

# 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.

September 2011



## SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Your presence is requested at the  
Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>  
12:30 p.m.

Please come and help decide important  
issues of your church

The Women's Retreat Committee will be hosting Mexican lunch before the congregational meeting on Sunday, September 25th. The proceeds will go to the Women's Retreat fund for scholarships and expenses. The cost will be \$5 for adults (max \$20/family) and \$3 for kids. The goal is for every woman to be able to attend.



## Shepherd of the Hills

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### Worship Schedule

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 in Ministry:

Wow, where did the summer go? For those who were looking for a time of slowing down or a hiatus from the activities, I hope that you found that time. But I think of all the excitement that filled our church life these last three months.



It seems like only yesterday that our Children's Faith Connection was going into its summer vacation. And when I turned around, we had 130 children on our campus for Vacation Bible School. That certainly was a busy, active time. Those kids were entertained by the skits about faith, and they shared with us via song, crafts, and word how their faith was energized.



The annual SHY summer trip, saw 11 high schoolers and three adult volunteers head to Spirit West Coast for five days of music, worship, study and fellowship. Their sharing with us during worship on August 28 was powerful. I heard many positive comments about their work. A few people were looking forward to when their children or grandchildren would be part of this group.

Pre-School is a buzz of young minds active in learning and growing. This month Chris and I will once again see new faces and learn new names as chapel time resumes on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.



Our Children's Faith Connection (Sunday morning) and Wednesday Night Faith and Fellowship are up and running as well. With the Wednesday night adult class schedule, no one will be left out of the learning process.



Small Groups "rallied" on August 21 and let all of us know their plans for the coming year. If you didn't have a chance to sign up and participate in one of our small groups, I encourage you to check the section of this *Horn* to see the variety of groups and who our leaders are. With Bible studies, fellowship, service, and reading groups, I believe there is at least one group for everyone.

The cycle of life is coming around again. The time of activity, then some re-creation time (summer) when we re-charge our batteries. Now we enter back into the activity.

I hope that during your time of renewal you were able to see and hear God being with you. I hope that you heard God encourage you to return to the activity of faith learning. As a kid, I loved the story of Jesus going to the temple when he was just twelve years old. The turning point in the story is on the journey home, when his parents realize that he is not in the tour group. They must return to Jerusalem to look for him, only to discover that Jesus was with the teachers. My understanding came later when I got it what Jesus was modeling, that we all must be in God's presence. Our true renewal comes when we gather with others in the presence of God. Come and join me – and your brothers and sisters in Christ – as we come into God's presence.



See you in church and in one of those faith-growing experiences as well.

Shalom

Pastor Bob

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Laura Barton*

The Great Adventure continues at Shepherd of the Hills. It seems as though our lives are full of adventure. Not always the adventures we choose, but more the adventures God chooses for us.

For some this month the adventure is in becoming new members, signing up for a small group, volunteering, joining one of the education programs, trying a new committee, unloading pumpkins, or joining choir. There are opportunities all around us.

Two of my daughters decided I needed to go on an adventure for my birthday, so we went hiking at Rockville Park. It is a beautiful park, lots of amazing wildlife, and a maze of trails. No we didn't get lost. However, we came across an unusual trail sign. One arrow pointed toward a cave and the other arrow pointed to "unknown". In all my years hiking I had never seen a sign labeled "unknown." It struck me that God always has a path for us, and He is not leading us to some "unknown" destination. He has a plan for us at SOTH.



This month we will gather on the 18<sup>th</sup> to make our commitments to our church beginning the capital appeals campaign. Yes, it is a scary trail. However, we know God is with us and will be with us as we continue to serve and minister at SOTH. He is not leading us down an "unknown" trail. I hope to see all of you on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget the fabulous kick off concert on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to see each of you in church for *joyful worship!* Watch for and become involved in *quality education*. Lend a hand to help out with *loving service*.

## MEET OUR MEMBERS . . . JACK AND GAYLE KELCH



For the early risers who attend the 8:30 service, Jack and Gayle Kelch's smiling faces are among the first you see on Sunday mornings. We are blessed to have them as regular ushers at that service.

In 1952, Jack was born in Oceanside, CA, while his father was in the Navy. After a couple of moves his family settled in Garden Grove, about two miles from Disneyland. It's no surprise that Jack was always active in sports, spending much of his time playing basketball and baseball. He was in the Army for two years stationed in Germany. That is where he got his first taste of Europe. In 1977, Jack joined the Post Office in Fountain Valley, and transferred to Vacaville in 1984.



Gayle was born in Alexandria, Minnesota in 1953. When she was three her family moved to Napa where she attended St. John's Lutheran Church and school. Her job brought her to Vacaville in 1985 where she met Jack while he was playing softball with her brother-in-law. Together they played on competitive co-ed teams winning many championships. They continued playing softball on Co-ed, men's and women's teams for about 15 years before finally retiring from Softball. Now their passion is traveling. They have enjoyed several trips to Europe and plan to go back many more times.



It was in 1990 that Jack joined Gayle in worshipping at Bethany Lutheran Church and they were married in 1991.

Jack and Gayle joined Shepherd of the Hills in 2002 where they enjoy all the friendships they have made, especially with the young faces at the 8:30 service!



## TREASURER'S REPORT *by Bruce Smith, Treasurer*

The finance team, representing the congregation for the Steering Team, met for the second time in August. We again discussed the financial reports that are posted monthly to the Steering Team Bulletin board in the Office hallway. They are posted there for your review. You have a great group representing and checking the accounting for you. The team consists of myself (Treasurer), Gene Clark (Financial Secretary), Esther Merkel (Bookkeeper), Joan Strader (Office Manager), Richard Barela (Congregational member), and Susan Gibbs (Congregational member). If you want to know about the church finances feel free to discuss it with any of us. If you have issues with the accounting or expenses, again feel free to contact us. We are there for you.

The Church fiscal year ended June 30. The numbers below represent where we ended the year. July 1 started the new Fiscal year. The monthly accounting is not finished up until approximately the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, so the reporting in the Horn articles will always be for the previous month. The following numbers represent the last fiscal year through 30 June and the financial numbers for July 2011 the first month of the new fiscal year.

### Financial Numbers:

Jul 11 Income	Jul 11 Expenses	Jul 11 Balance
31,431.65	31,038.18	393.47
July 10 – June 11 Income	July 10 – June 11 Expenses	FY 2010 -2011 Balance
386,890.79 (307,503 Projected)	384,937.53 (345,397 Projected)	<b>-12,215.75</b> (we took two loan advances totaling 14,200)

### Loan Balances as of 31 July 2011;

1 <sup>st</sup> Mortgage Thrivent	\$447,278 (1159.20 Principal/1821.80 Interest payments made)
American River Bank (AMR) Revolving Building Loan	\$103,380.29
Operational Advances	<u>\$ 69,331.21</u>
Total AMR	\$172,711.50 (910.00 Principal/561.77 Interest payments made)

Total Loan Balances:	\$622,059.26 as of 31 June 2011
Total Loan Balances	\$619,990.06 as of 31 July 2011

In May the congregation was notified that we would have a payment if full required on the American River Bank loan as it was set up as a five year revolving loan somewhat like a credit card. This loan payment is due 27 November 2011. In September the church will be conducting a pledge drive to show possible creditors (institutions we will attempt to get another loan instrument from) the church members will make funds available to make loan payments that will pay back the loan on a timely basis. Your commitment to this drive is essential to this showing of required income. Please make every effort to stand up for Jesus in this endeavor. Bob Popey is the lead for this capitol appeals campaign. Contact him if you would like additional information in this area of need.

Thank you again for your pledges, contributions, and offerings. They make the church and the work in our community possible. The Mocha Java Challenge for the month of July was met every week. Thank you for forgoing one Mocha each week. It made the difference in making our monthly expense for July.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce D. Smith  
SOTH Treasurer 2011-2014



## STEWARDSHIP TEAM *by Bob Popey*

In July and August many of us joined together in the Mocha Java Latte Challenge, in July we accomplished what we set out to do, which was to pay all of our obligations, which we did even before the match was paid. We are on track to complete the challenge for August as well. Wow, what a Huge win for our congregation! The major lesson from this campaign, is that we can marshal the assets we need To support our Mission, and we did it before the match!

Mission is the important part of this. Tracy and I arrived here one year ago. We visited several Lutheran Churches; one thing made Shepherd of the Hills stand out from the others, and that was the strong Mission that this church has. Mission is one of those things that is basic to the congregation. I think I need to explain what I mean by that. The Pastor and members of the Steering Team are

Stewards of the congregation, but they only facilitate the mission, **But they do not set the mission, only the congregation has the ability to set the mission!** Now comes the hard part now that we, as a body, have decided what we wish to do, we have to provide our stewards the assets (our Time, Talent and Treasure) to accomplish what we have asked them to do.



We have just demonstrated that small contributions (and I do understand that these were all additional contributions) by many of us is just what gives our Stewards the tools we need.

Coming up in September will be a very important effort for the future of our church and the mission we can pursue. This is the time when each of us at Shepherd of the Hills needs to prayerfully consider how we can support the continuation of our joint Mission. Peace, Bob



### 2011 Churchwide Assembly: Summary of Actions

The 12th Biennial Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was held Aug. 15-19, 2011, at the Marriott World Center in Orlando, FL under the theme "Freed in Christ to Serve."

**ELCA Malaria Campaign officially launched** - A goal of the campaign is to raise \$15 million over a four-year period.

**"Genetics, Faith and Responsibility"** social statement adopted - The assembly adopted "Genetics, Faith and Responsibility," a social statement on genetics addressing advancements in medical and agricultural research.

**Review process for social statements adopted** - The assembly called for a review process of current procedures for the development and adoption of social statements.

**Churchwide Assemblies** will transition from a biennial to a triennial cycle, starting after the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

**ELCA budget adopted** - The assembly approved a 2012 current fund spending authorization of \$61,792,900, and a 2013 current fund income proposal of \$61,939,400.

**Constitutional amendments adopted** - The assembly moved to change ELCA governing documents related to the redesign of the churchwide organization and other matters.

**Resolutions from the Reference and Counsel committee** - The assembly considered and approved a variety of resolutions on topics ranging from suicide prevention to confronting injustices in immigration, from youth-related matters to mission support.

For more information check the ELCA website: [www.elca.org/assembly](http://www.elca.org/assembly)

## SMALL GROUPS NEWS *by Small Group Leader Jacquie Smith*

I hope everyone took a minute or two to spend with the leaders of our Small Groups on Rally Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of August. You will have seen our old friends: Women's Evening Bible Study, HIS People, White Water, The Joy Book Club, A Case for Hope, and the Greatest Generation (in need of one more leader). We also had a new group, The Care Callers, at the Rally. This new group is being lead by Marilyn Weaver and Richard Barela. Be looking for more information on the group in later editions of the HORN.

Missing was The Bee Hive and POPSI. Sadly, both of these groups are without leaders at this time. If there are trained leaders, or someone who would like to be trained, to lead either of these groups, please let Lou Barela, Gary Weaver, Barbara Buckley or me, Jacquie Smith, know. Both groups have been a great asset to our church community and we hate to let them go, but they need leaders. So please, if the spirit moves you, let us know.

Small Groups is a wonderful ministry at Shepherd of the Hills and we are lucky to have dedicated leaders willing to spend their time and energy in such a special way. We hope to have a new leadership training course later in the year for those of you who are ready to lead a group; existing or new. Be looking for the notices on the course in future HORNS and bulletins.

Welcome back from your vacations and summer activities. We, in Small Groups, are ready and willing to have a an exciting and worthwhile full fall season, and hope you will join us. It's ok to try out a group to see if it's a good fit, before you commit.

**White Water** Maybe you are lucky enough to live a life "beside still waters" but the rest of us have to navigate the "rapids" or "white waters" of life. Being in the Word and learning to survive the rough times of life in the company of fellow Christians makes it easier. We rely on each other to stay afloat, as well as enjoy the occasional calms of life. White Water begins a new study "The Life and Ministry of the Messiah" on September 12th. They meet on Monday evenings @ 7 pm, for more information on this study, contact Jacquie Smith (451-8033) or Joan Strader (631-5620).



**His People** If you are looking for a weekly Bible study during the day, come join His People. During our new study the Parables of Jesus, we will be challenged to grow in our faith and with one other. We gather each Monday afternoon from 6pm-8pm at the home of Gary Weaver and have room for you! For more information on this study, contact Gary Weaver (448-0520).



In August, **WEBS** began a nine-month study "*TO FOLLOW AND TO SERVE*": The Gospel of Mark. They meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from 7 — 8:45 PM in the Education II building at church. WEBS invites you to visit and join in the fun and discussion. They are a group of women, some young and some of mature years, some who are veterans of Bible studies and some who are studying the Bible for the first time; all would love to share your company. Your questions may be directed to Co-leaders Joan Marquand-Willse (448-4757) or Ginny Kingsbury (365-2657).



*A Case for Hope  
Small Group*

### **"A Case for Hope" Small Group**

Making and giving away pillow cases is a way to reach out to the community – we can give them "a case for hope." At the same time, as a small group, we can support one another with prayer, laughter, inspiration, encouragement and hope. Sewing skills are useful but not required! "A Case for Hope" co-leaders are Barbara Buckley (707 386-8143) and Kay Clark (447-2399). They meet once a month at Kay's house on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday from 7 — 9 p.m.

**THE JOY BOOK CLUB** For the joy of reading, try "**The Joy Book Club.**" Good Books, Good Discussions, Good Company!" They meet once a month, the first Tuesdays at 6:30—8:30 p.m. at Lou Barela's home. Contact Lou Barela 448-0526 or Jeanne Meyers 448-0795 for information.





# Worship and Music Team

## READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

September 4 -- Pentecost 12

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

September 18 -- Pentecost 14

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

September 11 -- Pentecost 13

Genesis 50:15-21

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

September 25 -- Pentecost 15

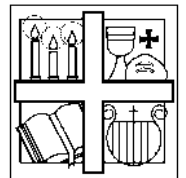
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

## TRAINING DATES

Want to know what the Sunday lesson reader does? How about wanting to help with serving Communion during the worship service? Ever wonder how the communion elements are set up and cleaned up each Sunday? Well, then have we got a few dates for you.



Pastor Bob invites all of you interested in **reading the lessons** to join him on **Thursday, September 22** in the "Ed II" building at 6:30 p.m. for a short introduction and conversation about reading the lessons. For those of you interested in **assisting with communion** join Pastor Bob on that same evening, but we'll gather at 7:00 p.m. to learn what is involved and how you can help. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Atrium to let Pastor Bob know if you are planning to come.

The dates for Usher training and for setting up Communion have not yet been determined, but we will be offering something in the near future.



### Acolytes

Calling all **acolytes** – If you are a third through eighth grader, we could use your assistance as an acolyte during our worship services. Pastor Bob needs you to come to an important meeting – for both experienced acolytes as well as those who wish to become an acolyte – on **Sunday, October 9** between services. Sign up on the Acolyte sheet on Pastor Bob's office door.



## Adult Education Offerings

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAITH & FELLOWSHIP TIME

#### DIETRICH BONHOEFFER TODAY: PEACE, ECOLOGY AND CHRISTIAN ETHICS

August 24-October 12

The life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, tragically cut short by his faithful opposition to the Nazi regime in Germany, is a rich and complex puzzle. A devout Lutheran with a passion for scientific discovery, Bonhoeffer was committed to peace even as he planned Hitler's assassination. He was truly a complex man.



In the eight sessions of this video-based learning time, we will explore the mind of Dietrich. The material was filmed live at the Melancthon Institute's Bonhoeffer symposium with experts on Bonhoeffer and his impact. We will view six presentations from these scholars and then conclude with a moving presentation from a Holocaust survivor.

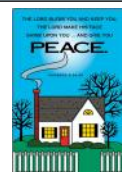
### DISCOVER THE SHEPHERD—TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

A one-session event designed for those interested in membership here, but also a great refresher course for anyone, no matter how long you have been a member. We will talk about what is unique within our Lutheran tradition; how we organize as a national and regional church; as well as how we are organized and the various opportunities for serving God here at Shepherd of the Hills. We will begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude at 8:00. To help me prepare for dinner, please call the church office (448-8599) to let Pastor Bob know that you will be attending. We will be receiving new members on Sunday, October 23, so now would be a great opportunity to investigate Shepherd of the Hills, if you are thinking of joining.



## NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH . . .

**Gordon and Laurel Dean** have moved to Lincoln, CA where Laurel has a new job offer. We wish them God's speed in their new place, but will miss them as they leave us.



**Rayna Velasquez** and **Sarah Elliott** are certified babysitters, having completed the course sponsored by the Vacaville Community Resources department, and are now ready and looking for parents in need. So, parents, why not give them a call?

We were saddened by **Darrel Akers'** death last month. His memorial service was held at Shepherd of the Hills. Our prayers continue for Jo Ann, Chris, and Sandi.



College is calling our recent high school grads. **Kristen Applegate** has left for UC Berkeley, **Kirk Bakken** headed south to Concordia College, **Yolanda Dutro** is beginning her studies at Solano Community College, and **Matt Elliott** is awaiting the start of classes at UC Davis. We pray for God's blessings on all these young people as they begin a new chapter in their life, and we can't wait to hear about their first semester.

Wedding Bells—**Ruth Matthies** attended the wedding of her granddaughter Carol Ann in Santa Rosa—Best wishes Carol Ann and her new husband.



## YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM NEWS *by Martha Pierce*



SUMMER  
SEWING CLASSES

The Youth Team had another successful summer teaching "Life Lesson" classes. Four bags were sewn together by church members: teachers Janet Bunger and Jen Krause did a fantastic job of teaching! Five baby quilts were also produced and donated to Binky Patrol who provide blankets to children in crisis.

Great job SOTH Sew-ers!

Youth Groups will kick off strong this fall! Meeting times/dates are:

**KFC:** Grades 3-5 will meet Sunday, September 18 after church. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy, and activities will begin at 12 noon.

**GAS:** Grades 6-8 will meet Sundays (dates to be announced) from 7:00-8:30 in Ed II building. Doors will open at 6:30 if you want to come hang out early. This group will discuss what their time together will look like and how often they will meet.



**SHY:** Grades 9-12 will meet Sundays from 7:00-8:30 as usual. Doors open at 6:00!

We are seeking volunteers to work with youth and serve on the Youth Team. Contact Martha Pierce or Elliott Smith if you are interested!

In His Grip,

The Youth Team



## MISSION TEAM *by Bill Pierce*



Pumpkins on the Hill

Getting ready for Pumpkins on the Hill:

Interested parties met on August 28th for the first organization and planning meeting—Agenda: What do we want to keep from previous years and what do we want to add or improve? Lots of great ideas and SPIRIT!

Delivery of Pumpkins: October 15th at 3:30 p.m. We'll let you know when they are on their way. Please save the date anyway. We will be getting the patch ready for their arrival. In the meantime, collect old clothes for the scare crows...loan us your little red wagons.

**Feeding the hungry at Epiphany continues with your support—please sign up to help.**



## PRESCHOOL NEWS *by Kathy Webb, Director*

Summer is coming to an end and this means school has begun. We here at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Preschool are excited about the new school year. Our classes are full and we look forward to this new school year.



School started on August 15th and we began this year learning about farm life. Our 3/4 year olds will begin learning their colors, as our 4/5 year olds will be on a fast pace to learn their colors, shapes and numbers by the end of September. They will also start our phonics program.

### Farm Animals

We are continuing to offer our cherubs program again this year. Our cherubs program is an extension of the preschool day, from 11:30-2:00. The children hear a bible story and do a project to go along with that story.

We will start our fund raising efforts in September with our dinner night out at **Mary's Pizza Shack and Cultive Yogurt Shop on Tuesday, September 13th**. Mary's Pizza Shack will be from 12:00-9:00 P.M. and Cultive will be from 4—10 P.M. The school receives 20% of the food sales. In order for the preschool to get credit for your purchase a flier must accompany you that night. If you are interested in supporting our fundraisers we will have fliers available in the church prior to the 13th. Our goal this year is to raise money for some new equipment and to do some upgrades to the school.



### SUNDAES

Our **Open House is planned for September 19 & 20** when we will enjoy family time and ice cream sundaes. It's a good time for the families to meet their child's teacher, and a good time to get to know other families in our preschool.

Our staff for the 2011-2012 School Year is:

- ♥ Kathy Webb-Director
- ♥ Tami Barrow-Asst. Director/3 Year old Teacher
- ♥ Stacey Webb-3Year old Teacher
- ♥ Jillian Coffelt- 4 Year old Teacher
- ♥ Kathy Kidd- 4 Year old Teacher
- ♥ Patti Irwin- 4 Year old Teacher
- ♥ Tiffani Lanting- 4 Year old Teacher
- ♥ Monica Ellis- Aide
- ♥ Karen Loban-Aide/Sub

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Gloria and Stan Lewis	9/6	Jeanne Peterson, Ari Krass	9/14
Carol and Chris Holmes	9/13	Joyce Reed, Kris Golomb	9/16
Sandy and Ron Gibson	9/17	Bill Santee	9/17
Barbara and Dan Buckley	9/26	Elsie Jacobson	9/18
Debbie and Mark Best	9/25	Ruth Matthies	9/19
		Helen Krempin	9/20

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Alissa Barton	9/1	Julia Adams, Elijah Hun	9/21
Katura Smith	9/4	Alex Gill	9/22
Ron Gibson, Kristian Bakken	9/6	Jessica Cushing	9/23
Burt Jacobson	9/7	Melodee Clarke	9/24
Mary Meese, Claire Roberts	9/9	Carlee Akers	9/25
		Danielle Medlin	9/27
		Barbara Buckley	9/29

## EDUCATION TEAM NEWS *By Samantha Christensen*



Faith and Fellowship started back up on August 24th at 5:30 with dinner then Kids Choir at 6pm with a quick study on what it means to be a Christian.

Then we are changing a little bit with KFC and FFC meeting separately at 6:30 for 45 minutes then everybody getting back together for dessert and ending at 7:30.

If you know of a child grades 1st through 6th we would love to see them at Faith and Fellowship. This year we are going to put the Fun back into Faith and Fellowship!

**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED-** if you would like to help our youth grow in their faith or if you just have a special talent you want to share (cooking, art, storytelling, singing, community service) Please call Samantha at 585-899-0708.

Children's Faith Connection also started back up in August 21st. The new curriculum starts on September 4th. There is an adult class on Wednesday nights, as well as child care.

## OUTREACH TEAM *by Mary Meese*

### How Do We Treat Visitors?

Several years ago a member of an ELCA church performed a test to see how visitors were treated at various churches he visited. He went to 18 congregations on successive Sundays and had a point system in rating them, and he reported these results based on his findings. Following is his point system:

- † A smile of welcome 10 points
- † A word of greeting 10 points
- † An exchange of names 100 points
- † An invitation to return 200 points
- † An introduction to another worshiper 1,000 points
- † An invitation to meet the Pastor 2,000 points



Eleven of the 18 churches scored less than 100, five fewer than 20. How do you think SOTH would rank? Based on my experience I think it would be right up there, but it's not important what I think, it's what visitors think.

The Outreach Team is actively recruiting greeters for Sunday morning services, so if you are called, please consider this opportunity. You could be the first encounter a visitor would have. Let's make them feel welcome with a smile, a handshake and a sincere, friendly greeting. We will assist you and familiarize you with the process if you like. Please prayerfully consider this important opportunity to serve.

*Gracious God, we are not a large congregation, but sometimes we become so involved with our own family and friends, that we miss the stranger among us. Help us to keep our "antenna up" for that person we may not recognize. Move us to reach out and make them feel welcomed. Amen.*



**PARKING LOT  
SALE SEPT. 17**

### **PARKING LOT SALE**

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> - 8am-1pm

2 parking stalls for \$10

This is a great way to get rid of unwanted items while socializing with friends

To reserve your spot call Gary Craig at 437-8505

## 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."* Psalms 46:10

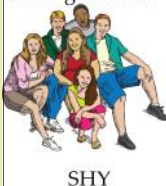
We will return to the beautiful *Alliance Redwoods Conference Center* again. It is in a refreshing forest setting, has comfortable accommodations and they do the cooking. The cost of the weekend is \$140 — the sign-up sheet is in the Atrium. Make checks out to Shepherd of the Hills and mark the memo line: "Women's Retreat." Pink envelopes are provided for your convenience. Payment in full must be made by September 11th.



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

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH (SHY) *by Elliott Smith*

Sr. High Youth



September is here already! SHY had a great summer, what with our boat trip, and our awesome VBS volunteers in June, our hang out times throughout July, and our fantastic trip down to Monterey in early August, to say nothing of our Slip & Slide party and our SHY service on the 28<sup>th</sup>...we hope you got to spend that worship time with us!



We are looking ahead to September and we have lots of stuff this month. SHY is still meeting on Sunday evenings, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Doors open at 6pm for snacks and drinks, games and message runs 7 pm to 8:30pm. Please join us! Also we're still meeting on Mondays for SHY After School "Homework and Hangout" time in the SHY room, 3-6pm every week. Also, there will be an All-Night Lock-In for the high school group at the very end of this month, Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>...so plan accordingly and invite your friends!

Don Ward, Alissa Barton and Elliott Smith will be traveling to Colona for a Leadership Retreat this month for a few days, accompanied by three upper class leaders as well! We would like to honor Miles Smith, a senior at Vanden High School; Waverly Cook, a junior at Will C. Wood; Rob Popey, a junior at Vanden High School: These kids have invested a lot of time and relationships into the SHY group this past year and we're excited to see them take a more active leadership role! Special thanks to them!

Confirmation for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders kicked off in August, and continues to meet every Wednesday night during Faith & Fellowship and Adult Education with Pastor Bob. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m., and we hope to see you there that night, no matter your age! Please come fellowship with us and with our youth.



Martha Pierce and Bob Popey have graciously volunteered to host weekly get-togethers for our middle school group, "God's All-Stars," for grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. They plan to meet in the Ed. II building on Sunday nights, doors open at 6:30 p.m., official program from 7pm to 8:30pm. Come check out our middle school youth group Sunday nights, and bring your friends!



**Chris, Rob & Keith  
And Friends**

**CAPITAL APPEALS  
CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF  
CONCERT**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**7:00 P.M.**

**\$5.00 tickets + donations**



## 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):

. . . *Jo Ann Akers & Family (death of Darrel); Chris Curtis and family (death of her dad Les Weigel), Greg Gomez; The family of Lillian Houser; Barbara Murphy and her mother Lois Walker; Gary Weaver and anyone undergoing medical tests or treatment or suffering loss; 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, Jacquie and Bruce Smith's daughter Jill; Penny Terry's nephew Chris; Bill and Martha Pierce's son-in-law Brian; Elliot Smith's sister Jessica; and Tracy Popey.* 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.



**QUICK REMINDER-** If you are using the church, or are the last one to leave you are special and need to remember a few special details. Our church building needs to be left secure and shut down.

\*\*Make sure ALL the lights are off.

\*\*ALL the air needs to be turned off—heat, air, and fans (don't touch hallway thermostat).

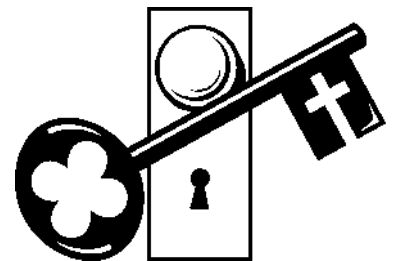
\*\*ALL the doors locked and checked. (Kitchen door and the Big Room outside door can be tricky, be sure to check)

Following ALL these steps will insure our building is left secure, and we aren't throwing dollars away using energy when we are not here. Just remember the word ALL-

**A—Air off (heat, AC, and fans)**

**L—Lights off**

**L—Lock it up**



### 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.

### 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. Next Meeting: September 15th.



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*Contemporary Sunday Service 10:30 AM*

*Children's Faith Connection 20 mins. during late service*

*(Nursery care provided)*

