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*Jesus answered,  
"The work of God  
is this: to believe  
in the one he has  
sent."*

*~John 6:29*



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# News & Notes

April 12, 2015

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

Next Sunday (4/19) is **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**. The appointed Scripture readings for that day are: Acts 3:11-21; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-49. 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. Holy Communion will be offered at both services.

## **Easter Sunrise Thanks**

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Easter Sunrise Service and mini-brunch possible. It's always a joy to have members of the body of Christ from Good Shepherd working together in service to Him. We look forward to seeing many of you in the Biblical Garden April 18, anytime between 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Great is the Lord!  
Blessings, Ron and Lori de la Motte

## **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. (We are waiting on final estimates for costs in Togo before finalizing this figure.) 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).

**Community Focused  
to be  
Community Engaged**



*Second Sunday Of Easter*

### **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

### Capital Funds

The Council approved two separate expenditures from Capital Funds. (1) Three replacement projectors are being purchased to replace the two in the sanctuary and the one on the cart. A total of \$5,000 was approved from Capital Funds and the remainder from the General Fund (Note: The actual cost will be \$5,132.45.) (2) Roof repairs are needed due to several leaks. Up to \$10,000 was approved. The estimate is \$3,800. However, due to possible unforeseen repairs the Council approved the additional funds.

### 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 as follows:

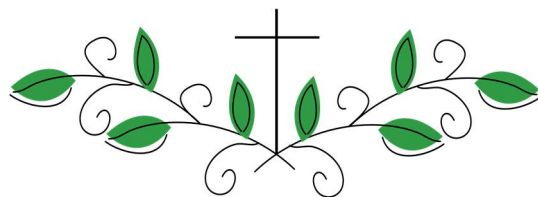
- FB 101 (4 sessions) – Who God Is: The Bible 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19
- FB 201 (1 session) – Who We Are: Our Church, History & Ministries 6/2
- FB 301 (1 session) – Who You Are: Your Ministry Opportunities 6/9

### 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.

### Today's Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (4/12) is: *The Risen Christ Breathes His Peace in the Holy Absolution.* The crucified and risen Lord Jesus appeared to His Apostles on the first Easter Sunday. He “came and stood among them,” and with His Word and the wounds in “His hands and His side” He granted them His peace (John 20:19–20). He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for us and for His whole Church through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21–23). Through this apostolic ministry He calls us to believe that He “is the Christ, the Son of God,” so that by such faith we “may have life in His name” (John 20:31). The Apostles “have seen and heard” this divine life manifested in the flesh of Christ, and those who succeed them in this apostolic ministry now proclaim that same Absolution to us, so that we “too may have fellowship” with the risen Christ, with the Apostles, and “with one another” (1 John 1:1–7). The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church lives by “their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,” and all who believe this Word are “of one heart and soul,” because in Him they truly have “everything in common” (Acts 4:32–33).



### Altar Guild Schedule

#### For Month of April

Mary Trickey  
Carol Prater  
Judy Rexin



### Closer Walk Daily Readings

- April 12 John 7
- April 13 John 8:1-30
- April 14 John 8:31-59
- April 15 John 9:1-12
- April 16 John 9:13-41
- April 17 John 10
- April 18 John 11

*He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.*

~Proverbs 17:9

### This Week at GSLC April 13-19

#### Monday, April 13

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

#### Tuesday, April 14

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

#### Wednesday, April 15

- 6:00 AM Men's Network
- 5:45 PM Confirmation
- 5:45 PM FaithWeavers
- 6:30 PM Lit 'n' Latte
- 7:30 PM Choir

#### Thursday, April 16

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

#### Friday, April 17

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

#### Sunday, April 19

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

## Serving Today, April 12

**9:00 AM**

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Praise Band Musicians:** Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Andrew Knapp, Joey Pagola  
**Elder:** Ken Fitzgerald  
**Ushers:** Wayne Rickey, Charlie Jahn, Karl Jahn, Alex Jahn, Andrew Preuss, Kyle Rickey, Matthew Fitzgerald, Fallon Evans  
**Acolyte:** Jordyn Chance  
**Lector:** Bryan Krough  
**Sound:** Richard Spratling  
**Projection:** Rob Hillberg

**11:00 AM**

**Organist:** Linda Buie  
**Handbell Director:** Kathie Mackie  
**Elder:** Derek Schell  
**Ushers:** Wayne Bailey, Joe Ulrich, John Shipman, Carl Paul  
**Acolyte:** Sarah Graser  
**Lector:** Mitch Preus  
**Sound:** Dave Gale  
**Projection:** Cyndi Gale



Coffee Hour for Today: 9:00 a.m. Dorothy Watson, Chuck & Carol Barnes / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

Altar flowers for today are provided by Rob & Patsy Geiger in celebration of Joel's 21st Birthday!

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**9:00 AM**

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Praise Band Musicians:** Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Andrew Knapp, Joey Pagola  
**Elder:** Mike Bava  
**Ushers:** Joanne & Tom Alvernaz, Jim & Sandie Knapp, Tracie & Derek Schell, Andrew Knapp, Carlee Thomson  
**Acolyte:** Luke Welch  
**Lector:** Jennifer de la Motte  
**Sound:** Jim Smith  
**Projection:** LeRoy Gonzales

**11:00 AM**

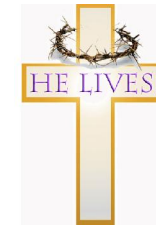
**Organist:** Linda Buie  
**Choir Director:** Dr. Deborah Kavasch  
**Music Students:** Katelyn Woods, Julia Acosta, Michael Bernal, & Giancarlos Delgado-Braun  
**Elder:** John Otte  
**Ushers:** Bart Muller, Rob Geiger, Michael Barber, Mikayla Schmidt  
**Acolyte:** Andrea Dunn  
**Lector:** Jennifer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

Coffee Hour for 4/19: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

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



Jim & Judy Chance  
 Jeff & Ginger Chance  
 (Blaine, Jordyn & Jessica)  
 Ryan Chance  
 Todd Chance  
 Kevin Chance  
 Lacie Chance



### Easter Attendance & Giving

6:00 AM	186
9:00 AM	193
11:00 AM	149
Sunday School	n/a
Sunday Offerings:	\$10,288.00
Capital Fund:	<u>\$ 1,410.00</u>
Total Offerings:	\$11,698.00

### Holy Week Attendance & Giving

Maundy Thursday	97
Good Friday	84
Total Offerings:	<u>\$3,146.00</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).

**Clella Falke**, home, 8320 Cypress St., Hilmar, CA 95324

**Shirley Silveria**, Turlock Nursing & Rehab Ctr., 1111 E. Tuolumne Rd., Turlock, CA 95382

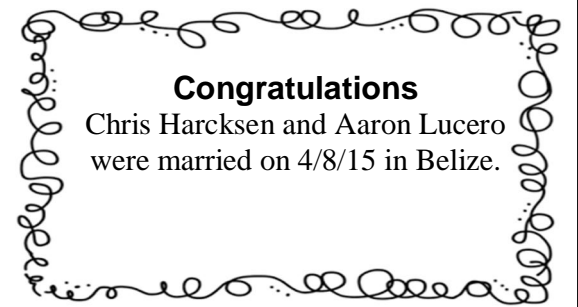
**Carol Swanberg**, Cypress, 1801 N. Olive Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382

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

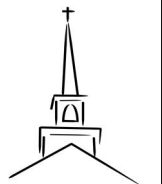
**Ortha Kling**, Memorial Medical Center, 1700 Coffee Rd., Modesto, CA 95355

### Congratulations

Chris Harcksen and Aaron Lucero were married on 4/8/15 in Belize.



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



*Ascension Lutheran, Marianna, FL*  
*St. Paul Lutheran, New Boston, MI*  
*Gethsemane Lutheran, Hackettstown, NJ*



## Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting is scheduled for May 14, 7:00 p.m.

## National Day of Prayer Vigil at GSLC

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's Prayer Vigil will be May 7, 2015. The times are from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Prayer materials will be made available. Make it a point to join in the prayer vigil this year.



## 2015 Graduates

It is time again to celebrate our graduates. If you have an immediate family member graduating this year, please see your Yellow form and let us know all about them.

## 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.

## 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).

## Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

I ♥ VBS

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.



## Co-Ed Softball

The first game of church softball team is set for April 20. If you are interested in joining or 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.

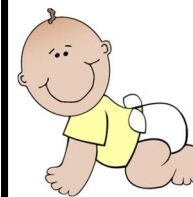
## Biblical Garden Invitation

You, your family and friends are invited to visit Ron and Lori de la Motte's Biblical Garden on Saturday, April 18, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. While strolling through the garden you will see many varieties of plants and trees grown during Bible days, plus many items carrying out the Biblical Garden theme. It soon becomes apparent that plants and nature play an important role in the Bible. Benches and bistro sets are available for rest, relaxation, and meditation. The garden is located at 5812 North Walnut in Turlock, between Keyes and Taylor roads.

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday Bible study will begin a new series to study Paul's Epistles. We begin with Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. Join us! Spend some quality time in the Word. We begin at about 10:20 and end before the 11:00 service. For more information, contact Mitch Preus at 571-0264.

## Diaper Drive



Social Ministries will be having their Diaper Drive for Verda's House on the next two Sundays, April 19 & April 26, during both coffee hours.

Donations of either cash or diapers are appreciated.

## Potluck and Games Night

Please join us on Sunday, April 26, between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. Contact Mariane First at 632-7733 for more information.



## Lit 'n' Latte

Our next reading selection, *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. We are meeting 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.