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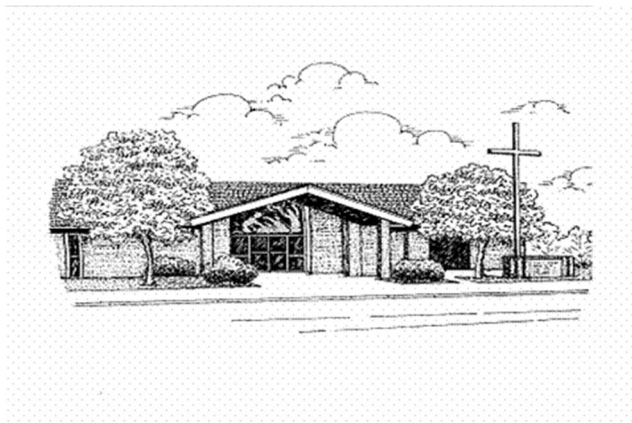
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*The earth is the  
Lord's, and  
everything in it.*

*~Psalm 24:1*



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# News & Notes

November 22, 2015

## Response Sunday

### 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 (11/29) is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent. The appointed Scripture readings for that day are: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36. 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.

### Advent/Christmas Season

The theme for our Advent/Christmas worship is *Shatter the Darkness with Song*. Each Sunday will include one of the "songs" from the Bible that are associated with the season. The first "song" is the one from Zechariah, John the Baptist's father (Luke 1:67-79). The second song is the song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55). The third song is the song of the Angels (Luke 2:8-14). The fourth song is the song of the Church (Matthew 1:18-23). The themes for four Sundays and the four candles on the Advent Wreath will be drawn from the four songs: Repentance – Remembrance – Rejoicing – Reconciliation. Join us and bring a friend.

### Thanksgiving Day Worship

A worship service to offer our gratitude to God for all He has given our country, these United States of America, will be offered on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 a.m. Bring a neighbor and join our worship.

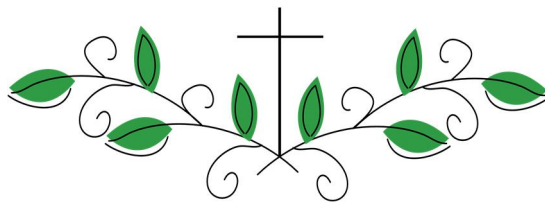
## Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms". (1Peter 4:10)*

In our last article, we read that God is the owner of everything and that we are managers and stewards of what God has given us. In addition to time and talents, God has also given us financial resources. How we spend our money is, in fact, a barometer of our spiritual temperature and of our personal faith. Exercising our faith, looking to God as our Source to provide above and beyond what might be expected, well—that's another story. When it comes to giving, that goes right along with what King Solomon described in Proverbs 11:24-25 "One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. Giving is God's way of growing Christians. Every time we give of our resources that have been loaned to us by God, we grow in grace and in our walk with Christ. Upon considering your commitment to stewardship will you be one of the "Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace" who will step out by faith by giving your time, talents and your treasure to the Lord?

## Today's Reading Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (11/22) is: ***In Repentance We Are Alert to the Coming of Christ.*** The signs of the end are all around us, constant reminders that "heaven and earth will pass away." But all of these signs are centered in the Cross of Christ, whereby He has conquered sin and death, that we might be raised with Him in righteousness through His Word of the Gospel, which "will not pass away" (Mark 13:31). He is "the firstborn of the dead," who in His great love "has freed us from our sins by His blood" (Rev. 1:5). His salvation is certain, because "His dominion is an everlasting dominion," and His kingdom "shall not be destroyed" (Dan. 7:14). For this purpose He came into the world, to reign in love through His voice of the Gospel, which is the truth (John 18:37). So is the righteousness of Christ "a light to the peoples," which "will never be dismayed," because it is the justice of His Cross and Resurrection (Is. 51:4-6). As He "is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory," so wait upon "the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life" (Jude 20-24).



## Altar Guild Schedule

### For Month of November

Wendy Brandeberry  
Sharon Jensen  
Nancy Thormahlen



## Closer Walk Readings

<b>November 22</b>	1 John 3:11-24
<b>November 23</b>	1 John 4:1-6
<b>November 24</b>	1 John 4:7-21
<b>November 25</b>	1 John 5:1-12
<b>November 26</b>	1 John 5:13-21
<b>November 27</b>	2 John
<b>November 28</b>	3 John

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.*

*~Ephesians 6:18*

## This Week at GSLC

### Monday, November 23

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

### Tuesday, November 24

1:30 PM Knitting Group  
5:30 PM Choir  
6:30 PM TCN Bible Study  
6:30 PM NAMI  
7:30 PM Praise Band

### Wednesday, November 25

### Thursday, November 26 ~

### Thanksgiving

9:00 AM Worship



### Friday, November 27

(Office Closed)

### Sunday, November 29 ~ Advent 1

9:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship  
12:30 PM Christmas Decorating



## Serving Today, November 22

**9:00 AM**

**11:00 AM**

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Praise Band Musicians:** Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Elijah Mays, Joey Pagola  
**Elder:** Victor Martino  
**Ushers:** Tom Baldwin, Sam Ruiz, Bryan Krough, Blaine Chance, Grace Willming,  
**Acolyte:** Alaura Lucero  
**Lector:** Beth Bollinger  
**Sound:** Kevin Rickey  
**Projection:** Wayne Barber

**Organist:** Linda Buie  
**Handbell Director:** Kathie Mackie  
**Elder:** Jim Smith  
**Ushers:** Eileen Mitchell, Michael Barber, Summer Barber, Mikayla Schmidt  
**Acolyte:** Emily Lloyd  
**Lector:** Dave Wallace  
**Sound:** John Otte  
**Projection:** Clorinda Otte



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

Altar Flowers are provided by Petra Thompson in remembrance of Petra & John's Wedding Anniversary

## Serving Next Sunday, November 29

**9:00 AM**

**11:00 AM**

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Praise Band Musicians:** Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Joey Pagola  
**Elder:** Rick Kaepernick  
**Ushers:** Wayne Rickey, Karl Jahn, Alex Jahn, Kyle Rickey, Fallon Evans  
**Acolyte:** Kali Gose  
**Lector:** Rob Hillberg  
**Sound:** Richard Spratling  
**Projection:** Rob Hillberg

**Organist:** Linda Buie  
**Choir Director:** Dr. Deborah Kavasch  
**Music Students:** Jasmine Woodall, Julia Acosta, Michael Bernal, Giancarlos Delgado-Braun  
**Elder:** Derek Schell  
**Ushers:** Wayne Bailey, Tracie Schell, Greg Goodwin, John Shipman, Joe Ulrich, Carl Paul  
**Acolyte:** Kylie Paul  
**Lector:** Ernie Conner  
**Sound:** Dave Gale  
**Projection:** Cyndi Gale

Coffee Hour for 11/29 : 9:00 a.m. Judy Rexin & Mary Trickey / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

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



Debbie Robillard  
 Jill Rodriguez  
*(Dominic)*  
 Wayne & Margaret Routt  
 Goody Ruhl  
 Rebecca Ruiz  
 Sam & Carol Ruiz

*Rejoice* IN HOPE,  
 BE *patient* IN TRIBULATION  
 BE *constant*  
 IN PRAYER.  
 -ROMANS 12:12

## 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:

**Wayne Routt**, home, 3431 Santos Ct., Turlock, CA 95382  
**Mariane First**, home, 3400 Santos Ct., Turlock, CA 95382  
**Laura de la Motte**, home, 2630 Marlee Dr., Turlock, CA 95380  
**Lavonne Oldson**, home, 7700 Fox Rd., C10, Hughson, CA 95326  
**Nelly Hammerling**, Brandel Manor, 1801 N. Olive Ave., Turlock, CA 95382

### Final Budget Report 2014-2015

The complete 12 month budget report is available on the table in the Information Center in the Social Hall.

November 15, 2015 Attendance & Giving	
9:00 AM	122
11:00 AM	66
Sunday School	9
Sunday Offerings:	\$5,445.00
Capital Fund:	\$ -0-
Total Offerings:	\$5,445.00

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



*Peace Lutheran*, Dunnellon, FL  
*Faith Lutheran*, Hopkinsville, KY  
*Immanuel Lutheran*, Springer, NM



## Christmas Festival of Music

Our Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Praise Band and other musicians will present the Christmas Festival of Music on Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m. Plan on inviting a friend to this beautiful even as we "Shatter the Darkness with Song."

## Children's Christmas Program

The children will present their Christmas program on Dec. 20 at the 11:00 a.m. service. Bring a friend and join them for this festive, precious presentation about the events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. The 9:00 a.m. service will be a typical Sunday service on that day. Holy Communion will not be served at either service. Communion will be served on Christmas Day at the 10:00 a.m. service.

## Lit 'N' Latte

Our next selection is a 2013 murder-mystery, *The Cuckoo's Calling*, by Robert Galbraith (aka JK Rowling). It's Rowling's first crime novel (there are now three), and features private investigator Cormoran Strike. We'll meet on **Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6:30 pm** at our neighborhood *Starbucks* to chat about it and decide whether or not Rowling should have stuck to writing for the adolescent/Harry Potter audience!

~Pam Youngdale



## Sr. High

Sr. High meet Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Contact Jen de la Motte at 667-7712 for more information.

**2016 Calendars** - Beautiful and useful - the youth are selling 2016 calendars for \$10. The calendars are wire spiral bound and made of heavyweight cardstock. The funds will help offset the cost of Petal Pushers.

**Petal Pushers 2015** - Sr. High Youth - the Youth will be working on the Rose Bowl floats in Pasadena again this year. The dates are December 27 - 31, 2015. The cost of the trip is \$200 per youth. Sign up with Jen.

## Youth Ministry Team

The Youth Team met on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of November. The team discussed the upcoming events for youth. Jen updated the team on the Junior High Lock-In that took place November 6-7 and Boomers which took place on Friday, November 14. The College Group has been invited to join the High School for the Petal Pushers servant event Dec. 27 - 30. The team also is planning a dinner on Nov. 28 at 5:30 p.m. for College Youth who are home for Thanksgiving break. The youth team will also be sending College care packages the first week of December. The team will meet in December.

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

### *A Man Called Martin*

Lutheran Hour Ministries has produced an informative and interesting study on Martin Luther. This year's study looks at his life and times. An excellent introduction to Luther that we hope many of you will join us for this program. The study begins at 10:20 a.m. Mitch Preus (571-0256) will be leading the study in the Fellowship Room.

## Turlock Christmas Parade

We will be serving hot chocolate and popcorn during the parade on December 4th. Please see your Yellow form if you are interested in helping with this event.



**VOLUNTEER  
BELL RINGERS  
NEEDED!**

*Ring a bell...help change a life*

## Bell Ringing

It is that time of year again, in which Good Shepherd will help supply volunteers to ring bells for the Salvation Army. Our assigned dates are Thursday, Dec. 10 and Friday, Dec. 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in front of Wal-Mart. Sign-up sheets will be on the table in the Narthex for two hour shifts. This is a wonderful and easy traditional holiday activity that helps so many people in our community! Men, women, teens, kids, friends, neighbors, sign up to RING. **THOSE BELLS!!**

## Advent Dinner & Program

Come join together for a Soup and Dessert Dinner on December 6, 5:15 p.m. **"Is There A Star In Your Eyes"** candlelight program to celebrate the Advent of Christmas will follow immediately at 6:00 p.m. This special evening is a gift to everyone of all ages from the LWML ladies of Good Shepherd.

## Turlock Gospel Mission's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Turlock Gospel Mission's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner is Thursday, November 26. They are in need of volunteers and food donations. If you can help, please pick up a form from the table in Narthex or register on-line at [turlockgospelmission.org](http://turlockgospelmission.org). For more information, call 656-1033.

## 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.

## Thank You from Jean White

To the Congregation at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Just a note of thanks as I truly felt the comfort of your prayers, and enjoyed the notes and calls during my recent small surgery and recovery.

~Jean White

## Outreach Ministries

The Outreach team met on November 3.

- Missionary Alvina Federwitz is now stationed in the US with LBT, instead of Liberia. We will continue to support her with our monthly financial and prayer support.
- Oktoberfest was a success as a community outreach event.
- The Christmas parade kiosk will offer free popcorn and hot chocolate to people at the Christmas Parade on 12/4. Volunteers will be recruited.
- Konrad Hack will be telling his story on 11/22. The community will be invited to hear his story on that Sunday. It is our November community outreach event.
- We will have a banner, posters, and business card advertising for Christmas.
- The mission trip outcome will be moved from 2016 to 2017.
- Updating the church brochure is being prepared.
- A new Easter banner will be ordered in the Spring after a theme has been chosen.
- We will invite Missionary Tim Brenda to tell us about his mission work to refugees in our community on a Sunday in January.

The next meeting will be Dec. 1. (Becky Bailey, Margaret Routt, Judy Rexin, and Pastor Ron)

## Christmas Decorating

We need people to help decorate our church for Christmas. Decorating is on Nov.29, 12:30 p.m. Also, we will be taking down the decorations on Jan. 3, 12:30 p.m. See your Yellow form to help.

## Festival of Lights Candlelight Hymn Walk

Join local churches in a joyful walk down Main Street during the Festival of Lights Event, Friday, November 27, 6:30 p.m. Walkers need to meet at the Northwest corner of Main & Broadway. See flyer on board in Narthex.

## 37th Annual German Advent Service

Sunday, November 29, 4:00 p.m.  
United Lutheran Church  
649 Northgate Dr., Manteca  
209-823-1971

## Coats 4 Kids

Westside Ministries is again collecting coats for Coat Drive Dec. 16-18. Donations of new/used coats and/or monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. All donations need to be received by Dec. 5. Westside Ministries 667-8593. See flyer on board in Narthex.

## 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.

## Social Ministry Team

The team met on November 10:

- Diaper Drive for Verda's House on Oct. 11 & 18. Diapers were collected and purchased and delivered. Thanks to all who donated.
- The Sleeping Bag Drive continues the first Sunday of Dec. Donated sleeping bags are given to the homeless.
- The "resources for Shelter and Food" cards are available for people to distribute to people in need. Pick up several at the Information Center in the Social Hall.
- The Salvation Army Kettle Drive luncheon is on 11/17. Our church purchased a table for 10. We have room for several people. If you want to attend with us, call the church office.
- We will sponsor Bell ringing again. Information will be available soon.
- Support Our Troops was launched on 11/1. Snack items, jerky and nuts are being collected in the Social Hall to send to our troops overseas. The last day is 11/15.
- Thank you to all who have donated time and/or money for the TGM Winter Shelter and the We Care Men's Shelter. The first meal was prepared and served for the Men's Shelter on 11/8. To date we have received \$1,706. THANK YOU!
- The Christmas Giving Tree will be launched on 11/29 & 12/6. This involves buying gifts for people in 5 assisted living and skilled nursing

facilities. Gifts are for people who do not have family in the local area.

- A Blue Barrel is in the Social Hall to collect new toys and non-perishable food for Turlock Together.
- Information about volunteering to help with the TGM Thanksgiving meal is in the N&N.

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 5. 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, Danna Shipman and Pastor Ron.

## Children's Ministry Team

The Children's Ministry Team met on Sunday, November 15 and discussed the Annual agenda for Children's Ministry. We reviewed the budget and finalized the Christmas Program. The Children's Christmas program will take place on Dec. 20 during the 2<sup>nd</sup> service. The Program is entitled "Stable Relationships" from the Skit Guys. The team also discussed plans for Vacation Bible School and choose the Cave Quest program from Group Publishing for next year's VBS theme. The team will not meet in December due to the Children's program but will meet on January 17 at 12:30 pm.

## Worship Services & Sermons

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

Calendar



## December Birthdays

- |                       |                              |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Ute Beckler       | 10 - Debbie Judish           | 22 - Mason Sperry      |
| 1 - Roy Schmidt       | 10 - Titus Judish            | 25 - Richard Spratling |
| 2 - Patricia Credell  | 10 - Lillyana Chapman-Torres | 25 - GretchenGonzalez  |
| 2 - Joanne Strand     | 11 - Elizabeth Fisher        | 26 - Carlee Thomsen    |
| 2 - Allison Borges    | 11 - Ed Juncker              | 26 - Evan Hitt         |
| 3 - Jamee Bollinger   | 12 - Gerritt Mann            | 27 - Pam Youngdale     |
| 3 - JoAnn Conner      | 12 - Christie Christian      | 27 - Tami Thomsen      |
| 3 - Ortha Kling       | 12 - Gary Ehrlich            | 28 - Linda Jahn        |
| 4 - Kay De Bora       | 13 - Dottie Monreal          | 28 - Elaina Envia      |
| 4 - David Gale        | 13 - Nicholas Smith          | 28 - Isabella Green    |
| 4 - Kaila Prater      | 13 - Madisyn Espinosa        | 28 - Janessa Mitchell  |
| 4 - Kristin Gustafson | 14 - Timothy Truax           | 29 - Fern Duhm         |
| 5 - Gary Moore        | 15 - Ruth Sperry             | 29 - David Chapman     |
| 5 - John Shipman      | 15 - Alexandra Knapp         | 30 - Lisa MacKenzie    |
| 7 - Derald Dunn       | 16 - Michael Barber          | 30 - David Lloyd       |
| 8 - Maddie Welch      | 19 - Billie Hastings         | 30 - Kurt Trepel       |
| 9 - Krysta Chapman    | 20 - Tracie Schell           | 31 - Margarette Monier |
| 9 - Clyde Clark       | 21 - Evelyn Hoskins          |                        |
|                       | 21 - Lindie Wilson           |                        |

## December Wedding Anniversaries

- 11 - Paul & Shirley Borchardt
- 13 - Joe & Cindy Lorenzo
- 15 - David & Veronica Jensen
- 21 - Marvin & Veva Larson
- 25 - Derald & Marty Dunn
- 27 - Victor & Angie Martino
- 31 - Kurt & Denise Trepel

