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SPECIAL DATES TO NOTE

Saturdays	5:00 pm Evening Worship
Sundays	9:00 am Worship, 10:30 Bible Study and Sunday School
Tuesdays	7:30 am Tuesday Guys 9:00 am Tuesday Quilters
Wednesdays	9:00 am Coffee Klatch Parish Hall Rummage Sale Work
Thursdays	9:00 am Crafters 7:00 pm Choir
November 16	10:00 am Women's breakfast
November 22	5:00 pm Newsletter Deadline
November 26	7:00 pm Voter's meeting
November 27	7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve worship
December 1	Advent begins – soup suppers
December 7	11:30 am Ladies Luncheon
December 7	1:00 pm Tree Trim & Decorating



Make plans to stay for Bible study on Sundays with Pastor Vince beginning at 10:30 a.m. right after coffee hour in the Parish Hall.



- 11/3 Noreen Berkhof in memory of loved ones
- 11/10 Rosa Elias in memory of her father, Hermogenes Elias
- 11/17 Mary Pabst in memory of Leroy
- 11/24 Linda Mitchell for Jasmine's 7th birthday
- 11/27 (Thanksgiving Eve Service) OPEN

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion, or to thank God for blessings, please **print** your name and occasion on the chart in the narthex.

Please also remember to have the flowers delivered **before 12:00 noon on the Saturday before** so that Miguel can be there to unlock the sanctuary. Also, if you don't want to take the flowers home, please let Patty know in the office and she will find a place for them.



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 or contact the office to sign up for an emailed copy or to add any articles or photos.



or did you realize that Pastor's sermons are recorded and online on our Facebook page? A nice way to receive the Sunday message if you're unable to attend in person.



from Rev. Vincent Barringer

Beloved in the Lord! I find it odd that we celebrate a federal holiday called Thanksgiving in a couple of weeks. Aren't we constantly being told ad nauseam that we are a "secular" country? Isn't "separation of Church and state" about the only thing left in the Constitution that many people believe in? Don't all the academics and news media gleefully tell us that we are no longer a Christian nation? That in fact we never were a Christian nation? With all this being drummed into our head constantly isn't it a bit odd that we will be sitting down to a turkey dinner in a couple of weeks to give thanks? I mean to whom are we giving thanks? The government? Our bosses? Ourselves?

The answer of course is that we are not really a secular country no matter what some would like us to believe. Yes, church attendance may be down across the country, still over 80% of the population still calls themselves Christian and claims to believe in God. So, the answer to my rhetorical question is that we will be giving thanks to God for all His manifold blessings that He has bestowed upon us this last year.

Now, Thanksgiving was first made a holiday in this country back in 1863 by Abraham Lincoln after the Union victory at the Battle of Gettysburg turned the tide of the war. Yet the idea of a day of thanksgiving goes much further back than that, even further back than the pilgrims. All the way back to Biblical times. In the Bible there are 26 direct references to a specific day of thanksgiving for what the Lord has done for us and hundreds more that teach us that we ought to give thanks every day for what the Lord has done for us.

The most important thing to give thanks for is Him giving us His Son, our Lord Jesus, as a perfect sacrifice for our sins so that we might enjoy eternal life with Him, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. With whom we will celebrate a Thanksgiving feast with the Lamb which will never end.

Imagine that. A thanksgiving feast that never ends and one in which you never will get a tummy ache from eating too much! Or fall asleep from eating too much turkey! A feast where you will always be satisfied. A feast where you will banquet with all your sainted family and friends yet there are no arguments or cold silences. But rather a feast where we will enjoy perfect peace, love and harmony for ever and ever. Now that is a Thanksgiving in which to look forward!

Brothers and sisters, this Thanksgiving give thanks to the Lord. Because this feast that we will celebrate in a few weeks is at best just a tiny sample of the perfect feast to come. A feast that was bought and paid for by our risen Lord Jesus Christ. Remember Him. Remember God the Father. Give them thanks. Because they are the ones that deserve all our thanks and praise on this day and every day of our lives. Amen.

Pastor Vince



If you know of a child ages 10 to 14 and is interested in taking Pastor Vince's confirmation class, please have the parent call Pastor at 541-999-4237 or the church office 562-803-4459. Classes are Sunday's at 11:30 am.



Lutheran Women's
Missionary League
*Contributed by Mary Pabst and
Dorothy Thies*

Many thanks to all who contributed craft items and baked goods for the October Boutique as well as those who helped with set up and putting everything away. At this writing proceeds total over \$2,600 but not all the results are in. Watch your worship bulletin for the final total.

Our Ladies Luncheon & Christmas Party will be held on December 7 starting at 11:30 am. All the food is being provided by our hostesses, Lisa Barringer and Bella Thies. Nancy Gallie will lead us in a devotion. All are encouraged to bring a lady friend to join in the Christian fellowship.

††† November Servants †††

Greeters

- 11/3 Joyce Corwin & Shirley Schaus
- 11/10 Mark & Patty Heaton
- 11/17 Ralph & Ginie Mains
- 11/24 Shirley Waldecker & Donna Engles
- 11/27 (7:00 pm) Mark & Patty Heaton

If you would like to be a greeter please contact Linda Mitchell. All it takes is a smile and maybe a welcoming handshake.

Head Ushers

- 11/3 R. Weinrich
- 11/10 R. Shields
- 11/17 R. Weinrich
- 11/24 R. Shields
- 11/27 (7:00 pm) Scott Engles

Ushers are always needed. If you would be interested in helping, please call the church office or speak to an usher before or after services.

Lay Readers

- 11/3 Carol Morris Lowe
- 11/10 Linda Mitchell
- 11/17 Mary Pabst
- 11/24 Fred Thies

Please call the church office if you would be interested in helping as a lay reader.

***God's Word is daily bread – not cake
for special occasions.***

Duty Elder: Scott Engles
Altar Care: Robert Kennedy
Coffee Server: Bernice Thies



If, at one time, you chose to have a memorial established for a loved one, you might want to consider checking on the amount and clearing up the account by donating the funds toward a worthwhile project. Sometimes it just slips our minds so this is a friendly reminder.



Come & join us **Saturday morning Nov. 16th at 10:00 am** for our Women's Prayer Breakfast. Bring a relative, friend, neighbor or co-worker with you. It is the perfect way to start your Saturday. You will leave with the Good Word in your heart & a tummy full of yummy food.



If you would like to donate a poinsettia plant or two for our Christmas array, please use the flower envelope provided and indicate whether it is in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for God's blessings. Please add your offering envelope number..



More pictures are needed of church events to post on the website. Talk to Robert Martin about how to send them along to him. (Note: Any pictures of children must have parents' written approval before posting).

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Please add the following new members to your church directory:

David & Maritza Wallace
14815 Cerritos Ave., #50
Bellflower CA 90706
David's cel 562-216-3490
Maritza's cel 310-702-5176



- 11/2 Susan Barna
- 11/2 Richard Harbaugh
- 11/3 Pamela (Roberts) Sletten
- 11/4 Ron Warren
- 11/4 Brittany Wilbur
- 11/8 Chuck Shackelford
- 11/9 Shelby Pemberton
- 11/11 Robert Kennedy
- 11/14 Patty Heaton
- 11/15 Noreen Haack
- 11/15 Danielle Greenbecker
- 11/16 Nancy Gallie
- 11/16 Samantha Luque
- 11/16 Jacob Mazzanti
- 11/20 Jason Thornburg
- 11/20 Ashlyn Lozano
- 11/21 Karen Hatton
- 11/23 Jasmine G. Yablonsky



- 11/7/52 – Jim & Donna Bish
- 11/22/75 - Alvin & Martie Ludtke

We apologize for the error if we've omitted your anniversary or birthday. In that event, please contact the church office so we can update our records.

**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

**For the December 2019
issue is Friday, November 22, at 5:00 pm.**

You'll see this is a little earlier to help ease the work during Thanksgiving week. Please be prompt in meeting this deadline so that the newsletter can be printed and delivered in time for the mailboxes on Sunday. If you are submitting an article, be sure to check with the church office so we don't duplicate information. Thanks for your help.

Thanksgiving Worship Service

will take place at **7:00 pm on Wednesday evening, Nov. 27**. This gives you the opportunity to worship and then have all of Thanksgiving Day to travel and spend time with family & friends.



Thanks for taking the time to fill out an 'attendance/ Communion card' (found in the slot next to the pew hymnals) when you come for worship. Please pass them to the center aisle where the ushers will collect them after the offering. These cards help with important statistics needed for church and synodical records and reports.



Please remember these friends in your prayers.

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| Harry Riegert | Harlan Uecker |
| Elaine Lockwood | Ruth Bartholomay |
| Judy Bowser | Darlene Bulian |
| Vern Eberhard | Millie Herrmann |
| Al & Martie Ludtke | Jo Miller |
| Robert Mendoza | Harriette Moomey |
| David Rennegarbe | Patricia Rennegarbe |
| Judy Schmidt | Marilyn Shroyer |
| Carla Soliz | |

Pray for those away at college:

Elizabeth Barna

- Military:** Kirsten (Corwin) Bonack, Air Force
Dallas Hodges, Marines
Anah Kotilla, Navy
Blake Bostick, Air Force
David Ottens, Marines
Noah Olof, Marines
Mike Sheehan, Marines
Dom Giocobbe, Marines

Want to be part of the
email prayer chain?



Just drop a note to Donna Engles at d.engles@sbcglobal.net and she will add you to the list. It's not hard at all. She will send prayer requests to you so you can include these friends in your daily prayers. No problem either if you want to forward the news along to other friends or relatives. Our Father tells us to ask Him in prayer & we are reminded that ALL prayers are answered.



Thanks, once again, to Marilyn Olof and all the volunteers as Care Group leaders. We hear such nice comments from folks who appreciate a card or maybe a phone call now and then. If you would like to volunteer to take a few names, contact Marilyn.



When you're online, take a minute to check out the website www.downeygoodshepherd.org
Many thanks to Robert Martin for his work in this effort.



by Robert Martin

AND, don't forget Facebook. You can check in each Sunday morning under your profile. Tap "What's on your mind?" and the option for 'Check In' will come up. The church should automatically be listed so you can just click it and there you go. Facebook also includes 'live streaming' of Pastor's sermons so you can stay connected even if you can't be there.

Make sure you 'like' us as well: [facebook.com/GSLCDowney](https://www.facebook.com/GSLCDowney). Never hurts to have our name ready for anyone looking for a spiritual home.



We have a few folks who are no longer driving themselves. If you are on that list please make sure you call the church office at 562-803-4459. On that same note, if you would be willing to be a driver for these folks, please also let the church office know.



GOT SCRIP?

The holidays are coming and what better time to stop by the Scrip table and see what Darryl (Saturdays after worship) and Gail (Sundays after worship) have on hand. Lots of 'gift cards' for restaurants, gas, movies, department stores, coffee and most everything else that comes to mind.

These are perfect stocking stuffers or maybe a little something added to a card. Or maybe even just your regular marketing. If there's a special business that isn't listed, be sure to ask if it can be added. We thank all who participate in this program. And especially thank Darryl and Gail for their work each week.

I hope you were able to attend the Reformation Sunday service on Oct. 27. Our choir sang their praises with "God is our Refuge and Strength" and was accompanied by the piano, 3 stringed instruments, 2 trumpets, a French horn and trombone. The Eritrean congregation also offered a song of praise. We truly appreciate all the compliments received and know our anthems will sound even better when the new system is installed.

There is still time to join us each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. for choir rehearsal. We will be practicing for the upcoming choral service on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 10:00 a.m. We hope you can be there.



Every day, life presents opportunities to help someone in need. **Dare to be generous,** for it is in **giving** that we **receive**



In the month of October, "The Guys" refinished the exterior of the stage door, reskinned and refinished the exterior of the restroom doors outside the kitchen and also the music room patio door.

We removed a stuck key from the north transept door, replaced a light bulb in the sacristy, and replaced the grate on the south side of the parking lot.

We assisted Lisa in preparing for the Reformation Day luncheon, cleaned and stored the BBQ and hot dog warmer and prepared the south door and windows for painting.

Note:

The ladies would like to extend a special thanks to Miguel Cabrera, Mitch Haack, Gary Quamme, Ron Quamme and Tom Olson for all their help with the annual Boutique. We couldn't do it without you, Guys. Muchas gracias! Danke! Takk! Merci!



Many thanks to Mitch and the crew for climbing the ladders, sanding, scraping, patching and painting this wall & door trim saving the church \$1,000's.

CRUISE OPPORTUNITY

Have you ever dreamed of walking in the footsteps of St. Paul? Would you like to see places that many only dream of? Now is your opportunity to take the trip of a lifetime, with a knowledgeable pastor (Pastor Vince and others) to provide interesting biblical and historical facts along the way. Hear about what life was like 2000 years ago as you walk in the same places that the Apostle Paul did. The date is May 2020. For more information, see Pastor Vince or Lisa.



Mark Saturday
December 7th at 1:00
p.m. to help trim the
Christmas Tree and
decorate the church.

Throughout November we are collecting non-perishable food to be distributed by Lutheran Social Services.



Most needed at this time are:

- Canned soups
- Canned food (low-sodium, low-fat, unsweetened)
- Canned meats: beef stew, Spam, chicken, ham
- Canned seafood: tuna, salmon, sardines
- Canned goods with pop-top (Vienna sausages, meats, soups, vegetables & main dishes)
- Canned vegetables: carrots, green beans, corn, peas, mixed vegetables
- Canned fruit: pears, peaches, pineapple, mixed fruit
- Bags of Rice & Beans
- Cereal & Oatmeal
- Jars of baby food
- + paper/ plastic bags
- + monetary donations (Make check payable to LSS Community Care)

Deadline is Sunday Nov. 24th 2019

Please be sure to check the expiration dates too.



We are collecting gifts to be given out by Lutheran Social Services. It is suggested that the gift be worth \$10. (Teens appreciate receiving a \$15 gift card.) Please wrap your gift and label it with the appropriate age and whether it is for a boy or a girl. **Deadline: Sunday Nov. 24.**

Craft Work Day

After 12 months of getting together working on our special crafts, enjoying some scrumptious food, and fellowship it was time to share with others. Many different types of items were crafted and we had less people working due broken bones, family illness, etc. We want to say "Thank You" to all who were able to work this year creating the special items. The raffle included a quilt, two afghans, a basket filled with food and drink for a special evening and a bird house. All winners were pleased with their winnings.

This year we made \$2600 plus. We still have money coming in and will have the complete report by next month's newsletter. Thank You to all who came and did their Christmas shopping with us. We will continue meeting on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. so if you saw something that you meant to buy but didn't, come on Thursday or talk with one of the crafters and we will be glad to check on it for you.

Crafters got together for lunch and to critique the boutique Thursday, October 31. We keep trying to improve it so if you have any suggestions just let us know.



Goodies on sale at the Boutique.

LOOKING FOR THE LUTHERAN HOUR?

You will find it on radio station 740AM

on Sundays at 8:00 am

or anytime on the internet at

www.lutheranhour.org.



HELP....

It's important that we keep our prayer list current. If you have previously requested to add someone to the list, please update us if that person can be removed. You can either call the church office at 562-803-4459, make a note on your attendance card or send an email to:

goodshepherddowney@yahoo.com



Sunday School for our children meets each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Some classes are held in the music room (the room off the kitchen & the patio) while others meet in the 2 rooms of the church office. We thank our teachers:

- ❖ Mark Heaton & Donna Engles who have the 4-7 age group (church office)
- ❖ Arlene Conley & Patty Heaton who have ages 8-12.
- ❖ Belen Rediet who has 13+



Monday, November 11

Doing anything special on Wednesdays? Then it's time to come on down at 9 am for some great fellowship. Coffee is always ready, hot water for tea or cocoa is on tap and the conversation can be pretty interesting. This is a good way to get acquainted and let others get to know you as well.



And, it's always nice to bring a friend to join in. There may be a sweet snack around too. Plus, if you're feeling especially energetic, you can mosey over to help with the Rummage Sale prep.



As reported last month, we are now in the process of updating our church's 'Sound System'. This will make hearing easier plus there will no longer be static or loud unwanted noises. Good Shepherd is using the funds we have in our savings account to purchase the system which costs \$30,540. But those funds need replacing in the event anything else may need repairing/replacing.

So far donations have added up to \$10,985 but more is needed to replenish our funds in the form of donations much like we did with the organ fund and the new doors among other projects. Any amount above your regular offering will be much appreciated.

If you would like to contribute toward this project please write "**sound system fund**" in the memo part of your check or specify on your offering envelope how much you'd like to donate. It was suggested that families check to see if they have memorial funds remaining that they would like to add. We thank you so very much for supporting this project and know you will appreciate how clear and precise sound will be from Pastor, the choirs and other service additions.



February 7 & 8, 2020

We are very busy collecting treasures from people who have donated so many items. We have now moved on to storage in Room 1 since Room 6 was getting a little too full and we couldn't move. We so appreciate all the ladies and men who have helped us so far. They are so generous with their time and are right there to anything asked of them. Plus it's fun to see some of the unusual items donated.

We want to emphasize that the cut off day for bringing items will be **Saturday, January 25, 2020**. After that it will be finishing sorting and pricing getting ready for set up time most likely Feb. 5 through 6. That way we'll be all ready to open the gates and greet customers on February 7 and 8.

Although it sounds repetitious, we again ask that you do not bring large items for us to sell. We appreciate the offers but those things are too difficult to handle or move. There are a few that think we can handle these treasures; however, we need our "great assistants" to be safe and not get hurt "on the job". No unemployment benefits here.

Again, please bring your carloads or truckloads of items on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between the hours of 9 am and 1 pm. We can help you unload everything. Big thank you's to all who have contributed to this event. It's always a fun couple of days and we welcome help beforehand, during and afterward for clean-up. Keep those treasures coming.....



The season of Advent begins December 1. Mark your calendar for Dec. 4, Dec. 11, and Dec. 18. On each of these Wednesdays there will be lunch at 12 noon & a daytime service at 1:00 pm; soup supper at 6:00 pm & evening service at 7:00 pm.

Thanksgiving Blankets

As has been our custom for many years, we each bring a blanket or two to church during the month of November to show our thanks for God's blessings. The Tuesday Ladies also donate many of their quilts.



The blankets and quilts are then given to those in need via Lutheran Social Services and Su Casa. Please bring your blankets any time during the month of November. The deadline is **Sunday November 24th**.



SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, Dec. 7, 11:30 am – Ladies Luncheon and Christmas party. All of the food & dessert will be provided by the hostesses. No need to bring anything except yourself and a friend or two to enjoy Christian Fellowship.



Sunday, Dec. 8, 10:00 am – *Christmas Choral Service* involving all three of our congregations. Bring your favorite dish for the International Meal following.

Note these special worship times:

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 7:00 pm – Christmas Eve
Wednesday, Dec. 25, 10:00 am – Christmas Day
Tuesday, Dec. 31, 7:00 pm - New Year's Eve



5,000 PETAL PUSHERS® NEEDED! With gratitude for folks from all across the country, this is our 70th year of decorating Tournament of Roses Parade floats. The theme of the parade this year is “**The Power of Hope**” and the Lutheran Hour Ministries float is entitled “**Anchored in Jesus**”. Just as an anchor secures a mighty vessel, saving faith in Jesus Christ provides security during all seasons of life - not only for this life on earth, but for eternity. **Sign up to be a Petal Pusher by going online to www.petalpushers.org or call the Petal Pushers Chairman @ 949-458-0606** Can't do physical labor? You can donate funds to help pay for this project by mailing a check to: Lutheran Hour Float Committee, P.O. Box 20444, Riverside, CA 92516-0044.



KEEP SAVING...

INK CARTRIDGES

Staples takes them and gives us credit for office purchases. Just use the box in the Narthex for your discards.

PULL TABS FROM SODA CANS

These are saved and donated to Ronald McDonald House in Orange County. We send a box about every 3 months.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

These are printed on various products including cereal, etc. They are collected and given to Trinity Christian School in Norwalk.

FRONTS OF GREETING CARDS

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