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Within the FOLD of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church



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.



2019

CHURCH

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<i>Eritrean Lay Minister</i>	<i>Berhane Elias</i>
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<i>Music Director</i>	<i>Robert Martin</i>
<i>Custodian/Caretaker</i>	<i>Miguel Cabrera</i>



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.

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- 10/6 Scott & Donna Engles celebrating Keith & Ashley's 1st wedding anniversary
- 10/13 LWML in thanksgiving for God's blessings
- 10/22 Cora Conley in memory of her daddy
- 10/27 Bernie & Nancy Gallie for Reformation



SPECIAL DATES TO NOTE

Saturdays	5:00 pm. Evening Worship
Sundays	9 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
Oct. 5	9:00 am LWML Fall Zone Rally
Oct. 18 & 19	9 am-2 pm Fall Boutique Sale
Oct. 27	10:00 am Joint Reformation Svc. & potluck

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.



that the Ladies' groups have voted to generously provide coffee and donuts each Sunday morning without asking for a free will offering? There is no Hospitality fund in the budget and we thank them for offering to do this for us all with the proceeds from various fundraisers.



from Rev. Vincent Barringer

Blessings From our Father God and risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. Well, it is Halloween time and soon we will be seeing our young, and not so young, children and grandchildren playing dress up for Halloween. We will see them dressed up as princesses and fairies, witches and little monsters. It will be cute, but sometimes we will be tempted to think, when they are being particularly bratty or selfish, “Well, THAT Freddy Kruger costume or witch costume sure fits them to a tee.” It is then that we will need to remember that even though they might be acting like the monster they are dressed as, that they were still created in the Imago Deo. Which is fancy pants pastor talk for: the image of God.

Yes, according to Genesis 1:27 God created us in His image. Not as an exact copy. We were not created to be gods, but in His likeness, in His image. Now, with our rightful focus on our fallen sin filled nature, a nature that was twisted and bent by the fall and has distorted the image we were created in. Sometimes we forget that underneath that distortion, underneath that sin that we were still made in the image of God. I think this is important for us to remember because in our rightful sorrow at the sins we see committed in the world and the sins we commit; we often turn the Gospel into a “worm” theology. A theology that is based on the false notion that we are worthless scum: Unworthy of God’s “chesed”. That is - His loving kindness.

This is not the case. God still cares for us and loves us despite our sins. He wants to restore us to what He originally created: His image. This is why He sent His Son to die for those beings that He created in His image, you and me, so that He could restore us, and make us into the perfect creation He always intended for us to be.

Let us remember that this October and every month of the year: We are God’s Children, even when we are being sinful, even when our kids are being brats.

We were created in His image, and although that has been distorted by sin, by the grace of God through Jesus Christ we will be restored to that original state when we come into our glory.

All thanks to our brother and Savior, Jesus Christ. Remember this while you open the door to those snotty little kids dressed up as ghoulies and monsters come October 31st. That yes, even they were created in His image and will one day be restored to His image if they believe in His Son. Amen

Pastor Vince



Did you realize that Pastor’s sermons are recorded and online on our Facebook page?



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.



HOLIDAY CRAFT & BAKE SALE

October 18 & 19, 2019

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Good Shepherd’s annual boutique is coming soon. Our ladies have been working since last year’s sale to prepare Christmas gifts & ornaments, handmade crafts, soup mix, jewelry, homemade goodies, etc. So, mark your calendar, invite your friends, and plan to bake some goodies for the Bake Sale. A suggested price list for baked goods is available.

††† September Servants †††

Greeters

- 10/6 Carolyn Martin & Pauline Lentz
10/13 Linda Mitchell & Carol Morris Lowe
10/20 Bernie & Nancy Gallie
10/27 Arlene & Cora Conley

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

- 10/6 R. Weinrich
10/13 R. Shields
10/20 R. Weinrich
10/27 R. Shields

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

- 10/6 Scott Engles
10/13 Nancy Gallie
10/20 Shirley Greenbecker
10/27 Pastors

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: Mitch Haack
Altar Care: Noreen Haack
Coffee Server: Noreen Haack



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 to lend a hand



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

*Contributed by Mary Pabst and
Dorothy Thies*

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Philippians 4:6

This is our theme verse for the Fall Rally to be held at Good Shepherd on Saturday, October 5. All women are invited to attend. Registration is at 9:00 am and the program will begin at 9:30 am. Bring \$5.00 for lunch. Come for camaraderie with your sisters in Christ. We will listen to a devotion, sing hymns, and hear a presentation from a speaker from Su Casa which provides protective services to abused women and children.



Look in the weekly bulletins & email blast for the date of our October "Women's Prayer Breakfast" lead by Lisa Barringer. The topics that Lisa chooses to discuss opens our hearts & minds for discussion. We always leave with the Good Word in our heart and our tummies filled with yummy food



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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- 10/8 Kathy Harbaugh
- 10/11 Kim Macias
- 10/12 Carmen Olson
- 10/13 Millie Herrmann
- 10/13 Fern Clute
- 10/14 Stephanie (Roberts) Torres
- 10/17 William R. Greenbecker IV
- 10/18 John Macias
- 10/29 Tina Meckley
- 10/30 Shirley Waldecker



10/2 William & Shirley Waldecker

This month we also congratulate those who have been married 50+ years. In 2019 these couples have or will celebrate:

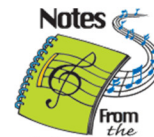
- Jerry & Brenda Biehn (53)
- Jim & Donna Bish (67)
- Henry & Fern Clute (69)
- Rodger & Dianna DeShazer (52)
- Dick & Irene Klein (69)
- Pastor Ron & Ruth Kusel (54)
- Ralph & Ginie Mains (64)
- Hoyt & Caroline Martin (63)
- Gary & Darryl Quamme (54)
- Bob & Gail Weinrich (52)
- Marvin & Shirley Schaus (51)

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 November 2019
issue is Tuesday, October 29, at 5:00 pm.**

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.



Music Director by Robert Martin

We welcome new choir members Lisa Stanley and Robert Kennedy to the group. Rehearsals continue each Thursday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Time to get started on Advent and holiday music so prayerfully consider joining us as we sing our praises. Thanks to Lisa and Robert for helping us do that very thing.



ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The LBT luncheon this year will be **Friday, November 1** – 12:30-2:30, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 802 E Chapman, Orange, CA and **Saturday, November 2** – 12:30-2:30, Red Hill Lutheran Church, 13200 Red Hill Ave, Tustin, CA. Featured Presenters: **Chuck and Karen Tessaro**. Registration can be found at LBT.org/events or **660-225-0810**. Invitations will be mailed soon.



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.

*Special Prayers
For Those in Need*



*Please remember
these friends in your
prayers.*

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| Owen Arizmendi | Millie Herrmann |
| Robert Mendoza | Ruth Bartholomay |
| Judy Bowser | Darlene Bulian |
| Edythe Heuer | Al & Martie Ludtke |
| Jo Miller | Harriette Moomey |
| David Rennegarbe | Patricia Rennegarbe |
| Judy Schmidt | Marilyn Shroyer |

Military:

Please pray for all military personnel & their families including:

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

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.



We hear from Marilyn Olof that she has received so many thank you notes or calls from people in her Care Group. "It is very gratifying to know that the cards and calls I make are appreciated. I hope all the other leaders are getting the same results." Please let her know how things are progressing in your group.



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.

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?

Time to visit the Scrip table and see what Darryl (Saturdays after worship) and Gail (Sundays after worship) have in the goodie box. Lots of 'gift cards' that are used for restaurants, gas, movies, coffee and most anything else you can think of. If there's a special business that isn't listed, be sure to ask if they can be added. You may have a special occasion coming up or just a "special something" where Scrip is the perfect gift. And keep in mind that the holidays are fast approaching. A great way to get started with the groceries or holiday shopping.



- ✓ PICK UP TRASH
- ✓ CHECK THE DOORS
- ✓ SET THE ALARM
- ✓ LOCK THE GATES

Special thanks to those hardworking gents who come up to church 1 or 2 or even 3 days a week to do all the maintenance and repairs necessary for our campus. Hopefully, you've noticed some of the changes. If not, here's a brief list:

* The door company installed the Parish Hall metal door and jamb including new aluminum doors that match the church entrance

*The east wall of the church (doors of former Sunday School office/Sacristy) has been completely scraped, re-stucco'd, and painted including said doors and trim.

* Changed the exterior safety light on the south school building

* Painted the roof vents on the southeast side of the church.

These are just the things they remembered doing in the past month with quite a few more items that could be listed. Please be sure to give these wonderful volunteers a special thank you and smile when you see them. Mitch Haack, Ron Quamme, Gary Quamme, Tom Olson, Caretaker Miguel Cabrera and a host of others offer their generous help.

If you have a group meeting at the church or school, please be mindful of the above. We've come across unlocked doors and unattached gates.

It never hurts to check and check again to help our campus stay secure.



As the calendar tells us, we are now in the Fall season and that means annual Holiday Boutique. This year it will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 18 & 19 from 9:00 am to 2:00 p.m. Folks have been working each week on Thursdays knitting, crocheting, quilting, painting, making jewelry and all other sorts of wonderful handmade items.

And, don't forget the bake sale with lots of brownies, cookies, jam, cakes, pies, breads PLUS that tasty soup mix from Darryl Quamme as well as the Norwegian lefse.

We ask that you bring anything you've made at least a week before the sale so they can be priced and put on display. Baked goods should come Wednesday or Thursday before the sale.

Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone

A good reminder of Martin Luther's words in his 95 theses nailed to the door in Wittenburg. We celebrate this on Sunday, Oct. 27.

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.



Please keep in your prayers the family of **Lloyd Benson**, who passed away Sunday Aug. 11, 2019 at the age of 91. The Benson's were early members of Good Shepherd and transferred out in 1973 when they moved to Prescott, AZ. Cards can be sent to his wife Myrna Benson at 748 S. Lakeview Dr. Prescott, AZ 86301.

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



CHECK THE TIME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Since the Eritrean congregation now begins at 10:30 am, our Sunday school teachers have decided to change the start time for our program. Sunday school will be from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. 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 have 13+

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.



Good Shepherd will again be observing Reformation Sunday with our 3 congregations in a joint service on Sunday October 27th at 10:00 am followed by a potluck lunch. Pastor & Lisa will provide the bratwurst and there will be a signup sheet for all the sides and other items in the narthex.

The circuit will be holding a Reformation Service somewhere else this year. We will announce the details once we have them. Please call the church office or see the Sunday bulletin for more details or to volunteer help with the set up or clean up.



October has been set aside as Pastor Appreciation month. Let's remember to keep our Pastors and church workers in our prayers and offer a special thanks for their work and dedication.



February 2020

We continue to receive new treasures each week. It absolutely amazes all of us working in Room 6 of how many items we already have and we are so happy we started the sorting and pricing extra early.

Remember you can bring your treasures to us on any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. And keep in mind to not come at 8:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm or 4:00 pm as those are the times the parking lot is filled with the children and parents of Kid's First. Yet another reminder that we won't be accepting any large pieces of furniture.

We look forward to seeing you at Good Shepherd with your carload of treasures.

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

These are sent to a school in Nevada where they are recycled and made into new cards. If you have cards and don't have time to tear the fronts off, don't worry. We will take care of that for you.



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



Thanks to all your wonderful donations and some fund raisers, we now have beautiful new, safe doors to the church and the parish hall. We appreciate our Trustees coordinating this effort.

But, now it's time to turn to another much needed project. As you may notice, Pastor is now unable to use his lapel microphone or any other portable object so the only method is the lectern or the pulpit mikes. This makes hearing quite difficult when prayers are being said. Our system has been in effect for so many years and has finally failed completely.

With much research, it was presented to the Voter's Assembly and passed that we update the entire system not only for efficiency but for safety as well. As mentioned, a lot of research was done to get the best system that would serve our needs not only now but in the future. Therefore, a down payment of \$2,000 will be given to Christian Sound services for the installation of new speakers, microphones and electrical system.

The total cost of the project is \$30,540 which will come from our LCEF Stewardship account. LWML has donated \$5,000, a family has donated their memorial monies and the rest will come in donations as did the organ refurbishment and new doors among other things.

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.



Marilyn Olof reports that Marvin and Shirley Schaus have volunteered to collect the fronts of greeting cards and then send to St. Jude’s Ranch for Children in Boulder City, NV. If you have any questions about what to cut or not cut, check with Marilyn or Shirley.

Mary Pabst has also volunteered to collect the Box Tops for Education (off certain products) and send them to Trinity Christian School in Norwalk.

Michal Mengistu, a young member of the Eritrean Congregation will collect the pull tabs from aluminum cans and either mail them or take them to Orange County Ronald McDonald House in Orange, California. There’s a mail slot in the narthex for you to put your saved tabs. We also thank our secretary Patty Heaton, Michal’s Sunday School teacher for volunteering to get them passed along.

Any questions? Contact Marilyn at 562-304-6250 for further information. We thank Marilyn for all her volunteer hours doing this job for so many years.

Do you have emergency numbers handy? Not exactly 911, but a list of people to contact, your doctor’s name, your medical record number and maybe even your list of medications? It’s much easier and faster for everyone involved in an emergency to check the front of the frig or your wallet for this most important information.

Lifeline Screening

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on **Friday Nov. 1st 2019**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979



Although the updated church directory has already been printed, it’s important to keep our church records current.

Please take a minute to let the office know of any changes in your address, phone or email info. Some times we forget if we add a cel phone number or remove our land lines. Thanks for helping keep us current.

Please take the time to check the back page of our newsletter and make note of the ads. Thanks to these kind folks who place the ads, we are able to receive our newsletter at NO cost to us. Nope, not for printing, assembling or delivering. NO cost whatsoever.

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