

Advent

A Time of Hope & Expectation



Upcoming events



Thank you to all who donated to the Home Sweet Home Project. Diana put together 5+ huge boxes to be picked up by Lutheran Social Services. Thank you to Diana for her organization and hard work to make this project a success!



Save the Following Dates

Holy Shepherd will again be assisting Orinda Community Church with Winter Nights the week of **February 3rd - 10th**. Sign ups will be in mid- January.

TODAY - 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
January 21 - 12:15 pm, Bible & Lunch Bunch, Location to be determined

Holy Shepherd kids in the Christmas Pageant presented last Sunday!



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 Zingta. 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 17, 2017
Phone 925-254-3422
www.holyshepherd.org
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday



December 18 Bert Enstrom
 December 22 Abigail Gardner
 Lisa Merlin
 December 24 William Hunter
 Marla Schroeder



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.

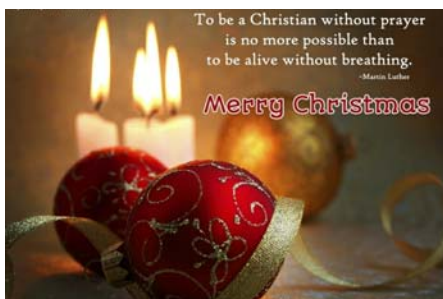


Altar flowers this morning have been given by both Russ & Opal Bliese and also Steve Strand. Opal and Russ gave flowers in celebration of their 69th Wedding Anniversary, which was December 11.

We wish them a most Happy belated Anniversary!

(Due to unavoidable circumstances the flowers could not be placed on the altar last Sunday.)

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! These would make great Christmas gifts.



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 Tveitmo
 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), Hurricane Irma and Maria; Mexico City Earthquake; Las Vegas Shooting; Northern CA Fires; Sutherland Springs, TX - Church Shooting; Southern California Wildfires (includes Lois Okerstrom and Marilyn & Tony Sanchez)

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.

To our Holy Shepherd Family:

Thank you so much for all the love and support that you have given to us throughout the pregnancy, birth and baptism of our little Alta. From the words of encouragement, to the hugs and amazing baby shower - we couldn't have been blessed with a better family. We truly appreciate each and every one of you and look forward to seeing our daughter grow up in this church.

Love,
 Mike and Gretchen Stenson

Yes! SIGN ME UP

Please check all the sign-up sheets in Center for Ministry:

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

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



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

Monday, December 18

Preschool Closed until January 2
 10:30 am AA Meeting
 11:00 am LARC

Tuesday, December 19

11:00 am Caregiver Coffee
 11:00 am LARC
 7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, December 20

11:00 am LARC
 7:30 pm Al-Anon

Thursday, December 21

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

Friday, December 22

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

Saturday, December 23

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

9:30 am All Congregation Worship
 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM
 11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
 12:15 pm KCCL Worship
 4:00 pm 'Joyful Noise' Worship
 6:00 pm Candlelight Communion Worship
 10:00 pm Candlelight Communion Worship



Attendance December 10
 9:30 a.m. 93

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