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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 **2nd 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

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

Serving Next Sunday, January 4

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

11:00 AM

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). 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