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Shepherd's Voice

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

From Pastor John...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With the beginning of the New Church Year (Nov.27) we have begun once again this glorious and wonderful Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle. We see how God comes to us in Jesus, who in turn reveals God to us, and promises hope, peace, and opportunity for new life.

The Scripture readings for Advent worship can guide and shape our faith and life in these days as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The worship planning book (*Sundays and Seasons*, © copyright 2011, Augsburg Fortress, pg 22) point out how the readings can **actually be a set of "best practices" for each of us in our daily living and waiting:**

Keep awake. Be enriched and strengthened. Lead lives of holiness. Wait patiently. Be at peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. Repent. Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks. Test everything. Abstain from evil. Give glory to God. Do not be afraid. Let it be.

Of course living in such ways requires an openness **to God's Spirit, and a willingness (a choosing) to be** about this kind of living. With the challenges of daily living in tough economic times – both for individuals and for congregations, openness and willingness to **practice the "best practices" becomes even more** important for us in community. Thank you for your openness, willingness, and commitment to practice living as God calls us to live!

In the midst of our Advent preparations and anticipation, I share some news:

As I mentioned in the sermon (11-27), our congregation, like so many others

around the country, is not immune to the challenges of tough economic times and declining resources that create fear, concern, and even criticism in society at large and in congregations. We see (in article from the Finance Committee) how our stewardship pledges for 2012 fall short of our desire to bring on staff and Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Ministry. Even **without that staff person, we'll have to be thoughtful and faithful in our budgeting decisions.** We have work to do – **I've asked the Church Council to appoint a Youth Leadership Team** so we can lay out some goals and plans for youth activities for 2012.

Our Church Council is currently working with a representative from Synod to consider ministry challenges.

Due to my family schedules and activity (a daughter moving to a new location to begin her third year of intensive medical school study and hospital work) the main part of my 2011 vacation will be taken after Christmas (Dec. 26—Jan.18). Be assured, the congregation (you) will be covered and cared for! **Pastor Ralph Supper (previously at St. Matthew's, Walnut Creek) will provide "Pulpit Supply" for our Sunday worship. Pastors Kerstin Barnes (St. Mark's Lutheran, Pleasant Hill) and Glenda Wilson (St. Luke's Lutheran, Walnut Creek), have agreed to be on-call for any pastoral emergencies.** I thank them for their willingness, and will in turn be willing to cover for them on their vacations.

Confirmation for 7th and 8th graders will be held on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:45 PM, beginning November 30. I look forward to some interesting activity and discussions as we explore questions of

faith and life from "Faith Inkubators."

Attention 6th, 7th, and 8th graders: Get ready for the JAM Retreat at Mt. Cross, January 20-22!

(JAM = "Jesus and Me.") This is for middle school groups and confirmation classes with group building (including ropes courses), Bible exploration, music and a whole lot of fun. Contact Church Office, or me for more information. Early bird registration deadline is December 15.

During worship on November 27, I introduced our new Choir Director, Phoebe Jevtovic. With a Master of Arts in Early Music Performance, and as the Soprano Section Leader for the San Francisco Symphony Chorus, Phoebe brings a wealth of talent and experience. Phoebe will begin her service as Choir Director in January. Many thanks to the Search Team (for their interviewing and recommendation) and the Church Council (for their approval of the recommendation). With Margaret, Phoebe, and Tom as our music leaders, we can look forward to continuing the tradition of excellent music in our worship and activities! A final related piece on this topic: many thanks and great appreciation goes to Emilie Patton for so aptly serving as our Interim Choir Director October-December!

As we live in these days of Advent waiting, preparing, watching, I call us to be a people, a community, of prayer. At 12 Noon (earlier/later as necessary) on each day, take a few minutes to pray:

- for our congregation – for wisdom and guidance for our leaders (pastor, council, committees);
- for an openness, willingness, and commitment **on the part of all to practice the "best practices" outlined in our Advent scripture readings** (see above);
- for our youth and adult ministry programs;

and for those who seek for peace and wholeness in their lives, that they might know the hope given in the One who comes as Savior of the world.

In this Advent-Christmas time, may the blessings of God fill your lives with a joy and radiance that not only reflects but expresses the light of the Christ who comes! Thank you for your partnership in ministry.

*Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas in Christ,
Pastor John*

Christmas Worship Opportunities

Sunday, December 18, 4th Sunday in Advent

- 8:30 AM Christmas Cantata-Choir, with Holy Communion
- 11:00 AM Advent Worship, Baptisms, Reception of New Members

Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

- 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Worship, with Holy Communion
- 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Traditional Worship, with Holy Communion and Candlelight

Sunday – December 25, Christmas Morning

- 10:00 AM One Worship Celebration with Carols and Holy Communion

Sunday, January 1, 2012, 2nd Sunday of Christmas

- 10:00 AM One Worship Celebration with Holy Communion

A Message from our Council President

Four weeks until Christmas. Have you made all your plans? Are you looking at your calendar and saying "This year is going to be a marathon right up to Christmas with all the activities planned."? It doesn't matter whether it is a weeknight or weekend, many of us have calendars full with time to be shared with family and friends. We look to this special time of the year to experience precious time, precious family and friends.

On Saturday, November 26th, Laura Mott led our first week of Advent study. The first Advent candle burned for "HOPE." Each of us shared thoughts about "HOPE". Can you see hope? Can you tell when it is present or not present in someone? How can you tell? Bill Dietz explained, "hope is like a candle burning when everything else around is dark. That is hope!" The group enjoyed more discussion, more sharing, as we centered around one word, Hope. We were all full of HOPE for our church, and our families.

Pam Dietz taught us how to make a Christmas ornament. The idea is each week a certain amount of time will be spent on arts and craft. Pam will lead this segment. Thank you, Pam for giving of yourself so freely.

We have three more Saturdays before Christmas Eve and you are welcome to join us at 9:00 a.m. for one hour, a cup of coffee, a muffin, making a Christmas ornament, sharing the WORD, and being with people we care about. Life doesn't get much better!!!!

I would like to talk about HOPE from a different perspective. Let us look at Good Shepherd. We are about to enter a new calendar year 2012, and the Council will have five vacancies.

They are:

- Evangelism
- Property
- Council Secretary
- Worship and Music
- Fellowship

Doing God's Work is both a duty and a delight. God's work will get done whether you do it or someone else does it. Don't you want to help in building His kingdom? Running the church is important! If we do not do the business of the church, how will our ministries continue or new ministries get started? Please, pray about filling our Council seats and ask God "is it time for me to help?" Is your candle burning? Please consider sharing your hope, your love, your peace and your joy with our church council.



Thanks and Recognition

At our November Council Meeting, we thanked all of the people who gave their time, energy and talents to prepare a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner for the congregation. Thank you to Linda and **Gary Mahloch, Kathy and Ron Price, Herb Yonge and Kathy O'Toole (Yonge), Kay Bennett, Dottie Davis, Vicki Smiglewski, Betty Fraga, Carin Olson, Doug Olson, Jamie Rodemsky, Linda Rodemsky, Pam Dietz, Bill Dietz, Lynne Davies, Carol Wolf, Betty Jacobsen, Susan Metzger, Donna Monroe, Pat Patton, Emilie Patton, Chrystian Porter, Nicholys Porter, Else Welsh, Jauire Welsh, Ron and Mary Figueroa and Jean Moore.**

Welcome to our Newest Members, Linda Schinnow and Carol Wolf.

Congratulations to Tyler Deniston who placed 1st and Ross Deniston who placed 10th in the Walnut Creek 5K Turkey Trot last week.

Birthdays

Elizabeth Kich	12/04
Richard Koehler	12/05
Kathy Price	12/05
Christie Smith	12/05
Bridgette Fiene	12/06
Carter Munson-Ring	12/06
Wilma Seppala	12/06
Holly Pereira	12/07
Lori Randolph	12/07
Aimee Olmedo	12/08
Linda Staton	12/15
Tyler Deniston	12/17
Lilah Roza	12/17
Matthew Castle	12/18
Carin Olson	12/18
Bob Ripley	12/19
Chelsey Mynhier	12/21
Nicholys Porter	12/21
Karl Bohling	12/22
Susan Lorenzen	12/22
Dylan Magic	12/23
Evelyne Kingwell	12/24
Judy Haier	12/25
Jim Taylor	12/25
Betty Chambers	12/29
Allison Buchholz	12/31
Rosemary Fassl	12/31
Timothy Harless	12/31



Want to Talk With Pastor?

From time to time, congregation members may wish to drop in to speak with **Pastor or just say hello. For this reason, we are now posting "Drop-In Hours"** each week in the Sunday bulletin. We invite you to stop by.

For clarification here is some information you may find helpful:

- *The times listed are those when Pastor John will be available in the office (except in cases of emergency / other important matters).*
- *You can always call for an appointment:
Church phone – 925.682.8410
Pastor's cell phone – 925.818.5556*
- *Pastor John is at the office many other hours, you can of course come by anytime – however, he may not always be available.*

So take some time to come on by, or give a call anytime, for whatever reason – Pastor John would love to see you.

Save the Date!

Parents of Junior High / Middle School / Confirmation Youth
Mark your calendars – January 20-22, 2012 – for a
JAM RETREAT at Mt. Cross Lutheran Bible Camp

Focused on Group Building, Bible Study, Team Initiative Program
(ropes/challenge course), Movin' about games, music, inspirational talks, and a little bit of Fun! Contact Pastor John, or Church Office for more information
Early Bird Registration Deadline – December 15, 2011

Help us make Christmas bags full of candy, socks, gloves and beanies: Join us for the stuffing of the gift bags and distribution on December 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with Friends Feeding Friends. Questions: Call Aimee Olmedo: aolmedo22@yahoo.com or 925.687-0410. Thanks!!!

We still need donations of socks, mittens and beanies. You can drop them off in the Narthex or church office.

Christmas Vespers at PLT S

You are invited to Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Chapel of the Cross on Sunday, December 11 at 7PM to join in celebrating the Christmas season and enjoy a lovely evening of music, refreshments, and good company! All are welcome.

GOOD SHEPHERD BOOK CLUB

For January, the Good Shepherd Book Club is reading
THE SHADOW OF THE WIND by Carlos Ruiz Zafón.

In its review, *Booklist* said, "Part detective story, part boy's adventure, part romance, fantasy, and gothic horror, the intricate plot is urged on by extravagant foreshadowing and nail-nibbling tension. You won't want to miss this book or our discussion.

We'll meet on Tuesday, January 17 at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room.

Ever wanted to go to a book club where the people have actually read the book? That's us at the Good Shepherd Book Club! Come and join the discussion. Questions? Contact Donna Albrecht at donna@albrechts.com

Wedding
Anniversaries

Adam and Sarah Mollwitz
December 3, 1996

Ron and Mary Figueroa
December 15, 1967

Alden and Helen Johnson
December 27, 1950



Leisure Lunch is December 6

The Leisure Lunchers will kick off the Advent/Christmas season at our next lunch on December 6th! All are invited to join the Leisure Lunchers in a time of good food, conversation, fellowship and whatever else comes up. We will be sharing some favorite Christmas stories. Please bring a favorite Christmas tree ornament, decoration or favorite story to share. Sign up in the Narthex or call the church office to place your name on the sign up sheet. We look forward to this fellowship time together!

and in January ...

The Leisure Lunchers will gather again in the New Year on January 17th!
Watch for details in your Sunday bulletin.
Praise God for the celebration of this New Year!

Strike A Chord
A Women's Singing Ensemble

Is pleased to present ...
'Tis the Season!

Formed in January, 2011 this group directed by Suzie Peterson, cordially invites you to come and celebrate the season with the beauty of music! There will be old and new seasonal favorites, followed by a sing-along of familiar carols. Refreshments will be served afterward.

Good Shepherd Lutheran
Sunday, Dec. 11 - 3:00 P.M.

Tickets: \$10 for adults
\$ 8 for students
Young children are admitted free. Tickets are available in the church office.

'TIS THE SEASON FOR CARE BEARS

Following a Good Shepherd tradition, we will help some needy folks have a little more joy this holiday season. Please check out the small Christmas tree **in the narthex. It's decorated with bears describing special wishes along with a little background information on the recipient. As you're able, choose a bear** from the tree, purchase the gift, wrap it, attach the bear to the present and deliver it to the church. Our Friends Feeding Friends group will sort and deliver these gifts just prior to Christmas. If you have any questions, please contact Dana Deniston at 768-9087 or Linda Rodemsky at 864-9266. Or you can email us at: friendsfeedingfriends@yahoo.com



Thank You and Merry Christmas!

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A Message From Our Finance Committee

Budget for 2012

We would like to bring you up to date on our budget for next year, 2012. As of November 22, 2011, we have received 77 pledges for a total of \$165,000. We anticipate approximately \$40,000 from unpledged contributors.

With the anticipated income totaling \$319,000, of which \$109,700 is rental income, we have an unbalance budget of \$4000, and this does not include the hiring of an associate pastor. Budgeting for an associate pastor, our shortfall would be \$73,000.

If we were to “borrow” from our reserves, i.e. Memorial Fund, Kitchen Fund, etc., we would only have funds for one year for an associate. The calling of an associate needs to be for more than a one year term, and we could not sustain the funding.

In our budgeting, we have had to reduce by 50% our contributions to outreach ministries, these being Friends Feeding Friends, Bay Area Crisis Nursery and others. We have heard the **term “shared sacrifice” and we are at that point in our budgeting. At this time we have not touched staff salaries and benefits.**

What are our options? Are they increased giving and establishment of viable youth programs and leadership? Reduction of staff salaries?

Our Finance Committee will submit the proposed budget to the Council at their meeting on December 12, 2011. It is intended that it will be a balanced budget. To present an unbalanced budget would not be financially responsible.

We feel it is important for each of us to know the current situation as to next years budget prior to our Annual Meeting on January 29, 2012 so there are no surprises.

GOOD SHEPHERD INCOME STATEMENT			
YEAR TO DATE AS OF October 31, 2011			
			OVER (UNDER)
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
INCOME:			
Pledges	\$ 146,687	\$155,040	\$ (8,353)
Other (Tower Rent, etc.)	119,337	130,514	(11,177)
TOTAL INCOME	266,024	\$285,554	(19,530)
LESS TOTAL EXPENSES	(277,306)	(278,753)	1,447
NET INCOME	\$ (11,282)	\$ 6,801	\$ (18,083)

As you will notice, pledges are \$8,353 less than budgeted and year to date expenses exceed income by \$11,282. Our expenses are on budget, but our income is not. Unpledged receipts are \$4,907 less than budget; facility use \$2933 less than budget and rental income \$2969 less than budget.

HOW LUTHERANS INTERPRET THE BIBLE

On January 8, 2012 we will begin the New Year with a new Adult Faith Formation study. Ken **Robinson will be our facilitator as we explore Dr. Mark Allan Powell's video series, *How Lutherans Interpret the Bible*.** Join us in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 8.

In this seven session video series, Mark Allan Powell invites viewers to explore seven important questions about Lutherans and the Bible. He artfully presents a varied range of interpretive tools that will help participants learn to interpret scripture from a uniquely Lutheran perspective, helping them to understand the contribution Lutherans can make to biblical interpretation. With content that encourages rich discussion, participants will discover answers to questions they have always had about the Bible. We hope you will join us as we share this adult Bible study program!

- Session 1: The Word of God
- Session 2: What Lutherans Say About the Bible
- Session 3: Where the Bible comes From
- Session 4: Interpreting the Bible in Context
- Session 5: Determining Right from Wrong
- Session 6: The Many Meanings of the Bible



A Recipe for Love and Peace

Take a cup of Kindness
Mix it well with Love
Add a lot of Patience
And Faith in God above
Sprinkle very generously with Joy and Thanks and Cheer
AND YOU WILL HAVE LOTS OF "ANGEL FOOD" TO FEAST ON ALL THE YEAR!



JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

Come along and be a part of a journey – our destination a baby in a manger, Jesus, the Savior of the world.

We will light our Advent wreath each week as we explore the meaning of the candles that represent hope, peace, love, and joy. Through sharing our stories, a cup of coffee and muffins, crafts, scripture and music we will travel with Mary and Joseph to the manger and the birth of the Christ child. Our journey began on November 26 in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. and will continue each Saturday of Advent, ending on Dec. 17. For centuries Christians have spent the weeks before Christmas preparing their hearts and minds as they wait in joyful hope. We invite you to come, enjoy the warmth of fellowship, muffins and coffee before returning to the busy-ness of preparing for Christmas. All are welcome! - *Christian Ed. Committee*



A Holiday Recipe to add to your Christmas Dinner!

Homemade Cranberry-Apple Relish

Apples add a bit of sweetness to this tart and traditional holiday relish. To give the flavors a chance to mingle, make the relish a couple of days in advance. Hope for leftovers because it makes a tasty, low-fat substitute for mayonnaise on a turkey sandwich!

Heat the sugar and wine in a medium-size saucepan over medium heat, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Add the cranberries, apples, cinnamon sticks, and salt.

Bring the mixture to a boil, turn the heat to low, and simmer gently until the cranberries start to burst, about 10 minutes. Cook for another 5 minutes until the relish thickens slightly. Remove from the heat and let cool. The sauce will continue to thicken as it cools. Keep refrigerated, until ready to serve.

Note: The relish can be made a day or two in advance and stored in the refrigerator.

Makes 8 to 10 servings
Preparation time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 15 to 20 minutes

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup Gewurztraminer wine
- 12 ounces fresh cranberries
- 2 large or 3 medium Granny Smith Apples, peeled and diced the size of the cranberries
- 2 cinnamon sticks, broken in half
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt



Poinsettias and People this Christmas Season

This year we would like to follow the spirit of last year through the thoughtful idea of caring for our community and caring for our beautiful sanctuary during this Christmas Season. Please fill out the form below and include a minimum donation of \$10.00. You may select to contribute to purchasing poinsettias and/or contributing to a fund for Friends Feeding Friends to purchase food and gasoline gift cards for people who need assistance during the coming year.

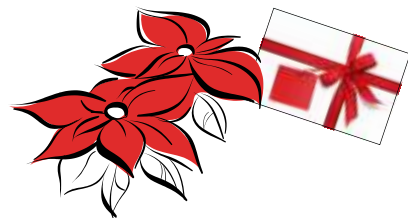
As in the past, the list of donors will be published in the Christmas Eve and Christmas bulletins. This is a wonderful witness to our Christmas faith in Christ.

Amount Contributed for Poinsettias \$ _____ Amount Contributed for FFF/Gift Cards \$ _____

Given by: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory or In Honor of: (Circle One) *Please print*

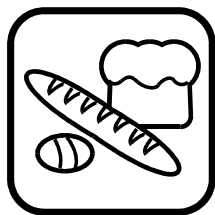


Make your check payable to Good Shepherd, clearly marked Poinsettia or FFF/Gift Cards and place it in the offering plate or submit to the Church Office by Wednesday, December 14. Thank you.


December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 a.m. Senior Food Program 7:00 p.m. Prop./Long Range (FH) 7:00 p.m. Robinson Small Group (Robinson Home)	2	3 9:00 a.m. DVLC Christmas Party (FH) 9:00 a.m. Advent Group (FH)
4 8:30 a.m. Worship (CH) 9:45 a.m. Refreshment (FH) 10:00 a.m. Christian Ed. 11:00 a.m. Worship (CH) 5:00 p.m. Hertless Small Group 6:00 p.m. Women's NA	5	6 12 Noon Leisure Lunch (FH)	7 9:30 a.m. Quilting (FH) 5:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. NA (Upstairs)	8 Noon DVLC (FH) 1:00 p.m. Finance 7:00 p.m. Robinson Small Group (Robinson Home)	9 Strike-a-Chord Rehearsal (CH) 7:00 P.M.	10 9:00 a.m. Advent Group (FH) 10:00 a.m. Bereavement (FR)
11 8:30 a.m. Worship (CH) 9:45 a.m. Refreshment (FH) 3:00 p.m. Strike-Chord (CH) 11:00 a.m. Worship (CH) 5:00 p.m. Hertless Small Group 6:00 p.m. Women's NA	12 7:00 p.m. Council (FH)	13	14 9:30 a.m. Quilt Ministry (FH) 3:00 Hymn Selection and Worship & Music 5:30 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. NA (FH)	15 9:00 a.m. Senior Food Program (FH) Formerly Brown Bag 11:00 a.m. Ruth Circle 7:00 p.m. FFF Sock Stuffing 7:00 p.m. Robinson Small Group (Robinson Home)	16	17 9:30 a.m. Friends Feeding Friends (FH) 9:00 a.m. Advent Group (FH)
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25 Blood Pressure Ck. 10:00 a.m. Worship (CH) 11:00 a.m. Refreshment (FH) 6:00 p.m. Women's NA	26	27	28 9:30 a.m. Quilt Ministry (FH) 7:00 p.m. NA	29	30	31

Friends Feeding Friends



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



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

We served 133 meals at our November shelter luncheon, a meal of turkey, stuffing and gravy casserole, broccoli salad, green salad, hard boiled eggs, fresh fruit, and brownies. We want to thank Ameriprise Financial, AT&T, Clayton Community Church, New Life Church and Tabernacle School for their donations, and for their help with preparation and service. Thank you to all who helped move furniture, and who helped donate household furnishings, making our ministry possible. We are distributing a lot of groceries to senior citizens on fixed incomes. Can you help with donations of groceries? Our pantry shelves are emptying faster than we can restock them.

The next time we meet will be on Saturday, December 17. We'll be serving **toasted ham & cheese sandwiches, fresh soup, green salad, broccoli salad, fresh fruit, drinks, and dessert.** If you would like to help sort donations, pack hygiene kits and **"food for later" bags, meet us at Good Shepherd at 9:30 a.m.** If you would like to help prepare lunch, meet us at the Loaves & Fishes catering kitchen at 10:00. Come join us, and invite a friend to share in a fun morning.

If you can help with groceries, for the November luncheon we will need:
 sliced ham • sliced Cheddar cheese • red grapes • fresh fruit • broccoli crowns • any desserts • bottled water • fresh veggies

There's an on-going need for:
 laundry soap • lamps • blankets • linens/towels • pots & pans • coats & jackets • eating utensils • groceries • dish soap • cooking utensils • travel size hygiene items • microwave ovens • dressers & end tables

For the "Food for Later" bags:
 Shelf-stable meals (ravioli, hearty soups, stews) • laundry soap • chili • spam, tuna kits, etc.) • fruit cups/fruit snacks • packaged bars • snacks • desserts

If you have questions or need additional information, please call Dana Deniston 768-9087 or Linda Rodemsky 864-9266, or email us at: friendsfeedingfriends@yahoo.com

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



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

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

Know of someone who needs help? Call the Homeless Hotlines, 800-799-6599 or 800-808-6444. Call the Bay Area Rescue Mission at 510-215-4868, or the Contra Costa Crisis Center 211.

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.
12/04	8:30	Susan Ripley	Bill Dietz Mike Albrecht	Donna Albrecht	Austin Fiene	Travis Fiene	Kathy Price, Elise Welsh, Heidi Moss	Ray and Helen Ollila	Gary and Linda Mahloch, Doug and Reyanne Freeman	Jamie Rodemsky	—	Doug and Reyanne Freeman	Gordon Monroe and Bob Ripley	Jim Olson
	11:00		Linda Rodemsky, Connie Summers	Linda Rodemsky				Victor and Aimee Olmedo	Rick Koehler					
12/11	8:30	Bill Dietz	Ken and Nikki Robinson	Kristi Buchholz	Austin Fiene	Travis Fiene	Jan Harmon, Pam Dietz, Willajean Rogelstad, Linda Mahloch	Larry and Marcia Sander	Jim and Carin Olson, Greg Buchholz and Vicki Smiglewski	Jamie Rodemsky		Jon and Heidi Moss	Greg Buchholz, Susan Lorenzen	Ken Robinson
	11:00		Rick Koehler	Linda Rodemsky				Nancy Knapp	Connie Summers					
12/18	8:30	Duane Peterson	Sue Hertless, Candace Bradley	Candace Bradley	Sam Buchholz	Ryan Kich	Laura Carlson, Vicki Smiglewski, Elizabeth and Emily Kich, Sue Hertless	Kay Bennett	Jon and Heidi Moss, Kathy Harless, Paul Rusch	Jamie Rodemsky	Duane Peterson	Ron and Kathy Price	Carin Olson, Susan Lorenzen	Linda Rodemsky
			Sherry Chaplin Linda Rodemsky	Sherry Chaplin				Alden Johnson	Linda Rodemsky					
12/24	7:00 PM	Bill Dietz	Ken and Nikki Robinson	Susan Lorenzen	Austin Fiene	Travis Fiene	Ione Bantley, Karen Vetterli, Connie Summers, Karen Bohling		Emily Kich and Tom Danielson	Jamie Rodemsky		N/A		
	11:00 PM	Susan Ripley	Rosemary Fassi, Mike Albrecht	Rosemary Fassi					Rick Koehler C. Summers, L. Rodemsky Paul Rusch					
12/25	10:00 AM	Duane Peterson	Sue Hertless Candace Bradley	Candace Bradley	Ryan Kich	Doug Olson	Dottie Davis, Donna Abeyta, Leone McCullough, Christy Dankowski, Nancy Knapp	Wilma Seppala and Ione Bantley	Tom Danielson, Vicki Smiglewski	Jamie Rodemsky	—	Gary and Linda Mahloch	Herb Yonge and Duane Peterson	Herb Yonge

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*Merry
Christmas*



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Victor Olmedo, Jim Olson, Ken Robinson, Linda Rodemsky, Herb Yonge

Congregational Council

President: Sue Hertless, Vice President: Victor Olmedo, Secretary: Laura Mott,
Member-at-Large: Ken Robinson

Executive Committee:

Concord, CA

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church