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Come and  
 join us!

**“But blessed are your eyes, because they see,  
 and your ears because they hear.”**

Matthew 13:16

**Stories  
 Alive!**

**Ministry in Alaska: Enjoy Sharing in an Experience of Service to Others-** In 1998, at the age of 60, Jim and Mary Jean accepted a call to co-pastor a mission parish in the Alaskan bush on the Yukon River. Holy Cross was a village of less than 300 native people made up of Yup’ik Eskimo and Athabaskan Indian. It was a 24/7 job to love! The Diocese of Northern Alaska (Fairbanks) is larger than the state of Texas and the western part has no roads. A visiting priest came only once every 4-6 weeks for Mass, *IF* the weather was suitable for flying. Jim and Mary Jean spent two years there and it was quite an adventure! They will tell of their day-to-day life in the bush, show pictures and artifacts of native Alaska, and share a video of “Faith on the Yukon.” *Presenters:* Jim and Mary Jean Smith, now living near Chetek, Wisconsin. Free will offering. *Tuesday, September 20, 2:00-4:00 PM*; HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM.

**Hands for Love-** SCL’s prayer shawl ministry, Knit, Purl, Crochet, Pray, continues with this fall session as participants spend time together working on projects and sharing stories; a time of giving in concern for others and receiving inspiration and support from one another. Some members have come to learn to knit or crochet or relearn a skill from the past and have been surprised with the wonderful results. New members are always welcomed. Prayer shawls are available by calling 715-532-0299. Shawls can be given for support in time of illness or other difficult times and on occasions of celebration. *Wednesdays, September 28, October 26, November 30, 2:00-4:00 PM*; CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, LOWER LEVEL.

**God’s Way of Embracing Us-** Come to be enriched by the awareness of God’s love and to share with others. In this DVD presentation, Father Ron Rolheiser explores the wonder of the gift of the Eucharist in the belief that we are a Eucharistic people, a community formed and nurtured by the Eucharist. He explores the questions: How does the Eucharist work? What are its various meanings? Father Rolheiser is a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate and a world-renowned author, newspaper columnist, speaker, and retreat director. Each session includes one presentation and reflection questions on ones own experience of the Eucharist. Free will offering. *Thursdays, October 6, October 13, 10:00-11:30 AM*; HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM.



work with crafting with your hands is the only requirement. Come and enjoy an afternoon of learning and sharing with others in this pre-Christmas event.

**Creating for Christmas-** Christmas crafts help prepare for decorating and gifts for the coming season. This session will introduce you to making Quilled decorations that can be used as tree decorations or as a personal designed Christmas card. Ability to

*Presenter:* Sister Marguerite Samz, OSM. *Fee:* \$5 for materials. To register, call 715-532-0299 by October 10. *Tuesday, October 18, 2:00-4:00 PM*; HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM.

**A Man of Peace-** As we struggle to obtain Peace in our own time, this story of John XXIII, the Pope of Peace, brings inspiration to continue the efforts for peace in our world. Starring Ed Asner and Massimo Ghini, this movie tells the whole story of John XXIII from his youth to the papacy. Elected supposedly as an “interim pope” who would keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and the world by calling for the Second Vatican Council. This program will include viewing the movie in three sessions followed by discussion questions reflecting on the presentation and applying its meaning to our own lives today. Free will offering. *Tuesdays, November 1, 8, and 15, 2:00-3:30 PM*; HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM.



**Creative Community-** You are invited to spend this time once a month to enjoy being with a group in a relaxed atmosphere as you work on your favorite creative project, learn from others, and share stories in a time of socializing. Refreshments are provided. *Monday: 10:00-11:30 AM, September 26* (meeting at 1100 Baker Avenue, Apt 115); *October 31* (meeting at 1100 Baker Avenue, Apt 115); *November 28* (meeting at 1100 Baker Avenue, Apt 105).

**Ladysmith Locations  
 for SCL Programs**

Congregational United  
 Church of Christ — Lower Level  
 109 East Lake Avenue

Hope Lutheran Church  
 Multi Purpose Room  
 320 S 1st Street

1100 Baker Ave Apt 105 and 115

## SCL's Ongoing Programs Foster Reflection, Comfort, Creativity, and Relaxation

The summer months bring a slow down in SCL programs, yet some activities continue to be offered once a month.

Creativity doesn't stop even in the heat of summer as the Creative Community gathered to continue individual projects and to share the joy of learning and experiencing from others. Even in summer energy is there to begin new crafts and continue learning.

Summer was also a time to relax, and the skill of Renee McCann continued to bring renewed life through Polarity Therapy and Massage (*see lower right*).

Don't miss the opportunity in September to share the Smith's adventure in Alaska and to participate in sharing your faith and reflections in the two October and November DVD presentations.

Mavis Grensing and Roberta Baye creating prayer shawls.



Prayer shawl requests keep coming in the summer months as people's needs are year round. We are encouraged by thank yous received such as one that stated, "A sincere thank you for the wonderful shawl you made for me. Blue is my favorite color, and the shawl is blue and gray. It's wonderfully soft. I have had several opportunities to wear the shawl. It makes all the difference."



We are grateful for our volunteers, Martha and Tilly who have kept the Healing Garden (*at left*) in shape. The Labyrinth (*2 pictures above*) also continued to be available to those who appreciate a reflective walk.

### SCL's COMPLEMENTARY PRACTITIONERS

Please call practitioners for information or to make an appointment.

#### Polarity Therapy

Renee McCann  
Wed., Thurs.:  
Sept 14-15; Oct 19-20;  
Nov 16-17  
(715-239-3850)

#### Spiritual Directors

- Ladysmith area  
Sister Sharon  
McCarthy, OSM  
(715-532-0308)
- Woodruff area  
Sister Teresa  
Schueller, OSM  
(715-532-0299 for information)

