

WORK OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

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

COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

4/1 Ruthie Munk, Adalynn Kennedy, Bernadette Cherniawski, 4/3 Stephanie Imgrund, 4/4 Beth Lenhard, 4/5 Claire Sobieray, 4/6 Dave Luginbill, Kathy Schaefer, 4/7 Jacqueline Giles, Richard Imgrund, Todd O'Brien, Paul Wakeman, 4/8 Monica Cooper, Nolan DeFord, 4/9 Peter Giles, Conor Keenan, 4/10 Jim Joy, 4/11 Carolyn Radke, 4/12 Kolbe Wittgens, 4/13 Veronica Luea, 4/14 Peter Galer, Victoria LaPorte, 4/15 Deborah Turner, 4/16 Alex Beirlant, Maximillian DeWaters, Michael Murray, 4/17 Bridgette Gulock, Niamh Luea, 4/18 Matt Stoll, 4/19 River Fountain, Lindsey Ludwig, 4/20 Rebekah Hou, Betsy Joy, Anne Gibson, Eliana Wittgens, 4/22 Stephen Giles, 4/23 Meghan VanSteel, Diane Warner, 4/24 Stacey Barajas, 4/25 Mary Adelman, Marci Meier, Jacob Stoll, 4/26 Bonnie King, 4/29 Thomas Adelman, Patrick Garlitz, 4/30 Terry Kennedy, Max Luea, Mike Shaughnessy.

COMMUNITY ANNIVERSARIES

4/8/94 Matt & Heidi Stoll, 4/13/85 Ken & Sandy Darga, 4/20/85 Garry & Ann Grimm, 4/22/78 Marty & Nancy Greathouse, 4/22/95 Brad & Elaine Ritter, 4/24/82 Mike & Lynne Karagoulis, 4/27/91 Grant & Lynne Sage.

COMMUNITY NEWS

*THANKS FOR THE PRAYERS: The sisters in **Cristin Luea's** women's group will be interceding for the Work of Christ and our mission and outreach events in April. Thank you, ladies!*



THANKS FOR JOINING US! The following brothers and sisters made commitments to the Work of Christ on February 25: UCO AFFILIATE

COMMITMENT: **Karina Dunkl, Stephen Giles, David Kogut, Alexandra Love, Steven Maier, Josh Meyer, Jonathan Schleusener, Matt Spiewla.** WORK OF

CHRIST AFFILIATE COMMITMENT: **Julie Zaremba.**
UNDERWAY COMMITMENT: **Beth Detzler, Matt Detzler, Dani Francis, John Michael Hoyt, Betsy Joy, Jacob Stoll, Chelsea VanSteel.** *Congratulations!*

UPCOMING SAGINAW LOCAL GATHERING:

April 15: 4:30—6:00 PM, at Countryside Trinity Church.

COMBINED MEN'S GROUPS: Brothers, we have a combined men's group scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 7:30—9:00 PM, at the community center. We will follow up on what the Lord did with us at the Men's Conference by hearing a talk from Eric Lynch on *What Mission Looks Like*.



Community Survey: We are asking all members of the Work of Christ to take our annual survey. Filling

Upcoming Events

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

- **4/1 Easter—no gathering**
- **4/8 Community Gathering: 4:00—5:45 PM.** Talk will be on the Resurrection. Set up: Shireman. Take down: Trent Ludwig. [NOTE: Pascha]
- **4/8 Sycamore Gathering: 4:00 PM.** Liberty Church.
- **4/14 GR & RC District Lord's Day: 6:00 PM.** Set up: Imgrund. Take down: Stoll.
- **4/15 Open—no gathering**
- **4/22 Community Gathering: 4:00—5:45 PM.** Talk will be on the Holy Spirit. Set up: Cherniawski. Take down: J. Ludwig.
- **4/29 Women's Gathering: 4:00—6:00 PM.** Teaching will be on "Mercy." Soup supper follows prayer meeting. Set up: Shireman. Take down: Schaefer. (Thanks, brothers!)
- **5/6 Community Gathering: 4:00—5:45 PM.**

out the survey is a real service to the community. It helps the coordinators to better understand how life in the community is going, it helps to identify specific areas of community life that need attention, and it helps with the development of the annual pastoral plan. Filling out the survey takes just a few minutes. There is a link to the survey in the Friday bulletin. For those who prefer, paper copies of the survey are available at the handout table. Please fill out your survey before April 30, 2018. Thank you for your service!

WOMEN'S PRAYER MEETING:

Sisters, please make attending our annual women's gathering on April 29 a high priority. Our teaching will be on *Mercy*. This is our only time (outside of our conference) to pray, worship, and seek the Lord together as sisters. Soup supper follows; women's groups will be asked to provide soup (1-2 crocks per group, depending on the size of the group), fruit, bread, and dessert. (Please include an ingredients list with your soup for those ladies with allergies.) Guests are very welcomed to join us.



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE CHANGE!

Because of changes at Miracle Camp, we had to make some changes to our next Women's Conference. **Date:** The conference will now take place **October 12-14, 2018** (not October 5-7 as originally scheduled). **Location:** The Women's Conference will now take place at Colombiere Conference Center, 9075 Big Lake Road, in Clarkston. This facility has worked well for our men's conference; we trust it will work just as well for our women's conference. All sleeping rooms will be one or two people per room—no bunk houses. Bonus—we will all be in one building. **Cost:** The cost at Colombiere is a bit higher than at Miracle Camp. Cost for the weekend will likely be \$135 and up, depending on rooming option.

2018 OCTOBER CALENDAR: The Women's Conference date change forced other changes:

- Women's Conference:** is now October 12-14, (not October 5-7)
- Community Gathering:** is now October 7 (not October 14)

Lord's Day Groups: now October 6 (not October 13) We are very sorry for any inconvenience these changes may cause. Please note them on whatever calendar you use!

SUMMER CAMP HEALTH FORMS: All the health information for children going to camp should be filled out online and payment made by the **April 9** deadline. Don't miss it.



RESCUE IN THE NIGHT Rehearsal schedule: Saturdays, from 10:00 AM—noon April 14, 21, 28, May 5, (skip May 12 for Camp Training Day), and dress rehearsal **Friday, May 18, 3:30—5:30 PM.** Call time for the cast on Saturday will be 20 minutes before the performance.

CYA SILENT AUCTION: Please, everyone, be on the lookout for good items to donate to our annual auction (this year on May 19, our anniversary event). We can use gift certificates for restaurants, plays, movies, horseback riding, skating, concerts, sporting events, and so on. Also new (or slightly used) items: artwork, gourmet dinners, cool baked goods, personal service (babysitting, yard work, home repair, house cleaning, remodeling) - the list is almost endless! Information to help us obtain donors is at the handout table. We need items by Sunday, May 6. Contact Laurel LaPorte or Lisa Luginbill with questions, to volunteer, and for more information. *Thank you for your help with this major fundraiser for youth mission trips and retreats!*



DAY CAMP! Attention junior high guys and girls: We need **counselors for Day Camp.** The dates of camp



this year are Monday, June 11—Thursday, June 14, from 9:00 AM—12:30 PM, at Burchfield Park. Volunteers will need to attend two training sessions in May. If you are interested

in serving your younger brothers and sisters in a *fantastic, terrific, great, and FUN* way, contact Mrs. Koval (517-626-1066) or Mrs. Ritter (517-626-1066). Parents of camper children will receive letters at the end of April with details to register.

LUNCH SERVANTS FOR SUMMER CAMP TRAINING DAY: We still need one more person to prepare and serve lunch at the Summer Camp Training Day on **Saturday, May 12**. This would include purchasing



food, serving, and cleaning up lunch (10 AM to 2 PM). This is your chance to serve Camp this year! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Joyce Richardson at 336-8530.

PRAY-ERS NEEDED: We still have some Summer Camp staff needing someone to pray for them. Lisa Luginbill is collecting intercessors; see her after gatherings or email her at lisamaria78@gmail.com if you are willing to pray for someone!

RVs NEEDED FOR SUMMER CAMP: The camp program needs pop-up campers or camper trailers to house staff for camp week. If you can commit the use of your camper August 4-11, please contact Kevin Krause (kevin.s.krause5@gmail.com or 517-485-2417).



SPRING COURSE: The Foundations for Married Men and Foundations for Married Women is being offered this winter-spring. Both courses meet on first Mondays, 7:30—9:00 PM, at the community center. Jerry Munk and Trent Ludwig are teaching the men's course. Various speakers are teaching the women's course.

4/2 *A Married Man's Relationships; A Married Woman's Relationships*

5/7 *Faithful to Priorities; "Busyness" and Managing a Home*

6/4 *Married Men and Work; Married Women and Work*

"ANNUAL REVIEWS" IN SMALL GROUPS: Because we are going through deliverance this year in men's and women's groups, we will not be going through



the "annual review" topics in our small groups. We will resume the 4-year cycle of topics in 2019. Of course, members may still do a personal "annual review" with their pastoral worker.



PARENTS OF NEWBORNS: Please call or email the office when you are blessed with a new baby. We do our best (usually finding information via Meal-train), but we miss some. If you let us know officially, your little one will for sure be included in child care, birthdays, and our children's programs lists.

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH PROGRAMS

CHILD CARE

April 8

INFANTS: **Yvonne Comstock**, Sharon Christopherson
TODDLERS: **Jenn Galer**, Stacey Barajas, Francisco Barajas, Philip Stoll, Joseph Krause

April 22

INFANTS: **Kathy Schaefer**, Nancy Hilker
TODDLERS: **Cindy Kogut**, Anne Beirlant, Ginny Turner, Dorothy Cooper, Laura Koval

May 6

INFANTS: **Kendra Kennedy**, Ellen Schaefer
TODDLERS: **Julia Grimm**, Joyce Richardson, Bob Beard, Beth Riley, Eric Lynch

NOAH'S ARK

April 8 Theme: *Prayer*. Team: Lisa Ludwig, Lisa Kogut. Helpers: Ava Fountain, Peter Krause.

April 22 Theme: *The Good Samaritan/Helping Others*. Team: Jan Munk, Alissa Brandenburg. Helpers: Veronica Amburn, Philip Stoll.

CHILDREN'S GATHERING

OVERALL THEME: **Jesus is the Light**

OVERALL SCRIPTURE John 1:5: *The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.*

April Theme: **Shine in the Darkness**

Scripture: *No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand where it gives light to everyone in the house. (Matthew 15:5)*



April 8

GIRLS Team: Lori Ludwig, Lisa Luginbill. Helpers: Angie Amburn, Hannah Ludwig, Joy Yarrington. (Guitar: Rene Shireman)

BOYS ACTIVITY Team: Jim Butler, Peter Kogut. Helpers: Matthew Galer, Paul Gulock.

April 22

BOYS Team: Jim Keenan, James deSpelder. Helpers: Jon Luea, BJ Cooper, Trent Ivey.

GIRLS ACTIVITY Team: Marcia DeWitt, Linda Luea. Helpers: Megan VanSteel, Rachel Stoll.

JUNIOR HIGH GROUPS: We meet in April on Thursday, April 12, and Thursday, April 26.

3RD—5TH GRADE GIRLS: Beginning April 14, we hope as many of you as possible will be spending Saturday mornings at the community center practicing "Rescue in the Night" (our children's musical)!

EXPLORERS: Next activity is Saturday, April 7.

CHRIST'S YOUTH IN ACTION

4/5 Small Groups: 7:30—9:00 PM, girls at the Schaefer home and guys at Weber

4/12 Large Group: 7:30—9:00 PM, WOC center

4/19 Small Groups: 7:30—9:00 PM, girls at the Schaefer home and guys at Weber

4/26 Large Group: 7:30—9:00 PM, WOC center

5/3 Small Groups: 7:30—9:00 PM, girls at the Schaefer home and guys at Weber

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHONE CHANGES:

Marcia Hill: 517-580-2082 (cell phone)

Chuck Hill: 517-580-2084 (cell phone)

Note: phone number for the Hill family listed in the directory does not work; please call them on their cells.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME! **Martha Frances DeWaters** was born to George and Esther on Friday, March 9. She joins siblings Susanna, Therese, Ruth, Anthony, and Max. Congratulations to the DeWaters and Riley clans!

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY: *Andrae Koval's father, Roger Asiala, unexpectedly passed away March 19 from complications related to an Aortic Dissection. Our condolences to Andrae, Jason, Josh, Chris, Mike, and Laura.*

INVITATION AND THANK YOU: Elizabeth Galer,

"community kid" and former member of the Work of Christ, is getting married! She and her fiancé, Brian Neuens, wish to invite all WOC members to their wedding on **May 12, at 11:00 AM at The Church of The Resurrection.**



They will have an exchange of wedding vows, followed by a nuptial mass. There will be an **open house reception at Grand Woods Park** [NOTE change of location from invitations that went out earlier] from 4:00—8:00 PM to celebrate. Please feel most welcome to attend one of or both the ceremony and the open house. Elizabeth desires to express her profound gratitude to the Work of Christ for both the Christian and personal formation she received growing up, for the spiritual and practical support, for hours of prayer ministry, spiritual warfare, ongoing accountability, fellowship, and love. She says, *"It is through you that I found and learned to cling to The Pearl of Great Price, through you that I sank my roots into the water of The Word, through you that I learned to receive and give forgiveness, and through you that I learned the depth of what love requires. Therefore, it is in a spirit of profound gratitude that my fiancé and I extend this invitation. Thank you for all that you are and have been!"*



HEBREWS BIBLE STUDY: The April dates for the Thursday Bible study on the Book of Hebrews are April 5 and 19, from noon to 1:00 PM, in the community center conference room. You can join in at any time. Retirees and seniors are especially encouraged to attend, but the class is open to everyone (including guests).

FOR SALE: Charming 120-year-old home in a wonderful community cluster! 4-bedroom, 2 full baths, garage, extra-deep lot, kitchen appliances included,

wrap-around front porch, oak floors and trim, French doors, back deck, and great neighbors! 219 Horton Street, Lansing. \$135,000. Call Jim 810.620.0755 or Piper 810.882.1035 for more details or a tour. Available April 1.

FOR SALE: Graco Pack 'N Play, excellent condition, \$25. Call Yvonne Comstock at 676-3492.

FYI FOR PLANNING GRADUATION OPEN HOUSES:
Friday, June 1: Jeffrey deSpelder, 6:00—9:00 PM, Work of Christ Community Center.
Sunday, June 10: Trent Ivey (See invitation below)



INVITATION: *Last of the Ivey kids!*
Trent Ivey Graduation Open House:
Sunday, June 10, 2018, 3:00 – 6:00 PM with “after party.” Glenbriar Golf Clubhouse in Perry. More details to come!

LOST & FOUND: PLEASE RETRIEVE BEFORE WE DISPOSE OF THESE!

- ⇒ 4 sorting boxes with seashells
 - ⇒ Grey Adidas Hoodie, size Medium
 - ⇒ Child size 6/8 MSU sweatshirt
 - ⇒ Teal Valor jacket size 4T
 - ⇒ Grey Under Armour Hoodie, Size YMD
 - ⇒ White CJ Banks Blouse, size 3X
 - ⇒ ZeroXposur Navy jacket
 - ⇒ Red shorts
 - ⇒ Superhero PJ pants, size XS
 - ⇒ Spiderman black & red hat
 - ⇒ Brown Flat Cap, size S/M
 - ⇒ Lavalier microphone
 - ⇒ Tupperware container
 - ⇒ Tupperware lid
 - ⇒ Christmas trays – metal and plastic
 - ⇒ Various covered drinking glasses
 - ⇒ Breast-feeding modesty cover, patchwork colors
 - ⇒ Mikassa Potters Art bowl
- (Last two items were left at the Harvest Picnic in September at the Kreiner farm.)



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