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HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE



Church office will be open until noon on 12/23/24/30/31 and closed December 25/26 and January 1/2.

Upcoming Events



Today - Sunday 5:15 p.m. Evening Worship
 December 24 - Tuesday - Christmas Eve
 4:00 p.m. 'Joyful Noise' Worship
 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship
 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Come, Lord Jesus

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
 December 22, 2019
www.holyshepherd.org
 Office Hours 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
 Monday - Thursday
 Phone 925-254-3422

PRAYER REQUESTS

HEALING

Sharon Tissue	Will Tissue
Dinah Washington	Jeff Klingman
Gloria Enstrom	Kramer Collins
Marilynn Lyndahl	Susie Morgenstern
Laura Zellmer	Mallory Weiss
Harry Howe	Mary Helene Wagner
Pete Johnson	Kathy McCarty Schwab
Reese Levine	Marilyn Norleen
Herb Wehmeyer	Dorothy Lee
Jack Heidt	

WELLNESS

Rolf Benseler	Ann Brohm
Carol Kramer	DeLane Riveness

PEACE / COMFORT

Kitti Colucci	Mary Ann McCauley
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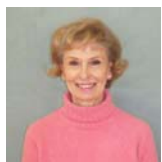
MILITARY

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

Celebrate the life of our beloved sister, Grace Adams!



Grace Adams joined the heavenly ranks of the angel chorus on Tuesday, December 10. You're invited to join us on Saturday afternoon, January 4th at 2:00 p.m. as we celebrate Grace's can-do spirit, her generosity, her willingness to try anything (including even learning to play the french horn!), her passion for things musical and her love of all God's creatures (including particularly llamas!). In keeping with Grace's passions, there will be a dessert reception following the memorial service in our Center for Ministry building. Please contact Lisa Verley if you are able to provide cookies or other nibbles for the reception.



We received news in the church office Monday that our sister in faith, Ginny Ruble, joined the heavenly host early Sunday morning.

Sunday, December 22 Advent 4

9:30 am Congregational Worship
 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship (CFM) hosted by Mimi and Ed Szaky
 10:50 am Special Christmas Adult Sunday School
 11:30 am Adult Sunday School Ends
 11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
 12:15 pm KCCL Worship
 5:15 pm Evening Worship Service

Monday, December 23

Preschool Winter Break through Jan 3, 2020
 LARC Closed through December 27

10:30 am AA Meeting CFM

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. 'Joyful Noise' Worship
 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship
 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship

Wednesday, December 25



Thursday, December 26

Friday, December 27

Saturday, December 28

Sunday, December 29

9:30 am Congregational Worship
 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship (CFM) hosted by Steve & Nina Berchtold
 11:00 am KCCL Bible Study
 12:15 pm KCCL Worship

Ginny's son Scott related that she passed away at her home in the Santa Cruz area, finally succumbing to the cardiac issues which had so long been a challenge for her. Ginny was truly a champion for the Lamorinda Adult Respite Center. She served as a care-room volunteer, a board member and a fund-raising coordinator at different times, and was instrumental in helping ensure the sustainability of LARC during its earliest years. Thanks be to God for the life of Ginny Ruble, and for the full embrace of grace in which she now resides. Her Memorial Service will be Saturday, January 18 at 11:00 a.m. Followed by a reception in CFM.



Donations for the Sanctuary decorations were given by the following persons. Please do not remove any flowers from the Sanctuary. Any flowers available for pick up will be

available after January 1.

Given By

*Bob Valentine
Mary & Erik Bartelson
Russ & Opal Bliese
Elaine Nielsen
Anne Johnson
Janine Crowe
Fred & Marla Schroeder
Will & Sharon Tissue
Tracey Blanchard
The Pattersons
Debbie Sedberry / Jeff Klingman*

Karen & George Kalvass

*Robert & Caroline Schmalz
Reni Yasuda
Bob & Marci Bauer*

Given By

*Amanda Chung
Joan Kiekhaefer
Ed Szaky
Dave & Nadine Coburn
Lisa & Chris Merlin
Gail Bjornsen
Juanita & Tom Gilbertson
Bob & Marci Bauer*

*Bob & Sally Church
Mary Helene Wagner*

In Memory of:

*Jewelie B. Valentine
Emilie Ross
Loved Ones
Harold, My Love
Carl Johnson
Robert & Raymonde Crowe, my parents
Ron & Carolyn Callen
Our Parents
Dad & Mom & Warren
Our Parents
Tim & James Sedberry
Kathryn & Gil Klingman
Ed & Peggy Kalvass, Grandparents
Dorothy Palmer
Our Parents
Nobi
Bob's Parents - Franz & Margarete Bauer*

In Honor of:

*Kai, Arwen and Carys Chung
Our Families
Mimi & Ana Szaky
Our Families, past & present
Our Family
For the love of my Grandchildren
Children & Grandchildren
Madelyn Coccoz*



Christmas Giving Tree

This Sunday and throughout December there is a Christmas Giving Tree in CFM. You are invited to choose charities that HSLC supports by taking an envelope(s) and returning with your check(s) before the

end of the year by placing in the box next to the tree. Make your check(s) payable to HSLC and note the charity(ies) you are gifting on the memo line. If you are making the donation as a Christmas Gift to someone and would like a card to let them know you have done so, there will be cards on the table next to the tree to give to that special person. Thank you for sharing your Christmas cheer to people in need here and around the world.

We wish to remember our members and friends who are "shut ins" or who can use extra love with a plant and delicious cookies!! If you wish to help by delivering the holiday packages, please stop by the table during coffee hour to get assignment(s)! If you have someone special that you would like remembered, please let Lisa know so we can ensure their name is on the list!

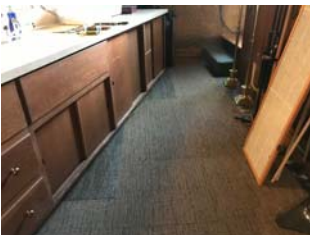
Thank you to all the 2019 Loaves & Fishes volunteers! The next service date will be Thursday, January 9, 2020 in Martinez. A list of the 2020 dates is available in CFM. Please pencil these dates into your calendars NOW and sign up as appropriate in CFM each month.

Today is your final opportunity to give money to the Children's Christmas Project. Stop by their table during coffee fellowship in CFM where you can get further instructions!

The Finance Desk at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church is eager to help you with your year-end charitable giving tasks! In order to receive IRS credit for charitable gifts to (and through) our congregation in 2019, please be aware that:

- Gifts in the form of checks must be dated and postmarked (or hand-delivered to the church office) on or before December 31, 2019.
- Gifts in the form of cash must be hand-delivered to the church office on or before December 31, 2019.
- Gifts in the form of stock-transfers must be received by December 31, 2019.
- Gifts in the form of wire-transfers must be initiated by December 31, 2019.

If you have any questions about how we might help facilitate your year-end giving, do not hesitate to contact Treasurer Steve Swanback or Bruce Neujahr.

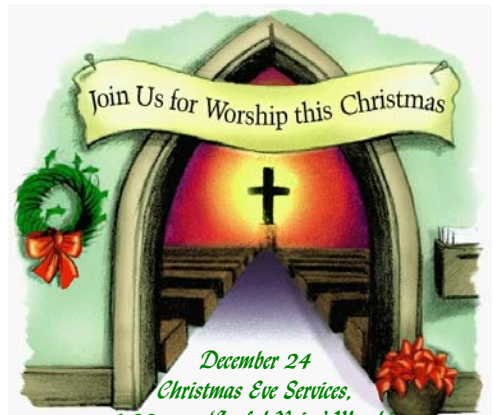


Thanks to Dave Lausch the sacristy has been carpeted - thus eliminating the tripping hazards the old tile was presenting!

YAAAA!!! We had a very dedicated group today to finish the reredos: Juanita Gilbertson, Belle Lindskoog, Reni Yasuda and a new honorary Altar Guild member!!!...Janine Crowe joined us and demonstrated beautiful classic French seamstress work!!!

The Good News is that we have a finished reredos, which is hanging ready to go up on Christmas Eve!!! Thanks be to God!!!

Blessings, Elaine



*December 24
Christmas Eve Services,
4:00 p.m. 'Joyful Noise' Worship
6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship
10:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship*

Happy Birthday

*December 22 Abigail Gardner
Lisa Merlin
December 24 William Hunter
Marla Schroeder
December 25 Ted Gamble
Michael Stenson
Myrna Witt
December 27 Diana Neujahr
December 29 Russ Bliese*

Lay servers needed for the Christmas season. Please sign up in CFM or contact Lisa!

Please Note: Women's Bible Study will not be meeting in December. The next meeting is Thursday, January 16, at 9:00 a.m. In CFM. Contact is Janine Crowe.

Worship Attendance 9:30 a.m.	
12/8	82
12/15	86

**Spring Beauty Starts Now!
Bring Spring Flowering Bulbs to the basket in CFM. We will be planting on the next work day.**

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