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*Let no debt
remain
outstanding,
except the
continuing debt to
love one another.*

~Romans 13:8



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

December 7, 2014



Second 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

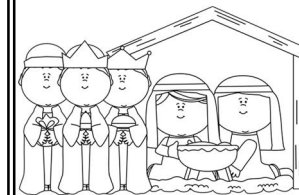
Next Sunday (12/4) is the **3rd Sunday in Advent!** The appointed Scripture readings for the day are: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28. The Praise Band will lead our contemporary worship at the 9:00 a.m. service. The organist will lead our classic worship at the 11:00 a.m. service. The second Advent theme will drive our worship time: Comfort from Room (Luke 2:1-7).

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

Children's Christmas Program



The Children's Christmas program is tonight at 6:30 pm. Join us for a wonderful program where 6 very different people encounter the Christmas story while trying to audition for a part on Christmas Eve. Enjoy the different parts of this heartfelt comedy by "The Skit Guys" as everyday folks audition for roles of the nativity story. The play is unique in that it is in seven scenes. Jesus came to this Earth to die so that we may have life. Do you realize that Christ came for you?

Christmas Festival of Music

The Praise Band, Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir will provide an evening of music and Scripture on December 14 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.

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.

Closer Walk: 365 Day Devotional

See your Yellow form today to order a 365 daily reading devotional that will guide you through the entire New Testament. The cost is \$12.00 and needs to be paid prior to December 8.



Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

December 8, 9, and 10

*Walmart Neighborhood Market,
2480 Geer Road, Turlock

(*Note: Change of Location)

There are sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex. Please sign up for a 2-hour shift. Take a reminder card of your time with you.

Today's Reading Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (12/7) is: *You Are Prepared through Repentance for the Coming of the Lord.* "The Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1) begins when John the Baptist appears and comes "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Mark 1:4). As the Prophet Isaiah had written, John is the messenger of the Lord, sent before His face to prepare His way. To this day, the ministry of the Forerunner continues in the preaching of the Law and the Gospel, and in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. By these ways and means "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together" (Is. 40:5), and the Good Shepherd "will gather the lambs in His arms" (Is. 40:11). He speaks "tenderly to Jerusalem," and He comforts His people by pardoning their iniquity (Is. 40:1-2). What is more, He promises "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Pet. 3:13). Repent, therefore, and humble yourself as you wait for His coming in peace (2 Pet. 3:14), because He "is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9).



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.

This Week at GSLC December 8-14

Monday, December 8

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

Tuesday, December 9

10:00 AM LWML
1:30 PM Knitting
6:30 PM Middle Ground Bible Study
6:30 PM NAMI
7:00 PM Praise Band

Wednesday, December 10

6:00 AM Men's Network
5:45 PM Confirmation
5:45 PM FaithWeaver Friends
6:30 PM Lit 'n' Latte
7:30 PM Choir

Thursday, December 11

9:00 AM Thumbsmashers
9:00 AM Bible Discovery
1:00 PM Craft Team
1:30 PM Food 'n Fun
6:30 PM Learning Matters!

Friday, December 12

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

Sunday, December 14 - Advent 3

9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
6:00 PM Sr. High
7:00 PM Christmas Festival of Music

Altar Guild

December 7

Nancy Widdowson
Kay Wallace
Sandy Mann
Lyn Brock

December 14

Nancy Widdowson
Sandy Mann
Lyn Brock



Your Daily Walk Readings

December 7	Philemon
December 8	Hebrews 1-2
December 9	Hebrews 3-4
December 10	Hebrews 5-7
December 11	Reflect & Review
December 12	Hebrews 8-10
December 13	Hebrews 11-13

By one sacrifice he has made
perfect forever those who are
being made holy.

~Hebrews 10:14

Serving Today, December 7 ~ Advent 2

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: Jordyn Chance
Lector: Jennifer de la Motte
Sound: Bill First
Projection: Mark Grobner

11:00 AM

Organist: Cheryl Harlan
Elder: Jim Bollinger
Ushers: Beth Bollinger, Larry DeBora, Jim Harlan, Marvin Larson, Eileen Mitchell, Nathan Schmidt
Acolyte: Andrea Dunn
Lector: Jennifer de la Motte
Sound: Doug Paul
Projection: Summer Barber



Coffee Hour for Today: 9:00 a.m. Mariane First & Judy Rexin / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

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

Serving Next Sunday, December 14 ~ Advent 3

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick
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
Handbell Director: Kathie Mackie
Elder: Derek Schell
Ushers: Tracie Schell, Greg Goodwin, Joe Ulrich, Wayne Bailey, John Shipman, Carl Paul
Acolyte: Sarah Graser
Lector: John Otte
Sound: Dave Gale
Projection: Cyndi Gale

Coffee Hour for 12/14: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

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



Matt & Ayla Dillon
(Olivia)
 Adam & Tara Schlecht
 Austen & Jennifer Schlecht
(Bella & Max)
 Rebecca Schlecht
 Wayne & Amethyst
 Van Gaalen
(Clark, Savannah & Carter)



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



First Lutheran, Temple City, CA
Our Savior Lutheran, Danville, KY
Grace Lutheran, Union, NJ

11/30/14, Attendance & Giving	
9:00 AM	143
11:00 AM	88
Sunday School	27

Sunday Offerings:	\$7,730.00
Capital Fund:	\$ <u> </u> .00
Total Offerings:	\$7,730.00

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. Tulumne Rd. Turlock, CA 95382
Freda Hicks, Brandel Manor, 1801 N. Olive Ave., Turlock, CA 95382
Wayne Penrose, home, 1740 Ogden Way, Turlock, CA 95382
Shirley Silveria, 500 N. Tully Rd., #65, Turlock, CA 95380
Goody Ruhl, Emanuel Medical Center, 825 Delbon Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382
Marge Sutton, Turlock Nursing & Rehab., 1111 E. Tulumne Rd. Turlock,

November Official Acts

Baptisms

11/9 Connor Roy Hart
 11/23 Debra Wilson
 11/23 Samantha Wilson
 11/23 Lindie Wilson
 11/23 Janice Brereton

Confirmation

11/23 John & Janice Brereton
 11/23 Tom Hoy
 11/23 Glisten A. Schmuff

Reaffirmation

11/23 Judy Bergman
 11/23 Shirley Silveria

LWML

Attention ladies of all ages! Our next meeting is on December 9, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship room. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Rexin at 499-0828.

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 insert for more information and to register!

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



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.

Notes to LCMS Churches

We need volunteers to send cards to the churches we pray for listed in the News & Notes. We will supply the cards and postage for you. Please sign up for a month or more on your Yellow form today. Contact the office with questions.

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.

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.

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.

Lit 'n' Latte

Our next book selection is from our favorite local author, Paula Treick DeBoard. Paula's second published novel, *The Fragile World*, "is a journey through America's heartland and a family's brightest and darkest moments, exploring the devastating pain of losing a child and the beauty of finding the way back to hope." We'll meet on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 pm, at our neighborhood *Starbucks*.

~Pam Youngdale
667-5494



Sleeping Bag Project

Today is the second ingathering for sleeping bags for the Turlock Gospel Mission. You may leave them at the table in the social hall. Monetary donations to purchase sleeping bags can also be made. Please mark your donation "Sleeping Bag Project" and place it in the offering plate. Thanks so much! If you have any questions, please contact Judy Moore or Beth Bollinger.



Support Our Troops

The Social Ministries team would like to thank all who provided snack items and warm socks for our servicemen and women through our Support the Troops program. These items, along with a generous donation of dried apples by Victor and Angie Martino will be shipped to our troops through the Merced Elks club. Two pallets, totaling 2880 packages of fruit were labeled by our team, then filled and prepared for shipping by the Martinos. Again, thanks to everyone for your kindness.

Recorded Worship Services & Sermons

Sermons are recorded and available on the church website (www.gsllc.org). For a full length CD recording of a worship service, contact the office (667-7712).



Thank you from Danna Shipman

To my family at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

I received so many cards, phone calls and visits from you that kept my spirits high. The greatest gift came from your prayers and words of encouragement, letting me know how much God is with me. You are a blessing in my life and I give thanks to our Lord for being a part of your family.

Heartfelt thanks and God Bless You,
Danna Shipman