

WORK OF CHRIST



NEWSLETTER

The Work of Christ Community • 4828 South Hagadorn • East Lansing, MI 48823
May 2017

COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

5/1 Al Yarrington, Ryan Adelman, Ginny Turner, 5/3 Lily Kogut, Sophie Stoll, 5/4 Jim Fountain, Myriam Wittgens, 5/5 Paul Schleusener, 5/6 Philip Stoll, 5/8 Lily Barr, Lynn Beard, Jon King, Hezekiah Kogut, Cindy Quillan, 5/9 Matt Detzler, 5/10 Slavka Zabrodsky, 5/14 Elaine Ritter, 5/15 Anthony DeWaters, JM Hoyt, Carter VanSteel, 5/16 Matthew Galer, 5/17 Linda Luea, 5/18 Tracey Keenan, 5/22 Sue Kreiner, Maria O'Brien, 5/23 Linda Droste, Mark Lenhard, 5/26 Mary Joy, 5/29 BJ Cooper, 5/80 Tim Shireman, 6/1 Kelly Christopherson.

COMMUNITY ANNIVERSARIES

5/1/10 Peter & Jacqueline Giles, 5/2/87 Steve & Ginny Turner, 5/5/79 Bob & Karen Skowronek, 5/6/72 Patrick & Connie Garlitz, 5/10/03 Trent & Lisa Ludwig, 5/15/10 Brendan & Sophia Murray, 5/19/79 Paul & Marion Schleusener, 5/19/73 Henry & Norma Wittgens, 5/24/03 Chris & Alissa Brandenburg, 5/28/77 Jim & Doris Doepker, 5/31/14 Andy & Becky Christopherson.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

THE WORK OF CHRIST 43RD ANNIVERSARY PARTY! Our celebration this year will be a *Birthday Picnic* on **Saturday, May 20**. Come as early as 4:00 to enjoy games and the kids inflatable. We will do the Lord's Day prayers together at 5:30, then enjoy hotdogs and sloppy joes, along with other picnic-type food. There will be organized volleyball and Decca ball, video for young children, **CYA Silent Auction**, and more! Feel free to bring other lawn



Picnic

games (think croquet or Bocce Ball) or table games. If you would like beer or wine, you are also welcomed to bring some. **Please bring \$5 per adult to help with costs;** kids are free.

SAGINAW/COG EVENTS:

5/7 Local Gathering: 4:30—6:00 PM, Countryside Trinity Church
5/28 Bosco Bash!

SOCCER TOURNEY! Brothers and sisters, we are again being given the privilege of hosting the annual North American UCO Soccer Tournament. The dates are June 16—18.



Upcoming Events

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

5/7 Community Gathering: 4:00—5:45 PM. Teaching: *Above All, Love One Another Deeply*. **Special: Baby Blessings**. Meet & Eat follows gathering. Set up: Ludwig. Take down: Comstock.

5/7 Sycamore Initiative: 4:00 PM

5/13 Summer Camp Staff Training: Young Adult staff members have an additional meeting Friday evening.

5/20 43rd Anniversary Party: Set up: Giles. Take down: deSpelder and Fountain.

5/21 Anniversary Gathering: 4:00—5:45 PM. *Special: Reading of the Covenant and the Sword of the Spirit Outreach Collection*. Teaching: **Bob Tedesco**, our outside coordinator, will give the talk. Healing prayer room follows gathering. Set up: LaLonde. Take down: Imgrund.

6/4 Covenant Gathering: 4:00—6:00 PM **Special: Public Commitments**. Teaching: *Faithfully Administering the Grace of God*. Set up: Shireman. Take down: Joy.

6/10 Single Women's Day Away: 10 AM—9:00 PM, Dorothy Schaeff's house.

6/16—6/18 UCO NAR SOCCER TOURNAMENT: First summer prayer meeting will be Saturday evening, June 17.

More information is coming, but we will need community members to host players from all over, provide Lord's Day meals, and come and cheer on the teams. Please mark this weekend on your calendars.

CALENDAR CHANGE: As you see above, we have a soccer tournament happening here in Lansing June 17. **That means that the prayer meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 15 will be moved to Saturday evening, June 17.** This affects all of us; service heads and child care schedulers, please especially note the change.

*RETREAT DAY FOR SINGLE WOMEN: Ladies, we are planning a single women's **Day Away** on Saturday, June 10, at the lovely home of Dorothy Schaeff. This is for single women of all ages and stages. The day will be from brunch (10:00 AM) to after Lord's Day (about 9:00 PM). We are inviting sisters from other communities, so feel free to spread the word. Contact Ruthie Munk, Dorothy Schaeff, or Emily Schaefer with questions. Feel free to call Joyce Richardson at the office and tell her if you can come.*

SUMMER PRAYER MEETING CHILD CARE! **Brothers and sisters, along with all teens,** we need you to volunteer to watch children during one of our summer prayer meetings. This is a very valuable service to our members and guests. Please check your calendar for your availability and then go to <https://tinyurl.com/lbwnn5> and sign up for a session. THANKS SO MUCH!

PRAY-ERS NEEDED: Lisa Luginbill will be collecting intercessors for all summer camp staff. See her after gatherings (*last chance before camp training is the May 7 gathering!*) or email Lisa at lisamaria78@gmail.com if you are willing to pray for someone or if you have someone in particular for whom you would like to pray. Please, we like to have this in place by Camp Training Day so the staff know who is praying for them—thanks so much!

SPRING COURSES:

Christian Maturity: Growth. Mondays, 7:30—9:00 PM, at the home of Bob and Lynn Beard (2022 N Fairview, Lansing 48912). Taught by John DeWitt and Bob Beard.

5/1 *Managing Our Time*

6/5 *Approach to the Media*

Christian Personal Relationships. Mondays, 7:30—9:00 PM, at Tom and Nancy Giles' new home (2300 Tulane Dr, Lansing 48912). Taught by Tom Giles and Rick Comstock.

5/1 *Encouragement and Correction*

6/5 *Relationships Outside Community*

SUMMER CAMP TRAILERS AND POP-UPS: We have a great need for staff housing at Summer Camp. We rely on people to lend us campers and trailers to use for our staff. If you are planning (or even considering) lending your camper for the week, please contact Kevin Krause (517-485-2417) or by email (kevin.s.kraise5@gmail.com). THANK YOU VERY MUCH (and thanks to those who have contacted Kevin already)!



CYA SILENT AUCTION: We need good items for our annual auction on May 20 (as part of our anniversary celebration). We can use gift certificates for restaurants, plays, movies, musical and sporting events. Also new (or slightly used) items large and small. Also artwork, personal service (babysitting, yard work, home repair, cleaning, construction and remodeling). Also gourmet dinners or cool baked goods—the list is almost endless! Information to help you obtain donors are at the handout table. *This is a major fundraiser to support mission trips and YES! Retreat attendance for our youth.*

DAY CAMP NEWS: The dates of Camp this year are **Monday, June 12—Thursday, June 15**. Parents will be receiving letters soon with details. We appreciate prayers for our week—open hearts, good weather, no bugs, and *lots of fun!* Contact Mrs. Koval (517-646-7661) or Mrs. Ritter (517-626-1066) with questions.

I would trade any day in the real world for a minute at camp.

SUMMER CAMP STAFF: Make sure you reserve Saturday, May 13, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM for the **Camp Training Day**. This meeting is mandatory for all staff. There is a special session for high school staff members the evening before, Friday, May 12, 7:30 - 9:30 PM. If you have a conflict, call Christopher (517-803-0909) or Linda (616-828-8233) Luea TODAY. Remember, fill out your staff forms online. Your payment is due by Training Day.



LUNCH SERVANTS FOR SUMMER CAMP TRAINING DAY: A couple of people are needed to prepare serve the lunch at the Summer Camp Training Day, Saturday, May 13. Food would already be purchased. The service would be from 10 AM to 2 PM. This is your chance to serve camp this year. To volunteer, please contact Joyce Richardson at 336-8530.





WORK OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: The coordinators have decided to make a change in our annual Christmas collection. For the past few years, the collection was used to support Pregnancy Services, UCO in Grand Rapids, and CYA mission trips.

This year, we will use the Christmas collection to support the Work of Christ Sharing Fund instead. [The Work of Christ will continue to support Pregnancy Services and UCO in Grand Rapids. The CYA mission trip fund currently is doing well with our other fund raisers.] The Sharing Fund provides grants of money for members and others with special financial needs. The Sharing Fund has had a very low balance for several years now; it really needs an influx of funds. The decision is just for this year. It may (or may not) be continued in future. Please note: donations to the Sharing Fund are not tax deductible.

SUPPORT A CYA MISSIONARY: If you want to support through Realm a member of Christ's Youth in Action (CYA) going on a summer mission trip, please follow these instructions. Go to Realm and log in. (If a donor is not a community member, they can still give through Realm. Simply go to www.workofchrist.com and click on the GIVE button.) From the Giving menu, enter an amount and select "CYA PSR" (PSR stands for Personal Support Raising). Enter the name of the missionary in the memo box. Complete the transaction. CYA missionaries and CYA staff: it is helpful for you to know this information. Include it in your fund-raising letter. Make sure your donor types your name in the memo box. Of course, donors can also support CYA missionaries by writing a check. Make sure they make the check payable to Work of Christ and write your name on the memo line. **NOTE: This does not apply to people doing Gap or Kairos staff work. Those donations are through the Sword of the Spirit Development Office.**

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

CHILD CARE

May 7

INFANTS: **Kathy Schaefer**, Marci Meier
TODDLERS: **Katrina Butler**, Lisa Ludwig, Trent Ludwig, Hope Yarrington, Joy Yarrington

May 21

INFANTS: **Yvonne Comstock**, Viola Troyer
TODDLERS: **Esther DeWaters**, George DeWaters, Brandie Post, Annabel Ludwig, Kaitlin Ludwig

June 4

INFANTS: **Kendra Kennedy**, Laurel LaPorte

TODDLERS: **Jenn Galer**, Brendan Murray, Therese deSpelder, Grace Stoll, Rachel Stoll

4—6 YEAR OLDS: **Cindy Kogut**, Joyce Richardson, Nick Luea, Connor Keenan

NOAH'S ARK

May 7 Theme: *David and Jonathan (Friendship)*.

Team: Elaine Ritter, Judy Skiba. Helpers: Joy Kogut, Joseph Krause.

May 21 Theme: *Telling Others About Jesus*. Team: Angie Amburn, Lisa Ludwig. Helpers: Therese Luea, Philip Stoll.

3RD—5TH GRADE GIRLS GROUP: MOMS: we have no activity planned for either May or June. If you would like to plan something for us, please email Jan Munk (janice.munk@yahoo.com).

EXPLORERS: We will get together on May 6. Kevin will have more details for you!

JUNIOR HIGH GROUPS:

Girls and Boys Junior High Groups will meet on Thursday, May 11, 7:30—9:00 PM, WOC Community Center.

CHILDREN'S GATHERING

WINTER/SPRING THEME: *MELT ME, MOLD, ME, FILL ME, USE ME!*

May theme: **Use Me**

Scripture: ISAIAH 6:8: "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here am I! Send me!'"

May 7: GIRLS GATHERING Team: Molly Fountain, Angela Krause. Helpers: Heidi Stoll, Maria Luea, Niabh Keenan (Guitar: Rene Shireman).

BOYS ACTIVITY Team: Peter Luea, Kevin Krause. Helpers: Jeoffrey deSpelder, Connor Keenan.

May 21: BOYS GATHERING Team: Jim Butler, Peter Kogut. Helpers: Brandon Amburn, David Ludwig.

GIRLS ACTIVITY Team: Su Butler, Elizabeth Luea. Helpers: Bridgette Gulock, Lydia Cooper.

CHRIST'S YOUTH IN ACTION

5/4 Small Groups: 7:30—9:00 PM, Guys at Weber, Girls at Schaefer

5/11 Large Groups: 7:30—9:00 PM, WOC

5/18 Small Groups: 7:30—9:00 PM, Guys at Weber, Girls at Schaefer

5/25 CYA Graduation Party!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO ISAAC! *Isaac Joseph Luea* was born to Christopher and Linda on March 22. Congrats to all the Luea and Wittgens!

WELCOM TO ADALYN! *Adalynn Gracie Kennedy* was born to Chris and Jess on April 1. Congrats to grandparents Terry and Kendra, Aunt Kaitlin and Uncle Jeremy.

WELCOME TO KOLBE! *Jonathan Kolbe Wittgens* was born to David and Christina on April 12. Congrats to all the Wittgens and Quillans!

WELCOME TO RIVER! *River Christopher Fountain* was born to Chris and Rivka on April 19 (full term). Congratulations to all the Fountains!

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY: *Mark Lenhard's mother, Theresa Lenhard, passed away on April 20. She was 99, born in 1918. Mark was one of 12 children of Theresa and her husband Frederick who died too young.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR GAPPERS:

John-Paul Cherniawski and **George Repovz** in Grand Rapids and **Colleen Adelman** in Dublin.

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE DATES:

Saturday, June 3:

Joint open house for **Lydia Cooper** and **Niabh Keenan** at their homes.

Saturday, June 10:

Open house for **Bridgett Gulock** at the Gulock home, 4:00 PM.

Sunday, June 11:

Open house for **Mary Ludwig**, from 2—5 PM, at the Ludwig home.

Open house for **Hope Yarrington**, from 5—9:00 PM, at her home. At 9:00, there will be a bonfire.

Saturday, June 17:

Open house for **Andrew Stoll**, from 3:00—6:00 PM, at the Stoll home

Open house for **Maria Luea**, from 5:00—8:00 PM, at the Luea home.

INVITATIONS:

Jonathan and Lori Ludwig invite everyone to celebrate Mary's graduation at an open house on Sunday, June 11, from 2:00—5:00 PM, at their home (11568 Highland Court, Dimondale).

*Matt and Heidi Stoll invite all their Work of Christ brothers and sisters to **Andrew's** high school graduation open house on Saturday, June 17, 3:00—6:00 PM, at their home (11539 Highland Court, Dimondale).*

Rome Conference (Jubilee of Catholic Charismatic Renewal) May 31—June 4: SOS members will gather Wednesday, May 31. If you are attending the Rome conference, please contact Joyce Richardson for more information.

50th Anniversary of Beginning of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (U.S. celebration): There will be a national conference on the 50th anniversary this summer in Pittsburgh, July 20-23. Go to the website to learn more: www.2017jubileeconference.org. We also have registration forms on the handout table.

CHRISTIAN MOVIE PROJECT: The movie project for Piper Fountain's brother Greg is moving forward! The castle scene filming will be done May 8 and we have all our actors and props. This medieval Ireland story is about finding God's will. If you'd like to read about it you can go to: toservethecrown.blogspot.com. If you'd like to support it financially you can go here: <https://www.gofundme.com/to-serve-the-crown-christian-film>



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Men's medium Pacific Trail Tan Jacket
Women's medium Falls Creek black jacket
Long black hooded cape
Black winter gloves
Smart Fit Brown size 8 children's shoes
Pink jelly shoes
Child's Pacific Trails Snow pants 3T
Child's MSU Sweatshirt 6/6
Tie-dye Pistons t-shirt large
Grey w/floral scarf
Plastic green "leaf" serving plate
Round cake pan
Blue-glass serving bowl
Clear-glass serving bowl
Clear-glass serving plate
Grey Rosary in black case
2016 Camp t-shirts (Med & XL)
Grey Champion hooded coat (Med)

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