

THE HORN

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church 580 Trinity Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687



OUR MISSION: To proclaim the message of Christ through joyful worship, quality education and loving service.

JUNE 2011



Vacation Bible School

June 20-24, 2011 9 am—12 noon



SonSurf
Beach Bash

Calling all Beach Buddies!

SonSurf Beach Bash is getting ready for hot summer days

So, let's cool off with a refreshing trip to the beach

Hey, Dude! It's all about Jesus



SonSurf Beach Bash work parties have started. VBS is around the corner. So, work dates are Tuesday nights from 6PM to 9PM and Wednesday mornings 9AM to Noon. Your Head Life Guards, Kari, Debbie, Jacque and Cindy are working hard to provide an awesome program, but we need your help. Calling all Life Guards (Teachers) and Beach Patrol (Adult and Teen Helpers) we need you! Let's join together in putting on a great start to our students' summer fun!

The Big Question—

Day 1 Meet Up! with Jesus Who is Jesus?

Day 2 Look Up! to Jesus Why can I trust Jesus?

Day 3 Join Up! with Jesus Why do I need Jesus?

Day 4 Open Up! to Jesus How can Jesus help me when I mess up?

Day 5 Fire Up! for Jesus What does Jesus want me to do?

The Big Answer—

Jesus is God's Son and when I meet up with Him, I discover how much God loves me.

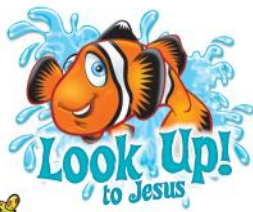
I can look up to Jesus and ask His help because He is trustworthy.

Jesus' death and resurrection make it possible for me to join up with Him and be part of God's family.

When I open up to Jesus about my sin, He forgives me and helps me make a fresh start.

Jesus wants me to know and love Him and get fired up about sharing Him with others.

Are we fired up for Jesus?—Dude! You bet we are! Join Shepherd of the Hills for a great week at the beach through music, games, snacks, crafts, and Bible stories that will get you fired up about Jesus.



Shepherd of the Hills

Lutheran Church

580 Trinity Drive
Vacaville, CA

Phone 707 448-8599

FAX: 707 448-8629

Preschool 447-6278

Email:

soh580@sbcglobal.net
www.discovertheshepherd.org

Robert Willse
Pastor

Joan Strader
Office Manager
Horn Editor

Chris Holmes
Music Director

Elliott Smith
Youth Director

Kathy Webb
Preschool Director

Published monthly-
deadline the 15th of the
previous month



Worship Schedule

Traditional Service
8:30AM

Contemporary Service
10:30 AM

Children's Faith Connection
(formerly Sunday School)
30 mins. during late worship

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Pastor's Message <i>IS ON VACATION—Pr. Bob Willse</i>	X
President's Message— <i>by Bruce Smith</i>	3
Worship and Music Team— <i>Pr. Bob Willse</i>	4
Pentecost June 12— <i>Pr. Bob Willse</i>	4
Youth Ministry Team— <i>Martha Pierce, Team Leader</i>	5
Mission Team — <i>Laura Barton</i>	5
Youth News — <i>Youth Director, Elliott Smith</i>	6
Preschool News— <i>Kathy Webb, Director</i>	7
June Birthdays and Anniversaries	7
Relay for Life— <i>SOH and SHY Teams</i>	8
Outreach Team— <i>by June Dorsey</i>	9
Education Team— <i>Cindy Ward</i>	9
Women's Retreat Team— <i>by Samantha Christensen</i>	9
News From Around the Parish— <i>Pr. Bob Willse</i>	10
New: Meet members of our church— <i>Barelas</i>	11
Social Concerns / Fellowship Groups	11
May Calendar and Serving Us In May	Inserts

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Bruce Smith*



Well, it's done! Thank you, God, for getting us through it. Your steering team has been very busy over the past month, finalizing next year's budget proposal presented at the semi-annual congregational meeting last Sunday (22 May if you missed it). This year it was a little tougher than in past years as we attempted to present a balanced budget. Our core belief was that it could be accomplished and without degrading any of our current keys to success, our fantastic staff, our many ministry teams, and our small groups. We agonized over what to cut as cutting costs had to be the order of business. We looked at our pledged income offering, our projected offerings and the many various streams that bring in our operating capital, to better see what we anticipated as operating funds to work with.

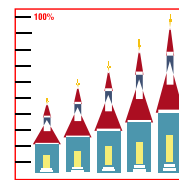
Budget Planning We analyzed the current and past year spending, against the current and past year offerings to only ask for what was actually essential, and then we cut even some of that. An example of one of the fallouts was the youth scholarships we've budgeted for in past budgets (a saving of \$2000) (Thank you, Pastor Bob and Joan, for donating a part of your compensation back to cover this). We cut funding and enacted some cost saving moves over the past year that anticipates some savings this next year. It was a strenuous task. We wanted to support the best church staff in Vacaville by showing our appreciation through a pay raise, but that was not to be. Most of the staff volunteered to stay at the same pay rate or even take a reduction for less work time because of the need to balance. However, one item we thought important to show the staff we care was the start of a church sponsored 403b retirement fund with a budgeted monthly contribution. This was a new item in the budget proposal. Thank you, to all the staff members for your service to us. "You are the best."

In the end, we presented what we set out to do, a balanced budget proposal as best we could. Is it perfect? As perfect as God wanted it. Does it have areas of concern? You betcha! Did we all agree? Not today or probably tomorrow. But, we were your leadership team and every side of the congregation was represented. We do feel that our budget meetings were led by the Spirit in our discussions, so what ended as the budget proposal is the best we could present. If you're interested, the long form is posted on the CST bulletin board outside the church office.

Another area of concern was the upcoming loan balloon payment. The American River Bank loan was taken out almost 5 years ago to complete the portable building project. Thanks to God and our previous leadership teams' willingness to take a chance, the campus we have today is a reality. We conducted a building drive to pay back this loan but the economy faltered and so did the pledges that were supposed to pay back this loan in a two-year period. I believe this was all a part of God's plan to make resources available for us to continue to risk furthering his work through us. Now he is saying it's time to stand on our own in a different form.

As stated at the meeting, the CST plan is to renegotiate the loan. We will attempt to acquire a \$200,000 instrument paid back over a 10 year period. This will pay off the current loan balance and replenish the \$30,000 worth of Designated Funds that have been decimated to \$0 over the past years.

We will also conduct a "Save our Church" Capital Fund Drive to hopefully pay this loan off in a 3-year (not the 10yr) period. I've stated at the meeting Jacquie and I will contribute the first \$10,000, with the hope you, too, are able to join in the challenge. Every dollar will help. Contribute upfront or pledge what you can.



The official drive is planned to begin in September, but any loan payback offerings received between now and then are a help in communicating to lenders our ability to repay. Every dollar collected will go toward paying for and paying off the interest and loan balance as you can direct. More to follow on this worthwhile endeavor.



OUR NEW STEERING TEAM

Onto another note:

As of 1 July you will have a new Steering Team President, Laura Barton and Secretary (Vice President) Paul Krause, and other new faces on the team. I ask that you support them as you have supported the current team and the past teams. It is through you and with you that we are successful in accomplishing our church mission, "We exist to proclaim the message of salvation in Christ through joyful worship, quality education and loving service." We are you!



Worship and Music Team

READINGS FOR JUNE 2011

June 5 Easter 7

Acts 1:6-14
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

June 19 Holy Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

June 12 Pentecost Sunday (wear red)

Acts 2:1-21
1 Corinthians 12:3-13
John 20:19-23

June 26 Pentecost 3

Jeremiah 28:5-9
ROMANS 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42



Readers in June

June 5 8:30 am *Carmen Stitt*
10:30 am *Nathan Christensen*

June 19 8:30 am *Wilma Rasmussen*
10:30 am *Ron Gibson*

June 12 8:30 am *Joan Marquand-Willse*
10:30 am *Joan Marquand-Willse*

June 26 8:30 am *Mary Meese*
10:30 am *Marilyn Weaver*



Pentecost – this year it is June 12 – is the culmination of the Easter celebration.

The risen Christ having shown himself to the disciples has now ascended to heaven, and sends the promised gift of the Spirit to the expectant church. The Spirit comes to give the early church and us today the power and gifts to carry the good news of the resurrection to the ends of the world.

Luke's words in Acts 2:1-13 tell of the Spirit of God descending and filling the disciples. But the Spirit did not stop coming at that point. God's Spirit continues to come to us daily as we interact with God and others, as we read God's word, and in those special moments of baptism and worship. God's Spirit remains alive for us. We are disciples who are gifted with the Spirit.



The disciples received the Spirit and grew the early church as they ministered together. We, too, are filled with God's Spirit to minister together. Each one of us has received a spiritual gift(s) so that Shepherd of the Hills can grow into the vision God has laid before us. **Our mission is that "We exist to proclaim the message of salvation in Christ through joyful worship, quality education, and loving service."** What a super mission! Let's join our spiritual gifts together with God's Holy Spirit as we celebrate and confidently move forward in ministry.

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM NEWS *by Martha Pierce*



The Youth Team will once again be hosting "Life Skills" classes this summer. Jennifer Krause and Janet Bunger will be hosting two sewing projects and Deb Best will be hosting a cooking class. These classes / projects are intended for ALL AGES, or as Intergenerational projects. All classes will be held at church.

The sewing classes will be:

July 18-19 from 9 AM to 12 noon – Make a fabric purse! Ginny Kingsbury, Laura Barton and Martha Pierce each have made one of these easy-to-make, fun bags. Make one for yourself or a friend!

July 25-26 from 9 am to 12 noon-We will make a "Baby Rag" quilt. This item will be donated to a charity.

Pattern and supply lists will be given out to interested parties. These classes are for all levels. Email Jennifer Krause @ pj4krause@aol.com if you are interested in either one of these classes.

Details on the cooking classes will be available later. Happy summer!!!

MISSION TEAM *by Laura Barton, Team Leader*

EPIPHANY DINNERS:

Friday, June 10

Friday, July 8

Friday, August 12



Summer months are busy, so please check the sign-up sheets each month to make sure there are enough workers. Keep the DESSERTS coming! If you have fresh produce coming out your ears, (no corn jokes) and would like to donate that too, go for it.

Fair Trade Coffee is available!



*Pastor's Page
is on
Vacation*



YOUTH NEWS *by Elliott Smith, Youth Director*

Wowser, is it busy this time of year! Looking back, May saw some sweet developments in the SHY program, including the kidnapping of the new (and old!) SHY kids in honor of the incoming freshmen, as well as a corresponding attendance boost to our Monday After School SHY Hangout time (3pm-6pm) where we've been seeing twelve to fifteen kids every week! We also managed to pull off a special SHY two weeks ago, thanks to Don Ward who helped us plant some corn out in the back forty, and then roast some amazing marshmallows around the campfire...not a bad night!



Our three high school seniors *Kirk Bakken, Kristen Applegate & Matt Elliott* are just about ready to graduate high school, and we're very proud of them and will be very sad to see them go in August. Although we've decided the alternative—they staying another year in high school—probably wouldn't be for the best, so we're going to let them leave. ☺

Looking ahead to June, lots coming up!



June 15th we have our 2nd annual Lake Berryessa boat trip. A special thanks to the Barretts for donating their boat for the *second* time this year, and to Rick Barton who will be driving kids on the boat *all day* again this year. What a sport!

SHY volunteers will be helping out with VBS June 20-24 and performing with the skits.

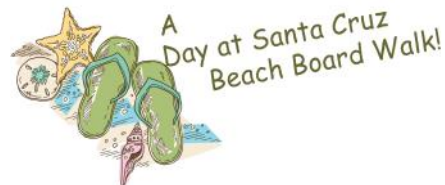


Our *BIG SHY and church event is Relay For Life, June 25th-26th! Please look for ways that you can get involved and sponsor kids, other church members or even be get sponsored yourself!

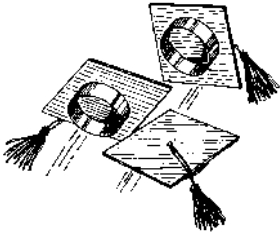
Well, our Confirmands were all Confirmed last month via the affirmation of their baptisms. Congratulations again to *Courtney Barton, Madeline Carpenter, Sarah Elliott, Kennedy Haugen, Ashleigh Hiralez & Nate Krause!*



The final GAS trip of the year also occurred this last month, as we journeyed for a day to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk (in the warm California Sun). Unfortunately, it wasn't *that* warm of a California sun, but we had a great time nevertheless. GAS monthly events will start back up, along with Confirmation, starting in August. Exact dates still TBA.



PRESCHOOL NEWS *by Kathy Webb, Director*



Summer is here and our school year has almost come to an end. Our Graduation programs will be **June 6th & 7th** here at the church at 9:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M. We will take a

short break this year while VBS is in session before we begin our summer school session.



This year we will offer summer school for 1 month starting **June 28th and ending July 21st**. We are going camping and we will explore camping in the Redwoods, the Desert, the

Mountains and at the Ocean. We will have pretend campsites, campfires and BBQ's. We are very hands on so it is a lot of fun for the children and staff.

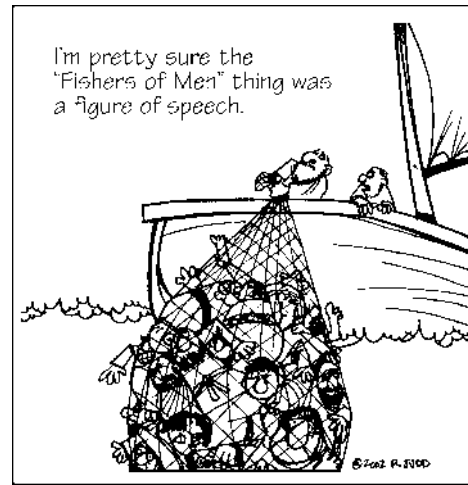


We then take a few weeks off before beginning our preparation for the upcoming school year.



We will have parent/child visitations **Aug. 11th & 12th** and we will start our 2011-2012 school year on **Aug. 15, 2011**.

As we end our 2010-2011 school year the preschool staff would also like to thank all the parents and children for a great year. It is always hard to say good-bye, but we know that it is an exciting time for the children as they are moving on to discover life and the many new experiences that lie ahead.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Dale and Julie Adams	6/01
Holly and Steve Gill	6/02
Laura and Rick Barton	6/20
Martha and Bill Pierce	6/21
Renaee and Mike Barrett	6/23
Gene and Kay Clark	6/27

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Carmen Stitt	6/02
Christopher Webb	6/07
Bob Willse	6/10
Devin Zamora	6/11
Rick Barton, Steve Gill	6/13
Jim Hillendahl	6/21
Melissa Brunkal	6/22
Gary Weaver	6/23
Mary Breece	6/24
Mike Barrett	6/25
Chris Curtis, Keira Lanting	6/26
Kennedy Haugen, Anna Geottman, Kay Clark	6/28
Alex Lee	6/29
Scott Pederson	6/30

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 at 448-8599.

RELAY FOR LIFE TEAMS *by Laura Barton*

Event Date and Time:

Saturday, June 25 9AM to June 26 9AM

Event Location:

Vacaville High School, Vacaville

Event Schedule

Opening Ceremony: 9:00 AM Saturday, June 25

Survivors Lap: 9:15 AM Saturday

Luminaria Ceremony: 9:00 PM Saturday

Fight Back / Closing Ceremony: 9:00 AM Sunday, June 26



One day. One night. One community. One Fight.

Relay For Life is a life-changing event that brings together more than 3.5 million people—to **celebrate** the lives of those who have battled cancer; **remember** loved ones lost to the disease; and **fight back** against a disease that takes too much. **Won't you join us?**

Teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Relays are 24 hours in length; representing the reality that cancer never sleeps. By participating, you honor cancer survivors, pay tribute to the lives we've lost to the disease, and raise money to help fight cancer in your community.

Relay began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon in Tacoma, Washington, ran and walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Since then, Relay has grown from a single man's passion to fight cancer into the world's largest movement to end the disease. For more information, visit our [Relay For Life information page](#)



To sign up or propose a fundraiser idea—contact Elliott Smith

OUTREACH TEAM *by June Dorsey*



Church Yard Sale

Community Yard Sale #5: Once again the sale was a huge success. It was good to see so many return customers from prior sales. The Church table was a real success, thanks to those members who made donations. We made a nice little sum of \$267. Thanks, Bee Hive, for doing the donut/hot dog sales one more time. There were over five dozen donuts sold. Also back by popular demand—those wonderful Nachos! It was great to see a number of our members dropping by for lunch. Plans are now formulating for the next sale, possibly in late September.

Relay for Life will be the next big community event (after VBS, of course), to be held June 25th at Vacaville High School Athletic Field. Missions, Congregational Life and Outreach Teams will be assisting our Youth Director, Elliott Smith—aka Team Captain. We will need lots of volunteers to help in many ways. So sign up and come on out for a worthy cause and have fun while doing it.



EDUCATION TEAM NEWS *By Cindy Ward, Team Leader*



Children's Faith Connection - Last Sunday is June 5th. Join us for some fun as we end our learning time together. Children's Church will start on June 12th during the 2nd service and go all summer (a very short class during the sermon time). This is for 4 years old to 3rd grade and they will be using the big room.

Blessings,

Cindy Ward Christian Education chairperson

WOMEN'S RETREAT TEAM *by Samantha Christensen*

Annual Women's Retreat (September 30, October 1, 2)

Alliance Redwoods Conference Center

Seaside Escape—

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

The Women's Retreat Benefit Luncheon on May 22 was a huge success. Please sign up in the Atrium. A \$25 deposit is required, checks payable to the church (memo line Women's Retreat) and give to Jeanne Barling or put in offering plate. Red envelopes are in the back of chairs so you can make payments throughout the summer. The registration price will be posted in the bulletin.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH . . .



Congratulations to our graduating High School seniors – **Kristen Applegate** and **Yolanda Dutro** (Vacaville); **Kirk Bakken** (Will C. Wood); and **Matt Elliott** (Vanden).

Way to go to **Rob and Tracy Popey** who recently won their respective age groups in a biathlon competition. That's running, swimming and then running again. So they were the fastest in their group on land and water. Wow!!!!



Our heartfelt thanks to Steering Team members who have completed their terms – **Dan Buckley**, Stewardship; **Cindy Ward**, Education; **Laura Barton**, Missions; **Jeanne Meyers**, Secretary; **Bruce Smith**, President; and **Bruce Barling**, Treasurer.

Welcome also to our new Steering Team members – **Bob Popey**, Stewardship; **Samantha Christensen**, Education; **Bill Pierce**, Missions; **Paul Krause**, Secretary; **Laura Barton**, President; and **Bruce Smith**, Treasurer.



Church Leadership



Martha Pierce wore out the skies between here and Virginia recently with two round trips in two weeks. She and **Bill** headed there to be with **Mari** as she gave birth on May 2nd to new grandson, **Caleb Pierce Page**, 6.13 lbs. and 19.75" long. Everyone is healthy! Trouble was **Caleb** decided he wasn't ready yet, and waited until the day after **Grandma** and **Grandpa** went home. So, **Martha** headed back after a few hours of sleep. Ah, the things grandparents do!!!! Congratulations to parents **Mari** and **Brian Page**.



Chris Curtis is retiring after 37 years in the education field, and was honored recently with a dinner and program. The lives she has touched in those almost four decades of teaching and ministering to young people is a testament to her dedication.

Gail and Marvin George were excited, disappointed, and then excited again. They had tickets to the launch of **Endeavor** last month and were thrilled to be at the site. As you know the launch was scrubbed at the last minute. They came home to watch it on TV. So close and yet so far.



Endeavor Launch



We are 25 Years Old!

It was great to see all the current and former Pre-School students here for the anniversary party on May 1st. Rumor has it that over 150 lunches were served that day. Four alumni served in our worship service that day – **Kristian Bakken** was acolyte, **Alissa Barton** read the lessons, and **Courtney Barton** and **Sarah Elliott** were the communion assistants.

Kay and Gene Clark were certainly on the go last month: the Synod Assembly in Burlingame, then the biggie was her high school class reunion in Louisiana. Are you looking forward to a quiet weekend at home?



Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly



Disneyland remains a big draw for people. **Alissa Barton** and **Madison Haugen** made it their "Easter" vacation destination; and then a few weeks later **Tim and Robin Forsyth** headed there for a short time in the "happiest place on earth."

Jacque Smith had to plan a "Passover meal" for her grandson, **Brandon Swanson** as he was preparing for his first communion. With her normal quick thinking and acting, the meal was accomplished and **Brandon** celebrated first communion in April.



First Communion

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): *Chris Curtis' dad Les Weigel, Tamara Downs; Ron Gibson's sister Libby Gibson; Greg Gomez; Jeanne Meyers' mother Dorothy; Barbara Murphy; Jacquie Smith (on the death of her aunt Billie Jay); 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 and Dave & Karen Della's nephew Brock, Don & Cindy Ward's son-in-law BJ, and Bruce & Jacqui Smith's daughter Jill*. Please let the church office know if someone from your family is called up or deployed, or has returned home, and we will include them by name in our prayers each week.



MEET OUR MEMBERS . . .

RICHARD AND LOU BARELA

Richard and Lou have been married for thirty-three years and have four living children, all of whom are married. Richard retired as Deputy Superintendent for the Vacaville School District in 1996. Lou retired in 2000 from the Special Education Local Plan Area for Solano County where she was director. Between them they served for sixty-nine years in education with Richard far out-distancing Lou with forty-seven of those years.

Traveling has always been a big interest of theirs and retirement only meant the ability to spend more time doing it. With the majority of their children and family members living in the Southwest they have spent a lot of time visiting in southern California with Gil and Liz and their respective families, and in Arizona with Tom and his wife Gretchen, and Richard's four sisters. Family in Australia and Taiwan give added reasons to travel far afield to visit son Dan and his wife Debbi, who are missionaries in Taichung. Thirteen years of attendance at Shepherd of the Hills have strengthened their faith walk and made strong ties to many good friends.



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. They will break for the summer in June.



First Class Postage

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
580 Trinity Drive
Vacaville, CA 95687

The Horn

JUNE 20-24, 2011



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)
Traditional Sunday Worship service 8:30 AM
Contemporary Sunday Service 10:30 AM
Children's Church 20 mins. during late service
(Nursery care provided)

