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*Who will bring  
any charge  
against those  
whom God  
has chosen?  
It is God who justifies.*

*~Romans 8:33*



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# News & Notes

**Confirmation Sunday**

May 3, 2015

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

Next Sunday (5/10) is **The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**. The appointed Scripture readings for that day are: Acts 10:34-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17. 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. This is also **MOTHER'S DAY**, a time to thank God for our moms and those who are like moms to us. The sermon will include the theme "I will be a unifying Church Member" from the second chapter in our book (*I am a Church Member*).

## **Confirmation Sunday**

Today is Confirmation Sunday for five young people. They will stand before our congregation and confess their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. The rite takes place during the 11:00 a.m. service. Please pray for these young people: Hannah Green, Calvin Paul, Ty Thomson, Jack Welch, and Lucas Welch.

## **Dynamic Attitudes**

The sermon series on "*Dynamic Attitudes of Church Members*" has begun. A small booklet is still available for you to use during this series. It involves minimal reading each week. If you can assist in offsetting the cost for the booklet, please give \$5.00. They are available in the Social Hall. Please pray about this emphasis as we rededicate our commitment to serving the Lord in this congregation and community.



## **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**

## Congregational Meeting

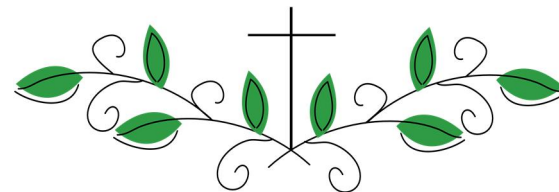
A meeting for the congregation will be held on May 14, 7:00 p.m. Council members and ministry team members will be in attendance. The congregation is invited to attend. We will take action on several items: election of people to the Council and the Elder Team; 2015-2016 budget; bylaws for an endowment fund; introduction of the Seasons of Discovery; introduction to SMART goals; reports from the ministry teams. A manual will be available on May 3. The election will take place on Sunday, May 10. Ballots will be available in the Social Hall that day.

## Togo Mission 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).

## 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).



## Today's Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (5/3) is: *Jesus Christ Is the True Vine Who Bears Much Fruit in Us.* "God is Love," and He has manifested Himself to us by sending "His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him" (1 John 4:9, 16). By the ministry of the Gospel, "He has given us of His Spirit," so that we also believe and confess "that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh." In this way we "abide in Him and He in us," and we "love one another" (1 John 4:2, 7, 13). Such divine love is exemplified in Philip's preaching of "the good news about Jesus" to the Ethiopian eunuch. And when "they came to some water," the eunuch was baptized into the very Gospel that Philip had preached (Acts 8:35-38). That Ethiopian was thereby grafted into "the true Vine," Jesus Christ (John 15:1), just as we are. Already we are clean because of the Word that Christ has spoken to us and by the washing of water with His Word. We now abide in Him by faith in His forgiveness. As He abides in us, both body and soul, with His own Body and His Blood, He "bears much fruit" in us (John 15:3-5).

## Altar Guild

### May

Amy Fitzgerald  
Joanne Alvernaz  
Grace McCord



## Closer Walk Daily Readings

5/03	Acts 3
5/04	Acts 4
5/05	Acts 5
5/06	Acts 6
5/07	Acts 7:1-8:3
5/08	Acts 8:4-40
5/09	Acts 9

*How sweet are your words to  
my taste, sweeter than honey  
to my mouth!*

~Psalm 119:103

## This Week at GSLC May 4-10

### Monday, May 4

5:00 PM Youth Team  
6:30 PM Softball @ Monte Vista  
6:30 PM Handbells  
6:30 PM Learning Matters!

### Tuesday, May 5

1:30 PM Knitting  
6:30 PM Middle Ground  
7:00 PM Faith Basics 101-2  
7:30 PM Praise Band

### Wednesday, May 6

6:00 AM Men's Network  
7:30 PM Choir

### Thursday, May 7

6:00 AM—9:00 PM Prayer Vigil  
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 8

6:00 AM Men's Life  
1:00 PM Stitches & Quilts  
4:30 PM Boomers

### Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day

9:00 AM Worship  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship  
6:00 PM Couples Bible Study

*Mother's Day*

## Serving Today, May 3 - Confirmation Sunday

9:00 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

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:** Confirmands  
**Sound:** Doug Paul  
**Projection:** Storm Graser



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

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

## Serving Next Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day

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:** Joshua Fitzgerald  
**Lector:** Abby Hawkinson  
**Sound:** Richard Spratling  
**Projection:** Rob Hillberg

11:00 AM

**Organist:** Linda Buie  
**Choir Director:** Dr. Deborah Kavasch  
**Music Students:** Katelyn Woods, Julia Acosta, Michael Bernal, Juan Delgado-Braun  
**Elder:** Derek Schell  
**Ushers:** Joe Ulrich, Wayne Bailey, John Shipman, Carl Paul  
**Acolyte:** Sarah Graser  
**Lector:** Eileen Mitchell  
**Sound:** Dave Gale  
**Projection:** Cyndi Gale

Coffee Hour for 5/10: 9:00 a.m. Mariane First, Judy Rexin, Mary Trickey/ 11:00 a.m. The Otte's

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



Patricia Martin  
 Belle Martino  
 Victor & Angie Martino  
 Vivian Martino  
 John Marvin &  
 Dr. Deborah Kavasch

### Welcome New Confirmands

Hannah Green  
 Calvin Paul  
 Ty Thomsen  
 Jack Welch  
 Lucas Welch



### 4/26/15, Attendance & Giving

9:00 AM	140
11:00 AM	82
Sunday School	28
Sunday Offerings:	\$6,180.00
Capital Fund:	\$ 50.00
Total Offerings:	\$6,230.00

### 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**, home, 2125 N. Olive Avenue, Apt. B 51, 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



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



*Immanuel Lutheran*, Haxtun, CO  
*Faith Lutheran*, Kansas City, KS  
*Redeemer Lutheran*, Baltimore, MD

## National Day of Prayer Vigil at GSLC

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's Prayer Vigil will be Thursday, 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.

### 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

### Free Parenting Class

Ever been white-water rafting? That sudden rush of adrenaline, exhilaration, and white-knuckle terror and that overwhelming sense of foreboding that leaves you gasping for breath and hoping against all hope you'll live to see another day? If so, then you know the thrill, the terror, the risks, and, yes, the rewards of raising adolescents! So strap on your life preserver and join Jen and other adults in this 4 week parenting class as you guide your son or daughter through the turbulent waters of adolescence. Wednesdays, May 13, May 20, May 27 & June 1st - 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. See your Yellow form to register.

## Sr. High

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

**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.

### Food 'n Fun

The next Food 'n Fun is scheduled for May 14 at 1:30 p.m. Bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and games.

### 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.

## 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.

### Diaper Drive

Dear Good Shepherd,  
Thank you once again for supporting the Diaper Drive. Your contributions are such a blessing to Verda's House. This congregation is so big-hearted. Whenever there is a need, you answer the call! We are so proud to be a part of this church. Six cartons of diapers totaling 954 diapers and 30 hand-knit hats were delivered to Verda's House.

Many thanks,  
The Social Ministries Team

### 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.

### Outreach Ministries

The Outreach team met on April 14.

- Missionary Alvina Federwitz is back in Liberia.
- Wilson Koppula will be invited to provide an update about his ministry to Sikhs.

- LHM booklets have been ordered for use by the hospital chaplain.
- The team discussed our outreach efforts through media and at the Sunrise service. Everything seemed to be successful.
- A new Easter banner will be ordered for 2016 at a later date.
- We are still waiting for information and photos about the project we funded at Elohim Church in Belize. This was for electrical, plumbing and seating needs.
- The team reviewed our Sunday services as to receptivity to visitors. Overall we are doing a good job of providing a welcoming environment to visitors.
- The Togo Mission Trip team has their airline tickets and is preparing their materials for presentation during the trip (6/29-7/9).
- Our booth at Turlock Sales Yard begins on May 5. An update will be given to the congregation on April 26.
- The team adopted 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 by the Church picnic in Sept.
  - \* Incorporation of prayers for non-Christians in our small group settings.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 2, 4:00 p.m. (Becky Bailey, Margaret Routt, Judy Rexin, and Pastor Ron)