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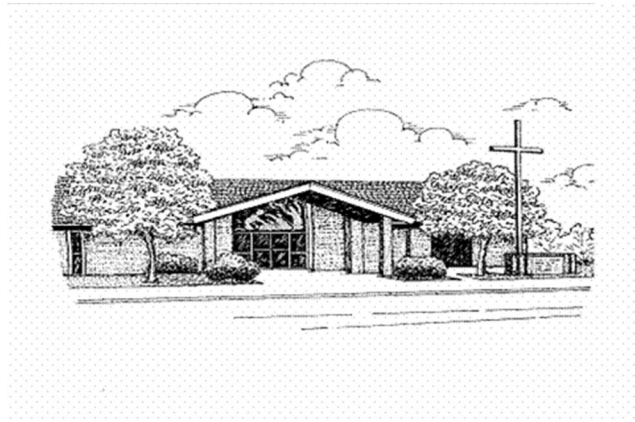
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*Count yourselves  
dead to sin but  
alive to God in  
Christ Jesus.*

*~Romans 6:11*



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# News & Notes

April 26, 2015



Fourth 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

**Community Focused  
to be  
Community Engaged**

## Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (5/3) is **The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**. The appointed Scripture readings for that day are: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 150; 1 John 4:1-21; John 15:1-8. 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. Holy Communion will be served.

## Confirmation Sunday

Next Sunday (5/3) is also the day five young people will stand before the congregation and confess their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. We refer to it as Confirmation Sunday. The rite will take place during the 11:00 a.m. service. Please pray for these young people: Hannah Green, Calvin Paul, Ty Thomson, Jack Welch, and Luke Welch.

## Dynamic Attitudes

The sermon series on "*Dynamic Attitudes of Church Members*" begins today. A small booklet is available for you to use during this series. It will involve very minimal reading each week. If you can assist in offsetting the cost for the booklet, please give \$5.00. We ordered more booklets. They are available in the Social Hall. We ask you take one per household. Please pray about this emphasis as we rededicate our commitment to serving the Lord in this congregation and community. God is so great!

## Congregational Meeting

A meeting for the congregation will be held on May 14, 7:00 p.m. Council members and ministry team members will be in attendance. The congregation is invited to attend. We will take action on several items: election of people to the Council and the Elder Team; 2015-2016 budget; bylaws for an endowment fund; introduction of the Seasons of Discovery; introduction to SMART goals; reports from the ministry teams. A manual will be available on May 3.

## Faith Basics

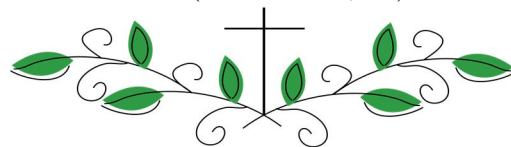
A new Faith Basics course begins on April 28, 2015. Six sessions (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) are offered for those who want to know more about the basic teachings in the Bible and about our Lutheran Church. This is a main path to membership in our church. Talk to Pastor Ron and/or see your Yellow form for more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

## Togo Mission Trip Update

The mission team departs for Togo, Africa, on June 29 and returns on July 9. Our team will visit 4 congregations for a rally day at each location and hold a 2-day seminar for the Lutheran pastors in Togo. Thanks to the generous donations of our congregation and a mission grant from the Church Extension Fund (\$750.00) all funds needed have been received. The total to date is \$9,618.09. Please pray for us as we prepare for this trip. Thank you. (Dave Wallace, Doug Kirkpatrick and Pastor Ron).

## Today's Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (4/26) is: *Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep*. The Lord Jesus is “the Good Shepherd” who “lays down His life for the sheep” (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the “authority to lay it down,” and the “authority to take it up again” (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be “one flock, one Shepherd” (John 10:16). That is why the Apostles “were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead” (Acts 4:2). Since “there is salvation in no one else,” His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, “for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to “love one another” and “to lay down our lives for the brothers,” as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).



## Altar Guild

### April

Mary Trickey  
Carol Prater  
Judy Rexin

### May

Amy Fitzgerald  
Joanne Alvernaz  
Grace McCord



## Closer Walk Readings

April 26	John 18
April 27	John 19:1-27
April 28	John 19:28-42
April 29	John 20
April 30	John 21
May 1	Acts 1
May 2	Acts 2

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

~Romans 5:1

## This Week at GSLC April 27 - May 3

### Monday, April 27

6:30 PM Handbell  
6:30 PM Learning Matters!  
6:30 PM Softball @ New Life  
7:00 PM Council

### Tuesday, April 28

1:30 PM Knitting  
6:30 PM NAMI  
6:30 PM Middle Ground  
7:00 PM Faith Basics 101-1  
7:30 PM Praise Band

### Wednesday, April 29

6:00 AM Men's Network  
6:30 PM Confirmation Pic/Reh  
7:30 PM Choir

### Thursday, April 30

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, May 1

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

### Saturday, May 2 - Love Turlock

### Sunday, May 3 - Confirmation Sunday

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

# Serving Today, April 26

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Praise Band Musicians:** Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Andrew Knapp, Joey Pagola  
**Elder:** Victor Martino  
**Ushers:** Tom Baldwin, Sam Ruiz, Jerry Rexin, Bryan Krough, Gary Moore, Zach Harcksen, Blaine Chance, Grace Willming  
**Acolyte:** Ashlan Lucero  
**Lector:** Rob Hillberg  
**Sound:** Kevin Rickey  
**Projection:** Andrew Preuss

**Organist:** Linda Buie  
**Choir Director:** Dr. Deborah Kavasch  
**Music Students:** Katelyn Woods, Julia Acosta, Michael Bernal, Juan Delgado-Braun,  
**Elder:** Dave Gale  
**Ushers:** Cyndi Gale, Michael Barber, Summer Barber, Kelly Hudelson, John McCord, Michael McCord, Eileen Mitchell, Doug Paul  
**Acolyte:** Kylie Paul  
**Lector:** Summer Barber  
**Sound:** John Otte  
**Projection:** Clorinda Otte

Coffee Hour for Today: 9:00 a.m. Traci Preuss / 11:00 a.m. Wayne Barber

Altar flowers for today are provided by Scott & Jeanette Welch in thanksgiving for the upcoming confirmation of Jack & Luke Welch

# Serving Next Sunday, May 3 - Confirmation Sunday

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

**Music:** Praise Band  
**Praise Band Director:** Beth Kirkpatrick  
**Praise Band Musicians:** Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Andrew Knapp, Joey Pagola  
**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:** Joey Pagola  
**Lector:** Judy Moore  
**Sound:** Bill First  
**Projection:** Mark Grobner

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



Coffee Hour for 5/3: 9:00 a.m. **No Volunteers** / 11:00 a.m. 7th Grade Confirmands

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



Adam & Missy Lawrence  
*(Caleb, Noah & Anna)*  
 Ed Lawrence  
 Gail Lawrence  
 Burt Lindquist  
 Caden Lindquist  
 Ron & Shellie Lloyd  
*(David, Adam & Emily)*

## 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.



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

*Hope Lutheran, Soda Springs, ID*  
*St. Peter Lutheran, Westgate, IA*  
*Grace Lutheran, Breckenridge, MN*



## 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).

**Ortha Kling**, Care Center at Covenant Village, 2125 N. Olive Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382

**Cheryl Harlan**, home, 765 Camellia St., Turlock, CA 95380

**Gerry Ratzlaff**, home, 1421 Alex Cir., Turlock CA 95382

**Kathie Mackie**, home, 3153 Tupelo Dr., Merced, CA 95348

**Soni Hill**, home, 2140 Peace Way, Turlock, CA 95382

## 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.

4/19/15, Attendance & Giving

9:00 AM	123
11:00 AM	74
Sunday School	13

Sunday Offerings:	\$6,074.00
Capital Fund:	\$ 160.00
Total Offerings:	\$6,234.00

## Social Ministry Team

The team met on April 14:

- The team's financial report was reviewed. Everything is in order.
- Details were finalized for the Diaper Drive for Verda's House to be held on April 19 & 26. People can bring diapers or donate cash for the purchase of diapers.
- NAMI continues to hold their training and other classes in the Cooper House.
- Our congregation was able to provide 16 sleeping bags to the homeless through TGM.
- Several books about disaster relief were reviewed by the team. It was decided to make a goal for next year to appoint a task force to study our potential as a congregation for providing emergency preparedness to the congregation and community.
- A questionnaire for our CNH District was completed for the District Disability Task Force.
- Delta Blood Bank has requested we hold a blood drive in our facility. We will contact them about this opportunity.
- A "Serving the Homeless in Turlock" reference guide was prepared as a Girl Scouts project and has been made available for our use. You may pick one up at the information center in the Social Hall.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 2, 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.

## Youth Events

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

**5th - 8th Grade** - Boomers Fun Night - May 8, 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.

## 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 to sign-up or for more information contact Jen de la Motte at 324-9098 to help.

## The Lost Books of the Bible

Middle Ground, our small group meeting Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., will begin a new Lutheran Hour Ministry study on April 28. Several recent TV shows have highlighted the supposed "lost books" and how they were denied a place in the Bible. This study offers the rest of the story. For information, contact Mitch Preus at 571-0264.

## 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).

## 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.



## Missionary News

Our missionary Alvina Federwitz returned to Liberia on March 12. The numbers of Ebola cases are much fewer now than last year. The building of the Liberian Translation and Literacy Organization (LIBTRALO) headquarters is set to begin. It is projected to be completed in 6 months. Pray that the LIBTRALO will have their headquarters built by October 2015. Alvina plans to relocate in the States in September 2015. She requests prayer that God will make her an effective ambassador in achieving all He has in mind for her to do in the next 5 months that she remains in Liberia.

## Lit 'n' Latte

In the mood for a mystery, we've selected *Evans Above* for our next book, the first in a series about a constable in Wales (not whales!) by Rhys Bowen. We'll meet on **Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 p.m.** at our neighborhood *Starbucks*. Hope you can be there to "spring" into our discussion!

~Pam Youngdale

## Diaper Drive

Social Ministries will be having their Diaper Drive for Verda's House today during both coffee hours. Donations of either cash or diapers are appreciated.

## Love Turlock May 2, 2015

Volunteers are needed for the Love Turlock program. We need volunteers who are willing to work on a yard clean-up team. Please see your Yellow form and sign-up.

## Sales Yard Outreach First Tuesday of the Month May-October

**Time: 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

Your help is desired for the Turlock Sales Yard Outreach in the following ways: set-up, literature distribution, blood pressure checks and take-down. If you are available to help, please sign-up on your Yellow form.

## Craft Faire & Estate Sale

There will be a sale to benefit our missionary in Togo, Africa, Valerie Stonebreaker, on Saturday, May 2, 2015. The sale will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 5167 Pioneer Road, Turlock (off Keyes Rd.). There will many new items offered, so don't miss this opportunity to help our missionary. Contact Suzanne Krough for more information, 669-9873.