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PASTOR'S MESSAGE *by Pr. Bob Willse*

Dear Partners;

Back in September the Steering Team agreed that our theme for the coming year would be "Growing Our Future." There is now a logo to go with that theme, so watch for it to appear in various places during 2011. We also set a goal to have **every voting member** active in at least two of the five ministry areas we see in the life of Shepherd of the Hills. The areas are:



- † our ministry teams
- † small groups
- † worship
- † service
- † education

Growing our Future also means that as people of God we are growing in our faith. Our faith matures as we exercise and stretch ourselves. Sometimes that means stepping out of our comfort zone and trying something new. Sometimes maturing our faith means returning to something we did in the past with a new commitment.

During the fall our ministry team leaders held a "ministry faire" seeking your commitment and involvement in the areas of youth, education, mission, outreach, congregational life, operations, and mutual ministry. The Small Group leaders also had a rally seeking your name on their "membership list." I am excited that during each of these events our participation grew.

When we began to look at our goal of service in at least two areas, we had a premise that almost 50% of us are active in at least one of these ministry areas already. A great start! Over the last three months we have refined our membership "matrix" the news got better. The most recent draft it shows that almost 50% of the voting members are active in at least two areas, and that 25% of the rest are active in one area.

We are almost half way to our goal, and of course there is still work to be done.



How about you? Are you part of the 50% involved in two (or more) ministry areas? That is good news. I am glad that you are actively growing our future, and your faith. Are you part of the 25% involved in one area at the moment? I am glad that you are active. Is there another area where you can share your gifts and talents, and commit some of your time as you grow your faith? Are you part of the last 25%? How can we partner to help you grow in your faith, and help us grow our future together?

I know that there are some cracks in our matrix where some may fall through. And I know that there are lots of challenges to try to account for everything in these five areas. But I believe that each of us can be active in at least two of those areas. I am excited about the growth in the adult Wednesday night group. It is good to hear more people are connecting with small groups. Any of those draw you to a new area? We have a new ministry of hospitality developing as we add snacks to the fellowship time after and between our worship times, can you sign up to help there? Active participation may not be as difficult as we think; if we see the small steps we can all make to "Grow our Future".

Shalom
Pastor Bob

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Bruce Smith*

Well here it is, 2011, Wow! It's time to start the church year anew. We have restarted the Faith & Fellowship time on Wednesday evenings, Confirmation classes, Sunday Children's Faith Connection, and many Small groups. I pray you are assisting in or participating in many of the various opportunities available to you. Without your dedication and service we have a harder time accomplishing God's work in Vacaville, Solano County, and our world. Remember, one of the Steering team goals for this congregation of Christians was participation in at least two areas of our church functions. Use your God given gifts to further his works in his world. And remember, you **don't have to be a long-standing member of Shepherd of the Hills to get involved.** Some of the best God-provided ideas come from our newest members. The difference is that they took the time to get involved. Please be one of these individuals.



having Holden Evening Prayer services every Wednesday during Lent preceded by a fellowship soup supper. If you have not participated on Wednesdays in the past, I invite you to these services, to deepen your faith and Jesus. Fellowship with this congregation is a pillar to



our Faith Walk where we gain knowledge that we can share when asked who God and Jesus are. To be the beacons God designed us to be needs constant cleaning and work. Be the beacon you are meant to be.

I'll close with expressing that I believe we are headed in the right direction. We are involved in our community in many ways. We provide a safe place where God is always present, we feed the hungry, we cloth the needy, we support the children, and we care deeply for our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you haven't noticed, our numbers seem to be growing, if ever-so-slowly. It is your personal evangelism to your friends, neighbors, and co-workers that spread God's word to our community and world. Our light is only beginning to shine. Join us in God's brilliant light.

Bruce Smith

Steering Team President 2010-2011



Speaking of involvement, the 2011 Nomination team has met for the first time, searching for the right individuals to fill upcoming vacancies on the Congregational Steering Team (CST). They will be searching for our next President, Secretary (Vice president), Treasurer, Education, Missions, Outreach, and Stewardship team leaders starting 1 July 2011. As expressed at the previous Semi-Annual meetings, this is not a surprise, and hopefully you have been praying over what challenge you will take for the betterment of us all. God works in mysterious ways. You may not think you are up to the task, but God will not let you fail. He will guide every step if you let him. If you are asked to lead, or feel a willingness to lead, please say, "Yes," or let someone on the Nominating team you are being called in a certain direction. The nominating team consists of: Cindy Ward, June Dorsey, Gary Weaver, Mary Meese, Lou Barela, and Dave Della.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9th, we will begin to prepare for Christ's Crucifixion on Good Friday and his Resurrection at Easter. We will be



MISSION TEAM NEWS *by Laura Barton*

Epiphany Dinners continue to be a blessing to the community. We had several desserts and volunteers in January. Be sure to note the upcoming dinners, Feb. 11th and Mar. 11th. There is a sign up sheet at church. Please stop by and join us one evening and see how it all comes together from the set up all the way through the clean up. Thank you to the many volunteers!



Fair Trade Tasting on January 16th went very well. There were 4 coffees to try and prizes to be won. Congratulations to those of you who won coffee, chocolate, a t-shirt, and a travel mug. The smaller bags of coffee will continue to be sold for \$6 but the larger bags (16 ounce) will now be sold for \$7. Still a great price and a great way to support coffee farmers around the world.



When cleaning out closets and drawers don't forget the Opportunity House Thrift Shop on Peabody Road and Alpha Pregnancy Center on Orchard. Alpha Pregnancy Center will take just about all your goodies left over from pregnancy days and raising young ones.

ELCA donation boxes will be available during the Lent season.

STEWARDSHIP *by Dan Buckley*

Shepherd of the Hills Stewardship Program for 2011

This year our congregation will be participating in a stewardship program entitled MAKE IT SIMPLE.

The MAKE IT SIMPLE themes will be the focus for our Sunday worship services on February 20th, March 6th, March 20th and April 3rd. The concluding worship on Commitment Sunday, April 10th, will include an opportunity for each household to bring forward to the altar a Commitment Card indicating their intended financial support to the ministries of our congregation for the coming fiscal year.

The four MAKE IT SIMPLE themes are:

- February 20 — Following Jesus
- March 6 — Facing the Truth (We want more than we need)
- March 20 — Acting Together
- April 3 — Sharing Enough



The themes are biblically centered and provide important opportunities for study, reflection and discussion about the choices we make in our daily lives. We invite and encourage you and your family to participate in the MAKE IT SIMPLE program and to grow in faith and to become better disciples of Jesus and better stewards of God's gifts.

Your Stewardship Team

Dan Buckley, Pat Alvestad, Gary Weaver, Bruce Smith, Jacquie Smith and Pastor Bob



Worship and Music Team

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2011

Readings for February

February 6 – Epiphany 6

Isaiah 58:1-12
1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Matthew 5:13-20

February 13 – Epiphany 7

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

February 20 – Epiphany 8

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

February 27 – Epiphany 9

Isaiah 49:8-16
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Matthew 6:24-34

ADULT EDUCATION *by Pastor Bob*

Wednesday Evening Adult Faith Formation time



Luther's Small Catechism

On Wednesday, January 26 the Adult group began its big push before Lent begins and the Faith & Fellowship hiatus, with a study of Luther's Small Catechism. Luther developed the Catechism as a faith teaching tool for the home. He envisioned parents and children together learning the core elements of our faith. We will examine each of his main sections: the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, Baptism and Holy Communion. If you did miss the first session, don't worry you can catch up easily. See you in the Big Room at **6:05 p.m.** for our study. Of course, you are most welcome to join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. as well.

Parents, remember Shelby Barrett is here to provide childcare for *if your child is too young for the Faith & Fellowship activities, while you are in the adult class.*

All the activities end at 7:30 p.m.

THE THREE CREEDS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

During the Adult Wednesday night conversation about worship practices, we talked about the creeds that we use in worship. There are three creeds commonly used within the Lutheran worship experience, however most of us know only about two of them -- the Apostles' and Nicene creeds -- while the Athanasian Creed is usually the forgotten one since it is much longer and hardly used, a disservice to this statement of faith.

Here is a little explanation for each of the creeds.

The Apostles' + Creed +

The Apostles' Creed as we now have it dates from the eighth century. But in truth its roots are in the "Old Roman Creed," which was used in some parts of the ancient church as early as the third century. Before the Old Roman Creed, in turn, were variations rooted in the New Testament itself. While this creed does not come from the apostles (Jesus' followers sent to share the good news), its roots are apostolic (in keeping with the teaching of the New Testament apostles). The creed describes the faith into which we are baptized and therefore is used in the rites of Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism. The pronoun "I" reminds us that this creed is primarily an individual confession of faith, as such used during those baptism moments stating what it is that I believe in.

The Nicene Creed was first adopted by church leaders in 325 at the First Council of Nicaea. Later that century, at the Council of Constantinople (381) some minor changes were made and it was again reaffirmed at the Council of Chalcedon (451). This ecumenical creed is the most widely accepted creed in the Christian faith and it is an essential part of the doctrine and liturgy of Lutheran churches. Historically it has been used at Holy Communion on Sundays and major feasts. This creed is more corporate, or community based, which is why the petitions begin with "We believe." With these words the gathered body of Christ is announcing what faith is.



The Athanasian Creed takes its name from Athanasius, the great theologian of the fourth century who defended Trinitarian teaching. However, the creed's origin is uncertain, and many scholars believe that it comes from the fifth or sixth centuries because of its Western character. The creed expresses two essential elements of Christian teaching: that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being with the God the Creator; and that Jesus Christ is true God and a true human being in one person. Traditionally it is considered the "Trinitarian Creed." In many congregations it is read aloud in corporate worship on Trinity Sunday, the Sunday after Pentecost.



LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER *by Gordon & Laurel Dean*

SAY, "I LOVE YOU," TO YOUR SPOUSE . . . by going on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Get away from the rest of the world and spend some quality time together having real conversations and falling in love all over again.

Your weekend is led by two to four presenting couples, including a clergy couple. You will attend a series of presentations each followed by questions the two of you will discuss in the privacy of your hotel room. There is no counseling and no required group sharing. The ME weekend is designed to make good marriages even better. No one tries to change who you are. You'll spend two nights in a comfortable hotel and enjoy five delicious meals from Friday at 7:00 p.m. to Sunday at 5:00 p.m.



The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend in northern California will be February 11 – 13, 2011 in Rancho Cordova, CA. Registration fees are \$45 per couple and you are requested to register one month in advance. The fastest way to register is through the registration couple, Jason & Leah Cole, 510 Hi Pines Ranch Road, Colfax, CA 95713. Their telephone number is 916-412-6187 and e-mail is jlrcole@yahoo.com. Additional information may be obtained from the Coles or Laurel & Gordon Dean at 707-301-8144 (Laurel) or 707-301-8155 (Gordon) or by visiting www.godlovesmarriage.org.

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS' LENDING LIBRARY

Shepherd of the Hills has had a lending library for sometime, but in the past number of years it has become rather disorganized. As part of our small group's service project The Joy Book Club has organized it and will maintain it for the congregation. We are asking for donations of fiction and non-fiction books that are in good condition and books that you would expect to see in a church library. The donations can be placed in a basket on the one of the library shelves in the Big Room. A rotating list of members of the book club will select the books appropriate for the library according to the following criteria:

- 📖 Will include fiction that covers religious, moral or spiritual topics, and topics of socially redeeming value.
- 📖 Will include non-fiction that that covers religious, character-building, and self-help topics.
- 📖 Books will be in good condition.
- 📖 Will not include VHS tapes or cassettes. Can include CDs.
- 📖 Small Group books will be listed in their own section in the Inventory Binder but stored on shelves other than the SOTH Library shelves.
- 📖 Bible Study books will be listed in their own section in the Inventory Binder but stored on shelves other than the SOTH Library shelves.
- 📖 Children's books will have a separate shelf in the SOTH library.
- 📖 One bookcase will house Fiction; a second bookcase will house Non-fiction. Both will be organized alphabetically by author.

Books that are not accepted for the library will be donated to the public library or charity organizations unless the owner stipulates that he/she would like to have the book back.

The library is located on the two bookshelves against the outside wall in the Big Room. Please do not use these shelves for anything but the lending library.

Anyone can check out a book using the honor system:

1. Write the book title and your name and phone number in the sign-out sheet on the clipboard found in one of the bookcases.
2. Length of checkout should be reasonable but is not defined.
3. Someone will call you eventually if the book has been gone for months.

You can simply review the books on the shelves or look through the Inventory Binder to see what is in the collection.

We hope that you will contribute to the library and enjoy reading the books as much as we have.

THE JOY BOOK CLUB



YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM NEWS *by Martha Pierce*

The Youth Team has returned from a several month hiatus and is ready for action!

Items on the horizon include:

KFC, or Kids For Christ, our 4-6 grade group has been meeting successfully with Tamara Downs as their leader since October. We are grateful to Tamara for her desire to work with this group, but unfortunately, she is leaving us soon. If you find yourself feeling God's call to meet with the 4-6 grade youth of our church once each month, please contact Martha Pierce.



GOD'S ALL STARS (GAS)

GAS and SHY continue to flourish under Elliott's leadership. GAS, God's All Stars, grades 7-8 meets monthly. SHY, Senior High Youth meets weekly and is in the thick of planning for their annual Winter Retreat (February 11-13) and the famous SHY dinner on Saturday, March 12. We are actively seeking handmade craft donations and baskets of new items and gift certificates for the silent auction. Items can be left in Elliott's office, but do clearly mark the items "SHY DINNER" so we know what they are for.



Senior High Youth
SHY



The Shepherd of the Hills Scholarship information will be out March 1st. All applications are due at church by March 31st. Scholarships will be announced in May.

Watch for our youth to be volunteering in church on the 5th Sundays of the month. May, July and October will bring young ushers, readers and communion helpers to each service.

Finally, have you heard of KLOVE radio station? KLOVE plays commercial-free Christian music and provides uplifting messages through music and the stories they tell. A couple of reasons I like KLOVE radio are:

1. The radio station is available nationwide and can also be accessed through the internet, www.klove.com. Even when loved ones are away from home, or even out of the country, you can still listen to the same music and worship together.
2. Commercial Free! I never worry about what I'm going to hear, it's always friendly, touching and "clean". Plus...more music!
3. Listening to KLOVE allows me to worship everywhere, in the car, while at home cleaning or cooking. I am reminded of God's love for me and how important He is to me.
4. Keeping my mind on KLOVE, keeps me focused on what is truly important in my life, God. Not all the other stuff my mind gets clogged up with.

KLOVE radio can be found on: 89.7, 91.9 or 103.1 FM. Try them all, as 89.7 works best in my car, but 103.1 works best at home.



KLOVE: RADIO
MINISTRY

In His Grip,

Martha Pierce
Youth Team Leader





YOUTH NEWS *by Elliott Smith, Youth Director*



Some important dates coming up for the SHY soon: February 11th-13th is the annual SHY Winter Retreat! We will be headed up to Donner Lake where Ron Allen and Mary Breece have so graciously allowed use of their cabin so that we can have some Bible study, fellowship and some awesome snow fun!



Annual SHY Dinner



The REALLY big news is that...SHY Dinner is here again!!! I know what you're think...already?? It's coming a little earlier this year, and the big night will happen **Saturday, March 12th**, so mark your calendars! Tickets will be sold in February, so please start donating items and purchasing tickets! And bring some friends this year! Tickets are still, after all these years, only \$20.

Remember, auction items in the past have been hand crafted, and more and more we are also receiving donated baskets of new items. Examples of auction items might include: delicious foods, gift certificates, vouchers, prize baskets (*we always need donated baskets!*), themed baskets with a myriad of wine packages, a variety of art pieces, blankets or quilts, pre-packaged trips, etc. If you have items please start bringing them to Elliott Smith's office ASAP!



GAS ICE SKATING



The middle school group, *God's Amazing All-Stars* (name under perpetual revamping) is still meeting once a month, and last month we did some ice skating. It was lots of fun!

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY NEWS *by Elliott Smith*

Confirmation's still plugging away as we get closer and closer to our end date. Confirmation will finish the week before Lent this year, so we are fast approaching our final class...but not yet!



The Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) ceremony of our eighth graders will take place on May 15th.

EDUCATION TEAM NEWS *By Cindy Ward, Team Leader*



During this long, cold winter season your faithful **Children's Faith Connection** teachers are keeping everyone warm with fun stories and mind-working activities. So continue to join the line to the pickle jar as we head for the Education Buildings to share about Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

It's time to mark your calendars for **Vacation Bible School**. Your directors are excited about some fun in the sun. "**SonSurf Beach Bash**" from Gospel Light is your 2011 theme. Come and enjoy the most rewarding week at the beach. June 20th – 24th that is. Grab your surfboard, boogie board or your plastic blowups so you can ride the wave of excitement here at SOTH. Want to learn more? Then stay tuned to Shepherd of the Hills Horn for the next Christian Education Report.

Faith and Fellowship is doing a 7-week study of Jesus until March 2nd. Please read the Winter Newsletter for more about Faith and Fellowship. Faith and Fellowship will not be meeting during the season of Lent (Wednesday March 9th - Wednesday April 27th). Check the Horn for start-up date after Easter.



Thank you for taking the time to turn in your "barnyard banks" during the month of January. So far, as of January 16th we raised \$449.90. Just think about how many chickens, pigs and goats we can buy. Thank you for supporting this interesting project & sharing the meaning of Christmas. We will put in the March Horn what we actually purchased.

Blessings, Cindy Ward & Laura Barton

PRESCHOOL NEWS *by Kathy Webb, Director*



As we returned from winter break we found ourselves getting back into our school schedule learning about winter and our bodies. Even though it doesn't usually snow in Vacaville we did our best to pretend by playing in shaving cream and feeling the cold through play with icebergs.

We also discovered last month how God made us the same in many ways with 2 eyes, 2 ears, and 1 nose, but at the same time he made us each different and unique. God made us each special with our own talents and characteristics. As the end of the month approached we got ready for our pajama party, where we all came to school in our pj's and slippers. We had hot cocoa, bagels and cream cheese to round out our day.



As February approaches we think of Love and Family. We will talk this month about love and our fami-

lies. We will celebrate Valentine's Day with a special party including decorating cookies, playing games and sharing valentines with our friends.



Looking ahead brings us to registration for the 2011-2012 school year. The in house registration, children currently enrolled in the program, begins March 1, 2011 and closes March 11th. After this we start calling off our waiting list. If you are a church member, you do have first priority if space is available. So if you are interested in placing your child in Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool, please call the preschool office at 447-6278 and place your child's name on the waiting list and please mention that you are a church member. We accept children ages 2 years 9 months potty trained to pre-kindergarten. Please call the preschool office at the number above for more information. Our office hours are M-F 7:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.



SMALL GROUPS NEWS *by Small Group Leader Jacquie Smith*



Study & Fellowship

Our Small Groups are all up and running again after the holidays. Some of the groups did not take a break, but there were a few that did, so welcome back to them. Hopefully, everyone is ready to jump into 2011 with excitement.

As a reminder, we have several Bible study groups: **HIS People**, **White Water**, and **Women's Evening Bible Study**. These groups meet on Monday night, at varying times.

HIS People meet at 6PM each Monday and has just begun a new study from Focus on the Family called *Promised Land*. It is based on the Old Testament and features a DVD lesson taught by Ray Vander Laan. White Water, who meets each Monday at 7PM, just began another Focus on the Family study called *In the Dust of the Rabbi*. This study is leading them into the upcoming Lenten season. Women's Evening Bible Study meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7PM in the church. They are using the *Lutheran Women's Magazine* as a basis for their study.

We also have service small groups that are always busy with projects. **A Case for Hope** and the **Bee Hive** are very active in the community and here at church. If one of your New Year resolutions was to become more active at church and locally, one of these groups might just be the right one for you. Don't forget we have other groups as well: the **Joy Book Club**, **The Greatest Generation** and **Parents of Preschoolers and Infants (POPSI)**. Each of these 8 groups has an empty chair at each meeting, just for guests. Why don't you consider visiting one? If you need more information on any of these contact: Jacquie Smith, Lou Barela, Gary Weaver or Barbara Buckley. Any one of us can put you in contact with the appropriate leader of the small group you are interested in.

"A Case for Hope" Small Group

In early December Mission Solano asked "A Case for Hope" for seventy-five pillowcases as they are in the process of opening up additional living quarters in their new Beck Avenue residential facility in Fairfield.

We sewed pillowcases during the fall wondering when we would be asked to donate and who would need them. At our January meeting we counted our "stash" and we were able to deliver 50 pillowcases to Mission Solano. Various group members volunteered to sew a few more pillowcases at home & several weeks ago we gave them the other 25 pillowcases.

We met the challenge!

"A Case for Hope" also participated in Opportunity House "Festival of Trees" this past December. Our small tree theme, "Coffee, Hope & Prayer", was decorated with a lap quilt, apron, table runner, place mats & napkins, coffee & munchies. Last, but not least, the tree skirt was pillowcases! Our group effort added about \$175.00 towards Opportunity House.

We will continue to cut and sew as we never know when pillowcases will be needed.

Barbara Buckley and Kay Clark



*A Case for Hope
Small Group*

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE *by Kristina Haugen*

COFFEE AND A LITTLE SOMETHING

We have been enjoying after-church snacks with our coffee for the past month, thanks to Deb Best and a few others. We hope you will be eager to provide a simple snack of anything you choose (does not need to be home baked or elaborate). It is very hospitable to offer a bit of food to accompany coffee after church. We are inclined to stay a little longer and visit with friends and guests.



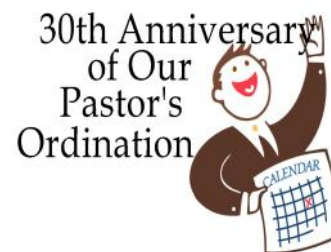
Coffee & a little something

Note:—this task does not include cleaning up the coffee urns. Just bring your snack to the Big Room Sunday morning. Several people can sign up for one Sunday. The sign up sheet is on the coffee counter in the Big Room. Bon Appetite!

CELEBRATION POT LUCK LUNCH

30th Anniversary of Pastor Bob's Ordination

Sunday, February 6th, we will celebrate with Pastor Bob his 30th year in Ordained Ministry. Let's worship together at the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. After the 10:30 a.m. service, there will be a potluck lunch in the big room (and outside as the weather allows). Please use the sign up sheet in the atrium to let us know what food you'll be able to bring. For details or to ask questions, please contact Joan Marquand-Willse (448-4757) or Kris Haugen (372-8252).



OUTREACH TEAM *by June Dorsey*



It's hard to believe that January 2011 is nearly behind us. However the Outreach Team has been busy making plans for the months ahead. The next Yard Sale is being planned for **May**. So start thinking about all that "stuff" you need to part with.



CHURCH
YARD
SALE



We are making plans to start a New Member Sponsorship. While this is not a new concept, it will be the first for our current team. Members of the OT will be asking our members to consider being a Sponsor for a year to help our new members become comfortable within our church community. So far we've had very favorable responses, so give this some serious consideration. We are in the process of developing general instructions to assist you. There will be a need for

New Member Sponsors Sponsors in February.

GREETERS: To all those who have stepped forward to be that friendly smiling face each Sunday morning, thank you. We are so pleased to see some of our newer members taking on this task.

Blessings,



WELCOME TO SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH . . .



Congratulations **Mary Adams**, for being selected as Student of the Year at Fairmont Elementary! While Mary was reserved about this honor, her parents (**Darcey and Gaye**) were beaming all over the place.

Brian Knight has a harder time running now that he is on crutches and has his ankle wrapped. The ankle sprain happened during PE Basketball, not training for his Shamrock Run. That's two of our SHY going down during PE basketball – that must be a rougher sport than I remember.



It is great to see young **Miles Ligday** has come through his post Christmas surgery so well. What a trooper this little guy is (only nine weeks old at the time of surgery).

Esther Rudegear is sporting a fashionable sling after some surgery on her right shoulder; we are glad that it is not making her completely immobile.



Once again we are touched with loss as **Howard Williams** learned that his sister (**Francis Lee**) died earlier in January; and **Renae Barrett's** dad (**Jerry Conrad**) died on January 23. We keep both of these folks and their families in our prayers.

Rick Barton, our Church Portrait Photographer, will be setting up shop in the Big Room on Sunday, February 27 to update our **Pictorial Directory** photos. A great opportunity for our newer members to get into the directory. Some of you long term folks might want to update that five-year-old picture.



Did you know that the **Sunday morning Nursery** has moved? Back in November **Megan Pederson** (our nursery attendant) moved her spot from the "ED II" portable into the "Green Room" in the Education building. There have been some changes including the addition of a diaper changing table in one of the bathrooms, and having a better atmosphere for young kids that make this a better fit for our nursery.

DISCOVER THE SHEPHERD



Brothers and Sisters
in Christ

On **Sunday, February 27**, at both services, we will be receiving new partners in ministry here at Shepherd of the Hills. We invite you to consider joining us in our mission and ministry. To help you have a better sense of Shepherd of the Hills and our mission, denomination, and doctrine you are invited to attend a "*Discover the Shepherd*" orientation time on **Sunday, February 13** from 12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. A lunch will be provided so that our conversation about Shepherd of the Hills can begin at the table. To help prepare lunch, please call the

church office (448-8599) and let Pastor Bob know if you will be able to attend. Childcare will be arranged if it is needed.

Attending this meeting does not obligate you to formally join our congregation; it does provide you with information to make a decision about membership. Of course, whether you choose to attend the orientation time or not, you are welcome to continue to worship, fellowship, and learn with us.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER . . .

We remember the following persons in our prayers. If you have a prayer request, please call the church office (448-8599) and you will be put on our prayer chain. If your need is over and you no longer wish to be on the prayer chain, please let us know that as well.

. . . those asking for our prayers (unless otherwise requested, names will normally appear here for a month): *Renae & Mike Barrett family (death of her father Jerry Conrad); Michelle Eaton; Greg Gomez; Michele Lee; Stan Lewis; Barbara Murphy (knee surgery); Keith Vaughan; anyone undergoing medical tests or treatment; and*

. . . those members of our armed forces deployed for operations overseas—especially Shepherd of the Hills extended family members, *Terry Abner's son Aaron Ray.*



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None

Shelby Barrett 2/11

Don Curtis 2/12

Sarah Lueck 2/14

Tiffani Lanting, Amaya Abner 2/16

Dave Cushing 2/17

Christopher Meyers 2/18

Ron Allyn, Bruce Smith 2/24

Kenny Lanting 2/27

Bruce Barling, Michael Chevalier 2/28

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn Weaver 2/02

Terry Kelsh 2/04

Tim Schneider 2/06

Kenny Bakken 2/08

Mark Best 2/09

Steven Cushing 2/10

If we have missed your celebration, we apologize. Please let us know by contacting the church office by email: sob580@sbcglobal.net or by telephone.



Needed: Jam Jars 1/2 pint

We sure enjoyed the plum, pineapple and blackberry jams sold at Pumpkins on the Hill. In order to get more, we need to replenish the jar supply. Please bring your empty, clean jars to church so Debbie Best can refill them with more delicious jam. You can even purchase new jars to donate to the cause. Make sure they are 1/2 Pint jars with canning ring tops. See picture at the left. Thanks, we want to encourage the Jam Fairy.

WOMEN'S MORNING CIRCLE

The Women's Morning Bible Study Group meets at church every 2nd Tuesday at 9:30 AM. Please contact Ari Krass (448-1482) or Wilma Rasmussen (447-9072) for more information.

THE LUNCH BUNCH

This group meets the third Monday of each month at 11:30 AM at various Vacaville restaurants. All adults are welcome to join for fellowship. For information, please call Ari Krass (448-1482). Watch bulletins for location announcements.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

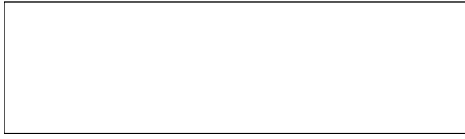
The Men's Group meets at Burger City at 8 AM every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month for breakfast. All men are encouraged to attend.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

They meet each third Thursday at 1:00 PM at Wilma Rasmussen's house. They welcome newcomers who like to knit or crochet.

QUILTERS—MISSION IN ACTION

Meets every 1st Wednesday of the month, from 9:30 AM—noon at the church. Contact Esther Merkel for information.



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February



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
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Traditional Sunday Worship service 8:30 AM

Contemporary Sunday Service 10:30 AM

Children's Church 20 mins. during late service

(Nursery care provided)

