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## We're Making Some Changes...

In the upcoming months, the Rod & Staff will be undergoing some changes. In this age of technology it has been decided that the church newsletter as we know it is a thing of the past and it is time to give it a new life and bring it into modern times. For the summer, we will be combining July & August into one issue. After that we will be switching to a new format that is still being explored. If any of you have any experience in formatting newsletters, or have any ideas or suggestions that would help in re-formatting the Rod & Staff, please see Lauri Anderson.

## NewsBytes...



- ◆ Please keep **Lady Kasperski** in prayer as she has surgery on June 6, and also **Dot Krippelcz** who will be having knee surgery on June 10.
- ◆ Also keep in prayer those who will be attending the Synod Assembly: **Genny Jordan, Jenna Hutson, Daryn Holdsworth and Pastor Kristen.**
- ◆ There will be **Praise Band** practice after worship on June 9 & 23. See Julie Hunter for more info.
- ◆ Special thanks to the **Berry's** and all their helpers for making our grounds beautiful, and to **Jeff Hutson** for keeping up with cutting the grass.
- ◆ **VBS will be June 16-20.** A light dinner will be served from 5:30-6:00 p.m., the program will go from 6:00-8:15 p.m. Please see Kim Surratt if you would like to help out in any way.

## A Letter from our President...

In her book, "Christianity for the Rest of Us", Diane Butler Bass, talks about the "vanishing village" – how the established pattern of relationships that kept churches going (friends, family, neighborhood, community and history) were waning as the world and religion changed. For Shepherd of the Hills, we have had the added challenge of several moves.

Henry Brinton, in "The Welcoming Congregation", suggests walking the neighborhood around the church and noting what "strangers" are not currently being welcomed by the congregation. Are they people of different ages, races, cultures, or economic groups? What barriers might we have and how might we get to know them? Here are some ideas that have begun to be explored...

The Care & Evangelism committee is partnering with Kim Surratt and the Education Committee to provide information about Vacation Bible School for the Cypress Village Apartments newsletter. There are close to 100 youth at the apartment community.

Martha Johnson is exploring the idea of creating a community garden with the help of Gateway Greening to involve the church and area residents. Many of the older kids at Cypress Village have volunteer hours to fulfill; maybe they could participate in the community garden.

Cancer Companions will be contacting Jennifer, the Manager at Cypress Village, in the fall to offer a cancer support workshop there.

What are some other ideas?

*"My house shall be a house of prayer for all peoples." (Isa. 56:7)*

Yours in Christ,

*Linda Pearson*

