



GOOD SHEPHERD *news*

Pastor's Message

This month our new sermon series is called "When God Shows Up" and it will feature biblical teaching from the Book of Genesis.

The God of the Bible is directly involved in the affairs of this planet and in the lives of people. As you read the scriptures starting in Genesis you encounter not only a God with the power to create and sustain all things but also a God who is involved in the lives of very specific people in very specific ways.

This is your God; He is your Heavenly Father and He is the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus. As you see the pattern of God's ways in the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph you will see more clearly the Lord's direct involvement in your own life.

God is going to show up in your life. He is not finished forming you and He has plans to continue to use your life to his glory.

So, get ready to be launched into new places of ministry like Abraham.

Expect to hear God speak words of direction and purpose to you like he did for Isaac.

Do not be surprised if the Lord brings you into a time when you will need to wrestle and hold on to his goodness and promise like Jacob.

And do not be afraid to enroll in the Lord's finishing school as he uses circumstances to position your life for a higher calling like Joseph.

When God shows up our destiny in the Lord moves up. Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare you for these encounters this month.

In Christ,

Pastor Todd Wallace



Sunday Services at 7:45 AM (30 Minute Service), 8:30AM (Classic), and 11:00AM (Contemporary). Fellowship at 9:30AM. Educational Hour from 10:00AM-10:45AM: Adults (Fireside Room), Youth (Ikon Room—6th-12th grade), Kids (GS Kids Room—age 2 years - 5th grade). Library open on Sundays 9:30-11:00AM. Prayer Room open 7:15AM-12:00PM.

From The Council //

November 2017

Chill in the morning, pumpkins, Halloween candy, strange creatures roaming door to door, end of Daylight Savings time, and it's that time of year for?.....Our Annual Congregational Meeting! Please join us November 12th at 12:15 in the GS Sanctuary to celebrate accomplishments in the past year, and explore and share opportunities to deepen your faith experience in 2018. An Informational Forum to address specific questions or concerns you may have will be November 5th at 10:00 in the Fireside Room.



Bringing God's hope, help, and healing to our changing world. Over this past year we have asked for your engagement and participation, and you responded. Using your input, Leadership and laity members have prayerfully discerned a Vision Frame that includes our Values, Measures, Map (*Receive -Respond- Redirect*), Mission Statement and Vision. Strategic planning teams are continuing sessions to identify specific areas to be addressed to make this Vision become a reality.

A significant component of this Vision Frame recognizes that you do not give your time, talents and resources to the church, rather your gifts are given through the church to accomplish God's mission through action. A new format, the Mission Spending Plan, has been developed to present our financial plan to the Congregation. We expect this narrative style budget will help to more clearly communicate our financial priorities to accomplish our vision, values and ministries.

The basis for this narrative budget is the traditional line item budget, developed for planning, review and accounting purposes. The Budget Committee, Trustees and Council have reviewed in detail and approved this document. Bottom line, the 2018 Budget is comparative to last year's allocation but has been increased 1.2% to a total of \$1,000,000.

Please take a moment to review our Vision Frame, and reflect and pray that God will show what significance it has for you. As we vote to go forward in the next year consider how our Mission Spending Plan, nominees and incumbent leadership members align with the goals and aspirations contained within that frame. Most importantly focus on the center of our frame, our true vision: *Igniting passion for a life in Jesus.*

Looking forward to seeing you at our meeting,

Doug Stewart

Council President

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Stay Connected! //

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- 11/1/17 — GS Kids Praise Movers @ 5:30PM in GS Kids Room
- 11/1/17 — Communion Prep Class @ 6:00 PM in GS Kids Room
- 11/2/17 — Taste Of Luther: Beer @ 6:30PM @ The Patriot Restaurant
- 11/5/17 – Annual Meeting Q & A Session @ 10:00 in the Fireside Room
- 11/5/17 — New Member Orientation @ 12:00PM in the Arden Meeting Center
- 11/7/17 — L.I.F.T. Following Jesus @ 10:30AM in the Arden Meeting Center
- 11/9/17 — Faith Circle Small Group @ 7:00PM
- 11/12/17 — Annual Meeting @ 12:15PM in the Sanctuary
- 11/16/17 — Taste Of Luther: Coffee @ 10:00AM in the Fireside Room
- 11/29/17 — Advent Family Night @ 5:30PM in the Fellowship Hall



Advent Family Night

Kick off the Advent Season and make lasting memories with your Church Family! Join us for a chicken dinner, family-friendly Advent Devotional activity, the lighting of the Sanctuary Christmas Tree, performance from our Good Shepherd Preschool, and dessert. Please RSVP at gschurch.us!

Christmas Sing-A-Long

You are invited to our 3rd Annual Christmas Sing-A-Long! Join our awesome Worship Team and guest musicians as we share a night of fantastic Christmas Music! All are welcome to this FREE event. Bring your friends!



GS Kids Praise Movers //

November 2017

Looking for any and all GS Kids ready to pump up our church with VBS-style dance moves! Kids will spend three 30 minute sessions practicing moves to a song to be performed on November 19th at the 11:00 AM Service. Praise Movers is open to ALL GS Kids ages 3 and up who can generally pay attention and take direction. (If you have a littler dude or dudette, we'd really appreciate you staying around to see whether they're happy and engaged.)

This class will run November 1, 8, and 15 from 5:30-6:00 PM. If you're interested, sign your kid(s) up at gschurch.us



Communion Prep Class //



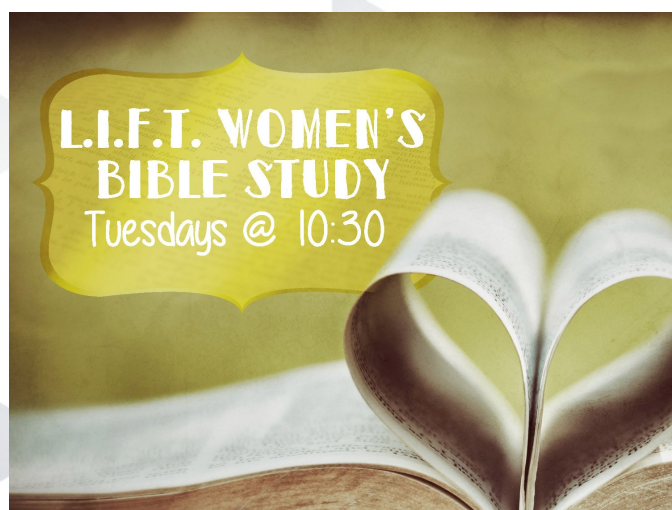
Our Communion Prep Class for GS Kids will prepare your kid to appreciate and understand the meaning and process of Holy Communion. We will go over the basic milestones of a Christian life, an overview of the life of Jesus Christ, our beliefs through the Apostle's Creed Scavenger Hunt, and learn the meaning of and the process for taking Holy Communion.

This class is generally appropriate for kids grades 1-5. As a rule of thumb, kids are generally ready for this class and Communion when they are ready to sit through the full worship service. This class will run November 1, 8, and 15 from 6:00-7:00 PM, and we will serve pizza and drinks to get started. Sign up @ gschurch.us.

L.I.F.T. Ladies In Fellowship Together //

FOLLOWING JESUS

What does it mean to be an authentic Jesus-follower? Join other women who are on the journey of discipleship Tuesday mornings at 10:30AM from Nov 7 - Dec 5! All women are welcome!



Library Book Review //

November 2017

Instead of choosing one book on which to review, I am choosing to list some of the new books that have been acquired for the library. Because of Pastor Todd's emphasis on Martin Luther during this 500th Anniversary year of The Reformation, the library has added a number of books on Martin Luther.

The newest addition is Martin Luther: The Man Who Rediscovered God And Changed The World by Eric Metaxas. A partial quote from fellow author Mark Helpin: "A marvelous, brilliant book that is equal parts biography, theology, political philosophy, and cultural history."

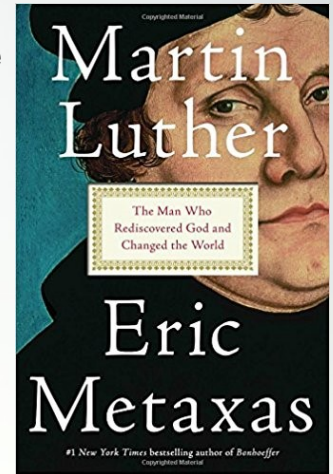
We have two pamphlet type books called: Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses, that list all of the theses along with explanatory notes to aid understanding.

Two others: Martin Luther: Renegade and Prophet by Lyndal Roper and Martin Luther by Martin Marty.

These new books along with many others in our library, including the sermons of Martin Luther, will give the readers in our congregations choices to increase our understanding of The Reformation.

Another feature for the **little readers** in our midst are ten new "I Can Read" books, each on a Bible story. Come in and enjoy browsing the shelves for inspirational Christian reading.

Submitted by Phyllis Martin



Update: Sierra Arden Food Closet //

Our number of households served during the past few months has steadily increased from just over 200 households in May to over 230 in September. We are blessed with adequate food to meet the needs and we have increased our giving to 5 days of food. Therefore, each household gets 15 meals per person to help with food insecurity. Our hearts are filled with gratitude.

We are planning to hand out about 300 Thanksgiving baskets. We have enough cranberry sauce and green beans already. **We are in need of stove top dressing, turkey gravy, and cream of mushroom soup. We will accept fresh food of potatoes and yams as well as whole chickens or turkeys on Sunday, November 19 at the closet.** We are distributing the food Monday and Tuesday mornings, November 20 and 21.

For our regular distribution the **urgent need is for boxed cereal, chili, ramen, and pork and beans.** We can always use oatmeal packets, fruit cups and hot chocolate packets for children's bags too.

For those of you that don't know, we offer household items and hygiene products as well as clothes at our Thanksgiving basket give away. Thank you to all who have donated to this project. It has been very well received. Pots and pans, dishes, bath towels, and linens are like pure gold to our neighbors.

Donations are accepted during regular hours Monday through Friday: 9:30 to 11:30 am. **Call us at 483-1942 if you have questions or know of anyone in need of food.**



Pray For Our Men and Women in the Military//

Ryan Baker * Heather Campbell * Christopher Day * Blake Fair * Joseph Fullerton * Michael Harrison *
Gregory Houghtby * Zachary Jensen * Cody Johnstone * Alex Kraal * Christian Lucero * Cosme Munzo *
Michael Nolan * Liam O'Brien * Matthew Sirko * Eamon Turnbull * Nathan Wallace * Noah Wallace *

Good Shepherd Preschool //

November 2017

Hello Friends of the Preschool

This month reminds us to give Thanks for God's people and all His creation. It is also a time to be thankful for our preschool ministry's 44th year of operation. Good Shepherd Preschool was founded in 1973 by our congregation with a vision to see that children receive a happy, healthy Christian beginning to their educational journey.

A big thank you to all the bakers, sellers and purchasers. Our Fall bake sale raised \$385.00. We appreciate the support that is given to your preschool when we have fund raisers. The money raised will go to improving and enhancing our learning centers.



Our next fundraiser will begin towards the middle of this month. We will be selling See's Chocolate for Christmas. Sales will begin on Sunday, November 12 and end Sunday, November 26. Please look for a preschool representative during the Hospitality Hour. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,
Sandy Oakes, Director
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GSLife allows our Good Shepherd family to securely communicate with one another. It brings together a church directory, calendar, group information, service opportunities, event signups and more.



WHY USE GSLIFE

- Access our church directory
- Connect with groups
- Find ways to serve
- Manage your giving
- Update your personal information
- Direct your church communication
- Sign up for events and classes

HOW TO ACCESS GSLIFE

Three different ways!

- **App:** GSLife icon in the Good Shepherd Sacramento app
- **Website:** GSLife link at gschurch.us from the *MORE* tab
- **Internet:** GSLife URL at <https://gschurch.ccbchurch.com>
- **SIGN UP** for a username on the login page. You will receive an email response to set your password

WHAT TO DO NEXT

- Review your personal profile
- Update information for you and your family
- Adjust your communication settings
- Assess your privacy settings
- Manage your service schedule
- Explore groups
- Set up a recurring gift
- Find tips in *HELP* and on the *HOME* page

GSLIFE FAQ

Is my information secure?

The information contained in GSLife will not show up in any search engine and can only be viewed by members with a login and password.

Who can use GSLife?

Church members are the only people who can view the online directory. Attenders may be granted GSLife logins, but with absolutely no access to people information.

What can others see about me?

Church members can see your name, contact phone, email address and gender until you update your personal privacy settings. Your picture will also be visible if one is uploaded. You will only be identified with a group or class you participate in if you are the leader of that group.

Why should I add personal information?

There is a difference between what you *put in* GSLife and what you *choose to share*. What you put into GSLife is important for our church records, but you may choose to display as much or little of your personal information to other members in GSLife as you prefer.

Is information about children protected?

Children under the age of 14 are only visible in GSLife to their parents and appropriate church leaders and staff.

Who can see my giving?

Only you and appropriate church leaders and staff can view your personal and family giving records, or download your giving statement.

What if I don't have internet access?

Inside News is available weekly inside your worship program. Our monthly publication, *Good Shepherd News*, is available in the Welcome Center. Contact the church office to receive a printed member directory.

Who do I contact with questions?

Call the church office at 483-0451 or email info@gschurch.us with any questions.



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