



# The Shepherd's *staff*

THE NEWSLETTER OF HOLY SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH — EASTER / SPRING 2023  
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## PRESCHOOL TRANSFORMATION BEGINS

*At a meeting of the congregation in December 2022, we authorized substantive expansion of our preschool facilities in Gregersen Hall so as to accommodate a new preschool ministry program known as "Holy Shepherd Community Preschool". This month we'll begin experiencing some of the growing pains related to that development.*

"Making this transition work is going to require flexibility on ALL our parts," congregational Vice-President Joan Kiekhaefer noted recently. "But it's looking like we're going to be able to get this done, and get it done more quickly than we originally has hoped."

- Tom Gilbertson has worked with our architect (Chris Gilman) to develop a remodel plan that minimizes both building costs and construction time, yet aligns with state licensing requirements and our projected program needs.
- Our general contractor (Todd Bifulco) is working hard to create a work schedule that expedites construction while minimizing disruptions to our LARC program staff and participants.
- Our own Preschool team (led by the amazing Ms. Amy) continues to be abundantly flexible in terms of schedules and spaces and demands on their time.

Now it is also time for ALL of us to be flexible as we temporarily convert some of our Center for Ministry space into multiple-use space until the preschool renovations are completed — so thanks in advance for being patient and flexible!

- The CFM Chapel has temporarily been converted into a soft-seating conversation space.
- The CFM Women's Restroom will (on school days) become a preschool restroom.
- The CFM Main Hall will (on school days) become primary classroom space for our expanded preschool student population.
- Gregersen Hall will be 'off-limits' to all except our LARC and Preschool participants and staff.

## WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE

*We encourage you to join in!*

**Sundays at 9:30 am** — In-person worship gatherings with Holy Communion happen in our Sanctuary (*Remember that on April 9 — Easter Sunday — we worship at both 8:30am and 10am!*)

**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 April 16 and April 30)

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

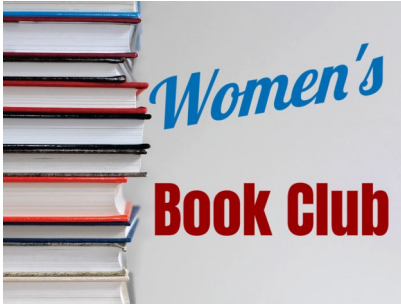
**Sundays at noon** — Our 'Worship Video' is up at [www.holyshepherd.org](http://www.holyshepherd.org).

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 861 5874 8710

Zoom Passcode: 94563





Do you love to read popular fiction (both classics and new releases?) The Women's Book Club meets monthly (on the first Saturday of the month at 10am in our Center for Ministry building) to discuss the book of the month. For more information, speak with Bethany Valentine, Diana Riveness or Juanita Gilbertson.

#### The Spring 2023 Reading List

May 6 — **A Flicker in the Dark** — Stacy Willingham

June 3 — **Winemaker's Wife** — Kristin Harmel

July 1 — **The Violin Conspiracy** — Brendan Slocum

It is with heavy hearts that we report the passing of Barbara Schaefer (Pastor Pam's beloved mom) on March 1, 2023. Pastor Pam notes that Barbara died peacefully in her sleep, having recently been diagnosed with a recurrence of cancer.



Barbara was born in San Francisco and was a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA — where she met her future husband Marty. She worked as a file clerk in San Francisco to put Marty through seminary at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS) in Berkeley. Barbara and Marty raised two children, Pam and Steve. In her forties, Barbara survived multiple bouts with cancer, and by God's grace lived to be a central figure of love and home for her three grandchildren, Anne, Katherine, and Benjamin.

Please hold Pastor Pam, her father (Pastor Marty Schaefer), and the whole of their family in prayer as they remember, as they prepare for a memorial service honoring Barbara's life on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 11am at Hope Lutheran Church in El Sobrante.



#### **Birthdays**

2nd Kalolaine S. 29th Joan B.  
30th Steve B.

7th Bill H.

30th Jeff K.

9th April L.

#### **Anniversaries**

14th Gail B.

11th Yangs

20th Elizabeth H.

25th Clark/Lausch

24th Ed S.

27th Wildmans

27th Marc O.

#### **For Healing**

Yvonne G.  
Nadine C.  
Henry K.  
Ed Sz.  
Diana R.  
Donna Z.  
DoLoris and Doug T.  
MaryHelene W.  
Judy B.  
Judy H.  
Bill K.



#### **For Peace**

Kristi L.  
Marian McG.  
DeLane R.  
Marilyn N.  
Diana N.  
Rita S.  
Marty S.  
Mark Z.

#### **For Those Serving**

Meghan and Brian P.  
Peter K.

## Interested in Becoming a Member of Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church?

COVID-19 disrupted so many of our usual ways of 'being church together'. We couldn't worship in person. We couldn't have classes in person. Our pastors were even advised NOT to do visits in person. And one of many the casualties of that shut-down was our semi-annual Church Membership Information events. But that is about to change!

On Sunday, April 30th, Pastor John and Pastor Pam will be leading a membership information event. If you choose to attend, you'll get to know us a little bit better — and some of us will get to know you a little bit better — and you'll get to know our congregation's history and ministries a little bit better. This is a 'no-commitment' opportunity to ask questions about things that you'd like to know! And in the days following up on that event, those who so desire will be invited to formally become part of this community we call 'Holy Shepherd'. For more information about this informational event, speak with one of our pastors!

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION EVENT  
April 30th at 11am in our Center for Ministry

## A Word from Pastor John

### *It's Friday ... but Sunday's coming!*



It was a now-anonymous African-American preacher that intoned one of the memorable sermons of all time. A simple sermon actually. It started softly, and then built in volume and intensity until the entire congregation was completely engaged. The theme (and the refrain) of that sermon was "It's Friday ... but Sunday's coming!" I LOVE that message — for that is the heart of the message which Christians celebrate throughout the world this week!

It was Friday, and Jesus was put on trial. False witnesses were brought forth. The crowd chose Barabbas. Pilate washed his hands. It was Friday ... but Sunday's coming. *Then again, maybe it's Friday for you too. Maybe you've been lied to, told you are no good, unloved and unwanted. It may be Friday for you too, but take heart, for Sunday's coming.*

It was Friday. They placed the cross on his shoulders and made him carry it through the streets of the Holy City. The crowd jeered him and mocked him and made his journey all the harder. It was Friday ... but Sunday's coming. *Then again, maybe it's Friday for you too. Pressures of the job or the home wearing down on you. Worries about the health of loved ones, of financial burdens, of something the doctor said. It may be Friday ... but Sunday's coming!*

It was Friday. Darkness covered the city. Jesus found himself abandoned — by his followers, by his friends and even by God. It was Friday. Jesus died. And all seemed lost. Maybe it's Friday for you too. Isolated and abandoned? Surrounded by darkness? No way out? Good Friday tells you that Jesus knows exactly what you're going through .....

But remember that Sunday's coming! For while Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are at the heart of Jesus' story, they are not the end of his story. Nor are they the end of ours! For Easter Sunday is coming! And Mary Magdalene is soon to tell his friends an unbelievable story that turns out to be true. A story in which hope wins. A story in which love wins. A story in which God wins. For it's Friday ... but Sunday's coming! For Christ is risen — He is risen indeed!

Happy Easter, friends. For it may be Friday, but Sunday's coming!

Pastor John



*Faith, Hope  
...Music to Inspire!*

**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.chromaticchorale.org](http://www.chromaticchorale.org)
- Pre-purchased from Bethany Valentine
- Day-of-event at the Ticket Counter



# THREE DAYS THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING



On Maundy Thursday (April 6th), we 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.*



On Good Friday (April 7th), we 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.*



On Easter Sunday (April 9th), we worship at 8:30 and 10a

*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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