

About this February 2010 newsletter format:

This newsletter is in the same basic working format as that of the mailed version. What this means to you is that the opening cover page of the newsletter is on the final page of this document, so look for it there.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 2010

All events are at the church building unless otherwise noted.

* Indicates an article is elsewhere in this newsletter.

- February 3, 10, 17, 24 – Bible Study
“Love and Respect” 6:30-8:00pm*
- February 4, 11, 18, 25 – Bible Study 1:00pm*
- February 5 & 6 – Acquire the Fire, Minneapolis*
- February 9 – Church Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- February 14 – Monthly Building Offering
- February 18 – March newsletter articles due
- February 27 – Heart to Heart distribution
- February 28 – Minnesota Teen Challenge*

COMING in March and April

- March 5-6 – “Set Apart” Conference for women -
Northwestern College, St. Paul, MN
- March 5 – Concert by Christian artist Mark Schultz,
Northwestern College, St. Paul, MN
- March 14 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 28 – Palm Sunday



- April 4 – Easter Sunday
- April 9-10 – Minnesota Christian Convention

HAITI EARTHQUAKE

Following the earthquakes in Haiti, many people have been wondering how they can help make a difference in the lives of the people who are suffering there. Several organizations that this church has supported over the years are already on the ground working in Haiti. Samaritans Purse, World Vision, Lifeline and International Disaster Emergency Services are all reputable groups who are seeking to meet immediate and long-term needs in Haiti. If you would like to give a gift to help the people of Haiti, you can send a check to any of these organizations or you can earmark a check to the church and we will see that the funds get to one of these fine groups.

ACQUIRE THE FIRE Minneapolis Convention Center Minneapolis, MN

Fri, Feb 5 7:00pm – Sat, Feb 6 9:30pm

Dan and Jolene Christensen will be accompanying 18 of our youth group to a 27-hour life transforming event that brings volume and clarity to God's voice in the lives of teenagers. Through the greatest worship bands and engaging speakers, teens will be challenged to make a decision for Christ, to break away from old patterns to live real life with God, and to shape a perspective for their future in God's plan, all as part of the most mind-blowing interactive ministry ever experienced at a Christian event. For more information, log onto www.acquirethefire.com



A **SUPER BOWL PARTY** will be hosted by Dan and Jolene Christensen at their home on February 7. The gathering will begin around 5:00pm. Sandwiches and sodas will be provided. Please bring snacks or a dish to pass.

MINNESOTA TEEN CHALLENGE

Minnesota Teen Challenge is a faith-based residential chemical dependency program for teens and adults with chronic alcohol, drug and other life-controlling problems. The mission of Teen Challenge is to provide rehabilitation for adults and teens whose problems are so serious they can no longer function in social, family, and work settings, and to help them become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well, and spiritually alive.

We will be hosting the Minnesota Teen Challenge Choir on Sunday, February 28 during our 10:30am Worship Service. This service is open to the public and all are welcome. An offering will be received for Teen Challenge. A fellowship/potluck meal will follow the worship service, and you are invited to stay for that as well.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice has resumed on Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm. We have been working on a cantata for Easter. It is not too late to join in praising the Lord in song.



KIDS EASTER PRESENTATION

Our young people, pre-school through grade 12, will be celebrating Jesus in an Easter Concert of Worship and Praise on Palm Sunday. Their presentation of "I've Been Redeemed" by Dale Mathews will be during the worship hour, March 28 beginning at 10:30am. Rehearsal will begin February 21 during the 9:00am opening singing time before the Sunday School classes begin, and continue each Sunday through Palm Sunday. Participants are encouraged to be on time each week in order to make the best use of our limited practice time. We look forward to being led in worship by our very gifted group of young people. Please direct any questions to Mary Howells.

LOVE AND RESPECT

Our Wednesday night study entitled Love and Respect has gotten off to a great start. More than 20 couples have come to learn how to get off the crazy cycle and become the people God wants us to be in our marriages. It is not always easy to make the changes necessary to get off the crazy cycle, but the rewards of a happy marriage are worth the effort. Continue to pray for the couples of this church who are seeking God's direction in their marriages.



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Our daytime Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 1:00pm. We are currently listening to and discussing the Gospel of Mark. If you are interested in listening to the word of God together with other people come on Thursday afternoons to the church library.

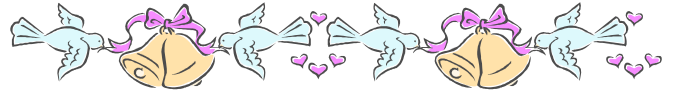


Y.W.A.M.

Katie Swedberg, daughter of Doug and Annette, has arrived in Australia for three months of training with Youth With A Mission. When completed, Katie will travel another 2-3 three months doing missionary work. Please keep Katie and the others in this training in your prayers for their ministry and safe travels.

If you would like to follow Katie's journey, log onto www.katrinaweds.blogspot.com or you can send her well wishes to:

Katrina Swedberg
c/o YWAM Wollongong
P.O. Box 4040
Shellharbour NSW 2529
Australia



BRIDALSHOWER

All the ladies of the church are invited to attend an Open House Bridal Shower for Janice Compton (bride-to-be of Lance Fahning) at 2:00pm on Sunday, February 28 in the church fellowship hall. Janice and Lance are registered at Target.

DID YOU KNOW...?

- 18 teens from Cleveland are going to the *Acquire the Fire*
- 20 plus couples have attended the *Love and Respect Bible Study*
- The Gideon's International is an organization of men that has made Bible distribution their ministry. Currently, they are in a membership drive. If you would like more information about being part of this ministry, you may contact Bob Sleen at 507-837-4345 and leave a message.



PINE HAVEN CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY 2010 CAMP SCHEDULE

Based on grades going into Fall 2010
Cleveland is in Zone A

May 13-15	Work Weekend
May 21-22	Fishing Weekend
June 13-19	11 th & 12 th Grade
June 20-26	9 th & 10 th Grade (Zone A)
June 27-Jul 2	Family Week
July 2-4	Ladies Retreat
July 16-18	Adult Weekend
July 25-31	7 th & 8 th Grade (Zone A)
Aug 8-11	4 th Grade
Aug 12-15	Family Weekend
Aug 15-20	5 th & 6 th Grade (Zone A)
Aug 20-22	Motorcycle Weekend
Sept 3-6	Last Chance Camp
Sept 9-12	Scrapbook Weekend 1
Sept 16-19	Scrapbook Weekend 2

REBUILDING TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS

Begin to plan now for a rebuilding trip to New Orleans in October 2010. Dates are October 9-17. The cost will be approximately \$425. Cost includes: roundtrip by coach bus, 6-night hotel accommodation, complimentary hotel breakfast and group t-shirt. This trip is open to adults and teens 16 years and older if accompanied by a parent or guardian.



FELLOWSHIP SNACK SCHEDULE



Thank you to all those who have volunteered to provide fellowship treats for our 10:00am Sunday Fellowship Time. The schedule for February-July 2010 is below.

February	7	Nancy and Gary Kunz	507-317-6992
	14	Gregg and JoLene Giersdorf	507-388-6346
	21	Guentzel & Gang - Pancakes	507-931-3591
	28	Liz Rogers & Lisa Koppelman	931-1769 or 931-5794
March	7	Mary and Kurt Nelson	507-934-1659
	14	Vanessa and Jeff Jaster	507-934-1478
	21	Iris and Wally Krenik	507-380-2692
	28	Andrea and Roger Schmidt	507-243-3556
April	4	EASTER	
	11	Millie Loffredo	507-931-5652
	18	Darlene Schmidt & Brian Schmidt	507-931-4234
	25	Janice Fahning & Marilyn Fahning	507-357-6360
May	2	Pam Burns & Sandy Krenik	507-931-2427
	9	Ellen and Graydon Dickie	507-931-4286
	16	Julie Dittrich	507-340-4442
	23	Nancy Weber	507-267-4881
	30	Kelly Theis	507-381-5802
June	6	Deb Ely	507-934-3976
	13	Pam Aanas	507-357-4950
	20	Kim Wobbrock & Deb Guentzel	665-6954 or 931-3591
	27	Annette Swedberg	507-362-8455
July	4	Mary Howells & Cheryl Kester	334-2707 or 931-4044
	11	Carrie Muell	507-665-4177
	18	Mary and Steve Den Herder	507-931-5884
	25	Connie Phillips	507-931-6394

The coffee will be made for you. You can bring milk/juice if you want – it's optional. Please bring around 8 dozen treats. If you aren't able to serve on the Sunday you are scheduled, please trade with someone else. Call Sandy Krenik (931-2427) or Annette Swedberg (362-8455) if you have questions.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

900 State Highway 99
Mail to: PO Box 307
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. – Bible Classes for all ages
10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

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Prayer Chain: clchurchprayer@live.com

OUR HEAD: Jesus Christ

PASTOR: John Kester

CHURCH SECRETARY: Lisa Koppelman

BIRTHDAYS: February 2– Carrie Muell; 8– Anna Dickie, Olivia Kester, John Sprague, Marvin Tolzmann; 13– Bernice Dickie; 14– Julie Dittrich; 15– Rich Kern; 20– Scott Tuma; 27– Mark Howells, Glenn Schmidt; 28– Steve Den Herder, Austin Goettlicher; 29– Annabelle Brockberg

ANNIVERSARY: February 20– Steve & Mary Den Herder

**CHURCH OF CHRIST
MEETING IN CLEVELAND, MN**

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THE MINNESOTA WINTERTIME BLUES

By Sherm Rupe, Church Elder

I looked at my son's Facebook page the other day and read, "I do not have the words to describe how much I hate winter." Another place mentioned Old Man Winter and his disdain for us. I put in a note that said I thought I was picking up a theme ...does he not like winter?

When I was a kid, I never looked forward to January and February. Christmas was over and there were no meaningful holidays until Easter (unless you count Valentine's Day or St. Patrick's Day). The days were cold, dark and dreary. The winter to which we got all excited about had lost its newness.

We lived in Kansas for a time and winter there was much different. There wasn't much snow and if we did get any, it was gone very soon after it fell. There were no leaves on the trees and the days were gray it seemed. And it was always windy. We were excited to move to Minnesota to experience all four seasons. I remember the first winter here, it snowed a bit in October and Jo went outside and did a little happy dance. The neighbors thought she was a little off her rocker. I didn't argue, wanting to be a good neighbor and fit in.

Well here we are again, in the midst of this "dead time" until spring. I read somewhere that many people get the blues this time of year due to the short days and cold weather. Of course there are others who fully embrace the cold weather and ride their snow machines and fish on the lake. I will refer them to the happy dance lady. Still there are others who just leave, go south and come back when it warms up.

During this time, I think of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians in chapter 4. He describes their many troubles as light compared to what is awaiting them in eternal glory. This is what he says; "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly, we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

So take heart. Remember that this too shall pass. Springtime is on the way. In the meantime, come to church and together, we can bask in the warmth of our Savior's hearth. And maybe the happy dance lady will be there.