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*Comfort, comfort
my people, says
your God.*

~Isaiah 40:1



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

January 11, 2015



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 (1/18) is the **2nd Sunday after the Epiphany!** The appointed Scripture readings for the day are: 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-10; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51. 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. Holy Communion will be served at both services.

Lent Worship

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 18. Two worship services will be offered that day. Mark your calendar. More information will be coming.

Prepare! Workshop

Our CNH District is providing a "Prepare!" workshop on Feb. 4, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The brochure states: "Be Prepared!" It's Not Just for the Boy Scouts. Resources will be provided for various times of trouble from natural disasters to aging. A variety of presenters will offer various workshops throughout the day. The cost is \$25.00, including lunch and snacks. It will be held at the CNH District Ministry Center, 2772 Constitution Drive, Suite A, Livermore. A brochure is posted on the bulletin board. Or you can contact Marilyn Harri (925) 426-8628 or harri2@comcast.net

Council Input

The Church Council would appreciate any input you have for them regarding needs in our congregation or suggestions for our congregation. You may use the Yellow Form for today's worship service to relay your input to them. Thank you.

2015 Sub Sandwich Sale

It is that time again to order a foot-long sub sandwich for only \$10. The youth will make your sub based on your order form. Subs can be picked up on Feb. 1 after the 1st service in time for the big game. If you have any questions, call Jen de la Motte at 324-9098 or stop by the table in the Social Hall. The proceeds from the sub sales will go to help the youth offset the cost of attending the houseboat trip in June.

Financial Peace University

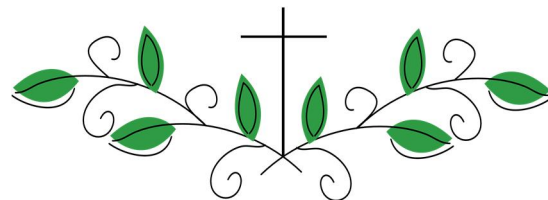
Jim Knapp is leading a new class that began on January 5, 2015. The Monday night classes start at 7:00 p.m. Contact Jim Knapp at 209-380-0528 or jimk2542@gmail.com for more information.

Ride Needed

A couple living at Paramount Court in Turlock would like a ride to our worship services on Sunday mornings. Both of them use walkers. If you are willing and able to help with this need, please contact Pastor Ron (667-7712) or sign-up on your Yellow form. Thank you.

Dish 'n That Potluck Game Night

Join us Sunday, January 25 at 5:00 p.m. for a potluck game night. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy an evening of games and fellowship. If you have any questions, contact Mariane First at 632-7733.



Today's Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (1/11) is: *In Holy Baptism, the Holy Triune God Reveals Himself and Recreates Us in His Image.* "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). Then, as "the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters" (Gen. 1:2), God spoke His Word: "Let there be light," and there was light" (Gen. 1:3). In the same way "the beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ" (Mark 1:1) brings about the New Creation through the waters of Baptism by the same Word and Spirit of God. When John the Baptist came, "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins," Jesus also came "and was baptized by John in the Jordan" (Mark 1:4, 9). Although He had no sins of His own, He took His stand with sinners in His Baptism and took the sins and mortality of the world upon Himself. He was baptized into His own death, by which the heavens are opened and the Spirit is given to us. God the Father is well-pleased with His beloved Son and raises Him from the dead. As we share His Baptism and are "united with Him in a death like His" (Rom. 6:5), we also share His resurrection unto "newness of life" (Rom. 6:4).

Altar Guild Schedule

January 11

Grace McCord
Sharon Jensen

January 18

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Lori Smith

This Week at GSLC January 12-18

Monday, January 12

6:30 PM Handbells
6:30 PM Learning Matters!
7:00 PM FPU

Tuesday, January 13

9:30 AM Bible Discovery
10:00 AM LWML
1:30 PM Knitting
6:30 PM Volleyball
6:30 PM Middle Ground Bible Study
7:30 PM Praise Band

Wednesday, January 14

6:00 AM Men's Network
5:45 PM Confirmation
5:45 PM FaithWeavers

Thursday, January 15

9:00 AM Thumbsmashers
9:30 AM Bible Discovery
1:00 PM Craft Team
6:30 PM Learning Matters!
7:00 PM Adult Bible Study

Friday, January 16

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

Sunday, January 18

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

Closer Walk Daily Readings

January 11 Matthew 11
January 12 Matthew 12
January 13 Matthew 13:1-52
January 14 Matthew 13:53-14:36
January 15 Matthew 15
January 16 Matthew 16
January 17 Matthew 17

*Blessed is the man who does
not walk in the counsel of the
wicked.*

~Psalm 1:1

Serving Today, January 11

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
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: Mike Bava
Sound: Richard Spratling
Projection: Rob Hillberg

11:00 AM

Organist: Cheryl Harlan
Elder: Derek Schell
Ushers: Wayne Bailey, Tracie Schell, Greg Goodwin, Joe Ulrich, John Shipman, Carl Paul
Acolyte: Jenna Green
Lector: Dave Wallace
Sound: Dave Gale
Projection: Cyndi Gale

Coffee Hour for Today: 9:00 a.m. Bob & Wendy Brandeberry / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

Altar flowers for today are provided by Cherie Bowen
 in loving memory of Jim Bowen's birthday.

Serving Next Sunday, January 18

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: Ty Thomson
Lector: Steven Trow
Sound: Jim Smith
Projection: LeRoy Gonzales

11:00 AM

Organist: Linda Buie
Elder: John Otte
Ushers: Bart Muller, Rob Geiger, Michael Barber, Mikayla Schmidt
Acolyte: Rachel McCord
Lector: Dr. Deborah Kavasch
Sound: Eric Wallace
Projection: Summer Barber

Coffee Hour for 1/18: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

"Family News"

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



Dorothy Grubb
 Chris & Kelly Hudelson
 Dorothy Watson
 Scott & Jeanette Welch
 (Maddie, Jack & Luke)
 Nancy Widdowson
 Paul & Lisa Willming
 (Ellen & Grace)

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
Marty Dunn, Paramount Court, 3791 Crowell Rd., Turlock, CA 95382
Eldeen Loretz, Emanuel Hospital, 825 Delbon Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382

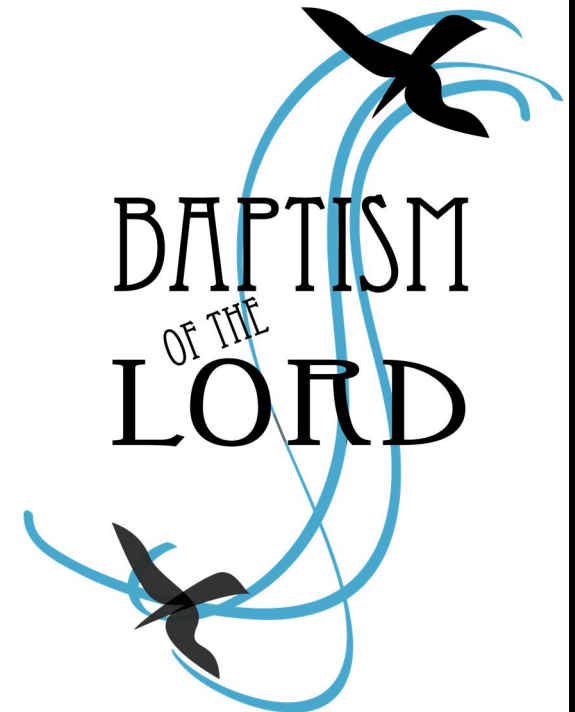
We ask your prayers for LCMS congregations located throughout the U.S. and abroad, and the following churches in particular:



Trinity Lutheran, Orlando, FL
 Redeemer Lutheran, Newark, NJ
 St. Peter Lutheran, Cornelius, OR

1/04/15 Attendance & Giving

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 9:00 AM | 111 |
| 11:00 AM | 69 |
| Sunday School | 35 |
| Sunday Offerings: | \$14,256.00 |
| Capital Fund: | <u>\$ 1,260.00</u> |
| Total Offerings: | \$15,516.00 |



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!

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER !

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



Recorded Worship Services & Sermons

Sermons are recorded and available on the church website (www.gslct.org). For a 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.



Middle Ground

A new small group is 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 have started a co-ed volleyball league that began on January 5. 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.

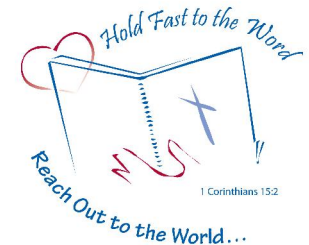
Social Ministry Team

The team met on January 6:

- The team's financial report was reviewed. Everything is in order.
- 5 Sleeping bags for TGM were collected in December.
- A couple at Paramount Court would like a ride to our church on Sunday mornings. They both use walkers. Please let us know if you can help with this request.
- The Support Our Troops drive in November was successful. Many people provided snack items to be mailed. Victor and Angie Martino provided and packaged several pallets of dried apples to be sent. Thank you to Soni Hill and Sharon Jensen for managing the collection of items. Thank you to all who gave.
- The Giving Tree was completed in December. 48 people were given gifts at 4 assisted living places in Turlock. Thank you to all who provided those gifts.
- The Turlock Gospel Mission's Winter Shelter will be held at our church 2/1 - 2/14. Our congregation has contributed \$1,632.00 to date. Our goal was \$1,500.00. A crew is still needed for 2/13. A few others are needed to assist on various days. Call Pam Hoskins (634-0603) if you can help.
- It was decided not to do a gift giving outreach at Easter, which would have been similar to the Giving Tree event at Christmas time.
- Life Sunday will be 1/18. An insert will be distributed in News & Notes.

- A Disability Ministry Assessment Task Force of 6 people has completed its assessment of our facility and ministry to and with people dealing with disabilities. In general our facilities are manageable for people with physical disabilities. A more in-depth study of our facilities will be done in the near future.
- Our congregation provided staffing for the Salvation Army's Kettle Drive on Dec. 8-10 in front of Wal-Mart's Neighborhood Market. Thank you for all you brave volunteers.
- Our CNH District is providing a "Prepare!" event in Livermore on Feb. 7. It is to help provide tools for times of need from disasters to aging. A brochure is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 8:30 a.m. If you have any comments or questions about the above information, please talk to one of us: Beth Bollinger, Pam Hoskins, Judy Ranheim, Nancy Widdowson and Pastor Ron.



Valerie Stonebreaker

Valerie's latest newsletter is on the board in the Narthex.