

GOODBYE 2017 WELCOME 2018



LARC and Preschool have a visit from Santa!

Upcoming Events!

- January 4** - 9:00 am Women's Bible Study meets in CFM
- January 7** - 9:30 am Worship Service
- January 10** - 9:30 am Removing Christmas Decorations
- January 11** - Loaves & Fishes Martinez
- January 14** - Return to two worship services:
8:30 am Traditional Worship Service
10:45 am Celebrations Worship Service
- January 21** - 12:15 pm, Bible & Lunch Bunch, Location to be determined
- January 24** - Loaves & Fishes Pittsburg



Del Rey Elementary School Kindergarten students bring their musical talents to entertain LARC. What a joy it is for the LARC participants to interact with the children!

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
December 31, 2017
www.holyshepherd.org
Office Hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday
Phone 925-254-3422



Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary

December 31 Fran Gabie
 January 2 **John & Patricia Pomidor**
 January 3 **Bob & Lois Fleischmann**
 January 5 **Karen Rose & George Kalvass**



FUNDRAISING EVENT

International Health Partners

Holy Shepherd has supported International Health Partners for many years – the organization’s goal is to help improve healthcare for the people of Tanzania as the death rate for children under 5 is exceptionally high. To date, IHP has opened 2 full hospital complexes and a nursing school. Currently they are working on the first pediatric hospital in Eastern Africa – The Children’s Hospital of Zinga! In April 2016, the clinic portion opened to serve people – and all children under 5 are served at no cost to the patient’s family. The birthing center of the complex is nearly complete, but will not be able to open until the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) is also complete. The goal of Paula & Dr. Denny in their travels this year is to raise enough funds to complete the NICU!! How can you help?

- ❖ Invite Dr. Denny & Paula for lunch or dinner during their stay (at home or a restaurant)
- ❖ Sign up to assist with the January 27th Holy Shepherd fundraising dinner/auction
- ❖ Help sell tickets
- ❖ Help set up the day of the event
- ❖ Help clean up the day of the event
- ❖ Get gift bags ready for raffle
- ❖ Donate items for the fundraiser that you may have – or have a connection to get such as:
 - * Vacation home for a week or weekend or a timeshare
 - * Golf outing
 - * Dining certificates from local restaurants
 - * Health club membership (many will donate a free membership)
 - * Hotel stays (Claremont, Lafayette Park Hotel)
 - * Tickets for sports or cultural events (St. Mary’s College, Timberwolves, symphony, plays, etc.)
 - * Make cookies each month for a year
 - * Prepare a meal for a dinner party of 6 – in their home
 - * Plane tickets
 - * Use your imagination – Pastor John is offering a day of sailing!!
 - * Gift basket for the raffle
- ❖ Purchase tickets to attend the Jan 27th dinner & auction and invite family & friends!!
- ❖ Host a dinner party to introduce the Loftstroms to your friends!
- ❖ Arrange for the Loftstroms to speak at your organizations, i.e. Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary
- ❖ Make a donation to IHP-TZ

Contact Karen & George Kalvass 925.284.8130 for additional information. 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)

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; Southern California Wildfires (includes Lois Okerstrom and Marilyn & Tony Sanchez)

Property Improvement . . .

We are excited to note the new and improved concrete flat-work in front of Gregersen Hall! This project made possible by a grant from the Orinda Community Foundation, a generous donation from a former LARC participant family and the kindness of contractor Ed Fleece.

The new concrete walkway and parking lot access will facilitate a safer entrance and egress into LARC and Gregersen Hall for LARC participants and Preschool families during the week and congregation members and outside users on evenings and weekends. (Be aware that improved parking lot striping along this new sidewalk will commence after completion of this project.)

LARC and Holy Shepherd are immensely grateful to our generous donors - and we will all reap the benefits of this better access to our facilities!



Save the Following Dates

Holy Shepherd will again be assisting Orinda Community Church with Winter Nights the week of **February 3rd - 10th**. Sign up sheets available January 7.

Help Needed!

Time to un-decorate the sanctuary! We will undertake this project December 10 at 9:30 a.m. Strong men needed to help with the tree.



Sunday, December 31

9:30 a.m. New Year’s Weekend Worship Service
 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship hosted by Ann Brohm & Barbara Swanson

11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
 12:15 pm KCCL Worship

Monday, January 1, 2018

Happy New Year - Church Closed

LARC & Preschool Closed

10:30 am AA Meeting

Tuesday, January 2

9:00 am Preschool Resumes
 10:30 am Preschool Chapel
 11:00 am LARC
 11:00 am Caregiver Coffee

Wednesday, January 3

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

Thursday, January 4

9:00 am Women’s Bible Study, CFM
 11:00 am LARC
 6:00 pm Canticle Choir
 6:30 pm Girl Scout Team Meeting
 7:00 pm Shepherd’s Bells

Friday, January 5

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

Saturday, January 6

Sunday, January 7

9:30 am Worship Service
 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship hosted by Dennie Ho
 11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
 12:15 pm KCCL Worship

Financial Concerns

- If you have donated stock to the church during 2017, please contact Donna Benseler, if you haven’t already, 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.



Altar flowers this morning have been given by Karen Rose Kalvass.

Attendance December 24

9:30 a.m. 77
 4:00 p.m. 73
 6:00 p.m. 126
 10:00 p.m. 57

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