

Advent

A Time of Hope & Expectation



Upcoming events



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. **TODAY is the deadline.** This is 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.

Christmas Donations for Sanctuary Decorations

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



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

TODAY Final Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m.
No Sunday School 12/17, 12/24, 12/31

TODAY - 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
December 17 - 9:30 am Annual Advent/Christmas Music Celebration
December 18 - January 1 Preschool Closed
December 19 - 7:00 pm Church Council
December 24 - 9:30 am Worship Service
Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 10:00 pm
December 25 - January 1 - LARC Closed
January 4 - 9:00 am Women's Bible Study meets in CFM

HUGE NEWS! ANOTHER MATCHING GRANT!

Dr. Christine Petersen has challenged our donors with a Christmas Challenge grant. She'll match all donations up to \$15,000 given by Christmas, this year.

Think about a donation for the names on your Christmas list to help build the Mary Ellen Kitundu Memorial Birthing Center at The Children's Hospital at Zinga. A gift of life. And the gifts will be doubled!!! Every gift donation will receive a personal thank you from us so those on your list will know exactly how their gift was used.

The Facebook match came to about \$15,000 and we'll see that matching grant in 6-7 weeks. This challenge for Christine means any of you who want to donate again for a second match, or anyone who was unable to do the Facebook match, can send a check to:

International Health Partners, U.S.
Joyce Zemel, Treasurer
1811 So. 39th St., #36
Mesa, AZ 85206

or
go to our website, www.ihptz.org and click on Donate Now!

or
call Joyce at 480-540-9317

Just indicate "match" on the check or donation.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Paula and Denny

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
December 10, 2017
Phone 925-254-3422
www.holyshepherd.org
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday



Thank you to the following persons for decorating the Sanctuary last Sunday. It is beautiful!

Joan Birke
Diana Yorgan / Bob Schwab
Johanna Behrsing
Barbara & Gerry Perry
Nadine Coburn
Louise Harpham
Janine Crowe
Pastor John
Juanita & Tom Gilbertson

Ginny Ruble
Belle Lindskoog
Bob & Marci Bauer
Christoph Behrsing
Pete Schmitt
Barb Swanson
Pete Johnson
Nina & Steve Berchtold
Will & Sharon Tissue
Julie & Terry Hamre



December 11 **Russ & Opal Bliese**
 December 12 Gretchen Stenson
 December 13 Paul Heuer
 Bob Schwab
 John Shanahan
 December 14 Deepak Kumar
 December 15 Terry Hamre
 December 16 **Rolf & Donna Benseler**



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 again on December 31. 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 Russ & Opal Bliese in celebration of their 69th Wedding Anniversary December 11. Happy Anniversary!



Please check all the sign-up sheets in Gregersen Hall:

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

Thank You!

Last Chance! 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 is a display today in Gregersen Hall. Make a check payable to "LARC" and place inside the envelope attached to the display bag and take your free bag!

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 Tveitmoie
 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; Southern California Wildfires

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 today 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.



Our greatest need . . .

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator.

If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a

scientist.

If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness and acceptance, so God sent us a Savior.

—Author unknown



Sunday, December 10

9:30 am All Congregation Worship
 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship in Gregersen Hall hosted by Nina & Steve Berchtold
 10:45 am Sunday School Christmas Play
 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

Monday, December 11

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

Tuesday, December 12

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

Wednesday, December 13

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

Thursday, December 14

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

Friday, December 15

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

Saturday, December 16

Sunday, December 17

9:30 am All Congregation Worship
 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM hosted by the Shanahans
 11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
 12:15 pm KCCL Worship



Attendance December 3
 9:30 a.m. 102

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

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