

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.

MARCH 2011



*Begin your Lenten Journey
Wednesday, March 9
7 p.m.
Worship and
Imposition of Ashes*

*The remaining Wednesdays in Lent
through April 13th, we will share Soup
Suppers at 6 p.m. followed by Holden
Evening Prayer service at 6:45 p.m.*

*Soups will be provided by various ministry
teams within the congregation.
(The first cooks will be the Choir)*

*Christian Fellowship
around the table —
The way it all began.*



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Traditional Service
8:30AM
Contemporary Service
10:30 AM
Children's Faith Connection
(formerly Sunday School)
30 mins. during late worship

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE *by Pr. Bob Willse*

Dear Partners;

March brings Lent and I thought this little piece brings insight. Lent is not about enduring some miserable discipline for 40 days and then putting it to death on Good Friday. Lent is about the "Springtime" or "new life" within us, giving particular attention to changing some habit or part of ourselves. Lent can be more than a time of fasting; it can be a season of feasting. We can use Lent to fast from certain things and to feast on others. Lent is a season in which we can:

Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life.

Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.

Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from worry; feast on divine order.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.

Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal Truth.

Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.

Fast from facts that depress; feast on truths that uplift.

Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from suspicion; feast on truth.

Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.

Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.

Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds.



- William Arthur Ward
(American author, teacher and pastor, 1921-1994.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Bruce Smith*

I was in the US Air force for 21 years and was indoctrinated with the philosophy of "Service before Self". That meant service to your country, state, city, and fellow airmen was to be put before personal gain and desire. It took me a long time to get the true meaning of this philosophy. But now that I understand it more, it goes right in line with what God would have us do; thinking of and looking out for our fellow brothers and sisters in the world before our own personal gains, trusting that God will always provide for our needs. What a concept!



In the Monday evening bible study I co-lead, we were discussing the story of David and Goliath. David was only a young man when he was called to show the Philistines that the God of the Jews was the true God of the land. All the other battle-tested Jews were afraid of the 9 foot giant Goliath, but not David. His slingshot and a stone prevailed, but more significant was the fact that David did not think of himself. His calling was to show God's presence to both the Philistines and the Jews. It was his service to God before self that made this revelation possible. Regardless of his youth and his lack of battle experience, it was his trust in the Lord that made God's victory possible. And his trust in God rewarded him in many ways that under different circumstances would have left David just another ordinary Jewish shepherd.



Like David, we are continually confronted with choices in today's world. These often make us choose between our wants and needs. Should we buy a meal for the homeless man on the

street corner; should we volunteer time at Opportunity House helping the less fortunate; work at Epiphany Episcopal serving food to the hungry; teach God's word to our youth during Children's faith connection? Should we stand up and **shout** that God is in our world even today and he loves us and will still provide for our needs. Or do we choose to look the other way, assume someone else more qualified will do it, and hope God will not notice and will love us anyway. After all, forgiveness is his mantra, isn't it?

We will soon be starting Stewardship awareness, which hopefully will educate you in the many ways you can fit into God's work through Shepherd of the Hills programs that support our spiritual fulfillment, growth, and wellbeing. No one ever said that working for our Lord Jesus Christ was going to be easy, that it would always be in just one or two hour spurts, or that we would always be fully trained for the challenges he sets before us. God is always there to help, but he won't make that first step for you, you must make it.

...SERVE ONE
ANOTHER
WITH
WHATEVER
GIFT EACH OF
YOU HAS
RECEIVED.



1 PETER 4:10



If you are not currently involved, outside of attending worship services on Sunday, in any of the areas at Shepherd of the Hills, I urge you to find out more fully who God is by joining us in our many opportunities. It refreshes, empowers, and puts your hands directly in God's work in Vacaville, Solano County, and the world. Take that first step, and show you to want put "service before self", to truly be one of God's children changing the world today.

2011 MAKE IT SIMPLE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM *by Dan Buckley*

FACING THE TRUTH

Some thoughts:


- ✦ More does not always equal better.
- ✦ We want more than we need.
- ✦ We can be happy with less.



Why is it so hard to MAKE IT SIMPLE? Daily we face a complex world of our own making. We feel pushed and pulled by forces beyond our control. And when things feel like they are out of control, we often feel afraid. We feel like we are being tossed about by the wind and the waves in our lives. Sometimes we create our own wind and waves with the desire to possess more and more stuff – a bigger house, a car or truck with more bells and whistles, the latest electronic gadget – the list can go on and on. We think that more stuff will increase our happiness and for a short while, it might. But the feeling wears off oh so quickly!

As we mature in our faith, we learn that we are happiest when we are doing God's will – when we are helping others, when we are giving back, when we are living our lives as a disciple of Jesus, when we are using our time, talents and treasure to support the various ministries here at Shepherd of the Hills.

Happiness is not for sale. We can't go to the mall and purchase happiness. But we can ask Jesus to calm the storms in our lives and help us focus on what God provides to us and what we can provide to others.



Psalm 51:10-12 *“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your Presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.”*

Create in me
a clean
Heart, O God

What can we do to simplify our lives and how can we do better job using the resources that God has put at our disposal?

Your Stewardship Team,
Pat Alvestad, Jacquie Smith Gary Weaver Bruce Smith, Dan Buckley & Pastor Bob

Every member and regular attender who donates offerings has been assigned an envelope number and a box of envelopes. If you have not picked up yours, they are in the Atrium on the blue table. Please use your envelopes unless you have automated giving. It helps the counters keep the posting amounts correct.



While you're at it, check the coat rack for abandoned clothing that might be yours or your child's.



Worship and Music Team

READINGS FOR MARCH 2011

March 6 – Transfiguration

Exodus 24:12-18

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

March 13 – Lent 1

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

ASH
WEDNESDAY

March 20 – Lent 2

Genesis 12:1-4a

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

March 9 – Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 27 – Lent 3

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

The Lenten Season

The church calendar helps us organize our worship life around the major events in Jesus' life. Prior to each key festival we have a season to get ready as the excitement builds. Advent precedes Christmas, and Lent comes before Easter. During these weeks of preparation we focus on key concepts of faith. Since we have already celebrated Christmas, you know this must mean that Easter is coming soon.

March 9 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. In the 4th century the length of Lent was set as 40 days, paralleling Jesus' 40 days of temptation in the desert. Yet, even with this determination, Lent lasts either five or eight weeks. The western church, where Sundays are regarded as festivals, has only five weeks, while the eastern church (Orthodox) where Saturdays and Sundays are both festivals, celebrates Lent for eight weeks. Thus our Easter celebration is earlier than the Orthodox Easter.

Lent – the word originally meant “spring” – is understood as a time to reflect on Baptism and its basis in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Lent is therefore, a time for rebirth and a renewal in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Lent was also the period of instruction for people becoming Christians, who were then baptized during the Easter Vigil worship service, just as the sun was rising in the east. I believe this tradition of having Lent as a time of faith formation has led us to mark our Lenten journey with midweek services and focus our devotional life on core elements of faith.

In worship you will notice a few changes. The “Alleluias” have been put away. Our music tends to have a more somber note. We will notice these changes more in our early service than the later worship time. The color of the season is purple to suggest the somberness and solemn nature of the season.

Perhaps you remember being encouraged (or commanded) to deny yourself some luxury for this season– chocolate, good food – as a sign of participating with Jesus in his desert struggle. That

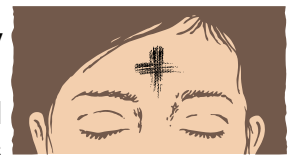


is a good discipline, and I encourage you to find a way to join Jesus in his desert experience. But I believe it is even more important to **add** something to our life during these days of preparing to see the promise of new life on Easter Sunday. The midweek Lenten worship is a great start, so please join us each Wednesday evening as we come together around tables in the big room to share a soup supper at 6:00 p.m., and then gather in the worship space at 6:45 p.m. for a special time of worship. Our worship format will be the familiar Holden Vesper service. This year our weekly meditations will be in the form of shared faith stories. I urge you to add this important spiritual discipline to your Lenten observance.

Lent is a time to give up something, and a time to take something on. Lent is a time to deny ourselves, and a time to stretch ourselves. What will you give up, and take on? How will you celebrate Lent this year? Share part of your Lenten journey with your sisters and brothers here at Shepherd of the Hills as we gather on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Lenten Worship

This year **Ash Wednesday is March 9**, and we will begin our Lenten journey with a worship service at 7:00 p.m. Our service will include a longer confession, the imposition of ashes for those who wish, communion, and a call to renewed discipleship. The Lenten worship journey will continue both on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings as we travel down the road to Easter.



Ash Wednesday

ADULT EDUCATION *by Pastor Bob*

Wednesday Evening Adult Faith Formation time will not meet during Lent. We will resume with a short study in May, more details next month.

EDUCATION TEAM NEWS *By Cindy Ward, Team Leader*

'One little duck went out to play, over the hills and far away.' So goes a verse from a children's song and it is with great pleasure that our "barnyard bank" money is going for..... 1 alpaca, 1 goat, 1 pig, 1 duck and 125 little chicks!!! Yes, boys and girls something for everyone. We diversified and enjoyed shopping for all the animals. Your Mission and Education Team Leaders would like to thank you for helping Shepherd of the Hills support God's Global Barnyard and the ELCA World Hunger project.



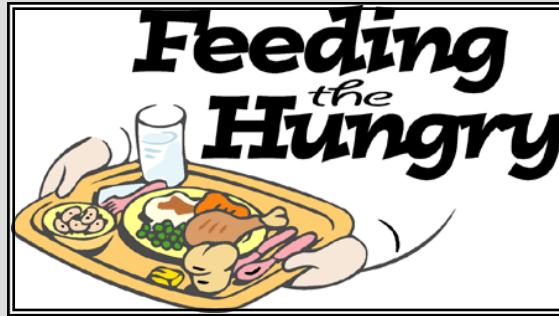
So have you marked your calendars for **Vacation Bible School**? Your directors are excited about some fun in the sun. Let's go to the beach - **SonSurf Beach Bash**, that is!! Grab your surfboard, boogie board or your plastic blowups, so you can ride the wave of excitement here at SOTH. Our week in the sun is June 20th - June 24th, 9AM to Noon.

Get your sunglasses out because before you know it summer will be here. Stay tuned for more information in future Horn and bulletin articles.

As March arrives remember that Faith and Fellowship will participate in Lent along with the congregation, starting with March 9th Ash Wednesday service. Come and enjoy soup suppers and a short worship service beginning March 16 with the rest of our Shepherd of the Hills family.



MISSION TEAM *by Laura Barton, Team Leader*



Happy Birthday to Us—



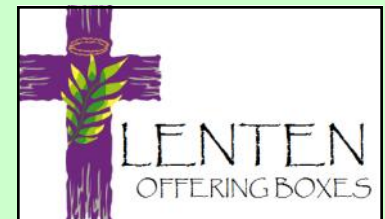
ONE YEAR OF FEEDING THE HUNGRY AT EPIPHANY
(200-250 meals served each month)

We are celebrating one year of partnership with Epiphany Episcopal church in Vacaville to Feed the Hungry on the second Friday of each month.

THANKS TO:

- ♥ Thanks to the many volunteers who have come once, or every month
(to shop for the groceries, cook the hot meal, set up the dining room, serve and meet the people, & clean up the kitchen afterward)
- ♥ Thank you also to the support of the annual Pumpkins on the Hill that allows us to fund this program.
- ♥ Thank you to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for the matching funds they sent us this year that will help to provide meals.
- ♥ Thank you to the people who bake and provide special treats for desserts.
- ♥ Thank you to the congregation for supporting and praying for this project.

ONCE again we will have ELCA Lenten Offering Boxes available for the Lent Season.
Pick up yours at church any Sunday in March.



YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM NEWS *by Martha Pierce*



It's time for the Shepherd of the Hills Scholarship applications! Applications will be accepted March 1-31.

Applicants must be:

- A graduating high school senior who is a member of SOTH or regularly attends SHY
- Have at least a 2.0 GPA
- Planning to attend a Jr. College, 4-year College or Trade School

Applications must include:

- An introduction letter explaining the applicant's future plans
- letters of recommendation from two members of the congregation
- A copy of their High School transcript

Details will be posted in the church Atrium. Applications will not be accepted after **March 31**.

Last month, the Youth Team shared with you about KLOVE radio. KLOVE plays commercial free Christian Pop music. One benefit that was left out was that the KLOVE webpage offers a free song to download each week! What a way to build your Christian music collection! Check it out at Klove.com.



The Youth Team has begun writing some policies and will use this area to share these with the congregation. The first policy we addressed is guidelines for our Adult Youth Leaders/Volunteers who spend time outside of organized youth activities with youth from our church. The policy is listed below. Please contact the Youth Team if you have any questions or comments.



Youth Leaders/Volunteers

In order to build relationships, it is important for Adult Youth Leaders and Volunteers to spend personal time with youth. This may involve several Adult Youth Leaders/Volunteers with one or more students, or may involve one-on-one time together.

Any time one Adult Youth Leader/Volunteer is alone with a student, the following will occur:

- *Adult Youth Leader/Volunteer and student must be of the same gender.*
- *Parent permission obtained prior to any activity, e.g. coffee, sporting event or counseling session, etc., In case of a sensitive situation, Pastor may grant this permission.*
- *All activities must be in public places. (Movie Theaters are not included.)*
- *If a situation occurs where a student needs a ride from point A to point B, Adult Youth Leader/Volunteer will contact parent for permission to transport child. If parent is not available, Adult Youth Leader/Volunteer will call Pastor or Youth Team member for permission or assistance.*

Serving Christ with you,
The Youth Team



YOUTH NEWS *by Elliott Smith, Youth Director*



Senior High Youth had an amazing Winter Retreat this last month! We traveled up to Donner Lake for the weekend and stayed in a fantastic cabin, donated by Ron Allyn & Mary Breece. "Thank You so much for that," Ron and Mary. The theme of the weekend was "Narrative," and it was a great opportunity to really get into the story of David before he was king, as well as talk about our own "stories" and share them with one another. God was so faithful, using the weekend to establish some new relationships, work on older ones, and mercifully keep us safe and sound without any mishaps! Sled-ding's always an adventure whether you're six or sixty!



RETREAT



Right now we're gearing up for the SHY Dinner, two weeks away! It's Saturday, March 12th, so make sure you get your ticket if you haven't. We are working on different craft items and looking forward to some great fun and fellowship as we raise support for this youth ministry.

Confirmation is all but finished for the year, although we'll be getting together for some review sessions in April, after Lent is over. Eighth graders will be Confirmed in May, so be looking ahead to that service! GAS had to cancel our snow trip a few weeks ago, too much snow to make it up there and back in a day. But we're gonna try again in March, so keep your fingers crossed and please pray for safety and ongoing blessings in our junior high school ministry here at Shepherd of the Hills!



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

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Peter Lovenheim was dismayed by the isolation he felt in suburban Rochester, New York. After a murder occurred down the street, he realized none of the neighbors seemed to know — or care — about one another. The mailman told Lovenheim most people would rather give mis-delivered mail back to him than walk it over to the person next door. An elderly woman said she'd once fallen on the street and had to crawl home because no one came to help.

That prompted Lovenheim to engage in a bold experiment: He asked to spend a night at each of his neighbor's homes. Lovenheim documented the results in the book *In the Neighborhood: The Search for Community on an American Street, One Sleepover at a Time*.

As Lovenheim and his neighbors got to know one another, they learned that a single mom was being treated for breast cancer. They took her to appointments, brought her groceries, met her daughter at the bus stop after school and even installed a light over a dark staircase. By searching for community, Lovenheim and his new friends helped create it.



PRESCHOOL NEWS *by Kathy Webb, Director*



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool is now accepting registration for the 2011-2012 school year. We offer a child-centered curriculum with an approach to learning in a variety of styles. This allows us to accommodate

different learning styles such as auditory, visual, spatial, linguistic and kinesthetic. Our day has a balance between active and quiet times, individual and group activities, large and small motor activities and child-initiated as well as adult-initiated activities.

We accept children starting at age 2 years nine months, potty-trained, through pre-kindergarten. Our preschool sessions are M-W-F or T-Th 8:30 A.M.- 11:30 A.M. We also offer a cherubs program that runs in addition to your child's preschool session from 11:30-2:00 P.M. Cherubs allows your child the opportunity to bring his/her lunch, hear a bible story and do a project that goes along with the bible story that day. Our church members and currently enrolled students do have first priority, so if you are interested or have any questions please call the preschool office at 447-6278.

Along with registration this month, we are busy learning about the change of season. We will be talking about the changes that come about in spring and all the bugs that we will start to see as the trees start growing new leaves and our flowers start blooming. We will find out that there are good bugs and bad bugs and how some of these bugs are our friends even though they are not our favorites (Bees). This is a unit that the children really love

because they can go explore their backyard and find insects that we have been talking about. We have pretend bug snacks and many hands on activities.



The 4's will continue working with our phonics program and the 3's are finishing up learning about numbers.

We just finished our student evaluations and conferences. This is a time when the children are evaluated and then we have parent conferences to discuss the progress of their child throughout the year.

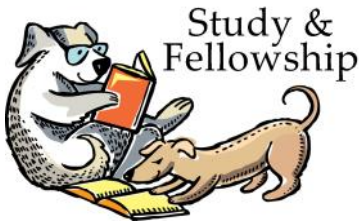
We will also have vision screening at the end of the month. The California-Hawaii Elks Club will come and do a vision screening on each one of the children.



We are keeping busy this month, but this is what it is all about, learning and molding young minds through hands-on experiences and play.



SMALL GROUPS NEWS *by Small Group Leader Jacquie Smith*

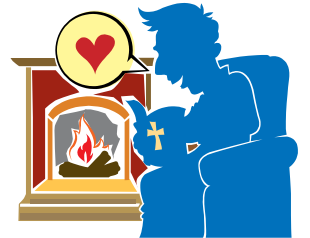


You may remember that we held our first New Leaders training class last November and had 4 folks complete the 2-day course. Last month those new leaders were commissioned in front of the whole congregation, and 3 of the 4 are now leading groups. They are: Kay Clark, Ginny Kingsbury, Tiffani Lanting, and Marilyn Weaver. We are so lucky to have them all as leaders, and thank them for their time and commitment to Small Groups.

We are planning to offer the New Leaders training again this year in October or November. If you are considering taking this course, please let Lou Barela, Gary Weaver, Barbara Buckley or Jacquie Smith know. They can give you the dates and times. Just a reminder: you can take the course even if you are not planning to lead a group right away.

For current leaders, active or inactive, there are a couple of dates to put on your calendar. On March 25 we are planning to have a short meeting and then a social at Gary Weaver's house. Spouses are welcome, naturally. This will most likely be a potluck, so look for information on what is needed. We are planning Ongoing Training on April 2nd and June 4th. The April 2nd class will introduce us to the 10 Qualities of a Healthy Group and the June 4th class will be on Guiding a Group to Spiritual Maturity. Both classes will be held in the Ed II building from 10-12:30.

You will be seeing more on each of these events as the time gets closer. We just want you to have the dates and times so you can mark your calendars. It is important for each of us to continue our training and refresh our personal qualities as leaders. Thanks in advance for all you do for each of your groups and for the Small Group program.



Small-Group Leaders

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY (WEBS)

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3 (KJV)

WEBS follows the nine-month study provided in *Lutheran Woman Today* magazine. The verse from Amos has been the guiding verse for our 2010-2011 Bible study titled "The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity." And what challenging topics have fallen under this broad title! We've discussed the Body of Christ; Stewardship; Gifts of the Spirit; Worship; Race and Culture. Within each topic we read Bible lessons and share our various life experiences, keeping in mind we have common ground as God's children. Please join us. WEBS meets:

- ✦ 4th Monday of each month
- ✦ 7:00 p.m.
- ✦ in the Education II building at church

Please contact one of the leaders with any questions:

Joan Marquand-Willse (tel. 448-4757) or Ginny Kingsbury (tel. 365-2657)



Women's Bible Study

OUTREACH TEAM by June Dorsey



New Members & Partners

This month will be the beginning of Outreach Team's new program "PARTNERS IN CHRIST" which pairs someone who is joining Shepherd of the Hills as a new Partner in Christ with an existing member. The purpose of the program is to assist the new member in any way possible, regarding church programs, events and facilities. Partners (volunteers) will be available on Feb. 27th to assist our new members. If you wish to become part of this exciting program, please let any OT member know. We have developed guidelines to assist the "Partner."

Outreach Team members: Gary Craig, Dave Cushing, Tim Forsyth, Mary Meese, Joan Marquand-Willse, Don Ward.

Save the Date: COMMUNITY YARD SALE— MAY 14TH, 8 a.m.—1 p.m. in the parking lot. Start collecting those treasures you no longer need. With any luck the rain will be over. It's a great community event, and it's fun even if you just come and browse and visit with friends and neighbors.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH . . .



We hear that **Carmen Stitt** was barely able to contain her excitement and praise of her granddaughter **Carly's** absolutely fantastic skills as one of the narrators in a recent production of *Beauty and the Beast*. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree does it!

Wow, how could you miss the bright shining face of **Brian Knight** as he beamed from the Will C. Wood marquee? He was selected as the "Wildcat of the Week." Brian is still trying to figure out how it happened. Well, one of his teachers spotted a wildcat of a student and rewarded him for his "silent" work.

Word on the street is that **Courtney South** was fantastic in her role as *Annie* during its run at the Solano College Theatre. Acting, singing, dancing come naturally for her. We've seen Courtney lead past VBS weeks in song and dance.

Gary Weaver wanted to make sure that Pastor Bob heard about his recent weekend trip and the great seat he acquired. He and **Marilyn** enjoyed time at the recent AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am classic. Seems they spent Sunday (the final day) sitting at the 18th green watching the groups finish.




Here's praying that nothing happens in South America this month as **Bruce & Jacquie Smith** and **Richard & Lou Barela** enjoy their vacation cruise. Their original plans were to be in Egypt for part of their vacation, until the unrest there changed their schedule. Bruce celebrated his birthday at a Tango Show in Buenos Aires! What a life!

Way to go, **Kirk Bakken!** You made the honor roll at Will C. Wood High School! What an accomplishment.



Congratulations to **Rick Barton** and **M&D Carpeting** for being voted *Vacaville's Finest Carpet and Floor Covering Store*. It is the second time this outstanding management team has received the honor.

Kristian Bakken has joined the ranks of sports superstars injured in the line of duty. He showed up a few Sundays back with his little finger in a cast. Guess he couldn't get out of the way of that inside pitch during batting practice? 



Bee Hive, Thanks—for painting the Ed II building. It looks so much better! We appreciate the work you do to keep Shepherd of the Hills looking its best.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE *by Kristina Haugen*

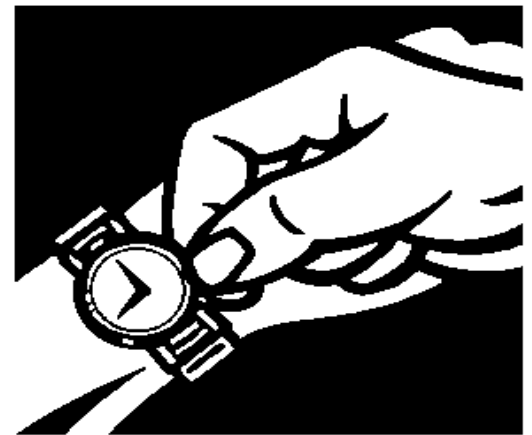
Save the dates, Wednesday evenings:

- ♥ March 16 The Choir starts off cooking
- ♥ March 23 Other ministry teams
- ♥ March 30 and small groups
- ♥ April 6 will be assigned, watch
- ♥ April 13 bulletins for updates



SUN. MARCH 13

HINT:
(TURN 'M AHEAD
AT THE SHY
DINNER SAT. NITE)



MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



March Anniversaries

Mary Markiewitz & Jim Hillendahl 3/11

March Birthdays

Andrew Corey 3/1

Don Mrochinski 3/4

Bonnie Bryant, Johana Meyers, Joan Strader 3/6

Glen Eaton 3/9

Emily Allyn 3/11

Alexus Kocher 3/13

Darcey Adams 3/14

Mila Orick 3/16

Edgar Allas 3/21

Joan Marquand-Willse 3/22

Jesse Allas 3/26

Kristen Applegate 3/27

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.

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): *Melodee Clarke (surgery); Michelle Eaton; Greg Gomez; Michele Lee; Stan Lewis; Devon Medlin; Barbara Murphy; Keith Vaughn; 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.*



On the first day of Lent, pastors in many churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

God's people have used ashes as a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. In the Old Testament, ashes were used as a purification offering. The New Testament speaks of repenting in "sackcloth and ashes" (Luke 10:13, NRSV).

On Ash Wednesday, Christians are pained because our sins — private and public — led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing it leads to resurrection on Easter Sunday.



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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