

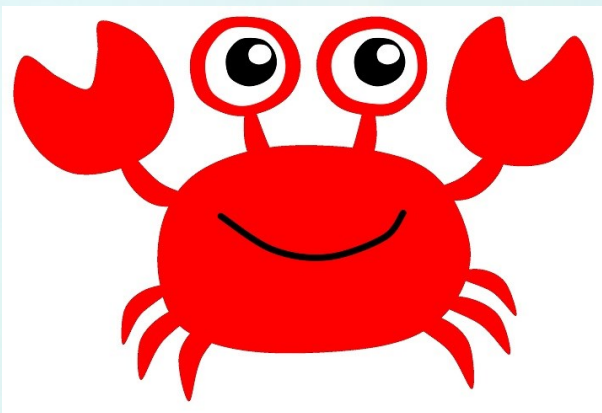
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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOLY SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

VALENTINE'S DAY / FEBRUARY 2022 — ORINDA, CALIFORNIA

It's a "Drive-Thru Crab Feed"! *Celebrate with us on March 12th & 13th*

Current County Health restrictions and COVID-19 have shuttered numerous community activities during the past two years (including our annual Crab Feed supporting our community-ministry partners), but it's time to make some lemonade out of those lemons!



Though we still cannot celebrate an 'in-person' Crab Feed event this year, we know that you really, really want a hearty crab dinner AND we know that you really want to support our community-ministry partners, Holy Shepherd Christian Preschool and LARC (the Lamorinda Adult Respite Center.) So join us on the weekend of Saturday, March 12 / Sunday, March 13 for our first-ever "Drive-Thru Crab Feed"!

Due to the relative abundance and availability of Dungeness crab this year in local waters, we're excited to be offering first-quality crab direct from the docks of North Beach! And your \$75 event-ticket gets you a full crab meal for a single person, including 3 lbs. of cracked/cleaned crab, fresh bread, a serving of pasta salad, a fresh-baked cookie and condiments! Additionally, each meal comes with a free raffle ticket for one of our four outstanding raffle items!

(See page 4 of this newsletter for all the details!)

EVENTS SCHEDULE

We encourage you to join in the following events — virtually and/or in-person:

Every Sunday at 9:30 am — Our weekly in-person worship opportunity in our Sanctuary!

Every Sunday at 9:30 am — Our in-person worship services are "Live-Streamed" via Facebook @HSLCORinda.

Every Sunday at 10:30 am — Coffee Fellowship time takes place following our in-person worship service.

Every Sunday at noon — A recording of our weekly 'Worship Video' should be accessible via our webpage at www.holyshepherd.org or our Facebook page @HSLCORinda.

Third Sundays from 10:30a to 11:15a — Following morning worship on the third Sunday of each month, our Sanctuary is open for socially-distanced Holy Communion. *(Join us on February 20th!)*

Tuesdays at 7pm — Pastor John and/or Pastor Pam lead "Adult Ed" — a Zoom-based online fellowship opportunity. The Zoom Meeting ID# is 861 5874 8710 and the Password is 94563.

Social Ministry Update:

'Winter Nights' Homeless Shelter

We're helping out with the 'Winter Nights' shelter program this February. Maybe you'll be able to help!

Manda worked full time. After 17 year of marriage she found herself dealing with divorce, raising two teenagers and struggling to pay rent. This was not the future she had planned. Then one of her children became sick. Spiraling medical bills ensued and she lost her home. For three years, Manda and her children the family couch surfed, lived out of their car and in motels. Then they found the Winter Nights shelter. A safe warm place to sleep, a place to shower, warm food and a caring network of staff and volunteers who could reassure her, encourage her and give her hope and strength. Tutors helped her children stay up to date at school. Staff worked along side her to assist with sorting out debt, schedules, and legal problems. By the spring she had saved enough money to move out of the shelter and rent a small apartment close by. She is hopeful and appreciative of the support she received at Winter Nights, saying, "It gives you a chance to breathe. It's a hand that holds you up so you can take care of what you need to."

The week of February 5-10 is Holy Shepherd's week to aid in Winter Nights this year! Partnering with Orinda Community Church and St. Perpetua Catholic Church in Lafayette, we're working to support hurting families like Manda's. There are a number of opportunities to get involved including donating specific items for meals as well as cash to purchase needed items. Volunteers are also needed to help with preparing / serving / cleaning up after dinner. The easiest way to help is to visit the "needs" list at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e44aaa62da0fd0-winter4>. Alternatively, give Karen Kalvass a call! 925-285-4669 or krkvolunteer@gmail.com. (If you wish to simply make a contribution, please write a check to HSLC with Winter Nights in the memo line.) However you can help, know that together we can make a difference in the lives of needy families. Thank you!



WINTER NIGHTS
Family Shelter

The 'Winter Nights' shelter program was started in 2004 by a consortium of faith communities — including Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church — as a way to protect homeless families by providing shelter in a clean and safe environment and to help families break the homelessness cycle by assisting them into stable housing.

For the past decade we have partnered with Orinda Community Church and St Perpetua's Catholic Church to co-host the shelter as it rotates throughout Contra Costa County. Additionally, "Winter Nights" is a regular recipient of our congregation's "Giving Beyond Ourselves" financial support.

FEBRUARY



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

1st Mitchell Cho.
4th Bryant Cho.
10th Joan Kie.
10th Diana Yor.
11th Mary Ann Ber.
15th Barbara Per.
17th Marci Bau.
18th Alanna Lau.
18th Austin McM.

21st Lori Ocz.
25th Marissa Per.
26th Nadine Cob.
26th Bob Val.
29th Karen R-K.
(Karen is celebrating a 1/4th birthday as she's a Leap-Baby!)

Anniversaries

3rd Hurleys
6th Gambles



2021 Contribution Statements for all Holy Shepherd contributors were mailed in mid-January.

If you did not receive your year-end statement (or if you believe your 2021 giving record is in error), please contact our Finance Desk at (925)254-3422 or email Lisa at lisaverley@holyshepherd.org at your earliest convenience, as you may need that information for tax filing purposes.

OUR MONTHLY PRAYER CONCERNS FOR FEBRUARY

For Healing/Strength

Gloria & Bert E.
DoLoris & Doug T.
MaryHelene W.
Dr. Bob & Carole W.
Suzi M.
Judy B.
Diana N.
Pete & Zach Schm.
Cristi Ch.

For Peace/Comfort

Harry H.
Rolf B.
Donna G.
Carol K.
Bob & Kristi L.
Marian McG.
DeLane R.
Marilyn N.
Igor & Rita S.

For Those Serving

Meghan H.
Brian H.
Peter K.



Parsonage News

By Dave Lausch and Marla Schroeder

One of our congregation's most significant tangible assets is our parsonage, located at 1107 Sanders Drive in Moraga (that's just down the street from Pastor John's home.) Built in 1961, the house is 1,581 sq.ft, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths,



hardwood floors, AC, and private back yard. Although showing its age at 60 years, it has an upgraded kitchen, replaced roof, and the interior has been freshly painted.

The house was acquired by Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Moraga which was established in 1969. In 1993, with the merger of Holy Cross in Moraga and Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Orinda, the parsonage became part of the new entity, Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. The sanctuary property in Moraga was sold to Growing Tree Preschool; the preschool is still in that location.

Over the years, the parsonage has provided a comfortable home for at least four pastors and their families (Pastors Wolkenhauer, Hughes, Valentine and Serrano). When not used for clergy housing, it has been rented. The last tenants moved out in July, 2021 after four years of residence. The parsonage is currently rented to a young family.

Realizing that satisfactory maintenance of the parsonage property has been inconsistent over the years, it is the goal of the new Parsonage Management Team to maintain it in a manner consistent with the care of our church property in Orinda as well as with the neighborhood location in Moraga. Over a two-month period last summer, a dedicated group of volunteers donated their time and resources to improvements at the property.

Many thanks to those who helped out in so many ways to upgrade the parsonage this past summer, including:

- Steve Swanback — project lead and spreading massive amounts of bark
- Ed Szaky and Chris Merlin — initial property inspection
- Joan Kiekhaefer — marketing the rental and executing the lease
- Steve Rosenzweig — replacing blinds and managing hazardous waste
- Dave Lausch — plumbing repair, gutter cleaning, fence staining, all around go-to
- John Dawson — repair of gates and fence, address numerals
- Bob Bauer — exterior cobweb clearing
- John Valentine — mailbox replacement
- Michael Stenson — electrical upgrades
- Marla Schroeder — project oversight and contact for tenants

A Word from Pastor Pam



*Lord, behold our family hear assembled.
We thank you for this place in which we dwell,
For the love that unites us,
For the peace accorded us this day,
For the hope with which we expect the morrow,
For the health, the work, the food, and the bright skies
That make our lives delightful;
For our friends in all parts of the earth. Amen*

Robert Louis Stevenson

This is a part of a longer prayer; my parents have a book of prayers, and this excerpt is included in the collection. Lovely, isn't it? It surprised me in two ways: first, because I had no idea that Robert Louis Stevenson had written prayers; and second because, as I discovered in my research, he was an atheist (something he told his parents when he was 23). This prayer was likely written near the end of his life, when he and his wife, Fanny, had settled on the island of Vailimia in Samoa.

Friends, I share it with you because I feel that it applies to our household of faith, just as surely as it does to a family in their home. I invite you to pray and meditate on it, in both the context of your own family and of our family here at Holy Shepherd.

How blessed we are to be part of the family of God!
Peace, Pastor Pam



If your New Year's resolutions didn't include eliminating sugar from your diet, a couple of our younger members are selling Girl Scout cookies

online! Visit <https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/carys872702> if you'd like to support our kids in this way!

"Drive-Thru Crab Feed" Details

Don't miss out on this great opportunity on March 12 & 13



- **Your Crab Meal** -- Each meal includes 3 lbs. of cracked/cleaned crab, fresh-baked bread, a serving of pasta salad, a fresh-baked cookie and condiments!
- **Food Pickup** -- Swing by our parking lot at 433 Moraga Way between 2p and 4p on Saturday, March 12 (or between 10:30a and 11:30a on Sunday, March 13) where you'll be greeted by our Crabby Crew! They'll hand you your prepackaged / bundled meal kit so that you can take it home and dig in in the comfort of your own home. Additionally, our Crabby Crew will make sure that you've got all the raffle tickets you need!
- **This Year's Crabby Raffle** -- Due to the generosity of friends of our LARC and Preschool program, this year's Crabby Raffle prizes are outstanding! They include four themed gift-baskets each valued at more than \$350, including:
 - ◆ San Francisco Giants basket -- including tickets to a 2022 Giants game
 - ◆ California Wine basket -- with 4 premium bottles of wine from our Golden State
 - ◆ Gift-Card Gift basket -- with gift cards from both local stores and national chains
 - ◆ iPad basket -- including a brand-new iPad!
- **Additional Raffle Tickets** may be purchased online or at the time of your food pickup @ 1 for \$5, 5 for \$20 or 10 for \$35, with all proceeds from both the crab feed and raffle being used to support Holy Shepherd Christian Preschool and the Lamorinda Adult Respite Center (LARC).
- **Pre-ordering is REQUIRED!** To ensure that your crab meals are ready and waiting for you, ALL meal orders must be placed by Sunday, March 6th! There will be NO day-of-event sales. **To order, visit our website at www.holyshepherd.org or contact Cristi in the church office at (925) 254-3422.**

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