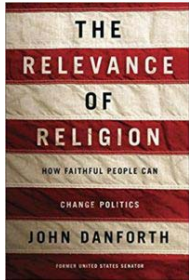


Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
 February 4, 2018
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 Office Hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Monday - Thursday
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Welcome



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 in the Center for Ministry at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. (You can currently obtain a copy through Amazon, local bookstores or the Contra Costa County Library.)

As you read and prepare for our conversation:

- **THINK BEFORE READING!** We live in a nation that asserts a clear separation between church and state. But the Bible makes claims about how we ought live as a human community. What – to you – is the current role of religion in our politics? What – to you – is the proper role?
- **NOTE WHILE READING!** Keep a running list of:
 - + 'aha's – things you learned that you didn't know before
 - + 'amen's – your points of agreement with the author
 - + 'no way's – your points of disagreement with the author
 - + 'hmm's – things you'd like to consider further
- **PONDER!** Danforth proposes a new model for bipartisanship in our nation and a different role for religion in the political realm than that which is currently operative. Whether you agree with his perspective or not, he invites us all to consider how our faith and our politics intersect. How might *The Relevance of Religion* challenge you to reevaluate how faith and politics intersect in your life?

About the Author: John Danforth graduated from Princeton University, Yale Divinity School, and Yale Law School. An ordained Episcopal priest, Danforth practiced law in New York City and St. Louis before serving as attorney general of Missouri, United States senator from Missouri, and United States representative to the United Nations. Danforth officiated the funeral service of former president Ronald Reagan in 2004 and that of Washington Post executive Katharine Graham in 2001, both at the National Cathedral.



Altar flowers this morning have been given by Janine Crowe.

Ash Wednesday

Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.



February 14
7:00 p.m.
Worship Service

Upcoming Events

- February 3 - 10 - Winter Nights, Orinda Community Church**
February 8 - Loaves & Fishes Martinez
February 10 - 6:00 pm Mazmanian Family Concert in Sanctuary, reception following
February 11 - 12:15 pm Bible & Lunch Bunch in the CFM Library. Bring your own lunch. We will be talking about Lesson 7 - Acts 6:1-8:1. Contact person is Janine Crowe.
February 13 - 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed, Gregersen Hall
February 14 - 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Happy Valentine's Day
February 15 - 9:00 am Women's Bible Study, CFM, Lesson 9, Acts 9:1-31; Contact Janine Crowe
February 17 - 9:00 am and also 1:00 pm Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop (Pysanky), Gregersen Hall
February 18 - First Sunday of Lent
February 19 - Presidents' Day (Office, LARC & Preschool Closed)
February 28 - Loaves & Fishes, Pittsburg
March 13 - 7:00 pm PJ's Book Club; John Danforth's book *The Relevance of Religion*



For the Week
of February
5-11, 2018

Read: "The Man Born Blind"
(John 9:1-41)

Recite: Jesus said to them, 'I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' — *John 9:39*

Reflect: This week's reading tells of a man who was healed by Jesus. Yet – following that healing – the man's world is turned upside down. Some don't believe him. Others accuse him. Still others discredit him. This is one of those many stories in the gospels that both "afflict the comfortable" and "comfort the afflicted." How does this story offer you comfort? How does this story make you uncomfortable? Does this story feel primarily like good news or bad news to you?

Pray: Gracious God, you are the one who opens the eyes of the blind. Open our eyes to your truth – this day and always! Amen.



Pysanky has Returned!

Ukrainian Egg Decorating Workshop (Pysanky) in Gregersen Hall: two workshops February 17, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon & 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. \$25 each session. To reserve your space: sign-up, make check to HSLC/Pysanky and give to Sharon Tissue or MAIL to HSLC (not in collection plate). This is a fund raiser to support the Kids of New Life Band Scholarship Fund and a Moraga Rotary Orphanage project in Sierra Leon. Limited to 22 each session. Taught by Evelyn Michon.



Educational foundation of Orinda presents
The Mazmanian Family in Concert

The Bay Area's own Mazmanian family dazzles as they perform Gypsy, Hungarian, Armenian, Spanish tunes and other surprises that fly off their fiddles and piano!

Saturday, February 10, 2018, 6:00 pm
Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
433 Moraga Way
Orinda, CA

Tickets: Adults \$20, Students \$10 includes post concert reception (Cristi Chow will be selling tickets this morning.)

Proceeds benefit the Educational Foundation of Orinda
For tickets and info call (925) 876-0352
www.mazfamily.com

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



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

Mark your calendars for this fun-filled event! Invitations to be mailed March 21. Ticket sales for dinner/raffle prizes will be offered following worship starting March 25. Please consider donating a raffle prize to help support this fundraising effort. As always, monetary donations are welcome as well! In order for us to complete the invitations, all raffle prize donations need to be submitted by **February 23**. If you would like to donate, please contact Susie Koeper, 254-3429, or email susiekoeper@holyshepherd.org.

Loaves & Fishes Dates:

February 8, Martinez	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.

**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner**



February 13, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
**Pancakes, waffles, sausage, bacon,
fruit and beverages**
Free-will offering will be taken
Join us in Gregersen Hall

January 23

Dear Holy Shepherd,

Your generous donation of \$11, 240.00 for the mission of IHP is being used to put in the ceilings and windows and doors of the labor and delivery building of the Mary Ellen Kitundu Memorial Birthing Center of the Children's Hospital at Zinga. Thank you. We are thrilled to be able to begin this work.

A canteen has also been started so the patients, families, visitors and staff will have a place to eat right by the outpatient building.

Shadia, a 4-year old little girl was playing with her cousins in her auntie's kitchen and got bumped into the stove and boiling water poured onto her. She was taken to a government hospital, treated and discharged. She developed a serious infection and was brought to us. She was treated with 5 days of IV antibiotics and 5 more days of daily dressings with Silvadine and healed up nicely. Only time will tell about the scarring.

Your donations change lives every single day.

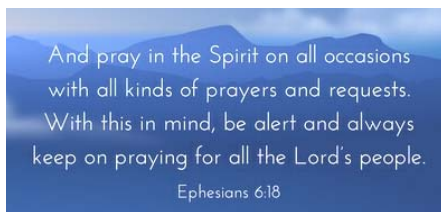
Blessings & gratitude,

Paula & Denny

Attendance January 28, 2018

9:30 a.m. 53 10:45 a.m. 34

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



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	

MILITARY

Keep our armed forces safe and give them courage, hope and strength.

Ryan Bingham	Brian Henson
Megan Howard	

THOSE WHO GRIEVE

The Fleischmann family in the passing of Lois.

The Stenson family in the passing of Michael's grandmother, Lillian Aanastad
Louis Harpham and family in the passing of Art Collins.

The Pomidor family in the passing of John's father.

Dear friends in Christ of Holy Shepherd LC,
THANK YOU so much for remembering us and helping us when we are going through rough times. Also, as the new year has just started, we wish you all a "Happy New Year."

Daniel (Kiho) and Sunghie

A bunch of artificial daffodils and house plants on an empty shelf survived from the house flooded.



Sunday, February 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 hosted by Karen Rose and George Kalvass
11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
12:15 pm KCCL Worship

Monday, February 5

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

Tuesday, February 6

11:00 am LARC
11:00 am Caregiver Coffee
1:00 - 8:00 pm Poll Worker Training CFM

Wednesday, February 7

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Poll Worker Training CFM
9:30 am Altar Guild
10:30 am Preschool Chapel
11:00 am LARC
3:30 pm Orinda Mandarin Program
7:30 pm Al-Anon

Thursday, February 8

10:30 am Preschool Chapel
11:00 am LARC
1:00 - 8:00 pm Poll Worker Training CFM
6:00 pm Canticle Choir
6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting
7:00 pm Shepherd's Bells

Friday, February 9

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

Saturday, February 10

6:00 pm The Mazmanian Family in Concert in the sanctuary followed by a post-concert reception

Sunday, February 11

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 hosted by Nina and Steve Berchtold
11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
12:15 pm KCCL Worship
12:15 pm Bible & Lunch Bunch in CFM; bring your own lunch; Lesson 7, Acts 6:1 - 8:1



February 4	Bryant Chow
February 10	Joan Kiekhaefer Diana Yorgan
February 11	Mary Ann Berry

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