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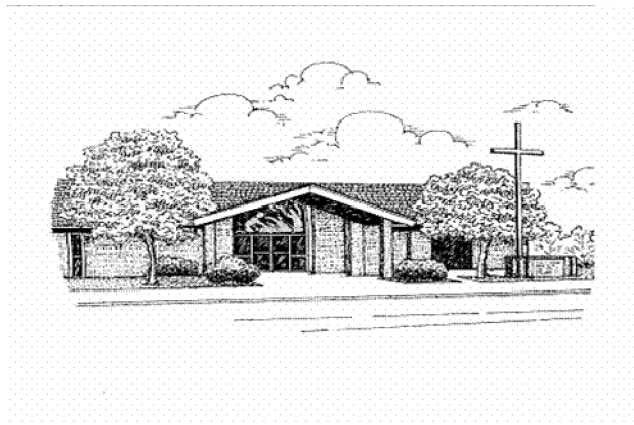
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Keep your lives free
from the love of money
and be content with
what you have.

-Hebrews 13:5



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWS & NOTES

Sunday Worship

Today and the next two Sundays provide an opportunity for us to emphasize that we are stewards of God's grace for our community. *"They gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability."* (2 Cor. 8:3) We are stewards of God's resources for others. It is that reality that propels us to reach outward for others in our community. The three Sunday themes are:

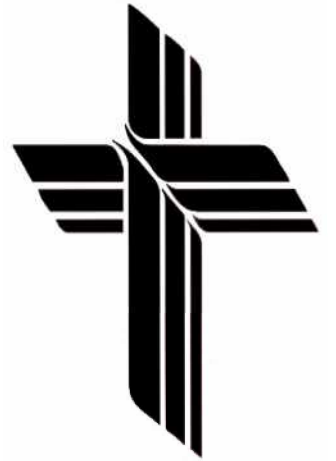
Today We begin with the theme **"Cheerful and Beyond."** The Scripture readings are: 1 Chronicles 29:1-9; 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-14; Matthew 23:23-28.

11/16/08 The theme for the second week is **"Leaps of Faith."** The Scripture readings are: 1 Kings 17:7-16; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Mark 12:41-44.

11/23/08 This is Response Sunday! The theme is **"Define Rich."** The Scripture readings are Haggai 1:1-11; 1 Timothy 6:3-10; Luke 12:13-21.

Thanksgiving Day Worship

"This is the day the Lord has made." We are fortunate to live in a country that sets aside a day to give thanks to God. On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, we will gather together as a community to thank and praise God. The service begins at 10:00 a.m.



NOVEMBER 9, 2008

Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

EACH WEEK

Sunday Worship
8:00 AM
10:30 AM

Sunday School
9:15 AM

Ministry Team
The Congregation
Rev. Ron Youngdale
Jennifer de la Motte
Rev. Oren Geiger
Valerie Stonebreaker
Kali Williams

***Embrace God's
Future...
For us and for the
world***

Bits & Pieces

Advent Worship



We have 3 special worship services planned for the Advent season. They will be offered on Sunday evenings: 11/30, 6:30 p.m., Handbells and St. Nicholas; 12/7, 6:30 p.m., *The Christmas Family*, a presentation by the children; 12/14, 7:30 p.m., Handel's *Messiah* at Turlock Community Theatre.

The Tither's Surprises

The Christian who begins to tithe will be surprised:

1. At the amount of money he has for the Lord's work.
2. At the extent to which his own spiritual life deepens.
3. At the ease with which the nine-tenths that remains meets his own financial obligations.
4. At the ease with which he can give even more than one-tenth.
5. At the way in which tithing prepares him to be a faithful and wise steward over all his possessions.
6. At himself for not beginning to tithe sooner.

New Sunday Worship Schedule

New worship times will involve changes for all of us. It is exciting that we have made the decision to provide worship at times that will be more conducive for parents with younger children, young adults and visitors. Also, offering a weekly contemporary service and a weekly classic service will provide people with options for worship styles. The Bible does not mandate a specific worship style, but it does call us to worship every week. Find your style (contemporary or classic) and your time (9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.). Prepare to be blessed, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

Sock Drive for Verda's House

We had a great response to the sock drive for Verda's House with 278 pairs of socks and the sum of \$226.29 donated by the congregation. It was decided by Social Ministries since a large amount of socks were received that they should purchase underwear as well. The final tally was a total of 233 pairs of underwear for both boys and girls and 330 pairs of socks were bought and donated. Verda's House was very appreciative of the items donated.



NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD
Irmgard Hack
LaVonne Oldson

Daily Bible Readings

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| Sun. (11/9) | Psalm 104 |
| Mon. (11/10) | Psalm 105 |
| Tues. (11/11) | Psalm 144 |
| Wed. (11/12) | Psalm 145 |
| Thu. (11/13) | Psalm 146 |
| Fri. (11/14) | Psalm 147 |
| Sat. (11/15) | Psalm 148 |



He who pursues righteousness
and love finds life, prosperity
and honor.

-Proverbs 21:21

This Week at GSLC November 10 - 16

Monday, November 10

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| 10:00 AM | Social Ministry |
| 4:30 PM | GSLC Prayer Team |
| 6:00 PM | Open Gym |
| 6:45 PM | Handbells |

Tuesday, November 11—Veteran's Day Office Closed

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| 9:30 AM | Bible Discovery |
| 7:00 PM | Bunco |
| 7:00 PM | Praise Band |
| 7:00 PM | Busy Hands |

Wednesday, November 12

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| 6:00 AM | Men's Life |
| 8:30 AM | Bible Discovery |
| 5:45 PM | Confirmation |
| 6:30 PM | Faithweavers |
| 7:00 PM | Adult Bible Study |
| 7:30 PM | Choir |

Thursday, November 13

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| 9:00 AM | ThumbSmashers |
| 10:00 AM | Friends Bible Study |

Friday, November 14

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| 6:00 AM | Men's Life |
| 2:00 PM | Stitches & Quilts |

Sunday, November 16

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| 8:00 AM | Worship |
| 9:15 AM | Sunday School |
| 10:30 AM | Worship |
| 1:00 PM | Envisioning Mtg |
| 6:00 PM | Sr. High |

Serving Today, November 9

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| <p>8:00 AM</p> <p>Music: Praise Band: Beth Kirkpatrick Elder: Mark de la Motte Ushers: Wayne & Louise Rickey, Karl & Alex Jahn, Adam Lawrence, Hayden Gose Usher Team Acolytes: Ryan Bava, Stuart Backstrom, Tim Truax Lector: Charlie Jahn Sound: Richard Spratling Projection: Rob Hillberg Counters: Bill First, Sandy Mann Coffee: Donuts</p> | <p>10:30 AM</p> <p>Organist: Jared Pierce Choir Director: Dr. Deborah Kavasch Elder: George Meyer Ushers: Joe Ulrich, Wayne Bailey, Tim & Adam Schlecht, Tim Jensen, David Lloyd Usher Team Acolytes: Adam Lloyd, Noah Villanueva Lector: Gerry Ratzlaff Sound: Dave Gale Projection: Greg Bailey Counters: David Yonan, Jim Harlan Coffee: Thrivent:: Linda Brown & Barbara Spratling</p> |
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Altar Flowers for November 2 & 9 provided by Rob & Patsy Geiger in honor of Candace's birthday and Rev. Oren & Lucille Geiger's wedding anniversary

Serving Next Week, November 16

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| <p>8:00 AM</p> <p>Music: Praise Band Elder: Greg Goodwin Ushers: Tom Alvernaz, Gil Bostwick, Peter Duffy, Jim Knapp, Amanda Edwards Usher Team Acolytes: Lilli Backstrom, Alex Knapp, Andrew Knapp Lector: Gil Bostwick Sound: TBA Projection: Daniel Grobner Counters: Peter Duffy, Amber Bostwick Coffee: No Volunteers</p> | <p>10:30 AM</p> <p>Organist: Jared Pierce Elder: John Otte Ushers: Nicole Barber, Summer Barber, Cody Oldson Usher Team Acolytes: Titus Judish, Andrew Preuss Lector: Troy de la Motte Sound: TBA Projection: Micah Judish Counters: Warren Bailey, Irmgard Hack Coffee: No Volunteers</p> |
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"Family" News

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



Allison Borges
 Donna Borges
 Jeff & Ginger Chance
(Blaine & Jordyn)
 Ron & Robyn Porter
 John & Carol Prater
 Kaila Prater

Welcome

We welcome Bella Mae Schlecht, daughter of Austen and Jennifer Schlecht, who will be baptized today at the 8:00 a.m. service.

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| November 2nd, Attendance & Giving | |
| 8:00 AM | 119 |
| 10:30 AM | 156 |
| Sunday School | 42 |

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| Total Offerings: | \$11,651.42 |
| Capital Fund: | \$1,405.00 |

Correction to October 26th Giving
Total Offerings: \$6,426.55
Capital Fund: \$ 75.00

Care & Prayer

If you know of someone who is in need of care ministry, please pray for them and call Louise Rickey at the church (667-7712). If you have a prayer need in your life, call Pastor Ron or leave your name with the church office. Please be praying for the following people:

Carol Truax, home, 2159 Garden Lane, Turlock, CA 95382
Helen Kohne, Turlock Nursing & Rehab. 1111 E. Tuolumne Rd., Turlock, CA 95382
Bob Hoskins, home, 472 W Springer Dr, Turlock, CA 95382
Cliff McBeath, home, 2062 Spring Blossom, Spring Crest, Turlock, CA 95382

Ladies

Mark your calendars for January 16-18, 2009, our 4th Annual Women's Retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista.

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



Grace Lutheran, Mobile, AL
Our Redeemer Lutheran, Elkton, MD
Cristiana Hispana, Cleveland, OH

Ministry News

People Committee

The people committee met on Nov. 4. The committee evaluated the reviews of the office staff and ministry staff. The Personnel Manual was reviewed. A few minor changes were made. The Concordia Health Plan option that is available for full time staff was examined. No plan changes will be made in the coming year. The committee will look into offering the Concordia Retirement Savings Plan to full time employees. The next meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2009, 7:00 p.m. (Tim Schlecht, Louise Rickey, Charlie Jahn, Doug Kirkpatrick, Jim Smith, Greg Goodwin and Pastor Ron)



Outreach Ministry Team

The team met on Nov. 4. One important area of our ministry involves missionaries. The Missions Board is to keep us informed of their work and needs. We need several more people to be regular contacts for a specific missionary. The team will use the Yellow Form to get names of interested people. A letter about missionary Kali Williams and her financial needs will

be sent to the congregation the week of Thanksgiving. Outreach report forms were received regarding VBS and the church picnic. The team uses the forms to encourage activities in our church to be outreach focused. The Visitor/Information Center in the Social Hall on Sundays needs attention. The team will use the Yellow Form to recruit someone to be the visitor center coordinator to assess needs and design. A worship invitation post card is being printed with our new worship times. A Dialog Evangelism training course will be offered starting in February 2009. A new outside banner is being ordered to display the new worship hours for the community. The team will be offering outreach materials for use during the Craft Faire. We will be recruiting people to help distribute invitations to the Messiah Concert during the Festival of Lights parade on Dec. 5. The team is implementing plans to make every Sunday a visitor friendly experience. A key component is having ushers stationed at both entry doors to verbally greet people and open the doors. During the month of January every Sunday will be a name tag Sunday. The next team meeting is scheduled for Dec. 2, 4:30 p.m. (Becky Bailey, Margaret Routt, Tony Lorenzo, and Pastor Ron)

Youth News

Youth Events

Sr. High—Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.

Open Gym—5th - 12th Grade Youth - Open Gym - Mondays at 6 pm - open to all who enjoy playing basketball. A great way to meet new people and stay in shape.

Petal Pushers—Dec 27 - Jan 1 - Sr.

High and older . What is Petal Pushers? Petal Pushers is a group of 4,000 volunteers who decorate five Rose Parade floats in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. Each year, volunteers from across the nation assemble in December during Detail and Decorating Days to decorate the Lutheran Hour Float and other commercial sponsor's floats. Our volunteers range in age from 13 to 96. The Lutheran Hour Ministries has been proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Pasadena Rose Parade for the past 59 years. See Jen for more information regarding this service opportunity!

Harvest Festival - Thank you to all the families who came out for the Harvest Festival. This year we had around 45 people attend the Harvest Festival, 13 of

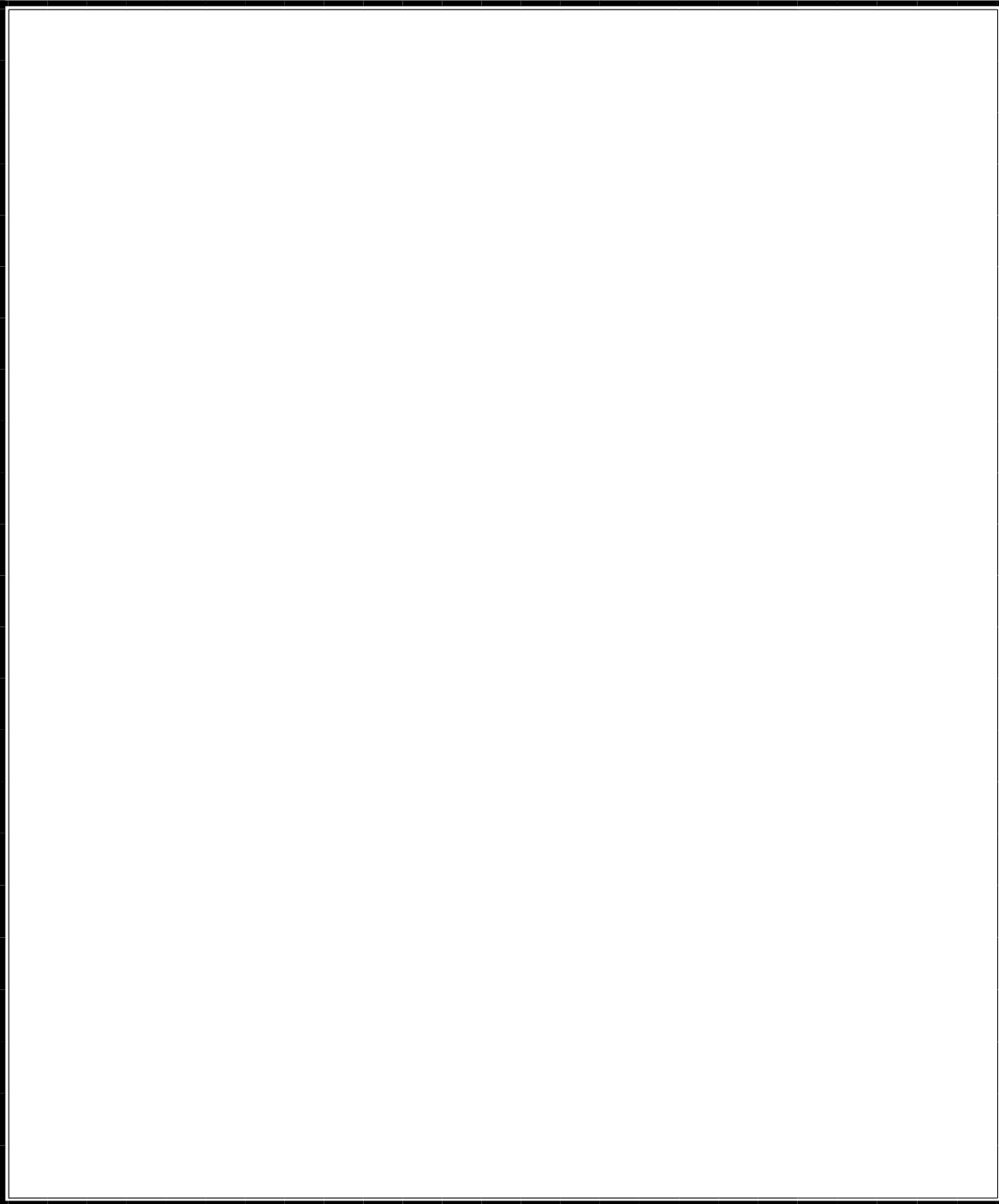
which were not members of our congregation. I really enjoyed seeing the creative costumes and being able to spend Halloween with our church families. It was our goal to provide a safe place where your children could come play, have fun and of course be treated to candy.

Thanks again! *Jennifer*



Youth Meeting Minutes

The team met on Nov. 3 at 5 p.m. The team reviewed the budget and was updated on how the team was doing financially. The next big event is Petal Pushers scheduled for December 27 through January 1 in Pasadena, Ca. The team proposed a future game night that would include all members of the congregation. The team also discussed future events to include college age and youth who have not been attending. A mission trip is scheduled for Spring Break. The youth auction will take March 29 and the team is seeking donations from businesses to help support this fundraiser. The team discussed space issue problems upstairs and the need for chairs or an alternative seating arrangements. Members present: Jen de la Motte, Troy de la Motte, Dave Judish, and Lori Smith.



Craft Faire News & Updates

December 4th, 5th & 6th

Financial donations are very much appreciated. Your financial donation will be used to defray the cost of ingredients in food preparation. A check is payable to **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** indicating *“for Craft Faire”*. Hand to an usher, leave in church office, or see Irene Cohrs or Bonnie Muller.

Questions on food item. See Judy Ranheim (634-5584)

Help in the kitchen & with serving? Sign up or see Bonnie Muller (632-4573)

Your help on any Committee is appreciated. See a Committee Chairperson, Irene Cohrs, or Bonnie Muller.

Questions on what to donate? Check out and complete a *donation form*. Hand it to an usher or leave in the church office.

More Questions - See Sandy Mann (634-821) or Irene Cohrs (664-1778)

Can you help bake gingerbread houses? See Jean White (669-8840)

Do you have pictures of church functions from which you made a DVD? Some suggestions: church picnics, camping trips, fishing trips, VBS, Christmas, church dinners, youth, women’s retreat. These are being gathered to put together a continuous showing during the three-day faire. Are you computer savvy? Want to help? See Jennifer de la Motte.

Coats 4 Kids Coat Drive

Westside Ministries is again accepting new and used coats and jackets in all sizes. Any coat, jacket or monetary donations can be dropped off at GSLC by November 16. Thereafter, donations of coats and jackets will be accepted by Carr’s Cleaners and Westside Ministries until December 11.



Busy Hands

The last meeting of Busy Hands will be November 18. They will resume on Tuesday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. and will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month thereafter.



The Salvation Army Needs You

It’s that time again to ring bells for the Salvation Army. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex for the days of December 15-17. Please sign-up as many times as you would like.

LWML Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19 at 9:30 a.m.

The Joy of Giving

There is a story of a woman who saw a poor barefoot child roaming the street of a large city. She took the child by the hand to the closest shoe store, and bought the little girl socks and shoes. With “happy feet” the little girl ran gleefully from the store.

Disappointed that she had not even received a word of gratitude from the child, the woman paid for the socks and shoes. As she walked out the shop door, the little girl came back to the store, eyes bright with excitement. “Are you God’s wife?” she asked the woman. Smiling, the woman said, “No, but I am God’s child.” The little girl said, “I knew that you were some kin of His.”



As God’s people, nurtured by Word and Sacrament, we are transformed into His likeness. Christ’s character becomes our character, and we become more like Him. Because His goodness flows through us, we are able to offer shoes and socks to those who are in need. Our eyes are opened to opportunities that need our support and our hearts willingly share what we are able. We are stewards of God’s love and generosity to the whole world. As Jesus said, “*It is more blessed to give than to receive.*” (Acts 20:35)

If you are not experiencing the joy of giving, ask God to change your heart so you can grow in your giving and become a cheerful giver. Please join us as we, with God’s grace, take a leap of faith in our giving during our **Ten for Ten** emphasis.

Tithing: A Leap of Faith

FIRST SUNDAY OF GIVING 10% FOR 10 WEEKS

Today is the first step for many in their leap of faith. To tithe is to put your trust and devotion in the Lord. As you grow closer to Him you will grow in the grace of giving. The tithe is a Biblical benchmark that expresses gratitude and thanksgiving for all the blessings and gifts that God has given you. Tithing acknowledges God’s ownership of all things and His grace in providing you with all you need to support your body and life.

May God grant you His Spirit to open your hearts and hands. May God’s blessings remain with you as you continue the faithful stewardship of the many blessings entrusted to your care.

