

*I am the
living bread
... if any man
eat of this bread,
he shall
live forever.*
John 6:51



As you may have seen (or heard) in recent news reports, Hurricane Harvey brought with it nearly 50" of rainfall to Houston and the surrounding community. What you may not be alert to is that the subsequent flooding caused by emergency releases of water from local reservoirs proved even more harmful than the initial deluge! Numbered among those whose homes and property were damaged by Hurricane Harvey are Daniel (Kiho) and Sungie Song. (You may recall that Daniel and Sunghie -- and their children Angie & Youngern -- were part of the Holy Shepherd family between 2003 and 2008), while Daniel was a student at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and a teaching parish student here at Holy Shepherd. Daniel and Sunghie's home stood in nearly 6 ft. of water at the height of the flooding. Obviously, they lost many personal possessions and furniture. Additionally, their car was ruined by the rising waters.

Since that time, Daniel and Sunghie have been attempting to rebuild their lives and living situation. Thankfully, their new church community has been very supportive in this process, and both have been able to return to work. But soggy drywall needs to be stripped. Framing needs to be bleached so as to prevent mold. Electrical systems need to be tested and repaired. And then new drywall needs to be installed and painted. And the family car needs to be replaced -- as it has been deemed a total loss due to damage to the engine and electrical system. (Flood damage is not covered by auto insurance.)

If you are able to support the Song family as they work to rebuild their lives, your assistance would be much appreciated. Between now and the end of October, we will be receiving gifts in support of the Song family (at which time all funds received will be forwarded to them.) Simply place a check in the Offering Plate or mail such into the church office (checks should be payable to HSLC with "Song Support" in the memo line.) You may also use the green envelopes in the pew racks designated for Hurricane relief and put the Songs name on them.

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 in advance for your timely reply.



My car, Hyundai Santa Fe, drowned in my garage, has gone. It had been outside for a while to be dried even though already dead. But when it was being dragged up to the board of a towing car; the water began to flow off and it was a lot. It looked so sad.

*Love,
Sunghie*

Membership Information Lunch

On Sunday, October 15th, we will be 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 contact Lisa Verley in the church office (925.254.3422 / lisaverley@holyshepherd.org). 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.



TODAY - 12:15 pm Bible & Lunch Bunch, CFM Library, Lesson 2, Acts:2:5-21 - Bring your own lunch!

6:00 pm YG6:8 at OCC

October 13 - YG6 Group going to Cal Game (7:30 pm start time); Call Cristi Chow for meeting time and details

October 14 - 1:00 pm No Sew Blanket Workshop

October 15 - 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 - 6:00 pm YG6:8 Cristi Chow's home

October 29 - 2:00 - 5:00 pm Marty Party Celebration

November 5 - Reception of New Members



Altar flowers this morning have been given by Belle Lindskoog.

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!

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Monday - Thursday**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 8 Dorothy Russell
 October 9 Richard Russell
 October 10 Zachary Henry
 October 12 **Christine & Jesus Padilla Jr.**

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

Martinez, 2nd Thursday of each month
 October 12, November 9, December 14
 Pittsburg, 4th Wednesday of each month
 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.



We will be working on "no-sew" fleece blankets for our wounded soldiers on Saturday, October 14, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, October 19, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. in

Gregersen Hall. We have chosen these dates 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.



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.



PRAYER REQUESTS

HEALING

Donna Zelinski
 Carol Kramer
 Marlys Howard
 Harry Davis
 Gloria Enstrom

Dottie Russell
 Dona Lawrentz
 Patty Weyand
 Lavonne Rodean
 Robyn Quint

WELLNESS

Mary Moore
 Rolf Benseler
 Cathy Johnson

Pearl Gregersen
 Pat Tveitmoe
 Grace Adams

PEACE / COMFORT

Laura Lyman
 Rosemarie Routson

Kitti Colucci

THOSE WHO GRIEVE

Carole Vetter on the passing of her husband,
 Neil Van Valkenburgh
 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
 Megan Howard

Brian Henson

All those affected by:
Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria
Mexico City Earthquake
Las Vegas Shooting



Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Linnen Family - Karin, Daniel, Helena and Hendrick - on the death of Karin's mother, Katherine Ruff, after a brief illness. Please keep them in your prayers as they go through this most difficult time.

Coming soon . . . A Little Girl

Join us for a baby shower/tea for Gretchen Stenson, October 21, 2:00 p.m., Center for Ministry.

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. She also has registries with Babies "R" Us and Bye Bye Baby. Any questions should be directed to Diana Yorgan, 925-788-2957. Hope you will plan to attend.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 8

8:30 am Traditions Worship Service
 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship in Gregersen Hall hosted by Juanita Gilbertson
 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 Mimi and Ed Szaky
 12:15 pm Bible & Lunch Bunch CFM - **Bring your own lunch**
 12:15 pm KCCL Worship
 6:00 pm YG6:8 at OCC

Monday, October 9

10:30 am AA Meeting
 11:00 am LARC
 3:30 am Orinda Mandarin Program
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, October 10

10:30 am Preschool Chapel
 11:00 am Caregiver Coffee
 11:00 am LARC
 6:00 pm Boy Scout Pack Mtg.

Wednesday, October 11

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

Thursday, October 12

11:00 am LARC
 6:00 pm Boy Scout Pack Mtg.
 6:00 pm Canticle Choir
 7:00 pm Bell Choir

Friday, October 13

11:00 am LARC
 YG6 Group going to Cal Game (7:30 pm start time); call Cristi Chow for meeting time and details
 7:30 pm KCCL Taize, Chapel

Saturday, October 14

1:00 pm No Sew Blanket Workshop, Gregersen Hall

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

Thank You to Alison Kling, Joan Kiekhaefer, Dave Lausch, Bruce Neujahr, John Pomidor, Pastor John and Marla Schroeder for answering the call on Work Day, September 30. Your efforts made a big difference . . . more opportunities to come.

Attendance October 1
 8:30 a.m. 53 10:45 a.m. 37

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