



# Little Lambs Presents: Springing Out All Over A Spring Break Alternative for Ages 3-10



## Just \$200 per child

### March 23 - 27 9 AM - 3 PM

Daycare available 7 AM - 6 PM  
at no additional charge!



## SW HOPE - FEED THE HUNGRY

Local churches, synagogues and organizations working together to meet the needs of hungry people in Southwest Portland.

**What is the need?** The number of families seeking food assistance in Southwest Portland has greatly increased this past year. In 2007, Neighborhood House distributed boxes of food to 230-280 families (approx. 800 people) each month. Since Fall 2008, that number has increased to 400-420 boxes serving approximately 1300 individuals.

**What is the goal?** SW Hope's goal is to collect 100,000 pounds, or its cash equivalent (\$1.00 = 5 lbs.). Good Shepherd has joined the campaign with a goal of collecting 1,500 pounds, or its cash equivalent.

**How can you help?** Bring your non-perishable food donation to church anytime during the month of March and place it in the food barrel. Make checks payable to Neighborhood House. A special food collection will be made at the Lent Supper on March 11.

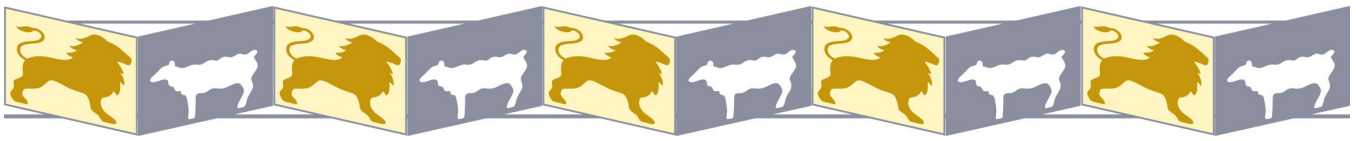
**Dine Out to Donate!** A list of participating restaurants and dates is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Coupons for these events can be obtained from the church office.

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NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**

*Deadline for  
the April Issue of  
The Flock:  
Thursday, March 19.*



# Mark Your Calendars

March 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

<u>SPECIAL DATES</u>	
World Day of Prayer	March 6
Daylight Saving Time Begins	March 8
St. Patrick's Day	March 17
First Day of Spring	March 20
Spring Break	March 23-27

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u>	
Mid-week Lenten worship	March 4, 11, 18, 25
Voters Assembly	March 8
Mission Sunday – Good Shepherd Communities	
Great Dates Night (@ Christ the King)	March 13
Mite Box Sunday	March 22
Little Lambs Spring Break Camp	March 23-27

# Sunday Worship in March: "The Journey"

March 1 (Lent 1)  
 Mark 1:12-13  
 "In the Wilderness"

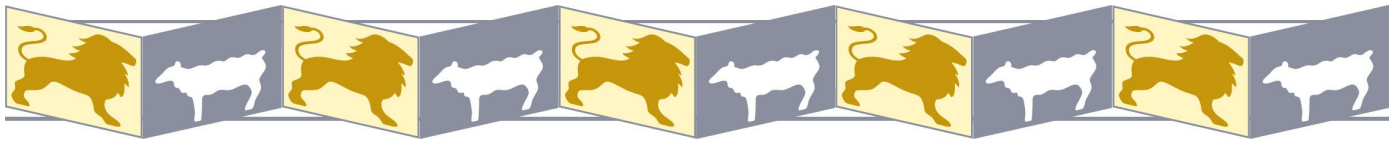
March 22 (Lent 4)  
 Ephesians 2:8-10  
 "Journey in Grace"

March 8 (Lent 2)  
 Mark 8:34-35  
 "Pick It Up"

March 29 (Lent 5)  
 John 12:20-22  
 "Time to See"

March 15 (Lent 3)  
 Mark 11:15-18  
 "Purified"





## Pastoral Ponderings



*"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)*

I just read something that gave me a bit of pause, but the more I think about it rings more and more true. A friend of mine sends out some devotions over email. Everything he sends can be very thought provoking. My friend writes about "Why No One Wants a Friendly Church." OK ... now I have you thinking, just as he had me thinking. I can't think of a church I've been a part of that doesn't believe itself to be friendly. Many churches consider "friendliness" to be a hallmark of their existence. Consider these words:

"What guests and our wider community are looking for [isn't friendliness, but] friends. That presents a much more difficult challenge. Being a friend is a lot harder than being friendly. More than sharing the peace, being a friend means I share myself."

Talk about profound. I have an account on the social networking Web site Facebook. Facebook is a place where people can meet online, keep up with current friendships, and find old friends. It's actually kind of neat. When I last checked my account, I have 119 friends – 119 people that I know or know me from my past or present (an aside – that number astounds me. I never knew that 119 people would be willing to include me in their circle). My friends include my family (Deb was my first friend); co-workers; people from seminary, college, high school, and even grade school; people from our church; and connections I've made through PLI. To be honest, even of the 119 some I'm friendlier with than others (both online and face-to-face); some of those connections aren't quite as strong as I'd like them to be or they once were. I must confess, that I find it

easier to be friendly as opposed to being friends. It's easy to smile, shake hands, even ask that half-way personal question. Being

friendly actually doesn't take that much of an investment. Being a friend does.

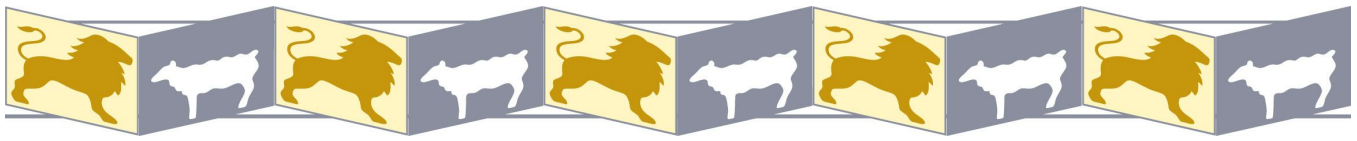
Being a friend means that I do smile and shake your hand. It means I do ask how you're doing and what's happening in life, and then it goes further. Being a friend means that I make an investment in your life. It means that I let you get under my skin and get close to me, and that you do the same with me. Being friends means that we get deeper than the surface; that we share our joys and sorrows – that we can laugh and cry and fight and reconcile together. Even in the friendly atmosphere of a Christian congregation, we don't always let people get under our skin. It's easy – and safe – to stay on the surface.

Many of us have friends here at Good Shepherd. Many of those friends are people we have spent years cultivating a relationship with. We've worshiped, prayed, and studied God's Word together. We have served in ministries together. We have found ourselves in social situations together. Being friends with someone costs. It takes time, a willing heart, a willingness to listen and then to speak. Being friends is an investment.

Being friends is also costly. There are times when people can take advantage of a friendship. This isn't new. Even Jesus was betrayed by someone who claimed to be His friend. Judas' betrayal came through a sign of friendship. Matthew 26:49 tells us that Judas came up to Jesus and kissed Him. Jesus responded with these words, "**Friend**, do what you came for." (Matthew 26:50 emphasis added)

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### *Be A Friend*



# Pastoral Ponderings (cont.)

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The only way that we can be friends is for us to rest in the grace of God. Only because of God's grace can I, or you, reach out to another person with the hand of true friendship. It is that grace that is transformational. Jesus transforms us because He has called us to be His friend. His Spirit works within us to transform us to be truly friendly ... willing to reach out in friendship to all. This transformational spirit the works inside of us to reach out in true friendship only because of God's grace which transformed us in the first place.

When you think about the friendships you have enjoyed, the most enriching and beneficial have been the ones that came with an investment. Those friendships have shaped you into the person you are today. How much more does the transformational friendship of Jesus change everything for the better? Be friends ... with each other ... in love ... reaching out ... truly caring ... opening up lives ... because of God's grace.

Shepherding People to Jesus

—Pastor Paul

## GOD'S WORLD

The principle behind stewardship is that every material thing, though you may call it yours ... actually belongs to God. God owns it all: your land, your property, your income, your life. This is God's world. When you give a truly significant portion of your money, you are only setting apart for God's use a portion of the money that has been entrusted to you by God. The person who gives sacrificially does so because he or she knows whose world this is!



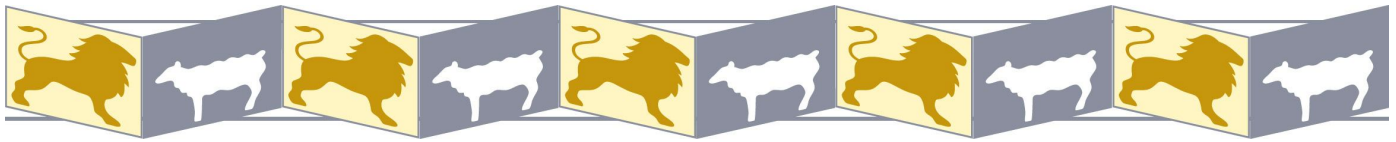
## Treasurer's Report

### Ministry Funds Received in the Month of February:

Week of February 1: \$3,043.00  
Week of February 8: \$6,750.20  
Week of February 15: \$1,643.80  
Week of February 22: \$3,904.73  
Total: \$15,341.73

### Ministry Funds Needed to Meet Budgeted Expenses:

Weekly: \$5,757  
Monthly: \$24,947  
Total Giving Year to Date: \$37,420.63  
Total Budgeted Expenses Year to Date: \$49,894



# 10 Great Dates

To Energize Your Marriage

**Date # 3**

**Friday, March 13**

**6 - 9 PM**

*Meet at Christ the King Lutheran*

*(11305 SW Bull Mountain Rd, Tigard, OR 97224)*

*Watch a short video before heading out on a fun-filled date with your spouse!*

**Childcare Provided - Register Now**

**Phone: 503-639-2789**



**DEADLINE TO ORDER: April 5**



*Beautify our altar on Easter Sunday by ordering lilies!*

CHECK ONE:

WILL PICK UP

GIVE AWAY

YOUR NAME & PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

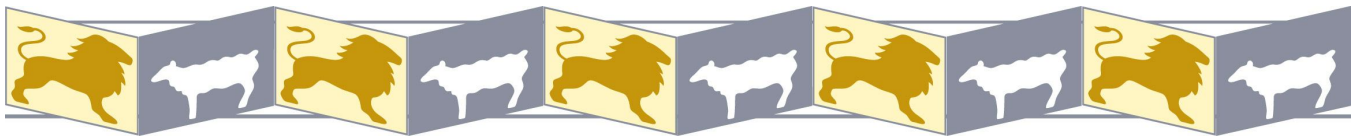
IN MEMORY OF (DECEASED) \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF (LIVING) \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER DESIGNATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF LILIES \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NORA NUHRING. THANK YOU!



## Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Music is so subjective, so personal. Everyone has an opinion about what he/she hears. Congregations are a wonderful mix of people, all with differing opinions about the music they hear in a worship service. And, all worship leaders want to please! Our immediate response is you can't please everyone all the time. And, of course, the worship leaders are obligated to support the theme of the worship service.

We have so many favorite hymns. Some of them come to mind as you read this. One of our favorites, perhaps we don't sing it often enough because it does have a universal theme, is "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me", LW 513. It was a favorite of my father's. He was an Army Chaplain in World War II. We thought it interesting that he was assigned to a troop ship. His ship brought fresh troops to the Pacific war arena, and carried battle fatigued troops home. Dad told me he held worship services on the ship's deck. Many times storms and heavy winds caused the ship to pitch, shake, rock and roll. The troops sang, "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" and oh, how they

meant it! This picture became an indelible memory for my father. We sang this hymn at my father's funeral.

Edward Hooper wrote these beautiful, meaningful words:

*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me  
Over life's tempestuous sea;  
Unknown waves before me roll,  
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal.  
Chart and compass come from Thee,  
Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*

*When at last I near the shore  
And the fearful breakers roar  
'Twi'x me and the peaceful rest,  
Then, while leaning on thy breast,  
May I hear Thee say to me,  
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."*

With you, as Jesus pilots us,

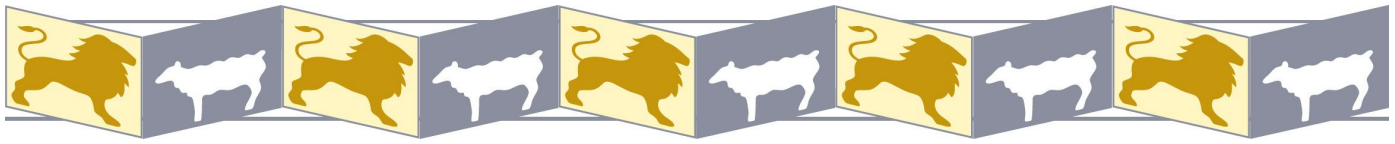
*Arleen Keyne*

## Men of good shepherd...

You are needed to help serve at the Mother/Daughter Tea on May 2. Talk to Bryan Parker or Jim Geres to see how you can help out.

## Mission of the Month





## What's New in YOUR Preschool/Daycare

Thank you for the wonderful applause you so generously gave the Little Lambs Preschool students last Sunday when they sang for you during the service. This was their first public performance and all though only 5 of our 12 students could make it, I think they did a great job! You will be hearing more the end of April when "Kids" Sunday comes and they will be performing for you again.

If you have not been in the preschool recently, you have missed all the wonderful fish scenes the children have produced as they study the oceans, water and water animals. You should from time to time check out the area as it changes under the careful tutelage of Myra, Gail, Inge and their busy helpers.

Our open house was small, but successful! A new student will start March 2, and her sibling in October. We also know our current three year olds are moving up in place for next year. Thank you school board and other congregation officers who attended to help make these parents and potential parents feel welcome.



We will be hosting a spring break camp this year. Boys and girls ages 3-10 are most welcome to come. We have a fee \$200.00 a week or \$40.00 a day for those not already registered with our school, please consider sharing this information or signing up for this week of "Grazing with God" (picnics) and "Tour de Lambs" a day of bicycles and much fun. There will be much laughter, food, crafts and actual outdoor play. **COME AND SEE** or share your time with the students.

Planning is in full swing for the summer program and advertising for fall students.

Please keep an eye on the web site for changes and further details and information and ways you can help.

Continue praying for our students!

— Miss Shirley

### UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS:

**March 3:** Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration with Pastor Paul

**March 16:** School Board Meeting - 6:45 PM

**March 23-27:** Springing Out All Over! Spring Break Camp

*Volunteers Are Welcome!*

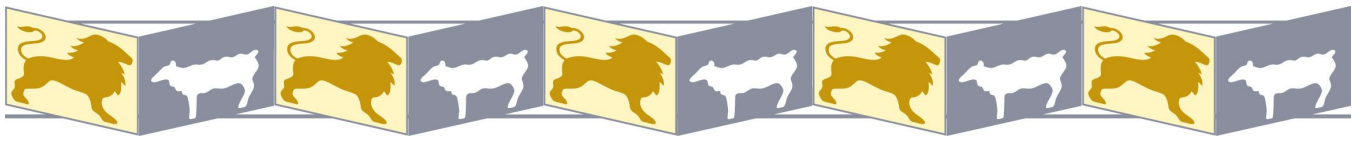
Want to be more involved in the ministry of Little Lambs?

*Join the School Board!*

The school board is looking for members who have a joy for serving and a love of children.

They meet once a month on the 3rd Monday at 6:45.

If you're interested, see Dana Nuhring



## Buckle on the Straps

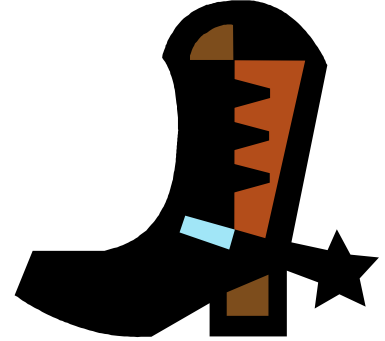
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A cowboy once offered this sensible notion of living the Christian faith:

“Lotsa folks who’d really like to do right think that servin’ the Lord just means shoutin’ themselves hoarse praisin’ his name.

“Well, I’ll tell ya how I look at that. I’m workin’ here fer Jim. Now, if I’d sit around the house here tellin’ what a good fella Jim is, and singin’ songs to him, and gettin’ up in the night to serenade him, I’d be doin’ just like a lot of Christians do. But I wouldn’t suit Jim, and I’d get fired mighty quick.

“But when I buckle on my straps and hustle among the hills and see that Jim’s herd is all right and not sufferin’ fer water and feed, or bein’ off the range and branded by cattle thieves, well then, I’m servin’ Jim the way he wants to be served.”



## Move the Fence

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In Europe during World War II, two soldiers attempted to provide a decent burial for their buddy. At a nearby village, they found a cemetery next to a church. When the friends asked for permission to bury their friend there, the pastor said that wasn’t possible because the soldier belonged to another denomination.



Sensing their disappointment, the pastor agreed to bury the soldier in a grassy area beyond the cemetery. “It’s just outside the fence,” he said. The two friends accepted the offer and vowed to return.

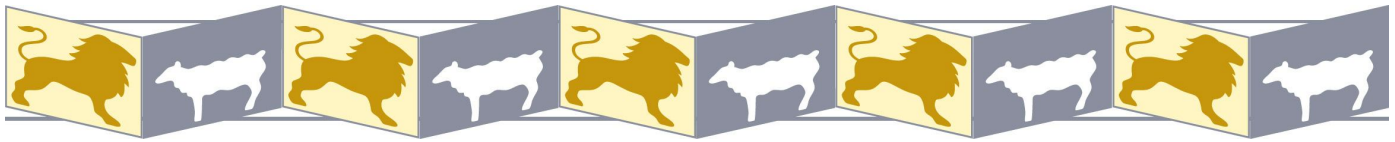
A few weeks later, when they came back to the village, they couldn’t locate the new grave. The pastor quickly calmed them down. “Everything’s all right,” he said. “After we buried your friend, I kept thinking about him. So I came out here, and I moved the fence.”

Denominational divisions often keep us from interacting with other Christians. The next time you have the opportunity to fellowship with someone who’s different from you, remember this story. Take a bold step and move the fence.

## The Nun Who Kidded God

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The 16th century nun known as Teresa of Ávila (Spain) had a great sense of humor. Caught in a thunderstorm and getting soaked, she was heard to pray, “Lord, it’s no wonder [you] have so many enemies, if this is the way you treat your friends.”



## *During recent weeks, the Good Shepherd family prayed for:*

Michael, Mike, Don, Mary, Jay, Sam, Judith, Tracy, Edsel, Karen, Esther, Ethel, Terrie, Marcus and Jackie (continued prayers for healing from cancer)

Jeremy, Tim and Dana (continued prayers that they come to faith)

Pauline Nuhring (continued prayers for healing)

Stan & Louise Friesen (for healing)

Bernie Pringle (continued prayers for healing)

Roxann (for healing)

Sarah (continued prayers for healing from auto accident)

Patti

Susan (for healing)

John (for healing)

Christine (for healing)

Akossiwa & Nicole (safe travel home)

Lisa (for safe travel)

JoDee (for healing)

Kathy (for healing from surgery)

Jim, Tara, Royal, Rose and Joan

Joyce Bauer (for healing)

Liz (for healing)

Valerie's Grandmother (for healing, peace for

Valerie)

Those seeking employment (for peace and God's will)

Families of those on the Buffalo flight (for peace)

Boni & Judy (continued prayers for healing)

Zack & Chris (thanksgiving on birth of twins)

Tom (for healing)

Little Lambs (thanksgiving for successful Open House)

All those within our congregation's sphere of influence who are currently living outside a saving life with Jesus



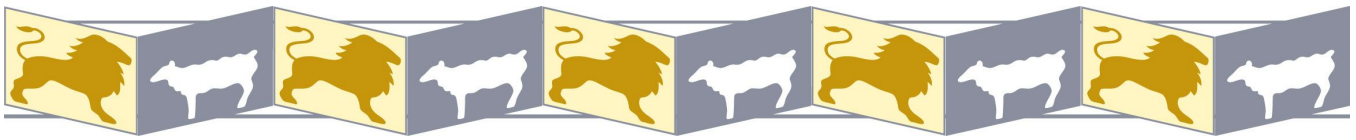
If you are not already participating, please do consider becoming a part of our Prayer Circle Fellowship. It takes very little time on the part of each person—your immediate prayer about the request and a telephone call to the next person in the circle. A brief request gets around quickly, and in that way, many people are praying about the same request.

Our email strand also has many participants. If you choose to be a part of the e-mail chain, we just ask that you join your prayers to ours in answer to the specific prayer request.

To be added to either list, contact Dorinne Ross at 503-671-9087 or Bev Olson at [olampchop@aol.com](mailto:olampchop@aol.com)

*"Practical prayer is harder on the soles of your shoes than on the knees of your trousers."*

*—Austin O'Malley*



*God's Blessings and Congratulations to all who are celebrating special days this month!*



<i>Pastor Paul</i>	<i>March 1</i>
<i>Rob Jones</i>	<i>March 14</i>
<i>Lisa Dunn</i>	<i>March 20</i>
<i>Evelyn Sweet-Kriner</i>	<i>March 26</i>
<i>Ed Nuhring</i>	<i>March 27</i>

*Ron & Felicia Cunningham      March 17      8 years*

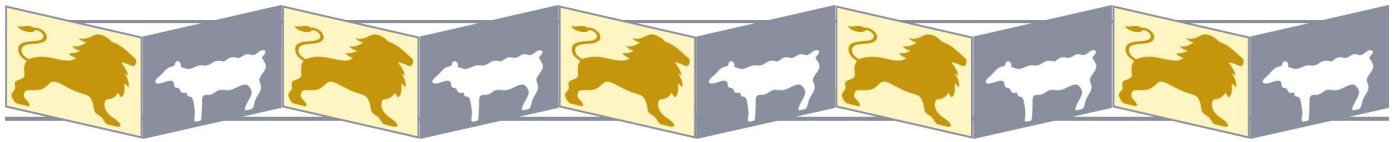


*We strive to keep our records as up to date as possible. If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know!*

**New Address:**  
Helen Hofmann  
5825 SW 59th Ct.  
Portland, OR 97221  
(503) 246-3062



An error was made in the most recent Directory. The correct address for Rosa Flath and Marie Wolfram is 7733 SW Scholls-Ferry Rd. (Apartment numbers listed are correct). We apologize for this error.

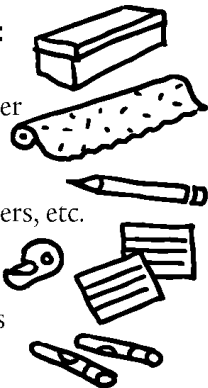


# PRAYER BOX

Family prayer time is a good habit. Make it fun with this activity for all family members. They can use this special box whenever they have a prayer request.

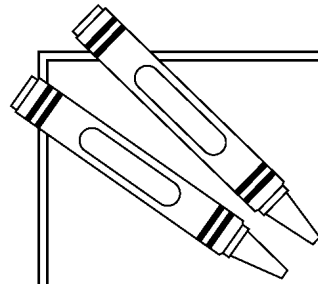
### What you need:

- Shoebox
- Wrapping paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Stickers, markers, etc. (optional)
- Index cards
- Pencils or pens



### What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a present. Be sure to wrap the lid separately so it can be removed.
2. Let the whole family help decorate the box. You can write Bible verses about prayer, draw pictures, glue on pictures or add stickers. Be creative!
3. Put the box in a prominent location of your house. Keep a pile of index cards and pencils or pens near the box.
4. Whenever a family member has a prayer request, he or she can write or draw it on a card and put it inside the box.
5. Family members can share the cards in a prayer circle, or people can take turns praying for all the requests. Throughout the week, family members can check the box for new prayer needs.



Just for **KIDS**

## A FAMILY OF PRAYER

The book of Acts tells about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman centurion from Caesarea who worshiped God. Through his encounter with Cornelius, Peter learned that God accepts everyone who fears him and does what is right.

Use the code below to see the example set by Cornelius and his family. Solve the math problems by using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter that matches each answer. Write the letter on the blank.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

**KEY:** a=7 e=8 i=10 o=9 u=11 y=6

"H e \_ \_ nd \_ \_ ll h \_ s f \_ \_ m \_ \_ l \_ \_  
A+C A+D A+D B+C A+D B+C A+B

w \_ \_ r \_ \_ d \_ \_ v \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ nd  
A+C A+C A+C B+D C+D A+D

G \_ \_ d - f \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ ng; h \_ \_ g \_ \_ v \_ \_  
B+D A+C A+D B+C A+C A+D A+C

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r \_ \_ g \_ \_ l \_ \_ r l \_ \_ ." \_ \_ cts 10:2, NIV  
A+C C+D A+D A+B A+D

Answers: "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2, NIV



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*Shepherding People to Jesus*



**oops!**

From a church bulletin in Big Pine Key, Florida:

TONIGHT

Join us this evening immediately following the Sunday evening worship service for finger snakes in the fellowship hall. We look forward to having you join us.

Did the snakes *snack* on fingers?

We're on the web!  
[www.shepherdingtojesus.org](http://www.shepherdingtojesus.org)

## A Few Words About Worship at Good Shepherd

*Worship focuses the heart, mind, and spirit on God so that our strength is focused on accomplishing His will.*

*Sunday Services: Our Sunday worship services vary in form, but remain firmly focused on the Lordship of Jesus and His saving nature in our lives. The differing forms allow individuals to best express their love for God.*

*Celebration of Faith: The more formal of our worship forms, utilizes formal liturgy and traditional hymns.*

*Faith Celebration: A praise service with lead singers, backed by a live praise ensemble. The music is lively and relevancy is*

*the key ingredient.*

*Who is Good Shepherd? The people of Good Shepherd are people just like you. They are young and old and in-between. They have jobs and families and many interests. They also love Jesus who is their Savior. We would like to get to know you too.*

*[Jesus said:] "I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay my life down for the sheep."*

*(John 10: 14-15)*