

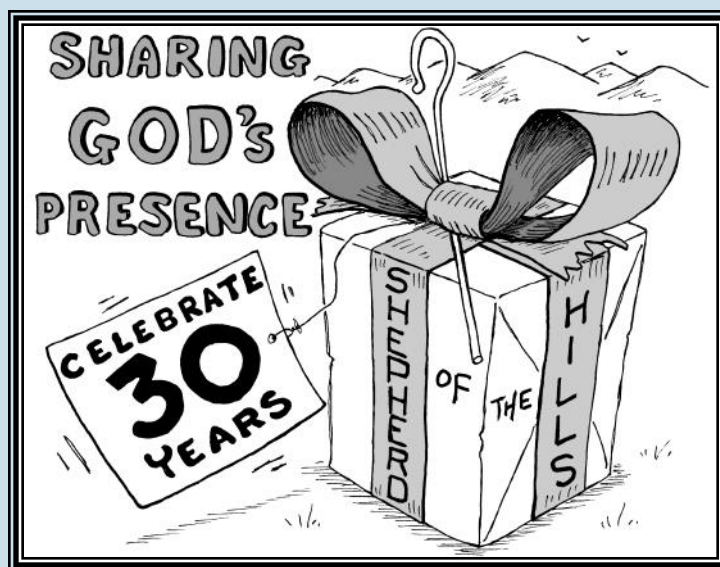
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July/August 2010



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30 mins. during late worship

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE *by Pr. Bob Willse*

Dear Partners:

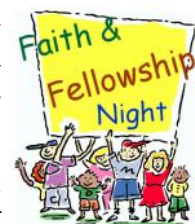
It was shortly after Easter that Chris uttered those famous words “We love change!” He was responding to an announcement about the Lenten coin banks and how the offering tellers would be happy to tabulate the resulting income. We all laughed a little at the reality of what change we do love. Well, there is more “change” in the air – and I’m not talking about coins.

This summer we are transitioning into a new structure at Shepherd of the Hills. I realized as our confirmation program was coming down the homestretch this past April, that beginning in the fall our Youth Director, Elliott Smith would now be the lead teacher. As Elliott and I have talked, he has shared his hopes and dreams for the material, and we have evaluated last year’s themes. He is looking forward to the potential of a dozen students in the class.



As our education process has changed (there is that word again) in recent years with the development of the Wednesday night program and the alterations to our Sunday morning program, a hole has been discovered – the adult education component. The Adult Forum ceased to be when our Sunday School became part of the worship time schedule. While our Small Groups have been a great asset for us with Bible studies and discussion groups, there has been a feeling of something missing.

For me, the opening of Wednesday night is great news. New possibilities! We already have a fantastic program in place for our elementary and middle school age students, so why not add the adult component? I have been working on a series of studies that will become part of our Wednesday Faith and Fellowship night. These studies will include our “Discover the Shepherd” time as well as Bible study, a look at Lutheranism, and other surprises. A brochure will be available when I return from vacation so that you too can make plans to attend one or more of the offerings.



Change is good – and not just as coins in our Lenten coin banks.

Shalom,

Pastor Bob



Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929) wrote, edited and taught English in her native Massachusetts. Occasionally, she wrote hymns, too.

On a trip to Colorado, Bates was greatly impressed by amber waves of grain, fruited plains and purple mountain majesties. She believed that God had definitely shed his grace all across this land. A visit to the summit of Pikes Peak inspired Bates to write her most famous poem-hymn, “America the Beautiful.”

Bates also realized that patriotism was an important part of America. She was grateful for heroes “who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life.” She wanted all Americans to realize how God had shed his grace on them and had crowned what was good “with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.”

Bates embodied the spirit of thankfulness to God for all she had experienced and been given. [Have a safe and happy 4th of July!](#)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Bruce Smith*



I was working in the corn field today with Don Ward and Elliott Smith. What a blessing it is to have these people as part of our congregation. Don wants to grow corn for the Pumpkin Patch in October and has undertaken this project mostly by himself, but with

the help of some of us too. Anyway, I was helping to plant the corn. Don and Elliott were putting down the seeds and I was covering them over with dirt. I kept thinking to myself "this being a disciple for Christ is hard work sometimes." That's when it hit me, all the bible studying over the past couple of years in the Small Groups, White Water and His People, is making sense. You see, to be a disciple of Christ, you can't sit on the sidelines and watch the others play the game. You are expected to be involved and a part of the mission, spreading the word to the world. That takes work! Thank you, Don and Elliott, for showing me this revelation!



Sometimes we get sidetracked into believing that the secular part of life is more important at the time, so we try to put Christ on hold. I believe this happens to me a lot.

Fortunately, I have a lot of friends here at Shepherd of the Hills that help remind me where the priorities should be. Place your focus on the treasures in Heaven not the treasures here on Earth today. Eternity is a much longer time than the short time we spend here. I sure hope God doesn't try to put me on hold when I'm trying to get into Heaven through his Grace.

The church fiscal year is coming to a close and we (your Steering Team) are wrapping up some loose ends before we restart with some new Steering Team members on July 1st.



We will say goodbye to Dave Cushing, our Operations team leader for the past three years and say hello to Don Ward who will take his place. We are also saying goodbye to Jeanne Barling who headed the Congregational Life team and hello to Kris Haugen who will be taking on this church mission. Martha Pierce who leads the Youth team decided to stay on in her position for another term. So has Jeanne Meyers as Secretary. Wow! That's what you call support. When you see these people in church or around the campus, let them know you appreciate what they do for all of us and Christ Jesus. Their hard work pays big dividends for us and Him. Thank you for all that you have accomplished and the seeds you have yet to sew.

Now that that's been said, these people need our assistance in the form of your labors. As it's been said before, one person does not a team make! There is plenty of work to do and many hands make light work. Let those hands be your hands working for God. Soon you will be seeing a short summary of our mission teams and the work they attempt to accomplish. Pick which team that fits your abilities and get into the game. We need you and God needs you. Stewardship comes in a lot of forms. Be the steward you were made to be.



Stewardship Update

temporary shortfall.

FINANCIAL NOTE: At the congregational meeting I stated the need to make further advances against the American River Bank loan hopefully would not be needed. It didn't look that way at the time. Unfortunately not a week and a half later we were required to advance another \$7,100 to cover budgeted expenses. Hopefully that will be the last until the start of the year and beyond. The current advance total this year is (\$6,600, Jan 10; \$7,500, Mar 10; and \$7,100, Jun 10) \$21,200. I reiterate, we are doing everything we can to minimize costs; the giving levels seem to have unexpectedly decreased. Hopefully this is a



OUTREACH TEAM *by June Dorsey*

WEBSITE REDESIGN: Hurray! We are now fully on line. It's been a long process, but well worth the effort, time and money. This project was only possible through your generous gifts. As always when the call was made you responded. We thank you all so very much.



FAIRMONT SCHOOL: The wonderful "Basket of Goodies" was delivered to the teachers and staff of the school on June 1st. Donations for all the goodies were awesome. I'm continually amazed at the generosity of our congregation. Needless to say, the teachers and staff were very surprised and so appreciative of our thoughtfulness. A photo of the presentation will soon appear on the website. School opens in mid August, so volunteers, be prepared for a call.

COMING EVENTS: [Semi-annual Yard Sale- Sept 25th](#); [Pumpkin Patch-Oct](#); [Merriment on Main-Dec](#).



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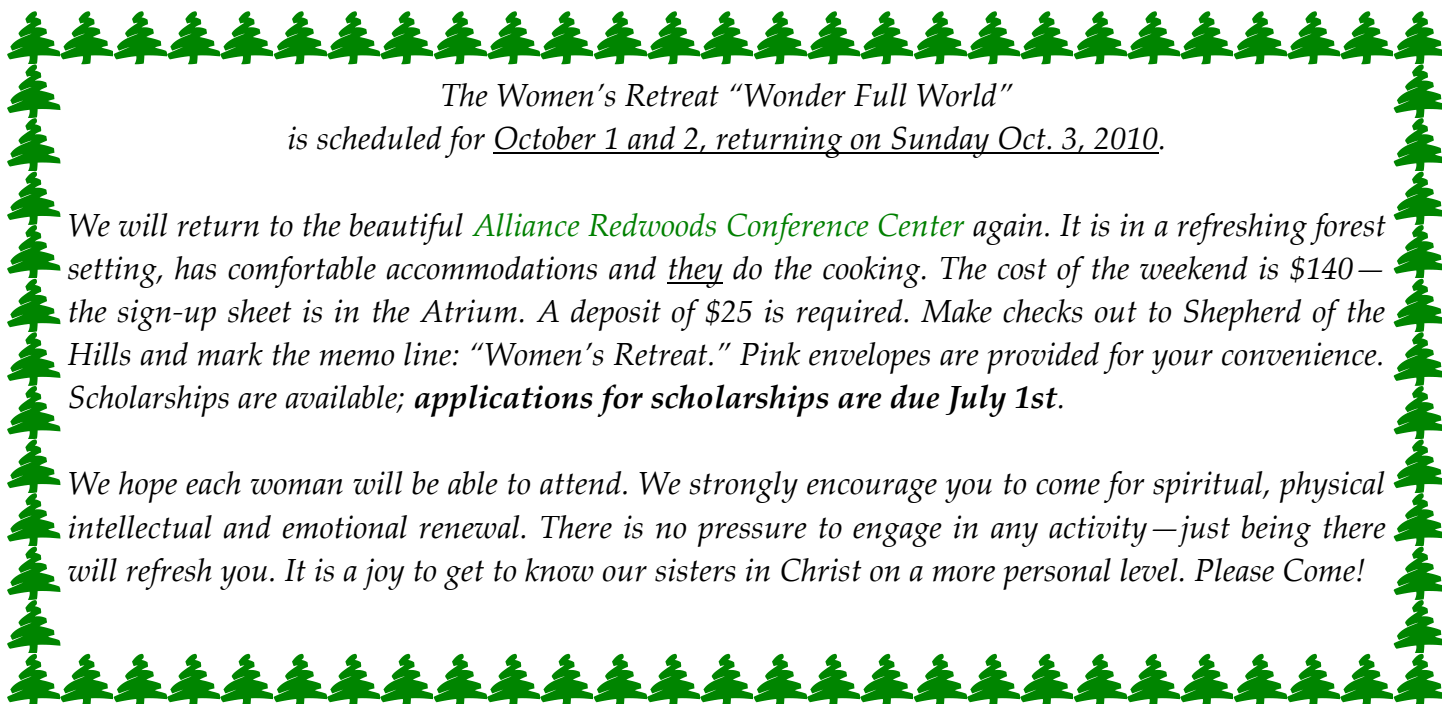


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Merriment on Main

WOMEN'S RETREAT COMMITTEE *by Marilyn Weaver*



The Women's Retreat "Wonder Full World"

is scheduled for October 1 and 2, returning on Sunday Oct. 3, 2010.

*We will return to the beautiful Alliance Redwoods Conference Center again. It is in a refreshing forest setting, has comfortable accommodations and they do the cooking. The cost of the weekend is \$140—the sign-up sheet is in the Atrium. A deposit of \$25 is required. Make checks out to Shepherd of the Hills and mark the memo line: "Women's Retreat." Pink envelopes are provided for your convenience. Scholarships are available; **applications for scholarships are due July 1st.***

We hope each woman will be able to attend. We strongly encourage you to come for spiritual, physical intellectual and emotional renewal. There is no pressure to engage in any activity—just being there will refresh you. It is a joy to get to know our sisters in Christ on a more personal level. Please Come!



Worship and Music Team

READINGS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

July 4 -- Pentecost 6

Isaiah 66:10-14
Galatians 6:1-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20



August 1 -- Pentecost 10

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

July 11 -- Pentecost 7

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

August 8 -- Pentecost 11

Genesis 15:1-6
Hebrews 11:23-12:2
Luke 12:32-40

July 18 -- Pentecost 8

Ruth 1:6-18
Acts 13:26-33a
John 20:1-2, 11-18

August 15 -- Mary, Mother of our Lord

Isaiah 61:7-11
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 1:46-55



July 25 -- Pentecost 9

Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:6-19
Luke 11:1-13

August 22 -- Pentecost 13

Isaiah 58:9b-14
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 29 -- Pentecost 14

Sirach 10:12-18
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

SMALL GROUPS *by Jacquie Smith, Small Group Leader*



Watch the Atrium for some interesting displays regarding the form and function of Small Groups. We will give you a little taste of the different types of small groups. We hope it will pique your interest to get involved in a group. We have study groups, “activity” groups and fellowship groups. Something for everyone.

When the Small Group Rally happens on September 12, we hope you will be interested in trying a group or two. Some meet weekly, some monthly, some occasionally. The time commitment is up to you. No one is pressured to stay in a group if they feel it is not for them or if they want to try another group. The connection to others in a small group is very comforting and uplifting.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH . . .

Congrats to **Ginny Kingsbury** who has retired after many years of teaching at Padan Elementary. Rumor has it she plans on spending time sky diving and mountain climbing. Always reaching for the high points in life, right Ginny?!



Ouch! It was painful to hear of **Jessica Cushing's** fall and resultant broken arm – both bones in the forearm were broken and had to be re-set a couple of times because they were not lining up properly. Jessica hung in there really well. Her reward – a cast party and vacation.

Well, now the world knows **Courtney Barton** is one smart student, as she became part of the Honor Society at Vaca Pena Middle School in May. Way to go!!!



A Loss
in our Church
Family

Our prayers are with **Roger Sandwisch** and his family as they grieve the death of Betty. After her long battle with cancer, **Betty** slipped quietly from this world into Jesus' arms on Sunday, June 6th.

Pastor Bob and Joan visited with former members **Bryce, Beth and Katie Hedger** when they were in Austin, Texas last month. The Hedgers are fine, living with a golf course in their backyard. Katie is enjoying summer work after completing her second year at Baylor University. Bryce and PB chatted (aka stealing ideas) about the classes Bryce taught here at SOTH a couple of years ago.



Austin, Texas
or Bust!



It was quite a surprise to get an email from **Joan Strader** letting us know that she had been “mugged while staying in London, England” – even more surprising because Joan was sitting in the church office when the email came through. Seems she was “hacked” as well as mugged.



Congrats to **Danae Gill** who graduated from U.C. San Diego in May. We missed her in the list of graduates last month.



Alissa Barton has completed her teaching credential work and is now a certified teacher, and just awaiting that phone call telling her where she will impact students in the fall.

Wow, **Stacey Webb** has landed the trip of a lifetime and is bound for Greece. The mom of one of her students at our pre-school, is heading to Greece and asked Stacey if she would like to join their family as “kid assistant” and tourist. Of course Stacey said yes.





YOUTH NEWS *by Elliott Smith, Youth Director*

Things haven't slowed down for SHY this summer, they've only gotten busier! We've been meeting at Andrews Park for Pre-Creek Walk barbecues, and we'll continue to do that throughout the summer off and on. We just had an awesome trip to Lake Berryessa: big thanks to Rick Barton and Blaine Lee for driving and helping out with that! And that's not to mention the Mexico Training meetings we've begun with our mission partners, Hope Center Covenant Church in Pleasant Hill! Mission 2 Mexico (M2M) 2010 is just around the corner, we're shipping out on July 24th, and there's some more info in the HORN about ways to help out with that trip if anyone is interested. August 8th SHY will be running both the first and second services in order to share with the congregation some of our experiences and memories from the trip. We'll have an end-of-the-year barbeque August 22nd after church to say a final good bye to our seniors, and then, Labor Day weekend! Not to mention confirmation starting back up again in August. Wooh! This summer's flying by, as always, keep SHY & GAS in your prayers as we stay busy and continue to grow in Christ this summer.



How can I help with Mission2Mexico 2010 (M2M 2010) ???



Secret Amigos – To encourage all Ambassadors we have established this wonderful program. Before leaving for Mexico every Ambassador (person going on the mission) receives a package containing gifts for each day of the trip. These gifts include a word of encouragement, a scripture verse and a small “fun” item.

Prayer Partners – Each ambassador is asked to get at least ten people to pray for them and the team throughout the trip. This expands our team ten-fold and prayer is the most crucial aspect of the mission.



Chariot Loaners – We need vehicles to be loaned in order to caravan to and fro. We have a need for either vans or sports utility vehicles in good to great condition. It could take anywhere from twelve or more vehicles to carry the ambassadors.

Financial supporters – At any time you can financially bless this mission. The money is used for supplies that pertain to all ministry areas. We also accept donations for the purpose of scholarships for our ambassadors.



Interested? – Contact Vince Felix at vfelix@pacbell.net ASAP with your contact information and how you would like to help with the Mexico trip. Blessings!

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM NEWS *by Martha Pierce*

The Youth Team is planning some “Sharing of the Gifts” over the summer.

Several of our faithful knitters from the Prayer Shawl group have agreed to teach the younger generation to knit. Children under 18 are especially encouraged to attend, and everyone else is welcome too, to stop by church and learn this craft. Bring your own needles (we will have a few extra pairs on hand), yarn will be supplied, but feel free to bring your own if you have a special project you want to work on.

Learn to knit a scarf, hat or pair of slippers. Dates: July 21 1:00-3:00



Sew a quilt! Learn to sew a quilt this summer. Contact Martha Pierce for the fabric requirements. We will meet at church on the following dates:

- ✦ July 19 9:00-11:00
- ✦ July 26 9:00-11:00





BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Don and Chris Curtis 7/21
Kathy and Jim Webb 7/23

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Webb, Devon Medlin 7/2
Hal Jones 7/3
Mary Adams 7/4
Jeanne Meyers, Mike Mrochinski 7/5
Debbie Pena 7/6
Carol Santee 7/7
Judy Elliott 7/8
Nathan Curtis 7/9
Megan Pederson, Amanda Schneider, Courtney Barton 7/10
Catherine Mantz 7/11
Dawn Geottman 7/12
Jordyn Haugen 7/14
George Zamora, Michele Lee 7/16
Wilma Rasmussen 7/17
Alyson Carpenter 7/19
Brianna Barton 7/20
Natalie Allas 7/23
Haley Brunkal 7/25
Cindy Allas 7/28
Jo Ann Akers, Wendy Frayseth 7/29
Gloria Lewis 7/31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Marilyn and Gary Weaver 8/8
Jeanne and Rick Meyers 8/19
Penny and Les Terry 8/21
Cindy and Don Ward 8/28

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Dan Buckley, Kathe Clarke 8/1
Tom Alston 8/2
Michele Gomez, Nathan Kelsh 8/8
Penny Terry 8/10
Jennifer South, Pat Van Nordstrom, Danae Gill 8/12
Carole Schneider 8/21
Les Terry 8/24
Ron Tuggle, Laura Barton 8/27
Aaron Jesinger 8/28
Lauren Carlson 8/29
Stacey Webb 8/30
Karen Kelsh 8/31



Napa Valley Lutheran Church, Napa, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Vallejo, have been working together these last two years at starting a new Lutheran community in American Canyon. Now, Mission Developers have been called - a clergy couple named *Arianna & David Arends*. The *Arends* are recent graduates of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, and will be starting their work in American Canyon (Spirit in the Canyon). on July 1.

You are cordially invited
to an outdoor

Service of Ordination

“Spirit in the Canyon”

Saturday, July 24, at 5 p.m.

Main Street Park and Amphitheater
American Canyon

A potluck dinner will follow the service. St. Paul's and Napa Valley want to invite our Vineyard Conference congregations to join in the celebration! Come join us as we begin this exciting new ministry within our conference! (And when you come, bring a jacket - summer evenings in American Canyon can be cool and windy!)

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.

MISSION TEAM NEWS *by Laura Barton*

EPIPHANY MEAL PROGRAM-Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who donate desserts, shop, cook, serve, clean up, and wash dishes! You are amazing! The next two dates are July 9th and August 13th. We look forward to seeing you. We appreciate your help, your prayers, and the dinner and desserts are appreciated by many of our Vacaville neighbors.

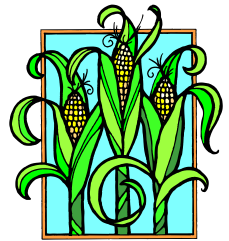


Pumpkins on the Hill



PUMPKIN PATCH-Yes, it is hard to believe but the Pumpkin Patch is coming in 4 short months. The planning team is at work. We are looking at the last two weeks of October. We will keep you updated.

CORN FIELD-If you haven't been out back yet, please stop by and see the beginnings of the corn fields. "Farmer Don" has been hard at work. Don had a vision and it is now growing. Nothing is impossible!!!



FAIRMONT-Thank you to the VBS students who donated school supplies for Fairmont School. I know the supplies will be well used. We are being a part of our neighborhood and building relationships. Thank you for all your support with this relationship.

PRESCHOOL NEWS *by Kathy Webb, Director*



We will have just completed our summer school session on July 22nd. We talked about the people in our neighborhood. This unit was a lot of fun because we got to pretend to be somebody different every day. We were hairdressers, postmasters, theater ticket takers, pizza delivery people and teachers. We also enjoyed some delicious snacks to go along with our unit.



We ended our session with a water day.



We are at full enrollment for the fall of 2010/2011 school year. If you are interested in attending our preschool this year or in the future please call the preschool office at 447-6278 to be added to the waiting list.

Our 1st day of the new school year will be **Aug. 16th**. I pray that everyone will continue to have a fun and safe summer.



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): *Pat Alvestad's niece Barbara; Renae Barrett; The Corey Family (death of Tim Corey); June Dorsey's son Ken; Michelle Eaton; Elliott Smith (death of his great-aunt); Lorraine Hillelndahl (death of brother Charles Elmstedt); Barbara Murphy; Dana Nelson; Roger Sandwisch and family (death of Betty); and*

. . . those members of our armed forces deployed for operations overseas; BJ Eaton and Chris Marceau, Penny Terry's nephew.



EDUCATION TEAM *By Cindy Ward, Education Chair*



Children's Church is up and going for the summer. We had a nice turnout for our first session. Please check the bulletin for the latest and greatest news. Thank you to the teachers who are making this a fun summer for our younger students.

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer break. By the time you read this, a very successful fun-filled week of excitement will be over and our ship SS Shepherd will have departed for uncharted waters.

Your VBS High Seas Expedition Captains and First Mates are currently headed for parts unknown. To all the wonderful volunteers – Thank you for your time and hard work (and, boy, was it a lot of work!) but so worth it! We hope you will stay tuned to hear about our adventures in the next Horn. Until we meet again – sailing into the sunset—Captain Cindy



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

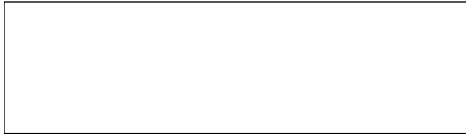
The Men's Group meets at Burger City at 8 AM every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month for breakfast. All men are encouraged to attend.

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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