

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.

In Everything Give Thanks!



**For Next Week – Sunday,
November 18**

Read: “Swords into Plowshares” (*Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4*)

Recite: “Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” — *Isaiah 2:4b*

Reflect:

- The old saying “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me” is a saying that many of us grew up with. Likewise the expression “The pen is mightier than the sword.” Which of those pieces of popular wisdom seems more true to you today? How have ‘mere words’ injured you recently? How did ‘mere words’ injure King Hezekiah?
- King Hezekiah is afraid of the Assyrian army camped around Jerusalem, threatening to destroy the city. He goes to the prophet Isaiah for advice, and Isaiah tells Hezekiah not to be afraid and to trust in God. Tell about a time you were afraid. Who encouraged you?
- Speech writers and public speakers have used Isaiah's images of swords and plowshares to great effect. Consider what President Ronald Reagan once said while addressing the UN: "Cannot swords be turned to plowshares? Can we and all nations not live in peace? In our obsession with antagonisms of the moment, we often forget how much unites all the members of humanity. Perhaps we need some outside, universal threat to make us recognize this common bond. I occasionally think how quickly our differences world-wide would vanish if we were facing an alien threat from outside this world. And yet, I ask you, is not an alien force already among us? What could be more alien than war and the threat of war?" In what way do President Reagan's words reflect the spirit of the Prophet Isaiah?

Pray: God of Peace — Inspire in our hearts a longing for peace. Cause nations to beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. And where we are able to bring peace to our world, grant us the will and the ability. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Altar flowers this morning have been given by the Linnen family in memory of Katherine Ruff.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 12 Veterans Day Observed - Preschool Closed

November 15 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study CFM Library, Lesson 20, Acts 21:1-22:29. Contact is Janine Crowe.

November 22 Thanksgiving Day

November 25 **Go to one service (9:30 a.m.) through January 6, 2019**

November 28 **Wednesday, Loaves & Fishes Pittsburg**

December 11 **Tuesday**, Women's Bible Study, Christmas Lunch 12 noon La Finestra Restaurant, Moraga



Welcome to the New Life Band!

TODAY the NLB - a music ministry team from Tanzania and one of our congregation's primary ministry partners is joining us for both worship services. For almost two decades, we have been helping them to share the Good News in word, in song and in deed. They have been traveling throughout California for the past two months, and ours is their last stop before they return home to Africa. They are providing special music at the 8:30 service this morning and our 10:45 worship time will be a celebratory concert offered up by the NLB.



The Women's Bible Study group is having a Christmas Lunch on Tuesday, December 11, at 12 noon at La Finestra Restaurant in Moraga. Please RSVP to Janine Crowe by November 25 so she can make reservations before the holiday rush. Thank you. Guests and visitors are welcome.



- Nov. 11 Tom Gilbertson
Catherine Klingman
Donna Zelinski
- Nov. 12 Robert Fleischmann
Nils Kjell
- Nov. 14 Donna Benseler
- Nov. 18 **Fred & Marla Schroeder**

THIS WEEK AT HOLY SHEPHERD

Sunday, November 11 with NLB



- 8:30 am** Traditions Worship Service w/NLB
- 9:30 am** Coffee Fellowship CFM hosted by Andy & Chris Chen
- 9:35 am** Children's Sunday School
- 9:45 am** Conversations with NLB in CFM
- 10:45 am** NLB Concert
- 11:45 am** Coffee Fellowship in CFM hosted by Susan & Chuck Patterson
- 11:00 am** KCCL Bible Study
- 12:15 pm** KCCL Worship

Monday, November 12

Preschool Closed in observance of Veterans Day

- 10:30 am** AA Meeting
- 11:00 am** LARC

Tuesday, November 13

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

Wednesday, November 14

- 10:30 am** Preschool Chapel
- 11:00 am** LARC
- 3:20 pm** Orinda Mandarin Program
- 7:30 pm** Spirit Borne

Thursday, November 15

- 11:00 am** LARC
- 6:00 pm** Canticle Choir
- 7:00 pm** Bell Choir
- 7:00 pm** Europa Men's Bible Study

Friday, November 16

- 11:00 am** LARC
- 11:00 am** Preschool Feast Gregersen Hall
- 7:30 pm** KCCL Taize

Saturday, November 17

Sunday, November 18

- 8:30 am** Traditions Worship Service
- 9:30 am** Coffee Fellowship in Gregersen Hall
- 9:35 am** Children's Sunday School
- 9:45 am** Adult Education
- 10:45 am** Celebrations Worship
- 11:45 am** Coffee Fellowship in CFM
- 11:00 am** KCCL Bible Study
- 12:15 pm** KCCL Worship



Bible & Lunch Bunch Christmas Lunch will be Sunday, December 9, at 12 noon at La Finestra in Moraga. Guests and visitors are welcome. Please RSVP to Janine Crowe by November 25 so she can make reservations before the holiday rush. During lunch we will talk about Acts Chapter 18. Thank you.

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November 11, 2018
Phone 925-254-3422 www.holyshepherd.org
Office Hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday

LET'S GET TOGETHER FOR A LITTLE Jingle AND mingie

Please join your friends and fellow members of Holy Shepherd Saturday, December 8, for our annual Christmas get together. Bring a heavy appetizer and a bottle of wine to share. We will meet at the Merlin's home from 5 to 7 p.m. Please RSVP to Lisa Merlin 510-506-2061 or merlinfnly@aol.com.



HEALING

Dona Lawrentz	Kathy McCarty Schwab
Kathy Williams	Howard Hansen
Tony Sanchez	Dinah Washington
Mary Herchert	Gloria Enstrom
Harry Howe	DeLane Riveness
Laura Zellmer	Mallory Weiss
Henry Kramer	Mary Ann McCauley

WELLNESS


Grace Adams	Rolf Benseler
Pat Tveitmo	Dottie Russell
Cathy Johnson	Del Hock
Kellen Derrough	Carol Kramer

PEACE / COMFORT

Kitti Colucci

MILITARY

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



SAVE THE DATES FOR CHAPLAINS WINGS!

GEAR UP for the Christmas mailing to our brave men and women in Afstan Combat Zones - by considering / participating in one or all of the following events:

TODAY, Sun. Special CW stationery will be available from the ushers

Nov. 14, Wed. Deadline for turning in all letters / drawings

Nov. 15, Thurs. 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon Mailing Party in CFM

Nov. 16, Fri. 10:00 a.m. Packing Party - a strong back and / or SUV helpful

DONATE your inventory of hotel size / sample soaps, shampoo and lotions. Medium size toothpaste or brushes would also be appreciated by our Troops! Please deliver to baskets provided in CFM by **Thursday, November 15.**

There is a link at holyshepherd.org to download stationery. Go to the website and click on Ministries/Services/Chaplains' Wings.

From Karen Rose Kalvass:

- ♥ Thanks to all who donated items for the "Sharing the Warmth" drive. The organizations which benefited from your generosity are: Friendly Manor, Hillcrest Church Clothes Closet (Pleasant Hill), Mendocino school children & Winter Nights homeless shelter.

Karen, Sharon & Louise assembling donations



- ♥ Friendly Manor is in need of a toaster oven and a microwave. If you have either to donate, please let Karen Kalvass know. Thank you.
- ♥ Friendly Manor: Many days during the month lunches for the ladies are not covered. If you are interested in serving lunch periodically with others from HSLC, please contact Karen Rose Kalvass at 925.285.4669. Thank you!



Altar Guild ladies who decorated the sanctuary: Reni, Louise, Joan, Belle, Juanita



We offer our deepest condolences to the family and friends

of Mark Mitchell who died suddenly November 5 of a heart attack. Mark was a dear friend and tennis partner of Tom Henry for over 25 years and Marc Levine taught him how to get going on the piano. He had previously been mayor of Lafayette and served on council for the city for 15+ years. He is survived by his wife, Anne, their two children, Ryan and Lauren, his mother, Anita, his brother, Michael, and sister, Denise. His son, Ryan, built the bus bench just past our church parking lot with the help of Pastor John. His memorial service will be today at 1:00 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Lafayette, where he and his family attended worship.

Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this most difficult time.

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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20 Blankets were sent to Landstuhl Hospital, Germany for our wounded warriors through the Soldiers' Angels Program.

L to R: Julie, Tracy, Juanita, Marcie, Diana, Belle

Diana, Bethany, Diana R.

Pictured are Holy Shepherd's Sewing Angels.

Attendance
Nov. 4 8:30 a.m. 82 10:45 a.m. 38

See bulletin next week for important information on Christmas Giving Tree and Annual Cookie Exchange! Dates coming up SOON!