



"Peace to you!
As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."
And when He had said this,
He breathed on them, and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit."
(John 20:21,22)



The horrors and the damage of the firestorm that engulfed Napa, Yuba and Sonoma Counties are only just beginning to become known, but we seek to be the face of God to our neighbors to the north. We will be working with/through Lutheran Social Service of Northern California and Lutheran Disaster Relief to make that support real to those who need it most. We have established an 'October Wildfire Relief Fund' to receive fire-support funds, with the understanding that our Church Council will direct those funds to those individuals and organizations most in need of our aid. Make checks payable to Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, and use the white "Fire-Support" envelopes available in the pew racks or in the church office to make you donation. (Donations to Lutheran Social Service and/or Lutheran Disaster Relief can be made online by clicking through to links shared on our Facebook page.) 100% of your gifts will be directed to affected individuals and communities.

Please remember in prayer the congregations in the fire areas: Bethlehem, Faith, and Thanksgiving Lutheran Churches in Santa Rosa; Cross and Crown Lutheran in Rohnert Park; Napa Valley Lutheran in Napa; Galilee Lutheran in Kelseyville; Grace Lutheran in Ukiah; and Peace Lutheran in Grass Valley. Please keep all in these communities in your prayers, as well as the firefighters and other first responders who are assisting in providing rescue and safety.

College & Military Care Packages

We will soon be sending out our college care packages and need to know the names and addresses of our college and military families. Please email that information to Diana Yorgan (dyorgan@comcast.net) so we can plan for the mailing. Even if their addresses have not changed we need to confirm that what we have on file is correct. Thank you.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Membership Information Luncheon

Today we are hosting a 'Membership Information' luncheon in the Center for Ministry. If you're not currently a member of our congregation and would like to be -- or if you'd simply like to learn more about Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church -- please join us. Pastor Valentine and members of our Church Council will try to answer such questions as "What does it mean to be a Lutheran Christian?," "What does it mean to be a member of this congregation?" and "What IS Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church anyway?" The luncheon gathering begins at 12:15 and will finish by 1:30. Please note that -- for those interested in church membership -- we are planning a Reception of New Members rite in conjunction with worship on November 5th.



LARC has begun its 2017 Fall Fundraising campaign - direct mail fundraising letters were mailed last week! Our last Fall Fundraiser was in 2015 and was a huge success! All donations are greatly appreciated and help us to continue our mission of serving families dealing with Alzheimer's or related dementias. LARC has been operating at full capacity for the past 2 years and our Tuesday Caregiver Coffees are very popular! LARC is a valuable community resource - your support is requested and all contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law. Checks can be made payable to LARC with "Fall Fundraiser" noted on the memo line. Thank you, in advance, for your support of our program!

Beth Montgomery
Director, Lamorinda Adult Respite Center



TODAY - 12:15 pm Membership Information Luncheon, CFM
October 19 - 9:00 am Women's Bible Study, CFM, Book of Acts, Lesson 3
6:30 pm No Sew Blanket Workshop
October 20 - 5:30 pm Parents Night Out
October 21 - 2:00 pm Baby Shower for Gretchen Stenson, CFM
October 22 - 12:15 pm Bible & Lunch Bunch, CFM Library, Lesson 3, Acts 2, Bring Your Own Lunch
6:00 pm YG6:8 Cristi Chow's home
October 27 - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Dorothy Lee's Card Games, Gregersen Hall
October 29 - 2:00 - 5:00 pm Marty Party Celebration
November 3 & 10 - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Dorothy Lee's Card Games, Gregersen Hall
November 5 - Reception of New Members

Blanket Project

We will be working on "no-sew" fleece blankets for our wounded soldiers on Thursday, October 19, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. in Gregersen Hall. We have chosen this date to allow working people, families and neighbors to be able to participate. Bring your scissors and be ready to cut and tie knots...no prior experience necessary. If you have any questions call Diana Yorgan 925-253-1444.

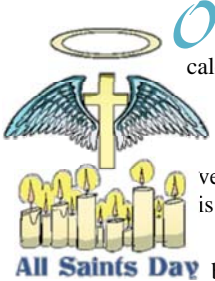
Thanks to those who have helped on recent projects around Holy Shepherd: Dave Lausch for multi-tasking odd jobs in the narthex and Bryan Oczkus for weed-whacking in the upper parking lot on work day. Your efforts are much appreciated!

Marla Schroeder

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October 15, 2017
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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday



October 18 John Pomidor
 October 19 Carys Chung
 October 20 Julia Villano
 Herb Wehmeyer
 Gregory Wiessler
 October 21 Marian McGill
 October 22 Belle Lindskoog



One of the most under-appreciated days on the church calendar is a day we call "All Saints Sunday." Traditionally occurring on the first Sunday of November (November 5), All Saints Sunday is a day to:

- Look back in remembrance – recalling those many "saints" who have walked journeys of faithfulness in years now past, people whose lives have significantly and positively empowered our own living.
- Look around in thankfulness – remembering that we live as "saints" for one another and seeing ways in which others in the community positively impact our own daily lives.
- Look forward in hope – realizing that God's promised feast at the end of this age will reunite us with those saints of every time and every place, including those whom we hold most dear.

We realize that many in our community have grieved the passing of a loved one in recent days. Some have lost a parent, others a spouse or sibling, still others a child or dear friend. And we are aware that those losses create holes in the fabric of our lives that may never be repaired.

As a way to honor those saints who have taught us how to live good and godly lives, we cordially invite you to celebrate All Saints Day with us on Sunday, November 5th in a very particular way. We hope to line the wall of our sanctuary with pictures of those who have been 'saints' to you! To help make this happen you can:

- Bring a favorite picture of your saint by the church office this week (between 9 am and 2 pm on Monday through Thursday) so that our office staff can make a copy of it to place in the Sanctuary, or
- bring a picture of your saint and place it on the wall which surrounds our worship space.

Either way, these saintly pictures will serve a visual reminder of the biblical exhortation "surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." You will also be invited to name the name of your beloved saint during our prayers of intercession as we remember and give thanks for their lives.

Please join us on All Saints Day and help us all to remember those whom you cannot forget.

The weekly news inserts are available on the church's website every week - go to www.holyshepherd.org and click on Weekly News.

PRAYER REQUESTS

HEALING

Donna Zelinski Dottie Russell
 Carol Kramer Dona Lawrentz
 Marlys Howard Patty Weyand
 Harry Davis Lavonne Rodean
 John Newman Robyn Quint

WELLNESS

Mary Moore Pearl Gregersen
 Rolf Benseler Pat Tveitmoe
 Cathy Johnson Grace Adams

PEACE / COMFORT

Laura Lyman Kitti Colucci
 Rosemarie Routson

THOSE WHO GRIEVE

The family of Katherine Ruff (Karin (daughter), Daniel, Helena & Hendrick Linnen)

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 (includes Daniel and Sungie Song), Hurricanes Irma and Maria Mexico City Earthquake Las Vegas Shooting Northern CA Fires (includes DoLoris and Doug Timmons)



October 29 is the day that we will have our big celebration party from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. What are we celebrating? 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.

There will be food, music, games, activities, pumpkins, a puppet show, craft beer contest and more!



The drive for coats, blankets and all things warm will be held in conjunction with the Marty Party (October 29)! Please bring coats, hats, mittens, scarves, blankets, sleeping bags, warm boots and socks, tents, tarps - anything 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. If you have questions, please contact Karen Rose Kalvass at 925.284.8130. Thank you.

Upon receiving her MA in Education from Pepperdine University, Molly Schoenfeld received an offer of employment to teach biology at Los Lomas High School in Walnut Creek. Congratulations, Molly!

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 15

8:30 am Traditions Worship Service
 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship in Gregersen Hall hosted by Amanda Chung
 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
 12:15 pm KCCL Worship
 12:15 pm Membership Information Luncheon

Monday, October 16

10:30 am AA Meeting
 11:00 am LARC
 3:30 pm Orinda Mandarin Program

Tuesday, October 17

10:30 am Preschool Chapel
 11:00 am Caregiver Coffee
 11:00 am LARC

Wednesday, October 18

10:30 am Preschool Chapel
 11:00 am LARC
 3:30 pm Orinda Mandarin Program
 7:30 pm Al-Anon
 7:30 pm Spirit Borne

Thursday, October 19

9:00 am Women's Bible Study CFM
 11:00 am LARC
 6:30 pm No-sew Blanket Project, Gregersen Hall
 7:00 pm Bell Choir

Friday, October 20

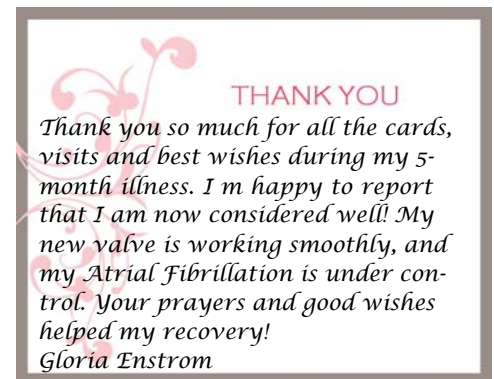
11:00 am LARC
 5:30 pm Parent's Night Out
 7:30 pm KCCL Taize, Chapel

Saturday, October 21

2:00 pm Stenson Baby Shower CFM

Sunday, October 22

8:30 am Traditions Worship Service
 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship in Gregersen Hall hosted by Yvonne & Otto Tschudi
 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 Joan Kiekhaefer
 12:15 pm KCCL Worship
 12:15 pm Bible Lunch Bunch, CFM Library, Lesson 3, Acts, Bring your own lunch
 6:00 pm YG6:8 Cristi Chow's home



Attendance October 8
 8:30 a.m. 59 10:45 a.m. 41

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