

About this March 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.



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 14. In order to be on time for worship, set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening, March 13.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### March 2010

All events are at the church building unless otherwise noted.



\* Indicates an article is elsewhere in this newsletter.

- March 3, 10 – Bible Study  
“Love and Respect” 6:30-8:00pm
- March 3, 10 – Choir practice 8:00pm\*
- March 4, 11, 18, 25 – Bible Study 1:00pm\*
- 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 7 – Teen Youth Fun & Fellowship
- March 9 – Church Board meeting 7:30pm
- March 13 – Fireproof Ball for Married Couples,  
Verizon Wireless Center, Mankato
- March 14 – Monthly Building Offering
- March 17, 24, 31 – Choir practice 7:00pm\*
- March 18 – April newsletter articles due
- March 19-20 – 30-Hour Famine\*
- March 27 – “Heart to Heart” distribution
- March 28 – Palm Sunday, Easter Concert of  
Worship and Praise 10:30am\*

#### COMING IN APRIL

- April 2 – Good Friday Service\*
- April 4 – Easter Sunday\* with Cantata by our choir\*
- April 9-10 – Minnesota Christian Convention\*
- April 11 – Pine Haven camp manager, Tay Odor  
will be with us\*

#### BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY



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

### 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 has begun during the 9:00am opening singing time before Sunday School, and continues 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.



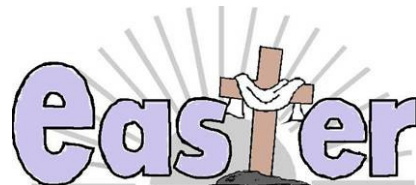
Youth in grades 7th-12th will be participating in World Vision’s 30-Hour Famine March 19-20. After eating lunch on Friday, the kids will not eat again until Saturday evening. The young people should gather at the church, Friday March 19 at 6:00pm (or as soon as they can arrive) for the official start of the famine. For more information, please visit their website at [www.30hourfamine.org](http://www.30hourfamine.org) or [www.worldvision.org](http://www.worldvision.org).

#### NEWS ADDED AFTER PAPER NEWSLETTER PRINTED!!!

Help the Youth break their famine on Saturday, March 20 by coming to a TACO FEED at church between 4:30-6:00pm. Donations will be accepted for World Vision. This Taco Feed is for EVERYONE!

#### CHOIR PRACTICE

The choir will be performing an Easter Cantata on Sunday, April 4. Members are encouraged to attend the following practices. Please make note of the dates and times. March 3 & 10 at 8:00pm. March 17, 24, & 31 at 7:00pm.



#### EASTER SERVICE TIMES

April 2 – Good Friday Service at 6:30pm  
Communion will be shared.

April 4 – Easter Sunday

Early Service at 8:30am

Breakfast at 9:30am

Regular Worship with Choir at 10:30am

# Minnesota Christian Convention

April 9-10, 2010

Rochester, Minnesota

Adults and Children Sessions at Kahler Grand Hotel

Teen Sessions at Hope Summit Christian Church

For more information go to [www.mnconvention.org](http://www.mnconvention.org)

## ADULT CONVENTION

Kahler Grand Hotel

### LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS



#### Ben Cacharias, Speaker

Senior pastor, Mountain Christian Church, Joppa, Maryland

- 2010 North American Christian Convention President
- Raised in Minnesota
- Graduate of Crossroads College and received an M.Div. from Emmanuel School of Religion

- Began his ministry in Minnesota
- Nationally-known sought-after speaker
- Married to Carla (Lund), and father of 3 children

#### Sermons

Friday night: *Find Peace When Life is Stressful*

Saturday morning: *Seize Joy When Life is Sad*

Saturday afternoon: *Cling to Jesus When Life Sucks You In*

## TEEN CONVENTION

Hope Summit Christian Church,  
1315 6th Ave SE, Rochester, MN

### GIVE IT UP

#### GIVING UP YOUR LIFE AND LIVING IT FOR CHRIST

Danny Curry is a captivating speaker who teaches God's truth with passion. He combines a straightforward style with humorous applications to real life. Danny and his family live in Greenfield, Indiana where they serve in student ministry at Park Chapel Christian Church.

Worship Leader: Jonathan Miller, Council Bluffs, IA, and band

## FREE CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION

We will be hosting our third annual free clothing distribution in May. Watch for information regarding the specific date. Please begin putting clothing aside to contribute. We especially need good used youth and children's clothing. Only donate adult clothing that is in excellent condition and fairly current styles. Talk to Mary Howells if you are willing to set up prior to the distribution, are able to work the day of the giveaway or help with take down. Thank you for taking part in this outreach to our community.



## PINE HAVEN CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

"The future of the church depends on young people preparing themselves for leadership in the church. Decisions are made for full-time Christian service at Pine Haven. Do everything possible to get your young people there..." 63 years ago Don Lawrence wrote these words in promotion of a week of camp at Pine Haven Christian Assembly. Time has passed, but the mission of Pine Haven to disciple young people in Christ remains at the core of her mission. We delight in partnering with Pine Haven in challenging young people in their walk with Christ. Last year we sent nearly 30 campers to Pine Haven as well as a number of faculty members. We look forward to another summer of life changing adventure at Pine Haven.

Tay Odor, Pine Haven camp manager, will be with us Sunday, April 11 to present the work and ministry of the camp.

## 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	11th & 12th Grade
June 20-26	9th & 10th Grade (Zone A)
June 27-Jul 2	Family Week
July 2-4	Ladies Retreat
July 16-18	Adult Weekend
July 25-31	7th & 8th Grade (Zone A)
Aug 8-11	4th Grade
Aug 12-15	Family Weekend
Aug 15-20	5th & 6th 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



Mark your calendars NOW!  
Vacation Bible School is being planned for August 1-5, Sunday through Thursday. More information coming at a later date.



## Dream Banquet '10

Friday, May 7, 2010  
Rochester Int'l Event Center

Special Guest Speaker – Mr. John Foppe

Born without arms, John Foppe had to break down and rethink every aspect of day-to-day life. He learned the inability to do something does not rest on the lack of resources or vision; instead, it has more to do with one's subconscious perception of meeting a challenge head-on.

Silent Auction and Refreshments 5:30 - 6:30pm  
Dinner and Program 7:00pm

This is a free event, but registration is required.  
Deadline is April 26 to reserve your space.

Call 800-456-7651 or  
email [smoreland@crossroadscollege.edu](mailto:smoreland@crossroadscollege.edu)



## REBUILDING TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS

Begin to plan now for a rebuilding trip to New Orleans in October of 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.

### DID YOU KNOW...

- 15 people attended the Super Bowl party at the Christensen's on February 7
- Over \$1100 was contributed to I.D.E.S. for the Haiti earthquake relief  
[International Disaster Emergency Service](#)
- Sandor Rozsa published an article in the Mankato Free Press on February 17 titled *The Melting Pot Is Threatened*  
<http://mankatofreepress.com/letters/x1230898588/My-View-The-melting-pot-is-threatened>
- The youth raised over \$1500 at their lasagna dinner held on January 24

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

900 State Highway 99  
Mail to: PO Box 307

<p><b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b>  9:00 a.m. – Bible Classes for all ages  10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Time  10:30 a.m. – Worship Service</p>	<p>Church Website: <a href="http://www.clevelandchurch.net">www.clevelandchurch.net</a>  Office Phone: (507) 931-5924  Office Email: <a href="mailto:clchurch@live.com">clchurch@live.com</a>  Prayer Chain: <a href="mailto:clchurchprayer@live.com">clchurchprayer@live.com</a></p>
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<b>OUR HEAD:</b> Jesus Christ	<b>PASTOR:</b> John Kester	<b>CHURCH SECRETARY:</b> Lisa Koppelman
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**BIRTHDAYS:** March 2– Sage Anderson, Darlene Schmidt; 5– Tom Engelrup, Maggie Sveback; 10– Frank Heldberg, Ryan Rozsa; 11– Iris Krenik; 12– Joshua Nyamutora, son of India missionary; 14– Jordan Phillips; 15– Dayton Hale, Babu Samuel, missionary in India; 16– Wendy Eckert, Kaylin Schmidt; 18– Helen Boldthen; 19– Mercy Samuel, wife of India missionary; 20– Liz Rogers; 22– Velma Kester; 24– Neysa Schettler; 25– Samantha Brunson, Stephanie Brunson; 26– Mark Compton; 28– Jordan Gish; 29– Elsa Ely; 30– Kole Schmidt, Mildred Wakefield

**ANNIVERSARIES:** March 10– Lowen & Dorothy Richter, 17– Gary & Nancy Kunz, 18– Dan & Jolene Christensen

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

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**GOD'S UNUSUAL LOVE**

By John Kester, Pastor

Max Lucado tells a story in his book *And the Angels Were Silent* about a time his wife was away from home for a couple of days and left him to care for their two young daughters. While there were the occasional quarrels and moments of misbehavior from the girls, the days really went just fine. When Max's wife returned home, she asked him "How were the girls?" "Good. No problem at all" he replied. Their oldest daughter overheard the conversation and she objected to Max's answer. "We weren't good, Daddy. We fought once. We didn't do what you said once. We weren't good. How can you say that we were good?"

Max and his daughter had different ideas about what pleases a father. She thought she earned his love and approval by being good and doing the right things. He knew he loved her because she belonged to him. This is what God's love is like. He doesn't love us because we are perfect. He doesn't even love us because we are good. He loves us because we are His.

The Apostle Paul wrote this to Titus: **At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.** Titus 3:3

It doesn't seem to make much sense. That God would love people who are foolish and disobedient and who hate each other just doesn't seem normal to most people. And it isn't. God's love is anything but normal. But it is real. His love reaches down to us even when we are not good. His love offers salvation to those dying in their sins. His love offers comfort to those grieving from loss. His love offers hope to those beaten down by the world. His love reaches out when we are tempted to pull back. God's love never ends. We are truly blessed when we discover that God loves not because of what we do but because of who we are. Nothing in the world is more important than knowing this love.