

March 2024

# WORK OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

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## COMMUNITY BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Sean Riley, Zachary Miannecki, 3/3 Craig Galer, 3/4 Matthew Fountain, Shirley Kelly, Cristin Luea, 3/5 Esther DeWaters, 3/7 Francisco Barajas, Russ Kogut, Mark Petritsch, 3/8 Charity Stoll, Mary Lynne Dinolfo, 3/9 Elizabeth Ludwig, Nicholas Ludwig, Martha DeWaters, 3/11 Louis Durusoy, 3/12 Ginny Joy, 3/13 Maggie Kogut, 3/14 Joshua Koval, Daniel Luea, 3/16 Diana Hou, Michael Luea, 3/17 Alex Kilpatrick, Joseph Krause, Jozzlynn Post, 3/20 Connie Garlitz, Tom Giles, Brady Stevenson, 3/21 Jerry O'Neill, 3/22 Isaac Luea, James Munk, 3/23 Cindy Kogut, 3/24 Marcus Luginbill, 3/25 Andrew Krause, Jim Oskvarek, 3/27 Piper Fountain, 3/28 Peter Droste, 3/29 Gab Borja, Jason Koval, Audrey Fountain, 3/31 Fred Christopherson, Julia Ludwig, Therese Luea, 4/1 Ruthie Munk, Adalynn Kennedy.

## COMMUNITY ANNIVERSARIES

3/5/83 Chuck & Debbie Putnam, 3/19/16 Francisco & Stacey Barajas, 3/22/97 Peter & Sue Luea.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**THANKS FOR THE PRAYERS:** *Joyce Richardson's and Heidi Stoll's women's groups will be interceding for the Work of Christ and our mission and outreach events in March. Thank you, sisters!*



**WOMEN'S PRAYER MEETING:** Ladies, please make attending our annual women's gathering on **April 21** a high priority. This is our only time (outside of our conference) to pray, worship, and seek the Lord together as sisters. To celebrate our Work of Christ 50th Anniversary, we will hear sharings from four sisters about how covenant community has blessed their lives. Soup supper follows. Women's groups are asked to bring 1-2 crockpots of soup, fruit, bread or rolls, and dessert. Teens and guests are very welcomed to join us!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE YES! RETREAT:** *His Love Endures Forever!* Please sign up for a 1/2 hour slot to pray for the Youth Equipped to Stand (YES!) Retreat. The times are Friday, April 5, 5:00 PM, through Sunday, April 7, 12:30 PM (24-hour prayer covering). The YES! Retreat is a life-changing weekend for our teens (and the evil one does not like that). *The spiritual warfare is heavy*, please pray for our staff and our kids. The link is in the e-bulletin to sign up. There is also a retreat schedule on the tab at the bottom so you can see what is happening during your time of intercession. Thanks to all who have already committed (or will commit) to praying!

## Upcoming Events

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

- **3/2 Jordan District Chili Cook-off**
- **3/3 Wellspring District Gathering**
- **3/17 Prayer Meeting: 4:00—5:45 PM.** Trent Ludwig will present *Work of Christ History #3*. Set up: Karagoulis. Take down: DeFord. Prayer Room follows meeting. 
- **3/24 Prayer Meeting: 4:00—5:45 PM. Special: UCO Led.** Talk: Set up: M. Giles. Take down: M. Stoll.
- **4/5—4/7 YES! Retreat.** Michindoh Ministries Center, 4545 E. Bacon Road, Hillsdale, MI 49242.
- **4/14 Celebration of Lives Lived: 4:00—5:45 PM. Special: Short honorings for members that have passed in the last couple of years.** Set up: Brandenburg. Take down: D. Kogut.

PASTORAL WORKERS MEETING: March 9, 9:00—11:00 AM. **Pastoral workers** should plan to attend the pastoral workers meeting. We will discuss the reviews we are asking all small groups to talk about; then we will break up by district teams. Thanks for your service!



SUMMER CAMP: **Registration for the Work of Christ and Sword of the Spirit campers is online. It began on February 20 and should be completed by March 4 (the \$50 deposit is also due by this date).** Final deadline for all staff and camper registrations, health forms, and final payments is **Monday, April 1.** Don't take the chance that your child may lose his or her spot at Summer Camp! Visit [wocsummercamp.org](http://wocsummercamp.org) or contact Christopher or Linda Luea: [WOCSummerCamp@gmail.com](mailto:WOCSummerCamp@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

NOTE: Registration for returning guests is March 5-19. Registration for new guests will be by Director invitation only after that, as room dictates.

YES! RETREAT: *His Love Endures Forever*. The annual Youth Equipped to Stand (YES!) Retreat is coming April 5—7, at Michindoh Camp near Hillsdale (our usual location). The cost per student is \$215, but with the Work of Christ subsidy, it is \$165 for community youth. Registration is open now ([kairos-na.org/yes](http://kairos-na.org/yes)). Parents can register their child using the link and choose "my youth group is handling my payment" **and NOT pay at the registration site**. Parents will pay discounted amount through Realm. If you register AFTER March 11, the price increases \$50. Registration **closes** March 22.

SISTERS: There is a date change for our "paired women's groups" - we are moving this to **April 9** to avoid having our paired groups so close to the women's gathering. Sorry we did not notice this earlier!

PRAYING ON YOUR OWN FOR INNER HEALING – presented by Ginny Joy and Lynne Brennan. On Tuesday, April 30, 7:30 PM, at the Work of Christ Center, we will be re-presenting this workshop (first offered at the



Women's Conference in the fall 2023). We will offer you some tips, tools, and encouragement for how to receive inner healing and freedom from God through your personal prayer life with him. *Troubling thoughts or feelings, painful memories, wounds in our relationships* - these are all examples of things the Lord can heal as we come to him in our personal prayer. There is a place for scheduled deliverance and inner healing prayer sessions with additional intercessors, yet we can also experience God's immense peace, joy, and most of all, the power of his everlasting love as we spend time with him in personal prayer. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Lynne: [Lynne.may@gmail.com](mailto:Lynne.may@gmail.com) or 517-262-2146. Having an idea of numbers will help us in our preparations.



MORE PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES: A generous group of brothers and sisters offer to pray once a month with all needing some extra prayer. This service is available following the prayer meetings of February 4, March 17, April 14, and May 19. The prayer teams are headed by Dave Luginbill and Rick Comstock. If you have any questions, feel free to contact them.

CYA CAFÉ APRIL 27: Mark your calendars for this fabulous annual event! More details coming soon!

ANNUAL REVIEW! Brothers and sisters, we are going to try discussing our next "annual review" topic (Living in the Light) in March. These "reviews" are a way to go through elements of our WOC Covenant in our small groups during the same month. Please see the March review attached to this newsletter. These are also available under "member resources" online.

NEED PRAYERS OR WISH TO PRAY FOR NEEDS? The Work of Christ has an online prayer service. We pray for people and needs that are brought to our attention. If you would like to join the team, contact **Viola Troyer** ([vtroyer13@aol.com](mailto:vtroyer13@aol.com)) or **Su Butler** ([butlerbutterfly@yahoo.com](mailto:butlerbutterfly@yahoo.com)) and ask them to add you to our list. **What you are committing to?** 1) *To pray for requests right when they come;* 2) *to pray at least one more time (more frequently*

as the Lord leads); 3) to keep all prayer requests confidential! (This is very important—we do not share or talk about these needs with anyone.) Both men and women are welcomed to join intercessors (great retirement service!). Need prayers? Email Viola or Su; one of them will send out your request. *ALSO: If you have an answer to a prayer request, please let Viola or Su know—we like to keep track of them and be encouraged to know how the Lord answered our prayers!*

**TUESDAY MORNING INTERCESSORS:** Join us—super easy, just Zoom in at 7:45 (link is on the WOC calendar). We pray for the Work of Christ, the North American Region, the Sword of the Spirit, and our many outreaches. “Stop in” any time—great way to begin your day!

**LUNCH SERVANTS NEEDED FOR SUMMER CAMP TRAINING DAY:** A couple of people are needed to prepare and serve the lunch at the Summer Camp Training Day on **Saturday, May 11**. This would include purchasing food, serving, and cleaning up lunch (10 AM to 2 PM). This is a great chance to serve Camp this year! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Linda Luea at 616-828-8233.



**MARRIAGE COURSE:** 7:30—9:30 PM, at Molly & Alex’s house. Three more sessions:  
 3/4 *Emotions & Disagreements* (Peter & Jacqueline Giles are our guest speakers!)  
 4/1 *Maturity as Married Persons* (Jerry & Jan Munk)  
 5/6 *Foundations for Marrieds* (Jerry & Jan Munk)

**SENIOR MEN’S BREAKFAST:** Monday, March 11, 9:00 AM, is our next men’s breakfast. We meet at the Flapjack in Frandor. Non-senior men are welcomed as well. RSVP not required; we each order off the menu.



## **CHILDREN’S & YOUTH PROGRAMS**

### **INFANTS**

March 17: **Molly Kilpatrick**, Susanna DeWaters  
March 24: **Haleigh Adamovicz**, Elisha Miranda

### **TODDLERS**

March 17: **Luke Wilcox**, Rivka Fountain, Anne Beirlant, Gemma Beirlant  
March 24: **Julia Grimm**, Heidi Stoll, Andrae Koval, Matthew Fountain

### **NOAH’S ARK**

March 17 Theme: *Children, Obey Your Parents*. Team: Sue Luea, Su Butler. Helpers: Gwen Butler, Daniel Luea  
March 24 Theme: *Jesus Calls His Disciples/ Following Jesus*. Team: Cindy Kogut, Angela Krause. Helpers: Alexis DeFord, Michael Luea

### **CHILDREN’S GATHERING**

March 17  
**BOYS Team:** Peter Luea, Jacob Stoll  
**Helpers:** Dan Dinolfo, Lucas Ludwig, Owen Luea  
March 24  
**GIRLS Team:** Lisa Ludwig, Kaitlin Ludwig  
**Helpers:** Katrina Butler, Lizzy Fountain, Allison Luginbill

### **JUNIOR HIGH GROUPS**

Our meetings in March are the 7th and the 21st. We meet in April on the 4th and the 18th.

**EXPLORERS:** On Friday, March 1, at the Work of Christ Community Center, we will hold our annual **Friday Derby!** Check-in: 6:30—7:00 PM, races begin at 7:15.



### **CHRIST’S YOUTH IN ACTION (CYA)**

3/7 Large Group: 7:30—9:00 PM, WOC center  
 3/11 YES! Discount ends.  
 3/14 Small Groups: 7:30—9:00 PM, girls at the Imgrund home and guys at Tom Giles’ home.  
 3/21 Large Group: 7:30—9:00 PM, WOC center  
 3/22 YES! Retreat registrations CLOSES.

3/28 No CYA—open week

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

4/5—4/7 YES! RETREAT at Michindo (*His Love Endures Forever*)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME, BABIES!

Andy and Ellen Gallavan welcomed **Cecilia Rose** on February 4. Congrats to them and grandparents Ellen Gallavan and Dick and Kathy Schaefer.

Tim and Ellie Ong welcomed **Miriam Elise** into their family on February 13. Congratulations to all the Giles and Ong extended families, and especially to big sister Emi and big brother John.

SENIORS BIBLE STUDY: We continue to meet every other Thursday, noon—1:00 PM, at the WOC center, through May. Next few meetings: March 7, 28, April 4. We are working through the Book of Romans.

ANYONE HAVE AN EXERCISE BIKE NOT BEING USED? Elaine Feuerstein is looking for a used exercise bike in good condition to buy or take off someone's hand for free. Call Elaine 517-303-1231 and please leave a message; she will call you back. Thank you!

MY FAIR LADY: Lansing Catholic High School will be performing *My Fair Lady*, March 1, March 8, and March 9, at 7:00 PM. There is also a matinee performance at 1:00 PM, on March 2. Several WOC teens are participating: Kaitlin Ludwig – Eliza Doolittle; Peter Krause - Henry Higgins; Finn Keenan - Colonel Pickering; Therese DeWaters - the Queen of Transylvania; Sarah Krause, AnnaLeah Comstock, and Amanda Ludwig - Ensemble; Susannah DeWaters - student director. Also, Kevin Krause is the set designer. Tickets are \$11 and are available at [ticketor.com/lchs драма](http://ticketor.com/lchs драма).

WALKER LOAN NEEDED: If you have a walker you are willing to loan to a brother after his hip surgery, please contact the office.

VERY NICE LIVING ROOM FURNITURE AVAILABLE: Please contact Reed or Judy Hermstad if interested. (719-200-1996)

*SPECIAL: Our beloved sister, **Shirley Kelly**, has moved to memory care. Check the e-bulletin for her address and phone. Shirley may not remember exactly who you are, but she loves to receive cards and visitors. Her daughter Becky is also looking for Catholics who attend daily Mass to take Shirley with them. Contact Becky or Marcia DeWitt for*



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