

Welcome...



For Next Week – Sunday, September 23

Read: “Joseph in Prison”
 (Genesis 39:1-23)

Recite: “The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph’s care, because the Lord was with Joseph; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.” (Genesis 39:23)


Reflect:

- Joseph and his brothers are part of a very large family, and in the early parts of Joseph’s life story, he is not a real easy person to deal with. (His brothers got so frustrated with him that they plotted to throw him down a well!) How do you deal with difficult people? How should we deal with difficult people?
- As one reads through the whole Joseph story (Genesis 37-50), there are few places where God is identified as an active part of the story, and no places at all where God speaks directly to anyone. (This is VERY different from pretty much the rest of Genesis.) Do you think that God’s silence in these chapters means that God wasn’t present? Why or why not?
- The story of Joseph in prison reminds us that sometimes life isn’t fair and sometimes life isn’t just. What happened to Joseph that wasn’t fair? How did Joseph respond to all that unfairness? How are we called to live in the face of unfair situations?

Pray: God, you travel with us in our daily lives. You find us in the tough spots of life like you did with Joseph. Help us to trust you when we are scared and feel alone. You promised to be with us in the good times and the bad. Amen.

Next three dates for Loaves & Fishes & for which volunteers are needed:

9/26	Pittsburg
10/11	Martinez
10/24	Pittsburg




There will be a semi-annual congregational meeting September 23 in Gregersen Hall at 9:45 a.m. to approve the budget.

In addition there will be a member of the church council available in the CFM library this morning to share and answer questions about the budget.

IMPORTANT DATES

- September 26 Loaves & Fishes, Pittsburg
- September 27 Preschool Photo Day
7:00 p.m. Canticle Choir Begins
- October 3 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild
- October 4 8:00 p.m. Bells resume
- October 28 Marty Party - Details to follow



Corrected Information Follows:

The cornerstone of our FaithBuilders program are our Sunday evening “Workout” - which begin at 5:00 p.m. and end promptly at 7:00 p.m. Workouts normally take place in CFM and involve learning time, a light meal and a fun activity or two! Pastor John currently serves as our key Workout Leader. (Participant families sometimes help out by sharing in meal-prep responsibilities as they are able.)

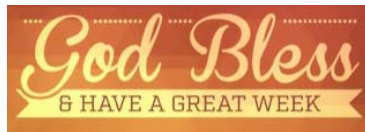
- Workout 1 9/30** “I’m So Confused” - a look at Jesus as Teacher
- Workout 2 10/21** “Help, I Need Somebody” - a look at Jesus as Healer
- Workout 3 11/11** “Crucified, Died and was Buried” - a look at Jesus as Servant
- Workout 4 12/2** “He is Risen Indeed” - a look at Jesus as God

To find out how you might get involved in FaithBuilders, please contact Pastor John Valentine, 925-254-3422, or email jvalentine@holyshepherd.org.

Attendance

- September 9 8:30 a.m. 57
- 10:45 a.m. 38

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



Sunday, September 16

- 8:30 am Traditions Worship Service
- 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship in Gregersen Hall hosted by Joy Chow
- 9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:45 am Celebrations Worship
- 11:45 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM hosted by Nina & Steve Berchtold
- 11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
- 12:15 pm KCCL Worship
- 12:15 pm Bible & Lunch Bunch, Center for Ministry

Monday, September 17

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 10:30 am AA Meeting
- 11:00 am LARC
- 3:20 pm Orinda Mandarin Program

Tuesday, September 18

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 11:00 am LARC
- 11:00 am Caregiver Coffee
- 6:00 pm BSA Pack Meeting

Wednesday, September 19

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 10:30 am Preschool Chapel
- 11:00 am LARC
- 3:20 pm Orinda Mandarin Program
- 7:00 pm New Life Band Concert in Sanctuary

Thursday, September 20

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:00 am Women’s Bible Study in CFM
- 10:30 am Preschool Chapel
- 11:00 am LARC
- 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop Meeting
- 7:00 pm Men’s Bible Study at Europa

Friday, September 21

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 11:00 am LARC
- 7:30 pm KCCL Taize

Saturday, September 22

Sunday, September 23

- 8:30 am Traditions Worship Service
- 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship in Gregersen Hall hosted by Pete Schmitt & Herb Wehmeyer
- 9:45 am Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting in Gregersen Hall
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Celebrations Worship
- 11:45 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM
- 11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
- 12:15 pm KCCL Worship

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HEALING

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| Susie Koepfer | Dona Lawrentz |
| Kathy Williams | Howard Hansen |
| Tony Sanchez | Dinah Washington |
| Diana Neujahr | Gloria Enstrom |
| Harry Howe | DeLane Riveness |
| Phil Hunter | Kathy McCarty Schwab |
| Donald Lee | Cristi Chow |
| Steve Catton | Henry Kramer |
| Mallory Weiss | |

WELLNESS

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| Grace Adams | Rolf Benseler |
| Pat Tveitmoe | Dottie Russell |
| Cathy Johnson | Pastor Richard Brewer |
| Kellen Derrough | Carol Kramer |
| Del Hock | |

PEACE / COMFORT

- Kiti Colucci

MILITARY

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



The Bible and Lunch Bunch is meeting TODAY at 12:15 p.m., in the Center for Ministry. Please bring your own lunch. We will begin our study of Acts - Part 2. The only required text is the Bible. The Joy of Living lesson book is an optional resource. This group meets on Sundays after church once or twice a month.

The Women's Bible Study group's next meeting is Thursday, 9/20/18, at 9:00 a.m., in the Center for Ministry. We will continue our study of Acts - Part 2. The required texts are the Bible and the Joy of Living lesson book. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

Many homes and businesses have been destroyed, some belonging to our friends, neighbors, and clergy, by the wildfires that continue to burn across Northern California. You can make a difference for those affected by the fires when you make a monetary gift. If you choose to donate make your check(s) to HSLC and memo to LSS of No. CA's 2018 Wildfire Relief Fund. In recent years, our nation and state have experienced many devastating disasters, but we always overcome these trying times by supporting one another. It's time to continue that legacy by supporting the victims of the recent wildfires. Please make a donation to help support those affected by the wildfires so they can start to rebuild their lives.



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| September 18 | Steve Swanback
Diana Yorgan & Bob Schwab |
| September 21 | Sally Church |
| September 22 | Dave & Nadine Coburn |



Let someone know you are thinking of them. There is a basket of cards on the table at the entrance to the CFM with get well, sympathy and miscellaneous cards. Please take a card and send it to anyone you feel could use your special wishes. If there is someone that the congregation should know about, feel free to put their photo and address in the box, so others will know that they could use some encouragement from their friends at HSLC.



Bookmarks with the fall schedule for Women's Bible Study and the Bible and Lunch Bunch on the study of Acts Part 2 are available this morning in CFM.



After the upgrade!

Preschool Bathroom/Utility Before Renovation



40th Anniversary
 New Life Band 2018 California Tour
 Traditional & Contemporary
 Gospel Music of Tanzania



Coffee sign-up sheets for September - December are available in CFM as are altar flower and Loaves & Fishes sign-ups. There will be only one service beginning November 25 through January 6. Coffee sign-up sheets for that period are also available. Please sign up if you are available for any of these dates. Thanks you.

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.

Holy Shepherd
 September 19, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Be inspired and moved by the New Life Band from Arusha, Tanzania as they share stories of their mission to youth and students in Tanzania by engaging the audiences with close harmonies, traditional African drum rhythms, and contemporary Christian music of Africa.

Admission is Free.

Donations are welcome.

New Life Ministries Mission to Youth and Students is a non-profit ministry in Arusha, Tanzania.