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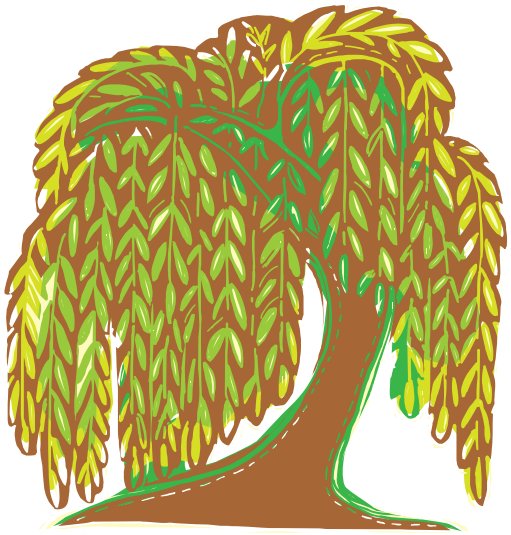
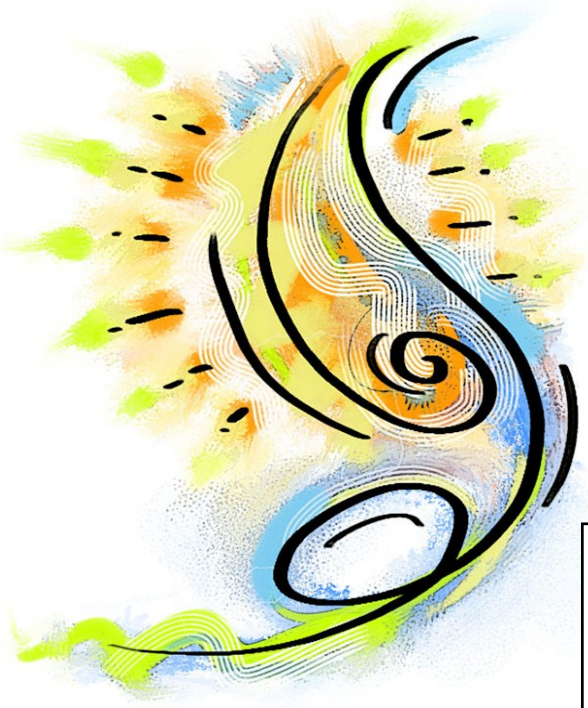
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
SUNDAY, MAY 3RD





"The Will of God never takes you where the Grace of God will not protect you."

MATTHEW 19:14

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:
TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!
REMINDER:
DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS
August 12th

CORNERSTONE TEAM

You may e-mail any articles, up-coming events, information, etc. Doing this electronically is a big help. Thank you for your efforts and information

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New Evidence Proves that Pizza & Ice Cream are Good for the Body!

The Church body, that is!

April 18, 2007: What started out to be a fund raiser for the Youth Group quickly turned into a time of food, fun, and fellowship, as many members of the congregation and people from the community gathered at Mountain Mike's Pizza and Cold Stone Creamery for dinner and dessert. The fun began about 5 p.m. as families started pouring into Mountain Mike's. Supervised by Denise Hitch, who organized the event, Susan Rich, and Tim Fontaine, the Youth Group kept busy delivering pizzas and bussing tables. Soon the restaurant was packed with Community CRC members enjoying plenty of pizza and fellowship. Meanwhile across the street Pastor Gary, Dennis Hitch, and Amy Osmundson were welcoming customers into the Cold Stone Creamery with enthusiasm (and songs!) as students mixed and served the ice cream treats . Management at both Mountain Mike's and Cold Stone were impressed with our Youth as well as the number of people who came out to support the event. We would like to thank everyone who supported this event. Proceeds will help fund our trip to "Spirit West Coast" a 3 day Christian Music Festival in Monterey this August.

Member Spotlight: Wes & Sarah Thorne

This month we would like to welcome Sarah and Wes Thorne to the congregation! After attending many months, they have made their profession of faith and become members here at CCRC.

Wes was born in Alaska, but was raised in Atwater, California. After finishing high school he spent four years in the Marine Corps and continued on to complete the police academy while working for Foster Farms. Deciding not to pursue a career in corrections, he has been with Foster Farms for seven years now. He is a turkey ranch manager here in Oakdale. Sarah was born in Sacramento, California and grew up in several places around the state, finishing high school in Merced. She received her B.A. and Teaching Credential at Stanislaus State University in 2001. She has been teaching in Modesto for six years and is at Alberta Martone Elementary teaching 6th grade.

Wes and Sarah met in 1993 at a Bible study in Atwater, California. Sarah was still in high school and Wes had just graduated and was working at a pest control company. Their friendship flourished over time, and they began dating, but over the next several years, time and distance would lead them in different directions. In 2003 Wes reconnected with Sarah. In 2005 they were married. Sarah says, "I never thought I would marry my high school sweetheart, but I guess it really does happen, even when time and distance separate you for a while." God really does have His own perfect timing.

Wes is an avid hunter and fisherman. Sarah likes to read and spend time with her girlfriends. They both like to camp, travel, and take day trips to the coast or mountains when Sarah is off track.

Wes and Sarah started attending CCRC last June. After trying out many other churches in the area, they say that they felt most welcome and at home here at CCRC. Wes attends the Wednesday Men's group. Sarah likes to go to Coffee Break when she is off track. She is starting to write for The Cornerstone and will be helping in the Nursery, as well as lending a helping hand with Vacation Bible School. They are enjoying their home hosted small group on Sunday evenings as well as the Married and Loving It group. They both look forward to serving in the CCRC fellowship in the future.

March Council Notes

- Approve the February minutes.
- Heard testimonies from Wes and Sarah Thorne and approved their partner ship/membership with our church.
- Received a report on the bathroom remodels.
- Reviewed written reports from Pastor Gary and Tim.
- Pastor Gary and Bryan reported on the Classis meeting.
- Council was instructed to come up with nominee names for elder and deacon at the next meeting.
- Approved, with recommendation from Classis leaders, that Pastor Gary can perform wedding ceremonies.

WEB HIGHLIGHTS

This month we highlight just 2 areas of our web site: Becoming A Partner and Newsletter.

On the left side of our homepage we find all kinds of different areas with some great information and some of them with no information: we are still putting that together! The side menu "Becoming A Partner" explains in detail what it will take to become a partner (or member) of our church. Pastor Gary has done a great job to explain what is all involved and what is expected from you when you desire to become "officially" part of the church. Please read through it, because even for us "experienced" members, it might contain a few "oh, I did not know that that is expected from us" nuggets and/or refreshers in it.

Also on the left side, under Ministry Resources, you will find the area titled "Newsletter (PDF)" PDF stands for Portable Document Format. This allows you to also read the newsletter on-line, it is exactly the same version as you find in your Church mailbox. PDF is a very popular format, most people have this (free) software already installed on their computer. If you do not have installed on your computer, a link at the bottom of the homepage "Get Adobe Reader" will allow you to install this free software on your computer. Enjoy!

Hopefully we will be announcing next time some new areas on your web site. Use the website and share it with your neighbors and friends.

Rien Groenewoud

Community Christian Reformed Church
Annual Mother-Daughter Tea

If you are a daughter, if you are a mother,
you are welcome!

Please join us for a tea in the Fellowship Hall in the basement of the Church on:

May 12, 2007

Save this date!

Check the church bulletins and your mailboxes at church for more details.

Married and Loving It

The Married and Loving It group is continuing to have another great year. There are approximately ten couples that are in regular attendance (easily our largest group ever!!). We thank the Lord for continuing to bless our marriage ministry at CCRC.

We are continuing our video series "Love Talk" by Drs. Les and Leslie Parrot. In this series we have been taught how to discover our personal talk style by examining how we handle problems, how we influence our partner, how we react to change, and how we make decisions. By understanding our own talk style as well as our partners' we can communicate on a more intimate level. We also learned at our last meeting that the secret to emotional connection is empathy. Empathy is the ability to see the world through your partner's eyes, empathy enables a deep and meaningful connection. We have two sessions left, "When Not To Talk" and "The Most Important Conversation You Will Ever Have".

In March we took a break from our video series and we headed to the First Baptist Church in Modesto to see Christian psychologist and author Dr. Kevin Leman. Dr. Leman is the author of the video series "Making the Most of Marriage" that our group went through two years ago. Dr. Leman spoke of marriage, and focused on the fact that God created man and woman very differently, yet when we come together in marriage we complete each other. He encouraged us as couples to enjoy each other's differences and to always pray audibly with each other and for each other. He has also authored video series for parenting entitled "Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours" and "Running the Rapids" both of these series have been purchased by our church and will be used in the near future. This was a fun and entertaining evening, many of our group even returned on Monday for the parenting session.

We continue to meet on the first Sunday of the month at 5:00 in the fellowship hall. We will be meeting formally May 6th and June 3rd, then breaking for the summer. There is always room for more couples, if you are interested in having a more intimate relationship with your spouse and your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, "Married and Loving It" is the place for you, call Steve and Beth Salie (847-3580) or simply come to our next meeting we would love to have you!

In His Service,

Steve and Beth Salie

Spring Coffee Break

Our Tuesday mornings at Coffee Break have been a real blessing with many ladies faithfully attending and studying the book, Serving Like Christ Together. This Bible study gave us practical ways to minister to those living within our community. It was awesome to fellowship, sing, study, and pray together and see the spiritual growth. Our new study, for the next four weeks, is by Focus on the Family. Balanced Living guides us to find the time for the important things in life- to prioritize the good from the best- the way God wants us to live for Him.

We look forward to seeing you at 9:30 on Tuesday mornings. The preschoolers have a fun Bible story Hour with "Miss Clary" and the infants are welcomed by Caroline and June up in the nursery. Hope to see you there! For more info, contact Rosemary @ 847-7344.

April Council Notes

- Approved the March minutes.
- Approved the February and March budgets.
- Received $7,200 from the Postma family in honor of Anna. Will decide after consultation with the family where they would like this money to be used.
- Received a report on the bathroom remodels – will be completed shortly.
- Reviewed written reports from Pastor Gary and Tim.
- Set the date for the next Communion – May 13 on Mother's Day.
- Nominated many men for the offices of elder and deacon and will send the

Member Spotlight: Sandra Cordano

Sandra Cordano recently transferred her membership of 7 years from the Hayward Christian Reformed Church to Community Christian Reformed Church. She has been attending our church for about 6 months.

Sandra was born and raised in Oakland, California where she graduated from Holy Names High School in 1958. After working for several years at Crocker Bank and Pacific Telephone Company, she served for 2 ½ years with the Women's Army Corps.

Later, her family moved to Hayward, California where she graduated with her AA from Chabot College and became a clerk/typist for the Hayward Unified School District. After working in various departments, she retired as one of the head secretaries for the Special Education Department in 1996. She moved to Oakdale about 6 months ago to be near her brother and his family.

In her free time Sandra likes to knit and read. She volunteered for 6 years at an animal shelter in Hayward. She loves animals, and has two cats now, Tara and Sweet Brett. She enjoys keeping up with politics and reads about alternative health issues. Since moving to Oakdale she has joined the Oakdale Women's Club.

Here at CCRC she is involved in the Adult Bible Study and is volunteering for Vacation Bible School this year. She is looking forward to participating in various activities such as the Soup and Pie Supper and the like. When asked what she likes about CCRC, she said that she enjoys how we incorporate both contemporary and more traditional styles during the services. Her favorite worship song is "Shout to the Lord".

A.I.M.

Adults In Motion

On, Saturday, March 31st a group of 26 people assembled at church. From there we car pooled to Clements. It is about a 45 minute ride. The weather was lovely, and the spring scenery was beautiful. The hills were green with lots of wild flowers blooming. Bringing to mind Psalm 50:10, "For every animal of the forest is mine and the cattle upon a thousand hills." We arrived in Clements at 3:30 and had a wonderful dinner at Woodbridge Clements Feed and Fuel. The building is the old Feed Store that was damaged in a fire and restored, tastefully decorated with a delicious menu, we all highly recommend it. From there we walked across the street to Chocoholics chocolate factory. Even though the factory was closed for the weekend and tours are usually done during the week. We were given a special tour, very informative. We then browsed in the Gift Shop and had dessert on the patio. Keep in mind, and save the date, Saturday, June 23 is the Modesto Nuts baseball game at John Thurman Field in Modesto. More info will be coming.

Special Offering List

May

6	Ripon Christian
13	Rancho Santa Marta Mission Trip
20	Back to God Hour
27	Christian Reformed World Missions

June

3	Ripon Christian
10	Young Life
17	CRWRC
24	Sacramento City Life Church

July

1	Ripon Christian
8	Deacons Fund
15	Youth Group
22	River Rock Church
29	Missionary Support

August

5	Ripon Christian
12	Pastor-Church Relations
19	Deacons Fund
26	CRWRC

April 12, 2007

Dear Church Family,

I just finished reading over the last letter I submitted so that I would not repeat myself too much! In doing so it was a sweet chance to look back on the Lord's faithfulness over the past several months. As graduation looms (9 weeks – the countdown has begun!) the Lord is revealing the plans He has for the coming months. . .slowly but surely.

I had a positive experience student teaching 4th graders in Arroyo Grande last quarter; during this time I opened the "Bulk Bucks Bank" as a result of some behavioral issues. The issues didn't go away altogether but it sure helped to make the experience a little more enjoyable. We ended out the quarter with a successful auction where they were able to spend the Bulk Bucks they worked so hard to earn. I am now student teaching Kindergarteners in Morro Bay. What a challenge it is to shift my thinking to their level. I am going to teach a large unit on countries around the world, rest assured that Holland will be included!

Other then full-time student teaching I am taking a religious studies class at Cal Poly called "Jesus". Many faculty members doubted the classroom of 200 seats would fill and when the professor told them that "Jesus would bring them" they were a little concerned. . .but it's true, Jesus is as compelling and controversial as He was 2,000 years ago – the class is full! What a unique opportunity to learn about Jesus from a strictly historical perspective at a public university. The Bible study I have been leading recently merged with another, it has been great to meet new girls and lead them in the Word. We finished Hebrews and now have decided to get an overview of the Old Testament prophets and how their prophecies have played out in the New Testament; I know very little about this so it will be a great chance to learn a lot.

And now you may be wondering what my plans are after June 16th! Well, I will be joining staff with Campus Crusade for Christ, the Christian organization I have been so involved with over the years. I will begin with a year-long internship in San Luis Obispo and take it from there. During the last weekend of April I will be attending the kick-off conference where I will learn a lot more about the support raising process, something that I will spend a good portion of my summer doing. As I think about how the Lord has shaped me and used me within this ministry over the years I am so excited to continue in His will for my life here at Cal Poly. As always I will keep you informed and would appreciate your prayers as spiritual warfare has definitely been a reality in my life lately – I think Satan is pretty unhappy; however, this has proven to affirm my calling into full-time ministry even more. I am definitely passionate about seeing college students come to know the Lord and I am so excited to serve Him in any way.

I love the promises of the Lord and hope that we can cling to Him because of His great love. . .or like Lamentations 3:22-24 puts it, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him"." Whatever it is that we are waiting on Him for it is great to know that He will always satisfy even though it maybe in different ways then we could have ever expected. May the Lord bless you so that you can be a blessing today!

Sincerely,
Arijaan Bulk

Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior

Oakdale GEMS held their annual Father Daughter Dinner on Monday, February 26. It was Thanksgiving in March as the girls and their dads and grandpas feasted on turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry salad and, of course, pumpkin pie. The Father-Daughter teams competed in a Thanksgiving table-setting relay race, and then were challenged to draw a turkey using only one hand each. The men entertained everyone with their turkey gobbling imitations. The Thanksgiving theme coincides with this year's GEMS theme – "Livin' the Secret, Having a Thankful Heart" - which encourages us to be thankful in all circumstances for the many blessings the Lord has given us. We're thankful for everyone who joined us that evening and also for the GEMS counselors who cooked the delicious food!

Our next big event was GEMS camp at Silver Spur in Sonora, March 30th – April 1st. Three Oakdale GEMS and two counselors joined about 150 other GEMS and GEMS counselors from churches in the Golden Valley GEMS council for a busy weekend of worship, singing, crafts, hiking, and making friends. The camp theme this year was, appropriately, "Camping" and the activities were geared around this theme. We enjoyed a campfire on Friday night and all the girls participated with sound effects in the camp director's campfire stories. On Saturday night the cabins tested their skills against each other in a "survivor" type game and were entertained by the 8th graders, who performed skits. Sunday's worship service outside was inspirational. Everyone was thankful for the beautiful, warm, sunny weather, after having rain and hail (and even a power outage) the past two years. Most of the counselors agreed that the weather was the best it had been in a long time!

The GEMS year is winding down and Oakdale CCRC will be celebrating GEMS Sunday on May 6th. This is a day when churches all over the United States and Canada celebrate their GEMS Clubs, learning more about the year's theme and worshiping with the girls. The Oakdale GEMS look forward to seeing you there!

GEMS meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Girls 2nd grade – 8th grade are welcome. It's not too late to join in!

For more information, contact Robin Muirhead, 847-4644.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever". 1 Chronicles 34:14

Vacation Bible School

"Avalanche Ranch!"

Despite the rain we survived and had a successful journey down "F" Street, during this year's Oakdale Rodeo parade. Although, we did put in a lot of hours, we have to say it was an easier task than years past. With a ranch theme we were able to use decorations from our homes and create a ranch atmosphere atop Gary Osmundson's flatbed trailer.

So, off we went. Amy with her trusty umbrella-she told me she doesn't DO rain, but she stuck it out! Thanks Amy-you're a trooper. Mindy two-stepping her way down the road, Dave decided on the float instead of the passenger seat this year, Kurt was once again our trusty driver trying to figure out where we were supposed to be, and all the other parents, teenagers and little buckaroos as we headed out to invite our community to VBS. What a thrill it was. We cranked up the music and everyone sang their hearts out to this year's sound track. A special thank you, to the people that contributed to decorating the float, being a part of the float on Saturday and helping with the publicity. God is working through all of you to bring His people to Him!

Preparing for VBS is always a guess. We had 3,000 cards printed, with all the information on them about the program and we placed a magnet on the back, so people can stick them to their refrigerator to "save the date." (More cards are available downstairs for you to invite someone also). Even with the rain there were a good number of people out. We probably handed out close to 2,000 cards and because of a generous donation we were also able to hand out 80+ CD's along with some leftover "I LoveVBS" maracas that we attached the cards to.

With the summer fast approaching we want to do two things. First, the VBS team is always in need of volunteers. This is a huge program and we would love for everyone to pitch in. Year after year we see this program bring our congregation together. Many people working together to further His kingdom and you don't want to be left out do you? There is a volunteer sign up sheet downstairs and I would be happy to answer any questions. The second thing we want to do is invite friends, family, neighbors. Take some time to think about who you could invite. There are plenty of cards downstairs you may give out, or maybe buy someone a CD and give it to them. They are $5 each and the information they need is right on the CD. God is calling us to reach out to our community and I can't think of a funner way to do it!

So, "*saddle up your horses, we've got a trail to blaze*." Look out Oakdale, here we come! Just remember if you don't volunteer on your own, we'll rope you, hog tie you, and you will have to serve where there is a hole, not where you choose. Even if that were true-I can guarantee you'd be glad you did it.

Thanks again for everyone's hard work
and for all the support from the congregation!

Member Spotlight: Mindy Johnson & Family

We are so excited to officially welcome Mindy Johnson and family to our fellowship! After years of attending, Mindy and Emily have made their professions of faith. As well, Emily, Bryce, Drew and Colby have all been baptized.

Mindy started looking for churches in 2003. At about age 5, Emily, her eldest daughter, expressed a unique interest in God and would go to church with her grandmother. Several years later, at Emily's request, Mindy started looking for a church for her family. It was about that time that Amy Osmundson invited her and her children to VBS (Vacation Bible School). Mindy says that she was amazed by what she saw. Shortly thereafter her family started attending CCRC.

Mindy Johnson was born in Stockton, California in 1973. After several moves, she made Oakdale her home in 1997. Here she is the Administrative Assistant for CCRC and teaches Kindermusik part-time. She also creates family scrapbooks through Creative Memories. If you give her the photos and tell her what you want, she will create a scrapbook for you! She loves her various jobs, but most of all, she thrives on being a mother.

Her first child, Emily, is turning 13 in July. She will be entering 8th grade in the fall and enjoys being on the swim team and participating in Summer Theatre with her grandma. She currently is in the production of Grease being put on by Oakdale High School. She is also involved in Gems and the Youth Group. Bryce is 9 and is going into 5th grade. He is also on the swim team and is a Cadet. Drew is 7, entering 2nd grade, and Colby is 5, entering Kindergarten in the fall. Both younger boys take Kindermusik lessons with Mindy. All four children enjoy Kajukembo lessons, a type of karate. Bryce and Drew also sing in the Children's Choir at church.

Mindy has been very involved in church life for a long time. She volunteers with VBS, Children's Choir, and leads worship for the children before Sunday School. She also attends several Bible studies including Coffee Break and a Home Group. She looks forward to continuing the Lord's service here at CCRC.

The music played and people rejoiced in song as together we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The kids led the way as they encouraged us to consider several deeply personal questions, “Were YOU there?” Were you there when they crucified my Lord, laid him in the tomb, when he rose up from the grave…Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble! The kids then led us in flowering the barren cross with a variety of floral.

As Barbara & I watched the church move toward the cross noticing each person holding a flower to contribute, we were deeply moved. My heart was touched as I saw people working together on a community project, one that required each person to give what they had to accomplish a common goal. When their flowers were added with all the others, the result was an amazing transformation from a barren cross to a creative masterpiece of beauty and grace.

It doesn’t matter how each of us got there, but we all responded when the call came. It didn’t matter if you were a man, women, young adult or a child. No one was concerned how much money you made or what your job was. No one cared if you were wearing designer clothes or simply blue jeans, because at the foot of the cross, the ground is level. God calls each of us to respond to his love as represented in Jesus Christ.

We were all moved Thursday night by being reminded of Christ’s sacrificial work on the cross as we heard God’s Word, sat in silence and visually witnessed candles being extinguished. The Christ candle was removed and then returned as we celebrated Communion together. We left in silence, grateful for God’s amazing rescue of us.

On Sunday morning, as I watched the people, moms & dads, friends and families, some facing issues of great pain and some with big smiles on their faces, I was reminded of Colossians 3:13-14. “*Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”*

Because God is love, he treasures relationships. His very nature is relational and he identifies himself in family terms: Father, Son, and Spirit. The Trinity is God’s relationship to himself. It’s the perfect pattern for relational harmony and we should study its implications.

When we place our faith in Christ, God becomes our Father, we become his children, other believers become our brothers and sisters, and the church becomes our spiritual family. The family of God includes all believers in the past, in the present, and all who will believe in the future.

The Bible says, "Jesus and the people he makes holy all belong to the same family. That is why he isn't ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters." Let that amazing truth sink in! Because Jesus makes you holy, God is proud of you. Being included in God’s family is the highest honor, the greatest privilege you and I will ever receive. Nothing else comes close. Why not pause right now and thank God that he included you?

"Praise God for the privilege of being in Christ's family
and being called by his wonderful name!"

-Pastor Gary

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
GEMS SUNDAY		1 Coffee Break/Story Hour/Child Care 9:30	2 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Youth Group 7:00-8:30 College & Career 7:00 Choir Practice 7:30	3	4	5 Men's Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team Practice 10:00
6 Sunday School 9:15 HS & Adult Bible 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 **Rest Home Visit 2:30** **Married & Loving It 5:00** **Home Hosted Small Groups**	7 **Cadets 7:00 - 8:30**	8 LAST Coffee Break/ Story Hour/Child Care 9:30 **Council Mtg 7:00**	9 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Youth Group 7:00-8:30 College & Career 7:00 **NO** Choir Practice	10	11	12 Men's Bible Study 8:00 Mother /Daughter Tea Christian Day @ Great America Worship Team Practice 10:00
13 Mother's Day! Sunday School 9:15 HS Education 9:30 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 **Home Hosted Small Groups**	14	15 **Deacon's Mtg 6:00**	16 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Youth Group 7:00-8:30 College & Career 7:00 Choir Practice 7:30	17	18	19 Men's Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team Practice 10:00
20 Sunday School 9:15 HS Education 9:30 Adult Bible Study 9:30 Choir Sings Worship Service 10:30 **Home Hosted Small Groups**	21 **LAST** **Cadets 7:00-8:30**	22 **Elder's Mtg 7:00**	23 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Youth Group 7:00-8:30 College & Career 7:00 Choir Practice 7:30	24	25	26 Men's Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team Practice 10:00
27 Last Sunday School 9:15 Last HS Education 9:30 **Last** Adult Bible Study 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 **Home Hosted Small Groups**	28 **Memorial Day**	29 **Deacon's Mtg 6:00**	30 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Youth Group 7:00-8:30 College & Career 7:00 **NO** Choir Practice	31 **Library Work Day 3:00**		

June 2007

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3 Worship Service 10:30 **SS end of year party!** **Rest Home Visit 2:30** **Married & Loving It 5:00** Home Hosted Small Groups	4	5	6 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Youth Group 7:00-8:30 College & Career 7:00	7	8	9 Men's Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team Practice 10:00
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24 Worship Service 10:30 Home Hosted Small Groups	25	26 **Deacon's Mtg 6:00** **Elder's Meeting 7:00**	27 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Youth Group 7:00-8:30 College & Career 7:00	28	29	30 Men's Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team Practice 10:00

July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Service 10:30 **Rest Home Visit 2:30** Home Hosted Small Groups	2	3	4 **Independence Day** Men's Bible Study 12:00 Youth Group 7:00-8:30 College & Career 7:00	5	6	7 Men's Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team Practice 10:00
8 **Choir Practice 9:30** Worship Service 10:30 Home Hosted Small Groups	9 **Vacation Bible School 5:00-8:00**	10 **Vacation Bible School 5:00-8:00** **Deacon's Mtg 6:00**	11 **Vacation Bible School 5:00-8:00** Men's Bible Study 12:00 **NO** Youth Group **NO** College & Career	12 **Vacation Bible School 5:00-8:00**	13 **Vacation Bible School 5:00-8:00**	14 Men's Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team Practice 10:00
15 **VBS Sunday** Worship Service 10:30 Home Hosted Small Groups	16 **VBS Clean-Up**	17	18 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Youth Group 7:00-8:30 College & Career 7:00	19	20	21 Men's Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team Practice 10:00
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29 Worship Service 10:30 Home Hosted Small Groups	30	31 **Deacon's Mtg 6:00**				

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Youth Group 7:00-8:30 College & Career 7:00	2 **Spirit West Coast**	3 **Spirit West Coast**	4 **Spirit West Coast** Men's Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team Practice 10:00
5 Worship Service 10:30 **Rest Home Visit 2:30** Home Hosted Small Groups	6	7 **Worship Committee Meeting 7:00**	8 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Youth Group 7:00-8:30 College & Career 7:00	9	10	11 Men's Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team Practice 10:00
12 **Choir Practice 9:30** Worship Service 10:30 Home Hosted Small Groups **Cornerstone Deadline**	13	14	15 Men's Bible Study 12:00 Youth Group 7:00-8:30 College & Career 7:00 **Cornerstone Cut-off**	16	17	18 Men's Bible Study 8:00 Worship Team Practice 10:00
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An Update from the Church Profile Team

For the past two months, a few members of the congregation have been working as a Team to complete a descriptive document called the Church Profile. The Church Council called for the creation of this Team, selected its members, and articulated their purpose so that work could begin in late February. The Team consists of Willie Bylsma, Don De Witt, Tim Fontaine, Tom Herter, Jack Hoekstra, Susan Rich, Brenda Struiksma, Michelle Tanis, and Pastor Gary Westra, who is temporarily facilitating the early work and providing interface between the Council and the Team.

This Profile, once completed, will paint a picture of the congregation: its members, history, strengths, weaknesses, and hopes, and delineate the desired attributes of its pastor. The Profile also describes the surrounding community. The completion of the Church Profile is the first step of a pastoral search. And the notion of a pastoral search has raised a few questions. Pastor Gary Westra is serving in a one-year, interim position and the creation of the Team and its work on the Profile do not reflect on Gary's service to the Church. The Council is being forward-thinking in regards to preparing for a pastoral search. The Profile requires a great deal of time to complete, and starting such a Profile late in the life of the year's contract would delay a search if a current Profile were not in place. The Council will be able to move forward with a pastoral search if it decides that is the right course.

The Team has chosen a Profile template organized in various sections. Team members have divided up those sections, researched their assigned portions, written independently, and then brought drafts to the Team for discussion and revision. To flesh out the Profile, the Team has decided to include the results of two separate surveys. The first survey is a Congregational Survey, and the Team hopes that most of the congregation will respond in writing to the three pages of questions. Copies have already been distributed. The Team will tally the results and share them with the congregation, as well as include them in the Church Profile.

The second survey is entitled the Natural Church Development survey, and the church used an earlier version of this tool a few years ago. This survey utilizes the results of a set number of respondents. To try and capture an accurate cross section of the congregation, the Team divided up active members into three age groups and drew from a random sample from each group. Those whose names were drawn received a letter in the mail from the Team asking them to stay after service on April 22nd and take this survey. The answer documents will be sent to the survey developers for analysis. The results of this survey will also be shared and incorporated into the Profile.

Once the Team completes the Church Profile, we will have an accurate representation of our congregation and its needs. Throughout the process, the Team requests your continued prayers. We thank you for your assistance through the completion of the surveys mentioned above and your continued support.

Please feel free to speak to any of the Team members listed above with your questions and/or concerns.

Notes from the Building Committee:

You may not have noticed all the dust from our remodel project as the cleaning crew has really kept on top of it. Thanks, to all the crew for a job well done. The bathrooms should be finished by the time this hits the presses. It started with the tear out, what a mess. And when dealing with an old building you never know what you will find. Some old secrets were reveled. Did you know that there had been a fire in the ladies room, some of the charred boards are still up there, Leonard is going to research when that happened. And the men's room still had the original fixtures in use, making them about 100 years old, no wonder they weren't working very well. One of our biggest problems was trying to figure out how to put vents in as we couldn't punch holes through the rock walls, but with a little ingenuity it was done. We now have vents, hot water heaters and the ladies have a much needed wall heater. We saved the old stalls and the beautiful old wood work as this was all in good condition and went with the style of the church. But with new fixtures and paint by Danielle Fontaine and new tile floors they look great. The nursery has undergone a change too. We took some space from it and built a much needed handicapped bathroom. We also now have a room for brides to use, or anyone with a fussy baby. Hopefully we have made the bathrooms much more comfortable and a pleasure to use. Check them out when you have a chance. Once again thanks to all who worked so hard to see this project through and all of you who put-up with the inconvenience.

We would like to also send out a special thank you to Myra Salie, who worked tirelessly to make sure everything was done. She was teased a lot about living at church, Home Depot and Ace Hardware. We all appreciate your efforts as well as your gifts for making this project a success.

The Building Committee is working with the Worship Committee on the new sign. We have met with a sign company and they suggested we first work up a design and then they will bid the making and installation. We were thinking of two signs but they suggested just one large sign where the existing sign is only making it lower and brighter so it can be seen and read easier. Attaching the signs to the church would be very costly and time consuming (permits and installation) and by using the existing area we can bypass the permitting and the installation will be minimal. We plan on having this completed by the middle of summer.

News from the Harrewyn Family

Dear Supporters, Friends and Family, 8 April 2007

Spring has arrived in Mongolia! As usual there were many beautiful sunshiny days and a few late snow showers just to tease us, but these showers bring the promise of a wet spring and green grass for the animals. With temperatures down to -30 F, it has been a mild winter as winters go in Mongolia. The heavier snow came late and the livestock did not have to struggle much to forage for grass under the snow.

Daniel and Joshua were both in school this winter. We found a very decent playschool for Joshua and it has made a huge difference. Instead of being locked in the house and getting "cabin fever", they are occupied all morning and come home tired enough to take a good nap after noon.

We received a donation from a church in Alaska to buy clothing for the street kids in Ulaanbaatar. Rosane shopped around for good quality warm clothing and distributed the clothing with the assistance of the Christina Noble Foundation. It would have been a difficult task without their help since they make regular rounds to locations where they know they can find the children and contact can be made in the presence of people who know them.

We passed through a bit of an emotionally difficult time this spring when Rosane got a positive on a pregnancy test. Unfortunately things went wrong quickly and it soon became evident that she had a miscarriage. We were fortunate to have the council of an American Missionary General Practitioner. He directed us to the right place to ensure that it was not an ectopic pregnancy. This would have been a dangerous condition in this country and would have required treatment in China or Korea.

In May Rosane and the boys will be traveling to be with their Grandmother in California. Oma Christina will be undergoing a hip replacement surgery and Rosane will go to help her recover. It will also be a time for Oma Christina to be with her Grandsons for a while. The plan is for them to be in California for a month or more if the recovery is difficult.

On Easter Sunday we were invited to participate in a small local neighborhood church. We enjoyed the fellowship and time together with the Mongolian Christians. They are enthusiastic Christians and use the occasions of special celebrations to invite their unsaved neighbors and friends to participate and hear the Gospel. The service included performances of skits, song and Mongolian dance. Even with the difficulty of the language we welcome and were blessed.

The aircraft continues to run flawlessly. The utilization or number of hours the aircraft flies in a year has now increased to the point that we can run the maintenance entirely on an approved "Phase Inspection" program. In the past we were required to do an Annual Inspection which required a minimum two weeks of down time. The Phase Inspection Program allows more flexibility by breaking inspections down into parts between which the aircraft can fly. Thus, this winter the aircraft has been operational all winter. In January and February the aircraft flew 55 hours mostly for Missions and Aid Agencies.

The winter flying is the result of projects by World Vision International and the Norwegian Lutheran Mission beginning medical and development projects in the far west of the country in a town called Hovd. This distance represents an 8 hour round trip from Ulaanbaatar with the Cessna Caravan at 173 miles per hour. We see this as the expected beginning of Missions moving farther into the country side – a move that makes our presence that much more vital.

Jusso our new Finnish pilot got his Mongolian Pilots license this last week. This is quite an accomplishment since he was required to prove enough proficiency in the Mongolian language to satisfy the Civil Aviation that he could communicate with the Mongolian Radio operators and controllers. The Mongolian Civil Aviation had made a commitment to having their staff literate in English by now, but they were unable to meet their goal. They were gracious to Jusso and offered him training in an Air Traffic Control Facility until they were satisfied that he was competent with his radio communication.

Our other Pilot Jan-Tore will be leaving to go back to his home country of Norway in August after four years of excellent service. Jan-Tore and his wife Anita became close friends and we will miss them greatly. They are currently on a break and back in Norway. Possibly Jan-Tore will have interviews for Pilot jobs and we pray the best for them.

In August we will receive the family of our new permanent Director Paul Brooks and his family. He has been working here in Mongolia, but had to leave his Wife and son behind as she is expecting their second child – a daughter.

Initially we came here to Mongolia with the understanding that it was a short term interim assignment, but we are happy to announce that we have just made a commitment to stay two more years beyond the original commitment. We feel that MAF is making a strong positive impact on the Nation of Mongolia and we wish to continue to participate.

Pray for Rosane to recover emotionally from the miscarriage.
Pray for a replacement Pilot as Jan-Tore and Anita return home.
Pray for Rosane as she travels alone with the two active boys.
Pray for Oma Christina and a successful operation and recovery.
Pray for Albert who is no longer accustomed to being a bachelor.
Pray for a good delivery of Paul and Edith's child and a good transition to life in Mongolia.

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Birthdays

May

1 Cole Jongsma
Michael Myers, Jr.
2 Frankie Rossier
9 Andrew Muirhead
10 Margitta Sikkema
Esther Ryken
11 Ryan Tanis
14 Drew Dickman
18 Scott Terpstra
26 Becky Hoekstra
30 Willie Bylsma

June

4 Gary Osmundson
5 Marge Jaasma
Anna Vander Well
7 Robin Snyder
Caitlin Hitch
Bailey Hitch
Grace Westerhoff
8 Gerard W. Van Konynenburg
11 Julie Aeilts
12 Robin Muirhead
Harley McCoy
16 Derek Timmerman
17 Adam Erro
19 Tiffani Struiksma
Mindy Johnson
20 Myra Salie
21 Teddy Rossier
22 Annaliese Stueve
24 Nathan Erro
Sydney Fontaine
Carson Terpstra
25 Jim De Bie
27 Kenneth Terpstra
David Alger
30 Rosane Harrewyn
Gary Westra

July

1 Marisol Osmundson
3 Sophia Franscella
4 Janel Groenewoud
10 Steve Salie
11 Millie Blom
Allison Vierra
12 Brian Dickson
15 Emilee De Bie
Tim Fontaine
16 Sylvia Ruiter
Dan Muirhead
20 Donnie Schwandt
Peggy Phillips
22 Sophia Schwandt
23 Colton Hoekstra
27 Lori Vierra
Emily Johnson
28 Laura Bylsma
Jay Hoekstra

August

7 Bill Struiksma
8 Kathy Terpstra
Brett Taylor (Salie)
11 Lena Burtschi
12 Cordell Van Nieuwenhuyzen
14 Gerhard Buescher
16 Anita Fontaine
17 Bryan De Bie
18 Katie Schwandt
19 Jim Blom
Clary Lanting
20 Tanner Hoekstra
21 Loren Vander Well
Mike Lin
Timothy Lin
22 Mark Timmerman
23 Don Snyder
24 Mary Oosterman
25 Arja Lechuga
28 Joshua Harrewyn
31 Kurt Hoekstra

Anniversaries

May

8 Art & Anna Tanis
11 Tom & Connie Herter
19 Tim & Danielle Fontaine
24 John & Jane Erro
Jamie & Samantha Franscella
25 Edward & Jan Schaaphok
30 Andy & Grace Westerhoff

June

8 Gerhard & Ursula Buescher
11 Myer & Clary Lanting
Cordell & Dorie Van Nieuwenhuyzen
12 Jim & Heidi De Bie
24 Lauren & Michelle Tanis
29 Mark & Agnes Timmerman

July

4 John & June De Witt
Dennis & Monika Becker
8 Jake & Ada Oosterman
9 Brian & Johanna Dickson
14 Herman & Sue Meyer
19 Brian & Rosemary Kamper
25 Don & Robin Snyder
29 Steve & Beth Salie

August

3 Jason & Dana Struiksma
5 Fred & Sue Rich
8 Jeff & Kim Jongsma
Charles & Grace Murphy
9 Dennis & Denise Hitch
11 Jack & Ellie Hoekstra
16 Gage & Jenny Stueve
19 Harley & Phyllis McCoy
21 George & Marge Jaasma
23 Mike & Ming Lin
26 Drew & Anita Fontaine
29 Bill & Caroline Hoekstra
Vince & Lori Vierra

CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Date	Session	Leader	Helper #1	Helper #2
May 6/07	RESPONSE DAY	Ming Lin	Agnes Timmerman	Gary Osmundson
May 13/07	#41 The Good Shepherd & Feast	Ming Lin	Joycelyn Tanis	Brett Taylor
May 20/07	#42 Ascension	Lenneke Bulk	Becky Hoekstra	Johanna Dickson
May 27'07	#43 Pentecost	Lenneke Bulk	Bailey Hitch	Jack Hoekstra

Date	Session	Leader	Helper #1	Helper #2
June 3/07	#44 Baptism	Nancy Osmund-son	Caitlin Hitch	Frank or Deanna Rossier
June 10'07	#25 The Mustard Seed & Feast	Nancy Osmund-son	Samantha Fran-scella	Kurt or Becky Hoekstra
June 17/07	#26 The Leaven	Donna Bandsma	Deanna Rossier	Mindy Johnson
June 24/07	#26 The Leaven	Donna Bandsma	Lori Smith	Ada Oosterman

Date	Session	Leader	Helper #1	Helper #2
July 1/07	#30 The Great Banquet	Lenneke Bulk	Brett Taylor	Gary Osmundson
July 8/07	#30 The Great Banquet & Feast	Lenneke Bulk	Donnie Schwandt	Bailey Hitch
July 15/07	#27 The Great Pearl	Ming Lin	Agnes Timmerman	Caitlin Hitch
July 22/07	#28 The Sower	Ming Lin	Joycelyn Tanis	Jack Hoekstra
July 29/07	#29 The Good Samaritan	Nancy Osmund-son	Johanna Dickson	Steve or Beth Salie

August - NO SESSIONS for this month

If you are unable to serve at your scheduled time, please find a replacement.
If you are unable to find someone please contact **Lenneke Bulk @ 848 2309**

NURSERY SCHEDULE MAY - AUGUST

MAY

6	HOLLY BALLARD BARB WESTRA	BRETT T.
13	ELLIE HOEKSTRA GRACE WESTERHOFF	EMILY J.
20	DEANNA ROSSIER JENNY STUEVE	ANDREW M.
27	LORI SMITH KIM JONGSMA	JOYCELYN T.

JUNE

3	KURT HOEKSTRA AMY OSMUNDSON	EMILY D.
10	JACK HOEKSTRA TIFFANI STRUIKSMA	BRETT T.
17	MARGE JAASMA LAUREN TANIS	EMILY J.
24	SARAH THORNE SAMANTHA F.	JOYCELYN T.

JULY

1	HOLLY BALLARD BARB WESTRA	ANDREW M.
8	GRACE WESTERHOFF ELLIE HOEKSTRA	EMILY D.
15	DEANNA ROSSIER JENNY STUEVE	BRETT T.
22	LORI SMITH KIM JONGSMA	EMILY J.
29	KURT HOEKSTRA AMY OSMUNDSON	JOYCELYN T.

AUGUST

5	JACK HOEKSTRA TIFFANI STRUIKSMA	ANDREW M.
12	MARGE JAASMA SARAH THORNE	EMILY D.
19	SAMANTHA F. LAUREN TANIS	BRETT T.
26	HOLLY BALLARD BARB WESTRA	EMILY J.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON YOUR SCHEDULED DAY PLEASE TRADE WITH ANOTHER VOLUNTEER IF POSSIBLE OR CALL ANY OSMUNDSON 845-2144. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR HELP!

Little Lambs Schedule May - August 2007

Name				Phone
Clary L.		5-27-07	8-5-07	847-6889
Ming L.		6-3-07	8-12-07	848-1420
Michelle T.	5-6-07	6-10-07	8-19-07	847-3520
Caroline H.		6-17-07	8-26-07	847-3454
Ellie H.		6-24-07		847-5872
Julie V.		7-1-07		883-9193
Samantha F.		7-8-07		874-3474
Nancy O.		7-15-07		847-6673
Mindy J.	5-13-07	7-22-07		845-8216
Sue R.	5-20-07	7-29-07		847-2981

COFFEE HOST SCHEDULE

May - August 2007

MAY	NAME	PHONE #
6	John & Jane Erro	847- 2029
13	Tony & Marie Dykxhoorn	522- 3253
20	Dirk & Julie Van Konynenburg	883- 9193
27	Don & June DeWitt	848- 3953
JUNE		
3	Dennis & Denise Hitch	848- 2338
10	Dan & Robin Muirhead	847- 4644
17	Jake & Ada Oosterman	869- 1978
24	Rien & Nelly Groenewoud	847- 3878
JULY		
1	Jeff & Kim Jongsma	848- 9216
8	Mike & Nancy Osmundson	847- 6673
15	Walt & Lenneke Bulk	847- 2309
22	Fred & Susan Rich	847- 2981
29	Don & Myra Salie	847- 3737
AUGUST		
5	Gary & Amy Osmundson	845- 2144
12	Lauren & Michelle Tanis	847- 3520
19	Kurt Hoekstra	847- 9154
26	Jack & Ellie Hoekstra	847- 5872

If you are unable to serve on your Sunday, please arrange for a substitute and notify Jane Erro, 847- 2029, or Robin Muirhead, 847- 4644. Thank you!!

Sound Schedule

May

6	Dan Muirhead
13	Andrew Muirhead
20	Steve Salie
27	Marc Taylor

June

3	Dan Muirhead
10	Andrew Muirhead
17	Steve Salie
24	Marc Taylor

July

1	Dan Muirhead
8	Andrew Muirhead
15	Steve Salie
22	Marc Taylor
29	Steve Salie

August

5	Dan Muirhead
12	Andrew Muirhead
19	Steve Salie
26	Marc Taylor

Usher's Schedule

May

6	Dennis Hitch	Walter Bulk
13	Jeff Jongsma	Kurt Hoekstra
20	John Bulk	Jack Hoekstra
27	Tom Herter	Fred Rich

June

3	Mike Lin	Leonard Terpstra
10	Dennis Hitch	Jake Oosterman
17	Eldon Aeilts	Vince Vierra
24	Gary Osmundson	Frank Rossier

July

1	John Erro	Tony Dykxhoorn
8	Bill Struiksma	Travis Struiksma
15	Tom Herter	Don DeWitt
22	Rien Groenewoud	Dirk VanKonynenburg
29	Fred Rich	George Jaasma

August

5	Donnie Schwandt	Steve Salie
12	Dennis Becker	Ralph Sikkema
19	Don Salie	Leonard Terpstra
26	Bill Struiksma	Travis Struiksma

Greeter's Schedule

May

6	Rien & Nelly Groenewoud
13	Rien & Nelly Groenewoud
20	Don & Myra Salie
27	Don & Myra Salie

June

3	Donnie & Joellene Schwandt
10	Donnie & Joellene Schwandt
17	Don & June DeWitt
24	Don & June DeWitt

July

1	Ralph & Margitta Sikkema
8	Ralph & Margitta Sikkema
15	Mike & Ming Lin
22	Mike & Ming Lin
29	Walter & Lenneke Bulk

August

5	Tom & Connie Herter
12	Tom & Connie Herter
19	John & Jane Erro
26	John & Jane Erro

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