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*I am the Lord  
your God, who  
teaches you what  
is best for you.*

*~Isaiah 58:17*



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| 4/2 | Maundy Thursday - Worship w/<br>Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. |
| 4/3 | Good Friday - "A Service of<br>Darkness" at 7:00 p.m.       |
| 4/5 | Sonrise Service at 6:00 a.m. at<br>5812 N. Walnut, Turlock  |
| 4/5 | Easter Worship at 9:00 a.m.                                 |
| 4/5 | Easter Brunch at 10:00 a.m.                                 |
| 4/5 | Easter Worship at 11:00 a.m.                                |



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# News & Notes

March 29, 2015

## Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (4/5) is **The Resurrection of our Lord Sunday**, also known as **Easter**. The appointed Scripture readings for that day are: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8. 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 Chancel Choir will be singing. It will be a festive celebration of worship. Invite a friend or neighbor.

## Easter Sonrise Worship

A Sonrise 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. Come and witness the dawn of a new day and worship the risen Lord!

## 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 Brunch

The Easter brunch is next week! 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.



Palm 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**

### Thank You

I would like to thank the Elders and the congregation for the reception on 3/15 to celebrate my 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Good Shepherd. I was honored and humbled by the many kind words and cards. My goal has always been to be faithful to my Lord as I served Him and His Church. Serving at Good Shepherd continues to be a place where the Lord is working in all of us through His Word and the sacraments. I want to do His will as I move forward in ministry. Thank you for your support and prayers. I cannot put into words how important your prayers are to me. May the Lord guide us as we move forward in serving Him. May we always be attentive to His leading. May His peace and joy overflow into our lives each and every day. I love you! (Pastor Ron Youngdale)

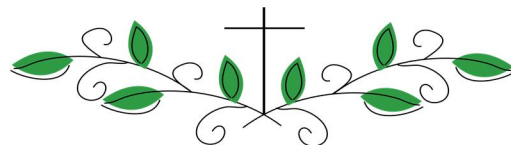
### Faith Basics

A new Faith Basics course begins on April 28, 2015. Six sessions (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) are offered for those who want to know more about the basic teachings in the Bible and about our Lutheran Church. This is a main path to membership in our church. Talk to Pastor Ron and/or see your Yellow form for more info (667-7712). The schedule is:

- FB 101 (4 sessions) – Who God Is: The Bible 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19
- FB 201 (1 session) – Who We Are: Our Church, History & Ministries 6/2
- FB 301 (1 session) – Who You Are: Your Ministry Opportunities 6/9

### Today's Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (3/29) is: *The Son of David Ascends His Throne and Reigns in Love from His Cross*. The Son of David comes in gentle humility, "sitting on a donkey's colt," yet as the King of Israel "in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13–15). He comes to be lifted up in glory on the Cross in order to cast out "the ruler of this world" and draw all people to Himself (John 12:23–32). The Church is thus called to "rejoice greatly," because her King comes with salvation, and "He shall speak peace to the nations" (Zech. 9:9–10). As He is anointed "beforehand for burial" (Mark 14:8), He also ascends His royal throne as "the King of the Jews" by way of His Passion (Mark 15:2, 17–19, 26). He goes "as it is written of Him," wherefore "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power" (Mark 14:21, 62). For the glory of God is Love, which crescendos in the humble obedience and voluntary self-sacrifice of the Son of God for the salvation of sinners. So God the Father has "highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9), that He might reign over us in love with the forgiveness of His Cross.



### This Week at GSLC March 30—April 5

#### Monday, March 30

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

#### Tuesday, March 31

1:30 PM Knitting  
6:00 PM Choir  
6:30 PM Middle Ground  
7:00 PM Praise Band

#### Wednesday, April 1

6:00 AM Men's Network

#### Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday

9:00 AM Thumbsmashers  
7:00 PM Worship

#### Friday, April 3 - Good Friday

6:00 AM Men's Life  
7:00 PM Good Friday

#### Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

6:00 AM Sunrise Worship  
9:00 AM Worship  
10:00 AM Easter Brunch  
11:00 AM Worship

#### Altar Guild

##### Month of March

Sandie Knapp  
Traci Preuss  
Debbie Judish

##### Month of April

Mary Trickey  
Carol Prater  
Judy Rexin

#### Closer Walk Readings

<b>March 29</b>	Luke 23:1-25
<b>March 30</b>	Luke 23:26-55
<b>March 31</b>	Luke 24
<b>April 1</b>	John 1:1-34
<b>April 2</b>	John 1:35-51
<b>April 3</b>	John 2
<b>April 4</b>	John 3

*Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

*~Ephesians 4:3*



# Serving Today, 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 Today: 9:00 a.m. No Volunteers / 11:00 a.m. No Volunteers

# Serving Next Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

**9:00 AM**

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Praise Band Musicians:** Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Andrew Knapp  
**Elder:** Charlie Jahn  
**Ushers:** Derald Dunn, Dave Geiger, Rob Hillberg, Dave Judish, Ed Juncker, Margaret Routt, Glen Stabelfeld, Calvin Baker, Stuart Backstrom, Hannah Judish, Maddie Welch  
**Acolyte:** Caden Lindquist  
**Lector:** Charlie Jahn  
**Sound:** Bill First  
**Projection:** Mark Grobner

**11:00 AM**

**Organist:** Linda Buie  
**Elder:** Jim Bollinger  
**Ushers:** Beth Bollinger, Larry DeBora, Jim Harlan, Marvin Larson, Eileen Mitchell, Nathan Schmidt  
**Acolyte:** Emily Lloyd  
**Lector:** Michael McCord  
**Sound:** Doug Paul  
**Projection:** Storm Graser



Easter Brunch between services

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



Doug Paul  
 Tony & Karla Paul  
*(Carl, Calvin, Kylie)*  
 Wayne & Lavonne Penrose  
 Nadine Petersen  
 Ted & Joyce Philabaum



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

*Apostles Lutheran, Peoria, AZ*  
*Emanuel Lutheran, Britton, MI*  
*St. John Lutheran, Merrill, WI*

## 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

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

**Carol Swanberg**, Cypress, 1801 N. Olive Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382

3/22/15, Attendance & Giving	
9:00 AM	139
11:00 AM	86
Sunday School	23

Sunday Offerings:	\$11,307.10
Capital Fund:	\$ <u>100.00</u>
Total Offerings:	\$11,407.10

3/18/15 Attendance & Giving	
12:30 PM	36
6:30 PM	35

Total Offerings: \$423.00

## 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 TODAY. Additional envelopes are on table in the Narthex.



## Outreach Ministries

The Outreach team met on March 17.

- Missionary contact with Alvina Federwitz is going well.
- Chaplain Robert Johnson at Emanuel will provide a brief update about his ministry and the use of our LHM booklets on 3/22.
- The Togo Mission Team is looking at the end of June and first part of July for their trip.
- Flashlights for Easter 2016 will be ordered due to a very good price.
- A new Easter banner will be considered for 2016.
- A Lutheran Hour booklet on the story of Jesus will be distributed at the Sunrise Service along with a pen/flashlight.
- Our booth at Turlock Sales Yard begins on May 5. An update will be given to the congregation on March 29
- The team began brainstorming ideas for new outcomes during 2015-2016.
- Share the Love of God, a monthly outreach challenge
- A mission trip in 2016.
- Congregational T-shirts available for purchase.
- The budget for 2015-2016 was prepared.

The next meeting is scheduled for Apr. 14, 4:00 p.m. (Becky Bailey, Margaret Routt, Judy Rexin, and Pastor Ron)

## 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 Jennifer de la Motte for more information.

### 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 with our first game on April 20. 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.

### Recorded 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).

## 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.

## 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.



## 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.

## Togo Mission Trip Update

The dates for the mission trip to Togo, Africa, have been finalized. The team leaves on June 29 and returns on July 9. Three people are preparing for this mission trip. Each person will focus on a specific area of need for the people in Togo. Our team will work with 4 congregations for a rally day at each location and hold a 2-day seminar for the Lutheran pastors in Togo. The team will be unable to complete the electrical project for the Togo Lutheran Church office building. The estimated total financial need for the trip is \$8,000-10,000. Due to lower airfare the financial need has been lessened. We have received \$8,868.09 to date. 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 and Pastor Ron).

## 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.

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