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*God has said,  
"Never will  
I leave you;  
never will  
I forsake you."*

*~Hebrews 13:5*



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# News & Notes

March 15, 2015

## **Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC**

Next Sunday (3/22) is the 5<sup>th</sup> **Sunday in Lent**. The appointed Scripture readings for that day are: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:32-45. 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 and the Bell Choir will be playing.

## **Lent Worship 2015**

The Wednesday worship services continue through the Lent season. The overall theme for the services will be: **God Believes in Me!** The Fifth Wednesday theme on 3/18 will be "God Redirects Me."

## **Holy Week Worship**

A worship Service will be offered on Maundy Thursday (4/2) at 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion will be served. A worship service will be offered on Good Friday (4/3) at 7:00 p.m.

## **Easter Sunday**

Three worship services will be offered on Easter Sunday (4/5). A Sunrise Service will be held at the de la Motte's Biblical Gardens (5812 N. Walnut) at 6:00 a.m. The Praise Band will provide music for our worship. The beautiful and informal setting is optimal for inviting friends. The two celebratory worship services in our sanctuary will be offered at 9:00 a.m. (contemporary, with the Praise Band) and 11:00 a.m. (classical, with the organ and Chancel Choir). This is the day the Lord has made. We will be glad and rejoice in it!



## **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**

## 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.

## 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.

## Hospital Visits

If you or a family member are in the hospital, please let Pastor Ron know (667-7712). None of our medical facilities inform him when someone is in the hospital. Pastor Ron does visit people when they are in the hospital. Thank you.

## 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.

## Today's Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (3/15) is: *Jesus Is Lifted Up on the Cross, that We May Look to Him and Live*. The people sinned by speaking "against God and against Moses," and the Lord called them to repentance by sending fiery serpents, which "bit the people, so that many people of Israel died" (Num. 21:4-6). When the people confessed their sin, the Lord provided a means of rescue from death. He instructed Moses to "make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole," so that "if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live" (Num. 21:8). Thus God sent His Son into the world, in the likeness of our sin and death, and lifted Him up on the pole of the cross, that whoever looks to Him in faith "may have eternal life" (John 3:14-16). By His cross, "the light has come into the world," not for condemnation, but "that the world might be saved through Him" (John 3:17-19). While we "were dead in the trespasses and sins" in which we once lived (Eph. 2:1), God loved us, calling us to repentance and raising us up with Christ to live "with Him in the heavenly places" (Eph. 2:4-6).

## Worship Services & Sermons

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

## Altar Guild Schedule

### For Month of March

Sandie Knapp  
Traci Preuss  
Debbie Judish



## Closer Walk Daily Readings

<b>March 15</b>	Luke 10
<b>March 16</b>	Luke 11
<b>March 17</b>	Luke 12
<b>March 18</b>	Luke 13
<b>March 19</b>	Luke 14
<b>March 20</b>	Luke 15
<b>March 21</b>	Luke 16

*The fruit of the Spirit is love,  
joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
goodness, faithfulness,  
gentleness and self-control.*

~Galatians 5:22,23

## This Week at GSLC March 16 - 22

### Monday, March 16

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

### Tuesday, March 17

9:30 AM Bible Discovery  
1:30 PM Knitting  
4:00 PM Outreach  
6:30 PM Middle Ground Bible  
7:30 PM Praise Band

### Wednesday, March 18

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

### Thursday, March 19

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

### Friday, March 13

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

### Sunday, March 15

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

## Serving Today, March 15

**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:** Bill First  
**Sound:** Jim Smith

**11:00 AM**

**Organist:** Linda Buie  
**Choir Director:** Dr. Deborah Kavasch  
**Music Students:** Katelyn Woods, Julia Acosta, Michael Bernal, & Giancarlos Delgado-Braun  
**Elder:** John Otte  
**Ushers:** Bart Muller, Rob Geiger, Michael Barber, Mikayla Schmidt  
**Acolyte:** Andrea Dunn  
**Lector:** Jean White  
**Sound:** Eric Wallace  
**Projection:** Summer Barber

**Projection:** LeRoy Gonzales

Coffee Hour for Today: 9:00 a.m. Elders / 11:00 a.m. Elders

Altar flowers for 3/15 & 3/22 are provided by Dave & Cyndi Gale  
 in celebration of their 23rd Wedding Anniversary

## Serving Next Sunday, March 22

**9:00 AM**

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Elder:** Victor Martino  
**Ushers:** Tom Baldwin, Sam Ruiz, Jerry Rexin, Bryan Krough, Zach Harcksen, Blaine Chance, Grace Willming, Gary Moore  
**Acolyte:** Ashlan Lucero  
**Lector:** Margaret Routt  
**Sound:** Kevin Rickey  
**Projection:** Andrew Preuss

**11:00 AM**

**Organist:** Cheryl Harlan  
**Handbell Director:** Kathie Mackie  
**Elder:** Dave Gale  
**Ushers:** Michael Barber, Summer Barber, Cyndi Gale, Kelly Hudelson, Ellen Willming, John McCord, Michael McCord  
**Acolyte:** Calvin Paul  
**Lector:** Lacy Wallace  
**Sound:** John Otte  
**Projection:** Clorinda Otte

Coffee Hour for 3/22: 9:00 a.m. Kaepernicks / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

## “Family News”

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



Tom & Joanne Alvernaz  
 Kitty Alves  
 Mark & Karen Andersen  
 Cherie Bowen  
 Frank & Michelle Cardoso  
*(Bryse Rochester)*  
 Kortne Rochester



### 3/8/15 Attendance & Giving

9:00 AM	119
11:00 AM	76
Sunday School	43
Sunday Offerings:	\$11,134.00
Capital Fund:	<u>\$ 205.00</u>
Total Offerings:	\$11,339.00

### 3/4/15 Attendance & Giving

12:30 PM	35
6:30 PM	39
Total Offerings:	<u>\$836.00</u>

### 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**, Sequoia, 2125 N. Olive Avenue, B-19, Turlock, CA 95382  
**Clella Falke**, home, 8320 Cypress St., Hilmar, CA 95324  
**Shirley Silveria**, Turlock Nursing & Rehab Ctr., 1111 E. Tuolumne Rd., Turlock, CA 95382



*Our Pastor's Anniversary*

**Come Celebrate  
 Pastor's 30th  
 Anniversary Today  
 after 1st Service.**

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



*St. Matthew Lutheran, Gulfport, MS*  
*St. Paul Lutheran, Bethpage, NY*  
*St. John Lutheran, Munson, PA*

## Easter Sunrise Worship April 5, 2015 at 6:00 a.m.

Our Easter Sunrise worship will again be at the Biblical Gardens, 5812 N. Walnut Road, Turlock. We are in need of volunteers for this service. Please see your Yellow form to see how you can help.

## Easter Brunch

The Easter brunch is rapidly approaching! We are looking for people to help with the brunch and donate items and/or cash donations. This year we will be having an actual breakfast with waffles, pancakes, bacon, sausage, French toast, omelets, etc. Please see the Yellow form to sign up for items needed as well as people who are able to cook on Easter Sunday. Please talk to Troy de la Motte for more information.



## Easter Lilies

Easter lilies will decorate our worship area on Easter Sunday. You may make a donation of \$8.00 in memory of someone who has passed away or in honor of someone who is still living to purchase the lilies. We will provide an insert on Easter Sunday listing the names of those people. (Note: You may take home your lily/lilies after the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.) Contact the church office at 667-7712 with any questions. See the envelope in your bulletin.

## Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

Welcome to Everest VBS, where kids learn to conquer challenges with God's mighty power! We're seeking your help to make this year an epic adventure for the kids during the week of June 8-12, 2015, 9:00 am - 12:00 p.m. See your Yellow form and see where you can help.

## Co-Ed Softball

The church softball team is gearing up once again. The season starts the last week of April. The league is open to all people aged 13 and over. The cost for t-shirts is \$25 if you don't already have one. Please sign up on your yellow form or on the sign up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions please contact Troy de la Motte @ 605-0732.

## Lutheran Witness Magazine

It's that time again to renew your subscription to the Lutheran Witness Magazine for 2015. The cost of the 1 year subscription is \$16.00. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 667-7712.

## Turlock Chaplaincy Fun Run

The 5K & 10K Fun Run and Walk begins at **9:00AM** on **Saturday, April 11th** at **Denair Park** (850 East Main Street) in **Turlock**. Early registration fee is \$25 and \$30 fee on the day of the race. Pick up a sign-up sheet from the table in the Narthex.

## Craft Faire Thank You

Thank you for supporting last week's Craft Faire. The proceeds (approx. \$1,100.00) will support Valerie Stonebreaker's efforts to obtain Sunday School materials for the Togo Lutheran Church. Your support is greatly appreciated. Watch your News & Notes for future events.

## LWML Zone 3 Spring Rally

The LWML Zone 3 Spring Rally is scheduled for March 21, 2015 and will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, Modesto. Registration forms are located on the table in the Narthex. See the bulletin board for more information. There is also a request for new, huggable Teddy Bears for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief. Take your bears to Grace Lutheran by Friday, March 20th.

## 2015 CNH District Missions Conference

You won't want to miss the 2015 CNH District Missions Conference, "Run the Race - Eyes Fixed on Jesus." The conference will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2015 at the San Jose Marriott Hotel, 301 South Market Street, San Jose, CA. Greg Finke from *Dwelling 114* will be the keynote speaker again for this year's conference. Greg's sound and practical insights on our life as Jesus' Everyday Missionaries are inspiring and motivating for all of us. To register, please go to [ww.cnh-lcmis.org](http://ww.cnh-lcmis.org). Don't delay...the deadline to register is Friday, March 27, 2015!

## "How We Got the Bible"

### A 5-week Study from Lutheran Hour Ministries

Middle Ground, a small group meeting at Good Shepherd every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., will begin a new study on Tuesday, March 17. You are invited to join us as we discuss the production, canonization and inspiration behind scripture. Special emphasis is placed on historical accuracy in translation. It's an interesting study and we hope you will join us. For more information, contact Mitch Preus at 571-0264.

## Teen Challenge Fundraiser

Our next fundraiser is the Annual Kiwanis Spaghetti Feed to be held Thursday, April 2 at the Salvation Army Community Center, 893 Lander, Turlock., from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Dine in or Take Out) Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for Seniors and children 12 and under. We are offering placemat sponsorships at \$30.00. Contact Lewie Roche at 872-7660 for tickets and placemat ads.

## Together for Life Fundraiser A Benefit for

### Turlock Pregnancy Center

Hors d'oeuvres & Dessert Reception on Friday, March 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at CSU Stanislaus Main Stage Theater. For reservation, call 209-656-9898 or e-mail [turlockpc@gmail.com](mailto:turlockpc@gmail.com)