

PJ's Book Club is scheduled to meet and discuss John Danforth's book The Relevance of Religion on the evening of Tuesday, March 13th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Center for Ministry at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. (You can currently obtain a copy through Amazon, local bookstores or the Contra Costa County Library.)

Hello IHP donors and supporters,

Peter Kitundu, JR has offered \$4,000 as a matching grant to help buy an ambulance for The Children's Hospital at Zinga! Have a HEART!



Additionally, H & R Block has offered IHP the opportunity for a \$20.00 coupon to benefit IHP for every new customer that has his/her taxes done at H & R. Block. There are coupons on the table in CFM, or you can just use the Referral Number: <u>40010001098553</u> and you will receive a \$20 reduction in the cost of having your taxes done and IHP will receive the \$20.00 from H & R. Block. What a deal!!

To donate towards the ambulance, please send checks to:

International Health Partners, U.S., Inc. 1811 So. 39th St., #36 Mesa, AZ 85206 or go to our website, <u>www.ihptz.org</u> and click on PayPal or call Joyce Zemel at 480-540-9317

Happy Valentine's Day! Paula and Denny



Beginning Wednesday February 21 we will have our first Lenten Soup Supper and Worship. The dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. in Gregersen Hall and worship will begin at 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel. Sign-up sheets are available in Gregersen Hall and CFM.



February 19 - Presidents' Day (Office, LARC & Preschool Closed)

February 20 - 7:00 pm Church Council **February 26 -** 9:00 am, CFM, Chaplain's Wings Mailing Party

February 28 - Loaves & Fishes, Pittsburg March 1 - 9:00 am Women's Bible Study, CFM Library, Lesson 10, Acts 9:32 - 11:18. Contact person is Janine Crowe.

March 11 - Daylight Saving Time Begins (Set clocks ahead one hour)

March 13 - 7:00 pm PJ's Book Club; John Danforth's book The Relevance of Religion March 18 - 12:15 pm Bible & Lunch Bunch, CFM Library, Lesson 8, Acts 8:1-40. Bring your own lunch. Contact is Janine Crowe. March 20 - First Day of Spring

March 26 - 10:00 am College Care Package Mailing CFM



Saturday, April 21, 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Raffle items are desperately needed to make this event a success. Please consider donating an item or money (for the purchase of raffle items). Donations should be received by February 23! If you are able to donate, please contact Susie Koeper, 254-3429, or email preschool@holyshepherd.org.

Invitations to be mailed March 21 and ticket sales for dinner/raffle prizes will be offered following worship starting March 25. We hope to see you at the Fiesta!

> Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church February 18, 2018 www.holyshepherd.org Office Hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday Phone 925-254-3422

The Holy Bible

Read this Week

February 19-25, 2018

Read: "Jesus Washes Feet" (John 13:1-17)

Recite: Jesus said to his disciples, "If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." — John 13:14-15

Reflect: During Jesus' time, feet were the dirtiest part of the body. Jesus washed the feet of the disciples to set an example of how we should love and serve one another. What jobs do you do that are undesirable? How might those tasks demonstrate love and service to someone else? What 'dirty job' might you embrace in the days ahead to witness to Jesus' call to service?

Pray: Lover of all that is You call us to follow your example of humble service and love. Help us to live out your example on a daily basis. Direct our hearts to those in need. And equip us with the gift of the Holy Spirit to react with love. Amen.



Thank you received from the folks who attended Winter Nights at Orinda Community Church.



Altar flowers this morning have been given by the Merlin's in celebration of Ben's birthday. Happy Birthday, Ben/1

The beautiful roses (pictured at left) that

were in the Narthex last week were gifted by Belle Lindskoog. Thank you, Belle.



When we gather for Sunday worship we invite worshippers to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We do so because Jesus told us to do so "in remembrance of him." We do so because we understand Holy Communion to be the family meal of the people of God.

While our Communion table is open to all, we encourage younger children to participate in a series of Communion Instruction classes before regularly participating in Holy Communion. And -- to help make that happen -- Pastor John will be offering a series of Communion Instruction events during the month of March (designed for upper elementary aged students.) This series of classes (and homework!) will help to ensure that learners not only learn why Holy Communion is special, but also why we hope that Holy Communion will become special to them.

If you would like more information about this learning opportunity – or if you'd like to reserve space for you and your child in that class – please contact Pastor John directly by phone (or text) at 925-286-7751.

Loaves & Fishes Dates:

February 28, Pittsburg March 8, Martinez April 12, Martinez March 28, Pittsburg

Sign-up sheets and the full 2018 schedule are located in Gregersen Hall and CFM. Questions should be directed to Pete Schmitt.



Thank you to Cristi Chow for organizing the special performance by the Mazmanian Family last weekend. They played to a "full house," who could have listened for another several hours. If you get a chance to go to one of their performances, don't miss it! They are magnificent! Mr. Mazmanian announced to the audience that his two children who play the fiddle with him attended the preschool back in the day when it was Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Preschool!



HEALING

Donna Zelinski Carol Kramer Marlys Howard WELLNESS Mary Moore Rolf Benseler Cathy Johnson Dottie Russell Dona Lawrentz Lavonne Rodean

Pearl Gregersen Pat Tveitmoe Grace Adams

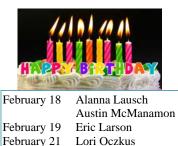
PEACE / COMFORT Laura Lyman Kitti Colucci Rosemarie Routson Beth Johnson

MILITARY

Keep our armed forces safe and give them courage, hope and strength. Ryan Bingham Brian Henson Megan Howard

College Care Packages

We will be mailing "care" packages to our college and military individuals March 26. If you would like to bring something to send, reminding them you care, bring your items to the church office no later than Sunday March 25. We will be preparing the boxes for mailing on Monday, March 26, 10:00 a.m. A suggested idea list is in Gregersen Hall. Please note your name on the list if you decide to bring one of the items listed. Continue to pray for them for the Holy Spirit's presence and protection. Questions? Contact Diana Yorgan 925-788-2957.



February 24 Ben Merlin February 25 Marissa Perla You are invited to the Orinda Mandarin Chinese New Year's Celebration, Wednesday, February

21 at 4:00 pm in



Gregersen Hall. There will be food, songs, dancing, etc. Everyone is invited!

"Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not."

-C.S. Lewis

 Attendance February 11, 2018

 9:30 a.m. 61
 10:45 a.m. 40

Preparing for Easter



Sunday, February 18
8:30 am Traditions Worship Service
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM Hosted by Myrna Witt
9:45 am Education Time - the adults are requested to write letters to our troops in place of education time this morning. This is for the Chaplain's Wings Easter mailing.
10:45 am Celebrations Worship Service
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM hosted by Mimi

and Ed Szaky **11:00 am** KCCL Bible Study **12:15 pm** KCCL Worship

3:00 pm Boy Scout Pack Meeting, Gregersen Hall

Monday, February 19 President's Day - Office, LARC, Preschool Closed 10:30 am AA Meeting

Tuesday, February 20

11:00 am LARC 11:00 am Caregiver Coffee 6:00 pm BSA Pack Meeting 7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, February 21

10:30 am Preschool Chapel
11:00 am LARC
3:30 pm Orinda Mandarin Program
4:00 - 5:30 pm Orinda Mandarin New Year's Celebration - food, songs, dancing
6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper
6:45 pm Lenten Worship in Chapel
7:30 pm Spirit Borne
7:30 pm Al-Anon

Thursday, February 22

10:30 am Preschool Chapel
11:00 am LARC
4:30 pm BSA Pack Derby Set-Up
6:00 pm Canticle Choir
7:00 pm Shepherd's Bells

Friday, February 23

11:00 am LARC **7:30 pm** KCCL Taize in Chapel BS Pinewood Derby - Late Day Event

Saturday, February 24

Sunday, February 25
8:30 am Traditions Worship Service
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM Hosted by Julianna Haase
9:45 am Education for All Ages
10:45 am Coffee Fellowship Service
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM hosted by the Valentines
11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
12:15 pm KCCL Worship

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

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