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October Newsletter Articles Due September 23



September

Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church
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Worship Schedule:
Two Service Schedule Returns
on September 15
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

A Message from our Interim Pastor

Sometimes congregations fear that they are in a "holding pattern" while waiting for their new pastor. Anxiety can make it difficult to see that ministry, both internal and external, continues to happen! Take a look at some of the positive things that have happened just this past summer:

- -Eight people have decided to join GLSC and will be accepted as new members on Sept. 8. They are passionate about studying the Bible, inviting people to church, and serving Christ. And they say GSLC people are friendly and gifted!
- Emilie's Produce Patch is a big success, with people sharing bountiful produce that otherwise might have been thrown away.
- The summer children's Bible Story Time during coffee hour was loved by the little ones and allowed them to hear some of the foundational Bible stories.
- The worship leaders heard the desire by some to have songbooks for the contemporary-worship songs, so songbooks were made and have been very helpful. Also, when the contemporary worship moves back into the Fellowship Hall on Sept. 15, it will be easier for those with mobility issues to be part of the group.
- Friends Feeding Friends turns in a detailed report to the council each month detailing how many individuals and families are being served through this congregation.
- Your Ministry Site Profile is now being written based on the input of those who considered together – with guidance of the Holy Spirit – what GSLC will focus on in the near future.
- Many of you took a chance and invited someone to the 60th celebration on Sept. 8.
 - And hello! 60 years of serving God and God's people!!!

We enter autumn celebrating those 60 years and hearing Christ's call to continued commitment to discipleship. The gospel texts for September include many parables – those challenging stories Jesus told to try to jolt us from complacency or misunderstanding about what it means to follow Jesus.

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We hear that when we give a banquet (a 60th anniversary brunch?!) we are to invite "the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind." (Luke 14:13) And we hear those most challenging words of Jesus: "Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:22)

This congregation is not in a holding pattern. You are doing the internal work of looking at congregational dynamics and discerning God's call to GSLC, and you are doing the external work of reaching out and serving, all while anticipating moving forward with a new pastor in the year to come!

- Interim Pastor Lori Eickmann

California Lutheran University regents OK merger with seminary

PLTS in Berkeley will become part of California Lutheran University

On Friday, August 23, 2013, the Board of Regents at California Lutheran University unanimously approved the merger with PLTS at their regular board meeting in Thousand Oaks, California. We give thanks to God for these good partners and for the blessed future we will share as Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary of California Lutheran University! The decision does not come as a surprise as we have been working together toward this day with high trust and good will now for nearly three years. While there are a few steps that need to take place before the merger is finalized, this is indeed a time to give thanks and celebrate!

CLU and PLTS are both schools of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America with complementary missions. The merger will allow them to share resources and enhance the educational programs of both institutions. PLTS and CLU faculty will be able to collaborate to support each other's programs, develop new approaches to teaching, and deliver shared programs for the ELCA. Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary will continue to be a full seminary and remain at its current location.



Yes, it's that time of the year again! Social Ministry is once again collecting school supplies to assist needy families in our community as the kids head back to school. Backpacks, notebooks, crayons, pencils, erasers, paper, rulers, pencil boxes, markers, etc. for 1st-12th grade are needed. Please put your contribution in the 'Back to School' box in the Narthex, or drop off at the church office during the week.

Thank You! Social Ministry

Thanks From Friends Feeding Friends!

Friends Feeding Friends would like to shout THANK YOU to Amy Harris for her amazing donations!

On her birthday, Amy asked for donations for the needy instead of presents. Amy and her friends have blessed many in our local community.

Thank you Amy and friends!!!!

- Dana Deniston



Youth News

Our Youth Group will begin meeting on the 2nd Sunday of the month after Confirmation class, starting on September 8 at 1:00 p.m. More news coming soon...

Confirmation class begins at Noon on September 15 in the Fireside Room. Bring a sack lunch.

We have a lot to celebrate!

Good Shepherd has a lot to celebrate!

By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has served Christ faithfully for 60 years! We are celebrating that on Sunday, September 8 – the last Sunday of combined worship services.

It will be a wonderful day to:

- * Worship God and give thanks for the talents and treasures of GSLC.
- * Welcome new members.
- * Bring non-perishable food items to place at the altar to help feed the hungry through Friends Feeding Friends and SHARE. We do God's work with our hands as partners in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.
- * Enjoy food and one another's company at a potluck brunch after worship.

Invite someone you know to come and worship at GSLC with you on Sept. 8 at 9:30 a.m. as we give thanks for the gospel of Jesus Christ and for this congregation's proclamation of that good news for 60 years. The celebration continues with brunch at 10:45 a.m. God has blessed Good Shepherd, and the Holy Spirit is calling us to faithfully into a future of continued service in Christ's name!

September Birthdays

Logan Neely	01
Karin Bohling	03
Hayley Rodemsky	03
Kai Patrick	06
Celeste McCullough	07
Joan Filibert	14
Alden Johnson	15
Pat Brack	17
Greg Buchholz	20
James Christiana	26
Delphia Rue	26
Brandon Arnold	30



Minutes from the Council Meeting of August 13, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Sue Hertless.

Present were; Sue Hertless, Pr. Lori Eickmann, Leone McCullough, Donna Albrecht, Herb Yonge, Jim Olson, Victor Olmedo, Jon Moss, Linda Rodemsky Absent; Mark Deniston and Laura Mott

Emilie Patton was present. Herb moved to elect Emilie to Council, Seconded by Jon Moss, msc. Emilie will serve as Fellowship Chair.

Prayer was led by Sue Hertless.

Sue recognized:

Emily Patton for originating the Produce Patch that enables members to share their excess produce, Property and Long Range Planning Committees for their hard work on many projects around the campus and for the Council, and Linda Rodemsky for filling in on the Sound Board in the Sanctuary.

The Minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Long Range Planning presented an updated proposed contract for the lease with SBA Network Services and Good Shepherd regarding the lease for the communication tower on the upper portion of the church property. The lease will pay Good Shepherd \$2,500 per month for a period of thirty years. Leone moved to accept the recommended lease, Jon seconded. msc.

A guitar player has been found to play at the church's 60th anniversary event. His fee is \$100. Donna moved that we engage this musician at this fee, Herb seconded. msc.

The glass portion of the cross that is carried at the front of the processional and recessional is broken beyond repair. The first bid for repairing it was \$700. Worship and Music will explore other options. Donna moved to grant Worship and Music a budget of up to \$500 to make repairs or replace in order to facilitate the process. Herb seconded the motion. msc

Pastor discussed her report.

The Finance Committee, represented by Herb, discussed a possible salary range for our new pastor. Depending on that person's experience, the range for salary and housing is expected to be between \$53,000 and \$72,000. Benefits are negotiable, but are expected to cost an additional thirty percent over the salary/housing figure.

Leone moved to accept the Finance Committee recommendations for salary range, Jon seconded. msc

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The Finance Committee also discussed salaries for current employees for 2014 as they need to be included in the upcoming budget. A motion was made to give a cost-of- living increase of 3% to all hourly staff and a salary increase of \$500 to the Choir Director. msc

Leone McCullough moved that 40 new ELW Hymnals be purchased using money from the Memorial Fund. Emilie seconded the motion. msc

Leone reported that Worship and Music is requesting to move the second service back to Fellowship Hall when it resumes on September 15, and she moved that Council agree. Herb seconded. msc

Herb moved to adjourn at 9 p.m. Jon seconded. msc The adjournment was followed by prayer.

Submitted by Donna Albrecht



Please accept my heartfelt thanks for everyone's support of my Relay for Life with the American Cancer Society. The event was held from August 3 to 4 in Clayton and was an amazing success.

Your donations helped me achieve my goal of being the #1 Fundraising Team! I am very grateful for everyone's prayers, cards and participation.

- Christy Harris

Wedding Anniversaries

Michael and Sherry Chaplin September 1, 1977

> Steve and Joann Rossi September 15, 1984

Robert and Kelly Schaefer September 16, 2000

James and Kristie Gray September 19, 1992

Dave and Marcy Munson September 21, 1963

Mark and Dana Deniston September 24, 1988

Jon and Heidi Moss September 27, 1997

GOOD SHEPHERD INCOME STATEMENT AS OF July 2013 OVER (UNDER) INCOME: ACTUAL BUDGET **BUDGET** \$86,422 Pledges \$89,202 \$ (2,780)Unpledged 12,342 15,605 (3,263)Other (Tower, Rent, etc.) 64,411 66,281 (1,870)**TOTAL INCOME** 171,088 (7,913)LESS TOTAL EXPENSES (158, 123)(167,719)9,596 **NET INCOME** \$ 5,052 \$ 3,369 \$ 1,683

A Request from our Counters

Please use your Offering envelopes when making your contributions.
Thank you!

Thank you for your Financial Support

Interim Ministry update, Sept. 2013 newsletter

The recent visioning sessions and call-process update raised memories, discussion and concerns about the call process, the synod's role, and congregational dynamics. So in the spirit of those "myth/fact" features that have become popular in news articles and broadcasts, here is my version:

Comment – The interim process takes too long, or is being "dragged out."

Consider – Some people feel the process is too lengthy, and others say it has allowed helpful reflection. As your interim pastor, I assure you that I'm not purposefully prolonging the process. Remember two things:

- I GSLC didn't begin the interim process until six months after your previous pastor left due to his severance package, so the interim work began later than is typically the case. As there are too few trained interims in the synod, it would be wrong for me to extend my time with a congregation unnecessarily.
- 2—The focus of interim ministry is a) looking at the congregation's internal dynamics to address any past or present issues, and b) taking a fresh look at mission. The first is on-going, and the point of the visioning events was to address the second. With that completed, your MSP is now being written.

Comment – The synod doesn't have good candidates available, or sends call committees "bad" pastors.

Consider – Since both local and nationwide pastors can be considered, there is a wide pool of pastoral candidates, and many calls work out wonderfully. Rev. Nancy Feniuk Nelson, bishop's associate, is aware that GSLC has not fared well with a couple of past pastors, and she has told the council and call committee that she is giving special attention to the candidate list she'll offer. NOTE: Some of you may not realize that your immediate past pastor's name was NOT offered by synod; he was requested as a candidate by the call committee on a member's recommendation after the committee decided against the candidates the synod staff had sent.

Comment — We get excited about something, but then it doesn't happen or stops after a short time.

Consider – There may be several reasons why such a pattern develops in a congregation. One thing I've heard here that some people are hesitant to commit to classes, projects or programs because of their other commitments, such as kids' activities or travel. So while people like knowing that a certain program is available, they may not be present enough to truly support it; then when too few people attend, the leader and other participants lose energy and the program fizzles.

I hope this is helpful. Let me know if there are other topics that you'd like to see addressed.

- Interim Pastor Lori Eickmann

STIR UP YOUR POWER, STIR UP OUR HEARTS

An Invitation from Worship for Baptismal Living, A Discipling Team of Sierra Pacific Synod

On October 5, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lodi the Discipling Team of Worship for Baptismal Living will be holding an event for all people of our Synod. Congregation members, rostered leaders, anyone involved or interested in exploring living our of baptismal promises during Advent. There will be workshops held throughout the day. Lunch is provided. Register online: spselca.org. Cost is \$10 per person until September 21 when cost will increase to \$15 per person.

Pictures from Part 2 of the Visioning Event

Sunday, August 11 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00

Thank you to photographer Joe Carlson





We are...

(physical description and personality of GSLC)

We want to...

(central themes, what we want to accomplish)

We are seeking... (specific traits and skills of our next pastor)



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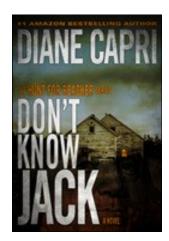


GOOD SHEPHERD BOOK CLUB

Great Summer Read for GS Book Club!

Who doesn't love taking a summer break to read a thriller? At our Good Shepherd Book Club, our summer read this year is Diane Capri's "Don't Know Jack". This "what if?" thriller takes off on the Jack Reacher character by Lee Child (with his wholehearted approval). The main characters are FBI agents sent on a quest to find Reacher so they can solve the case. Of course, Reacher won't be found unless he wants to be... but can he help them solve the case without him?

On September 17 at 7:30 pm, join us in the Fireside Room to discuss this thrill-aminute novel. Questions? Contact Donna at donna-at-albrechts.com





"How to Read the Bible" Class Coming in September A 5 week course beginning on Sunday, Sept. 22

Beginning September 22, between services, Pastor Lori will be teaching "How to Read the Bible". The book we will be reading and studying together is: **About the Bible: Short Answers to Big Questions by Terence E. Fretheim.**

There is a sign-up in the Narthex this morning. Please let us know if you plan on attending and if you would like to purchase the book through the church office. Note: The book order through the office will be placed on Monday, Sept. 9. You can purchase the eBook and paperback through most online booksellers.

Second Service begins again on September 15, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. First Service returns to 8:30 a.m.

Our 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service will begin anew on Sunday, Sept. 15.

Note: The service will be held in the Fellowship Hall each week.

LEISURE LUNCH RETURNS SEPTEMBER 17

It's time once again to gather our Leisure Lunchers from their summer travels!

Our next lunch will be on Tuesday, September 17 from 12:00-1:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing everybody and sharing our summer stories. Feel free to bring a friend or invite somebody new to enjoy our Leisure Lunch fellowship.

Call Susan or Bob Ripley at 925-827-9717 for menu questions, rides, or just to chat! See you then!



September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 Worship (CH) 10:30 a.m. Refreshment (FH) 6:00 p.m. Women's NA (FH)	2 Labor Day Office Closed in Observance of Holiday	m	4 3:00 p.m. Worship and Music Committee (FH) 7:00 p.m. NA (FH)	5 9:00 a.m. Senior Food (FH) 2:00 p.m. Finance Comm. (FH) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Upstairs) 7:00 p.m. Property/Long Range	6 NOON Council Packet Reports due in office	7
8 60th Anniversary 9:30 Worship (CH) 10:30 a.m. CELEBRATION GSLC 60th Anniversary 1:00 p.m. Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Women's NA (FH)	6	10 7:00 p.m. Council (FH)	1 I 9:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 7:00 p.m. NA (FH)	12 10:00 a.m. Ruth's Circle (FH & FR) Noon DVLC Board (FH) 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Upstairs)	<u>s</u>	4
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CH = Church FH = Fellowship Hall FR = Fireside Room

Friends Feeding Friends An outreach ministry that serves needy in our county

Sarah Jean's Dream at age 4

"So people who are really hungry have food."



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Located east of the Salvation Army church between West Street and Mendocino Avenue Concord, CA

Loaves & Fishes catering kitchen: 510 Garcia, Suite H Pittsburg, CA

Friends Feeding Friends
Highlights for the Past Month

276 People helped with groceries

Meals providedPeople furnishe

27 People furnished12 Churches helped FFF

8 Shelters/Agencies referred clients to FFF

FFF was started in 2004 with only a package of hamburger that was donated by Loaves and Fishes. This project has always been about the glory of our Lord, and it always will be, no matter how much it grows. Thanks be to God!

Our next FFF Lunch at the shelter is on September 21, 2013. All are welcome to help at the lunch or any other time!

Items needed this month: Beds, dressers, end tables, small dining tables and chairs, TVs, laundry baskets, fresh produce, dish soap, pot holders, and recliners. We appreciate all donations!

Have questions, want to help or know of someone needing help? Contact Dana Deniston (925)768-9087 or Linda Rodemsky (925)864-9266 or email us at friendsfeedingfriends@yahoo.com

Know of someone who needs help?

Call the Homeless Hotlines at 800-799-6599 or 800-808-6444. Call the Bay Area Rescue Mission at 510-215-4868. Call the Contra Costa Crisis Center at Call 211.

For we are
God's
workmanship
created in
Christ Jesus
to do good
works, which
God prepared
in advance for
us to do.

Ephesians

2:10

The North Concord Shelter:

2047 Arnold Industrial Way, Concord, CA Parallel to Highway 4

Thank you once more to all of our faithful supporters. Because of you, we can reach so many more!

Worship Assistants August I – September 29, 2013

C.O.D.	Mark		Sue Hertless		Laura Mott		Jon Moss		Leone McCullough	
Counters	Karin Bohling and Gordon Monroe		Karin Bohling and Herb Yonge		Carin Olson and Aimee Olmedo		Greg Buchholz and Aimee Olmedo		Gordon Monroe and Tony Rogelstad	
Coffee Ministry	Jon and Heidi Moss		Ron and Kathy Price		Gary and Linda Mahloch		Greg and Kristi Buchholz		Doug and Reyanne Freeman	
Communion to Shut-Ins					Duane		_			
Sound Ministry			Jamie Rodemsky		Jamie Rodemsky		Jamie Rodemsky		Jamie Rodemsky	
Ushers	Ron Figueroa Tom Lingel		Jim and Carin Olson		Greg Buchholz and Paul Rusch	Linda Rodemsky	Gary and Linda Mahloch	Jay Niemeyer	Jon and Heidi Moss	Connie Summers
Welcome Table	Jauire and Else Welsh Donna Abeyta		Ron and Kathy Price and Nancy Knapp		Willajean Rogelstad	Laura Mott	Ron and Mary Figueroa	Victor and Aimee Olmedo	Greg and Kristi Buchholz	Alden Johnson
Altar Guild	Jan Harmon Pam Dietz Willajean Rogelstad Linda Mahloch		Laura Carlson Elizabeth Kich Sue Hertless		lone Bantly Leone McCullough Karin Bohling		Dottie Davis Donna Abeyta Nancy Knapp		Kathy Price Else Welsh Heidi Moss Cindy Rogelstad	
Crucifer	Lauren Wardle		Ryan Kich		Jacob Mollwitz		Ryan Kich		Doug	
Acolyte, Torchbearer	Erin Wardle		Doug Olson		Sam Buchholz		Erin Wardle		Justin Berg	
Lector	Sue Hertless		John Mott		Kristi Buchholz	Linda Rodemsky	Kelly Schaefer	Rosemary Fassl	Ingrid Burns	Sherry Chaplin
Communion Assistant	Rosemary Fassl Sue Hertless		Linda Rodemsky Mike Albrecht		Kelly Schaefer Duane Peterson	Laura Mott	Sue Hertless Candace Bradley	Linda Rodemsky	Susan Metzger Sue Hertless	Rosemary Fassl
Assisting Minister	Kelly Schaefer		Erin U		Candace Bradley		Duane Peterson	_	Kelly Schaefer	
Time	9:30		9:30		8:30	00:11	8:30	11:00	8:30	11:00
Date	10/6		60th Anniversary 9/08		Second Service Returns in Fellowship Hall	9/15	9/22		9/29	

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