

The Shepherd's *staff*

THE NEWSLETTER OF HOLY SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH — LENT / LATE WINTER 2023
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Congratulations, Pastor Diana Washington!

On Saturday, February 18, our one-time Teaching Parish student Diana Washington was ordained into Word and Sacrament ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by Bishop Brenda Bos.



What a day of celebration it was for our one-time Teaching Parish student and Holy Shepherd associate member Diana Washington! After a circuitous journey that led from the East Coast to Los Angeles to Berkeley, California to Sierra Vista, Arizona, Dinah received a formal call into ministry as Pastor and Mission Developer at Peace Lutheran Church in Lompoc and was

ordained and installed on February 18, 2023. It was a day to say "Congratulations, Vicar Dinah, you made it to the finish line" AND a day to say "Congratulations, Pastor Dinah, you made it to the finish line"!



Both Pastor John and Pastor Pam were able to be in attendance, and Pastor John was accorded the honor of being the preacher at that service. In his sermon, he reminded the newly -minted Pastor Washington that her job as a pastor in God's church is more about 'growing wheat' and less about 'killing weeds'! And Pastor Pam and Pastor John were able to share with her a generous gift from the whole community that is HSLC!



WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE

We encourage you to join in!

Sundays at 9:30 am — Our weekly in-person worship opportunity with Holy Communion in our Sanctuary

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

Sundays at 10am — Sunday School for Kids happens twice-monthly following KidTalk. (Next class dates are March 12 and March 26)

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

Sundays at noon — Our 'Worship Video' is up at www.holyshepherd.org or on Facebook at @HSLCORinda.

Tuesdays at 7 pm — Our weekly 'Adult Ed' class meets online via Zoom.

Zoom Meeting ID: 861 5874 8710

Zoom Passcode: 94563

Community Ministry Update:

Holy Shepherd Community Preschool

There's a flurry of activity afoot on our campus as we make plans for the launch of Holy Shepherd Community Preschool in June of this year!

- Council Member Tom Gilbertson is coordinating construction planning with both architect Chris Gilman and contractor Todd Bifulco, and we are oh-so-close to finalizing final blueprint design plans and sending them off to plan-check.
- Vice-President Joan Kiekhaefer is orchestrating the blending of two organizational systems into one new entity, in conjunction with Pastor John, Amy Cabiles (our current Preschool Director) and Claire Peterson (the Executive Director of our new school structure.)
- Executive Director Claire Peterson reports that Holy Shepherd Community Preschool is fully-enrolled for both our 2023 Summer Session (40 students) and our 2023/24 Academic Year (54 students)! It appears we already have a waitlist for 2024!
- The Church Council took action to ensure that member-families of HSLC are accorded priority-access to registration in our new school, as a first step toward strengthening the connections between our church and school.

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Birthdays

1st Christine P.	15th Juanita G.
3rd Sophia P.	20th Kim W.
5th Lisa V.	26th Susan Pat.
6th Marisa Ch.	27th Won K. Y.
13th MaryHelene W.	

Anniversaries

23rd Hudaks (54)



For Healing

Yvonne G.
Nadine C.
Henry K.
Gloria E.
Donna Z.
DoLoris and Doug T.
MaryHelene W.
Suzi M.

Judy B.
Bill K.
Mark Z.

For Peace

Bob & Kristi L.
Marian McG.
DeLane R.
Marilyn N.
Diana N.
Rita S.

For Those Serving

Meghan and Brian P.
Peter K.

A Word from Pastor Pam

Ash Wednesday (February 22) marked the beginning of the season of Lent this year — and the beginning of our own personal Lenten journeys. Each of us may have our own, individual practice of spending time reflecting on Jesus' journey to the cross as we prepare ourselves for Holy Week and Easter. We may read a Lenten devotional book daily; we may write our thoughts and feelings in a journal; we may "give up" something; we may give special gifts of money or food or time to help those in need. There are many ways to set this time apart, to make it holy.

Lent is a time of attending to the sacrifice that Christ made for us and of hearing again with fresh ears the scripture that tells of his teaching and healing, and of the ways in which it upset the political and religious leaders of Jesus' day. As we go through these days, we are invited to reflect on our own words and actions throughout our daily lives and work. As we follow Jesus, as we seek to be his disciples, do we concern

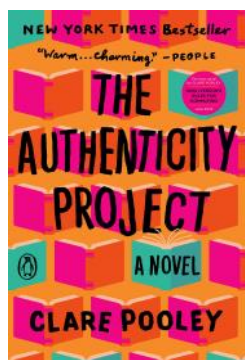
ourselves more with the world and with what it thinks of us, or with doing Christ's work, whatever the cost?

I find the following prayer (known to some as the 'Holden Village Prayer' or the 'Good Courage Prayer') to be a particularly meaningful and appropriate prayer for this season of Lent. Perhaps you'll be able to find a way to incorporate it into your daily Lenten practice this year:

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In Faith + In Love + In Peace

Pastor Pam



The Women's Book Club gathers monthly (at 10am on the first Saturday of each month in our Center for Ministry) to reflect on the works of both contemporary and classic authors. Next up on the reading list is The Authenticity Project by Clare Pooley — which they'll tackle on Saturday, April 1st. No foolin'! Talk to Juanita Gilbertson or Bethany Valentine is you'd like more information.

Long-time member Russ Bliese moved to Ventura last summer to be nearer family. Daughter Sandy reports that Russ has fully transitioned into a retirement community. While he is now attending worship in Ventura, he LOVES staying connected with his Holy Shepherd family. Russ's new mailing address is:



Russ Bliese
4900 Telegraph Road #536
Ventura, CA 93003

Saturday
April 15th, 2023
7:00 pm
Peace Lutheran Church
3201 Camino Tassajara
Danville

Sunday
April 16th, 2023
4:00 pm
Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
433 Moraga Way
Orinda

Tickets (\$25 adults / \$10 students) are available:

- Online at www.chromaticachorale.org
- Pre-purchased from Bethany Valentine
- Day-of-event at the Ticket Counter



DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 12th! You certainly wouldn't want to be late for worship!

Holy Week Schedule 2023



Palm Sunday (April 2nd)
Worship at 9:30a

Palm Sunday celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as a champion of God's people. But the joyful mood of the beginning of our service fades into sober contemplation of the week that lies ahead.



Good Friday (April 7th)
Worship at 7:00p

Good Friday is a day for us to discover the boundless depth of God's love. Jesus' cries from the cross bear witness to the pain of the world in which we live, and that pain which he endured that we might know life.



Maundy Thursday (April 6th)
Worship at 7:00p

Maundy Thursday invites us to hear Jesus' call that we love one another even as he loves us. In the washing of feet, in the breaking of bread, in the stripping of the altar, we discover anew the depth of his love.



Easter Sunday (April 9th)
Worship at 8:30 and 10:00a

Join us in celebration and song as we remember that the stone was rolled away and that Christ is risen indeed! (We will again offer a hearty 'Easter Coffee Fellowship' following each of our Easter Sunday worship times.)

Join Us as We Walk with Jesus on the Journey that Leads to Life!

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