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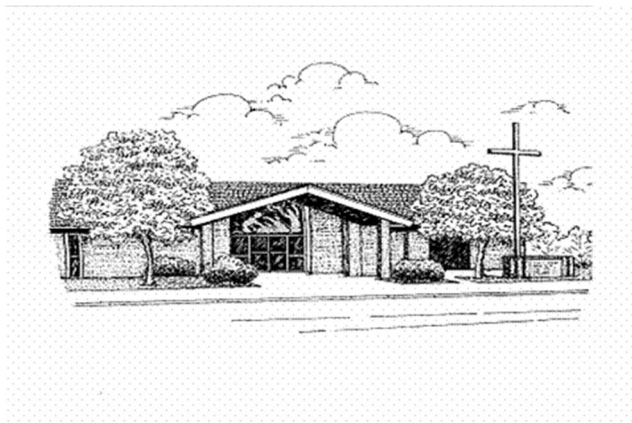
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*For the word of
God is living and
active.*

~Hebrews 4:12



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

March 22, 2015

Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (3/29) is **Palm Sunday**. The appointed Scripture readings for that day are: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 118:19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47. 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.

Lent Worship 2015

The final Wednesday worship services are at 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The overall theme for the services will be: **God Believes in Me!** The sixth Wednesday theme on 3/25 will be "God Partners with 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. The Chancel Choir will sing "*A Service of Darkness: Seven Choral Meditations on the Last Words of Christ*" by Dale Wood.

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**

Thrivent Informational Presentation, TODAY!

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.

Togo Mission Trip

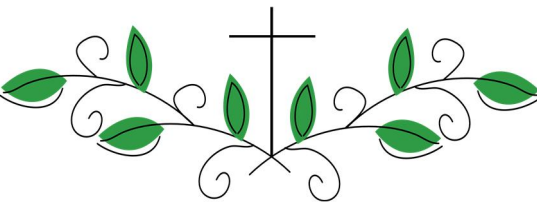
A 2 week mission trip to Togo, Africa, is being planned for July 2015 (date change!). Four people are preparing for this mission trip. Each person will focus on a specific area of need for the people in Togo. Our mission will be to work with 4-5 congregations for a rally day at each location, hold a 2-day seminar for the Lutheran pastors in Togo and install electricity in the national office for Togo Lutheran Church.

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 Reading Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (3/22) is: *In the Holy Sacraments We Share the Glory of the Cross of Christ*. Jesus catechizes His disciples in the way of the cross, revealing that He will be condemned and put to death, "and after three days He will rise" (Mark 10:33-34). But the Twelve do not understand. Instead, they argue among themselves about who will be the greatest, with James and John requesting the places of honor on either side of Jesus in His glory. However, Jesus has come to make Himself the "slave of all" and "to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:43-45). He shares the true glory of His cross with all who are baptized with His baptism, and with those who drink His cup of salvation, the New Testament in His blood (Mark 10:39). By these Holy Sacraments, the Lord makes Himself known to all His people, forgiving their sins "from the least of them to the greatest" (Jer. 31:33-34). Though He is the very Son of God, "He learned obedience through what He suffered" and so became our great high priest, that we may enter His glory by the way of His sacrifice (Heb. 5:8-10).

March Altar Guild

Month of March

Sandie Knapp
Traci Preuss
Debbie Judish



Closer Walk Readings

March 22	Luke 17
March 23	Luke 18
March 24	Luke 19
March 25	Luke 20
March 26	Luke 21
March 27	Luke 22:1-38
March 28	Luke 22:39-71

*Let us consider how we may
spur one another on toward love
and good deeds.*

~Hebrews 10:24

This Week at GSLC March 23-29

Monday, March 23

6:30 PM	Handbells
6:30 PM	Learning Matters
6:30 PM	Volleyball
7:00 PM	People Committee

Tuesday, March 24

9:30 AM	Bible Discovery
1:30 PM	Knitting Group
6:30 PM	Middle Ground
6:30 PM	NAMI
7:00 PM	Council
7:30 PM	Praise Band

Wednesday, March 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, March 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, March 27

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

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

9:00 AM	Worship
10:15 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Worship



Serving Today, 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: Alaura Lucero
Lector: Margaret Routt
Sound: Kevin Rickey
Projection: Andrew Preuss

11:00 AM

Organist: Linda Buie
Elder: Dave Gale
Handbell Director: Kathie Mackie
Ushers: Michael Barber, Summer Barber, Cyndi Gale, Kelly Hudelson, Eileen Mitchell, Doug Paul, John McCord, Michael McCord
Acolyte: Calvin Paul
Lector: Lacy Wallace
Sound: John Otte
Projection: Clorinda Otte

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

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

Serving Next Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

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: Joey Pagola
Lector: Mark de la Motte
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: Jenna Green
Lector: Evan Fisher
Sound: Eric Wallace
Projection: Summer Barber



Coffee Hour for 3/29: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

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



Alex Jahn
 Charlie & Linda Jahn
 Gretchen Jahn
 Karl Jahn
 Dave & Debbie Judish
 (Hannah)
 Micah Judish
 Titus Judish



March 15, 2015
 Attendance & Giving

9:00 AM	146
11:00 AM	109
Sunday School	45
Sunday Offerings:	\$ 9,971.00
Capital Fund:	\$ 300.00
Total Offerings:	\$10,271.00

3/11/15 Attendance & Giving

12:30 PM	31
6:30 PM	39

Total Offerings: \$878.00

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:

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
Danna Shipman, home, 4269 Ferreira Ranch Dr., Turlock, CA 95382

Elder Thank You

The elders wish to express their thanks to all who helped with the planning, organizing and serving at Pastor's anniversary reception. It was wonderful that so many could attend and be part of Pastor's special day.

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



Holy Cross Lutheran, Hugo, CO
Calvary Lutheran, Baton Rouge, LA
First Lutheran, Fort Benton, MT

Property Team

The team met briefly to make three decisions. A proposal for roof repair was approved for \$800. The Council will be requested to allow this as a Capital Fund expense. The final work on the sidewalk project will be completed by His Tree Service. They will grind down tree roots and level the ground at a cost of \$600-800. The Thumbsmashers will install sod. An accordion door will be installed in the Cooper House to allow privacy for the front classroom at a cost of about \$500.00.

Elders

The team met on March 3, 2015. Here is a summary of the meeting:

- Care ministry cards were sent and needs were discussed.
- A 6-week sermon series on "Dynamic Attitudes of Church Members" will be presented after Easter. Specific dates have not been chosen. The booklet, "I Am a Church Member," will be distributed to members.
- A budget for 2015-2016 was prepared.
- The elder worship schedule for Lent was reviewed.
- Potential individuals for new elders were identified and will be contacted.
- Pastor Ron discussed the use of coaching for leadership training and faith development in individuals. The elders support expansion of this ministry. Pastor Ron will prepare a plan.

- The elders will sponsor a prayer vigil at our church on the National Day of Prayer, May 7.
- Pastor discussed the possibility of using SMART goals with our ministry teams and staff. Information will be presented to the staff and congregation in the near future.
- Chapter 6 of the book "Why Nobody Wants to go to Church Anymore" was discussed. Chapters 7-8 will be discussed at the next meeting.
- The next Elder's meeting is with the confirmation students on Apr. 22, 6:30 p.m.

(Mike Bava, John Otte, Dave Gale, Charlie Jahn, Ken Fitzgerald, Victor Martino, Jim Bollinger, Derek Schell and Pastor Ron)

Lit 'n' Latte

Our next reading selection, *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. We won't meet until after the Lenten/Easter season on Wednesday, April 15, at our neighborhood *Starbucks* at 6:30 p.m.

~Pam Youngdale

April Literacy Tutor Training

Our adult literacy ministry, *Learning Matters!*, can use a few more tutors to volunteer at the Cooper House. The next *LearningQuest - Stanislaus Literacy Centers* reading tutor orientation will be Thursday, April 16, 7:30-8:30 p.m., with training on Saturday, April 18, 9-3 p.m. in Modesto. Pick up a form in the Narthex or see Beth Kirkpatrick or Pam Youngdale for more information.

Social Ministry Team

The team met on March 3:

- The team's financial report was reviewed. Everything is in order. A final report for the TGM meals and We Care meals will be reported at a later date.
- Cookies for Prodigal Sons & Daughters continues to provide cookies every week thanks to Michelle Cardoso, the coordinator of that ministry.
- A Diaper Drive for Verda's House will be held on April 19 & 26.
- A couple at Paramount Court will be receiving rides from members of our congregation, as needed.
- The team reviewed the TGM Winter Shelter that we provided in February. Several comments were reviewed. Overall the team thought that ministry was worthwhile. Next year will probably be different since the permanent shelter is scheduled to be operational.
- Eric Wallace and Dave Wallace attended the CNH District's "Prepare!" event in Livermore on Feb. 7. Several books will be reviewed by the team from that event to see if the material is applicable for our congregation.
- A questionnaire for our CNH District will be completed for the District Disability Task Force.

- The team revisited their 3 new outcomes for 2015-2016: Sleeping bags for homeless; resource cards for members to distribute to people in need; more contact with Turlock Pregnancy Center.
- The team reviewed an initial design for cards to be distributed to homeless and needy people.
- Initial information is being gathered to have our facility designated an emergency shelter by the Red Cross.
- The budget for 2015-2016 was prepared

The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 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.

Stitches & Quilts Thank You

We wish to thank all of you for supporting our craft faire on Sunday, March 8. It was very successful and thanks to your generosity we will be able to send many Sunday school supplies to Valerie Stonebreaker in Togo, Africa. Thank you again for your support of this very important outreach program.

~Suzanne Krough

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).

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. All envelopes will need to be in to the office by March 29. Additional envelopes are on table in the Narthex.

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.

Sr. High

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

5th - 8th Grade - Boomers Fun Night - April 10, 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.

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.



A Season of Thanks!

Our GSLC Women's Retreat planning team (Kelly Hitt, Beth Kirkpatrick, Angie Martino, Lori Smith, Jean White, Pam Youngdale) would like to thank the congregation for your support for last month's women's retreat, *Garden Getaway*. We were inspired by God's word in Ecclesiastes 3 (*There is a time for every season . . .*) to grow spiritually, as well as build relationships, all in the beautiful surroundings of the Villa Maria del Mar on the beach in Santa Cruz.

We especially appreciate the efforts that go in to the November Craft Faire, which provides funds enabling us to keep the costs down. It is a significant contribution, and we encourage everyone to support them in their efforts.

Our planning team recently met, debriefed, and reviewed the evaluations to help us as we begin planning for next year's retreat, March 4-6. Mark your calendars, and we hope you can join us at "the Villa" in 2016!

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.

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. Don't delay...the deadline to register is Friday, March 27, 2015!

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.

Calendar

April Birthdays



04/02 Tony Paul	04/10 Lisa Fernandes	04/19 Valerie Stonebreaker
04/03 Tom Sperry	04/10 Tyler Kelley	04/19 Betty Hillberg
04/03 Ted Philabaum	04/10 Paul Borchardt	04/20 Joel Geiger
04/04 Stella Lorenzo	04/11 Betty Bailey	04/21 Austin Hall
04/04 Jim Harlan	04/11 Lonnie Bennett	04/22 Ed Lawrence
04/04 Craig Baker	04/13 Payton Hawkinson	04/22 Cherie Bowen
04/05 Wes Monier	04/14 Noah Lawrence	04/23 Cody Oldson
04/05 William Hoskins	04/15 Nellie Hammerling	04/24 AnnaLisa Spratling
04/06 Marty Mann	04/16 Lori Smith	04/26 Caden Lindquist
04/08 Becky Bailey	04/16 Kirk Sperry	04/27 Kirsten Fritchle
04/08 Aiden Brown	04/16 Cole Kelley	04/28 Cyndi Gale
04/08 Tiffany Santoro	04/17 Darin Kelley	04/28 Joey Clark
04/09 Shubert Envia	04/18 Katie Kelley	04/30 Shannon Clark
04/09 Tom Baldwin		

April Wedding Anniversaries

04/02 Eric & Lacy Wallace	04/20 Brian & Tami Dickens
04/08 Evan & Kelly Hitt	04/21 David & Marian MacDonald
04/10 Kori & Susan Prier	04/22 Carl & Betty Hillberg
04/10 Wayne & Louise Rickey	04/25 Derek & Tracie Schell
04/20 Tom & Cindy Chapman	04/30 Darin & Katie Kelley

