

GOD with Us



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

Christmas Eve

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	Madison Vance

WELLNESS

Rolf Benseler	Ann Brohm
Carol Kramer	DeLane Riveness

PEACE / COMFORT

Kitti Colucci	Mary Ann McCauley
---------------	-------------------

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 critters (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.



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

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



Welcome to Christmas Eve worship, where we, like Mary, treasure the news of our Savior's birth.

Upcoming Events

January 4 - Saturday 2:00 p.m. Grace Adams Memorial Service

January 5 - Sunday 11:00 a.m. FaithBuilders

January 9 - Thursday Loaves & Fishes, Martinez

January 16 - Thursday 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, CFM

January 18 Saturday 11:00 a.m. Ginny Ruble Memorial Service

January 19 Sunday 11:00 a.m. FaithBuilders

12 Noon Bible & Lunch Bunch, CFM, John 3 contact is Janine Crowe

January 20 - Monday Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed

January 22 - Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Breaking Bread Lecture, CFM

"Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, make thee a bed, soft, undefiled, within my heart, that it may be a quiet chamber kept for Thee. My heart for very joy doth leap, my lips no more can silence keep, I too must sing, with joyful tongue, that sweetest ancient song. Glory to God in highest heaven, who unto man His Son hath given, while angels sing with pious mirth, a glad new year to all the earth! Amen." — Martin Luther



Come, Lord Jesus

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
December 24, 2019

www.holyshepherd.org

Office Hours 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

Monday - Thursday

Phone 925-254-3422

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



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.

Thank you to all the 2019 Loaves & Fishes volunteers! The next service date will be 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.

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 post-marked (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.

Happy Birthday

- December 24** William Hunter
Marla Schroeder
December 25 Ted Gamble
Michael Stenson
Myrna Witt
December 27 Diana Neujahr
December 29 Russ Bliese



Mrs. Sawyer's Del Rey Transitional Kindergarten kids bring holiday joy to the participants at Lamorinda Adult Respite Center.



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.

Editor: Linda Hudak, lkhudak@holyshepherd.org