



June 28 - Women's Bible Study is having a summer luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Moraga Country Club. Please contact Juanita

Gilbertson or Janine Crowe by 6/25 with your RSVP so accurate reservations can be made. Thank you.

June 30 - 4:00 pm Art Exhibition Gregersen Hall



Change of venue - we will be meeting TODAY at 12 noon at the Metro, 3524 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. We will be having a "goodbye" lunch for Myrna Witt who is moving away soon. We will also talk about Acts 13.

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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 925.376.3782



Sunday, June 24

9:30 am Combined Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship hosted by Dennie & Paetyn Ho 11:00 am KCCL Bible Study 12 noon Bible & Lunch Bunch off-site

Monday, June 25

9:00 am HSCP Summer School Week 2 - "Water Week"

10:30 am AA Meeting

12:15 pm KCCL Worship

Tuesday, June 26

11:00 am LARC 11:00 am Caregiver Coffee

Wednesday, June 27

11:00 am LARC

Thursday, June 28 11:00 am LARC

11:30 am Women's Bible Study

Luncheon - off-site

Friday, June 29

11:00 am LARC

7:30 pm KCCL Taize

Saturday, June 30

4:00 pm Artist Exhibition, Gregersen Hall

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

**Please note office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Even though there may be people on the property, there is no one in the office to help or answer questions.



oly Shepherd Lutheran Church will be holding an artist exhibition on Saturday, June 30, from 4:00

to 7:30 p.m. in Gregersen Hall. This exhibit is raising funds for Habitat for Humanity who is building a group house for six veterans in Dixon, CA. Artists are invited to bring up to 5 paintings to be exhibited with 25% of the sales going to Solano-Napa Habitat for Humanity's Dixon Veterans Build. If artists prefer to use their own booth, they will be allowed to set up outside the building entrance and bring unlimited artwork. There will also be a silent auction held that day. If you would like to donate artwork for the auction, you are encouraged to do so.

To be part of this opportunity to show your work and help our vets, please return the request form which can be located in the entry to CFM to: Bob Schwab, c/o Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 433 Moraga Way, Orinda 94563. If you know an artist who would like to be a part of the exhibition please have them contact Bob Schwab, 925-254-6869 or Diana Yorgan, dyorgan@comcast.net.

Another Happy LARC Family!

"Beth - Katie and I can't thank you enough for the time you spent with us this afternoon. We dropped by LARC thinking we would take a peek and maybe get some information. We wound up with a thoughtful hour-plus conversation and an inside look at the fantastic work you and your colleagues do. To say we were impressed is an understatement! - Dan M."

"He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."

—St. Basil



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June 10	Juanita & Tom Gilbertson
June 17	Donna Gamel / Jerry Perry
June 24	Dennie & Paetyn Ho
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



"S"Anniversaries"2"	
June 24	Tom & Juanita Gilbertson
June 25	Amanda Center
	Natalie Larson
	Stan & Kim White
June 26	Rebecca Oczkus
	Chris & Catherine Demos
June 27	Carol Kramer
June 29	Gerald Perry
	Mark & Lori Oczkus
July 1	Char Demos



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

#2 - Water Week 6/25-29 #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



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.



HEALING

Carol Kramer Dona Lawrentz
Marlys Howard Howard Hansen
Tony Sanchez Dinah Washington
Diana Neujahr Gloria Enstrom
Harry Howe DeLane Riveness
Susie Koeper

Kathy McCarty Schwab

WELLNESS

Grace Adams Rolf Benseler
Pat Tveitmoe Dottie Russell
Cathy Johnson 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.



The altar flowers this morning have been given by Belle Lindskoog.

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Once every three years, youth members of ELCA congregations from across the nation gather for a weeklong event that combines learning and service, fellowship and fun. It's called the "ELCA National Youth Convention" and it's happening at the end of this month in Houston, Texas! We gather with our eyes on the cross, in the realization that 'This Changes Everything'.

Pastor John will be joining three of our high-school youth (Henry, Marisa and Deborah), as well as youth and adult leaders from our sister congregations in Lafayette and Pleasant Hill. Together, they'll travel to Houston for an exciting (and exhausting) week that includes:

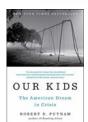
- mass gathering worship events with 25,000 other Lutherans,
- learning events at the Johnson Space Center and downtown Houston,
- service events aiding in Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts,
- and much MUCH more!

Want to help our kids and help make this happen? Stop by our table at Coffee Fellowship this Sunday and support our Buy-a-Square Fund Raiser. You'll be given

support our Buy-a-Square Fund Raiser. You'll be given opportunity to buy a square (or more than one!) and help us achieve our fund-raising goal of \$5500. All proceeds will be used to support our youth participants and to help provide books to rebuild school libraries devastated by last year's hurricane. Together we can make this happen! And thanks in advance for your support of our kids and the kids of the Houston area.







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
- 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.

Attendance

June 17 9:30 a.m. 82

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