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*“Come to me, all
you who are
weary and
burdened, and I
will give you rest.”*

~Matthew 11:28



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

August 16, 2015

Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (8/23) is the **13th Sunday after Pentecost**. The Scripture readings for that day are: Isaiah 29:11-19; Psalm 14; Ephesians 5:22-33; Mark 7:1-13. 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. Council and Ministry Team members from 2014-2015 will be honored during the services. Council and Ministry Team members for 2015-2016 will be installed into their areas of service. (Many people will be in both groups.)

Council & Ministry Team Meeting

The Council and Ministry Teams will meet together on **August 18, 7:00 p.m.** The main purpose will be to address the SMART Goals that will help direct us through 2015-2016. Also, an update on Transforming Churches Network (TCN) will be provided, which will be launched in September. We ask all Ministry Team members to attend. Thanks.

Confirmation

Confirmation begins on **Sept. 2, 6:30 p.m.** This meeting is for parents and students in grades 5-8. Our Confirmation instruction is a four year course. The first two years (grade 5-6) provide an overview of the whole Bible. The second two years (grades 7-8) are an in-depth study of the basic teachings of the Bible. We follow the six themes of the Small Catechism. Please call Pastor Ron or Jen de la Motte for more information (667-7712). Thank you.



Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

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**

Save the Date! Blood Drive, Be a Donor!

Saturday, September 19,
9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fact:

*Less than 10% of the entire U.S.
population donates blood.*

Sign-up today in the Social Hall.



Financial Peace University

A nine-week Financial Peace University Class will begin Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. Jim Knapp will again lead the class. Go to www.gslct.att.net and register for the class or if you have any questions, contact Jim Knapp at 209-380-0528.



Coming Soon!

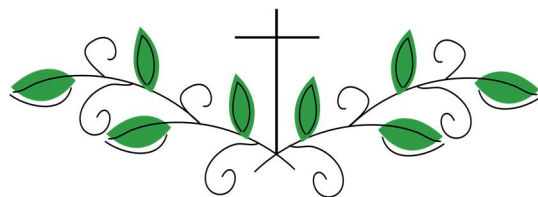
Good Shepherd t-shirts \$10. Share your love for our church by ordering for yourself, for your family. Listen for announcements

and watch this space in upcoming *News & Notes* for ordering information.

~Pam Youngdale

Today's Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (8/16) is: *Jesus Is the Word and Wisdom of God, Who Gives You Life and Light in His Flesh*. Jesus is the divine Word by whom all things were made, who has become flesh and dwells among us. He gives His flesh "for the life of the world," not only as a sacrifice for sin, but as "the living bread" from heaven (John 6:51). Eat His flesh and drink His blood (John 6:54-57), and no longer walk in the darkness of sin, but walk in His light. "Arise from the dead" and live in Him, because you are "light in the Lord" (Eph. 5:8, 14). Being filled with His Spirit, confess Him to "one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart" (Eph. 5:18-19). Fear, love, and trust in Him, "and serve Him in sincerity and faithfulness" (Josh. 24:14). For He has brought you "out of the house of slavery" by His Cross and Resurrection, and now He does "great signs" in your sight (Josh. 24:17). Indeed, He is the divine Wisdom, who has built His house, prepared His feast, and set His table; who bids you to recline, to eat of His bread and drink of the wine He has mixed (Prov. 9:1-5).



Altar Guild Schedule

For Month of August

Jean White
Louise Rickey
Kay Wallace



Closer Walk Daily Readings

August 16	Ephesians 5:1-21
August 17	Ephesians 5:22-33
August 18	Ephesians 6:1-9
August 19	Ephesians 6:10-24
August 20	Philippians 1
August 21	Philippians 2:1-11
August 23	Philippians 2:12-18

*Create in me a pure heart,
O God, and renew a steadfast
spirit within me.*

~Psalm 51:10

This Week at GSLC August 17-23

Monday, August 17

6:30 PM Learning Matters!

Tuesday, August 18

1:30 PM Knitting
6:30 PM Middle Ground Bible
7:00 PM Council & Ministry
Teams
7:30 PM Praise Band

Wednesday, August 19

6:00 AM Men's Network

Thursday, August 20

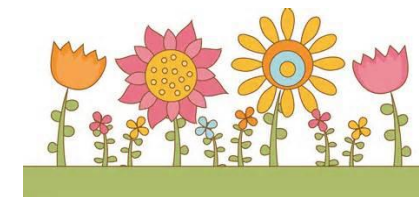
9:00 AM Thumbsmashers
9:00 AM Bible Discovery
1:00 PM Craft Team
6:30 PM Learning Matters!
7:00 PM Adult Bible Study

Friday, August 21

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

Sunday, August 23

9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Blood Pressure Check
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
5:00 PM Empty Nesters
6:00 PM Sr. High



Serving Today, August 16

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: Joanne & Tom Alvernaz, Jim & Sandie Knapp, Bryse Rochester, Carlee Thomson, Matthew Fitzgerald
Acolyte: Ty Thomson
Lector: Steven Trow
Sound: Jim Smith
Projection: LeRoy Gonzales

11:00 AM

Organist: Linda Buie
Elder: Dave Gale
Ushers: Bart Muller, Rob Geiger, Cyndi Gale, Doug Paul, John McCord, Michael McCord
Acolyte: Andrea Dunn
Lector: Patsy Geiger
Sound: TBA
Projection: Summer Barber



Coffee Hour for Today: 9:00 a.m. Preuss Family / 11:00 a.m. Otte Family

Altar flowers for today are provided by Clella Falke in loving memory of Ray & Terry Falke

Serving Next Sunday, August 23

9:00 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, Bryan Krough, Blaine Chance, Grace Willming
Acolyte: Ashlan Lucero
Lector: Andrew Knapp
Sound: Kevin Rickey
Projection: Andrew Preuss

11:00 AM

Organist: Linda Buie
Elder: Jim Smith
Ushers: Eileen Mitchell, Michael Barber, Summer Barber, Mikayla Schmidt
Acolyte: Calvin Paul
Lector: Tony Paul
Sound: John Otte
Projection: Clorinda Otte



Coffee Hour for 8/23: 9:00 a.m. Knapp & Gonzalez Families / 11:00 a.m. **No Volunteers**

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



Debbie Hall-Kohtinow
 Nelly Hammerling
 Bob & Billie Hastings
 Freda Hicks
 Don & Soni Hill
 Evan & Kelly Hitt

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).

Ruth Sperry, home, 1234 Edwards Dr., Turlock, CA 95380
Wayne Routt, home, 3431 Santos Ct., Turlock, CA 95382
Debbie Sperry, upcoming surgery, home, 2010 Kings Ct., Turlock, CA 95382



Sunday School Rally Day

Bubbles seem like one of the simplest of God's creations. It's amazing to see how each bubble is a little different than another. We're all different but God loves us just the same. Just like the bubbles, God created each of us uniquely! Join us for a bubble experiment on September 13 during the Sunday School time 10:20 am - 11:00 am - Bring a friend!

8/9/15, Attendance & Giving	
9:00 AM	140
11:00 AM	90
Sunday School	no tally
Sunday Offerings: \$ 10,578.21	
Capital Fund: \$ 105.00	
Total Offerings: \$10,683.21	

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

- Holy Trinity Lutheran, Rogers, AR
- Trinity Lutheran, Garnett, KS
- Redeemer Lutheran, Auburn, NY



Dish 'n That Potluck Game Night Sunday, August 30

Join us for another night of food, fun and fellowship. Bring a potluck dish to share. We will be meeting at 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Lit 'n' Latte

Our next selection will be *The Kitchen House: A Novel* by Kathleen Grissom (2010). It takes place on a "thriving plantation in Virginia, decades before the Civil War, where a dark secret threatens to expose the best and worst in everyone tied to the estate." Come join us on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at our neighborhood *Starbucks*, to enjoy a beverage and great book talk.

~Pam Youngdale



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). For a full length CD recording of a worship service, contact the office (667-7712).

Sr. High

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

Boardwalk Beach Blitz

Santa Cruz, September 18 - 19, 2015
Jr. High and High School youth get together for a chance to encounter God and fellowship with other teens from all over Northern California. This event is designed to meet you where you are on your Christian path, whether to strengthen your faith or to learn more about Jesus Christ. The cost is \$80 which includes a t-shirt, Santa Cruz boardwalk wristband and 2 meals. Sign-up with Jen. All monies need to be paid by September 13, 2015.

Community Outreach Holiday Craft Faire

November 12, 13, & 14, 2015

The Craft Faire committee is gearing up for this year's event. Our "seed" funding has changed, so we need your support more than ever to continue Good Shepherd's support for local agencies (ASPIRA, Westside Ministries, Teen Challenge, Salvation Army, etc.). Please keep your eyes open for sugar on sale—needed for jams & jellies, Sure Gel, 8 oz. jelly jars, seals and lids—do you have some at home in the cupboard or can you check out yard and garage sales. Join us on most Thursdays at 1:00 to work on the current project. Financial donations are welcome, too. Contact Jean White (669-8840) or Sandy Mann (634-8213) for more information.

Outreach Ministries

The Outreach team met on August 11.

- The Team members for 2015-2016 will be Becky Bailey, Margaret Routt, Judy Rexin, Pastor Ron and possibly one other person.
- Missionary Alvina Federwitz is retiring and will be returning to the US within the next two months.
- Valerie Stonebreaker will be brought back under LCMS World Missions. However, our Togo Lutheran Mission will continue to provide her financial support.
- Our LHM brochures in the Social Hall are now displayed on a new rack thanks to the Thumbsmashers.
- Our congregation provided a dinner for the Missionary Gospel Fellowship conference on 8/3. Joe Lorenzo headed up the cooking and serving crew. Thank you to all who helped.
- English and Spanish New Testaments have been received for distribution.
- 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 Togo Mission Trip team and Valerie provided presentations on 8/9.
- The Outreach team will be the organizer of monthly Community Outreach Events for our Transforming Churches Network. We begin with the Church Picnic on 9/20.
- We are getting designs to update our church brochure and we are ordering a new Easter banner.
- T-shirts for our church are being prepared. We hope to have them by the Church picnic.

- The team reviewed their outcomes for 2015-2016.

The next meeting will be Sept. 1. (Becky Bailey, Margaret Routt, Judy Rexin, and Pastor Ron)

Social Ministry Team

The team met on August 11:

- The Social Ministry team for 2015-2016 will be: Beth Bollinger, Judy Rexin, Pam Hoskins, Nancy Widdowson, Pastor Ron and one other person, who will be asked to serve.
- Verda's Diaper Drive will continue next year, but will only be held in the Fall.
- We will participate in Turlock Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Drive in Spring.
- The team will no longer publish a list of people willing to provide rides. However, the team will assist when a request is made.
- The team's monthly Sunday Moment was on 8/9 for the upcoming Blood Drive
- We will participate in the TGM Winter Shelter by providing meals and shelter for two weeks during the upcoming season. We will check out needed dates. The shelter was unable to open this Fall.
- We will consider providing monthly meals for We Care Men's Shelter.
- We reviewed our 4 new outcomes for 2015-2016. They will be further developed in September.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 1. 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.