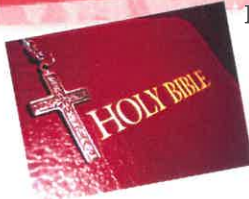


# Season after Epiphany

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church  
 February 10, 2019  
[www.holyshepherd.org](http://www.holyshepherd.org)  
 Office Hours 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
 Monday - Thursday  
 Phone 925-254-3422

## upcoming EVENTS

### CHURCH CALENDAR



#### For the Week of February 17, 2019

**Read:** "Parables of the Kingdom" (Matthew 13:24-43)

**Recite:** Jesus said:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in their field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." Matthew 13:31-32

#### Reflect:

- One of the parables which Jesus told reminds us that the kingdom of God will grow in abundance from small things. In what small ways did you see God at work today? A hug from a family member? A wave from a friend?
- Sometimes the little things make a BIG difference. (Recall the ancient proverb about long journeys beginning with a single step.) Can you think of ways in which a small thing has produced big results in your own life?
- Another of the parables which Jesus told speaks of how a little yeast can change a whole lot of flour. How might you be 'yeast' in your own places and spaces - changing God's world for the better?

**Pray:** Lord of stories, Jesus taught us through stories and the wisdom of the shared word. Teach us through your stories, that we may learn, grow, and love. For the sake of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**TODAY - Sunday, 12 noon, Bible & Lunch Bunch** (co-ed) CFM Library. Acts 21 & 22. Bring your lunch. Janine Crowe is contact.

**February 14 - Thursday, Loaves & Fishes, Martinez**

**February 17 - Sunday, 10:50 am, Congregational Meeting**

**February 21 - 9:00 am Women's Bible Study, CFM, Lesson 23, Acts 27**

**February 23 - Saturday 9:00 am Church Work Day 10:00 am, Women's Book Group, Gregersen Hall**

**February 27 - Wednesday, Loaves & Fishes, Pittsburg**

**March 6 - Wednesday, 7:00 pm, Ash Wednesday Service**

**March 7 - 9:00 am Women's Bible Study, CFM, Lesson 24, Acts 28**

**March 9 - Saturday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm Concert followed by refreshments - Marc Levine and Leslie O'Brien. The Musical Orindans**

**March 10 - First Sunday in Lent**

*Daylight Saving Time Begins, Spring forward one hour*



Altar flowers this morning have been given by Russ Roloff in loving memory of Ardith, Catherine and Curt.

**Saturday, February 23, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon.**



Coffee and Doughnuts at 9:00 a.m.



February 10	Joan Kiekhaefer
	Diana Yorgan
February 11	Mary Ann Berry
February 13	Lauren Klingman
	Dona Lawrentz
February 14	Beth Montgomery
February 15	Barbara Perry
February 16	Claire Swanback

Dona Lawrentz sends a huge thank you to the Altar Guild, everyone on the prayer chain, and all others, for all their prayers during her hip replacement surgery December 20. She is now recuperating at home.

#### Sunday, February 10

9:00 am Coffee Bar (in CFM)  
 9:30 am Congregational Worship  
 10:00 am Sunday School (PreK-5th Gr.)  
 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship (in CFM) hosted by Juanita Gilbertson  
 10:45 am KidMin Sunday School Ends  
 10:50 am Sunday School (Adults)  
 11:30 am Adult Sunday School Ends  
 11:00 am KCCL Bible Study  
 12 noon Bible & Lunch Bunch; CFM, Acts 21 & 22. Bring your lunch. Contact is Janine Crowe.  
 12:15 pm KCCL Worship

#### Monday, February 11

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

#### Tuesday, February 12

9:00 am Preschool  
 11:00 am LARC  
 11:00 am Caregiver Coffee  
 5:00 pm BSA Den Meeting

#### Wednesday, February 13

9:00 am Preschool  
 10:30 am Preschool Chapel  
 11:00 am LARC  
 3:30 pm Orinda Mandarin Program  
 7:30 pm Spirit Borne

#### Thursday, February 14



9:00 am Preschool  
 10:30 am Preschool Chapel  
 11:00 am LARC  
 6:00 pm Canticle Choir  
 7:00 pm Shepherd's Bells  
 7:00 pm Men's Weekly Bible Study, Europa Restaurant, Orinda

#### Friday, February 15

Preschool Closed through February 2/18 for President's Day Weekend  
 11:00 am LARC  
 7:30 pm KCCL Taize in Chapel

#### Saturday, February 16

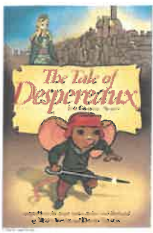
**Sunday, February 17**  
 9:00 am Coffee Bar (in CFM)  
 9:30 am Congregational Worship  
 10:00 am Sunday School (PreK-5th Gr.)  
 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship (in CFM) hosted by Marci Bauer  
 10:45 am KidMin Sunday School Ends  
 10:50 am Congregational Meeting  
 11:00 am KCCL Bible Study  
 12:15 pm KCCL Worship

#### Monday, February 18

Preschool, LARC, Office Closed

#### Congregational Meeting February 17

It's time for a Congregational Meeting! Not just any ol' Congregational Meeting, but a meeting with the express purpose of formally calling Pastor Pam Schaefer into ministry among us. Please join us Sunday, February 17 at 10:50 am as we discuss (and potentially vote) on what it would mean to extend a pastoral call to Pastor Pam to serve in our congregation as a part-time Associate Pastor. Other business on the agenda will include the election of members to the 2019 Nominating Committee and a brief update on potential property improvements related to our LARC program. We need a quorum, so please join us in the Center for Ministry as you can!



## Women's Book Group

This group will meet February 23 in Gregersen Hall at 10:00 a.m. And will be discussing "The Tale of Despereaux" by Kate DiCamillo. Once a thriving place of sunshine and delicious soup, the faraway kingdom of Dor has fallen into sadness. An accident

leaves the king brokenhearted, the sunshine fades and the soup disappears. Into this world is born Despereaux, a book loving mouse and friend to Princess Pea. When Pea is kidnapped, Despereaux must find a Knight's brave heart within his tiny body and rescue his friend.

Everyone is welcome! If you would like more information contact Alison Kling [tfingers@aol.com](mailto:tfingers@aol.com).



I am sorry that the information has been somewhat confusing for the proposed Fellowship Dinners. This only proves how difficult it is to replace our

beloved Henry Kramer!!! Our small committee wants to begin by having an event NOW! So the first event is scheduled for Sunday, **March 17 - St. Patty's Day**. We are blessed to have three people who have offered to have the proposed dinner in their homes. What we now need are joyful people who want to be part of these groups. Many people have said that it is so much more personal to be in homes rather than the larger dinners in Gregersen.

However, if you would find it easier to meet in the Center for Ministry for dinner that is also an option. Childcare will also be offered in Gregersen Hall for those folks who meet in CFM. There is a new sign-up sheet for the **ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER** in CFM.

We are also trying to establish the on-going Dinner Groups and there is a sign-up sheet for that also. This has been a wonderful way for our members to have the opportunity to get to know one another - it is something very special to see friends that are more like family!! Normally the groups are made up of 6 or 8 people, who rotate from home to home on a potluck venue. Some of the details can be worked out by each group, so that it meets their expectations and needs. There are always people that find it difficult to host and this can be worked out as the group comes together. Please don't sit in the closet and think no one wants you!!! **You are very much needed!**

Let's come together as people of God and grow as family as we venture forward!

Blessings,

Elaine Nielsen

Please note that the 2019 schedule for Loaves & Fishes is available in CFM. You can also email Pete Schmitt for copies or more information [akapete2@comcast.net](mailto:akapete2@comcast.net).



### HEALING

Kathy Williams  
Tony Sanchez  
Mark Yates  
Marilyn Lyndahl  
Harry Howe  
Laura Zellmer  
Henry Kramer  
Cecily Bartsch  
Pat Tveitmoie

Howard Hansen  
Dinah Washington  
Judy Butler  
George Kalvass  
DeLane Riveness  
Mallory Weiss  
Mary Ann McCauley  
Ann Brohm  
Kathy McCarty Schwab

### WELLNESS

Grace Adams  
Kellen Derrough  
Cathy Johnson

Rolf Benseler  
Carol Kramer  
Del Hock

### PEACE / COMFORT

Kitti Colucci

Dottie Russell

### MILITARY

Keep our armed forces safe and give them courage, hope and strength.

Brian Henson  
Peter Kler

Megan Howard  
Melanie Kler

## Announcing New Spring Study on I Thessalonians

The Women's Bible Study group will be studying the letter of I Thessalonians this Spring. We will learn about the early Christian church in Thessalonica, Greece - one of the churches founded by the apostle Paul. We will meet on the following Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Center for Ministry: 3/21, 4/4, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16. The Joy of Living lesson books will be ordered on February 20. To purchase a book, please write a check to HSLC for \$11.00 with "WBS Spring Study" on the memo line. You may give your check to Janine, Lisa or place in the offering plate. If you have questions, please contact Janine Crowe.

The Women's Bible Study group will be studying the Highlights of the Old Testament from Job to Malachi, a Joy of Living Bible Study, from September 2019 to May 2020. The lesson books are currently being sold at a 35 % discount. To get in on the discount, please sign up for the class and make a commitment to order the book by 2/19/19. The cost of the lesson book is \$15. Please write a check to HSLC with "WBS OT Study" on the memo line. Give your check to Lisa or Janine Crowe. Thank you.

Janine Crowe

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Attendance February 3  
9:30 am 70



With the goal of having a family friendly celebration of the Preschool, a decision has been made to change both the date and the menu of the March 23 dinner fundraiser. We will be offering a Western Style BBQ meal catered by a local vendor. A search for the perfect vendor is in the works, but as such, we felt more time was necessary to plan. We have decided to reschedule the dinner fundraiser to **April 27**. More details will be available once a vendor has been chosen. Please stay tuned for updates - thank you for your patience!

Raffle items are still needed for the fundraiser! If you have event tickets, or would like to offer activities/outings, or would simply like to make a cash donation for the raffle, please contact Miss Susie [susiekoeper@holyshepherd.org](mailto:susiekoeper@holyshepherd.org). If you are donating event tickets, etc. the dates should be after May 1, 2019.

## Marc and Leslie - The Musical Orindans Saturday, March 9, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

A benefit concert for EFO  
Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church

Leslie Darwin O'Brien is an Orinda mom whose kids have greatly benefited from EFO. She has performed Off-Broadway and for the Havana Jazz Festival. Her CD's are available at Orinda Books and on Amazon.



Marc Levine has played bass for Barry Manilow, Johnny Rivers, and has played alongside stellar musicians such as Gerry Mulligan and Joe Sample. Currently residing in Orinda, he plays gigs with a variety of acts in the Bay Area and teaches private lessons in the Bay Area on electric and upright bass, piano, and guitar.

Ticket Prices: \$20/Adult; \$10/Students  
(Includes reception afterwards with Musicians)

All proceeds go to Educational foundation of Orinda



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