

In Mission

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

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Bridge to the Community

Good Shepherd, Hayward is continuing to reshape itself as a cross-cultural mission-minded church in the Bay Area.

During its 60+ years of existence, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Hayward has been blessed by God with faithful lay and pastoral leadership. Each year, the Gospel has been shared and has sunk deep into the heart and life of the congregation. Being unconditionally loved by God has freed the congregation to take some “righteous risks” in its calling to be sent in the mission of Christ. One of those “risks” occurred a few years ago when Good Shepherd served as an incubator for the development of LINC Bay Area.



A snapshot of who we are! Loved and Sent in Christ.

Good Shepherd is now focusing on developing a plan for the church to have a sphere of influence in a changing community through raising leaders (bridge builders) to bridge generational gaps and gaps between language groups.

“Specifically, over the past 10-20 years, we have seen Hayward become an increasingly diverse community, full of different languages, cultures, and faith backgrounds. Because of this, we are prayerfully thinking through how to be a church that best serves and connects with our present

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community,” said Good Shepherd Senior Pastor Dawit Bokre.

Through the partnership with LINC Bay Area, more opportunities have opened up for Good Shepherd.

Today, working with the CNH Mission Agency, LINC Bay Area, and several other local congregations, Good Shepherd serves as a “hub” for collaborative mission work in the surrounding area. For example, through the School of Young Leaders (SOYL), the congregation is partnering with various sister congregations, including Bethany (Menlo Park), Redeemer (Redwood City) and Calvary (San Lorenzo) in the discipleship and development of our diverse young adult population.



GSLC's Young Adult Lifegroup gathering at Pastor Dawit's home to share a meal, develop relationships, and grow in their faith.

What is the next step for Good Shepherd?



Some of the young men in our congregation who regularly gather and serve together!

“We want to develop a new sphere of influence in our community specifically by inviting businesses to our property and encouraging a new publicly funded school to be hosted at our church. We also hope to open a cafe on our campus that could create jobs for those in our community, as well as a natural opportunity for our congregation to interact with those around them,” Bokre said. “We are also emphasizing intentional community gatherings outside of church walls for 2019 that will allow others to join who are not yet part of our community.”

Prayer requests — For...

1. wisdom as we try to navigate through a replant process.
2. the Lord to raise workers for the harvest.
3. the Holy Spirit to open our eyes to see what He is already doing in the community we are serving.

If you would like to be a mission prayer partner for your congregation or are interested in direct missionary support for one of our eligible missionaries, please contact Pastor Mike Lange, mike@cnh-lcms.org or his assistant, Glenna Sanlis, glenna@cnh-lcms.org.