



Coming soon . . . A Little Girl

You know Gretchen and Michael Stenson as the couple who sing in the Canticle Choir. Soon they are to become our newest mom and dad. Their little girl is expected to arrive in November and we'd like to help them prepare for her with a baby shower! Details follow.

If you would like to be part of a joint gift, please leave your check in the envelope attached to the RSVP sign-up sheet in the Center for Ministry. Any questions should be directed to Diana Yorgan, 925-788-2957. Hope you will plan to attend.



Baby Shower/Tea

When: October 21
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Where: Center for Ministry
Who: Gretchen Stenson
Registries: Babies "R" Us, Bye Bye Baby

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family and friends of Gerd Behrsing who passed away at home September 8. Gerd is survived by his loving wife, Johanna, and his three sons, Rolf, Holger and Christoph.



Gerd was a long-time member of Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. He and Johanna were among the volunteers who helped decorate the church for the Christmas holidays every year. He will be greatly missed, not only by his immediate family but also his church family.

Services will be announced.



Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast of the United States on August 25, 2017, threatening millions of people in coastal Texas and Louisiana with multiple days of heavy rain, winds and rising tides. Until a few days ago, none of us imagined that any community could actually record 60 inches (5 feet!) of rainfall in a four day period. While many residents have evacuated, significant damage is still expected, and thousands of people may be housed in shelters for an extended period of time.

We invite you to stand by our neighbors on the Gulf Coast during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come. To ensure that funds can get to places where they are needed in meaningful and expedient ways, we encourage you to offer gifts of cash or checks (payable to Holy Shepherd and memo'ed Hurricane Harvey Relief). **Please use a donation envelope located in the pew racks for your donation.** These funds will be forwarded to the Disaster Relief Fund of the TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod of the ELCA (a network of 110+ Lutheran congregations, missions, and ministries working together in southern Louisiana and southeast Texas.)

For more information about the work of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, visit gulfoastsynod.org.

Donate a Minimum of \$30.00 to LARC and receive a sturdy shopping bag from Davis Todhunter and Patricia Robertson Todhunter. Your donation is fully tax deductible. There are displays both in CFM and Gregersen Hall. Make a check payable to "LARC" and place inside the envelope attached to the display bag and take your free bag!



Altar flowers this morning have been given by Chris Chen.



TODAY - 10:00 am Congregational Budget Meeting

September 20 - 7:30 pm Spirit Borne resumes

September 21 - 9:00 am Women's Bible Study in CFM

September 24 - 12:15 pm Bible & Lunch Bunch, Yankee Pier, 3593 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette

September 26 - 7:00 pm PJ's Book Club, "The Happiness Hypothesis," CFM

October 8 - 6:00 pm YG6:8 at OCC

October 21 - 2:00 pm Baby Shower for Gretchen Stenson, CFM

October 22 - 6:00 pm YG6:8 Cristi Chow's home

October 29 - Marty Party Celebration

August 11, 2017

Dear Holy Shepherd Lutheran,

Your monthly support for the work of IHP continues to enable us to serve patients & to continue to build so we can increase the services we can offer. Thank you.

The trusses are going up on The Mary Ellen Kitundu Memorial Birthing Center & now that the ground where they were being constructed is free we can begin digging the footings for the building that will house the operating rooms & neonatal ICU.

Yesterday 4-year old Chrishima returned - a few days ago he had tonsillitis. Now he has terrible joint pain in his knees & shoulders from the lack of circulation caused by the sickle cell disease. He is the size of a 2-year old.

We are here for him because you are there for us.

Blessings & gratitude,
Paula & Denny

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

- September 18 Steve Swanback
Bob Schwab & Diana Yorgan
- September 21 Sally Church
- September 22 **Dave & Nadine Coburn**
- September 24 Rolf Benseler

Loaves & Fishes - Volunteer Serving Schedule for the balance of 2017

Martinez, 2nd Thursday of each month

- October 9
- November 9
- December 14

Pittsburg, 4th Wednesday of each month

- September 27
- October 25
- November 22
- December 27

Families are welcome to participate on November 22 and December 27. Kids must be 13 years or older. Questions should be directed to Pete Schmitt.



YG6:8

A new Christian non-denominational Youth Group will meet September 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the home of Leslie O'Brien. Burgers, hotdogs, s'mores and lots of fun stuff!

This group is for high school and college aged kids.

Call Cristi Chow for more information and directions to Leslie's home.

Thank you from Heidi and Zach



Thank you so much for celebrating Zach and my marriage at our reception at Holy Shepherd. It was wonderful to see you, and it meant so much to us to have you there. I was reminded of my beautiful childhood memories at the church, and I am incredibly grateful to still have your presence in my life. The food was delicious, the gifts were beyond generous, and the feeling of love and support in the room will never be forgotten. We are so appreciative for you. And we treasure your extreme generosity and thoughtfulness in our hearts.

*Love,
Heidi and Zach*

PRAYER REQUESTS

HEALING

Donna Zelinski	Dottie Russell
Grace Adams	Dona Lawrentz
Marlys Howard	Mary Herchert
Harry Davis	Lavonne Rodean
Gloria Enstrom	Robyn Quint
Katherine Ruff	Carol Kramer
Patty Weyand	

WELLNESS

Gerd Behrsing	Mary Moore
Rolf Benseler	Pat Tveitmo
Cathy Johnson	Pearl Gregersen
Neil Van Valkenburg	

PEACE / COMFORT

Laura Lyman	Kitti Colucci
Rosemarie Routson	

THOSE WHO GRIEVE

The family of Ardith Roloff.
The family of Gerd Behrsing

MILITARY

Keep our armed forces safe and give them courage, hope and strength.

Ryan Bingham	Brian Henson
Megan Howard	

All those affected by Hurricanes Harvey & Irma



Snaps from the LARC celebration.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 17

- 8:30 am Traditions Worship Service
- 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship in Gregersen Hall
- 9:45 am Children's Education
- 10:00 am Congregational Budget Meeting
- 10:45 am Celebrations Worship Service
- 11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
- 11:45 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM
- 12:15 pm KCCL Worship

Monday, September 18

- 10:30 am AA Meeting
- 3:30 am Orinda Mandarin Program

Tuesday, September 19

- 11:00 am Caregiver Coffee
- 11:00 am LARC
- 6:00 pm Boy Scout Pack Meeting
- 6:30 pm Church Council

Wednesday, September 20

- 11:00 am LARC
- 3:30 pm Orinda Mandarin Program
- 7:30 pm Al-Anon
- 7:30 pm Spirit Borne

Thursday, September 21

- 9:00 am Women's Bible Study CFM
- 11:00 am LARC
- 6:00 pm Canticle Choir
- 7:00 pm Bell Choir

Friday, September 22

- 11:00 am LARC
- 7:30 pm KCCL Taize in Chapel

Saturday, September 23

Sunday, September 24

- 8:30 am Traditions Worship Service
- 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship in Gregersen Hall
- 9:45 am Education for all ages
- 10:45 am Celebrations Worship Service
- 11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
- 11:45 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM hosted by the Merlin Family
- 12:15 pm KCCL Worship
- 12:15 pm Bible & Lunch Bunch, Yankee Pier, 3593 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette
- 6:00 pm YG6:8 (Youth Group Gathering) off-site

Martin Luther Celebration



Please mark October 29 on your calendars. On that Sunday we are going to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the day Martin Luther nailed 95 theses on the door of the

church in Wittenberg, Germany, starting a church revolution and the beginning of the Lutheran faith that we practice. A Martin Luther party team will be formed in the coming weeks.

Attendance September 10

8:30 a.m. 55 10:45 a.m. 40

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