the Law of Moses," Mary and Joseph "brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord" (Luke 2:22). There He was received and taken up into the arms of Simeon, who was righteous and devout, "waiting for the consolation of Israel" (Luke 2:25). Simeon praised God and blessed the parents by confessing the Cross for which this Child was appointed. "At that very hour," old and faithful Anna, who had watched, prayed and worshiped in the Temple for so long, came up and "began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). The Lord causes "righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations" (Is. 61:11). We also "greatly rejoice in the Lord," because this Child Jesus has clothed us "with the garments of salvation," covered us "with the robe of righteousness," and called us "by a new name" (Is. 61:10; 62:2).



Altar Guild  
December 28

Nancy Widdowson  
Sandy Mann  
Lyn Brock

January 4

Grace McCord  
Sharon Jensen  
Lori Smith



## Your Daily Walk Readings

**December 28** John 3-5  
**December 29** John 6-8  
**December 30** Reflect & Review  
**December 31** John 9-12

## This Week at GSLC December 29 - January 4

**Monday, December 29**

**Tuesday, December 30**

Youth Return from Petal Pushers  
1:30 PM Knitting  
7:00 PM Praise Band

**Wednesday, December 31**

**Thursday, January 1 - New Year's**  
(Office Closed)

**Friday, January 2**

6:00 PM Men's Life

**Sunday, January 4**

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



*My eyes have seen your  
salvation, which you have  
prepared in the sight of all  
people."*

~Luke 2:30-31

# Serving Today, December 28

**9:00 AM**

**11:00 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

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

# Serving Next Sunday, January 4

**9:00 AM**

**11:00 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:** Caden Lindquist  
**Lector:** Ken Fitzgerald  
**Sound:** Bill First  
**Projection:** Mark Grobner

**Organist:** Linda Buie  
**Elder:** Jim Bollinger  
**Ushers:** Beth Bollinger, Marvin Larson, Larry DeBora, Jim Harlan, Eileen Mitchell, Nathan Schmidt  
**Acolyte:** Isabella Green  
**Lector:** Tony Paul  
**Sound:** Doug Paul  
**Projection:** Summer Barber

Coffee Hour for 1/4 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

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



Loretta Koernig-Edminster  
 Emma Kroeker  
 Bryan & Suzanne Krough  
 Martha Lorenzo  
 Eldeen Loretz  
 Gary & Judy Moore

## 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**, 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



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



*Our Savior Lutheran*, Brinkley, AR  
*Trinity Lutheran*, New Orleans, LA  
*Hope Lutheran*, Avon, OH

12/21/14, Attendance & Giving	
9:00 AM	141
11:00 AM	106
Sunday School	24
Sunday Offerings:	\$12,492.89
Capital Fund:	\$ <u>200.00</u>
Total Offerings:	\$12,692.89



## Concordia Seminary

Have you ever considered becoming a pastor or deaconess? If so, Rev. Daniel Eggold from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 4910 Claremont Avenue, Stockton, CA, on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, between 4:00-8:00 p.m. Rev. Eggold is interested in meeting with prospective students of all ages, elementary school age through adults. Appointments are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome to come with you. Appointments are not necessary but encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific time, please contact Rev. Eggold at 314-505-7224 or eggodd@csledu.



## 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).

## 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.

## Christmas Undecorating

Join us today at 12:00 p.m. to help undecorate the church.



## 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.

## 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.

## 2015 Flower Chart and Coffee Hour Hosts Signs Up

The Flower Chart and Coffee Hour Hosts sign-ups are up on the board in the Narthex. Take a look and see where you would like to serve or when you would like flowers dedicated. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 667-7712.

## 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



Simeon  
was  
there  
and  
took  
the  
Child  
in  
his  
arms,  
praising  
God

LUKE 2:28