

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.

In Everything Give Thanks!



**For Next Week – Sunday,
December 2**

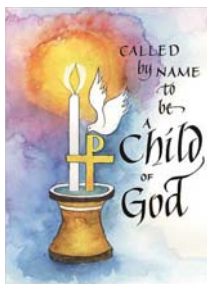
Read: “Faith as a Way of Life” (*Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:2-4; 3:17-19*)

Recite: “The righteous live by their faith.” — *Habakkuk 2:4b*

Reflect:

- The book of Habakkuk is written as if it was a conversation between God and Habakkuk. Habakkuk asks hard questions of God like “Why don’t you fix what’s wrong in our country?” If you were to ask hard questions of God, what would you ask? (You may want to look at Psalms 6 and 13 for ways that other people of faith have questioned God.)
- Advent is a season of waiting — waiting for the celebration of Christmas; waiting for school to be out; waiting to open presents. In Habakkuk 2:2-4, God tells Habakkuk to wait. What is hard about waiting? Is there anything good about waiting? What helps to pass the time while you wait?
- In the end, Habakkuk says that he will rejoice, sing, and trust in God, even if bad things happen (3:17-19). What is your favorite Advent or Christmas carol, and why?

Pray: O, Lord — Like Habakkuk, we might look around at the violence, chaos and injustice in our world and ask, “Will you not save?” You promised him that there would come a day when all things would be made right. In this season of waiting, strengthen our faith in you and in your promises given to us in Jesus. Amen.



This morning we welcome *Alexander, Emily and Lyla* into the body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Alexander Robert Cabiles, born May 15, 2018 to Amy (Klein) and Kenneth Cabiles of Aliso Viejo. His Christian Sponsors are Rob and Jenny Merto.

Emily Grace and Lyla Rose Merto, born December 8, 2017 to Jenny (Klein) and Rob Merto, of Ladera Ranch. Their Christian Sponsors are Amy and Kenneth Cabiles.

Alexander, Emily and Lyla are the grandchildren of Bethany and Pastor John Valentine!

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
November 25, 2018
Phone 925-254-3422 www.holyshepherd.org
Office Hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday

IMPORTANT DATES

- December 8** 11:00 a.m. Cookie Exchange
- December 9** 12 noon Bible & Lunch Bunch
Christmas Lunch, La Finestra Restaurant, Moraga
- December 11 Tuesday**, Women’s Bible Study,
Christmas Lunch 12 noon La Finestra Restaurant,
Moraga
- December 13** Tuesday, Loaves & Fishes, Martinez
- December 26** Wednesday, Loaves & Fishes,
Pittsburg
- January 17, 2019** 9:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
CFM



We will be working with/through Lutheran Social Services of Northern California and Lutheran Disaster Relief to support those impacted by the California fires. If you would like to help those in need please make checks payable to Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, and memo them for "Fire-Support." 100% of your gifts will be directed to affected individuals and communities. Alternatively, you may visit our homepage (www.holyshepherd.org) and follow the donation link to the partner agencies with whom we are working. Please keep all in these communities in your prayers, as well as the firefighters and other first responders who are helping in providing rescue and safety.



Altar flowers this morning have been given by Donna Gamel in celebration of her late mother’s birthday.



HS Sunday School
will present a
Christmas Play
December 16 at 10:45 a.m.
Gregersen Hall
Please join us!

New sign-up sheets for coffee and flowers for the first half of 2019 are available. Please add your name to dates you would like.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY SHEPHERD Sunday, November 25



- 9:30 am** Combined Worship Service
- 10:30 am** Coffee Fellowship in CFM hosted by Bob & Marcie Bauer
- 10:45 am** Children’s Sunday School
- 11:00 am** KCCL Bible Study
- 12:15 pm** KCCL Worship

Monday, November 26

- 10:30 am** AA Meeting
- 11:00 am** LARC
- 3:30 pm** Mandarin Program

Tuesday, November 27

- 11:00 am** LARC
- 11:00 am** Caregiver Coffee
- 6:00 pm** Cub Scouts
- 7:00 pm** Church Council

Wednesday, November 28

- Loaves & Fishes, Pittsburg**
- 10:30 am** Preschool Chapel
- 11:00 am** LARC
- 3:30 pm** Mandarin Program

Thursday, November 29

- 11:00 am** LARC
- 6:00 pm** Canticle Choir
- 7:00 pm** Shepherd’s Bells

Friday, November 30

- 11:00 am** LARC
- 6:00 pm** Brownie Songfest

Saturday, December 1

- 9:00 am** Church Work Day

Sunday, December 2

- 9:30 am** Combined Worship Service
- 10:30 am** Coffee Fellowship in CFM hosted by Mimi and Ed Szaky
- 10:45 am** Children’s Sunday School & Adult Ed
- 11:00 am** KCCL Bible Study
- 12:15 pm** KCCL Worship
- 3:00 pm** Hanging of the Greens



- Nov. 27 Reagan Shanahan
- Dec. 1 Howard Rodean
- Dec. 4 Henry Chow
- Dec. 5 Karen Heuer

Work Day,
Saturday
December 1, 9:00
a.m. to 12 noon.
Bring bulbs for
planting – and the
necessary planting tools. Come to freshen up
our church grounds for winter and prepare
for blooms in the spring. Coffee and
donuts at 9:00 a.m.!



LET'S GET TOGETHER FOR A LITTLE

Jingle AND mingle

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.



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.

Saturday
December 8, 11 a.m.
Gregersen Hall

Join us for our Annual

Holiday

Cookie Exchange

Bring 2-3 dozen cookies to share and a Christmas ornament or a white elephant gift (up to \$20).
Cristi Chow is the contact person.



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.



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday
December 2,
3:00 p.m.
All are welcome. A few strong men are needed to help put up the tree! Join us as we prepare our hearts and the sanctuary for Christmas!



Planting daffodils will take place at 10:30 a.m., Monday, December 3 for Friendly Manor. If you would like to participate, please contact Karen Kalvass.

Financial Concerns

If you have donated stock to the church during 2018, please contact Lisa Verley so she can be sure it is recorded correctly.

If you have questions regarding designated giving and how it was recorded on your quarterly statements, you will need to discuss this with the appropriate person. Please again contact Lisa, 925-254-3422.

Sunday Morning Worship Services
9:30 a.m. through January 6
December 16
Annual Advent/Christmas Music Celebration
Christmas Eve Services, December 24
4:00 p.m. 'Joyful Noise' Worship
6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship
10:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship

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

Attendance	
Nov. 18	8:30 a.m. 42
	10:45 a.m. 31

HEALING

Dona Lawrentz
Kathy Williams
Tony Sanchez
Mary Herchert
Harry Howe
Laura Zellmer
Henry Kramer

Kathy McCarty Schwab
Howard Hansen
Dinah Washington
Gloria Enstrom
DeLane Riveness
Mallory Weiss
Mary Ann McCauley

WELLNESS

Grace Adams
Pat Tveitmoie
Cathy Johnson
Kellen Derrough

Rolf Benseler
Dottie Russell
Del Hock
Carol Kramer

PEACE / COMFORT

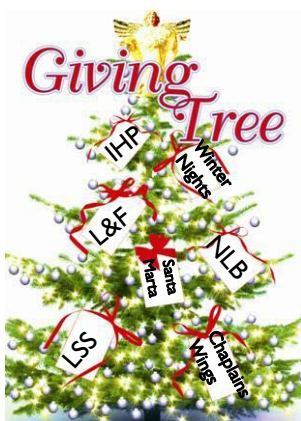
Kitti Colucci

MILITARY

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

Condolences

We offer prayers of comfort and sympathy for the family, friends and all those impacted by the death of Luca Pigniczky-Gero (age 16 and a student at Miramonte) who lost her life in a home fire Sunday.



This year we are offering an opportunity to support your favorite charity through our Christmas Giving Tree. The tree will be set up in CFM between 11/25 and 12/16 with envelopes for various charities. Please choose the envelope for your favorite charity or charities and return the envelope(s) by 12/16.

Make checks payable to HSLC with the name of your charity on the memo line (please deposit in the collection plate). Thank you for sharing your Christmas spirit through gifts to others.



Holy Shepherd Christian Preschool will present
The First Christmas
December 19 at 11:30 in Gregersen Hall
Everyone is invited!

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