

# WORK OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER



The Work of Christ Community • 4828 South Hagadorn • East Lansing, MI 48823  
JANUARY 2012

## COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

1/4 Mike Giles, 1/5 Carolyn Fountain, Rob Hill, 1/6 Elizabeth Luea, Bill Repovz, Katrina Butler, Angela Krause, 1/9 Chris Brandenburg, 1/10 Cindy Bosco, Peter Krause, 1/11 Bob Chisholm, 1/13 Viola Troyer, 1/14 Jen Yarrington, 1/15 Annabel Ludwig, Nicholas Mainecki, 1/16 Grace Smith, 1/17 Mike Kramer, Trent Ludwig, 1/18 James deSpelder, 1/19 Gabe Radke, Andrew Stoll, 1/22 Nico Angleys, Brett Ivey, 1/23 Karen Stowe, 1/25 Henry Wittgens, Patrick Jacobs, 1/26 Nick Luea 1/26 PM Graham, 1/27 Stephanie Turner, 1/28 Ellen Karagoulis, Janice Donahue, Luke Luginbill, 1/31 Hannah Ludwig

## COMMUNITY ANNIVERSARIES

1/20/96 Jonathan & Lori Ludwig, 1/23/82 David & Julia Grimm

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**JANUARY INTERCESSORS:** *Marion Schleusener's women's group is interceding for the Work of Christ and our mission and outreach events this month. Thanks for the prayers, sisters!*

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Brothers, please come to the community center on **Saturday, January 14, 8:30—10:00 AM**, for our annual men's breakfast. Besides eating a great breakfast, we will hear an inspirational talk (by James Munk), sing a few songs together, and enjoy some great fellowship. This is a very guest-friendly event, so please invite someone. Sons are also encouraged to come (and bring a friend). Cost is \$2.50 - you can treat a guest and only spend \$5.00!



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY January 18-25:** Once again, the Work of Christ will be joining with Christians around the world to pray for Christians to be one. Pamphlets are available to guide our prayer. (If you prefer a digital copy of this material, please go to [www.workofchrist.com](http://www.workofchrist.com), where

you will find the link for the file download.) Many of our members found this exercise fruitful last year; please join us!

**ATTENTION PARENTS: IMPORTANT SEMINAR FEBRUARY 4!** For many years, parents have asked for help in preparing their children for the work world. *Fuel for the Launch*'s a new seminar

## Upcoming Events

All events, unless otherwise noted, will take place at the Work of Christ Community Center, 4828 S. Hagadorn Road, East Lansing.

1/6-1/8 UCO Winter Retreat *Make Us Yours:* Michindoh Camp, Hillsdale.

1/8 Community Gathering: 4:00—5:45 PM. Talk: *Four Parables on Witnessing.* Set up: Ludwig. Take down: Schleusener.

1/14 Men's Breakfast: 8:30-10:00 AM. Set up & take down: Shireman.

1/17 Fatherhood Academy: 7:30 PM

1/18-1/25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

1/22 Community Gathering: 4:00—5:45 PM. Talk: *God's Desire for Our Unity.* Special: Underway and Affiliate commitments and intercession for unity. Set up: J. Luea. Take down: UCO.

1/22 Life in the Spirit Seminar: 2:45-3:45 PM

1/18 Festival of Tables: 10:30 AM—1:00 PM.

1/29 Covenant Gathering: 4:00—6:00 PM. Special: *Witnessing Workshop.* Set up: Imgrund. Take down: Cooper.

2/5 Community Gathering: 4:00—5:45 PM. Set up: deSpelder. Take down: Fountain.

developed by the Sword of the Spirit – North American Region for this very purpose. It will be held Saturday, February 4, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, at the community center. It is open to guests. Bob Beard, who has an advanced degree (and many years experience) in vocational counseling, was instrumental in the seminar’s development. Bob will be the main presenter. This seminar will not turn parents into vocational counselors but it will equip them to help their children make better decisions regarding education and vocation direction. The seminar incorporates an approach to occupational and career selection that reflects and supports our overall pastoral approach for raising children. This seminar is aimed at parents of teens and college-age adults.

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** Thanks to the generosity of the brothers and sisters, as of December 27, we collected \$3,522 for Pregnancy Services of Greater Lansing, the Asaph Project after-school program, and for high school mission trips.

**DISTRICT LORD’S DAY & GATHERING:** The *Red Cedar District* will join the *Grand River District* for a Lord’s Day celebration and meal on Saturday, February 11 (Red Cedar was originally scheduled to have a Sunday meeting). This change will allow the *Wellspring District* to have a joint Sunday meeting with the *Lansing UCO chapter*. Sorry for any inconvenience related to this change.

**Grand Rapids (Servants of the Lamb) events:**

- 1/8 GR Branch Gathering: 4:30—6:00 PM, Sts. Peter & Paul Church
- 1/14 Lord’s Day: 5:30 PM, the Parr home
- 2/5 GR Branch Gathering: 4:30—6:00 PM, Sts Peter & Paul Church

**Saginaw (City of God) events:**

- 1/8 Branch Gathering: 4:30 PM, Center for Ministry, 5800 Weiss, Saginaw.
- 1/22 Branch Gathering: 4:30 PM, Center for Ministry, 5800 Weiss, Saginaw.

**WOMEN’S FUN NIGHT:** Sisters, please mark Tuesday, February 28, 7:15—9:30 PM, on your calendars.



Instead of our normal women’s group that week, let’s all get together for fellowship and fun. It will be a low-key time of games, cards, crafts, talking, and maybe something active (think

Zumba!). Your women’s group leader will have information on what your group will do to contribute to our evening together.

**WINTER COURSES (WE HAVE LOTS TO OFFER!)** (First three sessions and talks listed below):

→ Foundations for Married Men and Foundations for Married Women, Mondays, 7:30—9:00 PM, **at the home of Peter and Jacqueline Giles** (2132 Tulane Drive, Lansing).

1/9 *Manly Christian Character/Womanly Christian Character*

2/6 *Being a Husband/Being a Wife & Mother*

3/5 *Sexual Righteousness for Married Men/Sexuality for Married Women*

→ **NEW COURSE:** Parents of Junior High Teens, Mondays, 7:30—9:00 PM, **at the Work of Christ Community Center**.

1/9 *The Emergence of “Tweens”*

2/6 *The Parents’ Role*

3/5 *Key Issues in Parenting Young Teens*

→ Foundations for Single Women, Wednesdays, 7:30—9:00 PM, **Dorothy Schaeff’s home** (426 Whitehills Drive, East Lansing).

1/11 *Finding the Lord’s Place for You*

2/8 *Womanly Christian Character*

3/14 *Relationships in the Body of Christ*

**FATHERHOOD ACADEMY 2.0:** We are offering the *Fatherhood Academy* again this year. The first session is Tuesday, January 14, 7:30 PM, at the community center. The Academy proved to be a good event for guests to attend. See the attached flyer for more details.



**FESTIVAL OF TABLES:** Our beautiful 2012 *Festival of Tables* event will be held January 28. Call Linda Luginbill (646-8665) to reserve a spot as a hostess. Tickets are \$12 and

are on sale from the receptionist or after community gatherings. Our charity this year will be Mother Teresa House and Karen Bussey will be our speaker.

**FESTIVAL REQUEST:** Ladies—did you receive any items for Christmas or do you have anything taking up space in your house that you might consider donating to the FOT for a door prize? Small items that are feminine or useful are always welcome. It is best to NOT give anything with a scent, like candles

or perfumes. Women are often sensitive or even allergic to scented things, so the door prize would not be much of a treat for them! If you have anything, please give it to Linda Luginbill before January 28. We are also in need of kitchen help for the Festival. Call Linda. Thanks.

### IMPORTANT CALENDAR CHANGES!

The date for the 2012 Women's conference has changed (due to scheduling confusion with Miracle Camp), and that forces other changes. So, the Women's conference and the CYA Boys' Retreat will now take place October 12-14 (12-13 for CYA boys). The Community Gathering originally scheduled for October 14 has been moved to October 7. We are very sorry for any inconvenience. Please make these changes NOW on all your calendars!



NEED SOME SERVICE DONE? Our wonderful Gappers (John, Daniel, Christine, Katie, and Dom) have a couple of hours Friday mornings to do service for families and individuals. If you have a need a Gapper can fill, call or email Christine Meeds (651-890-9724 or [no.1supergirl101@gmail.com](mailto:no.1supergirl101@gmail.com)).

CYA SUB SANDWICH SALE: Get your subs for Super Bowl Sunday. CYA will be taking orders for subs at gatherings in January to be picked up on February 5. We will have beef and turkey. All proceeds will go toward mission trips.



## CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

### CHILD CARE

**NOTE: ALL NEIGHBORHOOD CHILD CARE WILL BE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.**

#### **January 8:**

INFANTS: Lisa Luginbill, Viola Troyer  
18 MONTHS—3 YEARS: Linda Luea, Julia Grimm, Rachel Galer

#### **January 22:**

INFANTS: Angela Krause, Stephanie Imgrund  
18 MONTHS—3 YEARS: Christine Meeds, Michael Ritter, Lisa Ludwig

#### **January 29:**

INFANTS: Nancy Giles, Maddy Frye  
18 MONTHS—3 YEARS: Lynn Beard, Katie Doyle, Lydia Cooper  
3 YEARS—5 YEARS: Jan Munk, Esther DeWaters,

Stephen Giles, BJ Cooper, Sam Riley

#### **February 5**

INFANTS: Yvonne Comstock, Chelsea VanSteel  
18 MONTHS—3 YEARS: Kathy Schaefer, Gena Richardson, Kirra Pope

### NOAH'S ARK

**January 8:** Theme: *Friends*. Team: Esther DeWaters, Mary Skiba. Helpers: Tessa Kreiner, Peter Galer.

**January 22:** Theme: *The Good Samaritan*. Team: Lisa Kogut, Elaine Ritter. Helpers: Mary Ludwig, Michael Ritter.

**February 5:** Theme: *God's Love*. Team: Joyce Richardson, Tracey Keenan. Helpers: Niabh Keenan, Matthew Stine.

### CHILDREN'S GATHERING

#### **(At River Terrace Church, Rooms 2&3)**

January Theme: *Christian Virtue: Diligence*. Scripture: Proverbs 12:24 *The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slack hand will be put to forced labor.*

**January 8:** GIRLS GATHERING Team: Su Butler, Lisa Ivey. Helpers: Lisa Luginbill, Deborah Turner. (Guitar: Nicole Terwilliger)

**January 22:** BOYS GATHERING Team: Jim Keenan, Jason Koval. Helpers: Chris Smith, Zach Schaefer.

### 4TH—6TH GRADE GIRLS

Mrs. Stoll is planning an event for us in January or February...stay tuned!

### CHRISTIAN YOUTH IN ACTION (CYA)

1/5 Large Group: 7:30—9:00 PM, community center  
1/12 Small Groups: 7:30—9:00 PM, Guys at Weber, Girls at the Schaefer house

1/14 Men's Breakfast

1/19 Large Group: 7:30—9:00 PM, community center

1/26 Small Groups: 7:30—9:00 PM, Guys at Weber, Girls at the Schaefer house

2/2 Large Group: 7:30—9:00 PM, community center

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WELCOME BABY! Grace Christine Vandagriff was born to Everett and Beth Anne on Monday, December 5. She weighed 9 pounds, 6.7 ounces, and was 22 inches long. Congratulations to the Schleusener and Vandagriff families.*

DIRECTORY CHANGES:

**Elizabeth Galer:** 227 Horton St, Lansing 48912.  
**Bob & Nancy Johnson:** Phone change 517-444-0756.  
**Nicole Terwilliger:** 1527 Jerome St, Lansing 48912.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT:** Carolyn Fountain organizes a night out for the ladies on the third Wednesday of each month. Call Carolyn at 517-894-3655 for more details. Friends are welcome to come along.

**TV TRAYS:** I need to borrow a set of four TV trays for the Festival of Tables. If you can loan them, please call me at 394-0538. Ginny Joy.

**KITTYS NEED NEW HOME:** Two friendly adult neutered and de-clawed house cats need a new home by August. Please contact me if you are interested or have any possible leads of a home for them. Thanks—Nora Carr (420-4308).

**SWIM LESSONS:** Matthew Galer is looking for a buddy to take swim lessons with him in January and February. These would be either on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or on Saturdays. Call Jen (648-3666).

**GUITAR TEACHER NEEDED:** Jen Yarrington is looking for someone to give Hope guitar lessons (part of her Christmas gift). If you are able to teach guitar and would like to earn a little money, please contact Jen (977-1997 or [jsyarr@yahoo.com](mailto:jsyarr@yahoo.com)).



**THE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP** of the Work of Christ Community will **meet Friday, January 6, 7:30-9:00 PM**, at the community center. Our speaker will be Fr. John Byers, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lansing. Fr. Byers is very familiar with the charismatic renewal and encourages the use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. His topic will be "The Church's Need for Witnesses to the Power of the Living God." Refreshments will be served. Sorry,

child care will not be provided. If you have questions, please call Mike Luea (393-6416).

**"BLUES FOR BABIES"** Nick Zabrodsky, along with Right to Life of Ingham County, is putting together this event to benefit Hannah's House and Shared Pregnancy, on Monday, January 23 (the anniversary of Roe v. Wade). Everyone is welcomed to come to 319 W. Genesee Street in Lansing, to the Church in the City, for a gospel and blues concert. The admission is free; an offering will be taken. Also, for those wishing to join other community folks on the Capitol steps earlier that day, the demonstration for life begins at 4:30 PM.

### **LOST AND FOUND IS OVERFLOWING!**

*Hasn't anyone noticed these things are missing???? PLEASE, come and get your stuff:*  
Black dress coat 2X; pink plastic bowl, gray hooded sweatshirt adult XL; gray hooded sweatshirt child L; light blue hoodie child L; dark gray v-neck vest adult XL; pink hooded jacket 18 months; white zipped jacket L petite; pink sweater S; "Karaoke Dance Party" CD; small bowl with fruit painted on it; white plate; batman mask; Christmas lights—white & colored; Tupperware lid—large; CD case with many CDs; bag with wedding planning books; bag with many games; bag with three glass vases.

### **MILITARY CORNER**

**Evan Glomski:** Marine, stationed in Afghanistan  
**Josh Hill:** Marine Reserves, studying at MSU  
**Ethan Lenhard:** in the Marines  
**Joe Kogut:** senior year at West Point, will be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in May of 2012.  
**Ben Schafer:** Marine, in Afghanistan  
**Andy Smith:** at the Air Force Academy  
**Matt Smith:** stationed at Andrew's Air Force Base in Maryland  
**Nathaniel Stine:** Army ROTC at MSU

# **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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