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**Music ... continued**

**“Chromatica,” a popular local** chorus that sold out its fall 2022 concerts, will perform the Dvorak D Major Mass with organ accompaniment along with a second half of eclectic vocal music on April 15 at 7 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Danville and on April 16 at 4 p.m., at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church in Orinda. The Danville concert includes a wine reception after the performance. Tickets and other information at [www.chromaticachorale.org](http://www.chromaticachorale.org)

**The Diablo Symphony** and Festival Opera present Tales from the Briar Patch on April 2 at 2 p.m. at the Leshner Center for the Arts. Based on African stories of Brer Rabbit and Brer Fox, this short opera by African American composer Nkeiru Okoye portrays the antics of these archenemies with wit and wisdom. Also featured is “Rhapsody in Blue” with DSO’s Young Artist Competition winner Minna Fu. Visit [www.diablosymphony.org](http://www.diablosymphony.org) for information and a ticketing link.

**“Mahler’s Inner Circle,”** conducted by California Symphony’s Music Director Donato Cabrera, will be presented Saturday, March 25, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 26, 4 p.m. at the Hofmann Theatre at Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. A 30-minute pre-concert talk and Q&A

led by Cabrera will begin one hour before each performance. Information and tickets (\$49-\$79) are available at [CaliforniaSymphony.org](http://CaliforniaSymphony.org).

**Pipe Organ Concert with** Poland’s Marek Kudlicki at St. Paul’s in Walnut Creek. Saturday, March 25, 7 p.m. 1924 Trinity Avenue, Walnut Creek. Online broadcast: visit [stpaulswc.org/concert-series](http://stpaulswc.org/concert-series) to receive concert link. Donations graciously accepted at the door (avg. \$20/\$10 Students) and in our online registration. All are welcome regardless of donation!

**Literature**

**Ethical Will Workshop:** Join Professional Personal Historian and Soul Forum Podcast Co-Host April Bell on Saturday, March 18 from 8:45 a.m. to noon as she leads a storytelling workshop based on the Ethical Will, offered at Creekside Commons, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette. Explore, and maybe even share, the stories which have shaped your most cherished values. Refine the legacy you hope to leave. Space is limited, so reserve your spot now. For FAQ and Information, visit [www.creeksidecommons.org](http://www.creeksidecommons.org) events tab.

**Other**

**Spring Equinox Celebration and Dance Party:** Saturday, March 25,

4:30 to 8 p.m. Creekside Commons of Lafayette hosts a special evening for the whole family. It’s a moment to shake off winter and dive into all the energy of spring. Live music, hula hoop performer, projects for kids, a collective art project, Taco Food Truck, adult drinks, and even a moment of reflection from Soul Forum Podcast host, Dan Senter. It’s a party with purpose! 1035 Carol Lane, Main Hall. For more information visit [www.creeksidecommons.org](http://www.creeksidecommons.org) events tab.

**The Contra Costa Chinese School,** one of the leading and oldest-running Chinese language schools for both kids and adults in the San Francisco East Bay, is holding their annual Open House on Saturdays, March 18 and March 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Diablo Valley College, Liberal Arts Building at 321 Golf Club Road in Pleasant Hill. Families can come and learn about the school’s Chinese learning environment and its classroom spaces, as well as meet its teachers. They can also attend demonstrations of Chinese calligraphy and brush painting by its instructors. The school offers kindergarten to 10th grade Mandarin instruction during the school year, as well as a summer program for children, ages 5 to 9. For more information, visit [www.cococs.org](http://www.cococs.org).

**Acalanes High School Color Run**

Sunday, March 26 at 9 a.m. The 4th annual Color Run will take place at Acalanes High School. This fundraiser supports the Classes of 2024 and Class of 2025 and is a 1- or 2-mile loop through the Acalanes campus. It is open to the entire local community – elementary, middle and high school students. Each participant receives a white T-shirt to wear through the five color stations where participants will emerge in a rainbow of colors by the end of the run. Get your tickets here: <https://gofan.co/app/events/848768?schoolId=CA22846>

**Egg Hunt and Spring Festival:** Family fun for all ages! Activities include egg hunt, Easter bunny photo op, games and prizes, arts and crafts, face painting, and more! March 25, 9 a.m. to noon; Moraga Commons. Hosted by Moraga Juniors Women’s Club. Visit [moragajuniors.org](http://moragajuniors.org) for ticket information.

**Presentation: Ensuring Their Future:** Greater Freedom to Teach and Learn in Public Education. This a broad look at how education echoes societal outlook, from Indigenous connection to our great challenges, and how education can help recover well-being. Sunday, March 19, noon to 2 p.m.; Creekside Commons, Room Oak View 3, 1035 Carol Ln., Lafayette; no charge; speaker and optional RSVP: [peggyamagilen@yahoo.com](mailto:peggyamagilen@yahoo.com).

**Norm’s Place presents Norm’s** Saint Patrick’s Day Celebration on Friday, March 17, from 11 a.m. to noon, at Norm’s Place, 356 Hartz Avenue, Danville. Celebrate with multiple bar locations, outdoor games, special entertainment, live music, Irish food & drink specials & more! Cost: Free For more info see <http://www.normsgrille.com> or call (925) 552-6676 or email [Hayley@normsgrille.com](mailto:Hayley@normsgrille.com).

**Join our rally on March 21** from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on the corner of Mt. Diablo and Main St. in Walnut Creek. We’ll be challenging the Big Banks to stop bankrolling the oil companies. Sign up here to join us or find other events like ours. <https://thirdact.org/national-day-of-action/> We’ll have music, songs, dancing, speakers and signs. Our rally is part of ThirdAct’s National Day of Action. For further information email [moneymoutnow@yahoo.com](mailto:moneymoutnow@yahoo.com)

**Sustainable Lafayette, in partnership** with Saint Mary’s College, presents a free screening of “The Game Changers: Elite athletes, special ops soldiers, scientists, cultural icons and everyday heroes shift the way people eat and live.” “The Game Changers” makes the case that a vegan diet is not only the most advantageous diet for long-term health, but also for an athletic edge. Among the executive producers are James Cameron (“Titanic” and “Avatar”), Arnold Schwarzenegger, Chris Paul, Novak Djokovic, and Jackie Chan. Lafayette Room of the Soda Center at Saint Mary’s College on Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m.

**Shawl-Anderson Dance Center** Queering Dance Festival presents FROLIC 2023 on April 1-2, 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. both days, at Live Oak Theater, 1301 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Five new works by commissioned LGBTQ+ dance artists! Saturday-Sunday, April 1-2, 5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$15-40, NOTAFLOF. For more info see [www.eventbrite.com/cc/queering-dance-festival-frolic-2023-1727969](http://www.eventbrite.com/cc/queering-dance-festival-frolic-2023-1727969) or call (510) 654-5921 or email [jessi@shawl-anderson.org](mailto:jessi@shawl-anderson.org).

**Mocktails & Cocktails,** Sunday, March 26, 3 – 5 p.m. – The Coop, 32 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. Join friends of the Lamorinda Arts Council for conversations about the creative life. Bring whatever artwork, music, digital art, writing, etc., you are working on as a “prompt.” We want to know what is stirring up (or blocking) your creative juices. Look for our Picasso-esque poster of a crazy art lady – that’s us! No host bar. Just show up. Questions? Email [literary@lamorindaarts.org](mailto:literary@lamorindaarts.org).

**April 1 at 10 a.m. to noon** — RecycleSmart and Moraga Garden Club are sponsoring a worm-composting workshop at the Moraga Library. “Vermicomposting” is easy, perfect for small spaces and what kid doesn’t like a worm? The \$25 registration fee includes plastic bins and composting worms. Registration required and limited to 20 families: [www.recyclesmart.org/workshops](http://www.recyclesmart.org/workshops)

**Garden**

**Orinda Garden Club Plant Sale** Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Orinda Library Plaza. We will have Perennials, Pollinators, Succulents, Drought Resistant, Vegetable Plants (including over 20 varieties of tomatoes) and more. The club also plans to provide informational tables on various horticultural topics. And lastly, there will be a Garden Marketplace with fun, garden-related products. Sale will be located throughout the outdoor plaza at the Orinda Library, located at 26 Orinda Way, Orinda. Open to the public. For more information, see [www.orindagc.org/plantsale-public.html](http://www.orindagc.org/plantsale-public.html) or email [communications@orindagc.org](mailto:communications@orindagc.org).

**Moraga Garden Club** — March 16, 9:30 a.m. “Loving our Trees: Best Practices for Tree Care” is the topic of our speaker, arborist Dorothy Abeyta, California Urban Forests Council. What are beautiful flowerbeds and hard scapes in a garden without well-tended trees? Learn about what to expect from a professional arborist and the difference between good and bad pruning. Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street. We are free and open to the public. Visit us: [www.moragagardenclub.com](http://www.moragagardenclub.com)

*Lamorinda’s Religious Services*



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**10:45 AM Sunday Service**

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**Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
433 Moraga Way, Orinda, 254-3422  
[www.holyshepherd.org](http://www.holyshepherd.org)

ONLINE WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
Facebook Premiere Community Worship every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Go to [facebook.com/HSLCOrinda/](http://facebook.com/HSLCOrinda/)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE In person worship at 9:30 a.m. Live stream on [facebook.com/HSLCOrinda/](http://facebook.com/HSLCOrinda/)

Visit our website to access the current and recent sermons.

Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church



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**Lafayette United Methodist Church**

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**Sunday 10am in person worship**

We are a church that strives to love as Jesus loves.

Our congregation welcomes, includes, and affirms everyone on their journey of faith regardless of race, ethnicity, age, economic status, physical and mental ability, sexual orientation or gender identity.

**St. Anselm’s Episcopal Church**

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**In-Person & Virtual service Sun. at 9:00 AM**  
If someone would like to be added to our Zoom invitation please call 925-284-7420 or email [cathy.w@stanselms.us](mailto:cathy.w@stanselms.us)  
682 Michael Lane, Lafayette, [www.stanselms.us](http://www.stanselms.us)

**ORINDA CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH**

24 Orinda Way (next to the Library)-925-254-4212  
**Sunday Services and Sunday School 10-11 am**  
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**Are you looking for a change of pace?**

Come and celebrate Evensong, a beautiful, candlelight service and traditional Anglican liturgy, in the newly renovated sanctuary of St. Stephen’s Episcopal church, Orinda.

The service begins at 6:00 pm. Anthems, sung by the Chancel Choir will include music by Thomas Tallis ; a psalm setting by Thomas Norris.

**Date: Sunday March 19th Time: 6:00 pm**



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“No matter who you are, wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!”

**Sunday Service 10 am or join us online.**

**Mondays 9:30 am Centering Prayer in the Chapel**

**Wednesday 10 am Contemplative Worship in the Chapel**