



# Cross Section

## Senior Pastor's Message



Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

I sincerely hope summer is going well for you and your family. The longer I live, and the closer I come to heaven, the more I realize the overwhelming importance of being connected to Jesus. Loving my family as I do, only eternity is sufficient time to enjoy their company. Anything short of eternity is simply too monstrous to consider.

Yet, even while contemplating this truth, I realize that most of the world, and many at Cross of Christ, do not even consider eternity a matter of importance to their life. The gift of life and salvation in Jesus is so amazing and wonderful to me, I cannot conceive of anything more worthy of my time, mind, heart, and treasures. Just think, one thousand years from today we will be in eternity. Will you be with Christ in joy-filled glory, or will you be alone in a place from which one can never escape? Will all those you love be with Christ Jesus in joy-filled glory, or will they be alone in a place from which they can never escape?

If this seems negative in light of the carefree joy of summer, perhaps it is the heat that causes me to contemplate eternity. Jesus certainly gave eternity His serious attention. I constantly wonder why so many who claim to follow Jesus live as though this life is all that matters. Maybe our anemic witness to Jesus is one of the hurdles for the Church in the world today. If it does not matter to His followers, why would anyone want to consider placing their life into the hands and heart of the Savior?

I am requesting that those of you who love the Lord Jesus and are truly moved by His love pray for the lost of the world. I ask you to pray for His followers to rise up all over the world and joyfully affirm their faith and allegiance to Jesus. I ask you to pray for God's wisdom as you step forward in faith and find your unique place of service in the Kingdom. I ask you to pray that our Lord would use your life to make an eternal difference in the lives of others. One thousand years from today nothing but Jesus will matter. Waiting, delaying until the right time, asking someone else to do your God-given work, lying about the spiritual condition of those you say you love, living indifferently to the Gospel while half the world races to hell, deceiving yourself in regards to your trust in Christ, playing church, pining for tradition, wallowing in sin, having a perpetual pity-party, whatever else may distract you from the mission, Jesus says, "Wake up!"

I cannot top His great suggestion, so, may Jesus keep you growing in His grace.

Love in Jesus,  
Pastor Jon

JULY/AUGUST  
2007

### **PRAYER FOCUS**

***"Be imitators of  
God, therefore, as  
dearly loved  
children and live a  
life of love, just as  
Christ loved us  
and gave Himself  
up for us as a  
fragrant offering  
and sacrifice to  
God"  
Ephesians 5:1***

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## MISSION NEWS AND NOTES

### July, 2007 Plate Offering Recipients

Beginning with this new fiscal year, 100% of the plate offerings will be for mission support. This month's offerings have been designated for the support of TEAM Ministry.



**Team Ministries** is a grass roots group of Christians from all denominational backgrounds who have joined together to serve the homeless population of the Detroit area. With half a dozen successful outreach events under their belt, Team Ministries is reaching out to a wider church base to allow more Christians the experience, the privilege, and the blessing of serving the "least of your brethren". Team Ministries is currently partnering with area churches in manning and organizing outreach events to Hart Plaza and the neighboring downtown areas, where there are large populations of homeless brothers and sisters. An outreach event begins with a morning workshop on personal evangelism. Preparation and packaging of food, clothing, personal hygiene kits and Christian literature, that will be distributed later on that day, follow. In the afternoon, the volunteers will proceed to the designated area with all the donations and set up a distribution point. At this time there is an opportunity for Team Ministry or the sponsoring church to provide a message for the recipients that have gathered for the outreach event. Along with the message, there is ample time to fellowship with our less fortunate brothers and sisters one on one, and to share with them Christ's love just the way He so often did. When we get to know their stories and make them feel like a "normal" person, then we have a chance to encourage them with the Gospel, pray with them, and sometimes even provide the assistance that they need to get off the streets to begin a new life trusting and walking with Jesus Christ. If this is something that you feel tugging on your heart, then please contact Sharon Yarlagadda at 248-766-8450 to sign up for the Cross of Christ sponsored outreach event on July 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to introduce your children to mission work and a fantastic opportunity for a family or a small group mission event. It is our hope that you will join us in this effort, as its ultimate purpose is simply to bring all glory and honor to our Lord Christ Jesus!

### TEAM Ministries

Detroit  
Homeless  
Outreach

July 28th

Volunteers are  
needed!

For more  
information call  
Sharon (248)  
766-8450

### Prayer Support for July Mission Trips

Please remember the following in your prayers this month.

- Juli Garretson and Alicia Simpson as they teach VBS on an island in Alaska with a team from St. John, Rochester.
- Haiti Trip Leaders: Diane & Ed Stanke, Linda & Dennis Toth, Dianne Ruprich.
- July 2-10 Haiti Team Members: Paul and Nick Wilkie, John Kalusniak, Laura Pechta, Cindy Zirbel, Kathy Dowbenko, Jonathan Toth, Patrick LaFontaine.
- July 9-17 Haiti Team Members: Amy Alexander, Crystal Stoup, Jennifer Sweet, Allie Grafe, Kip Ewing, Gary and Derek Seelbinder, Brent LeSage, Byron Sweet, Madison Duggins.

Pray that the Lord will bless them with safety, good health, and perseverance, and that they will be a true Christian witness in all situations.

### Mission Trip Options for 2007

In November, 2007, UEMI is planning to go to India. Those interested in going will be able to assist with conferences and workshops for various groups (women, youth, businessmen, etc.) and will visit churches, orphanages, and some well-

## MISSION NEWS (continued)

known tourist attractions. This is a 10-day trip. Contact Pastor Jim for more information.

### **2006-2007 Plate Offering Mission Support Recap**

- July & August, 2006 - \$1,387 to the Holstes for ministry in Macau.
- September, 2006, - \$275 to LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) and \$800 to Thrivent Habitat Build
- October, 2006 - \$1,385 to Rancho Betana, a Christian ministry center in Mexico
- November, 2006 - \$500 to Heifer International and \$520 for Cows for Kenya
- December, 2006 - \$1,040 to POBLO (local ministry to Muslims) and \$1,040 to U.E.M.I. (John Peter's ministry in India)
- January, 2007 - \$1,130 to Crossroads Pregnancy Center
- February, March, & April, 2007 \$3,921 for Haiti mission trip
- May, 2007 - \$1,562 for STAND
- June, 2007 - for Ft. Wayne Seminary Food Bank and Capuchin Soup Kitchen (not complete at newsletter deadline date)

### **Other Financial Mission Support**

During the calendar year of 2006 \$839 was collected from mite boxes for the LWML mission projects.

As of May 31, 2007, and additional \$5,858 has been given towards the Haiti trip. In December, 2006, 10% of the RBOW (Reaching Beyond Our Walls) receipts was distributed as follows:

- \$7,500 to Grace Centers of Hope, Pontiac
- \$40,000 to POBLO (Muslim Ministry)
- \$40,000 to U.E.M.I. ( India)
- \$7,500 to Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries
- \$7,500 to Logos Hope (Mission Ship)
- \$20,000 to Concordia University, Selma, AL
- \$8,500 to the Holste's Macau Ministry
- \$10,000 to Food for the Poor in Florida

## A Garden Party Benefiting Crossroads

Crossroads Pregnancy Center in Auburn Hills is sponsoring their annual Garden Party on Sunday, July 22 from 3-6 PM at the beautiful home and gardens of Jack Krasula in Bloomfield Hills.

The guest speaker is Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. Norma will share the story of how she became a pro-life Christian through the loving witness of other believers.

Catered appetizers and drinks will be served in addition to a silent auction.

Tickets are \$75/person. Contact Mary Lou Temple for more details and a personal invitation. Deadline is July 16.

### Church Liaison Needed

Crossroads is in need of a church liaison from Cross of Christ. This person would be our contact with the Center, promote events and the pro-life message, etc. Please contact Mary Lou Temple for details; it is a limited time commitment, only a few hours each month.





## TEAM BILOXI REPORT

It was an awesome trip, and we all feel blessed to have been a part of the mission at Camp Biloxi. The devastation in the midst of rebuilding is astounding, and yet God is so faithful in the lives of the community and volunteers.

Fourteen team members went down; ten rode the church bus, 2 drove down separately, and the other two flew down. Vic Moigis was our faithful bus driver, both down and back and all over Bilxoi (as well as a side trip Friday night to New Orleans).

Biloxi, MS is a 16-1/2 hour drive from church one way. We put almost 2500 miles on the bus and used 243 gallons of diesel fuel. (For this trip the bus got just over 10 miles/gallon) We soon realized that long trips in a bus are not as comfortable for the passengers and driver as a car might be. However, that aspect was certainly offset by the fellowship and camaraderie that grew and developed.

We arrived at Camp Biloxi around 5 PM Sunday evening May 20<sup>th</sup>. Camp Biloxi is a gated community that can house 180 volunteers. It is located on the grounds of The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Volunteers are housed and fed at Camp Biloxi for a suggested donation of \$20/day.

We quickly checked in and learned that our group would be split into 2 work crews. We also were assigned mess hall duties for Sunday night dinner—serving and clean up. Walter Loebel and Ron Bereznicki were designated crew leaders and met with the Construction supervisors to get our team assignments. Our crew leader had responsibilities on site and at camp (daily paperwork reports and progress meetings)

The Cross of Christ team was assigned 3 smaller dormitory units (each could hold 6-8 people). The dorm units are converted ship cargo boxes with 6 to 8 bunk beds in each. They had a window air conditioner, electricity, and a heater (for the winter). We divided ourselves into the men's dorm (6 guys), women's dorm (4 gals), and married housing (2 couples).

The bathrooms and shower units were also converted cargo containers fitted with hot and cold running water and the necessary plumbing and electricity. (Separate facilities for men and women) The dining tent was a large enclosed canopy with a platform base, electricity and air conditioning. There is also a large tent dorm (bunk beds for 60 people), a smaller chapel tent, changing tent, and a laundry facility.

Meals were provided—hot breakfast and dinner, and a cold sack lunch. Water (by the case) was also provided as well as ice and extra coolers for the work crews on site.

Our Team was assigned to assist two families. Walter Loebel's team worked at the Mullinax home (a two bedroom bungalow). Wallboarding, taping, mudding, and sanding took the entire workweek. Crewmembers were Walter Loebel, Vic Moigis, Doug LaFontaine, Cecile Skrzypczak, Cathy Boggs, and Ruth LaFontaine. Mary Lou Temple also assisted on Thursday and Friday.

Ron Bereznicki's team worked at the Veal home on the backside of the bay. They framed in the home with plywood, installed pillars under the patio, and hung doors to secure the home. Crewmembers were Ron Bereznicki, Jim Brown, Frank Stoup, Don Berekemeir, and Barbara Berkemeir. Carmen Jones and Mary Lou Temple also assisted on day one, and then were shifted to Stephen ministry duties. Ron's crew finished ahead of plans and on Friday worked on the Kaboom playground project (200 volunteers putting up a huge play ground at a park in 6-1/2 hours).

Tom Daykin worked in the tool crib at camp each day. He assisted the crews with the checking out of equipment and tools in the morning, and returning them at the end of the  
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## **(BILOXI REPORT CONTINUED)**

day. He also worked daily repairing, cleaning, and maintaining the tools and equipment owned by LDR (Lutheran Disaster Response). Tom worked long days, reporting to work by 7:30 AM each day, and ending his day around dinnertime at 6 PM.

Carmen Jones, Mary Lou Temple, and Cathy Boggs also worked as Stephen ministers. Cathy was mostly onsite at the Mullinax home working alongside the crew, and talking and listening to the homeowner. On Thursday she assisted with the food distribution center at camp. Mary Lou and Carmen were loaned the pastor's car for a day or two to visit work sites, and the medical clinic down the road (Bethel Lutheran Church). There they talked to and listened to residents and homeowners, letting them share their stories, and lending support. They also assisted in the construction office and helped pack and distribute food boxes. Every day was a unique Stephen's minister opportunity in the community and among the volunteers.

Our days started with 6 AM waking, 6:30 AM breakfast, then packing of lunches and coolers, and equipment and getting to the work sites close to 8 AM.

Each day the bus dropped off equipment and volunteers at the Veal house, and then picked up equipment and workers at the end of the day. (LDR equipment could not be left at either work site.) Vic (and the bus) stayed and at the Mullinax home during the day. The Veal home did not yet have electricity or working plumbing. So LDR transported a gas generator daily to the site, and there was a port-a-john nearby. The Mullinax home had electricity (running from the FEMA trailer), and a working bathroom in the trailer.

Crews tried to leave the worksite 4PM-5PM to get back to camp, return tools, and clean up for 6 PM dinner. Evenings after dinner were free time, fellowship time, with quiet time from 10 PM to 6 AM at camp. If we left camp, we needed to be back by 10 PM each night.

On Wednesday evening, our group went out to eat in the town of Ocean Springs (near Biloxi). All 14 were together for a bus tour of the Biloxi coastal area and a meal out. On Friday, our projects wrapped up early. Eight of the group took a late afternoon and dinner bus trip to New Orleans (1-1/2 hour from Biloxi). We saw the devastation along the road into New Orleans, and visited the tourist areas (Canal Street and Bourbon Street) where the rebuilding and reopening has made progress.

While at Camp Biloxi, daily phone updates were given to the church office for the prayer chain. The team greatly appreciated the support and prayers of the congregation.

On Saturday morning May 26<sup>th</sup>, we had breakfast at camp, helped clean the dining hall, cleaned and checked out of our dorms, said our good byes and got on the church bus heading home. We stayed at a Fairfield Inn, just south of Louisville, KY. We arrived back at Cross of Christ 3:30 PM on Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>.

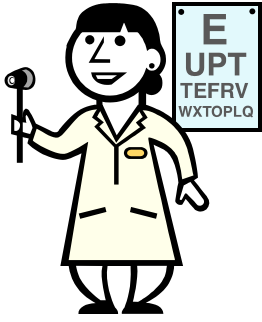
Our team members took many photos and we are consolidating a 'best of Biloxi' disk and will put them on the church website.

Both the families we assisted were Christians and are still living in FEMA trailers. Our crews were able to assist them in one phase of rebuilding their homes. Their attitude and faith were an inspiration to us all. We all felt humbled and blessed.

Each of us has many stories to share. We worked hard, we laughed a lot, enjoyed great fellowship, and we all received much more than we gave. We thank God for the opportunity and ability to serve, and look forward to the next Katrina mission trip.

Submitted by Ruth LaFontaine

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## Parish Nursing: Helpful Tips for Office Visits

Dear Church Family Members,

I hope and pray you will have a restful and relaxing summer with your families. We all need a change of pace in the summer to "recharge" our batteries.

Many of you may see your family doctor or specialists for routine office visits. It helps to be prepared so as to best utilize both your and the doctor's time. Here are some general guidelines I hope you will find helpful:

Things to take to the doctor's office:

- Insurance cards and picture ID
- Brief medical history
- List of current medications, doses and frequency you take them (include over the counter or herbal drugs, pain medication, laxatives and vitamins) In other words, everything!!
- List of current symptoms
- List of allergies to medicines or food

When you are in the doctor's office...

- Be brief and concise with your list of symptoms.
- Ask questions; take notes; it's so easy to forget or misunderstand.
- Listen carefully; take your spouse or a friend with you. 4 ears are better than 2!
- Ask the doctor to write out written instructions or draw you a picture of your particular problem.
- Read your prescriptions and make sure you understand them. You should know why you are taking each of your medications.
- You should feel comfortable talking with your doctor, asking questions and even getting a second opinion, if you feel it's necessary.
- Open communication is KEY...you and your doctor are in partnership to maintain your good health.

When you get home...

- Mark your calendar with your next appointment.
- Take your medicines as ordered; if you have a problem, notify your doctor and let him/her know any side effects you are experiencing. They may adjust the dose or change the medication.
- Don't stop a medication unless the doctor tells you to do so.

May God bless you and keep you in good physical, emotional and spiritual health. Have a wonderful summer! Call me if I can help you in any way.

Blessings in Jesus,  
*Mary Lou Temple, RN*  
 Parish Nurse

## LIBRARY CORNER: SUMMER READING SELECTIONS

It is summer holiday time, and time for reading some Christian fiction. *The Messiah* by Marjorie Holmes recounts the life of Christ from the beginning of Jesus' ministry until his resurrection. The author writes *The Messiah* as a historical work of fiction, adding details to bring Jesus and his family and friends to life within the framework of authentic biblical events. *God's Gift* by Dee Henderson is inspirational romantic fiction, as are *The Englisher* by Beverly Lewis and *A Merry Heart* by Wanda Brunstetter. *Blink* by Ted Dekker is in the heart pounding "page-turner" style. It also offers insights into Islam. However, be warned, if you start *Blink*, you may not be able to put it down.

*Extraordinary Women by Grace* by Mary Whelchel is a nonfiction book which tells the stories of six biblical woman and six modern women. The stories parallel each other, in that the modern women not only show similar failures as their biblical counterparts, but also have "been miraculously lifted and changed by God's grace" (p. 12). The author has written this book so that her readers can see the reality and transforming significance of God's grace as it has been demonstrated both in these lives and in her own life.

*Why I Jumped* by Tina Zahn is an autobiography relating both her hard life experiences (including years of sexual abuse as a child, and post partum depression) which eventually led to her attempted suicide, and her miraculous rescue resulting in a second chance for healing and life. She cites Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

*Life Training* is a Focus on the Family book of devotions for parents and teens by Dr. Joe White. It presents a short scripture passage followed by an investigation of that passage's connections to modern life. The devotion continues with family discussion starters and finishes with a "lifeline" which can be a suggestion, for instance, "Take some time to praise one significant characteristic of another family member", or a question such as "Does your family have cracks that allow (spiritual) darkness to creep in? If so what are they? How can you plug up those cracks?" Every devotion is complete on a page or less. Donations for younger children include two Arch Books, *Camel's Hair and Honey* and *Get Up Lazarus*. There are also two new videotapes, *The Golden Rule* and *Judge Not*, both from The Gospel According to St. Bernard series.

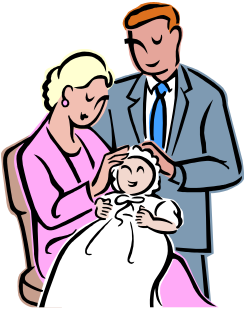
Thanks again to our many donors. Have a wonderful summer and don't forget to take time to nurture your family's spiritual health with something from our church library!

*Heather Sherk*



**Reminder: The deadline for the Cross Section is the 10th of the preceding month. Submit your information via email to [newsletter@bloofieldcross.org](mailto:newsletter@bloofieldcross.org)**

## ***THE WAR ON 'DEFECTIVE' CHILDREN***



In the 1998 film *Gattaca*, the hero says that he will never know what possessed his mother to put her faith in God instead of a geneticist.

That's because, in this science-fiction film, he lives in a world where prospective parents can screen their would-be children for "defects" before they are implanted in the womb. In this world, "defects" aren't limited to life-threatening conditions; they also include things like near-sightedness.

In the world of *Gattaca*, people who weren't screened before birth form a permanent underclass called "in-valids".

Since the film's release, the biotech industry and their paid shills have insisted that *Gattaca* is fiction and that nothing like that could happen in real life. Well, something like it just did.

In May, Britain's Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority authorized a London clinic to screen for a condition called "squint".

Squint causes the affected eye to look inwards or outwards instead of straight ahead. Squint can be treated various ways: eyeglasses, temporary patches, eye drops and, in the most severe cases, surgery.

The Authority's ruling was in response to a businessman who has this condition and his wife, who 'wanted' to ensure they do not have a severely cross-eyed child."

The clinic will employ a technique known as Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD). Previously, PGD had been limited to cases involving "life-shortening conditions such as cystic fibrosis and fatal blood disorders." Then the uses of PGD began to expand. Doctors have used it to screen for genetic evidence of possible adult diseases like cancer and early-onset Alzheimer's.

Now they're using it for cosmetic imperfections. As David King of Human Genetics Alert said: "we moved from preventing children who will die young to those who might become ill in middle age. And now we discard those who will live as long as the rest of us but are cosmetically imperfect."

The man who will perform the test agrees. Geddis Grudzinskas predicts that the use of embryo screening for "severe cosmetic defects" will increase because of the ruling. By "severe" he means anything that might cause a family "severe distress," like the wrong hair color, which could lead to "bullying" and "even suicide."

Anybody who is surprised by this story simply hasn't been paying attention. As I've previously told BreakPoint listeners, genetic testing has turned people with Down Syndrome into an endangered species. Actually, they might survive if they weren't human: if they were wolves or ferrets, someone might actually care that they were being eliminated.

If we're willing to do this to children who can be seen on a sonogram, why would you think that we wouldn't target people who can't be? Especially when you factor in the cost of treating the conditions being tested for.

As David King said, "philosophers love to deride the idea of a slippery slope." But then we look around us and we are ten feet further down the hill than the last time we looked.

The only question is now: Are we ready to put real limits on the uses of genetic testing?

Look around us today, and the world looks a lot like it did in that movie *Gattaca*. Frightening at the time—and frightening today.

**Article taken from "BreakPoint with Chuck Colson", June 4, 2007**

**BreakPoint is a daily commentary on news and trends from a Christian perspective.**

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Justine and I were overwhelmed by your love expressed to us on May 20<sup>th</sup>. We will never forget the church service and dinner that followed. Your hugs, your cards, your gifts, your presence; but most especially your love in Jesus; these will always be cherished in our hearts.

We wish to express a special word of thanks to Pastor Jon for his message. I wondered at times just who he was talking about. Thank you my brother in Jesus. You are very special to me.

We also wish to thank Diann Richards for leading the charge to make that day possible. Thanks to all of you who worked to cook the meal and serve it.

Most of all we wish to thank and praise the Lord our God who permitted us to serve Him these 50 years. One of my favorite songs sums up what is in my heart. "How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me? Things so undeserved, Yet You gave to prove Your love for me; The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude. All that I am, and ever hope to be; I owe it all to Thee. To God be the glory, To God be the glory, To God be the glory For the things He has done. With His blood He has saved me; With His power He has raise me; To God be the glory for the things He has done. Just let me live my life, Let it be pleasing, Lord, to Thee; And if I gain any praise, Let it go to Calvary. With His blood He has saved me; With His power He has raise me; To God be the glory for the things He has done."

With love and gratitude to you all!  
*Pastor Jim & Justine*



Dear Cross of Christ,

I want to thank you for all the things you have given me, for my confirmation. The cards were very lovely and nice. I appreciate them. The cross was also nice of you to give me. It is now sitting on my dresser, so that every time I see it I think of God. Well I just wanted to say thanks for everything you guys have done. So... Thanks!

Love,  
*Tarah Ehlert*

## Summer Outreach Opportunities !!

Want to practice your witnessing skills? Do you feel called to share the love of Jesus with others? Want to be direct in your approach?

Join us to pass out broadsides (brochures) with members of Congregation Shema Yisrael at the Ann Arbor Art Fair July 18-22 and at Art, Beats and Eats in Pontiac on Labor Day weekend.

On the job training will be provided; it's a great opportunity to stand up for Jesus and work side by side with Jewish believers. Our target audience is Jewish people, but brochures are given to anyone who will take them. They often open a conversation or encourage someone to ask a question about God or Jesus.

I invite you to join us... call Mary Lou Temple at 248-626-4076 or Congregation Shema Yisrael at 248-for more information.



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1	Ann Boggs	7/10	Jhansi Kodi	7/21	Kerry Streng
7/1	David Budaj	7/10	Kevin Rem	7/22	Katy Weber
7/2	Joshua Budaj	7/12	Skylar Ehlert	7/23	Lynda Scott
7/2	Betty Reusch	7/12	Sherry Elliott	7/23	Lauren Wilkie
7/3	Kevin Larive	7/12	William Ridenour	7/24	Kenneth Burchill
7/3	Tom Ritter	7/13	Hanna Halstead	7/24	Julia Kalusniak
7/3	Kirk Sattelmeier	7/13	Logan Lampkin	7/24	Jenna Kesh
7/4	Faith Reusch	7/13	Steven Peacock	7/24	Alicia Simpson
7/5	Phillip Hechtman	7/13	Jon Reusch	7/26	Jeffrey Kehoe
7/5	Emily Stieg	7/14	Rob Zewtsky	7/26	Matthew Kehoe
7/5	Brock Winchester	7/15	Mackenzie Kostizen	7/26	Gwen Ofiara
7/6	Derek Gilcher	7/15	Sheryl Swiderski	7/27	Ethan Bivens
7/6	Rosemarie Killenberger	7/16	Brandon Cassar	7/27	Karen Domeier
7/7	Grace Alexander	7/16	Markus Micha	7/27	James Hegedus
7/7	Ryan Greene	7/16	Michael Ruprich	7/27	Mary Putinta
7/7	Brent Kozel	7/17	Patti Bolda	7/27	Bill Ridenour
7/7	Paul Melcher	7/17	Tiffany Duggins	7/27	Kim Zaidan
7/7	Sarah Scholz	7/17	Peter Hoke	7/27	Keith Wright
7/7	Zachary Walton	7/17	Peter Hoke	7/30	
7/8	Carol Pachla	7/18	Verna Besancon		
7/8	Bill Vogel	7/19	Kathleen Kaiser		
7/9	Zach Cichon	7/19	Fred Wilkinson		
7/9	Craig Dudley	7/20	Joseph Guettler		
7/9	Keith McAllister	7/20	Celia Zielesch		
7/9	Janice Milz	7/21	Jackson Bergstrom		
		7/21	Justin Robb		

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1	Sydney Elliott	8/12	Merl Terry	8/25	Lisa Viselli
8/1	John LaBarge	8/14	John Artemenko	8/27	Richard Bachman
8/1	Amy Williams	8/14	Steven Hechtman	8/27	Lindsay Koss
8/3	Vera Dreger	8/14	Bob Weidendorf	8/28	William Beslock
8/3	Kathy Eley	8/15	Pamela Bartush	8/28	Stacey Bivens
8/3	Beth Hamada	8/15	Isabella Khamseh	8/29	Kristina Schaefer
8/3	Christian Kuzera	8/15	Nicholas Khamseh	8/30	Kaeli Fish
8/4	Steve Barron	8/16	Patrick LaFontaine	8/31	Bill Miller
8/4	Hunter Halstead	8/16	Mark Nyquist		
8/5	Fran LaPlata	8/18	Ellie Balagna		
8/5	Johanna Wurst	8/18	Wanda Hilgendorf		
8/6	Matthew Duggins	8/18	Caitlyn Nichol		
8/6	Andy Zewatsky	8/18	Diann Richards		
8/8	Bob Alexander	8/19	Peggy Budaj		
8/8	Robert Lambertsen	8/19	Elizabeth Stieg		
8/10	Doris Bland	8/19	Brian Strohmaier		
8/10	Leslie Evans-Peacock	8/20	Steve Boergert		
8/10	Roy Hoke	8/20	Christian Winchester		
8/10	Bettye Kittle	8/21	Alexa Ritter		
8/10	Don Ulmer	8/21	Rachel Scrimger		
8/11	Mark Frank	8/23	Kathryn Gruits		
8/11	Katie Kos	8/23	Hildegard Stanley		
8/12	Jordan Kuzera	8/24	Bettye Kelsey		
8/12	Brenden Ladkau	8/24	William Lethemon		
8/12	Jeremy Ladkau	8/24	Tyler Ollila		
8/12	Noah Suitt	8/25	Andrea Lorey		

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: PRAY, SEND CARDS

### NEW MEMBER

Kimberly Blair  
21891 South Brandon St.  
Farmington Hills, MI 48336  
248-333-1519

### CHANGES

New phone -  
Steve & Laurie Barron:  
248-565-2392

Jeff & Christina Marchione  
248-496-2660

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### CALENDAR ON THE WEB!

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click on the  
"Calendar" link to  
the right side of  
the home page.

## JULY/AUGUST CHURCH CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### \*ONGOING EVENTS\*

#### SUNDAYS

8:30am Worship  
10:15am Worship

#### MONDAYS

10am Adult Bible Study

#### TUESDAYS

7am Men's Bible Breakfast  
10 am Adult Bible Study  
11:45 Primetimers (7/3 & 8/7)  
5:45pm Prayer Time  
7pm Volleyball

#### FRIDAYS

6p Scrapbook Outreach (7/6 & 8/3)

#### SATURDAY

5:30 Worship

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Gary & Gwen Ofiara  
7/6/1996

Josh & Kelly Fink  
7/10/2004

Jack & Carol Wright  
7/10/1976

John & Laura Artemenko  
7/17/1976

Gary & Pam Poteete  
7/18/1992

Dave & Chrystal Jendrowski  
7/22/2006

Perry & Ardis Greene  
7/24/1982

Jon & Betty Reusch  
7/26/1969

Larry & Carole DeYoung  
7/29/1961

Brian & Andrea Strohmaier  
7/29/2000

Jeff & Christina Marchione  
8/1/1987

Kris & Joyce Myrold  
8/1/1998

Edwin & Diane Stanke  
8/1/1992

Timothy & Mary Zimmerman  
8/1/2003

Brian & Janette Ulmer  
8/2/2003

Bill & Mary Staehlin  
8/3/1996

Alfred & Heather Sherk  
8/6/1977

Roy & Ginny Hoke  
8/7/1948

Chris & Jennifer Valente  
8/7/1999

Scott & Lisa Dudley  
8/12/1989

Rolf & Jennifer Weeks  
8/15/1981

Dave & Terri Winchester  
8/15/1987

Merl & Trudy Terry  
8/16/1957

Leonard & Amber Dionne  
8/17/1996

Jerry & Sharon Everson  
8/17/1960

Brian & Tracey Fish  
8/17/1996

Cary & Mary Schwab  
8/18/1984

Eugene & Marjorie Sumney  
8/18/1951

Doc & Nan Myrold  
8/19/1950

Dave & Cathy Boggs  
8/20/2005

Russ & Lillian Marley  
8/21/1954

Gary & Gail Sutter  
8/23/1980

Tom & Betty Daykin  
8/29/1964

James & Karen Valenti  
8/29/1992

Kevin & Bettye Kittle  
8/31/2002





## Living a Stewardship Lifestyle

When we discuss stewardship, we may immediately start to think of giving our time and money. Stewardship certainly involves giving and serving, but, even more, our stewardship is incorporated into a way of life. It does not consist of just isolated events. When God's word and love fill our hearts and minds, our stewardship becomes a lifestyle. As a lifestyle, it defines who we are and what we do. It is our vocation. With transformed hearts, we express our faith in the way we live our lives. Through faith, God provides motivation and power to live the Christian life in a growing awareness of a redeeming grace.

In defining stewardship, W. H. Creever wrote, "Christian stewardship is the practice of the Christian religion. It is neither a department of life nor a sphere of activity. It is the Christian conception of life as a whole, manifested in attitudes and actions." Our faithful stewardship, as it reflects God's love, becomes our approach to life. It is more being than doing. Our deeds of stewardship such as using time wisely or helping the needy arise out of being stewards. Stewards are who we are. Stewardship is a whole life response to God out of gratitude and thanksgiving for all of His love, goodness and mercy. T. A. Kantonen wrote, "The life of stewardship is nothing less than 'total devotion' to the Christ Who is known as a real, living personal presence in the hearts of believers, a genuine loyalty that is expressed not in mere opinion or sentiment but in character and conduct."

It does not take talented people to be faithful stewards, but it takes all there is of us. It takes our total commitment. Stewardship is our response to God's abundant grace in all aspects of life. This faithful stewardship is only possible when we acknowledge our sinfulness and our forgiveness through faith in Christ. God gives us faith so He can use us to carry out His plan, which is to save all people. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we acknowledge God in all things and in all places. As faithful stewards, we know that all we have belongs to Him so we can give generously of our time, talents and money.



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## *Bloomfield Antique Show* **NEWS** October 4 - 6, 2007

### Traditional Events:

Thousands of Antiques  
Country Store  
Silent Auction  
Country Cafe  
DuMouchelle Appraisals

### New Events This Year:

Lutheran Choralaires  
Musical Concert  
A Taste of Bloomfield  
Featuring 8 Gourmet  
Restaurants

### *Gala Charity Preview Party*

Approaching \$400,000 in Charitable Contributions  
"Our 44 Year Tradition"

