



# Faith at Home

## St. John's Lutheran Church

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Sacred Song (Traditional): 8:15 a.m.  
Blended Voices (Contemporary): 10:30 a.m.  
Night Song (Saturday service): 6:00 p.m.  
1st & 3rd Saturdays - Traditional worship  
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# Good + News

"A truthful witness does not deceive, but a false witness pours out lies." - Proverbs 14:5

## Pastoral Musings

March 2011

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." (Matthew 7:7-8)

**Prayer!** One of the most **under-used** gifts our heavenly Father has granted. Think about it. You and I have the awesome privilege and ability to come into verbal contact with the power and authority that controls and runs the universe at **any time** we choose.

In the above words of Jesus and many other places in Scripture, He invites us to pray – to come to Him with our needs and concerns, our petitions and praise, even our desires and wants. But, careful, it's at that point that many don't understand and begin to **misuse** prayer.

That's why we're offering the following worship opportunities – a trio of messages on prayer that will continue over the next three weekends. March 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>, which is also our **Lutheran Schools' Week** celebration, the message in worship will be "The Power of Prayer" based upon the showdown between Elijah and the prophets of Baal as recorded in I Kings 18. March 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>, the children's talk and message during worship is entitled "The Prayer of Believers" based upon the healing of the cripple in Acts 3. We are going to have a **Faith at Home "Take it Home Event"** focused entirely on **PRAYER** on that Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. So come join us in the school gym for a fabulous hour of insight and learning. Lastly, on March 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>, we'll look at the Prayer of Jesus in Luke chapter 11 where the disciples come to Jesus and ask Him (who always prayed to His heavenly Father, and prayed a lot) "**HOW TO PRAY**". Not bad advice for us, I might add. Only seems logical to ask the Author and Answerer of Prayer exactly **how** we should pray.

One of my favorite prayer invitations (at least I take it that way) is found in Matthew chapter 11 where Jesus says, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke, is easy, and my burden is light." (vv. 28-30)

We can learn about prayer just by **listening** to our Lord. "I am gentle and lowly in heart." Prayer is an act of dependence, an admission that I'm not in control, I can't handle it. The "it" being whatever I'm praying about that's going on in my life. It's an act of humbleness and humility, and admission that I'm not God and He is.

Thus, prayer is also an act of **worship** – a looking to God, as God – a bowing before Him (and to His will); and an act of faith and exercising thereof. Prayer says, "I believe **you** can answer. I believe you **will** answer." That's why we end each prayer with "Amen!"

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## Pastoral Musings (Cont. from page one)

It's the great faith word. Or, as Luther puts it, "Amen, amen, which means "yes, yes, it shall be so"." May you and I always have such confidence in our God and approach Him, as Paul says, **unceasingly**. (I Thessalonians 5:17) May we have such confidence in what we ask for, knowing it's in accord with His holy, good and gracious will. May we always hear, believe and heed His promise: "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor Me." (Psalm 50:15); so that we will take all our cares and prayers to our heavenly Father through Jesus our Savior because we know in Him (Jesus) God cares, God listens, and He will answer.

For Him,

*Pastor Haupt*

**March 4/5 "The Power of Prayer" I Kings 18**  
**March 11/12 "The Prayer of Believers" Acts 3**  
**March 18/19 "The Prayer of Jesus" Luke 11**

## Financial Freedom Fund Update

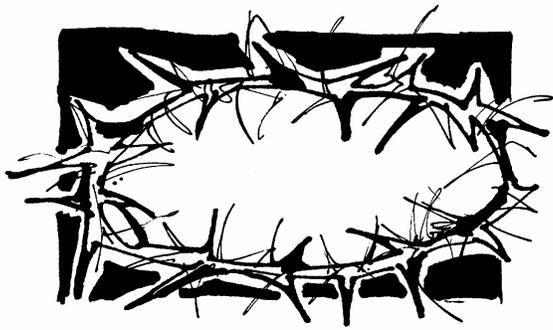
The St. John's Endowment Fund Board is offering a 2-to-1 challenge gift to the Financial Freedom Fund (FFF). For each \$2 contributed by the congregation to the FFF through April 30, the Endowment Fund will match it with \$1, not to exceed a total of \$4,000.

Consider a weekly, monthly, quarterly, annual or even one-time gift to the FFF. Green envelopes that will steer your contribution directly to the FFF are in a box on the counter in the narthex.



Please remember that any gifts to the Financial Freedom Fund should not deplete your tithes to the church's General Fund and operations. Those tithes are vital to keeping the church doors open and our mission on track.

— Your Stewardship Life Board



## LENTEN SERVICES

### Mid-Week Lenten Messages

Ash Wednesday is about as "late" this year as it can be. (It can only be one day later, March 10, which it will be in 2038). Join us on **Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.** as we begin our Lenten pilgrimage to the cross.

This year's theme will be "JESUS, Peter, and Me", giving each of us the opportunity to see ourselves in comparison to the "head" disciple. At least the one we most often see as the boldest, brashest and bravest. The texts and themes for our services are as follows:

- ✠ **Ash Wednesday, March 9 "It's All About Pride" Matthew 26:30-35**
- ✠ **Wednesday, March 16 "It's All About Complacency" Matthew 26:36-46**
- ✠ **Wednesday, March 23 "It's All About Misunderstanding" John 18:1-11**
- ✠ **Wednesday, March 30 "It's All About Distant Discipleship" Matthew 26:57-58**
- ✠ **Wednesday, April 6 "It's All About the Company You Keep" John 18:18**
- ✠ **Wednesday, April 13 "It's All About Denial" Luke 22:54-62**
- ✠ **Maundy Thursday, April 21 "It's All About Cleansing" John 13:1-15**
- ✠ **Good Friday, April 22 (noon and 7:00 p.m.) "It's All About Death" Acts 2:22-24, 37-38**
- ✠ **Easter Sunday, April 24 (7:00 and 10:30 a.m.) "It's All About Life" Mark 16:1-7**

We pray that these meditations and worship services will help enable each of us to draw closer to our Lord and Savior during this Lenten season. Instead of giving something up for Lent this year, why not "take" something up. After all, Jesus invites each of us to "take up his cross and follow Me". (Matthew 16:24) Why not "add" an extra worship service a week to your schedule as a "gift" of love and devotion to your Savior. You'll find He has a "gift" waiting for you as His Spirit strengthens You through Word and worship.

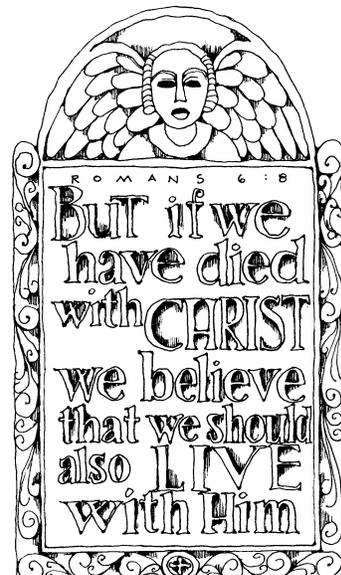
## Stewardship Devotion

### Carrying Our Own Loads

We all start at the same place: "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23), and we are all rescued from this position in the same way: "But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). God sees us all the same – sinners saved by His grace. Since we are all equal in His sight, there is no need to measure ourselves by our neighbors. The Apostle Paul, in our text above, declares this a fruitless exercise.

What is helpful, though, is to test our own actions. Am I using the gifts and talents God has given me in a way that brings Him honor and that benefits the Body of Christ? Am I spending time in reading His Word and in prayer to Him? Am I joining in Christian fellowship as the Word of God is preached and the Sacraments are administered? Am I encouraging others to do good deeds? Am I giving sacrificially and humbly? How am I building up my pastor so he can effectively preach the Word and care for the flock in his care?

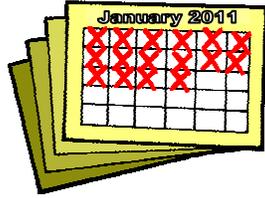
As we examine our actions, we must also examine our motives. Do I do "good things" because I'm a prominent member of the congregation and it's expected of me? Do I labor in the church so I'll be noticed and commended? Do I serve others and give of my time in order to earn God's favor? God forbid that those should be our motives! Rather, we say with Paul, "For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that One has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him Who for their sake died and was raised" (2 Cor. 5:14-15).



## Pastor's Prayer Calendar

My personal thanks for the 16 individuals who held me up in prayer before the Lord at least one day during the month of January. Almost all of you did so multiple times.

Every day of the month was covered. It's a good way to start a new calendar year. I am convinced my ministry is blessed by it and better for it. Thank you.



Might I encourage all my fellow saints at St. John's to try it? Sign up for a day and hold your pastor before the Lord in prayer at various times throughout that day. See if it doesn't affect the way you view your pastor and his ministry, your congregation and its ministry. Just knowing that I am "bathed" daily by some members' prayers makes me stronger, resolute, determined to serve the Lord and His people.

I am convinced good things are happening as a result, e.g. The largest adult instruction class (18 individuals) since the first class back in 1984 where in many members came out of curiosity over the "new guy". (By the way the "Fit For Life in Christ" class is still a great faith refresher for "old" or "long time" Christians, too.)

Another area I am experiencing the undergirding of prayer in my ministry is in Word and Sacrament (worship and Bible study). The ideas just keep coming. Our Faith at Home Ministry, both in confirmation and marriage ministry, has been blessed by your prayers as well. God is listening to and honoring the ardent (and sometimes urgent) prayers of His people here at St. John's. Keep it up! Join in! Add your voice and heart, your mind and spirit to the ministry of Christ Jesus amongst us and through us. God bless.

## Music Notes

As early as the mid-fourth century, Christians have observed a time of preparation before the Easter celebration. Lent is a time of simplicity and preparation and this mood is reflected in the music we sing. The word "Alleluia" is omitted in our singing. By not using the alleluia--a joyful expression meaning "Praise the Lord"--until Easter, the Lenten season is clearly set apart as a distinct time from the rest of the year. Additionally, it forms a powerful contrast with the festive celebration of Jesus' resurrection when our alleluias ring loud and clear.

*Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe  
Who, Thyself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe  
Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.*  
(*"Christ, the Life of All the Living"*, LSB 420, E. C. Homburg, 1605-81)

Tracy Wood, Music Director [twood@sjlcs.org](mailto:twood@sjlcs.org)



## Church Library - 2011

☆ **Tell Me About Eternity**, Joel Anderson  
An illustration of similar thoughts, fears of a child being born and a man dying. On display in church library. Approximately two (2) minutes to read. Read it☺

### NEW DONATIONS

#### Books

**Chicken Soup For the Teenage Soul IV**, Jack Canfield Stories of life, love and learning  
**For the Teenage Soul: The Real Deal**, Jack Canfield School: cliques, classes, clubs and more

#### Children

Noah and His Ark, Ella K. Lindvall  
When Mama Wore a Hat, Eleanor Schick Following mama through the ritual of cancer.  
The Children's Bible, Golden Press  
Holy Bible-Read to Me Edition, New International Version

#### Life

My Final Answer Bible Trivia, Paul Kent  
Family Devotions for the Advent Season, James Evans

#### Activities

Beauty Beyond the Ashes, Cheryl McGuinness  
Choosing Hope after Crisis – legacy of Tom McGuinness, Co-Pilot of American Airlines Flight II

#### Marriage

The Power of a Praying Wife, Stormie Omartian

#### Lucado

HE Did This Just for You – New Testament

**FREE** – browse the shelf and take what you wish.  
**NEW** – new donations – check out / read / return.  
Fay Hoffman, Volunteer (church librarian)

# Faith at Home



## *Local Mission Event!*

If you have always wanted to go on a mission trip, but couldn't manage it – we have just the opportunity for you. Come to St. Johns' Work Bee at the Love INC Ministry Center. All ages are welcome - bring the kids! - to help clean, paint, disassemble, and work other odd jobs to help LOVE INC prepare the building. This event is scheduled for Saturday, March 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Love INC's new Ministry Center (1500 S Despelder, behind the State Police Post). Devotions, coffee and donuts at 9:00 a.m. and lunch is also provided. (Or stop in at St. John's for **Pastors & Pancakes Breakfast** and join us afterward.) If you can't commit to the entire 6 hours, work what you can. Wear appropriate work clothes. This event is sponsored by Faith at Home, Evangelism and the board of Trustees. Please sign up on the Faith at Home bulletin board so that we can plan for lunch. Call Richard Rothe at (616) 847-6908 for more information.

## *Parish Education*

Our **Crossways Bible Study** participants have recently reached the half way point in our first year of study of the Old Testament. As we move through our study of the historical Books of 1 & 2 Kings we are reminded of a central theme that God required of his people.

He commanded them to worship *ONE* God in *ONE* place. When the children of Israel would obey this command, God blessed them and they enjoyed prosperity as a Nation. However when they strayed from this simple command, their nation suffered.

It is apparent God places significant importance on worship. Do we?

Certainly we cannot all meet in Jerusalem to worship in Solomon's temple (but wouldn't that be grand) but we certainly can develop the habit of attending Church and Bible study every week. If we seek blessings and prosperity then the command is simple – **WORSHIP** – we cannot expect to be blessed as a people or as a nation if we treat God's command with indifference. The value in consistent and genuine Bible study is recognizing these timeless principles God has laid on our conscience as they are presented in the Divine Narrative. Dr. Harry Wendt, the author of the

**Crossways Bible Study**, has keen insight in these themes as he introduces them in a fashion that allows the student to apply lessons from ancient Israel to today's culture.

Since this is a New Year and the time of resolutions, allow me to share with you an interesting "suggested resolution" found in the back pages of Halley's Bible Handbook that states: "I hereby pledge myself, that on Sunday morning I will go to church, I will try to go on time, and, I will be reverent in church, and all my life I will be a **READER OF GOD'S WORD.**" Just as it was true for the Israelites so it is for us today that the greatest blessing a community can have is to have its people in regular worship.

If you are interested in joining us in the **Crossways Bible Study**, we meet on **Tuesday evenings in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.** We will finish the Old Testament sometime in May and will start the New Testament in September so that also may be a good time to jump in and make regular Bible study part of your worship life.

**The Truth Project Bible Study** is still being presented and we began a new class on February 6<sup>th</sup> at **9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings** in the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. Those who are attending late service may be interested in coming in a little early and you will be out by 10:20 and be to church on time. Consider this 13 week study as part of your worship resolution for 2011.

Several people have attended this study more than once as it is packed with thought provoking concepts as we assess what is the Truth in today's world. Jesus said to Pilate centuries ago "For this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." John 18:37. May God bless your worship and your study.

**Christianity and the Competition** – a new **Dr. Paul L. Maier Bible Study** started on February 20, **Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** in the Multipurpose Room. A DVD/discussion format - this study addresses the major religious systems in both the east and west, providing a brief summary of each including its founder, holy book (if any), prime beliefs and credibility. Beginning with Christianity, other religions covered: Baha'I, Buddhism, Confucianism, Cults, Hinduism, Islam, Jehovah's Witnesses, Judaism, Manicheism, Mithraism, Montanism, Mormons, Scientology, Shintoism, Sikhs, and Taoism.



### **KINDERGARTEN**

February was a month filled with many great times. For the Science Fair on Feb. 11, our class had tables filled with activities about our five senses. We had fun at our Valentine's Day party and enjoyed opening our cards from our classmates and teacher. On School Day 100, we each brought in show and tell of 100 things. All the things we did that day had to have 100 in them. It was fun! We are going to the computer lab each week typing in the alphabet. It helps us learn the alphabet and teaches us where the letters are on the keyboard. We enjoy climbing the "mountain" outside for recess. We thank God for the snow and the great times in our winter wonderland. God is so good to us.

**Mrs. Connie Behm**

### **FIRST GRADE**

The first graders enjoyed sharing their magnet findings with all those who came into the room for the Science Fair this past month. We thank not only our parents and families for coming to see us, but all the visitors we had come into our room as well. In the short month of February, we also enjoyed celebrating Valentine's Day with our friends and Day 100. We have been working hard in our two singing classes. On March 2, we hope to sing "Seek Ye First" with all the K - 3 students. There is even a descendant in the song. The next week at chapel, which is also Special Persons Day, we will sing once again with the K - 3 students. At that service we will sing "The Books of the Bible Song". We thank you that we have a church school where we can sing our songs for chapel.

**Mrs. Patti Kooi**

### **SECOND AND THIRD GRADE**

Greetings from the Second and Third Grades. The month of March is Reading Month and we are busy, busy, busy celebrating our reading success!! We are having fun partner reading, putting on skits, and doing projects related to reading. In Writing, we have been working hard to create pictures with our words. Our goal is to make our readers see, hear, taste, feel, and smell everything that is happening in our written stories. We are making wonderful progress. Along with parts of speech, we are learning about contractions, compound words, prefixes, and suffixes. We continue to improve our penmanship and practice good spelling and neatness in all our written work.

**Mrs. Barb Bunda**

### **SECOND AND THIRD GRADE (cont.)**

The second and third graders would like to invite all of you to their chapel service which will be on March 30th beginning at 10:00 a.m. We will spend March preparing for our service and enjoying Lutheran School week. Where we will celebrate our theme, "Making Disciples" taken from John 8:31b-32, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free".

**Mrs. Laura Harvey**

### **FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE**

The fourth through sixth grade are enjoying the snow hill. This helps to make the cold winter days exciting! The field trip to the Muskegon Sports Complex was also great fun. Measurement, graphs, and the journey of the Israelites in the land of Canaan are topics we studied this month.

**Mrs. Debbie Kolberg**

Students are really enjoying learning about the American Revolution. We have also been studying and highlighting our personal copies of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. It's fantastic to teach in a Lutheran school where we can learn the truths about the role of faith in the foundation of our country!

**Mrs. Tracy Wood**

### **SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE**

The seventh and eighth graders learned about podcasting, listening to Grammar Girl, NASA, and Colonial Williamsburg presentations. You can listen to their own podcasts of their science fair projects at Mrs. Kohn's website, [www.dwkohn.weebly.com](http://www.dwkohn.weebly.com). You can also view their multi-media presentations of the Ten Commandments. For Valentine's Day students created kinetic-motion boxes, greatest volume boxes, most unique opening boxes, and traditional Valentine "love" boxes. Upcoming events include a service project to help pass out food with Love, INC. Thank you to all who attended the science fair and encouraged the students as they shared their results; we wish success to **Lauren Harvey, Ben Lutz, and Anya Berghoef** who will represent St. John's at the regional science fair held March 17th at MCC.

**Mrs. Tracy Wood**

Having just finished reading To Kill a Mockingbird we wrote essay papers discussing the meaning of the title of the novel. We had some great class discussions during the reading of this book! In history class, we are learning the causes of the Revolutionary War. Next chapter, we focus in on specific battles and personalities of this great event in history.

**Mrs. Dawn Kohn**

## CLASSIFIED AD SECTION OF YOUR LOCAL ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**God's Pantry/Social Ministry:** Contact Linda Goresch (842-8446) pantry needs, Marlene Guske (842-6879) meals; and Monica Boeve (846-5588) all other assistance and anyone interested in adopt-a-shut-in.

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**Pastors & Pancakes Breakfast:** Sat., Mar. 19, 9:00-11:00am at St. John's School. Join us for breakfast, meet the Pastors of the Lutheran Churches in W. MI, see St. John's School and learn about and support **The Koina Center** and our Lutheran schools. The cost is free - offerings are accepted. All offerings benefit the Lutheran schools of West MI. Gluten free pancakes are available. For more info on The Koina Center or West MI Lutheran Schools, visit [www.thekoinacenter.org](http://www.thekoinacenter.org).

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**Metal & Electronics Recycling:** First Christian Reformed Church's Metal Recycling Ministry collects metal all year long and provides free pick up of items you would prefer not to see in the landfill. Anything metal is accepted. The next electronics recycling event is Sat., May 14 in the parking lot of First CRC, 516 S. Ferry. Watch for more info. Contact First CRC at (616) 842-6370 or [firstcrgch@tds.net](mailto:firstcrgch@tds.net) to schedule a pick up or to drop off your unwanted metal.

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**OWLS Events:** Please watch your bulletin for any upcoming OWLS events. For more information, contact Peggy Erhorn at (616) 844-5095 or [perhorn@comcast.net](mailto:perhorn@comcast.net).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Speak for Life:** Mark your calendars to hear **Dr. James I. Lamb's**, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life, presentation on "Speak for Life" at Our Redeemer, Muskegon, on Wed., May 11 at 7:00pm. A dessert bar will be provided. All are welcome.

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**Fiesta of Faith:** St. John's School Spring Auction tickets are now on sale! Tickets are \$25 each and are available after all church services in the Social Hall, in the school office or you can contact Kelly Liggett at (616) 850-0265. First 50 tickets sold will receive 2 extra door prize drawing tickets! Auction is Friday, March 25. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. at Grand Haven Community Center. Enjoy Dinner, Silent & Live Auction, Cash Bar, Festive Music & Fellowship in Casual Dress or Fiesta Attire.

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**Fleece Fabric Needed** by our youth group who will be making blankets for Lutheran Child And Family Services at a servant event on Thur., Mar. 31. Each blanket takes 3-4 yards of fabric. Contact Sheri Sanborn (616) 846-6807 for more info.

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**Take it Home Event** – on the weekend of March 12<sup>th</sup>, PRAYER will be our ministry focus as we learn why we pray, how to pray and what scripture has to say about prayer. The children's message will introduce the 5-finger prayer and will include a take home craft. Pastor's message and the Launching Pad Bible study hour will also include this focus in hopes to broaden our faith life through prayer.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mama's Market:** Have any gently used items to sell at our next Mama's Market on Sat., Apr. 16? This PTL fundraiser will be renting booths for \$25 each or a double for \$40; tables will have an additional fee. Doors open at 9:00am. To reserve your booth, contact Peggy Street at (616) 850-0846.

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**God's Pantry/Social Ministry** along with the **Lakeshore Pregnancy Center** wishes to thank all those who gave so generously to the Baby Bottle drive. It's heartwarming to know that we support these little ones and their parents in their earthly journey by showing them the love of Jesus.

**God's Pantry/Social Ministry** have designated March as **Women in Transition** Month. We hope to help those families who have left their homes after experiencing domestic or sexual violence. Women in Transition of Ottawa County has provided shelter for 5,232 women and children. They've answered 3,168 calls in the middle of the night. Two in every five women are confronted with domestic or sexual violence in their lifetime. Our hope is to show God's love in donating the following cleaning supplies that are taxable items and not covered under any other monetary means. We are collecting: **All Purpose Cleaners, Dusting agents (Pledge), Vinegar, Baking Soda, Sponges, Paper products (toilet paper & paper towels), Mops and Pails, Brooms, Laundry detergent and softener or softener sheets.** Please place these items in the baskets outside the Social Hall or the church narthex. Thank you!



*Bouquets  
and Kudos:*

...to **Teresa Schraudt** and **Bryan Peets** for helping with the Junior High Lockin last month.

...to **Jeff & Becky Eminger, Richard & Sharon Rothe, Stuart & Heather Aspinall, Scott & Holly Spink, Ronda Chapman** and **Craig & Elizabeth Kaschube** for providing a great marriage ministry date night last month.

...to **TJ Sibley** for keeping our parking lot clean during a very snowy winter.

...to the **Board of Evangelism** for hosting the New Member Banquet in January.

...to **Dawn Kohn** for all her efforts for our Day School Science Fair.

...to our **congregation** – special thanks for all the newspaper donations. We successfully filled another 52' trailer in four months time.

...to **Joe LaLonde** and **Karen Bewalda** who use their experience and knowledge to keep the computers in our church and school running smoothly.

...to our Coaches: **Todd Lange** and **Jeff Bewalda** for all their efforts with this year's boys' basketball teams! They spent many volunteer hours with these boys during practices and game times. All of us sincerely thank them for their involvement. A big "Thank You" also goes out to **Karen Bewalda** for keeping our teams organized and to the parents and PTL for concessions and helping with our home games.

**FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS**

**Deaths:**

02/09/11 **George Henry Zahrt**, husband of **Darlene\* Zahrt**

02/16/11 **Edgar Reinkensmeyer**, uncle of **Irene\* Cooper**

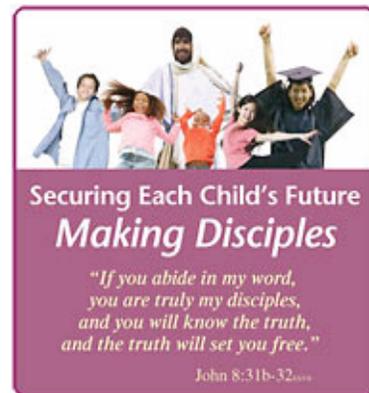
02/20/11 **William Richard Wiebenga, Sr.**, husband of **Evelyn\* Wiebenga**

**Released:**

**Heather (Johnston) Deveveaux** to Wellspring Community Church, Jenison, MI

**\* Members of SJLC**

Our current membership stands at 979 baptized, 775 of whom have confirmed their faith.



**March 6-12, 2011**  
National Lutheran Schools Week

**Fiscal Year Comparisons**

Our Stewardship Of The Gospel					Our Stewardship Of Gifts			
Date	Worship Attendance		Communion Attendance		General Fund		Outside Missions "Extra-Mile Giving"	
	2009/2010	2010/2011	2009/2010	2010/2011	2009/2010	2010/2011	2009/2010	2010/2011
<b>June - Dec.</b>	<b>9,458</b>	<b>9,062</b>	<b>7,138</b>	<b>6,460</b>	<b>\$ 403,268.21</b>	<b>\$ 366,561.54</b>	<b>\$ 44,958.94</b>	<b>\$ 75,292.40</b>
January 2	283	233	232	194	\$ 9,929.70	\$ 8,084.50	\$ 814.00	\$ 290.00
January 9	308	320	257	247	\$ 12,713.16	\$ 39,309.14	\$ 763.00	\$ 27,559.20
January 16	344	338	258	235	\$ 17,205.14	\$ 10,066.60	\$ 1,243.65	\$ 1,205.50
January 23	300	273	236	195	\$ 19,977.19	\$ 11,896.00	\$ 6,024.50	\$ 1,027.23
January 30	300	316			\$ 9,320.95	\$ 24,902.35	\$ 781.17	\$ 1,078.51
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>10,993</b>	<b>10,542</b>	<b>8,121</b>	<b>7,331</b>	<b>\$ 472,414.35</b>	<b>\$ 460,820.13</b>	<b>\$ 54,585.26</b>	<b>\$ 106,452.84</b>
<b>Weekly ave.</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>\$ 13,497.55</b>	<b>\$ 13,166.29</b>		
<b>General Fund weekly needs</b>					<b>\$ 15,165.67</b>	<b>\$ 13,561.54</b>		



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**Services:**

Sacred Song (Traditional): 8:15 a.m.  
Blended Voices (Contemporary): 10:30 a.m.  
Night Song (Saturday service): 6:00 p.m.

**Return Services Requested**

*God's Blessings To:*

You and your  
family!



*Don't Miss Our Day School  
SPRING AUCTION*

**Friday, March 25th at 6:00 p.m.  
Grand Haven Community Center**

"Fiesta of Faith" tickets will be sold on Sunday mornings, or can be purchased at the school office. Tickets are \$25 each and include silent & live auctions, dinner, festive music, cash bar and dancing.