



## HOLY SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

433 Moraga Way, Orinda, CA 94563



November 2010

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:15 a.m. Traditions Worship  
9:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
9:40 a.m. Education for  
All Ages  
10:45 a.m. Celebrations Worship  
12:30 p.m. Korean Worship

**CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**  
to worship along with their parents. Nursery care is available (unless otherwise noted) for children age 5 and under in the pre-school room located toward the rear of Gregersen Hall from 8:45 to 10:45 a.m. Please note, however, that due to our Safe Community Policy, the nursery will not be open if there is not a screened adult and one assistant available to be in the room with the children.

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## *What Adversity Reveals*

These ARE difficult days. Our nation is in substantial political turmoil over how to renew the American dream. Our state is conflicted about how to undo financial woes. Our denomination is at wits' end about how to live together amid major disagreements. Even our congregation is struggling to address difficult budget realities in the face of this difficult economy

But I've noticed something surprising in recent days. All this adversity we're facing right now may help us see God's blessing a bit more clearly. Even as personal health crises sometimes bring into sharp focus how abundantly blessed our lives have been all along, so these communal crises can help us better see what God has been – and is – doing in our midst to work blessing day after day after day.

Take – for instance – what transpired at a recent Church Council meeting, where the need to perhaps pare back our congregational budget for 2011 got us talking about areas where we might need to cut to 'balance the budget'.

- We looked at "Giving beyond Ourselves" ..... and thought about the ways we partner with ministries both locally and globally to serve the Lord and share God's Word.
- We looked at the Lamorinda Adult Respite Center and our Preschool ..... and thought about the lives of children, families and seniors served by those ministries we operate.
- We looked at our own staff budget ..... and were reminded how vital and significant the roles are that are embraced by our congregation's staff members.

We don't want to cut back in any of those areas because we realize that each of them is a big part of who we are and what we believe God is calling us to be. (And we're not sure – pending your responses to this Fall's Commitment Sunday – whether we're going to need to pare back in any of those areas or not.) But thoughts about each of those aspects of our church budget got me to seeing with fresh eyes just how blessed we have been and are.

- What a blessing that we ARE able to partner with groups like Loaves and Fishes and the Lofstrom's hospital ministry in Tanzania.
- What a blessing that we CAN serve young children and families touched by the shadow of Alzheimer's.
- What a blessing that we do have amazingly competent office and worship staff members.

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving – rather than hiding from the truth of adversity which we communally face – let's use it as a lens by which better to see the blessings God HAS bestowed upon us. Even as God has blessed our congregation, so God has blessed our denomination, our state, our nation and our world. Maybe its time we paused to notice – and to say "Thanks" to the One who has given us all things.

Love + Joy + Peace

*Pastor John B. Valentine*

## *Advent Wreath Making Event, November 28th*

**Celebrate the season of Advent and  
prepare for the coming of Christmas  
by joining in the fun at our Intergenerational  
Sunday School event, 9:40 a.m., in Gregersen Hall.  
This is an event for the whole household!**

Suggested Donation: \$10.00

Donations of fresh evergreens  
and small pinecones appreciated.

**Sign-ups requested by November 7th!**



*Christmas is Coming!*



**T**he 2010 HSLC Christmas Catalog will be available November 7! No, it isn't filled with jewelry, toys, clothes, etc., but something more exciting! You will be able to buy a gift in someone's name to be given to one or more of the many organizations that Holy Shepherd supports. Best of all you can do your Christmas shopping early! The catalog is also available at [www.holyshepherd.org](http://www.holyshepherd.org). There will be a table set up in Gregersen Hall the first three Sundays in December where you can make donations and pick up gift cards. Happy Holidays!

## *God's Outrageous Universe*

Rollie Otto will be continuing his Faith and Science presentations at Holy Shepherd:

**Thursday, November 4, 5:00 p.m. "And God Said, 'Let There Be Light' "** (Pizza and drinks)

**Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 p.m. Stars in God's Outrageous Universe**

Who should attend?

- ✚ Christians seeking assurance of their faith in the Bible
- ✚ Christians seeking to update their knowledge of science
- ✚ Parents and students seeking a Christian perspective on the science taught in the California schools
- ✚ Individuals who doubt, object or deny the Gospel of Jesus Christ in light of modern science

There will be something for all ages and Rollie encourages families to attend these one-hour sessions. Visit his website as a preview <http://godsoutrageousuniverse.org>.



**Dates:** October 31 / November 7 / November 14 / December 5 (9:40 a.m. in the Sanctuary)  
**Title:** "Christ and the Moral Life"  
**Teacher:** Pastor John Valentine

Christians have commitments both to moral behavior and to Christian faith, but the combining of these two into the single term 'Christian Ethics' raises some serious questions:

- Is there such a thing as 'Christian behavior'?
- What is the relationship between our 'behaving' and our 'believing'?
- How does one decide what is the 'Christian' thing to do in a given situation?

These are NOT questions with easy or simple answers. Rather, they are questions which force us to come to grips with the heart of the Christian faith and the heart of Jesus' teaching. Join Pastor John Valentine at Sunday morning Adult Education as together we probe the relationship between morality and Christianity.

## *Adult Education Offering*

## High School Youth Group

Da Vinci Code Breaker Night

November 19–20, 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Read the book, watch the movie, and separate fact from fiction!

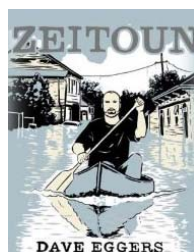
This event is off-site — see Bev for the details.

What you will need to bring: Sleeping bag & pillow; Toiletries; Snack to share; Your questions; Signed Permission Slip



## Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club is meeting Saturday, December 4, for their annual luncheon and excursion to Barnes and Noble in Walnut Creek. They will be discussing the book "Zeitoun," by Dave Eggers over lunch. They plan to meet at Barnes and Noble at 10:30 a.m. for shopping before lunch. More information on car-pooling will be available later in the month.



The next event will be Thursday, November 18 with a trip to the Disney Museum at the Presidio in S.F. The group will be car-pooling with a departure time from the church of 9:30 a.m. and returning around 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$13/each and you can purchase lunch at the museum cafeteria. There is a sign-up sheet in Gregersen Hall. Please sign up by November 2 if you plan to attend.

**HSLC Sunday School Presents**

**"The Best Gift of All:  
A Christmas Tale"**

**December 12th, 9:45 a.m.  
Gregersen Hall**

**Experience the re-telling of  
a classic children's story  
And learn what Santa has always known.  
Fun for all ages!**

# LARC News

LARC has a new sign to identify its location! It looks great and we are hopeful that many people will see it as they pass by the church! The fall direct mail fundraiser is under way and you have until December 1 to buy raffle tickets for all the wonderful raffle items being offered. If you did not receive the information, please feel free to call Linda Hudak or Carole Weyand or you can download all the information from the website. The drawing will be held December 2nd and the winners will be notified by email, phone and posted on the website at [www.holyshepherd.org](http://www.holyshepherd.org). Donations are also cheerfully accepted if you do not wish to purchase raffle tickets.

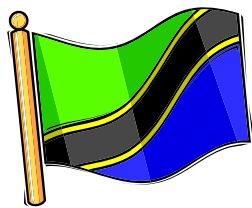


LARC is offering a FREE TRANSFER TRAINING Friday morning November 5th, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and again Monday, November 8th, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. It is important for caregivers and those persons needing extra assistance moving from sitting to standing, standing to lying, moving into and out of cars, and other transfer challenges. Pam Whitman, MPT, will be facilitating the training. This training is for all LARC volunteers, participant families and the community-at-large. Please RSVP to Beth Hofinga at [larc@holyshepherd.org](mailto:larc@holyshepherd.org) or 254-3465 if you plan to attend.

## Bocce Ball Event

A good time was enjoyed by all those who attended this event on October 3rd at the Moraga Commons!





**Sunday, November 7  
5:00 p.m. Gregersen Hall  
Sign up in Gregersen Hall today!**

COME OUT FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AS WE WELCOME DR. DENNY & PAULA BACK FOR A BENEFIT FOR A REGIONAL HOSPITAL IN TANZANIA! ENJOY AN OLD FASHIONED POTLUCK SUPPER, A TANZANIAN DANCER AND INSPIRATIONAL STORIES ABOUT BUILDING A NEEDED MEDICAL FACILITY IN NYAKATO, TZ.



**A**NETH NGATOSA BELL WILL PERFORM AND TEACH EAST AFRICAN DANCES. ANETH WAS BORN IN TANZANIA AND CURRENTLY LIVES IN SAN JOSE. SHE DANCES PROFESSIONALLY FOR EVENTS IN THE BAY AREA.

*Keeping up with our Graduates . . .*



**Claire Swanback**

**W**ell, college is over and I am off on a new adventure. This past May I graduated from Pacific Lutheran University (go Lutes!!!) with degrees in Environmental Studies and English. After graduation I had the good fortune of getting a job with Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC). It is now October and I have been hard on the job (either training or working) since mid-August.

In case you are wondering – Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC) is a non-profit service organization that finds willing volunteers and places them in a variety of settings such as shelters, youth programs, environmental organizations, medical and legal clinics, alternative high schools and education programs, housing agencies, food banks, and advocacy groups. The organizations receiving LVC volunteers are not necessarily associated with the Lutheran Church but are looking to receive talented and committed full-time staff—workers they could not otherwise afford.

So now I am living in San Francisco and working for Californians for Pesticide Reform (CPR). CPR is a statewide coalition of more than 185 organizations all with the common mission of protecting public health, improving environmental quality and expanding a sustainable agriculture system across California. One of our main goals is to change statewide and local pesticide policies and practices which are impacting the lives of so many of our farm workers. We have a staff of five (including me). I have been spending my time meeting members of our coalition organizations, planning educational events, writing grants, etc.

I take the bus or ride my bike every day to a building a block from Union Square. Although the pay is not much (actually nothing) the experience has been eye opening. Besides the goal of placing volunteers with non-profit organizations LVC asks us to live as an Intentional Community sharing as much as possible. They provide us housing (I live with four other women), a monthly eating allowance (about \$100/month per person) and a small stipend. We need to share to get by but it is has been a good experience. Besides, there is so much to do in San Francisco.

**H**AYLEY SUEOKA, daughter of Tom and Carol, has embarked on a new adventure as a Peace Corps volunteer in Burkina Faso, Africa for the next 27 months. She arrived in Burkina Faso today, September 14. Here is her first entry in her blog about her adventures. For those who would like to check out her blog, it can be found at <http://hayleysueoka.blogspot.com>



**Saturday, September 11, 2010**

### [A New Adventure](#)

Hello, and welcome to my new blog! I am starting this blog to keep family, friends, and anyone else who is interested informed of my Peace Corps volunteer experience.

So, I will begin with a little bit of background...

I began my application for the Peace Corps when I was about to graduate from UC Davis in December 2009. I honestly cannot remember where I originally came up with the idea of applying, but I had been contemplating it for about a year at this point. With my college graduation rapidly approaching, I was feeling a little lost and confused about my future. I am not one of those people that have always known what they want to be when they grow up. I am interested in so many things that I can't seem to pick just one field to focus on for the rest of my life.

As a soon-to-be college graduate contemplating the future, I started to evaluate my life. I focused on what factors brought me to where I am today and where I want to go from here. My beliefs are derived from my love of volunteering, which my parents instilled in me from a young age. I am grateful for the diverse philanthropic opportunities my parents have provided me with throughout my life. To me, volunteering is an activity and interest I pursue for enjoyment. I enjoy socializing with new people, helping others and the rewarding feeling of making a difference.

So, I began the Peace Corps application process (a long online application followed by a 2 hour interview, and a series of multiple medical/dental/legal forms) and awaited my invitation and destination. I decided that I wanted to go into this experience as open-minded as possible. I did not put down any preferences – I told them to send me wherever they needed me and where they believed I would be the most successful. While waiting for updates on my application status, I embraced the idea of going to any location and doing any type of project.

And 8 months later I finally got a phone call from the headquarters in Washington, DC. The gentleman on the phone told me he wanted to place me in a program in a francophone location of Sub-Saharan Africa with no electricity or running water. He said I would be working as a health volunteer in one or many villages and I would be speaking French and learning other native languages. And finally, he said I would need to bike through rugged terrain between villages. I said that sounds great, I'm in!

Then, I finally received my official invitation packet in the mail. Here is my assignment:

Country: Burkina Faso (located in West Africa)

Job Title: Community Health Development Worker

Orientation in the US: October 12, 2010

Pre-Service Training (in Ouahigouya): October 13 – December 17, 2010

Dates of Service: December 18, 2010 – December 18, 2012

I have an orientation somewhere in the US where I will meet the other volunteers departing at the same time as me. Then, I fly to Burkina and begin my Pre-Service Training. During this time, I live with a host family and attend various classes all day, everyday. These classes will provide resources like language training, cross-cultural training, health training, and safety training. Once I complete the courses and pass exams, I will have an interview where they will decide which location to send me to. Then, I begin my service as a volunteer!

Right now, I am busy packing and preparing for my departure. Life in Burkina is going to be an extreme change for me and there is only so much I can do to prepare! But, I'm really excited for this adventure to begin! I am hoping that this experience will help me decide what path I want to take with my life. It will enable me to utilize my experiences to discover a way to incorporate volunteer work into my future career.

**DO CHECK OUT HALEY'S BLOG – YOU WILL ENJOY READING ABOUT HER ADVENTURES!**



## *Letters of Thanks for the Soldiers' Angels Program*

August 2010

Dear Kyra (A second grade student at Glorietta),

My name is Angela and I wanted to thank you for your wonderful letter and the beautiful picture of yourself that you drew. I am a United States Marine and my rank is a Lance Corporal. I have been in for two years and I am currently in Afghanistan, near the Helmond Province. I volunteered for a program called the Female Engagement Team. I go on patrols and talk to the local population especially the women of the area and try to help them. I have been here for about 5 months. I do love my job and what I am currently doing. Like yourself in that picture I see you are very patriotic for your country as well as I am. By your writing this letter you have shown us how much you care and support all of us soldiers here away from all of their families. I have a cousin Alexa who is the same age as you and she supports me as well. I wanted to personally thank you and keep up the great work in what you are doing and one day you'll be doing big things.

Sincerely,  
Lcpl Pacheco

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Dear Russell, (A student at Del Rey)

I just thought I'd write you back and say thank you for your letter. You drew a nice picture of our flag. I hope you are doing well in school. History and music were always my favorite classes, probably because I did the best in those classes. I should tell you though I'm not a soldier. Actually I'm a sailor, a NAVY Corpsman embedded with the Marines. I am a medic for the Marines, wherever they go I go. I treat them when they are sick or in an emergency like combat. I'm the first responder to treating Marines or our enemy. I'm going to miss all my favorite holidays this year with my family including Christmas. So my advice to you Russell is to say "I love you" to your family and show them you do every day, and be thankful for them. Because Russell you never know one day you might not get to do that every day. Thank you for your prayers, we can sure use them where we are at. Study hard and do your best in school Russell because it will only help you later in life as an adult.

Always in Christ  
HM3 Proulx

Dear Diana (Yorgan),

Thank you so much for the wonderful gifts. The scarves are absolutely amazing, especially as we head into the summer months. The sand storms can be pretty unbearable this time of year, and your scarves will definitely come in very handy.

My team of 24 Marines, Sailors and interpreters truly appreciate your support. We shared the scarves with other units they operated in our area. They also wanted to say thank you very much.

May God bless you for your kindness and generosity. Take care!

Sincerely,  
LtCol Couglin








To the Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church,

I would like to express my deepest appreciation for your generosity in sending care package support for the warriors of 3d Battalion, 7th Marines (3/7) who are currently serving to support Operation Enduring Freedom in the country of Afghanistan. It gives me great pleasure to know that there are people like you on the home-front who remember with thanksgiving the service and sacrifice of our young men and women in uniform. Your benevolence and continued prayers daily remind my warriors that they are loved and appreciated for their faithful devotion to duty. I know to some it might not seem like a lot, but trust me when I say it means a great deal more to us than you will ever know. Once again, THANK YOU so very much. May you and yours be blessed for the kindness and consideration you have bestowed upon us.

Sincerely,  
LT. Terry L. Moran



## NOVEMBER 2010 HOLY SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

| SUN  | MON   | TUES   | WED  | THURS  | FRI   | SAT                            |
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|  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2 ELECTION DAY</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>                       |
|    | 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Sanctuary<br>10:30 a.m. AA<br>2:00 p.m. Mandarin Classes         | 11:00 a.m. Lamorinda Caregivers' Support Group                             | 2:00 p.m. Mandarin Classes<br>7:15 p.m. Spirit Borne<br>7:30 p.m. Al-Anon  | 9:30 a.m. Core Staff Meeting<br>5:00 p.m. Faith & Science Presentation<br>7:00 p.m. Canticle Choir<br>8:00 p.m. Bells  | 9:00 a.m. LARC Transfer Training—Gregersen Hall   |                                |
| <b>11:00 – 3:00 p.m. LARC</b>  |   |  |  |  |   |                                |
| <b>7 ALL SAINTS DAY</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b>  | <b>11 NO PRE-SCHOOL</b>  | <b>12 NO PRE-SCHOOL</b>   | <b>13</b>                      |
| <b>Regular Worship Schedule</b><br>9:40 a.m. Children's Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant<br>5:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner for IHP<br> | 10:30 a.m. AA<br>2:00 p.m. Mandarin Classes<br>6:00 p.m. LARC Transfer Training in Gregersen Hall | 7:00 p.m. Heritage Fund Meeting<br>7:30 p.m. Girl Scout Leader Meeting     | 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild decorate Altar area<br>2:00 p.m. Mandarin Classes<br>7:15 p.m. Spirit Borne<br>7:30 p.m. Al-Anon   | 9:30 a.m. Core Staff Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. Canticle Choir<br>8:00 p.m. Bells<br><b>Veterans' Day</b><br> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0e0e0; display: inline-block;"><b>LOG Retreat—off-site</b></div><br>6:30 p.m. Artist's Reception | 10:00 a.m. Outreach Comm. Mtg. |
| <b>11:00 – 3:00 p.m. LARC</b>  |   |  |  |  |   |                                |
| <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b>                      |
| <b>Regular Worship Schedule</b><br>9:40 a.m. Children's Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant<br>12 noon Sr. High Lunch with Bev   | 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Sanctuary<br>10:30 a.m. AA<br>2:00 p.m. Mandarin Classes         | 11:00 a.m. Lamorinda Caregivers' Support Group<br>7:00 p.m. Church Council | 2:00 p.m. Mandarin Classes<br>7:15 p.m. Spirit Borne<br>7:30 p.m. Al-Anon  | 9:30 a.m. Core Staff Meeting<br>7:00 p.m. Canticle Choir<br>8:00 p.m. Bells  | 11:30 a.m. Pre-school Thanksgiving Feast<br>                                       | 8:00 a.m. Men's Study Group    |
| <b>11:00 – 3:00 p.m. LARC</b>  |   |  |  |  |   |                                |
| <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b>  | <b>25 Office Closed</b>  | <b>26 Office Closed</b>   | <b>27</b>                      |
| <b>Regular Worship Schedule (No Education due to Congregational Mtg.)</b><br>9:40 a.m. Congregational Meeting in Gregersen Hall  | 10:30 a.m. AA   |  | 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon  | <b>Thanksgiving Day</b><br>   | LARC Closed   |                                |
| <b>No Preschool</b>  |   |  |  |  |   |                                |
| <b>11:00 – 3:00 p.m. LARC</b>  |   |  |  |  |   |                                |
| <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b>  |  |  |   |                                |
| <b>Regular Worship Schedule</b><br>9:40 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School—Wreath<br><br>1 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF Advent   | 10:30 a.m. AA<br>2:00 p.m. Mandarin Classes   |  | <b>Regular Worship Schedule</b><br>8:15 a.m. Traditions Worship Service<br>9:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship<br>9:40 a.m. Education<br>10:45 a.m. Celebrations Worship Service<br>12:30 p.m. Korean Worship Service<br> |  |   |                                |
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## DECEMBER 2010 HOLY SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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| <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div> <p><b>CHRISTMAS</b></p> <p><b>Regular Worship Schedule</b></p> <p><b>8:15 a.m. Traditions Worship Service</b></p> <p><b>9:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship</b></p> <p><b>9:40 a.m. Education</b></p> <p><b>10:45 a.m. Celebrations Worship Service</b></p> <p><b>12:30 p.m. Korean Worship Service</b></p> </div> </div> |  |  | 2:00 p.m. Mandarin Classes<br>7:15 p.m. Spirit Borne<br>7:30 p.m. Al-Anon | 9:30 a.m. Core Staff Meeting<br>6:30 p.m. Advent Mid-week<br>7:00 p.m. Canticle Choir<br>8:00 p.m. Bells |  | 10:30 a.m. Women's Book Club meet at Barnes and Noble    |
|   |  |  | LARC 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.   |  |  |  |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b>  |
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| <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div> <p><b>Regular Worship Schedule</b></p> <p>9:40 a.m. Children's Christmas Program on stage in GH</p> <p>12 noon Sr. High Lunch</p> </div> </div>   | 10:30 a.m. AA<br>2:00 p.m. Mandarin Classes<br>6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts          |  | 2:00 p.m. Mandarin Classes<br>7:15 p.m. Spirit Borne<br>7:30 p.m. Al-Anon | 9:30 a.m. Core Staff Meeting<br>6:30 p.m. Advent Mid-week<br>7:00 p.m. Canticle Choir<br>8:00 p.m. Bells |  | 8:00 a.m. Men's Study Group                              |
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| Preschool Closed for Christmas Break  |  |  |   |  |  |  |
| LARC 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.   |  |  |   |  |  |  |
|   |  |  |   | LARC Closed  |  |  |
| <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b>  |  |
| 9:15 a.m. Worship Service<br>10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship   | 10:30 a.m. AA  |  | 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon   |  | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> </div>   | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> </div> |
| LARC and Preschool Closed for Christmas Break   |  |  |   |  |  |  |



**OPEN ENROLLMENT**

Ages 2 – 5  
 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon  
 Extended Day to 2:00 p.m.  
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**Our Trip to the Fire Station**



*Outreach Programs*

For more information on the following programs please visit [www.holyshepherd.org](http://www.holyshepherd.org).

**Lamorinda Adult Respite Center** provides a supervised adult day care center for adults with memory loss. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Lamorinda Caregiver Support Group** provides information and support for family and friends of people with memory impairment and meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

**Holy Shepherd Preschool** offers two programs from 9:00 a.m.—12 noon and an extended day to 2:00 p.m.

**Arts & Crafts Show**

On Friday, November 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. some of the artists of HSLC (and others) will be displaying their projects.



Wine and hors· d'oeuvres will be served. They are soliciting persons who might like to display their creations – art, crafts, jewelry, woodwork, sewing items, etc. to be part of this event. If interested in displaying your artwork, crafts, etc., contact Donna Gamel, Beth Johnson, Bob Schwab or Mary Helene Wagner for the particulars.



Thanksgiving is the holiday of peace, the celebration of work and the simple life... a true folk-festival that speaks the poetry of the turn of the seasons, the beauty of seed-time and harvest, the ripe product of the year - and the deep, deep connection of all these things with God.

~Ray Stannard Baker (David Grayson)

**Newsletter Information**

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*Reminder . . .  
From Heather Hall,  
Children's Music Leader*

It's that time of year when we start planning and rehearsing for our Children's Christmas Pageant. Upcoming rehearsals will be during the Sunday School time at 9:40 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Scheduled dates are November 7, and 14 and December 5. The performance will be given on the stage in Gregeresen Hall on December 12 between the services! This is a full production with a set, costumes, staging, music and of course a great story! Come and join the fun!



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