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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.

MAY 2011

LET'S EAT BEFORE WE MEET!!!

As is the tradition, the Women's Retreat Team will be offering lunch on the day of the Semi-Annual Congregational meeting on May 22nd. The Tropical themed lunch is a fundraiser for scholarships to make it possible for all women to attend the Annual Women's Retreat (September 30, October 1, 2) at Alliance Redwoods Conference Center. Women are invited to help, see Samantha Christensen.

This year's theme is:

*Seaside Escape—
"Be still and know that I am God."*

Psalm 46:10



SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



SUNDAY, 22 MAY at 12:45 P.M.

- ✧ Elect Officers
- ✧ Adopt a Budget for 2011-2012
- ✧ Vote on constitutional changes

You are important!
We need every eligible voting member to attend

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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;

Back in September 2007, you may remember, we completed the Natural Church Development Survey and discovered that our weakest element was Passionate Spirituality. The team wrestled with this term trying to create a definition of exactly what is Passionate Spirituality. We decided that key to passionate spirituality was the willingness to share our Christian faith.



As I spoke with pastors in other congregations that were working through the Natural Church Development process, I learned that many of us shared this same weakness. The light went on in my brain that indeed most Lutheran congregations would discover that, if this wasn't their lowest point getter, it certainly was one of the bottom three. We have a hard time talking about our faith, and sharing our faith stories with one another.

I hope and pray that our recently concluded mid-week Lenten worship services have opened the door for others to see how we can share. Thanks to those who gave their faith stories – Wilma Rasmussen, Mary Meese, Elliott Smith, Chris Holmes, and Keith Vaughn.

As I listened to their stories I heard the power of their faith and trust in Jesus to endure difficult moments like death, hospitalizations, and depressions. I also heard how they celebrated having faith in Christ during the good times as well. Some of the comments around the fellowship room have been that it is enriching to know our fellow members a little better, and it may not be as hard to share faith stories as some had thought.



**Thank you,
Worship Leaders**

Our Band of Five demonstrated “passionate spirituality” for us, and gave us encouraging examples of what it means. Now can we translate that to our own lives? Can we begin to share our faith story with others?

Thanks also to Bob Popey, Jennifer South, Kris Corey, Melody Clark, Bonnie Bryant, and Jim Hillendahl for sharing their singing voices as they led our Wednesday night Lenten worship services.

Synod Assembly News

This year's Synod Assembly will be held in Burlingame from Friday, May 13, through Sunday, May 15. **Gene and Kay Clark and Pastor Bob** will be our delegates for the annual business meeting of our synod. There will be elections for Synod Council and Discipling Teams. We will also gather for worship, attend workshops, debate resolutions, and vote on a budget. Bible study and fellowship will be included too.

Dr. Mark Allen Powell will be returning as our Keynote speaker this time focusing our attention on the themes of “The Least of These” and “Hearts and Treasures.” When Dr. Powell was a Keynote speaker a few years ago he kept us engaged in his stewardship presentation.

Please be in prayer during these days that God's Spirit would rest on Gene, Kay, Pastor Bob and all the delegates, that indeed we may hear where God is calling us in ministry in this portion of the Body of Christ.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Bruce Smith*

Alleluia!
CHRIST IS ALIVE!

At this writing we are finishing up Lent and are at Easter. This is one of those somber yet joyful seasons that should remind us all of the cost of our sins. The thought of Jesus hanging on the cross, with nails driven through his hands and feet, chills me. But the thought of his resurrection and his journey back to the Father removes that chill and gives me the knowledge that though I will continue to sin, I will be forgiven. Our job as Christian followers of Christ is to be bright illuminating beacons in our world reminding everyone that God is with us and, through his Son, he loves us and forgives us. Alleluia, He is risen! He is risen indeed!

On another note, May is a busy time for the Congregational Steering Team (CST). It brings with it the second of our fiscal year congregational meetings.



This year's meeting will be held on the 22nd of May at @ 12:45 after a Tropical lunch provided by the Women's Retreat Team. Every member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran church should plan to attend this function. I have been on the steering team for four years now and know how much easier it is to "steer" the church when we know where we want the church to head.



Nominating COMMITTEE

At this meeting we will be voting on upcoming Steering Team vacancies, needed changes to our constitution, and our 2011-2012 budget. The nominating team has recruited candidates for the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Outreach, Missions, Stewardship, and Education, but they cannot be appointed to these positions without your vote. Also, the Mutual Ministry team (MMT) has exhaustingly reviewed, and developed the changes to our church constitution that will be presented.



Budget \$ Planning

And finally, the steering team has spent numerous hours assembling, scrubbing, rescrubbing, and compiling the FY 2011-2012 budget we will present for your review, comments, change if needed, and approval. This document will dictate the direction we head into our next Fiscal year. Your voice and attendance at this meeting is necessary. Please show your support for your "steering team" and plan to attend.

Lastly, I believe we have turned a corner. It has taken time and perseverance, but it is apparent something has changed.



Our church attendance is **ATTENDANCE** increasing, our children's church is increasing, our Small Group, and Choir participation is increasing and our pledges to God and his church have increased. Your involvement, past Sunday, in your church activities will keep you connected to other friends at church, and at the same time keep you connected to God. Your involvement, whether you are 5 or 95, is what is making this difference. I pray that you will continue to "stay connected to Him" through this church we call Shepherd of the Hills. If you are not yet involved, get acquainted with someone who is; see their enthusiasm. Their enthusiasm is contagious so be prepared to be changed. God bless us all.

Bruce Smith

CST President, 2010-2011





Worship and Music Team

READINGS FOR MAY 2011

May 1 – Easter 2
Acts 2:14, 22-32
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

May 22 – Easter 5
Acts 7:55-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 8 – Easter 3
Acts 2:14, 36-41
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

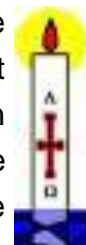
May 29 – Easter 6
Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 15 – Easter 4
Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10



Easter is the crown of the whole year for us as Christians. Easter lasts not a day, not a week, but a week of weeks—seven weeks. The Sundays of this season are called the Sundays of Easter. It is one extended feast. The 40 days of our Lenten preparation are now replaced with 50 days of Easter rejoicing. The Gospels for this season will present themes of resurrection, ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit as stages of the Easter mystery.

We will notice some changes in our worship space and service. The Paschal candle will be moved from the back near the baptismal font, and will take a place of prominence on the left side of the altar. This candle is a symbol of the presence of the risen Christ. The paraments on the altar and pulpit will be white – the color of joy, gladness, purity and the light of Christ. Gone are the somber tones in our music, replaced by the joyous notes of triumph and new life. The “Alleluia” returns to our liturgy.



Our Easter season celebrations remind us that Jesus has been raised, and like him we too shall share in eternal life. Because of his death, we have been forgiven. Knowing that we are forgiven people, we will omit the Confession and Forgiveness rite before our worship services for these Sundays. We are celebrating the good news of Jesus' victory over death and the devil. We are forgiven people!!!!

Easter

MAKE IT SIMPLE BY “SIMPLY GIVING” by Dan Buckley

(Automated Giving Reduces Stress)

We can reduce personal stress by planning ahead, being consistent and by automating the routine events in our lives. One way to reduce stress—both for you and for the bill payers at SOTH—is for you to take advantage of “**electronic giving.**” You can accomplish your financial stewardship commitment to God by having your offering transferred automatically from your **checking account** or your **savings account** or your **credit card** to Shepherd of the Hills. You determine the amount, the frequency and the method once and, Presto! you don’t have to think about it again until you want to make a change. You fill out one **Simply Giving** authorization form and Vanco Services does the rest. (Vanco Services is “The Simply Giving Program” of Thrivent Financial Bank). There is a fee, which is paid by Shepherd of the Hills, for using Vanco Services. The checking account or savings account fee is 20 cents per transaction—no big deal! The credit card fee is about \$3.00 for every \$100.00 donated. The choice is yours to make. The Church will cover the fees.

Seventeen members of SOTH already use and like Vanco Services. Pat Alvestad, the Barelvas, the Meyers, the Wards, the Weavers, and the Willses are among those who use Vanco and would be happy to talk with you about it. See pages 7 & 8 for Frequently Asked Questions and a Vanco authorization form. Return the authorization form in an envelope addressed to our Financial Secretary, Gene Clark. The information is confidential.

Why deal with unnecessary stress? Use the extra time to go for a walk and smell the roses.



OUTREACH TEAM by June Dorsey

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH

8 AM – 1 PM

Shepherd of the Hills parking lot

Check out the COOL STUFF

FOOD & BEVERAGES

by the ever-popular Bee Hive Team

*Call Gary Craig of the Outreach Team
(tel. #707/372-7177) for more details or to reserve
a spot (2 parking spaces/\$10) to sell your treasures.*



SIMPLY GIVING FAQs by Dan Buckley

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Open your heart without opening your checkbook.

Reasons to sign up for Electronic Giving:

- No need to write checks or bring cash to church
- Peace-of-mind knowing that the church is receiving your contribution even if you are unable to attend
- More secure than checks
- All contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement with date of settlement
- IT COSTS YOU NOTHING!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ELECTRONIC GIVING

<p>Q. What is electronic giving?</p> <p>A. Electronic giving is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from your checking or savings account.</p>	<p>Q. When will my contribution be deducted from my account?</p> <p>A. Your electronic contribution will be debited on the date you specify on the authorization form.</p>	<p>Q. Is electronic giving risky?</p> <p>A. It's less risky than writing checks or bringing cash to church. Electronic contributions cannot be lost, stolen or destroyed and have an extremely high rate of accuracy.</p>
<p>Q. What are the advantages of electronic giving?</p> <p>A. It makes it easy to fulfill stewardship commitments, even when you can't attend church. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and improve its budget!</p>	<p>Q. If I do not write checks, how do I keep my checkbook balance straight?</p> <p>A. Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date. Electronic contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement.</p>	<p>Q. How much does electronic giving cost?</p> <p>A. It costs you nothing!</p>
<p>Q. How are my contributions automatically deducted from my account?</p> <p>A. Once you complete and sign an authorization form and return it to us, the contribution amount you specify will automatically be transferred from your bank account to the church's bank account.</p>	<p>Q. Without a canceled check, how can I prove I made my contribution?</p> <p>A. Your bank statement gives you an itemized list of electronic transactions. It is your proof of contributing.</p>	<p>Q. What if I try electronic giving and don't like it?</p> <p>A. You can cancel your authorization by notifying the church at any time.</p>
	<p>Q. What if I change bank accounts?</p> <p>A. Notify the church and we will give you a new authorization form to complete.</p>	<p>Q. How do I sign up for electronic giving?</p> <p>A. Complete and sign the authorization form and return it to the church along with a voided check or savings account deposit slip.</p>

SIGN UP TODAY.

Authorization forms are available upon request.

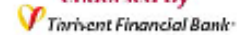
Contributions made to our office via Electronic Giving are transferred through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) Network by Vanco Services, LLC. The operating rules and guidelines governing the ACH Network are set by the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA). Vanco is a member of the Upper Midwest Automated Clearing House Association (UMACHA) and has over 15 years of experience processing ACH transactions.

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SIMPLY GIVING AUTHORIZATION FORM

AUTHORIZATION FORM

The **Simply Giving** Program
endorsed by



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Please attach voided check over credit card section above if using checking account.

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM NEWS *by Martha Pierce*



Our KFC (Kids For Christ) Youth group for grades 4-6 has been actively meeting since last fall. They meet once each month after church to enjoy a sack lunch, fellowship and games, led by Tamara Downs. This group will be meeting again on ***Sunday May 15 from 11:30-1:00.*** All children are welcome and encouraged to invite a friend to this fun-filled time of Christian Fellowship for our elementary aged

kids. This group is different from the Wednesday evening Faith and Fellowship in that it is a time for the Youth to gather together and enjoy **fun Christian Fellowship** in a semi-structured time.

This group also begins the progression of our Youth Groups by then feeding into our grades 7-8 GAS (God's All Stars) Youth group, which then feeds into our SHY (Senior High Youth) group for High School Students.

Do you like to hang out with kids? Is God calling you to be a part of the Youth of our Church? If either of those statements make your heart beat fast, it isn't nerves! That is **God calling you** to step out in FAITH to work with the Youth of our church! The Youth Team is always seeking volunteers (YOU!) to spend time with the SHY, GAS and KFC groups.

Pray about where your role is in our Youth Groups. No one is too young or too old to Volunteer and hang out with these kids.

MISSION TEAM *by Laura Barton, Team Leader*

Local Opportunities—

Epiphany Dinners- please join us on May 13, June 10, July 8. We would love to see you! DESSERTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!!



Relay for Life- Please take time to join our SOTH team, Relay For Life.org. If it is too much to join the team please check out the purple table on May 1 to see other ways you can help support the team. You could donate, walk, donate water, sit and visit, or all of the above. Hope to see each of you there.



National and International Opportunities-

ELCA World Hunger- Thank you to all of you who turned in your Lenten Offering Boxes. You do make a difference, one box at a time.

LWR Disaster Relief- Please go online to check out how LWR is stepping up in light of all the recent disasters. Thank you for being a part of a larger helping hand. Anytime you would like to make another donation you may do so online or use a special envelope to designate a gift to LWR.

An outbreak of severe spring storms has wreaked havoc across the southern United States. Communities across the Midwest have been fighting back flood waters. These are just a few of the devastating, deadly storms that have affected the U.S. in recent weeks. Your help is needed to make a difference in these affected communities.



Gifts to ELCA Disaster Response, designated for "U.S. Severe Storms," will be used entirely (100 percent) in response to these disasters. Join the ELCA Disaster Response and help provide the type of immediate and long-lasting support that is already underway in the affected regions. Mark your check "U.S. Severe Storm" on the memo line.

Toiletries for Opportunity House

Individual sized toiletries: shampoo, rinse, shower gel, soap, toothpaste, etc. are needed by Opportunity House. There is a place in the Big room for your donations of hotel goodie packs.





YOUTH NEWS *by Elliott Smith, Youth Director*

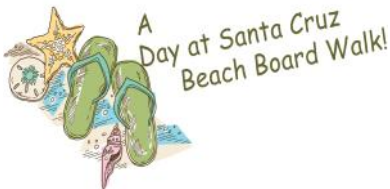
Welcome to May, spring is here, He is Risen indeed! Lent is over, chocolate, facebook, Starbucks, whatever we gave up we have it back!

April has been decent for the high school group. SHY is still meeting every Sunday evening, 6-7 p.m. hangout in the SHY Building, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. games and teaching. We've also begun to open the SHY Building on Monday afternoons 3-6 p.m. for high school kids to come and simply hangout after school, play games, do homework, etc. It's been great! We're seeing 4-6 kids every week so far, and we've only just started—very exciting! In May we're having a quiet month for SHY, no huge events, students are busy with exams and trips and all the crazy business May always entails as the school year is winding down. We are looking ahead to the induction of the eighth graders into the Senior High Group this month some time: SIX kids! Cannot wait for them to join us.



The biggest thing looming on the horizon for SHY is the RELAY FOR LIFE that SHY is participating in, we have a SHY Team alongside the church's main Team, and we are looking for donations to the Team or to individuals, and volunteers to help out. This week (May 1st - 7th) is Cancer Awareness Week! If you see purple around town, especially downtown, send a prayer for cancer patients, past, present and future!

Confirmation is finally coming to a close. The eighth grade confirmands have completed their final two, three-hour review sessions, which included each student presenting a lesson and quiz to the class! It went very well, and they all did an exceptional job. PLEASE join us, May 15th during the second service, as they all affirm their Baptisms and go through this very important, spiritual coming-of-age ceremony and take personal responsibility and ownership of their faith as young adults in the Lutheran church.



The GAS kids will be taking their final trip together at the end of May before we take a break for the summer. In response to immense pressure and lobbying from the junior high constituency, we will be returning to Santa Cruz for an amazing Saturday of sunshine, roller coasters, arcade games, sandy feet and ocean swimming! This much-anticipated event will occur Saturday, May 28th. This year sunscreen *will* be better and more amply applied than last year, Kids. :)

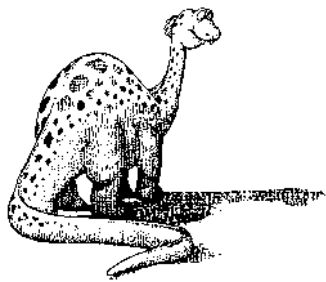
SMALL GROUPS NEWS *by Small Group Leader Jacquie Smith*

On the 2nd of April nine of our Small Group leaders met in the Ed II building for a short class called *10 Qualities of a Healthy Group*. Barbara Buckley and I lead the class, and I believe we all got some valuable information from it. Thanks to those who attended. It is always nice to recharge our batteries sometimes and it's classes like this that help us do the recharging. On June 4th our second class for small group leaders will be held at 10:30 in the Ed II building. This one is titled, *Guiding a Group to Spiritual Maturity*. Hope to see all you leaders.

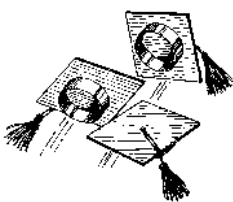
Some of our groups are having their final meetings for the season. White Water and HIS People are among those who do not meet during the summer except for an occasional social. So, if you are a member of those two groups make sure to check on the next meeting dates. We will try to keep everyone posted on who is meeting and when, as the information comes to us. Members of other groups, be sure and check on your meeting dates during the summer. If you are a leader, please make sure the church calendar reflects your plans for the summer.



PRESCHOOL NEWS *by Kathy Webb, Director*



This month we will become paleontologists and we will dig up facts about dinosaurs. We will learn about how the Brontosaurus was longer than 3 school buses, that the T-Rex had 60 plus teeth, and that the Stegosaurus had 2 brains that were the size of a walnut. We will eat meat as the meat eating dinosaurs did and vegetables like the plant eating dinosaurs did. Even though dinosaurs lived long ago the fascination and interest the children have with them is exciting to see.



We also have many activities planned this month as we wind up our 2010-2011 school year. Hard to believe we are thinking about graduation already. Our M-W-F classes will graduate on **Monday June 6th** and the T-Th class will graduate on **Tuesday June 7th**. Graduations will take place in the Sanctuary. The 3's will be in the morning at 9:00 A.M. and the 4/5's in the evening at 7:00 P.M.

Also, if the weather permits we will have water fun days on **May 12th & 13th**. The children love this day, we play with bubbles, paint outside, play in the sprinklers and have a special snack outside.



We will also have our annual family picnic days on **May 25th & 26th**. This is a day when our preschool families come to share special family time together as well as fellowship with other preschool families.

We are continuing our registration process for the 2011-2012 school year. Our classes are full with the exception of a few spaces left in the T-Th 4/5 year-old morning class. If you are interested in enrolling your child please call the preschool office at 447-6278.



Along with finishing up registration last month, we had our annual Bike-a-thon. Officer Jason came and spoke to the children about bicycle safety, and the importance of wearing a helmet. The children loved decorating their bikes and bringing them to school to ride on our obstacle course. We don't have a total of how much money we raised, but we are going to use the money for playground improvements.

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Kristina and Brian Haugen	5/1
Burt and Elsie Jacobson	5/5
Karen and Terry Kelsh	5/26

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Hannah Cushing	5/1
Kirk Bakken	5/5
Roger Sandwisch, Steve Bakken	5/6
Elvin Amundson, Lisa Elliott	5/7
Greg Gomez	5/8
Christine Zamora	5/9
Scott Pederson	5/11
Zephra Eaton	5/14
Vera Johnson	5/15
Rosemary Akers	5/18
Savannah Eaton	5/20
Bill Pierce, Christopher Eaton	5/23
Stephanie Applegate	5/27

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 at 448-8599.

RELAY FOR LIFE TEAMS *by Laura Barton*



Relay for Life Team now forming. See Captain Elliott Smith (aka Youth director) for details on how you can be a part of the Congregational Life/Missions/Outreach/Youth sponsored Team. Mark your calendar for June 25th 9AM to June 26th 9AM. Also, check out the June Horn for more information as we get closer to the date. We look forward to giving back to our Vacaville community and supporting our local funding for Cancer research.

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

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS *by June Dorsey*



MIKE AND KRISTINE GOLOMB

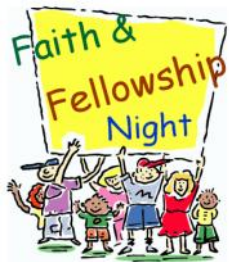
Mike and Kristine met in Placerville, California where they were both teaching at El Dorado High School. In 1981 they moved to Vacaville, Mike's hometown. Mike retired in 2006 after 36 years in education including 16 years as an administrator for the Solano County Office of Education as a teacher and administrator for the court and community schools. Kristine retired from the Vacaville Unified School District in 2009 after 32 years in education including 11 as an administrator at the elementary and secondary levels.

In their retirement they are enjoying travel, golf, restoring classic cars, gardening, sports (Go Giants!!) and competing with their English Springer Spaniel hunting dogs.

They have three children: Michael Todd who is working as an independent contractor in Afghanistan, Katie who is married with two darling children in Los Gatos, and John who is a senior at Long Beach State majoring in critical/proposal writing and Asian studies. Both Mike and Kris felt welcome and at home after visiting Shepherd of the Hills. They look forward to creating new friendships there as well as serving our Lord through this Christian community.



EDUCATION TEAM NEWS *By Cindy Ward, Team Leader*



We will be starting Faith and Fellowship on **May 4th** for a 4-week fellowship, and on June 1st we'll have a "Get-ready-for-Summer-Vacation" party. See everyone for loads of fun and music.

Confirmation Sunday is **May 15th** at the late service and the Education Team would like to express our congratulations to Sarah Elliott, Kennedy Haugen, Nate Krause, Madeline Carpenter, Courtney Barton & Ashleigh Hiralez. We wish many blessings to all of you.

Calling all Beach Buddies! Vacation Bible School is next month. Are you ready for some hot summer days? We are!! The Sea, the Sand, the Sun! What fun awaits everyone at **Son-Surf Beach Bash!** There will be music, crafts, snack, games, skits and more with some answers to big questions about Jesus. Put on your shades and come for one huge week in the sun **June 20th – June 24th**, 9AM to Noon. Our work parties start on **May 3rd** Tuesday nights 6-9PM and on **May 4th** Wednesdays 9 to Noon. There is always something to do, just see one of the Head Lifeguards *Kari, Debbie, Jacquie or Cindy*.



Attention, Lifeguards (teachers) and Beach Patrol (helpers) – we have a meeting set for you. Your Head Lifeguards will be at church on **May 17th** at 6 P.M. to share our excitement about **SonSurf Beach Bash**. Please mark your calendars.

P.S. Cindy and Jacquie (plus families) will be having dinner at **Burger City for a Pre-school Fundraiser** before this meeting and the 7 p.m. Steering Team meeting. Feel welcome to join the fun. Flyers will be available at church for the event.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH . . .

It was a big month for **Kris Haugen** as she and **Brian** headed off to Las Vegas to celebrate her BIG birthday! Congrats and we hear you had a great time.



Shelby Barrett was floating after her spring break. What a great time, she got her driving permit and then drove part of the way to Las Vegas to see a wonderful production of *Phantom of the Opera*. She was so excited as she shared the experience.

Devin Zamora is rolling in the “big money” now as his musical group, *The Traveling Trees*, is planning a summer tour after winning a recent competition. You can catch the group at the Dixon May Fair.



Cat Tails Foundation

Kris Cushing and her *Cat Tails Foundation* was the focus of a story in a recent Daily Republic article. Kris (and the rest of the family) has been foster caring for kittens for a long time.

The Easter Sunday celebration here was a great success, thanks to quite a few people: **Kris Haugen and her CL crew** for the great pancake breakfast; **Marilyn Weaver, Ari Krass, and Marge Austin** for once again creating our “Easter Cross”; the **Choir and Worship Team** for inspiring music during our services; and **Pat Alvestad** for the new Easter banner.



Ron Allyn and **Mary Breece** spent time in Dubai recently. Ron was there offering training to the pilots of Emirates Airlines, and Mary was enjoying the sun and sand. Ron is now back commuting to Seattle and planning his next training session.

Linda Tuggle spent some time at *Alcatraz* recently -- at least that was the name of the physical therapy center at the Vacaville Convalescence and Rehabilitation Center where she stayed after her hip surgery. Seems she broke her hip after slipping on a rainy day. She's back home and doing much better.



The **Bee Hive** has been at it again. This time they replaced the enclosures around two of our air conditioner units and the trash bin near the kitchen. The new enclosures are fantastic ! Thanks, busy bees!

Tamara, John and Aidan Downs were in a car crash a few weeks ago, the boys are fine -- reportedly they were having a grand time with the firefighters who arrived on scene -- but Tamara suffered a fractured T14 in her back. Glad to see her at church on Easter.



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): *Tamara Downs; Ron Gibson's sister Libby Gibson; Greg Gomez; Michele Lee; Barbara Murphy; Jacquie Smith (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.

A LITTLE SOMETHING (BY REQUEST) *by Kristine Golomb*



Quick Apple Cake—served at Coffee Fellowship on Sunday

1 pkg. yellow cake mix
3 eggs
1 can Comstock apple pie filling

Mix 1 T. sugar and 1 t. cinnamon

Combine cake mix, eggs and apples. Spread half of the batter in greased 9x13 cake pan. Sprinkle half of cinnamon mixture. Spread remaining batter and top with other half of cinnamon mixture.

Bake at 350° for 30-35 min.

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.



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