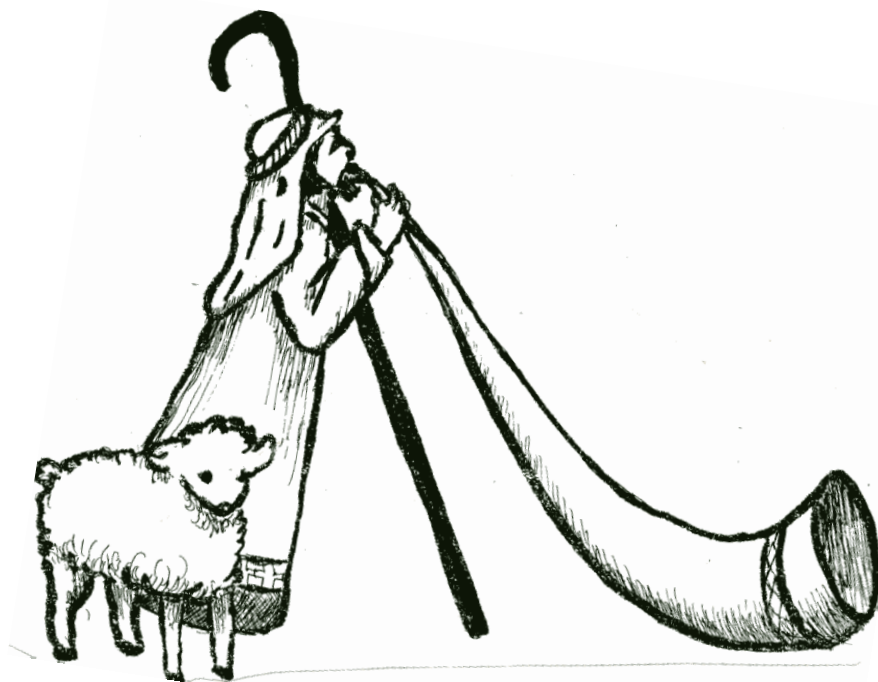


The Shepherd's Horn



**"I am the Good Shepherd;
I know my sheep and my sheep know me"**

May 2010

**Good Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Alpine, California**



“From the Minister’s Study”

A Clergy colleague, Rev. Pam Lucas, whom I respect for many reasons, made the following observation about Pentecost, the next main religious Festival Day:

The 50 days are about to come to an end. Are we ready?

50 days after the Resurrection the disciples are consumed with the fire of the Holy Spirit. They burst through the doors of the Upper Room to build - not a church - not an institution - but to invite people into communities of the Way. The Way of Jesus the Christ. The Way that was countercultural in almost every sense. And the world has never been the same!

Today, too many of our churches are still countercultural - but not for the same reason. Culture is blamed for our having too few dollars, too few families, too few kids, too few congregants of any age. If it weren't for the culture, it would be just like it used to be! Comfortable. Predictable. Safe.

Upon hearing those words another minister observed: “We’ve forgotten that it’s a privilege to be a church - here - and now. We may not always have that privilege.”

I’ve thought about that assertion and that reply. As we work to formalize the “yoke” between our two congregations, I hope we will truly be mindful of the “privilege” that is ours of being the church - God’s people. It’s easy often to be weighted down with problems and concerns - budgets, attendance, viable programs and the like. But I hope we will all be mindful of the genuine “privilege” we have of being the church and of striving to draw upon our collective faith in a time and a world that often disregards the Christian faith.

Tom Truscott

Things To Remember

1. Faith is the ability to not panic. 2. If you worry, you didn't pray. If you prayed, don't worry. 3. As a child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home every day. 4. Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape. 5. When we get tangled up in our problems, be still. God wants us to be still so He can untangle the knot. 6. Do the math. Count your blessings. 7. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts. 8. Dear God: I have a problem: It's me. 9. Silence is often misinterpreted, but never misquoted. 10. Laugh every day - it's like inner jogging. 11. The most important things in your home are the people.

12. Growing old is inevitable; growing up is optional. 13. There is no key to happiness. The door is always open. Come on in. 14. A grudge is a heavy thing to carry. 15. He who dies with the most toys is still dead. 16. We don't remember days but moments. Life moves too fast, so enjoy your precious moments. 17. Nothing is real to you until you experience it; otherwise, it's just hearsay. 18. It's all right to sit on your potty every now and again. Just be sure to flush when you are done. 19. Surviving and living your life successfully require courage. The goals and dreams you're seeking require courage and risk-taking. Learn from the turtle: it only makes progress when it sticks out its neck. 20. Be more concerned with your character than your reputation. Your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are. 21. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting. 22. Leave gentle fingerprints on the souls of others for the angels to read. 23. Don't get to the end of your life and find that you lived just the length of it. You want to have lived the width of it as well!

Plan Ahead for Next Month

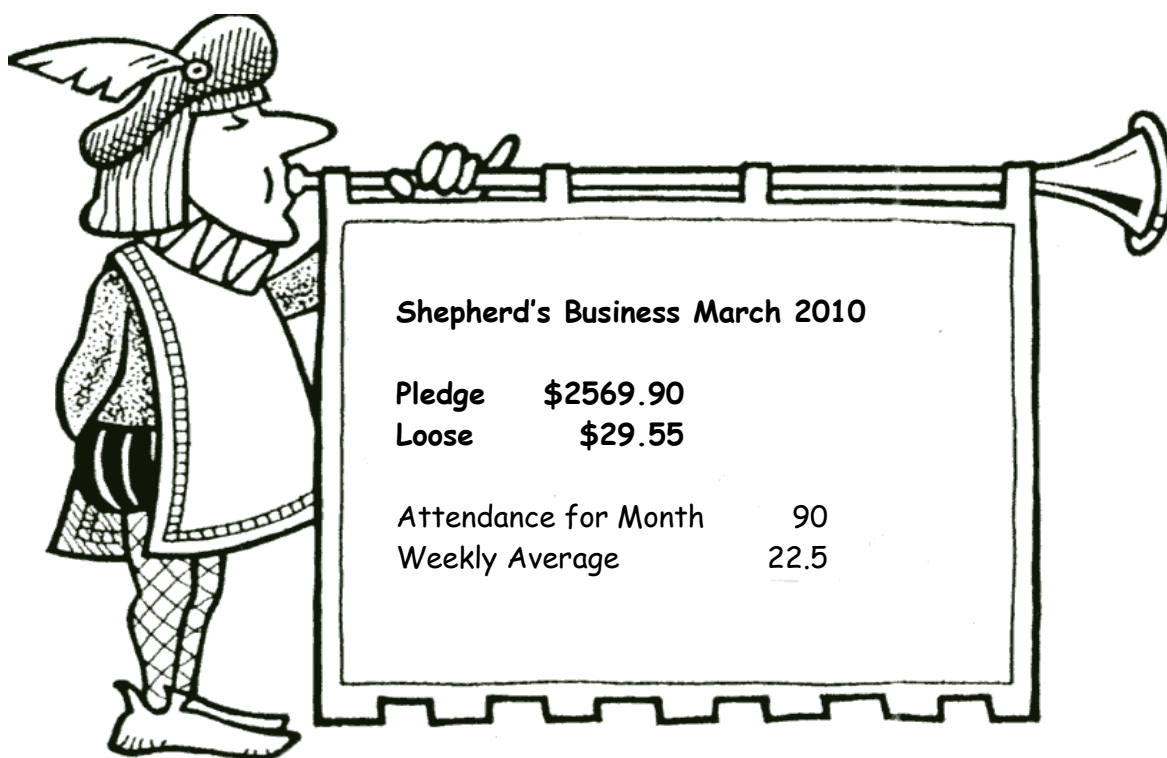
Share the Joy/Share the Job for June 2010

Please arrange your own substitutions and notify the church office

Date	6/6	6/13	6/20	6/27
Set-up/Com	Athey/Mullahey	Bennett/Hoffman	Fenton/Nelson	Clark/Rohal
Gtr/Ush	Nelson/Fenton	Gower/Hoffman	Mullahey/Prescott	Burrie/Clark
Lector	B Clark	T Fenton	S Nunnally	N Teas-Crain
Snacks		Athey/Bennett Burrie/Clark		

If you are scheduled for snacks this month. Please bring your snacks to the church kitchen on the second Sunday by 10:00am. Collectively the snacks should serve about 80 people.

If you cannot fulfill your obligation, please arrange for your own replacement and call the church office at 619-445-0220



Happy Birthday To:

5/1 Misty Brewster
5/1 Dee Murdock
5/3 Brett Cozart
5/10 Camelia Gower
5/30 Paul Rohal

Happy Anniversary To:

5/14 John & Caroline Hoffman
5/17 Bob & Tatty Fenton
5/24 George & Betty Woolman
5/30 Normand & Esther Croteau



Join Us On May 30 For Our Pot Luck Sunday!

We will have a joint service at 9:30am followed by a pot luck in Fuller Hall. Sign up to bring a dish or help set-up or clean-up. This is our 5th Sunday get together with Alpine Community Church. **PLEASE JOIN US!**



Book Club - The next meeting of Adventures in Reading will be held on Saturday, May 29th at 9:30 am in Fuller Hall. We review books and talk about favorite authors. We have a really good reading list that has been compiled over many years. Come join us for lively discussions and learn about great books that you might enjoy.

To the wonderful people at Good Shepherd:

A very special thank you to everyone for their prayers, thoughts, and concerns while my Mom was in the care facility. So many of you expressed your condolences at the time of her death. I really appreciate your cards and prayers. It was a difficult time and now she is at peace with God. We had a wonderful "Celebration of Life" service for Mom at Calvary Lutheran Church on April 24th. She is buried with my Dad at Fort Rosecrans Cemetery.

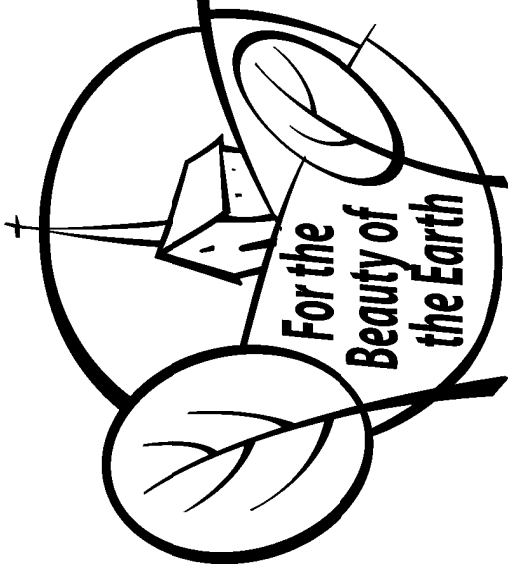
Love Brenda

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