

# Cross Section



## Goodbye, Farewell and Amen

On February 28, 1983 the final episode of the television series MASH aired with the title above. The episode drew what is still the single largest viewing audience in television history. So what's my point in the history lesson? First, I think the title is an appropriate one for our departure from Cross of Christ.

There are always going to be events in our lives that will be remembered. For me, I can still remember being grouped in a living room watching this final episode of the show none of us in college would ever miss. I know the people I was with at the time, their relationships to me, our friendships. Many of those friends I have said **Goodbye** to as they have moved on in life and our pathways no longer cross. Nevertheless, each of us who shared the experience together that night knows where we were and who we were with.

Even so, those of us in that room were bound together by something far greater than a television show that night, because each of us were first drawn together through our bond in Jesus Christ. We all attended a Christian College, we worshipped together, we shared in the body & blood of Christ together, we bore each others burdens, and shared in each others triumphs and failures. Because of the everlasting bond of Jesus, even though we have said goodbye, it truly is only a **farewell**. For someday, by the grace of God, we will all be reunited before the throne of Jesus, and once more worship together.

That relationship in Jesus alone is the **Amen** of life. In its origins, the Bedouin word Amen meant literally "*ground that was secure for driving a tent stake into*". With sandy ground and fierce shifting winds, tent stakes had to hold against what might come in order to keep the occupants safe. Don't think of the little nylon tents we use today, but huge tents that whole families lived in with numerous rooms. They were extremely heavy, and if the tent stakes did not hold, lives could be lost by the crushing force of the canvass. So driving a tent stake into secure ground was crucial, and the Amen of the one who tested the ground was echoed by the others securing the tent.

So it is with all of us at Cross of Christ. The time has come for our family to say **Goodbye** to you. For 5 years we have worked together in the Kingdom Mission of Jesus and have shared in many things. We too have worshipped together, shared together in the forgiveness of Jesus in the bread & wine. We have celebrated joys and triumphs, and wept from loss and sorrow. Some of our paths may never cross again in this life, but because our bond is not simply an earthly one but one that is grounded in the truth of Jesus Christ, it truly is only a **farewell**. We will meet again.

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### **PRAYER FOCUS**

*For our struggle is not  
against flesh and  
blood, but against  
the rulers, against  
the authorities,  
against the powers  
of this dark world  
and against the  
spiritual forces of  
evil in the heavenly  
realms.*

Ephesians 6:12

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## PASTOR STEVE (CONTINUED)

*“Together we have said the word Amen, not in reference only to simple earth, but in reference to the only true ground that can secure our lives, Jesus. He alone is the safe one who is able to keep us in all the storms of life. His Word alone the firm ground which we echo to one another that we can build on for more than just a life spent here on earth.”*

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Our lives here with you at Cross of Christ have been incredibly blessed by your love, prayers, and support. You have graciously encouraged us to carry this ministry onward into the world so that others may share in the same bond of love. You are **SENDING** us now forward in faithfulness to reach others with the wonderful gospel of Jesus Christ. With Paul’s words to the church in Philippi we say “(We) *thank (our) God every time (we) remember you*” and bid you **Goodbye, Farewell, and Amen!**

## UPWARD’S SECOND SEASON GETS ROLLING

As part of the annual budget cycle here at Cross of Christ the Upward Ministry has completed a ministry plan for the year. We were very pleased with our first season and hope to grow the ministry this year. Below are the primary goals for the year.

- **Goal #1:** To have 25 children whose parents are Cross of Christ members, register for Upward Basketball or Cheerleading.
- **Goal #2:** To have 65 non-Cross of Christ member children, who CLAIM a church affiliation, register for Upward Basketball or Cheerleading.
- **Goal #3:** To have 10 non-Cross of Christ member children, who are unchurched (claim no church affiliation), register for Upward Basketball or Cheerleading.

These goals essentially double the number of participants we had in Upward last year. In order to achieve these goals there are really two primary hurdles we need to get over. The first is advertising the program. We are looking for any creative ways to get the word out. Last year, we were stymied as the public schools would not distribute our brochures.

The second hurdle is having enough volunteers. The biggest need will be in the number of coaches and referees. In both cases Upward provides training materials that are sufficient. It is important to note that with the children being in grades 1 – 4, we are not teaching them advanced plays. The focus is on learning and developing basic skills. You just need to be willing to spend about 2 hours a week with the children.

Here are some members who volunteered last year which you could ask about their Upward experience:

Basketball	Cheerleading	Operations
Pastor Jon	Tracey Fish	Ruth LaFontaine
Ron Berznicki	Deb Concannon	Don Berkemeier
Scott Kos	Sarah Grafe	Walt Loebel
Lindsey Rem	Jordan and Allie Grafe	Austin Marchione
Jeff Grunewald	Erin Marchione	Russ Marley
Mark Halstead	Elise Marchione	Kirsten Kozel
Brian Fish		Marilyn Nix
Nicholas Wilkie		Sue Grunewald
Raul Yarlagadda		



If you are willing/able to help us get over our hurdles we sure would like to hear from you. You can contact us via the [UpwardBasketball@BloomfieldCross.org](mailto:UpwardBasketball@BloomfieldCross.org) email address or just contact Jeff or Sue Grunewald.

## Parish Nursing: Help Others Through Love INC

Dear Church Family Members,

I attended a recent Stephen Minister meeting and learned of a new referral source for our church members, relatives and friends who are in need of basic needs brought on by the recent economic downturn.

Love INC (Love in the Name of Christ) is a network of churches of different denominations that connect people with community agencies that can help them. Love INC began in Holland, MI 30 years ago. It's a clearinghouse where people can call for assistance. They help with needs such as clothing, furniture, household goods, personal care items, home repairs, dental and medical services, and budgeting classes. One church may have a clothing ministry on site, while another may have furniture.

Why is there a need for this type of ministry?

- Existing resources operating independently are not adequate to meet current needs.
- One church alone cannot deal with all of the complex issues related to poverty; it takes many churches working together.
- Love INC shows the love of Jesus and brings hope to the poor and needy.

How does Love INC work?

Level 1 - Clearinghouse (screening and referral for help)

Level 2 - Relational Ministry (mentoring, spiritual and emotional support, connection to services)

Level 3— Community Development (looks at deeper issues related to poverty)

The church benefits, too... by helping church volunteers find specific areas in which to serve. (For I was hungry and you fed me..." Matt. 26-35)

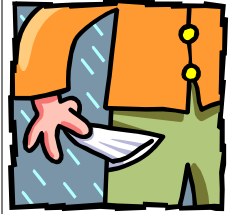
Contact me if you would like more information or want to volunteer with Love INC. Their Lake Orion number is 248-693-4357. The website is [loveinc.org](http://loveinc.org)

I have a particular interest in this organization because I am a member of our church's newly formed Benevolence Committee; our goal is to help our members in need.

A Blood Drive will be scheduled for later this summer. The need is great! Please seriously consider donating this time; it will be on a Sunday morning, hopefully.

May God bless the rest of your summer.

In Jesus,  
*Mary Lou Temple RN*



## MISSION NEWS AND NOTES

### July and August, 2008 Plate Offering Recipients

Continuing during this fiscal year, 100% of the plate offerings will be for mission support.

July's offerings have been designated for miscellaneous mission needs. From time to time throughout the year various requests are received for immediate mission support. Some of those needs in the past fiscal year were: \$1,000 for John Peter's ministry in India, \$1,000 for LCMS World Relief and Human Care to aid victims in Myanmar and China, and several smaller gifts.

The August offerings will be given to Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. Those in need require assistance throughout the year, not only during the winter months. The Capuchin Soup Kitchen serves the poor who suffer from the lack of basic human needs: material needs, such as food, clothing, and household necessities; psychological needs, such as motivation, self-esteem, and rehabilitation; and social needs, such as support systems and meaningful relationships.

### Haiti Mission Trip

It was with great sadness that the team leaders announced that they have postponed the 2008 Haiti Mission trip planned for July. They will continue planning for a trip later this year or early in 2009. The funds that have been raised for the 2008 trip will be sent to Pastor Louie for purchasing food and hiring Haitians to complete the orphanage. Food has been very expensive, difficult to obtain; and doubled in cost over the last year. The leaders feel this is the best way to witness God's love in the short term. Please continue to hold the Haitian people in your prayers.

For more information contact Linda & Dennis Toth at 248-338-3606 or [dtoth250117MI@comcast.net](mailto:dtoth250117MI@comcast.net), and Diane & Ed Stanke 248-334-9737 or [Dekbmr@aol.com](mailto:Dekbmr@aol.com).

### "Christmas in July"

"Christmas in July" will take place during the month of July. School supplies, clothes, toys, and hygiene items will be collected for Lutheran City Ministries in Detroit and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pontiac.

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pontiac has identified 9 teens who need school clothes and supplies. We are asking families and small groups to adopt one of these teens and fulfill their "wish list". Names of these teens and their needs are available at the Welcome Center. These gifts are to be wrapped and returned to the church office by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

The various needs identified by Lutheran City Ministries in Detroit follow. There will be collection boxes for these items (to remain unwrapped) under the palm trees near the kitchen area of the Church Narthex. To supply a specific need, take a coconut from the palm trees. All items should be returned by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

For Men: Socks – all sizes. safety-razors. travel-size deodorant

Food Items: Easy open cans of food for homeless & needy, healthy snacks for children, juice boxes

School Supplies: Pencils, pens, colored pencils, crayons, markers, notebook binder, notebook paper, folders, glue, scissors, pencil holders

Play equipment: Various types of balls



## MISSION NEWS (CONTINUED)

Cash Donations For: Printer ink, subscriptions to "My Devotions", student subscriptions to "The Weekly Reader"

Paper Products: Tissue, paper towels, plates, cups, napkins. plastic spoons, knives, forks

Hygiene Products: Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, combs, washcloths, chap sticks

Misc. Items: Library books for young children. back-packs



### Katrina Relief Mission Trip

During the last full week of May, 8 volunteers from Cross of Christ (Tom Daykin, Greg Kehoe, Ruth & Doug LaFontaine, Rhonda Linton, Walter Loebel, Cecile Skrzypczak, David Winchester) went to Camp Restore in New Orleans to assist with relief efforts. To follow are excerpts from the daily e-mail updates provided by Ruth LaFontaine.

"Pastor Ed has devotions breakfast and evening each day. Day one orientation was after breakfast with a powerpoint overview of the hurricane and what is going on now. He estimates there are 8 more years of restoration and that eventually all but 15% of the population will come back. One of their missions is to keep the grass cut of absent homeowners and churches that are returning eventually (the fine is \$100 a day/acre once the grass reaches a certain point) Churches have larger properties 10-11 acres so it is quite an expense."

"The big news today is that Tom has been asked to stay over for a month to continue welding and manage the tool room while the manager is on vacation. After prayerful consideration (and contacting his wife) he has accepted. While the team was discussing it at breakfast, Pastor Ed walked by and "encouraged" Tom and the group. Later he told us they were already thanking God for Tom's staying while Tom was still praying about it."

Part of the group worked on a house, and the other part worked on a church. Both did mudding, sanding, painting, and cleaning up of debris. They did have some time in the evening to visit local sights of interest. We thank and praise the Lord for these volunteers and for keeping them safe during their ministry week.



## REVEREND HOWARD ALLWARDT MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Our Shepherd, Redeemer, and Cross of Christ Lutheran Churches are sponsoring the annual Reverend Howard Allwardt Memorial Golf Outing in support of his Endowment Fund which pays the tuition of one student at our LCMS Seminary.

This year the Outing is scheduled for Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Maple Lane Golf Club. Cost is \$80/person & includes golf, cart & a steak dinner. Save the date and join us for this worthwhile event, and maybe a little competition between our churches! More info coming soon in your mailboxes or contact Clem Wolfrom, (248) 334-0140.



We remember you in our prayers with thanksgiving to God and to our brothers and sisters in Christ who made our 55th Anniversary in the ministry so memorable. Lucy and I are simply overwhelmed with your love, kindness, and generosity. May God continue to bless Cross of Christ with His grace and mercy.

Much love and many thanks,  
*Pastor Bill and Lucy*

Dear Members of Cross of Christ,

Thank you so much for your very generous gift of \$4650 to support this ministry. We're able to help meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of women with the love of Jesus.

God bless you for caring!

Crossroads Crisis Pregnancy Center

*I'm proud that my church is so supportive of Crossroads — Mary Lou Temple*

## A Word from Our Pastor...

Sometimes it helps to listen to the experts. In Toni Rainer's book, *The Unchurched Next Door*, he mentions some very interesting things about people who do not have a church borne. Here are ten surprises he discovered. Do they surprise you??

1. Most of the unchurched prefer a Sunday morning church service, if they attend.
2. Females are likely to be either the most antagonistic or the most receptive to the Gospel.
3. Most of the unchurched feel guilty about not attending church.
4. 82% of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely" to attend church f they are invited.
5. Very few of the unchurched have had someone share with them how to become a Christian, and Christians have not been particularly influential in their lives.
6. Most of the unchurched have a positive view about pastors, ministers, and the church.
7. Some types of cold call evangelism are effective but most are not.
8. The unchurched would like to develop a real sincere relationship with a Christian.
9. The attitudes of the unchurched are not correlated to where they live, their ethnic or racial background, or their gender.
10. Many of the unchurched are far more concerned about the spiritual well-being of their children than of themselves.

When we consider that 50% of our neighbors do not attend any church, that eaves us with a mighty big job to do- Evangelism programs and techniques are pretty useless when compared to the power of our relationships with those around us — especially the unchurched. When was the last time you invited a neighbor or friend to worship with you?

Thank you for the amazing opportunity to attend the Arts Conference at Willow Creek. It was such a privilege to represent Cross of Christ at this event. It was a terrific learning experience that enriched my mind, my heart and my soul. Thank you for sending me.

Love in Christ,  
*Kim Moore*

Thank you for thinking of God's Helping Hands of Michigan, Inc. for donations after your Mom to Mom sale. The items which were donated will be given to families in need in southeastern Michigan.

It is a blessing when we can all work together to make a difference in our community.

I look forward to working with you again in the future.

God bless,  
*Lisa Cain*, President  
 God's Helping Hands of Michigan, Inc.

Dear Rev. Reusch,

**"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your Name in all the earth, Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens." Psalm 8**

On Trinity Sunday we had a great opportunity to reflect on the **majesty of our God**. Isn't it true that in our world today we have lost much of this concept- the majesty of God? Viewing him as a kind old grandfather in the sky really doesn't do justice to His holy Name. Where the "fear" of God as the Catechism is encourages? Has it been lost?

Tire Bible is our source for showing the **majesty of God**, it is also our source in telling us about the **message of God** and then it tells us about the **mission of God** and how we are to declare His Name to the nations.

Your gift of \$4,323.00 is significant in helping us to declare the **majesty of God** through the printed page. We have Catechisms ready to go to press in Sudan and Uganda. Soon you will be hearing the historic news about the release of a Spanish Bible with the Spanish Catechism as an Appendix. That will bring us to a total of 65 languages into which the Catechism has been published.

That will also bring our book publishing total to nearly 450 volumes or titles. Your loyal partnership has been the key under the blessings of a majestic God.

We thank God for you and for your partnership. May the **majesty of God** impact us as we declare His message and are involved in His mission to the world now in some 90 languages.

In His Majestic Name,  
*Rec. Robert L. Rahn*  
 Lutheran Heritage Foundation Executive Director

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

## The Glue That Holds Us Together

A couple of days ago I was running on my treadmill, watching a DVD sermon by Louie Giglio.

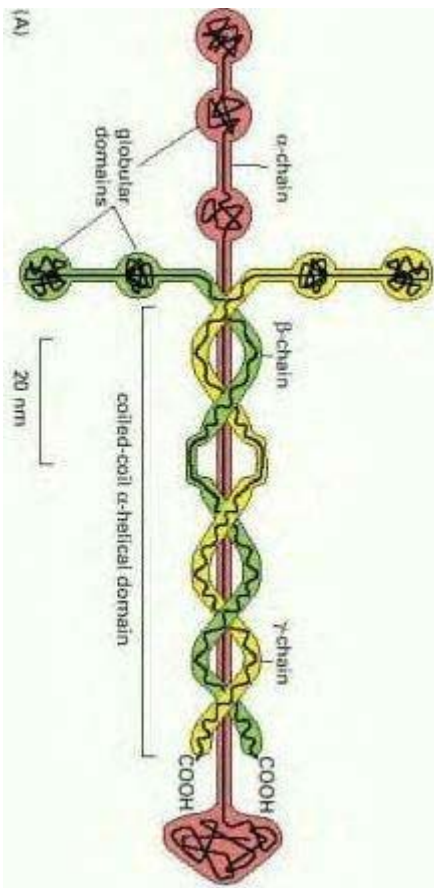
He was talking about how inconceivably BIG our God is...how He spoke the universe into being...how He breathes stars out of His mouth that are huge raging balls of fire...etc.

Then He went on to speak of how this star-breathing, universe creating God ALSO knitted our human bodies together with amazing detail and wonder. At this point I am LOVING it (fascinating from a medical standpoint, you know) and I was remembering how I was constantly amazed during medical school as I learned more and more about God's handiwork. I remember so many times thinking... 'How can ANYONE deny that a Creator did all of this?'

Louie went on to talk about how we can trust that the God who created all this, also has the power to hold it all together when things seem to be falling apart...how our loving Creator is also our sustainer.

And then I lost my breath. And it wasn't because I was running my treadmill, either! It was because he started talking about laminin.

Laminins are defined as: 'a family of proteins that are an integral part of the structural scaffolding of basement membranes in almost every animal tissue.' You see....laminins are what hold us together... .LITERALLY. They are cell adhesion molecules. They are what holds one cell of our bodies to the next cell. Without them, we would literally fall apart. And I knew all this already. But what I didn't know is what laminin looked like, but now I do. I have thought about it a thousand times since



Here is what the structure of laminins looks like...

The glue that holds us together....ALL of us....is in the shape of the cross. Now tell me that our God is not the coolest!!! Amazing.

Immediately Colossians 1:15-17 comes to mind. 'He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created; things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things HOLD TOGETHER.' Colossians 1:15-17

Thousands of years before the world knew anything about laminin, Paul penned those words. And now we see that from a very LITERAL standpoint, we are held together.. .one cell to another....by the cross.

You would never in a quadrillion years convince me that is anything other than the mark of a Creator who knew EXACTLY what laminin 'glue' would look like long before Adam even breathed his first breath!!

We praise YOU, Lord!

## LIBRARY CORNER

Summer is decisively here! Try and find time during your vacation to enjoy any of the library's latest additions. For your listening enjoyment the library has added *Glory Revealed, the Word of God in Worship* (CD featuring multiple well-known Christian singers), *Gospel Praise Songs* (CD for children) and *The Best of Mozart* (calming CD, good for relaxing). These could be pleasant for the vacation drive if you have a car with a CD player. The library also added five Focus on the Family CDs for moms: *Moms in Touch, Encouraging Words for Moms, Help for Busy Mothers, Screaming Mothers* and *Renewing Hearts and Homes*. These are a great way to get encouragement and worthwhile tips, as you can listen while getting something done at the same time. To help guide older children, a three tape set from Josh McDowell called *Right from Wrong* tells parents "what you need to know to help youth make right choices". For the children there are several new video tapes, including *Walking with Jesus, Here Comes Jesus* (Kids International animated Bible stories) and *The Winning Combination* (Nanny & Isaiah Adventures, with a teamwork plus forgiveness theme).

New Christian fiction titles include: *The Debt* by Angela Hunt, *Obsessed* by Ted Dekker, *And the Shofar Blew* by Francine Rivers, *Eve's Daughters* and *Wings of Refuge*, both by Lynn Austin, *A Light in the Window* by Jan Karon and *Sarah* from the Women of Genesis series. Various Christian romance titles for teen girls have also been donated.

As far as non-fiction, there are two exceptional new books by Caroline Cox, who spoke at our church telling about her work among persecuted Christians. Cox's *Book of Modern Saints and Martyrs* is dedicated to Cross of Christ Library "In honor of heroes and heroines of our faith, some of whose stories are recorded in this book". Her other book, *The West, Islam and Islamism* addressed the question "Is ideological Islam compatible with liberal democracy?" and is dedicated to Cross of Christ Library, "With prayers for freedom and justice for all people". These books are shocking and a good reminder to us not to take our freedom of religion too casually. Other recently added non-fiction titles include: *Christian Reflections* by C.S. Lewis, *A Beacon in the Darkness* by David Roper (about reflecting God's light), *The Incredible Patience of God* by Lane Adams (offers humor and insight for Christians struggling with growing in their faith walk), *The New Age is Lying to You* by Eldon Winkler, *Relativism, Feet Firmly Planted in Mid-Air* by Francis Beckwith & Gregory Koukl and *God's Secretaries* (about the making of the King James Bible) by Adam Nicolson. Lots of variety!

Thank you, as always, to our donors and have a wonderful summer, maybe even catching up a bit on your reading.

*Heather Sherk*

### St. Stephen Lutheran School

is now accepting applications for the 2008-2009 school year.

Call 248-673-5906 to have information sent to you or to schedule a visit.

We invite you to be a part of the great things that are happening at St. Stephen!





## JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Sydney Elliott	8/1	Jordan Kuzera	8/12	Kathryn Gruits	8/23
John LaBarge	8/1	Noah Suitt	8/12	Hildegard Stanley	8/23
Vera Dreger	8/3	Merl Terry	8/12	Bettye Kelsey	8/24
Beth Hamada	8/3	John Artemenko	8/14	William Lethemon	8/24
Cristian Kuzera	8/3	Steven Hechtman	8/14	Andrea Lorey	8/25
Steve Barron	8/4	Bob Weidendorf	8/14	Lisa Viselli	8/25
Hunter Halstead	8/4	Pamela Bartush	8/15	Catelyn Hoke	8/27
Fran LaPlata	8/5	Patrick LaFontaine	8/16	Lindsay Koss	8/27
Johanna Wurst	8/5	Mark Nyquist	8/16	William Beslock	8/28
Matthew Duggins	8/6	Ellie Balagna	8/18	Stacey Bivens	8/28
Andy Zewatsky	8/6	Wanda Hilgendorf	8/18	Kristina Schaefer	8/29
Bob Alexander	8/8	Diann Richards	8/18	Kaeli Fish	8/30
Robert Lambertsen	8/8	Peggy Budaj	8/19	Bill Miller	8/31
Solene Skrzypczak	8/9	Elizabeth Stieg	8/19		
Doris Bland	8/10	Brian Strohmaier	8/19		
Leslie Evans-Peacock	8/10	Steve Boergert	8/20		
Roy Hoke	8/10	Benjamin Guettler	8/20		
Bettye Kittle	8/10	Emily Irwin	8/20		
Don Ulmer	8/10	Christian Winchester	8/20		
Mark Frank	8/11	Alexa Ritter	8/21		
Katie Kos	8/11	Rachel Scrimger	8/21		

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 click on the  
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 the right side of  
 the home page.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: PRAY, SEND CARDS

### NEW MEMBERS

**Lissa Topham**  
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**Ben Weaver & Kari Mangan** (to be married in October)  
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586-801-8709

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248-320-0806

**Chandra & Sharon Yarlagadda**  
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Kids: Rahul and Akshay

**Joey & Kelly Skutt**  
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248-804-9774

**Bill & Yvette Hunter**  
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248-255-6315  
Kids: Drake & Lucas

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Novi, Michigan 48377-4804

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Elizabeth Briarbank Assisted  
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Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304  
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**Bettye Kelsey**  
50 Merrimac Court  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan  
48304-3339

**Mrs. Jane Lindh**  
3128 Hartslock Woods Drive  
West Bloomfield, Michigan  
48322-1843

**Ms. Michelle Hein**  
172 East Iroquois Road  
Pontiac, Michigan 48341-1609

**Jinny Poirier** (sister of Diane Stanke)  
227 Central Street  
Battle Creek, Michigan 49017

**Mrs. Jane Robb**  
2316 Greenlawn Avenue  
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan  
48302-0216

**Lillian Spellicy** (Lillian is mother of Doug LaFontaine)  
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## JULY-AUGUST CHURCH CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### \*ONGOING EVENTS\*

#### SUNDAYS

8:30 Worship  
10:15 Worship

#### MONDAYS

10am Adult Bible Study

#### TUESDAYS

7am Men's Bible Breakfast  
10 am Adult Bible Study  
11:45 Primetimers (7/1 & 8/5)  
5:45pm Prayer Time  
7pm Volleyball

#### FRIDAYS

7/4,8/1 6:00 Scrapbook Crop

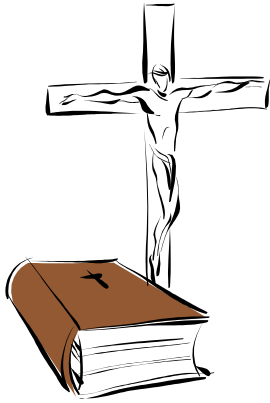
#### SATURDAY

5:30 Worship

## JULY & AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



<b>John &amp; Laura Artemenko</b>	<b>7/17/1978</b>	<b>Kevin &amp; Bettye Kittle</b>	<b>8/31/2002</b>	<b>Edwin &amp; Diane Stanke</b>	<b>8/1/1992</b>
<b>Dave &amp; Cathy Boggis</b>	<b>8/20/2005</b>	<b>Jeff &amp; Christina Marchione</b>	<b>8/1/1987</b>	<b>Brian &amp; Andrea Strohmaier</b>	<b>7/29/2000</b>
<b>Tom &amp; Betty Daykin</b>	<b>8/29/1964</b>	<b>Russ &amp; Lillian Marley</b>	<b>8/21/1954</b>	<b>Eugene &amp; Marjorie Sumney</b>	<b>8/18/1951</b>
<b>Larry &amp; Carole DeYoung</b>	<b>7/29/1961</b>	<b>Doc &amp; Nan Myrold</b>	<b>8/19/1950</b>	<b>Merl &amp; Trudy Terry</b>	<b>8/16/1957</b>
<b>Leonard &amp; Amber Dionne</b>	<b>8/17/1996</b>	<b>Kris &amp; Joyce Myrold</b>	<b>8/1/1998</b>	<b>Brian &amp; Janette Ulmer</b>	<b>8/2/2003</b>
<b>Scott &amp; Lisa Dudley</b>	<b>8/12/1989</b>	<b>Gary &amp; Gwen Ofiara</b>	<b>7/6/1996</b>	<b>Chris &amp; Jennifer Valente</b>	<b>8/7/1999</b>
<b>Jerry &amp; Sharon Everson</b>	<b>8/17/1960</b>	<b>Marin &amp; Carol Pachla</b>	<b>8/18/2001</b>	<b>James &amp; Karen Valenti</b>	<b>8/29/1992</b>
<b>Josh &amp; Kelly Fink</b>	<b>7/10/2004</b>	<b>Gary &amp; Pam Poteete</b>	<b>7/18/1992</b>	<b>Sandro &amp; Lisa Viselli</b>	<b>8/5/1995</b>
<b>Brian &amp; Tracey Fish</b>	<b>8/17/1996</b>	<b>Jon &amp; Betty Reusch</b>	<b>7/26/1969</b>	<b>Rolf &amp; Sharon Weeks</b>	<b>8/15/1981</b>
<b>Hilman &amp; Mildred Fortney</b>	<b>7/13/1944</b>	<b>Cary &amp; Mary Schwab</b>	<b>8/18/1984</b>	<b>Dave &amp; Terri Winchester</b>	<b>8/15/1987</b>
<b>Perry &amp; Ardis Greene</b>	<b>7/24/1982</b>	<b>Alfred &amp; Heather Sherk</b>	<b>8/6/1977</b>	<b>Jack &amp; Carol Wright</b>	<b>7/10/1976</b>
<b>Dave &amp; Chrystal Jendrowski</b>	<b>7/22/2006</b>	<b>Kelly &amp; Joey Skutt</b>	<b>7/19/2003</b>	<b>Timothy &amp; Mary Zimmerman</b>	<b>8/1/2003</b>
<b>John &amp; Beth Kalusniak</b>	<b>7/6/1991</b>	<b>Bill &amp; Mary Staehlin</b>	<b>8/3/1996</b>		



## Be Careful

God was leading the people of Israel to “a good land—a land with streams and pools of water. . . a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing. . .” (Deuteronomy 8:7-9).

This land was the fulfillment of God’s promise to place them in a land of “milk and honey” (Exodus 3:8). “Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commands” (Deuteronomy 7:9).

God warned His people who were about to enter Promised Land to “be careful” (Deuteronomy 8:1). “Be careful” because God’s promise of continued blessing was dependent upon their “walking in His ways and revering Him” (Deuteronomy 8:6). In order for the people to “enter and possess the land” (Deuteronomy 8:1), they must obey and praise God for all that He had given them. God wanted and expected their obedience and their gratitude.

Again in Deuteronomy 8:11, we find another “Be careful”. “Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe His commands, His laws and His decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, Who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery” (Deuteronomy 8:11-14)

God knows people’s hearts, inclinations, and forgetfulness. He knows how easy it is for people to forget that all we have is by the grace of God. He knows that we are tempted to say, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me” (Deuteronomy 8:17).

As with the people of Israel, we need to remember that we are more likely to ignore God in times of plenty than we are in times of scarcity. It has been said that 99 people out of 100 people can handle the test of adversity whereas only one out of 100 can handle the test of prosperity. Let us heed God’s warning: “Be careful” and not forget that all we are and have are by God’s grace.



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