



**Join us**  
*Everyone is welcome!*

**Holy Week Worship**

**March 25** Palm Sunday  
8:30 & 10:45 am

**March 29** Maundy Thursday  
7:00 pm

**March 30** Good Friday  
12 noon & 7:00 pm

**April 1** **EASTER CELEBRATION**  
8:15 am  
9:30 am  
10:45 am

**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: **40010001098553** 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, [www.ihptz.org](http://www.ihptz.org) and click on PayPal or  
call Joyce Zemel at 480-540-9317

Happy Valentine's Day!  
Paula and Denny



We continue our Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship through March 21. The dinners are at 6:00 p.m. in Gregersen Hall and worship begins at 6:45 p.m. in the Chapel. Sign-up sheets are available in Gregersen Hall and CFM.



- February 26 - 9:00 am, CFM, Chaplain's Wings Easter Mailing Party - HELP IS NEEDED. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**
- February 27 - 10:00 am** College Care Packages Mailing CFM
- 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)  
**Annual Daffodil Sale to benefit A Friendly Manor after both services.**
- March 13 - 7:00 pm** PJ's Book Club; John Danforth's book The Relevance of Religion
- March 15 - 9:00 am** Women's Bible Study, CFM Library, Lesson 12, Acts 13. Contact is Janine Crowe.
- 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**

**Holy Shepherd Christian Preschool**  
9th Annual Fiesta Fundraiser

**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). If you are able to donate, please contact Susie Koeper, 254-3429, or email [preschool@holyshepherd.org](mailto: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!

**Loaves & Fishes Dates:**

- February 28, Pittsburg
- March 8, Martinez
- March 28, Pittsburg
- April 12, Martinez
- April 25, Pittsburg

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



**February 26 - March 4, 2018**

**Read:** "Peter's Denial" (*John 18:12-27*)

**Recite:** Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. — *John 18:27*

**Reflect:** John indicates that Peter denied being a follower of Jesus because he was scared what might happen to him. Have you ever found yourself denying your involvement in something for fear of being caught? Did you do it because you were scared what might happen to you? What are some other ways in which fear takes a toll on our lives and makes us do things of which we are not proud?

**Pray:** Lord, Just like Peter, we are sometimes not faithful. Just like Peter, we sometimes struggle to follow you. Just like Peter, we sometimes gather around the fire to stay warm. Help us each day, Lord, to be faithful to you. Amen.

Thank you to those who supported HSLC's Outreach to the community and Ukrainian Egg Decorating (Pysanky) fund raiser for our "Kids of New Life Band Scholarship Fund" and Moraga Rotary's Sierra Leone Orphanage project. We made \$170 for each of the 2 benefits from 16 participants from the community and 1 from HSLC. I am particularly grateful for HSLC staff support (Pastor John, Lisa, Linda and John who sat up tables) as well as Diana Yorgan who assisted in the PM session and Sally Church.



Sharon Tissue

The annual Daffodil sale to benefit A Friendly Manor will be held on Sunday, **March 11th** after both services. A Friendly Manor is a day center in Oakland where homeless women can have a shower, wash laundry, eat lunch - and be warm & safe.



**Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
**February 25, 2018**  
[www.holyshepherd.org](http://www.holyshepherd.org)  
**Office Hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Monday - Thursday**  
**Phone 925-254-3422**

## Altar Flowers Donated for Holy Shepherd

First, I would like to thank all of those who have been faithful donating to our fund to provide flowers for our worship service over these many years! The fresh flowers really contribute to elevating our service & praising God...thank you. We have been blessed by Carole Schaaf's sharing her many talents with us. For some time Carole has been doing the flowers, in spite of her many commitments and obligations. She has been a blessing to so many including her family, Marilyn Norleen's family & our Holy Shepherd family. It finally was just more than even she could do. We are blessed that she continues to share her world with us, driving from Hayward every Sunday morning. Thank you!!!

We are now ordering & obtaining our flowers from the Floral department of Moraga Safeway. Each member of our Altar Guild team scheduled to do the communion setup also picks up the flowers and brings them to HSLC. So far we are very pleased with their creative, caring commitment...we only hope that you are pleased too! In the past we often had numerous used vases on our sacristy counter and in the cupboards in Gregersen Hall. If the person who donates the flowers would like to take them after the Korean Service on Sunday, they are available. However, if they aren't taken, often they are brought over to the Center for Ministry and enjoyed there through the week. We now can return those vases to be used again...from a recycling point of view it is a winner for everyone! In fact the arrangement from last week had an ethereal addition of "curly willow," which I thought added so much to the beauty. There seems to be one very special lady, Honey, who often seems to be the one arranging our flowers on Saturday. She really gives her all and seems especially joyful in her service. Honey mentioned that the curly willow can be used several times...so I will be returning it for reuse. I hope that this is a helpful explanation of some of what makes our services so special at HSLC. If you are enjoying the floral arrangements, don't hesitate to stop in and share your appreciation with the talented ladies working in the floral department at Moraga Safeway...it also is a great way to get Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church into our community.

Blessings, Elaine Nielsen

## College Care Packages (Mailing Date Change)

We will be mailing "care" packages to our college and military individuals March 27. If you would like to bring something to send, reminding them you care, bring your items to the church office no later than Monday March 26. We will be preparing the boxes for mailing on Tuesday, March 27, 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.

### Attendance February 18, 2018

8:30 a.m. No count      10:45 a.m. 30



### HEALING

Donna Zelinski      Dottie Russell  
Carol Kramer      Dona Lawrentz  
Marlys Howard      Lavonne Rodean

### WELLNESS

Mary Moore      Pearl Gregersen  
Rolf Benseler      Pat Tveitmo  
Cathy Johnson      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

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.



Altar flowers this morning have been given by Dave Coburn.



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| February 25 | Marissa Perla                      |
| February 26 | Nadine Coburn<br>Robert Valentine  |
| February 27 | Maren Kjell<br>Stacy Rosenzweig    |
| February 29 | Karen Rose Kalvass                 |
| March 1     | Christine Padilla                  |
| March 1     | <b>Dr. Bob &amp; Carole Weyand</b> |
| March 3     | Sophia Perla                       |

## Preparing for Easter



### 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 Celebrations Worship Service  
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM hosted by the Valentines  
11:00 am KCCL Bible Study  
12:15 pm KCCL Worship

### Monday, February 26

9:00 am Chaplain's Wings Easter Letter Mailing  
10:30 am AA Meeting  
11:00 am LARC

### Tuesday, February 27

10:00 am College Care Packages - Mailing CFM  
11:00 am LARC  
11:00 am Caregiver Coffee  
7:00 pm Strategic Planning Meeting

### Wednesday, February 28

10:30 am Preschool Chapel  
11:00 am LARC  
3:30 pm Orinda Mandarin Program  
6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper  
6:45 pm Lenten Worship in Chapel  
7:30 pm Spirit Borne  
7:30 pm Al-Anon

### Thursday, March 1

9:00 am Women's Bible Study CFM  
10:30 am Preschool Chapel  
11:00 am LARC  
6:00 pm Canticle Choir  
7:00 pm Shepherd's Bells

### Friday, March 2

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

### Saturday, March 3

### Sunday, March 4

8:30 am Traditions Worship Service  
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship in Gregersen Hall  
9:45 am Education for All Ages  
10:45 am Celebrations Worship Service  
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM  
11:00 am KCCL Bible Study  
12:15 pm KCCL Worship

A fundraiser held at Holy Shepherd on behalf of International Health Partners on Saturday, January 27 had nearly 60 in attendance. The fundraiser - dinner, silent auction and raffle along with additional donations raised approximately \$4000 that evening! Dinner was served by The Taco Man - and Marci's soup! Delicious!!

From 12/31/17 through the evening of the event, IHP received approximately \$20,000 in donations, the fundraiser and purchases at Paula's store!

A huge thank you to all who donated items for the auction/raffle - as well as those who helped in every way to make the event and the Lofstrom's stay here such a resounding success!

Karen Rose Kalvass

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