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*If God is for
us, who can
be against
us?*

~Romans 8:31



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

News & Notes

Confirmation Sunday

May 1, 2016

Sunday Worship Next Week at GSLC

Next Sunday (5/8) is the 7th Sunday of Easter. We will use it to celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord, which is 5/5. The appointed Scripture readings for that day are: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53. The Praise Band will lead the music at 9:00 a.m. The organist will lead the music at 11:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir will provide music at the 11:00 a.m. service. It is also Mother's Day! A special reception will be held during the refreshment time in honor of mothers.

The BIG Big Band from Sweden

They are coming back! We have hosted this band 2 times in the past. During their first visit they performed at CSUS in the outdoor amphitheater. The last time they performed at the Turlock Community Theater. They are returning on Tuesday, June 21. They will perform at the Turlock Covenant Church, which is co-hosting the band with our congregation. This is a very talented music group that has a variety of music styles. All ages will enjoy them. Mark the date on your calendar. We **NEED** housing for the 45+ band members. Please check out the blurb on the yellow form. We need help to make this event possible. Thank you.

Over 70 years ago Eric Karp decided to start a youth band in order to impact the lives of young boys and girls for the sake of the Gospel. All these years later, under the direction of Eric's son, Ingemar, that band is still going strong; stronger than ever. The BIG Big Band from Sweden is coming to Turlock Covenant Church on June 21 2016. You won't want to miss the "biggest big band in the world".



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**

Bylaw Revision

The bylaws for our Endowment need to be revised in order to clarify how we nominate people to serve on that committee. The revision will be presented for a vote after our Congregational Meeting on May 18. The revision assigns the nomination procedure to the Church Council. The current bylaw does not state who is responsible for that procedure. This is the proposed revision: Three members of the congregation, nominated from the congregation through the Council, elected by the Voters, for a two-year term and subject to re-election for one additional two-year term. The italics, underlined section is the proposed addition.

Stewardship Team Summary from 4/19/16

1. Financial Peace University was conducted by Jim Knapp Jan. - March 2016.
2. A brief review was conducted of the Stewardship Emphasis in Fall 2015: "Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace."
3. The congregations 2015-2016 budget was reviewed. Several items were noted:
 - The congregation's offerings (July-March) are down \$29,443 from last year: \$380,964 (2015) compared to \$351,541 (2016).

- The Income vs. Expenditures for July 2015 - March 2016 is: \$351,541 (Income) - \$354,902 (Expenditures), which means we have a deficit of \$3,361.
4. The budget for 2016-2017 was prepared for the Church Council. Due to the current financial situation, the budget includes only increases that are necessary.

The next meeting will be held in Sept/Oct 2016.

Today's Readings Summaries

A summary theme for the appointed readings today (5/1) is: *Jesus Turns Sorrow into Joy*. On earth "you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy" (John 16:20). Already the Spirit grants you peace and joy through the forgiveness of your sins. For by the cross of Christ, "God has granted repentance that leads to life" (Acts 11:18). His Gospel is "a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household" (Acts 11:14). He gives freely "from the spring of the water of life" (Rev. 21:6), "and death shall be no more" (Rev. 21:4). He dwells with His people, adorning His Church as a bride for her husband, "making all things new" (Rev. 21:5). Therefore, as the Son of Man is glorified by His cross, "and God is glorified in Him" (John 13:31), so He is glorified in us by our "love for one another" (John 13:35), which His Spirit works in us by His grace.

Altar Guild

May
Amy Fitzgerald
Joanne Alvernaz
Grace McCord



The One Year Thru the Bible

May 1	Psalms 17:1-20:9
May 2	Psalms 21:1-24:10
May 3	Psalms 25:1-28:9
May 4	Psalms 29:1-32:11
May 5	Psalms 33:1-36:12
May 6	Psalms 37:1-41:13
May 7	Psalms 42:1-45:17

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

~Romans 8:33

This Week at GSLC May 2– 8

Monday, May 2

5:00 PM Youth Team
6:30 PM Handbells
6:30 PM Learning Matters!
6:30 PM NAMI

Tuesday, May 3

1:30 PM Knitting
6:30 PM Middle Ground
7:30 PM Praise Band

Wednesday, May 4

6:00 AM Men's Network
6:15 PM Softball @ Monte Vista
7:00 PM Choir
7:00 PM Adult Bible Study

Thursday, May 5

6:00 AM—9:00 PM Prayer Vigil
9:00 AM Thumbsmashers
9:30 AM Bible Discovery
1:00 PM Stitches & Quilts
3:30 PM Faith Basics 101-2
6:30 PM Learning Matters!

Friday, May 6

6:00 AM Men's Life
1:00 PM Craft Team

Sunday, May 8 - Mother's Day

9:00 AM Worship
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship

Mother's Day

Serving Today, May 1 - Confirmation Sunday

9:00 AM

Music: Praise Band
Praise Band Director: Beth Kirkpatrick
Praise Band Musicians: Andrew Hall, Justin DeFreitas, Elijah Mays
Elder: Charlie Jahn
Ushers: Derald Dunn, Dave Geiger, Rob Hillberg, Dave Jewish, Ed Juncker, Margaret Routt, Glen Stabelfeld, Calvin Baker, Hannah Jewish, Maddie Welch
Acolyte: Payton Hawkinson
Lector: Marcie Fernandes
Sound: Jacob Harcksen
Projection: Mark Grobner

11:00 AM

Organist: Linda Buie
Elder: Jim Bollinger
Ushers: Beth Bollinger, Larry DeBora, Marvin Larson, Steve & Eileen Mitchell, Jay Oldson, Nathan Schmidt
Acolyte: Sarah Dunn
Lector: Confirmation Class
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 John & Clorinda Otte
 in celebration of their 11th Wedding Anniversary

Serving Next Sunday, May 8 - 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: Rick Kaepernick
Ushers: Wayne Rickey, Charlie Jahn, Karl Jahn, Alex Jahn, Andrew Preuss, Kyle Rickey, Fallon Evans
Acolyte: Jordyn Chance
Lector: Mark de la Motte
Sound: Richard Spratling
Projection: Rob Hillberg

11:00 AM

Organist: Linda Buie
Choir Director: Dr. Deborah Kavasch
Music Students: Jasmine Woodall, Julia Acosta, Michael Bernal, Giancarlos Delgado-Braun
Elder: Derek Schell
Ushers: Joe Ulrich, Wayne Bailey, John Shipman, Carl Paul
Acolyte: Laura Gibson
Lector: Sandy Rethwisch
Sound: Dave Gale
Projection: Cyndi Gale

Coffee Hour for 5/8: 9:00 a.m. Men's Ministry / 11:00 a.m. Men's Ministry

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



Greg & Terry Goodwin
 Justin Goodwin
 Trisha Goodwin
 Derek & Tracie Schell
 (*Gregory & Amelia*)
 Stephanie Schell

Welcome New Confirmands

Andrea Dunn
 Jordyn Chance
 Sarah Graser
 Jenna Green
 Caden Lindquist
 Emily Lloyd
 Kaitlin Hinrikus
 Cameron Loesche
 Alaura Lucero
 Kylie Paul



4/24/16, Attendance & Giving
 9:00 AM 170
 11:00 AM 89
 Sunday School 24

Sunday Offerings: \$5,712.00
 Capital Fund: \$ 0.00
 Total Offerings: \$5,712.00

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).

Laura de la Motte, home, 2630 Marlee Dr., Turlock, CA 95380

Jerry Rexin, home, 3221 Mt. View Rd., Hughson, CA 95326

Ernie Conner, home, 3166 Station Avenue, Atwater, CA 95301

Gordon Thomas, Brandel Manor, 1801 N. Olive Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382

Betty Hillberg, Brandel Manor, 1801 N. Olive Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382

Mel de la Motte, Turlock Nursing, 1111 E. Tuolumne Road, Turlock, CA 95382

Ernie Hildebrand, home, 2728 Charlotte Ave., Ceres, CA 95307

Patsy Geiger, home, 2465 Franks Ct., Turlock, CA 95382

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



St. Matthew Lutheran, Hazen, ND
St. John Lutheran, Yankton, SD
St. Paul Lutheran, Amherst, WI

National Day of Prayer Vigil at GSLC

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's
Prayer Vigil will be



Thursday, May 5, 2016. 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

Our next book is *The Light Between Oceans*, the first novel by M.L. Stedman, and an Amazon Best Book of the Month 2012. If you've never met with us, or it's been awhile, come join us! We'll discuss it and select our first summer read on Wednesday, June 1, 6:30 pm, at our neighborhood *Starbucks*. Friends are always welcome, too!

~Pam Youngdale

Mark Your Calendars!

GSLC Women's Retreat
March 24-26, 2017
Villa Maria del Mar
Santa Cruz, CA

Watch for updates here and on our website: [gslc.org>ministries>women's ministries>women's retreat](http://gslc.org/ministries/women's_ministries/women's_retreat)

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.

Sr. High

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

Vacation Bible School June 13-17, 2016

Gear up for an adventure! Vacation Bible School - June 13 - 17, 2016 from 9 a.m. - Noon. Ground kids in the rock-solid foundation of God's love, a love that takes us through life's dark times. Kids will spend each day spelunking through activity stations with their Cave Crews. Ages 3 years - 6th grade. Sign-up today! Cost is \$15 per youth! See our website to register.

Love Turlock

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Volunteers are needed for the Love Turlock program. We need volunteers who are willing to work on a various number of projects. Check out their website, www.loveturlock.com. See your Yellow form and sign-up. If you have any questions, please contact Ayla Dillon at 620-6560.

2016 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.

Food 'n Fun

The next Food 'n Fun is scheduled for May 12 at 1:30 p.m. Bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and games.

Diaper Drive

The Diaper Drive held during the last two Sundays in April (17 & 24) received a warm and generous response from the congregation, with 10 packs of diapers donated, and another 6 large cartons of diapers purchased with funds collected. Also, 2 cartons of wipes were purchased. 1,340 diapers were donated from this drive alone! If we added up all the diapers donated from the past drives, the numbers would be INCREDIBLE, just like the GSLC congregation! A kind and grateful thank you to all of you.

~The Social Ministries Team

Social Ministry Team

The team met on April 26:

- The financial report was reviewed. We are waiting on all expenses for the TGM dinners to make a final financial assessment, but the dinners and shelter were a success.
- A Diaper Drive for Verda's House was completed. A report will be given in N&N.
- Tom Sperry will present a report in the near future about the school chaplaincy program.
- The Turlock Pregnancy Baby Bottle fundraiser will begin on May 8. 75 baby bottles will be handed out for people to fill. Funds will support Turlock Pregnancy Center.
- More "Resources for Shelter and Food" cards have been received for distribution by anyone. They are available at the Information Center in the Social Hall.

- The Big Rock outcome for Social Ministries is: A special event was held for children and youth to honor their parents. The SMART outcome plan is: SPECIFIC: It is an event to bring parents and children/youth together as a way for them to honor their parents. It will include games and ice cream at GSLC on Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m. People who attend will be invited by children/youth. MEASUREABLE: The first measure will be when we have a team in place to implement the event. We will have reached our outcome when the event has been held. ATTAINABLE: The additional resource we need are: someone to organize the event; someone to develop an invitation and organize youth/children to send them out; someone to organize games and refreshments with youth/children; someone to staff a nursery for young children. RELEVANT: We want to reach this outcome to help youth/children experience being part of the ministry of our church. TIMELY: We will have a team in place to plan and implement this event by June 6. We will reach our outcome by Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 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, Danna Shipman and Pastor Ron.