



Annual Wine Event

Come join us for
a holiday get-together
Saturday, December 2, 5:00 p.m.
Home of Joan Kiekhaefer &
Steve Rosenzweig
95 Sleepy Hollow Lane, Orinda
Bring a bottle of wine and
a heavy appetizer to share
RSVP to Lisa Merlin
510.506.2061 or
merlinfmly@aol.com

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 they call "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 collecting these items **December 3 through 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 26 - Christ the King
December 2 - 12 noon Celebration of Life for Gerd Behrsing followed by light luncheon in CFM
5:00 pm Annual Wine Event off-site
December 3 - First Sunday in Advent
3:00 pm Hanging of the Greens
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 Sing Along

Sunday, December 3, at 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



Holy Shepherd Christian Preschool will present a Christmas Sing Along December 11 at 11:30 in Gregersen Hall Everyone is invited!



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

December 3 Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m.

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

No Sunday School 11/26, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31

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.

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."

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
November 26, 2017
Phone 925-254-3422
www.holyshepherd.org
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday



Altar flowers this morning have been given by the Valentine family.

★ ★ ★ 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



November 27 Reagan Shanahan
December 1 Howard Rodean



We rejoice with Michael and Gretchen Stenson as they celebrate the birth of their baby girl, Alta Noel, born November 16! Congratulations and thanks be to God for this

beautiful new child!

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!

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

Martinez, 2nd Thursday of each month - 12/14
Pittsburg, 4th Wednesday of each month - 12/27

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

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.

† 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) who is undergoing cancer treatments at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston.

WELLNESS

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

PEACE / COMFORT

Laura Lyman Kitti Colucci
Rosemarie Routsen

THOSE WHO GRIEVE

Christian sympathies go out to John and Pat Pomidor at the death of John's mother, Jeannette Pomidor, this past week. Memorial services will be held in Florida, with an interment service pending in Ohio.

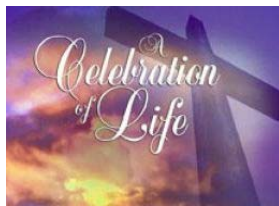
MILITARY

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



A Celebration of Life Service is planned for Gerd Behrsing at Holy Shepherd, Saturday, December 2, at 12 noon followed by a light lunch reception

in the CFM. Please join Johanna and family to celebrate Gerd's life.

LARC needs buttons for an upcoming project. Flat back buttons are best but they will take any and all. You will find containers where you can deposit the buttons in Gregersen Hall and CFM. Thank you for helping!



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.

A Week Of Thanks

Sunday, November 26

9:30 am All Congregation Worship
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM
11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
12:15 pm KCCL Worship
3:00 pm Boy Scout Den Meeting

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

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

Wednesday, November 29

10:30 am Preschool Chapel
11:00 am LARC
3:30 pm Orinda Mandarin Program
7:00 pm Strategic Planning Meeting
7:30 pm AI-Anon
7:30 pm Spirit Borne

Thursday, November 30

11:00 am LARC
6:00 pm Canticle Choir
7:00 pm Bell Choir

Friday, December 1

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

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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

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

December 3
Annual Commitment Sunday Celebration

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.

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

Attendance November 19
8:30 a.m. 73 10:45 a.m. 35

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