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*Set your minds
on things above,
not on earthly
things.*

~Colossians 3:2



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**

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

August 23, 2015

Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (8/30) is the **14th Sunday after Pentecost**. The Scripture readings for that day are: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 119:129-136; Ephesians 6:10-20; Mark 7:14-23. 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.

Transforming Churches Network (TCN)

Our congregation will embark on two adventures beginning on September 9. Both adventures will help us live out the theme for this year, *“Empowered to Move Out with God’s Love”* from 1 John 3:18, *“Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.”* The first adventure will involve devoting 10 weeks (9/9–11/15) to a **Season of Moving Out**. Within those 10 weeks we will focus on *“Living a New Vision”* and *“Sharing the Gospel in Ways that Are Truly Good.”* The second adventure will begin on Jan. 10. The focus for those 10 weeks will be on a **Season of Empowerment**. More information will be made available as we draw closer to our launch date (9/9), which is also Rally Sunday.

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.

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.gsclt.att.net and register for the class or if you have any questions, contact Jim Knapp at 209-380-0528.

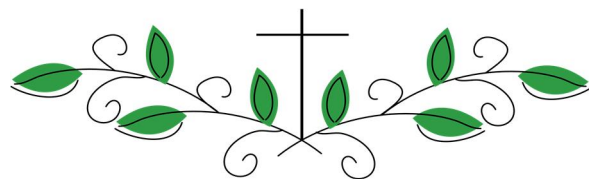
T-Shirts Theme & Logo

New Good Shepherd t-shirts are available. Check out the insert in today's News & Notes for ordering information. The front of the shirt is a connection to our sermon series several months ago, "I Am a Church Member." We love our church and are committed to serving the Lord Jesus through our church. The logo on the back of the shirt is our theme for this year, "Empowered to Move Out with God's Love." It is based on 1 John 3:18, "Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." The rescue vehicle on the logo reminds us that people in our community are in need of being rescued from the damaging effects of sin. Like us, they need God's love and forgiveness. So, we move out into our community to demonstrate and share God's love with others. Invite an unchurched friend to our Church picnic in Crane Park on 9/20 at 1:00 p.m.



Today's Reading Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (8/23) is: *The True Tradition of the Church is the Ministry of the Gospel of Christ Jesus, Her Savior.* The true tradition of the Church is the Gospel, which is the preaching and administration of Christ Jesus. Other traditions, although not commanded by God, may serve and support that sacred tradition of the Gospel. But the Church dare not "reject the commandment of God" in order to establish or hold to "the tradition of men" (Mark 7:8-9). Sinful people attempt to draw near to the Lord "with their mouth," and to honor Him "with their lips," while their hearts are far removed from Him (Is. 29:13). Yet, He is "the Holy One of Israel," who brings about salvation by His Cross. Therefore, "the wisdom of their wise men shall perish," but "the deaf shall hear," and "the eyes of the blind shall see" (Is. 29:14-19). This mystery of Christ is profound, for He is the Husband of the Church, and He is her Savior. Not because of any works that she has done, but solely for the sake of His great love, "He gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word" (Eph. 5:23-25).



Altar Guild Schedule

For Month of August

Jean White
Louise Rickey
Kay Wallace



Closer Walk Daily Readings

- August 23 Philippians 2:19-30
- August 24 Philippians 3:1-11
- August 25 Philippians 3:12-4:1
- August 26 Philippians 4:2-23
- August 27 Colossians 1:1-14
- August 28 Colossians 1:15-2:5
- August 29 Colossians 2:6-23

If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, to that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.
~1 Peter 4:11

This Week at GSLC August 24 - 30

- Monday, August 24**
6:30 PM Learning Matters!
- Tuesday, August 25**
1:30 PM Knitting
6:30 PM Middle Ground
6:30 PM NAMI
6:30 PM NAMI Peer to Peer
7:00 PM Praise Band
- Wednesday, August 26**
6:00 AM Men's Network
- Thursday, August 27**
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 28**
6:00 AM Men's Life
1:00 PM Stitches & Quilts
- Sunday, August 30**
9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
5:00 PM Dish 'n That Potluck/
Game Night
6:00 PM Sr. High



Serving Today, August 23

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

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 Today: 9:00 a.m. The Knapp & Gonzales Families / 11:00 a.m. John & Danna Shipman

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

Serving Next Sunday, August 30

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 Junker, Margaret Routt, Glen Stabelfield, Calvin Baker, Hannah Judish, Maddie Welch
Acolyte: Bella Green
Lector: Pam Youngdale
Sound: Bill First
Projection: Mark Grobner

Organist: Linda Buie
Elder: Jim Bollinger
Ushers: Beth Bollinger, Larry DeBora, Jim Harlan, Marvin Larson, Eileen Mitchell, Nathan Schmidt
Acolyte: Kylie Paul
Lector: Dr. Deborah Kavash
Sound: Doug Paul
Projection: Summer Barber

Coffee Hour for 9:00 a.m. Derek & Tracie Schell / 11:00 a.m. Mary Olson

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



Mark & Laura de la Motte
 Mel & Arlene de la Motte
 Jen & Troy de la Motte
(Brooke & Henry)
 Don & Soni Hill
 Carl & Betty Hillberg
 Rob & Sherrill Hillberg



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
Debbi Sperry, home, 2010 Kings Ct., Turlock, CA 95380
Marvin Larson, home, 500 N. Tully Rd., Spc. 44, Turlock, CA 95380

Be Still
 AND KNOW
 THAT I AM GOD

-PSALM 46:10

8/16/15, Attendance & Giving	
9:00 AM	148
11:00 AM	74
Sunday School	no tally
Sunday Offerings:	\$7,256.00
Capital Fund:	\$ 200.00
Total Offerings:	\$7,456.00

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



Mount Zion Lutheran, Denver, CO
St. Mark Lutheran, Steeleville, IL
St. Paul Lutheran, Evergreen, MN

Annual Church Picnic

The annual church picnic is set for September 20 at Crane Park. Please invite a friend, neighbor, or family member, who does not attend our church. See your Yellow form to see how you can help!

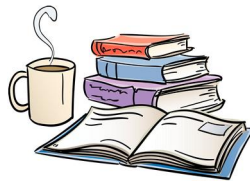
Dish 'n That Potluck Game Night Sunday, August 30

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.



Sr. High

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

Kingdom Quest

Kingdom Quest - is our new mid-week program for children 5 years - 4th grade that will take the place of FaithWeaver Friends. Kids have a great time experiencing Jesus and making friends. Kingdom Quest delivers solid Biblical learning through extraordinary creativity and fun. Classes start on September 9 at 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 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.



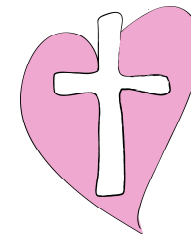
Craft Faire Committee Meeting

Today between services

Refresh, Re-energize & Reconnect With Marriage Encounter!

Whether you're newly married – or have been married for decades – good communication is the key to keeping your love relationship vibrant and strong! And only the right communication tools can help your relationship be all that it can be. A Marriage Encounter Weekend is for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Marriage Encounter Weekends have enhanced millions of marriages by teaching married couples a simple communication technique that allows them to privately explore important areas of their personal relationship in a spirit of love and understanding. By continuing to use this technique, husbands and wives can grow even closer and live more joyful and purposeful lives. The next weekend is in Rancho Cordova (east Sacramento), October 2-4. The registration cost is \$45.00. Please register by Sept. 4. A cost/couple price is given on the weekend. Couples may donate toward as they are able. Email or Call: Ted & Marty Hartman tnm-heart@gmail.com or 530-333-4628

Rejoice IN HOPE,
BE patient IN TRIBULATION
BE constant
IN PRAYER.
-ROMANS 12:12



Elders

The Elders met on August 12, 2015. Here is a summary of the meeting:

- Care ministry needs were discussed.
- The elders reviewed the involvement of the high school youth.
- Pastor Ron presented his report focusing on the definition of marriage in light of the Supreme Court ruling. A statement of our Biblical understanding of marriage will be presented to Council for adoption in our operational policy manual and wedding manual.
- The new elder manual was reviewed.
- The usher list was updated.
- The September Elder letter was approved for mailing to the congregation.
- The worship check list was reviewed.
- A policy for response to an active shooter will be developed.
- Elder and usher team assignments for 2015-2016 were discussed.

The next Elder's meeting is scheduled for Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m. (Dave Gale, Charlie Jahn, Ken Fitzgerald, Victor Martino, Jim Bollinger, Derek Schell, Jim Smith, Rick

peace
joy love self control
goodness patience
kindness faithfulness
gentleness

Youth Team

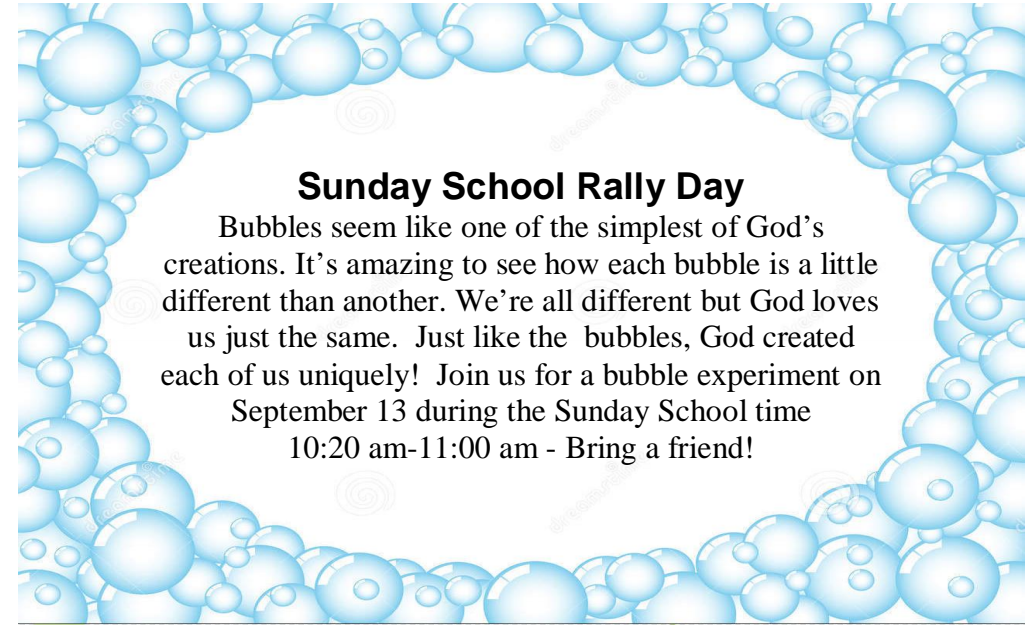
The Youth team met on August 10 and discussed the Sticky Faith Movement. The team went over the outcomes and action items. The team is reading a book entitled "Called to Stay" by Caleb Breakey and will discuss part one at the next meeting. Upcoming events for youth are Beach Blitz in Santa Cruz in September and Petal Pushers in Pasadena in December. The team voted to purchase the youth calendars that will be sold to help youth attending Petal Pushers. The team also brainstormed ways to include Confirmation students and college students in reunions where they could reconnect with their core groups. Activities will be planned in Nov. and Dec. for returning college students during their school breaks. Next months meeting will take place on September 7.

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).



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!



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:

*Your body has 10-12 pints of blood.
Your body will replenish that lost pint
in less than 48 hours.*

Sign-up today in the Social Hall.

September Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

1 - Jon Bailey	11 - Florence Dayton	21- Carol Ruiz
1 - Edith Yonan	12 - Tammy Coleman	22 - Petra Thompson
2 - Laura de la Motte	14 - Jim Knapp	24 - Ayla Dillon
2 - Mike Langgle	14 - Wayne Penrose	24 - Kelly Hitt
2 - Gavin Green	15 - Jen Hall	25 - Carl Hillberg
3 - Anna Lawrence	17 - Ed De Boer	26 - Gil Bostwick
3- Glisten Schmuff	18 - Vivian Martino	27 - Adam Schlecht
4 - Carter Van Gaalen	18 - Matthew Fitzgerald	27 - Kelly Hudelson
6 - Wayne Barber	18 - Bob Brandeberry	28 - Carol Prater
6 - Evan Fisher	19 - Laverne Desper	29 - Kortne Rochester
6 - Kali Gose	19 - Karl Torrison	30 - Rob Geiger
7 - Judy Ranheim	20 - Rachel Schmidt	30 - Brandi Young
8 - Jennifer Ferry	21 - Ernie Hildebrand	
9 - Cindy Chapman	21 - Martha Lorenzo	
9 - Glen Stabelfield	21 - Kevin Rickey	
10 - Bonnie Muller	21 - Margaret Routt	


 September Wedding Anniversaries

2 - Mike & Julia Bava	16 - Ron & Shellie Lloyd
7 - Kirk & Ruth Sperry	21 - Paul & Lisa Willming
8 - Wayne & Lavonne Penrose	22 - Rob & Brandi Young
9 - Ernie & Andrea Hildebrand	24 - Craig & Stephanie Baker
9 - Kris & Brenda Rickey	