

# 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.

JULY 2018

## **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC** **PENA ADOBE PARK (WEST I-80)**

**SUNDAY, JULY 8TH 1:00—4:00 P.M.**

**Even if the weather is hot, the park is cooler and has plenty of shade. The table area is covered. We provide BBQ hot dogs and hamburgers and condiments; and you are asked to bring a dish to share...it can be salad, appetizers, chips, side dishes, desserts—whatever your favorite picnic pot luck dish is.**

**There are lots of tables with benches; but many of us bring our folding camp chairs. If you prefer a specific beverage, (non-alcoholic, of course), bring it; we'll have ice, lemonade and water. Some games will be organized for the kids. If you have a lawn game for adults, bring it. Everyone has a really nice time. You'll acquire new friends, and renew old friendships.**



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Traditional Service  
8:30AM  
Contemporary Service  
10:30 AM  
Sunday School  
during late worship

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE *by Pr. Bob Willse*

Dear Partners;

I'm back from a wonderful week of vacation with Joan and our grandson Campbell. On the red-eye east I thanked God for the joys and blessings of my life – partners in life (Joan and family) and ministry (you). I thought of how fortunate I am and how God has provided for my needs and many of my wants. I also had the opportunity to sit in a church pew (yes, it was a pew – those long benches from my childhood) and participate in worship in a different way. My folks, Joan, Campbell and I worshipping together. Joan taking Campbell up front for the “children’s time”. Campbell sitting between us during the “adults’ time”. It felt so good to worship with another branch of God’s family.



Vacation Bible School again transformed our church. It was good to hear many young voices rebounding in the building as they responded to their guides and teachers who took time to share God’s love with them. Children have swapped “staycations”, summer camps, or play dates and pool parties for school. We stay out late with longer daylight.

This is what summer can be about. Time away from the activities of daily life. Time spent differently. Time to process all the excitement and activity of the last months. And we have been active.



We accomplished a lot of ministry in these first six months of 2018. Now we take a breath, regroup and move forward. I love that about the summer time. We have a chance to pause.



I will continue my pausing with more time away later this month. I will also have the opportunity to renew myself on my annual summer trek to Luther Seminary as I enjoy baseball games, visits with friends, and learning. A centerpiece will be Luther Sem’s “rethink” series. Stan Stolte will be joining me as we “Rethink Stewardship” in a changing church culture. The Rethink theme offers that Jesus warns “that no one can serve two masters, God and mammon,” yet we are there now. Our Rethink speakers ask what stewardship requires today? What can we leave behind? And what must we never forget?

Joan will join me for the drive home as we check in with old friends and stop to see some national parks and monuments once more.

By the time our “fall” activities resume in mid-August, I hope that you will have enjoyed your personal respites and renewals and will be ready to move forward again. There is much to accomplish in the last quarter of the year – TRM4 Concert, Pumpkins on the Hill, Harvest Fest, more Restore the Hills work, and of course Sunday School, Small Groups, and Adult Education.

See you during various times of the summer.

Shalom

Pastor Bob





# Worship and Music Team

## READINGS FOR JULY

### July 1 – Pentecost 6

Lamentations 3:22-33  
Psalm 30  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

### July 8 – Pentecost 7

Ezekiel 2:1-5  
Psalm 123  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13

### July 15 – Pentecost 8

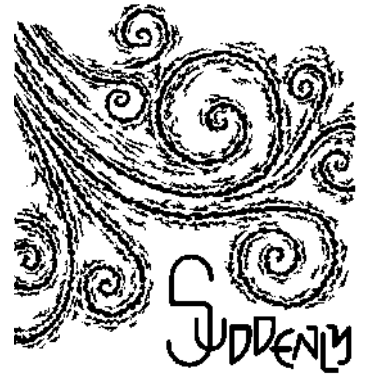
Amos 7:7-15  
Psalm 85:8-13  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

### July 22 – Pentecost 9

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### July 29 – Pentecost 10

2 Kings 4:42-44  
Psalm 145:10-18  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21



"A SOUND LIKE THE BLOWING  
OF A VIOLENT WIND CAME  
FROM HEAVEN AND FILLED  
THE WHOLE HOUSE WHERE  
THEY WERE SITTING." AL 15:22

## ALTAR COMMUNION SET-UP MINISTRY *by Bruce Barling*

Hello everyone,

Altar Communion Setups is a ministry that is completely supported by volunteer parishioners. Each week, these volunteers provide the bread and set up the wine trays, chalice and flagon that are used in the Communion service. Each task is very easy, taking only about 20 minutes to complete. Without the volunteer support for this sacrament, we could not have Communion service.

We want to thank all of you that have participated in the past, and continue to do so, in this support. If anyone else is interested in helping to support the Communion sacrament, we would love to have you join our team.

Please let Bruce Barling or Joan Strader know, or sign up on the sheets hanging in the Atrium. Right now, we have an urgent need for folks to fill in for tasks on July 8 and July 22.

Thanks again!

Bruce B



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by John Erickson*

Summer is in full swing. We have a lot to look forward to this month. We have our Annual Church picnic on Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup> at Pena Adobe Park. Our Congregational Life Team will be serving hamburgers and hotdogs. There will be games for the kids and even some for the adults. Promises to be a fun afternoon.

We gained some traction on getting a men's group put together. Bill Smith and I have set a date of Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am for our 1<sup>st</sup> ever Men's Breakfast to be held at the Heritage House. We are hoping this will be the beginning of a lot of events for the men.



We are also going to be looking for some good people to join our Steering Team for 2019. It's a great opportunity to serve and to be a part of the planning process for the church. We have 5 positions open and we are hoping to have some candidates for these positions when our November Congregational meeting takes place. We hope you will consider joining the team.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT EDUCATION *by Pr. Bob Willse*



Most Sundays we use this Creed to profess our faith. The Apostles' Creed was formulated by the early Christian church, perhaps in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century.

This credal statement is used during baptism and when we affirm our baptisms, such as confirmation and receiving new members into the congregation.

Join Pastor Bob for three sessions as we explore the articles of this early Christian confessional writing. We will use the material from *Gather*, the magazine of the Women of the ELCA, for our study.

Dates: August 29 – September 12, 2018. 6:00 p.m.

**NO COST!!!!**

**Register by August 12, 2018**



Lord Jesus, thou who art the way, the truth and the life; hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make all free. Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right.

—Peter Marshall, before the U.S. Senate



## OUTREACH TEAM *by Karan Smith*



-SOTH members – Have you met someone new at our church? Do they receive these emails/mailed newsletters? If not, please encourage them to email [SOH580@sbcglobal.net](mailto:SOH580@sbcglobal.net) and request to be added to our distribution list.

- Our website – [www.discovertheshepherd.org](http://www.discovertheshepherd.org) – is a great source of information about our church and its events.

- Outreach Team is gearing up for some exciting community-connection activities this fall. One thing to keep in mind – we will host our annual Parking Lot Sale in October. You might wonder, “how can I get involved”? Three ways – 1) Donate items to the church. Money made through sales and any unsold items are donated to our community. 2) For a small fee, rent a parking spot in our lot and sell your items. You keep the money made through those sales. Rental fees are donated to our community. 3) Donate your time to help organize the sale. So as you start looking around your house for things you’d like to donate or sell, set them aside. We will begin soliciting participation in August

## MISSION TEAM NEWS *by Bill Smith*

- ♦ Mount Cross Outdoor Ministry - Nyssa Hubbell is on staff! Congratulations!
- ♦ Mt. Cross put on a one-day family tour so parents could experience what youth would have available to them to encourage more attendees
- ♦ Bill attended Synod Assembly Mt Cross Workshop and discovered how we all can deepen our faith that will last a lifetime, especially youth. Deb Moehrke will ask to add Mt. Cross as part of Missions.
- ♦ Epiphany Feeding the Hungry, Planned menu for June 8<sup>th</sup>-- goulash, etc. Epiphany will offer classes in Food Handling: Kitchen Manager, cost \$120, Handlers, cost \$15/ea. Classes on 30 July.
- ♦ Opportunity House: Resident has praised OH for teaching her how to rebuild her life with confidence and skills to help others.
- ♦ Public Health and Safety Guidelines -- Bev will turn over laminated Guidelines to Lila Carney for posting in SOTH kitchen. An extra set will be displayed at Epiphany when our crew is present.
- ♦ Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center--Fifty baby bottles will be picked up by RA to distribute at church in order to collect donations to the Center 15 August through 16 September.
- ♦ Carol King Song Book Concert by TRM4--10 and 11 August-- A Benefit for Opportunity House and Epiphany Feed the Hungry.
- ♦ Collections continue for glasses, toiletries, Ronald McDonald pop tops.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS—*Kathy Webb, Director*

PRESCHOOL IS ON VACATION



Director of Jr. & Sr. High Youth Ministries *by Rob Williamson*



HOUSTON JUNE 27-JULY 1  
**THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING.**  
 2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING  
 JUNE 27 - JULY 1

## EDUCATION TEAM NEWS *by Ginny Kingsbury*

Your education team works to provide effective and convenient educational classes for all ages. We are also reflecting on the success of Vacation Bible School.

### **VBS:**

Rayna Velasquez, Eileen Smith, Tiffani Lanting and Jeanne Meyers spent many hours planning a program that worked for all, especially our kids. Elementary Kids were on the move to classes that included recreation, crafts, music, science and a Bible story. Oh yes, and snack as well. Thanks to a congregation that gives support with funds and volunteers as we bring the gospel to so many families. Friday night's program resounded with songs and movement performed with smiles and fun. Great time for us share God's peace, love, and joy!

### **Sunday School:**

During our summer break, Chris Curtis and Rob Williamson will give a Children's Talk during late worship service.

Sunday School begins on August 26th We are meeting between services.

We are updating worship activity bags. We ask parents and kids to make sure bags are left neat and ready for others.

We need Sunday School teachers and substitutes for the upcoming years.

### **Children's Choir:**

Depending on interest, Chris Holmes will lead a children's choir beginning in the fall.

### **Adult Sunday School Class:**

As Sunday School will be held between services, we can offer a more convenient class for adults. These are the topics and suggestions we have. Please give your ideas to anyone on the team.

- Family Ministry with a focus on family devotions
- Bible study for beginners
- Specific topics scheduled for a specific number of weeks

Your Education Team: Heidi Albers, Laura Barton, Chris Curtis, Ginny Kingsbury, Jeanne Meyers, Angie Velasquez, Rayna Velasquez



## STEWARDSHIP TEAM NEWS *By Stan Stolte*

As we approach that time of year when we define our Stewardship commitments for the upcoming year, I think many of us get a little anxious and maybe even to the point of having at least some anxiety in trying to make decisions for a year we do not know what is in store for us. We worry if we will be able to meet all the obligations that we have made and new ones we will make in the coming year. I found an article by Heather Wood Davis, Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Hickory, NC, and want to share portions of it with you as follows.

### ANXIOUS STEWARDSHIP

She writes, “I want to talk about anxiety. That already makes us anxious, doesn’t it? Everyone is anxious from time to time. No one is immune to it. In fact, general anxiety is normal; it is your body’s way of protecting you and keeping you safe.

We read Jesus’ words in the gospel, “Therefore I say to you, don’t worry about your life....” (Matt. 6:25).

But let’s be real. It is hard not to worry. We are bombarded by media that tell us when our “fear meters” should be spiked – which apparently is all the time.

There are many factors but, one reason brought up on multiple occasions by psychologists is the luxury (as ungrateful as it sounds) of **too much choice**. With so many options available, there is no excuse for making the less-than perfect choice.

Anxiety has become the poisonous side effect of good people wobbling on the edges of idolatry, where we trust worry, fear, and stuff more than God.

In *The Paradox of Generosity*, two sociologists explore the paradox that while giving is known to improve one’s life, so very few Americans actually give. While most religious believers would say it is an **article of faith** that is more blessed to give than to receive, the authors’ research shows it is an **article of fact** as well.

How are we to cope with an unfortunate cultural trend, the “Grinch mentality,” where we seek our own security and happiness by turning away from neighbors to hunker down and hoard only for ourselves? What can well-meaning Christians do?

We lead the way. Because the way to overcome and to combat some of this anxiety, the secret for curing and dealing with the chronic anxiety caused by things like fear and scarcity – anxiety caused by choice and narcissism – **the secret to defeating that anxiety is generosity**.

What we know is that our giving matters. Our giving makes our lives better because it makes the lives of those around us better.

Science has proven what our faith has always known.

The more we give, the more free space opens up in us giving God more room to live in us. And who doesn’t want that? (End Quote)

I think we can use some of Heather’s points in our day-to-day lives and in preparing our Stewardship commitments for 2019.



## 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 appear here for a month):



- ✿ . . . Darcey & Gaye Adams; Jeanne Barling; Dave Della; Ron & Sandy Gibson; Paul Harrison; Mary Marks; Esther Merkel; Jazz Smith's father, Mark; the Ward and Bakken families (death of Cindy Ward); Kylie Wetzel; and anyone undergoing medical tests or treatment; or suffering loss; and
- ✿ ;and anyone undergoing medical tests or treatment; or suffering loss; and . . . those members of our armed forces deployed for operations overseas— especially Miles (last names withheld for security). 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 in our prayers each week.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Mike and Kristine Golomb	7/05	Linda Moyle	7/8
Larry and Carolyn Gueffroy	7/16	Sue Gibbs	7/9
Don and Chris Curtis	7/21	Courtney Barton	7/10
Jim and Kathy Webb	7/23	Dawn Geottman	7/12
Tom & Heidi Albers		Robin Forsyth	7/13
John and Linda Moyle	7/31	Michele Lee, George Zamora,	7/16
		Wilma Rasmussen	7/17
		Nancy Adams	7/21

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Webb, Devon Medlin	7/2	Natalie Allas	7/23
Mary Adams	7/4	Cindy Allas	7/28
Jeanne Meyers	7/5	Jo Ann Akers, Wendy Frayseth	7/29
Carol Santee	7/7	Rayna Velasquez	
		Katie Ireton	7/30

*If we have missed your celebration, we apologize. Please let us know by contacting the church office by email: [sob580@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sob580@sbcglobal.net) or by telephone at 448-8599.*



### WOMEN'S MRNING CIRCLE

The Women's Morning Bible Study Group meets at church every 2nd Tuesday at 9:30 AM. Please contact Ari Krass 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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

### THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

They meet each third Thursday at 1:00 PM at Wilma Rasmussen's home. They welcome newcomers who like to knit or crochet. Shawls made by these women are given to comfort people who are ill or who have suffered loss. They even make baby blankets. Call the office for her address or consult the Member Directory..

## MT. CROSS MINISTRIES *by Martha Pierce*

Mt. Cross Ministries is located so close to us! Women from our church have attended their **Women's Retreat** the last two years, families have taken part in their **work days**, as well as spent the day at "**A Taste of Camp**" event!

Many of you know **Nyssa Hubbell** from our church--she is a camp counselor there this year!! I hear she is having a great time on the Challenge Courses!

Recently, SOTH members requested **Thrivent Action** grants that were granted! \$500 was given to Mt. Cross to support their annual Clean-up Day. This event helped prepare the camp for the many summer camps that are happening right now.

There is a need for curtains in their cabins. Watch for an upcoming "SOTH Curtain Sewing Day" where ALL are welcome to participate. Can you iron, sew, cut, measure? All those skills are needed!

We are fortunate to have such an incredible ministry right in our back yard! Listed below are some ideas to support their ministry, or to participate with their ministry.



Cleaning out your garage? Want to donate cash? Both are needed!! There are many needs here at camp, and we are so grateful for the donations of both dollars and items that we receive. Please **contact Adam Erickson** if you are able to donate any of the items on our wish list. Thank you for your support!

- Riding lawn mower
- Small tractor with bucket & blade
- Mini vans (dependable)
- Chain saws
- Makita miter saw
- Dehumidifiers
- Plumbers' Snake for 3"-4" drains
- Loppers
- Milwaukee "M18" tools
- 1-sink or 2-sink vanities
- Commercial washer & dryer
- Makita Demolition Hammer
- Sanitaire EUK688 SC688 upright vacuums (5)
- Copy/Printer Paper
- Lifetime 60" Round Nesting Tables (25)
- Postage Stamps
- AED kits (3)





Mark your calendars and visit [mtcross.org](http://mtcross.org) for information about all of these upcoming events!

- Summer Camp @ Mt. Cross now-July 27
- It's not too late to sign up!
- Fall Women's Retreat. September 7-9
- **Possible** ELCA Day of Service-work day September 9
- Mt. Cross 70th Anniversary Celebration September 29
- Advent Retreat November 30-December 2

## DID YOU KNOW...

...it costs approximately \$2,000 every single day to operate Mt. Cross?

...that Mt. Cross charges \$206 per onsite camper and day camper less than what the “true” cost of camp is?

...so far in 2018, Mt. Cross has received \$45,000 in donations and our expenses have been \$202,000?

**Your financial support of Mt. Cross is critical to helping us provide profound experiences in God's creation. Please consider contributing today by visiting [mtcross.org/donate](http://mtcross.org/donate) or mailing your contribution to the camp.**

## SMALL GROUPS



**His People** is on break for the summer. They will have a social at the home of Bruce and Jacquie Smith on July 12th. They will resume their regular study on August 13 with a study on prayer by Phillip Yancy. They meet at Marilyn Weaver's at 5:30 on Monday evenings. They always have an empty chair for you.



White Water Small

**White Water** We will resume weekly meetings with another Ray Vander Laan study “A Clash of Kingdoms” at 6:00 pm on Mondays at Marge Austin's beginning on September 17th. See Joan Strader or Jacquie Smith. They will gather for a social at Monika Ruggiero's cabin on July 23rd. New members/visitors welcome.



**Joy Book Club** meets the first Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at Lou Barela's.



*A Case for Hope  
Small Group*



**A Case for Hope** meets second Tuesdays at 7 pm at Kay Clark's.





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