

Welcome...



For Next Week – Sunday, September 16

Read: “The Call of Abraham”
 (Genesis 12:1-9)

Recite: “The LORD said to Abram ... ‘In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’” (Genesis 9:3b)

Reflect:

- This week, we are introduced to Abram and Sarai. These two become the base of the family tree of the people of God, such that Jesus himself talks about God’s people being ‘the children of Abraham.’ What do you know about the family tree of the people of God? What do you know about your own family tree? Are there any God/faith stories that you know about your own family tree?
- When we meet the “Father and Mother” of this family, their names are “Abram” and “Sarai.” Eventually, God changes their names to “Abraham” and “Sarah.” Do you know what your names mean? Can you find out? How did you get your name and why?
- What does the word ‘blessing’ mean to you? How can someone be a blessing to someone else? Tell about a time when you were blessed by the actions of another person. Can you recall a time when you were a blessing to someone else?

Pray: God of Promise - The promise you made to Abram was not just for Abram and his family. You made promises to them so that the whole world would be blessed. Thank you, Lord, for your blessings in our lives. Continue to call us so that we may come to understand those blessings in such a way that others are blessed by you through us. Amen.



FaithBuilders Workouts are Back

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.)

1. **9/9** “I’m Confused” - a look at Jesus the Teacher
2. **9/30** “Help, I Need Somebody” - a look at Jesus the Healer
3. **10/21** “Who Do You Say that I Am?” - a look at Jesus the Master
4. **11/11** “Crucified, Died and was Buried” - a look at Jesus the Servant
5. **12/2** “He is Risen Indeed” - a look at Jesus as God

For more information, contact Pastor John Valentine, 925-254-3422, or email jvalentine@holyshepherd.org.



September 16 12:15 p.m. Bible & Lunch Bunch, CFM
September 19 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. New Life Band Concert in Sanctuary
September 20 9:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study, Center for Ministry
September 23 9:45 a.m. Semi-annual Congregational Meeting, Gregersen Hall
September 26 Loaves & Fishes, Pittsburg
September 27 7:00 p.m. Canticle Choir Begins
October 28 Marty Party - Details to follow



Sunday, September 9

8:30 am Traditions Worship Service
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship in Gregersen Hall
9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages
10:45 am Celebrations Worship
11:45 am Coffee Fellowship in CFM hosted by the Merlin’s
11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
12:15 pm KCCL Worship
5:00 pm FaithBuilders Workout

Monday, September 10

9:00 am Preschool
10:30 am AA Meeting
11:00 am LARC
12 noon Extended Day for Preschool Begins
3:20 pm Orinda Mandarin Program

Tuesday, September 11

9:00 am Preschool
11:00 am LARC
11:00 am Caregiver Coffee
6:30 pm Girl Scout Leader Meeting

Wednesday, September 12

9:00 am Preschool
9:00 am Preschool Parent Coffee
10:30 am Preschool Chapel
11:00 am LARC
3:20 pm Orinda Mandarin Program
7:30 pm Spirit Borne Resumes Rehearsals

Thursday, September 13

Loaves & Fishes Martinez
9:00 am Preschool
9:00 am Preschool Parent Coffee
10:30 am Preschool Chapel
11:00 am LARC
6:30 pm Girl Scout Sales Training
7:00 pm Men’s Bible Study at Europa

Friday, September 14

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

Saturday, September 15

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

Fall Worship Schedule



Begins Today

8:30 am Traditions Worship
9:45 am Education for all Ages
10:45 am Celebrations Worship



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

In addition, September 9 and 16 there will be a member of the church council available in the CFM library to share and answer questions about the budget.

Attendance

September 2 9:30 a.m. 82

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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PEACE / COMFORT

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MILITARY

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

THOSE WHO GRIEVE

Family and friends of Carolyn Henry, Tom Henry's sister-in-law.



The Bible and Lunch Bunch is meeting Sunday, 9/16, 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.

NEW NOTE: For those thinking of joining one of the Bible study groups studying Acts Part 2, there is a second opportunity to order a Joy of Living lesson book. If you would like to have the lesson book, please contact Janine Crowe or Lisa Verley in the church office by Monday, September 10 at 12 noon. Also write a check to HSLC for \$23 with "Bible Study - Acts Pt 2" on the memo line. You may give your check to Janine or Lisa or place it in the offering plate. Thanks.

ACTS 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.



- September 10 Bryan Oczkus
- September 11 Ginny Ruble
- September 12 Igor & Rita Sobolev
- September 13 Emily Kjell
- September 14 Joanne Frudden
- Barb Swanson
- Diana Riveness
- September 15



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.



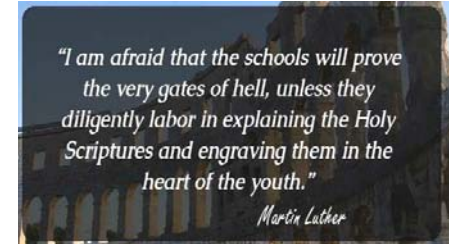
Do you have any spring/summer photos you would like to share with the congregation via the Sunday bulletins? For instance those of you who went to Israel last spring might want to share some photos. Did you take an exciting summer vacation and have a picture or two you want to share? Janine Crowe came up with this wonderful idea for when other news is lacking for the Sunday insert. If you do have pictures, please send as jpg's to lkhudak@yahoo.com. The bulletin is printed on Wednesdays. Thank you.



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



New 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.

