

# COOL IDEAS FOR MATURE AUDIENCES!



## "ACES" Active Christian Enthusiastic Seniors

This organization was formed two years ago by a small group of parish members interested in providing a "gathering" space and a forum for mature members of the parish. It worked! The group consists of couples, singles, widows, widowers, and a few "out-of-parish" members. At the present time the group numbers about 35 great members.

There is a board of eight members that help to organize and set up for the monthly meetings. Food is provided by willing members. Each month has different theme and many activities are new and exciting.

The meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month in the Fenmont - St. Stephen Hall, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, from September thru May. We ask for a donation of \$5 per person/per year. Each member receives a monthly letter of reminders and important information.

In the past, we have enjoyed a variety of speakers on various topics of interest, musical presentations, spiritual talks, mission "chair trips" to Africa and the Navajo reservation, and a Hawaiian Luau dance demonstration, and a delightful spring "inside" picnic. We also are trying to play a few games, however, mainly we just sit and talk and enjoy one another's company. We have sung, laughed, prayed and cried together. We have so much to share. Door prizes are always a part of the program!

There are also several summer outings and invite all parish members to participate in the activities. This is not a fund raising group nor are our meetings formal in nature. Many of us just share ideas and conversation with one another. If you are interested in joining this group of "wisdom" bearers simply come to the September 10th meeting. We will welcome you with open arms and a big smile! Questions? Call Rosemarie Arlinghaus 856.8872 or Jim & Mary Ann Barton at 844.2168.

## MINISTERS OF PRAISE: Shout ALLELUIA!

Do you enjoy talking to the Lord Jesus? Would you like to help us with prayers and petitions to God in your daily prayers? Do you wish to pray for the needs of the entire church and world? Would you like to receive a letter each month that lists the various "needs" that prayer would help? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions then this ministry is for you.

This is a group of about thirty people who make prayer a priority in their lives and especially prayers for the needs of the church. We invite the elderly, homebound, or any willing spirit to join this prayer company. This is a way of being a gift to the church without leaving your homes.

Each member receives a certificate of membership, a mission cross, and a special prayer book to use for the time of prayer.

There are NO meetings! There are NO dues! NO donations! You are simply asked to pray daily. Each month you will receive a letter from the Pastoral Associate with a list of special intercessions. We hold an annual May Tea where the members meet and greet one another. If you are interested in this ministry or have questions about it, please contact Sister André Burkhart, OSF at 863.1040 ext 17.

