

Welcome to Our Church

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
July 1, 2018
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**Office Hours are 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday

Strategic Planning Committee Final Report

The final report of the Strategic Planning Committee was reviewed at the bi-annual congregational meeting on June 10. Copies are available in the church office. If anyone has questions or would like to have clarification regarding any aspect of the report, please contact me. Also, if anyone would like to review the final report from any of the individual subcommittees, please contact a member of the subcommittee as listed in the report. There will be regular updates in the future as your Church Council works to implement the various recommendations of the Strategic Planning Committee that were summarized in our final report.

Fred Schroeder, Chair

Upcoming Events

July 9 - 13	Vacation Bible School
July 12	7:00 p.m. VBS Ice Cream Social
August 3	Last Day of Summer School
August 9	Loaves & Fishes / Martinez
August 21	7:00 p.m. PJ's Book Club
August 22	Loaves & Fishes / Pittsburg
September 9	Return to 2 worship services: 8:30 a.m. Traditions 10:45 a.m. Celebrations



Sunday, July 1
9:30 am Combined Worship Service
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship hosted by Marci and Bob Bauer
11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
12:15 pm KCCL Worship

Monday, July 2
9:00 am HSCP Summer School Week 3 - "4th of July Week"
10:30 am AA Meeting

Tuesday, July 3
11:00 am LARC
11:00 am Preschool 4th of July Parade, Gregersen Hall
11:00 am Caregiver Coffee

Wednesday, July 4

Thursday, July 5
11:00 am LARC

Friday, July 6
11:00 am LARC
7:30 pm KCCL Taize

Saturday, July 7

Sunday, July 8
9:30 am Combined Worship Service
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship hosted by Joan Kiekhaefer
11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
12:15 pm KCCL Worship



LARC GETS SPECIAL VISITOR!

LARC had a very special visitor recently - an African Hornbill bird named Josephine Bonaparte! Molly Gleason-Kodama, Marketing Director at Aegis of Moraga, who owns Josephine, came to LARC to show and tell us about her exotic



friend. The LARC participants were quite taken with Josephine's friendly personality, beautiful feathers and incredible dexterity (using her huge beak to catch grapes tossed her way)!



Many thanks to Molly for sharing her time and amazing feathered friend with us!



The Bible and Lunch Bunch had a nice goodbye lunch for Myrna Witt, who is moving to Phoenix, AZ. We will miss her. Godspeed to Myrna.

In picture L to R: Joan, Janine, Carole, Aline, Sharon, Myrna, Marilyn

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Good news - praise be to God! Dinah Washington's surgery was successful!



Ginny's last day with us!
Ginny & Juanita

SUMMER FUN!

Preschool Summer Registration is open. Please see Miss Susie for more information.

#3 - 4th of July Week 7/2-6
VBS Week 7/9-13

#4 - Planting week 7/16-20

#5 - Mixed-up Crazy Week 7/23-27

#6 - Pet Week 7/30-8/3

Cost of summer school 9:00 a.m. -12 noon:

2 days \$60 week 3 days \$80 week

4 days \$100 week 5 days \$125 week

Session 1-4 will be billed on 6/4. Session 5-7 will be billed on 7/16. Extended Day is offered Monday - Friday from 12 noon - 2:00 p.m. VBS is a separate registration. Contact Cristi Chow at christi@msn.com.



HEALING

Carol Kramer
Kathy Williams
Tony Sanchez
Diana Neujahr
Harry Howe
Susie Koeper

Dona Lawrentz
Howard Hansen
Dinah Washington
Gloria Enstrom
DeLane Riveness
Kathy McCarty Schwab

WELLNESS

Grace Adams
Pat Tveitmoe
Cathy Johnson
Kellen Derrough

Rolf Benseler
Dottie Russell
Pastor Richard Brewer

PEACE / COMFORT

Kitti Colucci

Kimberly Huish

MILITARY

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

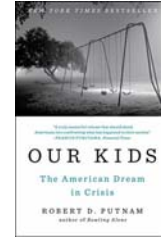
Brian Henson

Megan Howard

THOSE WHO GRIEVE

Susie Koeper and her family on the loss of her brother, Tom Koeper. Tom died unexpectedly this past week.

PJ's Book Club



PJ's Book Club is scheduled to meet and discuss Robert D. Putnam's book *Our Kids* on the evening of Tuesday, August 21st 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.)

The American dream: get a good education, work hard, buy a house, and achieve prosperity and success. This is the America we believe in — a nation of opportunity, constrained only by ability and effort. But during the last twenty-five years, Putnam argues that we have seen a disturbing “opportunity gap” emerge. Americans have always believed in equality of opportunity, the idea that all kids, regardless of their family background, should have a decent chance to improve their lot in life. But now, Putnam argues, this central tenet of the American dream seems no longer true or at the least, much less true than it was. In *OUR KIDS*, Putnam offers a personal, but authoritative look at this crisis.

As you read, consider the following:

- Is Putnam's case a compelling one to you? Does it 'hold water'? Why or why not?
- How does this book make you feel? Happy? Sad? Hopeful? Hopeless? Frightened?
- What does this book invite YOU to do differently? How could YOU respond to Putnam's 'wake-up call'?

About the Author: **Robert Putnam** is a Professor of Public Policy at Harvard University. He has received numerous scholarly honors, including our nation's highest honor for contributions to the humanities. He has written fourteen books, including *Bowling Alone*, one of the most cited publications in the social sciences in the last half century. He has consulted for numerous American presidents, British prime ministers, and other global leaders.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 9 - 13

Join us at our annual Vacation Bible School where we experience God's love through songs, skits, and stories. Kids have a blast with games and crafts and getting to know their teenage counselors. VBS is July 9-13 from 9 am -12 noon and is open to all. Registration forms are available in the church office.

Mission Trip International Health Partners

There is a trip being planned by the Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church in May 2019. The trip agenda will be focused on working at the hospital and those interested can add a safari. We have an opportunity to be part of that group. If you are interested in this trip, please contact me or put your name on the sign-up sheet in the CFM. Volunteer housing is limited at the hospital so we are trying to get an accurate head count of anyone interested in being part of the group. Contact Diana Yorgan dyorgan@comcast.net or 925-788-2957.

Sign ups:

There is a new Flower Chart in CFM for July through December. Pick your date(s) early! Cost to provide flowers is \$50.00. Thank you.



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Marlys Howard who died June 24. Please remember in your prayers Marlys's husband, Bill, her son and daughter-in-law Bill and Mary, and her grandchildren, Laura, Megan and Billy as they go through this difficult time.

A memorial service is pending and more information will be forthcoming.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 1 Char Demos
July 2 Christopher Demos
July 3 Ron Leiker
July 4 **Bill & Mary Howard**
Michael & Gretchen Stenson

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

July 1 Marcie & Bob Bauer
July 8 Joan Kiekhaefer
July 15 Gabriella Schaaf
July 22 Otto & Yvonne Tschudi
July 29 The Merlin's
August 5 Carol Schaaf
August 12 Harry & June Howe
August 19 Judy Butler / Sally Church
August 26 Steve & Nina Berchtold

Attendance

June 24 9:30 a.m. 75

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

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