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# Shepherd's Voice

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Worship: Sundays 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. • Pastor John Ridenour

*From Pastor John...*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Moving deep into the season of Lent, we continue to reflect on the gift of forgiveness, and the power of **Jesus' passion (his suffering and death)**. Then, on one of the latest days we can celebrate Easter Sunday, we will do so with joy and thanksgiving.

The Great Three Days of Maundy Thursday (Apr 21), Good Friday (Apr 22), and Easter (Apr 24) are days of passion and resurrection – days which are the very core of Christianity. Some notes we receive (in *Sundays and Seasons*, Augsburg Fortress, pg. 147) indicate how these days generate many questions and misunderstandings, even for regular church-goers as the services for these days have gone through many changes in recent years.

Suggested reasons for questions and misunderstandings and changes include:

- After a number of years when churches did the **same things in a prescribed way, we're still adjusting** to what it means to have flexibility and use that flexibility in informed and responsible ways.
- How might the church commemorate Holy Week events that may be unknown to many in ways that make sense?
- Perhaps most important – the observance of **these days calls for "a high level of assent that belief in Christ as redeemer of the world is true, reliable, and takes precedence over every other allegiance we may have."** **While such confession brings life and joy, it's one that many in today's society have a great deal of difficulty.**

With these reasons, come many questions, questions like how do we make these days more **accessible? How do we invite the "unchurched" into them?** What rituals can and should we jettison? How can we make these days easy for people?

We may well ask if our worship is primarily for

evangelism, for bringing in newcomers into the church (thus we will want our celebrations to be accessible, and welcoming). Or, since these days are the core of Christianity, how will we come to grips with the events told in scripture story in our worship – in ways that we become part of the story? After all, these events **aren't just something that happened thousands of years ago**, but are living, active, urgent events – and we are part of the story.

So I invite you, plan to come and see, come and be part of our sharing and living the story, seeing and **hearing of God's gracious love. See how the church liturgy becomes a pathway to God's living presence** among us. See how in the worship God can touch your life with love, forgiveness, freedom, and hope. After all, God comes to give you all that and more. I look forward to seeing you in our worship celebrations!

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor John*

## Holy Week and Easter Sunday Schedule

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Sun. April 17:   | The Passion of Our Lord<br>Services at 8:30 and 11:00 AM  |
| Thurs. April 21: | Maundy Thursday<br>7:00 PM  |
| Fri. April 22:   | Good Friday<br>7:00 PM  |
| Sun. April 24:   | The Resurrection of Our Lord<br>→ → → One worship service at 9:30 AM<br>followed by our Easter Finger Food Brunch<br>Celebration! |

*From Our Council President...*

Have you ever heard the statement, "The Church is ALIVE!" What does that statement mean, especially in today's World? I found myself recently saying to some people the "Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Our Church, is ALIVE ." What a wonderful feeling and burst of energy those words created. But, what did I mean? From February 28<sup>th</sup> through March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, there was so much going on at Good Shepherd. People were coming and people were going day and night. Some of the people were from our church and many were from other churches. **Yes, Winter Night's people were here at the Church, but that is not the message I am trying to convey.** Some of the people arriving and leaving were Lutherans, some were from other religious denominations, some were Pastors, and some were Lutheran Pastors. And, yes some of the people coming and going may not have been churched at all. Regardless of whether the people were churched or unchurched, **pastor or not pastors, members of our church or not, all were here to receive or do "GOD's Work with Our Hands."** Indeed, "The Church is ALIVE!!!!" It didn't matter what specifically was going on, all the work taking place was in God's vineyard and we were in the process of building God's Kingdom here on earth.

I often had to sit and strategize how to accommodate each meeting request. On one occasion, we had the Bereavement Group in the Fireside Room, the Fellowship Group meeting in the Church Office, the Diablo Valley Literacy Group in Fellowship Hall, and the Winter Nights Group basking in the Sun of our courtyard for **some well deserved rest and peace. What a joy to see so much activity. That was why I was saying, "The Church is ALIVE."**

Pastor John, Laura Mott, and I talked about how invigorating it was to have so many things going on here at the Church. And, when all the activity melted away the stillness left a void and emptiness. Do you know what I mean and how that feels? I believe that God wants us to use the Church to create wholeness, possibilities, and support in our daily lives. The Church needs to have lots of energy, lots of healthy activities taking place, and the parking lot needs to be full all the time. People drive by and they notice something going on at the Church.

As I was writing this article an email popped into my inbox and I want to share it with you:

*Hi Sue,*

*Many of our friends attend mega churches, and they all have coffee shops. If we had something like that, the elderly who are lonely at home by themselves could come for fellowship. It could also be used for bible studies, meetings or breaks from play sessions for the younger families. And, when the summers top 100 degrees, it could be used as a cooling center for those without air conditioning. Elderly and young children are particularly vulnerable to heat stroke and death from it. Many of our elderly do not have air conditioning. I'd be happy to bake fresh pastries or breads if we were to get something like this off the ground.*

*When I worked at the hospitals, the majority of my patients were between ages 65-90. So, I am sympathetic to their needs. Many were lonely. It seems like some of our folks come in the office just to chat. A coffee shop would give them a place to visit.*

*Dana*

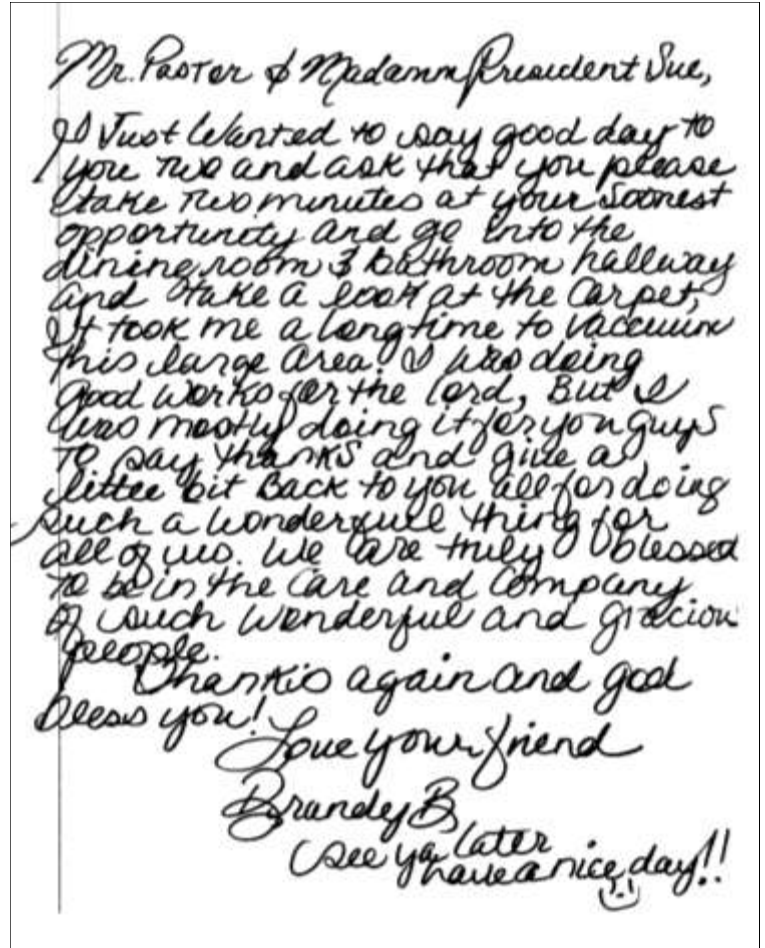
In closing, God works in marvelous and mysterious ways and you can tell when the Holy Spirit is at work. I ask you, "How is it that I am writing an article about making the church come ALIVE and I get an email from Dana Deniston with a suggestion about just what I am writing about? " I hope you, like me, want the church to be open 7 days a week with activities that people can feel the Holy Spirit present here at the Church. Activities that are meaningful to the congregational members, and value added to the community? What do you think? Can we talk about this in ways that we can gather suggestions or ideas that you have?

Blessings to You and May they Come Often,  
Sue Hertless  
Council President 2011

Thank you....

GRAZIE to all who helped to make Italian Night a wonderful success! To those who helped sell raffle and dinner tickets, cook, decorate, wrap raffle prizes, play music, set up, clean up and all the other details that make such an event fun, thank you. It was a delight to see such a generous demonstration of **God's love at work among ourselves as well** as among our guests from Winter Nights. The goal from the outset was to have a fun evening and to break even - both were accomplished. Looking forward to the GSLC Second Annual Italian Night! — Susan Ripley

FROM MARCIA SANDER who would like to convey sincere thanks to all for the prayers, cards, and kind words expressed to her and her family upon the recent death of her mother, Ruby Cordes. Your thoughtfulness and the support we received from you was comforting and is truly appreciated. God bless you ~ Peace be with you.



Mr. Pastor & Madonna President Sue,  
I just wanted to say good day to you two and ask that you please take two minutes at your soonest opportunity and go into the dining room & bathroom hallway and take a look at the carpet. It took me a long time to vacuum this large area. I was doing good works for the Lord, but I was mostly doing it for you guys to say thanks and give a little bit back to you all for doing such a wonderful thing for all of us. We are truly blessed to be in the care and company of such wonderful and gracious people.  
Omnibus again and God bless you!  
Love your friend  
Brandy B.  
(See ya later have a nice day!!)

The above note was left in our church office mailbox from a woman served by Winter Nights at Good Shepherd.

TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS FROM GOOD SHEPHERD CONGREGATION who volunteered their time and talents to serve during Winter Nights, February 28 through March 14 stay. Winter Nights families were blessed by these caring people:

- |                   |                 |                    |                   |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Susan Metzger     | Jean Moore      | Creighton Mitchell | Linda Rodemsky    |
| Ken Robinson      | Kay Bennett     | Ione Bantly        | Marge Greig       |
| Nikki Robinson    | Kristi Buchholz | Dottie Davis       | Travis Fiene      |
| Jim Olson         | Sam Buchholz    | Damon Disney       | Elaine Stephenson |
| Richard Hertless  | Ingrid Burns    | Erin Dunlavy       | Ron Figueroa      |
| Jamie Rodemsky    | Susan Lorenzen  | Betty Jacobsen     | Mary Figueroa     |
| Vickie Smiglewski | Pastor John     | Bob Ripley         | Susan Ripley      |

A special thank you to Sue Hertless for coordinating this event that fed and housed approximately 24 people, including children, for two weeks.

Be careful how you live; you may be the only Bible some people ever read.

— Contributed by Linda Mahloch

## Birthdays

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Heidi Mynhier     | 4/01 |
| Ann Marie Brandt  | 4/02 |
| Nancy Chermak     | 4/02 |
| Leone McCullough  | 4/04 |
| Tiffany Morgan    | 4/04 |
| Linda Wilson      | 4/07 |
| Richard Olson     | 4/08 |
| Edythe Marshall   | 4/09 |
| Susan Metzger     | 4/09 |
| Heidi Marshall    | 4/10 |
| Vince Mahon       | 4/13 |
| Mark Deniston     | 4/14 |
| Teresa Wagner     | 4/14 |
| Lloy Blevins      | 4/16 |
| Cal Fraga         | 4/16 |
| Melissa Henry     | 4/18 |
| Evelyn Hidy       | 4/18 |
| Gordon Monroe     | 4/18 |
| Connie Batchelder | 4/20 |
| Mike Carzino      | 4/20 |
| Duane Peterson    | 4/20 |
| Cathy Setchell    | 4/20 |
| Vicki Smiglewski  | 4/20 |
| Herb Yonge        | 4/21 |
| Mark Poston       | 4/22 |
| Bill Dietz        | 4/25 |
| Mike Henry        | 4/26 |
| Elene Domes       | 4/27 |
| John Mott         | 4/28 |



### Clean-Up Date is April 16

By Sue Hertless

Good Shepherd is preparing for the Celebration of the Risen Christ — Our Lord Jesus Christ. Come on April 16 at 9:00 a.m. and help make the Church sparkle. A list of tasks and supplies will be made available. Identify the task you would like to do, grab the supplies and away you go. The Church will look beautiful with just a few touches from our tender loving hands.

At noon we will reconvene for lunch, sing one or two songs, and be on our way at 1:00 p.m. Mark your calendar, come for fellowship, and help with some important but light work that needs to be done in preparation for EASTER.

**There's something for everyone to do! All are welcome. See you on April 16!!!**

### Help Patti Fiene participate in Walk for Breast Cancer

By Patti Fiene

This past January, my mom, Leone McCullough was diagnosed with Ductal Carcinoma In Situ (DCIS) or pre-cancer of the milk duct. She had a lumpectomy in February and will start radiation in April. The prognosis is good.

In honor of my hero, my Mom and other people who have or will be diagnosed with Breast Cancer, I have decided to participate with thousands of other people in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer on July 9 and 10.

I have pledged to raise \$1,800. People can make a monetary donation on my behalf to help me reach my goal at: [info.avonfoundation.org/goto/pattifiene](http://info.avonfoundation.org/goto/pattifiene). I am also collecting cans for recycling and in May I will be having a Yard Sale/Bake and **Lemonade stand at my Mom's house. Please call me if you would like to donate items or cans for recycling at: 925-686-4657 or email: thefiene5@yahoo.com**

### Good Shepherd Starts Stephen Ministry Training

By Sue Hertless

Stephen Ministry is a comprehensive system for training and organizing lay people to provide one-on-one Christian care for those in need in and around our congregation.

Good Shepherd has six people who have volunteered to start an eight week training course on April 2, 2011 at United Methodist Church to become Stephen Ministers. Our congregational members participating are: Laura Mott, Betty Jacobsen, Nikki Robinson, Ken Robinson, Kelly Schaeffer and Sue Hertless.

More will be shared with the congregation as the team gains strength, knowledge, and the ability to apply the training here at Good Shepherd.

Sitting by your computer and need a Bible inspiration or reference?

<http://jrsbible.info/> then click on "White Pages".

— Contributed by Betty Fraga

Got Plans for Memorial Day Weekend?

As is our tradition, a group from Good Shepherd will be heading to Mt. Cross in the Santa Cruz mountains to participate in the Mt. Cross Annual Family Work Weekend.

When: Friday May 27-Monday, May 30, 2011

Time: We leave around 5 pm Friday, returning late afternoon Monday

Who: **All ages welcome! There's truly something for everyone, including childcare** - Yes, we arrange carpools as necessary

Cost: Ages 12 to Adult \$12 if paid or postmarked by May 1; \$15 after May 1. Ages 4-11, \$5 if paid or postmarked by May 1, 2011; \$6 after May 1. This includes meals and lodging for the weekend.

Need more information?: check out mtcross.org online, and look under upcoming events, or call Linda Rodemsky @ 864-9266

**If you've been to this event before, you know how much fun it is.**

Wedding Anniversaries

Ray & Helen Ollila  
June 17, 1951

John & Ione Bantly  
June 2, 1954

Chris & Suzanne Christensen  
June 19, 1954

Jack & Frances Mecklenburg  
June 16, 1967

Valentine & Evelyne Kingwell  
June 20, 1969

James & Cathy Setchell  
May 5, 1999



Book Club Choice for May

*The King's Speech: How One Man Saved the British Monarchy* by Mark Logue and Peter Conradi is the next book for our Good Shepherd Book Club.



Join us on May 17 at 7: 30 pm in the Fireside Room for our discussion of this remarkable book.

Questions? Contact Donna Albrecht at: donna@albrechts.com

A Special Prayer Request

My son, Lt. Col. Bruce Burns, will deploy to Afghanistan in mid-April. It will be his 6th deployment to the Middle East. He joined the Army Reserves immediately after 9/11 when there was a general call for support from physicians.

Please pray for his ability as a psychiatrist to help those in need. And pray for his safe return home. Thank you, Ingrid Burns

| GOOD SHEPHERD INCOME STATEMENT       |                 |                 |                        |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| YEAR TO DATE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2011 |                 |                 |                        |
|                                      | ACTUAL          | BUDGET          | OVER (UNDER)<br>BUDGET |
| <b>INCOME:</b>                       |                 |                 |                        |
| Pledges                              | \$ 29,569       | \$31,008        | \$ (1,439)             |
| Other (Tower Rent, etc.)             | 27,903          | 26,103          | 1,800                  |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                  | <b>57,472</b>   | <b>57,111</b>   | <b>361</b>             |
| <b>LESS TOTAL EXPENSES</b>           | <b>(50,562)</b> | <b>(53,165)</b> | <b>2,603</b>           |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                    | <b>\$ 6,910</b> | <b>\$ 3,946</b> | <b>\$ 2,964</b>        |

### Are You Able to Offer Help With a Ride?

By Susan Ripley

Recently, it was brought to the attention of the Evangelism Committee that a woman would like to attend worship services at Good Shepherd, but was in need of a ride?

This made us think that perhaps we could organize a small cadre of drivers who might be able to drive someone to church on Sundays. What a great way to reach out to those in our community!

Would you be able to be an occasional driver? If so, please contact Susan Ripley at 510-599-2757 or s.baxley@sbcglobal.net.

### Golfing for Habitat

Pastor John will again be participating in Habitat for Humanity - **Sonoma County's** Golf-a-Thon this year on Friday, April 29. Habitat is an organization that works with community organizations and individuals to help build/secure housing for families.

If you would like to share in this worthwhile venture, please sign up on the form posted in the church entryway! You can either pledge an amount per hole (the goal is 100 holes in one day) or a specific amount for the day.

Thanks for your interest and support!



### Easter Sunday Schedule

There will be one service on Easter Sunday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m. Our Fellowship Committee will host a Finger Food Brunch immediately following our Easter Worship. The menu will be finger foods and beverages. Please plan to attend. Come join the celebration!



### Come and Learn about **"MemberConnect"**

On Sunday, May 1, 2011, between services in the sanctuary, our Tech Team invite you to come and learn about this multi-featured church communication software. Susan Metzger will make a presentation to introduce the congregation to this easy to use, ministry management tool that offers features such as calendars, email capabilities and a variety of tools for our ministries to communicate information to their members. Mark your calendars and plan on **joining us to learn how you can "connect" with MemberConnect from Concordia Technology.**

### **Social Ministry Collecting "Critters"**

By Linda Rodemsky

Social Ministry is asking the congregation to **bring new stuffed "critters" to church between now and Easter Sunday. We'll fill them with faith and love during the Lenten/Easter Season, and then donate them to different community organizations and groups through the year.** Recipients have included Bay Area Crisis Center, Concord Police and Fire Departments, Monument Crisis Center, Contra Costa Family Shelter and various elementary schools and families receiving assistance from Friends Feeding Friends. Thank you.

### Ruth Circle Bible Study

All ladies are invited to join us for study on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be on April 21 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship hall for coffee and snacks. We will then move into the Fireside Room **for our Bible study, "Unity in the Midst of Diversity." Our topic will be "Barriers of Resurrection."**

We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions please call Donna Monroe at 925-682-6766.



Please join us on April 27<sup>th</sup> with our Confirmation Class to  
Tour the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland.

We have reserved a private tour of the Cathedral.

Cost: A donation of \$5.00 per person payable to Christ the Light

Parking: Available in a secure garage for \$5.00 per car

When: Meet at Good Shepherd at 9:00 a.m. and carpool to Oakland.  
The tour starts at 10:30 a.m. and is 60 to 90 minutes long.

Lunch: Bring a brown bag lunch. We will eat on the Cathedral grounds.

Clothing: Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

Gift Shop: Bring extra money for items to purchase if you would like.

Return: We will return to Concord around 1:30 that afternoon.

▶▶▶ There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Question/Concerns: Contact the church office or Kathy Harless: 925-212-5642 kharlessp@aol.com

### MARCH FOR BABIES ON APRIL 30

God has Blessed me with good health this year and I want to walk for the March for Babies on April 30, 2011. Together we can give hope to the families of babies born too soon or sick. The money I raise will go to supports programs in our community that help moms have healthy, full-term pregnancies. And it funds research to find answers to the serious problems that threaten our babies.

Today, 1,500 babies will be born before they're done growing and developing. Many will end up in a newborn intensive care unit (NICU). They may struggle to breathe, be unable to digest food on their own or suffer any number of serious problems.

As a supporter of March for Babies, we will fund the development of treatments that give premature babies a fighting chance: Surfactant and nitric oxide therapies give little lungs air. Treatments for the tiniest heart patients improve chances of survival. Treatments to cure vision defects prevent blindness.

New promising research could lead to ways to prevent infections — one of the biggest threats to the smallest babies.

And scientists are working hard to understand why some babies are born too soon. With your support, we will learn the answers and defeat premature birth.

If you can support me I am willing to walk. All you need to do is write a check to March of Dimes and give the check to Sue Hertless. I will walk. Will you help me? We couldn't make progress without each other.

Peace in Christ,  
Sue Hertless



# April 2011

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                                   | Saturday   |
|---|--|---------|--|---|--|--|
| 3<br>8:30 a.m. Worship (CH)<br>9:45 a.m. Refreshment (FH)<br>11:00 a.m. Worship (CH)<br><b>6:00 p.m. Women's NA (FH)</b>              | 4<br>2:00 p.m. BACN<br>Dinner (FH)<br>5:00 p.m. Evangelism<br>Mtg. (Office)<br>6:00 p.m. Exec. Comm. | 5       | 6<br>9:30 a.m. Audit<br>6:00 p.m. Soup Supper (FH)<br>6:45 p.m. Discussion/<br>Worship (FH)          | 7<br>9:00 a.m. Senior Food Program (FH) (Formerly Brown Bag)<br>2:00 p.m. Finance Comm. (FH)                                      | 8  | 9<br>10:00 a.m. Bereavement (FR)   |
| 10<br>8:30 a.m. Worship (CH)<br>9:45 a.m. Refreshment (FH)<br>11:00 a.m. Worship (CH)<br><b>6:00 p.m. Women's NA (FH)</b>             | 11<br>2:00p.m. Hymn Select.<br>7:00 p.m. Council Mtg (FH)  | 12      | 13<br>9:30 a.m. Quilters (FH)<br>6:00 p.m. Soup Supper (FH)<br>6:45 p.m. Discussion/<br>Worship (FH) | 14<br>4:00 p.m. Worship & Music (FH)  | 15                                       | 16<br>9:00 a.m. Church Clean-up Day<br>9:30 a.m. Friends Feeding Friends |
| 17 PALM SUNDAY<br>8:30 a.m. Worship (CH)<br>9:45 a.m. Refreshment (FH)<br>11:00 a.m. Worship (CH)<br><b>6:00 p.m. Women's NA (FH)</b> | 18   | 19      | 20<br>7:00 p.m. NA (FH)  | 21 MAUNDY THURS.<br>9:00 a.m. Senior Food Program (FH) (Formerly Brown Bag)<br>10 a.m. Ruth Circle (FR)<br>7:00 p.m. Service (CH) | 22 GOOD FRIDAY<br>7:00 p.m. Service (CH) | 23   |
| 24 EASTER<br>9:30 a.m. Worship (CH)<br>Finger Food Brunch (FH)<br><b>6:00 p.m. Women's NA (FH)</b>                                    | 25   | 26      | 27<br>9:30 a.m. Quilters (FH)<br>7:00 p.m. NA (FH)   | 28  | 29                                       | 30   |

## News from Worship and Music Committee: Our Sanctuary at Lent

By Ingrid Burns

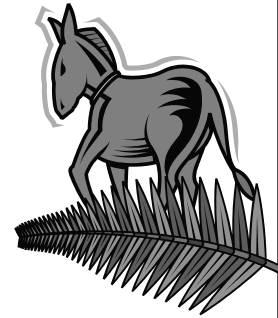
We have a somber but beautiful worship environment this year at Lent. The new paraments, designed and executed by Wilma Seppala and Betty Jacobsen, are exquisite when viewed either from a distance or up close. There are no flowers. Instead we have a stark crown of thorns with six candles, one of each to be extinguished every Sunday in Lent. This arrangement, created by Laura Mott, sits on our baptismal font in the center aisle. Six of our congregation members will deliver a dramatic monologue in Lent, one at a time: Bob Flegel, Robert Ferrante, Pam Dietz, Nils Anderson, Kelly Schaefer and Emily Rodemsky. All this in preparation for a glorious Easter worship environment that will be accomplished by our dedicated and talented Altar Guild.

### PALMS NEEDED

Palms are needed to decorate the church for Palm Sunday. In our effort to avoid purchasing palms, we are asking members to offer palms that might be growing in their yards.

Perhaps your neighbor would like their palms trimmed just in time for Easter.

If you can help us, please contact the church office or Pam Dietz (925) 798-3056  
Many thanks.



### JAPAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

The ELCA Disaster Response, which over the last year has been a part of \$12.5 million in relief gifts to Haiti, is now receiving gifts and donations to help alleviate the suffering of those who have lost everything in Japan including their loved ones, their homes and for many their lives as they knew them. Some of you may have already been helping through your previous gifts to the ELCA and ELCA Disaster Relief. You can offer additional help at: [www.ELCA.org/japanearthquake](http://www.ELCA.org/japanearthquake) to make a donation for those who are in great need.

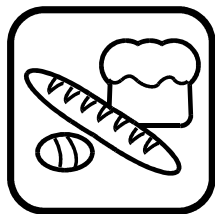
100% of donations made for the "Pacific Earthquake and Tsunami" will be used to respond to this disaster

NO administrative expenses will be taken from these donations.

If you can help, make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and designate them for **"ELCA Disaster Relief - Japan"**.

Please continue to pray for the people of Japan and for our companion church the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (JELC), as they face dangers relating to the damaged nuclear facilities and the massive humanitarian crisis resulting from the earthquake and tsunami. Thank you.

# Friends Feeding Friends



Here's an update from Friends Feeding Friends, an outreach ministry that serves the needy in our county.

In spite of rainy weather, we served 142 meals at our March luncheon. Special thanks to New Life Church for collecting over 70 pairs of jeans and many sleeping bags, and for helping us pack food bags and serve lunch. Thank you also to all of you who helped us with donations of groceries and/or household furnishings. We continue to work with the shelter to assist persons receiving low income housing.

**The next time we meet will be on Saturday, April 16. We'll be serving soup, hot sandwiches, salad, fresh fruit, drinks, and dessert at the North Concord Shelter. If you would like to help prepare lunch, sort donations, pack hygiene kits and "food for later" bags, meet us at Good Shepherd at 9:30 a.m. Come join us, and invite a friend to share in a fun morning.**

If you can help with groceries for the April luncheon, we will need:

- Ground turkey
- Fresh fruit
- Sliced cheese
- Desserts
- Salad dressing
- Carrots
- Onions
- Bottled water
- Frozen Spinach
- Canned soda / Diet & Regular

**There's an on-going need for:**

- Travel size hygiene items
- Linens/towels
- Pots & pans
- Eating utensils
- Groceries
- Cooking utensils
- Blankets
- Warm coats

**For the "Food for Later" bags:**

Shelf-stable meals (ravioli, hearty soups, stews, chili, spam, tuna kits, etc.)


- Fruit cups/fruit snacks
- Packaged bars, snacks and desserts

If you have questions or need additional information, please call Dana Deniston 768-9087 or Linda Rodemsky 864-9266, or by email at:

[friendsfeedingfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsfeedingfriends@yahoo.com)

Thank you once more to all our faithful supporters whose contributions benefit so many in our community.

Sarah Jean's  
 Dream at age 4  
 —  
 "So people who  
 are really hungry  
 have food."



For we are  
 God's  
 workmanship  
 created in  
 Christ Jesus  
 to do good  
 works, which  
 God prepared  
 in advance for  
 us to do.  
 E phesians  
 2:10

Good Shepherd Lutheran  
 Church  
 4000 Clayton Road  
 Concord, CA 94521  
 682-8410  
 Located east of the  
 Salvation Army church  
 between West St. and  
 Mendocino  
 Loaves & Fishes catering  
 kitchen:  
 510 Garcia, Suite H  
 Pittsburg

The North Concord  
 Shelter:  
 2047 Arnold  
 Industrial Way,  
 Parallel to Highway 4

| Date | Time  | Assisting Minister | Communion Assistant                                  | Lector          | Acolyte, Torchbearer | Crucifer      | Altar Guild   | Welcome Table                | Ushers   | Sound Ministry | Communion to Shut-Ins | Coffee Ministry          | Counters                         | C.O.D.         |
|------|-------|--------------------|--|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|---|------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 4/03 | 8:30  | Erin Dunlavy       | Ken & Nikki Robinson                                 | Richard Olson   | Ryan Kich            | Isaac Stice   | Kathy Price, Elise Welsh, Heidi Moss  | Bob Nielsen                  | Gary and Linda Mahloch, Sue Hertless, Jan Harmon   | Jamie Rodemsky | Duane Peterson        | Doug and Reyanne Freeman | Bob Ripley and Carin Olson       | Susan Ripley   |
|      | 11:00 |                    | Linda Rodemsky, Rick Koehler                         | Rosemary Fassl  |                      |               |   | Alden Johnson                | Connie Summers                                     |                |                       |                          |                                  |                |
| 4/10 | 8:30  | Duane Peterson     | Mike Albrecht & John Bantly                          | Donna Albrecht  | Sam Buchholz         | Sean Harless  | Jan Harman, Pam Dietz, Willajean Rogelstad, Linda Mahloch                               | Greg and Kristi Buchholz     | Ron and Mary Figueroa, Emily Kich, Greg Buchholz   | Jamie Rodemsky |                       | Jon and Heidi Moss       | Bob Ripley and Carin Olson       | Victor Olmedo  |
|      | 11:00 |                    | Rosemary Fassl, Sherri Chaplin                       | Sherri Chaplin  |                      |               |   | Connie Summers               | Rich Koehler                                       |                |                       |                          |                                  |                |
| 4/17 | 8:30  | Bill Dietz         | Candace Bradley, Duane Peterson                      | Candace Bradley | Ryan Kich            | Amy Harris    | Laura Carlson, Vicki Smiglewski, Elizabeth and Emily Kich, Sue Hertless, Betty Chambers | Ray and Helen Ollila         | Doug and Reyanne Freeman, Jon and Heidi Moss       | Jamie Rodemsky | Ken & Nikki Robinson  | Ron and Kathy Price      | Duane Peterson and Greg Buchholz | Jim Olson      |
|      | 11:00 |                    | Rosemary F., Linda Rodemsky                          | Rosemary Fassl  |                      |               |   | Rosemary Fassl               | Linda Rodemsky                                     |                |                       |                          |                                  |                |
| 4/24 | 9:30  | Lynne Davies       | Linda Rodemsky, Rosemary Fassl, Ken & Nikki Robinson | Kristy Buchholz | Austin Fiene         | Ross Deniston | Ione Bantly, Karen Vetterli, Connie Summers   | Larry and Marcia Sander      | Jim and Carin Olson, Kathy Harless, Susan Lorenzen | Jamie Rodemsky |                       | Gary and Linda Mahloch   | Duane Peterson and Greg Buchholz | Laura Mott     |
|      |       |                    |  |                 |                      |               |   |                              |  |                |                       |                          |                                  |                |
| 5/01 | 8:30  | Magic Jaquez       | Erin Dunlavy, Sue Hertless                           | Pam Dietz       | Sam Buchholz         | Doug Olson    | Dottie Davis, Donna Abeyta, Leone McCullough, Christy Dankowski, Nancy Knapp            | Jerry Maurer and Kay Bennett | Gary & Linda Mahloch, Jon and Heidi Moss           | Jamie Rodemsky | Ken & Nikki Robinson  | Greg and Kristi Buchholz | Joe Carlson and Paul Rusch       | Linda Rodemsky |
|      | 11:00 |                    | Sherri Chaplin, Rick Koehler                         | Sherri Chaplin  |                      |               |   | Donna Abeyta                 | Connie Summers                                     |                |                       |                          |                                  |                |

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