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*A man's steps
are directed by
the Lord.*

~Proverbs 20:24



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

February 22, 2015



First Sunday In Lent

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 (3/1) is the **2nd Sunday in Lent**. The appointed Scripture readings for that day are: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 5:1-11; Mark 8:27-38. 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 Chancel Choir will sing at the 11:00 a.m. service. Holy Communion will be served at both services.

Lent Worship 2015

The Wednesday worship services during Lent are based on the theme : **God Believes in Me!** The 12:30 p.m. is a traditional service and the 6:30 p.m. is an informal service. The second Wednesday (2/25) theme will be "**God Wants me.**"

Togo Mission Trip

A 2 week mission trip to Togo, Africa, is being planned for August 2015 (date change!). Four people are preparing for this mission trip. Each person will focus on a specific area of need for the people in Togo. Our mission will be to work with 4-5 congregations for a rally day at each location, hold a 2-day seminar for the Lutheran pastors in Togo and install electricity in the national office for Togo Lutheran Church. The estimated total financial need for the trip is \$15,000. Envelopes are available at the information table in the Social Hall for those who are able to contribute to this mission. Thank you. (Dave Wallace, Doug Kirkpatrick, Tony Lorenzo and Pastor Ron).

Dish 'n That Potluck Game Night

Join us TONIGHT 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.

Craft Faire Fundraiser March 8

The Craft Faire ladies will have items for sale on Sunday, March 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Proceeds will be used to help Valerie Stonebreaker start a Sunday School in Togo, Africa, by purchasing books and supplies and for shipping costs.

Thrivent Informational Presentation, March 22

Come and see what Thrivent offers. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Room between services and after the second service to have presentations on Thrivent and what it has to offer people, especially for doing benevolent activities. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Linda Jahn at 668-8324 for more info.

Lawn Crosses

Thank you to Jerry Rexin and Bill First for making the wooden lawn crosses. They are for displaying in your lawn during Lent.



Today's Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (2/22) is: *Christ Jesus Defeats Our Temptation and Saves Us by His Faithfulness*. In faith and the fear of God Abraham prepared to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. At the Word of the Lord, he "took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son" and "when they came to the place of which God had told him," Abraham bound Isaac "and laid him on the altar" (Gen. 22:6, 9). Then God stayed Abraham's hand and provided "for Himself the Lamb for a burnt offering" (Gen. 22:8). That Lamb is God's own beloved Son, Jesus, in whom "all the nations of the earth" are blessed (Gen. 22:18). As the Substitute for all the sons of men, Jesus is driven by the Spirit "into the wilderness" to be "tempted by Satan" (Mark 1:12-13), in order to endure and defeat all temptation. We are tempted by our own desire, which conceives and "gives birth to sin" (James 1:14-15). But this blessed Man, Christ Jesus, remained "steadfast under trial" and He has received "the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him" (James 1:12). His faithfulness, His victory, and His life are now given to us by His grace in the Gospel.

Altar Guild

February 22
Tracie Schell
Terry Goodwin
Chrissy Stiles

March 1
Traci Preuss
Sandie Knapp
Debbie Judish



Closer Walk Readings

- February 22 Mark 13:1-31
- February 23 Mark 13:32-14:11
- February 24 Mark 14:12-42
- February 25 Mark 14:43-72
- February 26 Mark 15:1-20
- February 27 Mark 15:21-47
- February 28 Mark 16

A friend loves at all times.

~Proverbs 17:17

This Week at GSLC February 23-March 1

Monday, February 23

- 5:30 PM Volleyball
- 6:30 PM Handbell
- 6:30 PM Learning Matters!
- 7:00 PM FPU

Tuesday, February 24

- 9:30 AM Bible Discovery
- 1:30 PM Knitting
- 5:30 PM Volleyball
- 6:30 PM NAMI
- 6:30 PM Middle Ground
- 7:30 PM Praise Band

Wednesday, February 25

- 6:00 AM Men's Network
- 12:30 PM Worship
- 6:30 PM Worship
- 6:30 PM Confirmation
- 6:30 PM FaithWeavers
- 7:30 PM Choir

Thursday, February 26

- 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, February 27

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

Sunday, March 1

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

Serving Today, February 22

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

Music: Praise Band

Organist: Cheryl Harlan

Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick

Handbell Director: Kathie Mackie

Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Andrew Knapp

Elder: Dave Gale

Handbell Director: Kathie Mackie

Ushers: Cyndi Gale, Michael Barber, Summer Barber, Kelly Hudelson, Ellen Willming, John McCord, Michael McCord

Elder: Victor Martino

Acolyte: TBA

Ushers: Tom Baldwin, Sam Ruiz, Jerry Rexin, Bryan Krough, Gary Moore, Zach Harcksen, Blaine Chance, Grace Willming

Lector: Michael Graser

Acolyte: Ashlan Lucero

Sound: John Otte

Lector: Andrew Knapp

Projection: Clorinda Otte

Sound: Kevin Rickey

Projection: Andrew Preuss

Coffee Hour for Today: 9:00 a.m. Glen & Jo Stabelfeld / 11:00 a.m. Mike & Donna Langgle

Altar flowers for today are provided by John & Danna Shipman
in loving memory of John's sister, Patricia Hampton

Serving Next Sunday, March 1

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

Music: Praise Band

Organist: Linda Buie

Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick

Choir Director: Dr. Deborah Kavasch

Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Andrew Knapp

Music Students: Katelyn Woods, Julia Acosta, Michael Bernal, Juan Delgado-Braun,

Elder: Charlie Jahn

Elder: Jim Bollinger

Ushers: Derald Dunn, Dave Geiger, Rob Hillberg, Dave Jewish, Ed Juncker, Margaret Routt, Glen Stabelfeld, Calvin Baker, Stuart Backstrom, Hannah Jewish, Maddie Welch

Ushers: Beth Bollinger, Marvin Larson, Larry DeBora, Jim Harlan, Eileen Mitchell, Nathan Schmidt

Acolyte: Caden Lindquist

Acolyte: Emily Lloyd

Lector: Bob Hoskins

Lector: Eileen Mitchell

Sound: Bill First

Sound: Doug Paul

Projection: Mark Grobner

Projection: Storm Graser

Coffee Hour for 3/1: 9:00 a.m. Derek & Tracie Schell / 11:00 a.m. Derek & Tracie Schell

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



Cody Oldson
Jay & Joannie Oldson
Bill Lavonne Oldson
Roger & Linda Osburne
Marina Osburne
Sarah Osburne
John & Clorinda Otte
(Samarie)

| 2/15/15, Attendance & Giving | |
|------------------------------|------|
| 9:00 AM | 98 |
| 11:00 AM | 78 |
| Women's Retreat | 17 |
| Sunday School | 20 + |

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| Sunday Offerings: | \$7,513.00 |
| Capital Fund: | <u>255.00</u> |
| Total Offerings: | \$7,768.00 |

Easter Books

Easter library Books are available today on the cart in the Social Hall. Please have your children check out a book for Easter.

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



St. Paul Lutheran, Elizabeth, IL
Calvary Lutheran, Lincoln, NE
Messiah Lutheran, Redfield, SD

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).

Eldeen Loretz, Brandel Manor, 1801 N. Olive Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382
Rich Desper, home, 2500 Marlee Drive, Turlock, CA 95380
Clella Falke, Emanuel, 825 Delbon Ave., Turlock, CA 95382
Wayne Penrose, home, 1740 Ogden Way, Turlock, CA 95380

Petra Thompson Thank You

Thank you to this wonderful congregation that is like my 2nd family. Thank you so much for the cards, plants, meals and phone calls during my illness and surgeries. Also, many thanks to those who visited me in the hospital that gave such a source of comfort and strength. Pastor Ron, my grateful word of thanks for your prayers of healing.

~ a friend so faithful

TGM Thank You

Its truly been a blessing having dinner with you. Thank you for opening your church and hearts for us. May God continue blessing you.

~Turlock Gospel Mission

Elders

The Elders met on February 10, 2015. Here is a summary of the meeting:

- Care ministry cards were sent and needs were discussed.
- The monthly youth report was presented.
- Tom Hoy is being trained as a shut-in and hospital caller to serve with Pastor Ron.
- Pastor introduced the elders to the Transforming Churches Network (TCN), a consulting group that will be working with our congregation's leaders over the next year. Information will be presented to the congregation in the near future. The Church Council is overseeing this process.
- New alarm codes were provided by the elders.
- The elder assignments for the midweek Lent services and the process for Ash Wednesday were discussed and finalized.
- An addition was added to the wedding manual.
- Several possibilities were discussed for new elders.
- Chapters 4-5 of the book "Why Nobody Wants to go to Church Anymore" was discussed. Chapters 6-7 will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Mar. 3, 7:00 p.m. (Mike Bava, John Otte, Dave Gale, Charlie Jahn, Ken Fitzgerald, Victor Martino, Jim Bollinger, Derek Schell and Pastor Ron)

Youth Events

Sr. High - Tonight at 6:00 p.m.

5th - 8th Grade - Boomers Fun Night - March 6, 2015 - Sign-up in advance with Jen. Cost is \$15 for a wristband and dinner. Meet at church at 4:30 p.m. and we will be back at 8:30 p.m.

Lit 'n' Latte

Our next reading selection, *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr, is a novel about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as they both try to survive the devastation of WWII.

We won't meet until after the Lenten/Easter season on Wednesday, April 15, at our neighborhood *Starbucks* at 6:30 p.m. Join us as we discuss this book (and others), savor a beverage, and celebrate (!) that our taxes are done.

~Pam Youngdale

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.

Property Team

The team met on February 12, 2015.

- The property team recommends we add a rider to our property insurance to include replacement to code when/if it is needed.
- The sidewalk project will be \$13,122.00 (original, \$12,634.00)
- The Social Hall lights will be repaired as needed to replace the current bulb with fluorescent bulbs, which will provide more lumens than the current bulbs.
- Installing cameras on the exterior of the building will be added to the major capital projects list (see below).
- Information is being gathered to certify our building by the Red Cross as an emergency shelter.
- More lighting will be added to the parking lot.
- New projectors will be requested from Capital Funds to replace the two in the sanctuary and the one on the portable cart at a cost of \$6,000. The current ones are about 2-4 years past their lifespan.
- An ADA evaluation of our facility will be done. The cost will be about \$1,900. The team thinks this is necessary to insure our compliance with the complicated ADA laws.
- A list of capital fund projects was reviewed:
 - * Phone system
 - * Replace carpeting/floor coverings (including Youth Central)

- * Paint exterior of the church
- * Chancel lighting
- * Sanctuary duct work
- * Sanctuary seating
- * Church sign
- * Sound system upgrades
- * Exterior security cameras
- The team prepared a Ministry Team report for the congregation in May. (Bob Hoskins, Wayne Rickey, Burt Lindquist, Bill First and Pastor Ron)

Thank You!

Social Ministry Team Thanks

The Social Ministries Team would like to thank the congregation for its support of the Turlock Gospel Mission feeding program. During the first two weeks of February we were able to provide approximately 594 meals to those in need, as well as overnight lodging for an average of 15 women and children each night. This wouldn't have been possible without the help of so many of you. For those of you who provided monetary and breakfast item donations, the many people who cooked and served (some of whom worked several nights), and those who offered to be available on a stand-by basis - a huge thank you! Thanks also to Randy Lindquist for all of his extra hours and hard work to keep everything so clean - it was a big job!

~God bless you all,
Pam Hoskins