

# Advent

## A Time of Hope & Expectation



Holy Shepherd Christian Preschool  
will present the  
Christmas Story

December 11 at 11:30 in Gregersen Hall  
Everyone is invited!

### HOME SWEET HOME





#### Adopting a Homeless Person or Family for Christmas

Would you like to help a formerly homeless person or family get set up in their apartment? Lutheran Social Services has a program called "Home, Sweet Home" where a basket of household supplies are given to the family or young adult who is transitioning from homeless to an apartment. Since they may only have a grocery bag holding all their possessions we can help someone set up house keeping in their new apartment with all the basics. A list of helpful items is in Gregersen Hall. Please choose some items you might be willing to buy and sign your name and check the items you'd like to bring. We will begin collect these items **TODAY AND DECEMBER 10**. This will be a wonderful way to share your joy of Christmas with someone who could use a hand up. Questions...contact Diana Yorgan 925-788 2957 or Cristi Chow 925-876-0352.

#### Giving Beyond Ourselves



Thank you to all who participated in the letter writing campaign, making blankets, preparing the mailing for our troops - this includes the Sewing Angels, the congregation, LARC, and preschool. Your endeavors will make a much merrier Christmas for our troops! The following items were shipped:

-  11 Wounded Warrior Blankets to the Army's main evacuation hospital in Landstuhl, Germany
-  Letters/drawings (1080 total - a record of 160 originals) to Chaplains of 7 units in the Afghanistan Theatre
-  576 Tiny Candy Canes - just for the fun of it
-  458 Granola Nut Bars

Diana Yorgan, Social Ministries Chair



### Upcoming events

**TODAY** - First Sunday in Advent  
3:00 pm Hanging of the Greens. Join Us!

**December 9** - 10:30 am Cookie Exchange

**December 10** - 10:45 am Sunday School  
Children's Christmas Play, Gregersen Hall

12 noon Bible & Lunch Bunch in the CFM library for lunch and Bible study. Bring your own lunch. Lesson 5, Acts 4. RSVP to Janine Crowe.

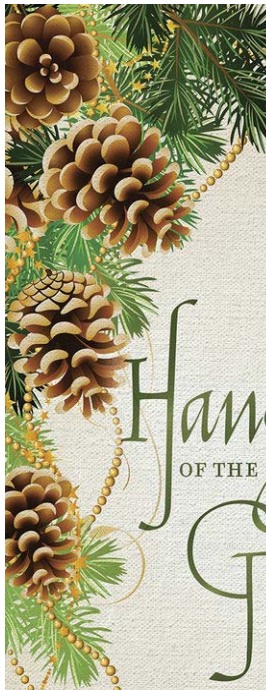
**December 11** - 11:30 am Preschool Christmas Story

#### Christmas Donations for Sanctuary Decorations



You will find envelopes in the pew racks this morning for donations. Designations and money must be received by **December 10** in order to have names included in the Christmas bulletins. Be sure to designate your check "Christmas Decorations."

Today 3:00 p.m. is our annual Hanging of the Greens. All are welcome. A few strong men are needed to help put up the tree! Join us as we prepare our hearts and the sanctuary for Christmas!



# Hanging OF THE Greens



HS Sunday School will present a  
Christmas Play  
December 10 at 10:45 a.m.  
Gregersen Hall

**TODAY Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m.**

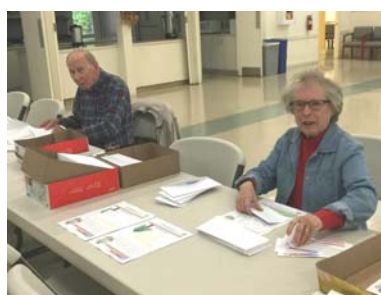
**December 10 Final Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m.**

**No Sunday School 12/17, 12/24, 12/31**



This morning we welcome *Alta Noel Stenson* into the body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Alta was born November 16, 2017 to Gretchen and Michael Stenson. Her Christian sponsors are

Katrina and Jason Stone (Gretchen's sister and brother-in-law).



Christmas Mailing Crew

L to R: Belle, Barbara, Pete, Sharon, Will, Herb, Joan

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church  
December 3, 2017  
Phone 925-254-3422  
www.holyshepherd.org  
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Monday - Thursday

★★★★ YOU ARE INVITED  
TO A SWEET OCCASION



**THE GREAT  
COOKIE EXCHANGE**

Saturday, December 9

10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Gregersen Hall

Bring 2 - 3 dozen cookies to share and also a \$5 Christmas ornament or a white elephant gift.

Cristi Chow is the contact person



December 4	Henry Chow
December 5	Karen Heur
December 8	Pat Tveitmoe
December 9	Pearl Gregersen Mary Moore



**FUNDRAISING EVENT**

International Health Partners

There will be an IHP dinner fundraiser with silent auction and raffle January 27 (tentative time 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.). Karen Rose Kalvass will be selling tickets during coffee fellowship this morning. There will also be a sign-up sheet for hosting Denny and Paula for lunch or dinner during the time they will be in the area. Thank you if you can be a host.

If you can help out with silent auction and/or raffle items for the fundraiser, please speak with Karen.



Altar flowers this morning have been given by Otto & Yvonne Tschudi in celebration of their daughter Solveig's birthday.

Attendance November 26  
9:30 a.m. 88

**+ Prayer Requests**

**HEALING**

Donna Zelinski      Dottie Russell  
Carol Kramer      Dona Lawrentz  
Marlys Howard      Lavonne Rodean  
Calvin (grandson of Pastor Ken [SOV in the 1970's] & Earna Mikulasek)

**WELLNESS**

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

**PEACE / COMFORT**

Laura Lyman      Kitti Colucci  
Rosemarie Routson

**MILITARY**

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

Ryan Bingham      Brian Henson  
Megan Howard

All those affected by: Hurricane Harvey (includes Daniel and Sungie Song), Hurricanes Irma and Maria; Mexico City Earthquake; Las Vegas Shooting; Northern CA Fires; Sutherland Springs, TX - Church Shooting

**Please check all the sign-up sheets in CFM:**

- Lay servers for Christmas Eve services
- Coffee hosts for balance of 2017 and for 2018
- Altar flowers
- Home Sweet Home Adoption Program

*Thank You!*

Women's Bible Study will NOT be meeting in December. Our next meeting will be January 4, 2018, 9:00 a.m. in the CFM. Lesson 6, Acts 4:32-5:42. New ladies are welcome. Contact person: Janine Crowe.

Bible Lunch Bunch will meet Sunday, 12/10, 12 noon in the CFM library for lunch and Bible study. Bring your lunch. We will be talking about Lesson 5, Acts 4. Please RSVP to Janine Crowe.

**Financial Concerns**

- If you have donated stock to the church during 2017, please contact Donna Benseler so she can be sure it is recorded correctly.
- If you have questions regarding designated giving and how it was recorded on your quarterly statements, you will need to discuss this with Donna. She can be reached at 925-254-3422 ext 105.



**Friday, December 8**

5:30 - 8:00 p.m., Gregersen Hall  
\$5 goodwill offering per child  
Children need to be potty trained

The evening begins with snacks followed by board games. An hour later is dinner (pizza) and dessert followed by more games/activities. Hope to see your children there! Call Cristi Chow, 925-876-0352, to sign up.



**Sunday, December 3**

9:30 am All Congregation Worship  
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM hosted by Bruce & Diana Neujahr and Char Demos  
11:00 am KCCL Bible Study  
12:15 pm KCCL Worship  
3:00 pm Hanging of the Greens Sanctuary

**Monday, December 4**

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

**Tuesday, December 5**

10:30 am Preschool Chapel  
11:00 am Caregiver Coffee  
11:00 am LARC  
6:00 pm Boy Scouts Pack Meeting

**Wednesday, December 6**

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

**Thursday, December 7**

11:00 am LARC  
6:30 pm Girl Scout Cookie Training  
7:00 pm Bell Choir

**Friday, December 8**

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

**Saturday, December 9**

10:30 am Cookie Exchange - Gregersen Hall

**Sunday, December 10**

9:30 am All Congregation Worship  
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM hosted by Nina & Steve Berchtold  
11:00 am KCCL Bible Study  
12 noon Bible Lunch Bunch in CFM; bring your own lunch. Lesson 5, Acts 4 - contact Janine Crowe  
12:15 pm KCCL Worship

*Sunday Morning Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. through January 7*

*December 17  
Annual Advent/Christmas Music Celebration  
Christmas Eve Services, December 24  
4:00 p.m. 'Joyful Noise' Worship  
6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship  
10:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship*

Please note the change that we will stay with one service through January 7.

Note: Two framed pictures from All Saints Sunday were left behind and are in the church office. Please stop by and pick them up. Thank you.

The weekly news inserts are available on the church's website every week - go to [www.holyshepherd.org](http://www.holyshepherd.org) and click on Weekly News.

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