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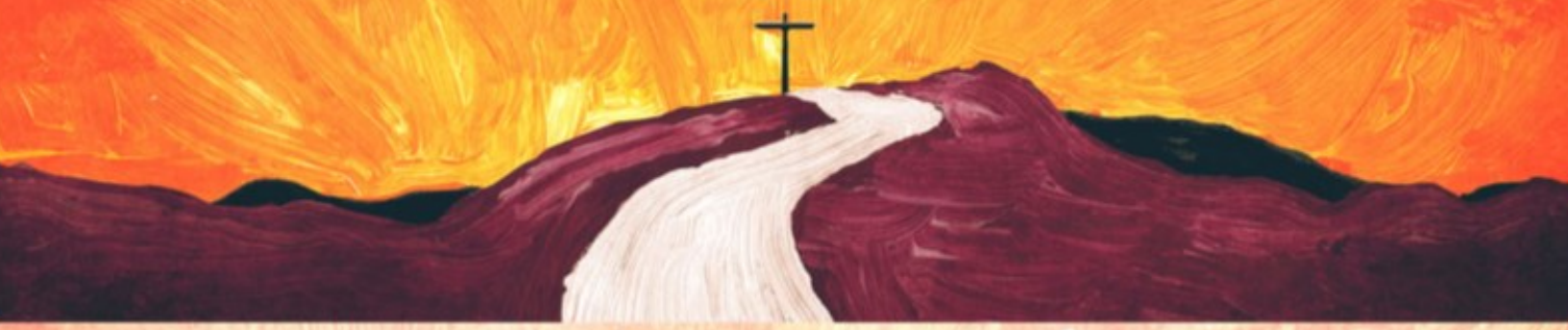


LARC Celebrates 20th Anniversary!

At the end of August, over 125 people gathered in Gregersen Hall to celebrate LARC's 20th Anniversary of service to the community!

It was a very special occasion, and we acknowledged that our success is due to the tremendous support we've received over these many years from the Congregation, Community, Staff, Volunteers, Community Foundations, Care-givers, and Friends of LARC. Delicious hors d'eouvres were provided by Ann's Catering, music was performed by Wayne Fettig and Marc Levine, fabulous wines were enjoyed, and we shared a slide show of "20 Years In Pictures"! Pastor John thanked the crowd and acknowledged Lucille Madsen for "getting things started" with the respite program AND our support group! Teresa Gerringer, representative from California State Senator Steve Glaser's office, presented LARC, and Lucille, with a commemorative certificate of our service for families dealing with Alzheimer's and related dementias. Despite the heatwave, it was a lovely afternoon of celebration and gratitude. The day after this wonderful celebration, the Caregiver Support Group surprised the LARC staff with flowers and a cake, expressing their gratitude for the love and care we provide to the LARC families. Here's to the next 20 years!

Vacation Bible School

Over 60 Kids Join for 'Passport to Peru'

From July 10th to 14th, HSLC held another successful Vacation Bible School. This year's theme was Passport to Peru. This theme incorporated some Spanish songs into the fun VBS catalog. A record number of kids attended VBS this year, with over 60 children participating. The children were aged from Pre-K to 5th grade. Kids had a variety of fun activities to do throughout the week, including singing, crafts, games, and Bible study. Some of the most talked about crafts were tie dye and maraca making. The music station was run by Leslie O'Brien, who always provides lots of energy and enthusiasm. Popular songs this year were "Alabare a Mi Señor", "I'm Keeping My Eyes On Jesus", and "He Knows My Name". Games included the always exciting "Uncle Dougar" and "Duck Duck Goose".

There were approximately 25 staff volunteers helping out throughout the week. Their support was essential in helping the kids get from one station to the next and providing them with a fun, structured atmosphere. Breakfast and lunch were provided for the staff by generous congregation members. Snacks for the kids were Peruvian themed, and included items such as papas fritas and arroz con leche. The snack table was run by Elaine Chan. This year's VBS directors were Taryn Lausch and Bryant Chow.

Holy Shepherd Preschool

We're off to a great start at Holy Shepherd Preschool. Each day is filled with fun and exciting adventures to help the children develop socially, academically, and spiritually. Today was apple picking day with the Wednesday class. We each got to take an apple home, and we will most likely cook with our apples this week. We have fun at school!

Miss Susie

500 YEARS AGO

this Halloween, an unknown monk in a small German town nailed his *95 Theses* on the door of the local church and started The Reformation.

Within 20 years Martin Luther and 'the Lutherans' were also credited with:

- Establishing the first 'Community Chest' as a way to offer support to neighbors in need;
- Inaugurating free public education for both girls and boys; and
- Changing the language of government and religion to the language of common people.

SO JOIN US

at our 'Marty Party' and help celebrate the 500th anniversary of The Reformation. It's gonna be fun!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
2PM – 5PM

- Enjoy beer tasting with numerous Lamorinda Home Brewers
- Bounce house, games, and crafts for kids
- Apple carving for people of all ages
- Oktoberfest-style bratwursts on the grill
- Cake walk with 'Ed the Accordion Man'
- Photo booth with the Original Lutherans
- And much, much more!

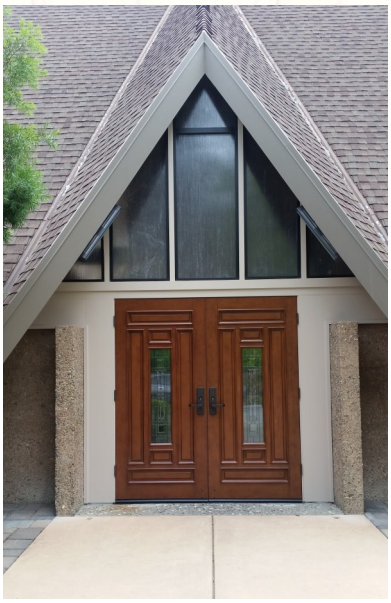
Holy Shepherd
Lutheran Church
433 Moraga Way, Orinda

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO HELP VICTIMS OF THE RECENT NORTH BAY FIRES!

COMING AND GOING—CHURCH UPDATES

SANCTUARY DOORS PROJECT

Over 2 years ago, a broken glass in one of our old green doors led to a project that developed into a fresh new look for the narthex and entrances to the sanctuary. Solid panels over the doors that faced the parking lot and the adjoining windows have been replaced with rain glass that ties in with all the sanctuary windows. That same doorway was expanded to be ADA-compliant, and lower thresholds were included for safety. New exterior lighting was installed in the eaves, and interior lighting has been modified. Our new doors are of a design and quality that will serve us well through the years. The new doors can stay open without hooks or door stops. All has been set off by new paint around both doorways, inside and out, throughout the narthex and even the restrooms. We're close to completion now with a few details remaining.



Special thanks to our Design Team of Reni Yasuda, Elizabeth Humphrey and Marla Schroeder for their meticulous attention to detail, style, and color selection and to all who generously contributed financially to this project. A shout out as well goes to John Ruhlen Design, JM Electric, Mark Bellingham Painting for ceiling repair, Annie Nesbit Color Consulting, and Albright Painting for their fine work.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

On August 18 and September 15, HSLC hosted entertainment for kids so that their parents could have a night out. The evening offers an opportunity for parents to leave their kids in a safe environment for enjoyment. Stay tuned for the next Parents' Night Out!

SPECIAL THANKS...

to Gerry Perry, who painted the benches outside!

MARTY PARTY / 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF REFORMATION

Sunday, October 29th, 2 to 5 pm

A fun event for the whole family!

- Singing
- Polka Man
- Beer Brewing Competition
- Photo booth with Martin Luther and Katie (Katharina von Bora)
- Martin Luther video
- Bounce House
- Food!!

Please see back page for information on a very special soup mug giveaway in honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!

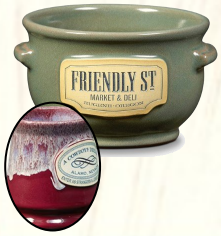
SHARE THE WARMTH AT MARTY PARTY

The drive for coats, blankets, and all things warm will be held in conjunction with the Marty Party (October 29)! Please bring anything from socks to tents that would be helpful for those trying to keep warm this winter. The donations will benefit Friendly Manor, White Pony Express, Hillcrest Church Clothes Closet, Youth Home, Mendocino school children, Winter Nights, and others. Please contact Karen Rose Kalvass with any questions 925-284-8130.

500TH ANNIVERSARY OF REFORMATION—SOUP MUG GIVEAWAY

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-five Theses on the door of the All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, sparking the Reformation. To celebrate the 500th Reformation Anniversary, one soup mug/crock will be offered to each HSLC member family. Mugs are being distributed between services on October Sundays thru the 29th.

The emblems on opposite sides will be HSLC and Martin Luther Reformation (see left). Crock (left) available in burgundy/sand white and mug (right) available in dijon/ cinnamon white.



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Sunday Worship	8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.	Holy Shepherd Preschool	925-254-3429
Office Hours	Mon–Thurs, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Preschool Email	preschool@holyshepherd.org
	Fridays, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Lamorinda Adult Respite Center	925-254-3465
Church Office	925-254-3422	LARC Email	larc@holyshepherd.org

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