

# ADVENT

HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE



If you wish to donate to the Christmas decorations, envelopes are available in the narthex. Next Sunday is the final day to donate if you want your name in the Christmas bulletins.

## Upcoming Events



December 8 - Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Annual Cookie Exchange, CFM  
 December 13 - Friday, 5:30 p.m. Parent's Night Out  
 December 14 - Saturday 4 to 7:00 p.m. Annual Christmas get-together at Merlins' home.  
 December 15 - Sunday 11:00 a.m. FaithBuilders Program  
 12 Noon Bible & Lunch Bunch, China Moon Restaurant; Social Event (no Bible Study). Contact is Janine Crowe.

December 18 - Wednesday 11:30 a.m. Preschool Christmas presentation, Gregersen Hall

December 22 - 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

## Second Sunday of Advent



## Come, Lord Jesus

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church  
 December 8, 2019  
[www.holyshepherd.org](http://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	

#### WELLNESS

Rolf Benseler	Ann Brohm
Carol Kramer	DeLane Riveness

#### PEACE / COMFORT

Kitti Colucci	Grace Adams
Mary Ann McCauley	

#### MILITARY

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

Brian Henson	Megan Howard
Peter & Melanie Kler	

#### THOSE WHO GRIEVE

Julie Clark's dad, James W. Clark, US Navy, retired, set sail for the shores of Heaven on November 5th. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Spring Beauty Starts Now!  
 Bring Spring Flowering Bulbs to the basket in CFM.

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



Altar flowers this morning have been given by Russ and Opal Bliese in honor of their 71<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary!



Preschool Christmas Presentation  
 Wednesday  
 Dec. 18, 11:30 a.m.,  
 Gregersen Hall  
 All are welcome!

#### Sunday, December 8 Advent 2

9:30 am Congregational Worship  
 10:00 am Sunday School (PreK-5th Gr.)  
 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship (CFM) hosted by Dave & Nadine Coburn  
 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  
 12:15 pm KCCL Worship  
 2:30 pm Cookie Exchange, CFM

#### Monday, December 9

9:00 am HSCP  
 10:30 am AA Meeting CFM  
 11:00 am LARC  
 3:30 pm OMP

#### Tuesday, December 10

9:00 am HSCP  
 11:00 am LARC  
 11:00 am Caregiver Coffee  
 6:00 pm BSA Cub Meeting

#### Wednesday, December 11

9:00 am HSCP  
 10:30 am HSCP Chapel  
 11:00 am LARC  
 3:30 pm OMP

#### Thursday, December 12

9:30 am Martinez Loaves & Fishes  
 9:00 am HSCP  
 10:30 am HSCP Chapel  
 11:00 am LARC  
 6:00 pm Canticle Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm Bell Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

#### Friday, December 13

9:00 am HSCP  
 11:00 am LARC  
 3:30 pm Del Rey Daisy Troop  
 5:30 pm Parent's Night Out

#### Saturday, December 14

4:00 pm Off-site Christmas Party at Merlin's

#### Sunday, December 15 Advent 3

9:30 am Congregational Worship  
 10:00 am Sunday School (PreK-5th Gr.)  
 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship (CFM) hosted by the Sunday School  
 10:45 am KidMin Sunday School Ends  
 10:50 am Sunday School Fundraiser  
 11:00 am FaithBuilders  
 11:00 am KCCL Bible Study  
 12 Noon Bible & Lunch Bunch Social Gathering at China Moon Restaurant, Moraga  
 12:15 pm KCCL Worship  
 3:00 pm GS Troop Meeting

Worship Attendance 12/1: 63 @ 9:30 a.m.

Please join us for a  
**Holiday Cookie Exchange**

TODAY  
2:30 - 4:00 pm CFM

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.

Please come for  
our annual Christmas get together. Join your friends and fellow members of Holy Shepherd, Saturday, December 14 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Merlin home. Bring a heavy appetizer and a bottle of wine to share. Please RSVP to Lisa Merlin 510-506-2061 or merlinfo@holyshepherd.org

*Merry Christmas*



### Children's Christmas Project

The Sunday School children's Christmas project this year is collecting money for the Rukundo Foundation in Rwanda. The Rukundo Foundation provides an after school program for children in Kigali, Rwanda. The money we raise will be used for school supplies, books and snacks. We, in Sunday School, will have a fundraiser during the fellowship time on Sunday, December 15. The Sunday School families will be hosting the fellowship time.

This will be an opportunity for congregation members to talk to the children and make donations to the children's charitable project. Donations may be made to the Sunday School project, today and December 15. Please make checks payable to HSLC with "Children's Christmas Project" on the memo line. Checks may be placed in the offering plate or given to the children during the fundraiser on December 15. Thank you for your support. Our brothers and sisters in Christ in Rwanda will be blessed as will we.

### Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary

- December 11 Russ & Opal Bliese
- December 12 Gretchen Stenson
- December 13 Paul Heuer  
Bob Schwab  
John Shanahan
- December 14 Deepak Kumar
- December 15 Terry Hamre



Join the  
**JOWLS**  
(OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SENIORS)

at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2305 Camino Tassajare, Danville, for a special luncheon December 10th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Shepherd's Bells and choir members from Holy Shepherd will share in a special performance, "An Advent Celebration." They will be serving a traditional Christmas Ham Buffet: Winter Salads/Vegetables/Mashed Potatoes, Holiday Desserts.

All are welcome and encouraged to come. RSVP to Julie Hamre (925-708-4893) [juliehamre@aol.com](mailto:juliehamre@aol.com), Bethany Valentine [valentinebz@aol.com](mailto:valentinebz@aol.com) or [marianne.rountree@gmail.com](mailto:marianne.rountree@gmail.com) if you would like to attend. Bring some homemade or store bought Christmas cookies for a cookie exchange.

**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.**



### Christmas Giving Tree

Beginning this Sunday and throughout December there will be 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 can provide cookies, please bring on December 15 and we will make up cookie bags! 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!



Parent's Night Out  
Friday, December 13, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Children 4 years through grade 5  
Food, games, Christmas Craft  
\$5/child, \$15/family  
Questions? Contact Cristi Chow



### Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Pastor John being assisted by Arwin & Carys, daughters of Amanda & Jack Chung

### Hanging of the Greens Party

HSLC Altar Guild wishes to thank all of our HSLC family, who were able to help decorate our church for Christmas! We had such an enthusiastic group come!!! We were blessed to have Nina & Steve Berchtold, Joan Birke, Tracey Blanchard, Bob Fleischmann, Donna Gamel, Juanita & Tom Gilbertson, Pete Johnson, Belle Lindscoog, Barbara & Jerry Perry, Diana Rivness & Bill, Russ Roloff, Barbara Swanson, Bob Valentine, Bethany & Pastor John Valentine & Diana Yorgan!!! This was a very professional group, each person seemed to have an expertise & just literally dove in & made it all come together. All of our Holy Shepherd family thanks you for dressing our house of the Lord for the coming birth of Jesus Christ Our Savior!!! Thanks also to all of you who donated for the decorations. We use the money for flowers, but also to update other decorations as needed. We are in the throes of redoing our Christmas reredos...so the pressure continues! We also use those contributions to help with our other supplies as the liturgical calendar unfolds throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity & continued support. Thanks be to God!!! Blessings, Elaine