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## October/November 2011



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends and Members of St. Andrew,

I found a phrase the other day that I thought maybe we all need to hear at one time or another. It goes like this: "My value and worth is not found in my successes and failures but in the hands of God who made me special and unique, who loves me in the good times and bad times and has offered His life so I can live mine."

This phrase echoes the words of the Psalmist: "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous-how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are Your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't

*even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, You are still with me! (Psalm 139:13-18, NLT)*

Pastor Jim Young share this illustration that I pray would also help all of us think about our value and worth at a time when many of us being affected by the current economic and moral conditions of our country and the world:

I held up a \$20 bill and asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?"

Hands started going up. Then I said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you, but first let me do this. I proceeded to crumple up the \$20 and then asked, "Who still wants it?"

Still the hands were up in the air. "Well," I said, "What if I do this?" I dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with my shoe. I picked it up and asked, "Now, who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air.

I then put the bill into water and rubbed it in some dirt and asked, "Now, who wants this

\$20?"

The lesson for us all of us, Pastor Jim, suggests is to realize that no matter what he did with the money, everyone still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.

Many times in our lives we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless.

But no matter what has happened or what will happen, we will never lose our value to Jesus. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, we are still priceless to God who desires to bring forgiveness and blessings into our lives. Life comes down to our perspective and where we choose to look. Learn to look at Jesus and you will discover the secret to a happy and full life. As we come closer and closer to Thanksgiving, let's remember what a blessing it is that our value comes in being brothers and

sisters in Christ, claimed by Him through His perfect life, death, and resurrection for us. Take time every day to remember that and it will help you to live a happy and full life!

In Christ's service,

Pastor Filter

### Free! Family Movie Day Free!

October 15, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. St. Andrew Ladies Guild will sponsor the Movie "Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer".

November 12, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. the movie "Cars 2" will be playing. Free Beverages and popcorn will be provided.

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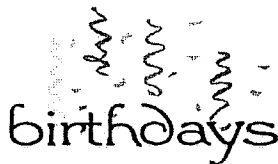
**Birthday Wishes go to...**

**October**

- 10/01 Tabitha Perry
- 10/03 Duane Margraf  
Rob Kleitch
- 10/04 Dick Howell  
Jessica Pennington
- 10/05 Tyler Turnquist (14)
- 10/06 Tom Fryover
- 10/09 Pastor Ed Filter
- 10/11 Jacob Veale (11)
- 10/12 Darrian Pennington (7)  
Cherrie Sporer
- 10/18 Jordan Pohl (10)
- 10/20 Victoria Scheurer (13)
- 10/22 Donovan Hartman (16)
- 10/24 Erin Otis
- 10/28 Jessica Hatt

**November**

- 11/01 Evie Beavers (12)  
Jay Dennis
- 11/04 Nita Massey  
Cameron Roof (9)
- 11/05 Brieanna Mc Farren (11)
- 11/08 Orv Hartner
- 11/09 Joan Schram  
Justine Nowak (10)
- 11/10 Kathy Dole  
Pat Peabody  
Roger Schram  
Greg Anderson
- 11/12 Amy Platte
- 11/13 John Manzini
- 11/14 Frank Eisenhauer
- 11/15 Brandee Novara  
Paul Wright Jr.
- 11/16 Marion Koeppen
- 11/24 Robert Temple
- 11/25 Craig Scheurer
- 11/26 Karlie Sprague (13)  
Halley Peters
- 11/28 Adrianna Novara (11)
- 11/30 Meagan Manzini (18)



**Anniversary Wishes go to...**

**October**

- 10/09 Tim & Amy Platte (20)
- 10/18 Jack & Mary Sandborn (43)
- 10/23 Roger & Joan Schram (10)

**November**

- 11/03 Tom & Judy Fryover (38)
- 11/29 Gordie & Sandy Fyan (42)

**Congratulations and God's Blessings to:**

Our congratulations to Ray and Judy Bodak on the birth of their two new Great-Grandbabies. Congratulations to Mike and Elaine Hartman on the birth of their daughter Dixie Mae Hartman.



**Our Sincere Sympathy:**

**Our condolences go out to:**

The family of Jerry Eisman (Lutheran Principal), Family of Debbie Smith.

**PRAYER SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS**

It is now more important than ever to keep our men and women who are serving our country in our prayers.

These men and women deserve our utmost respect and a place of honor in our daily prayers.

Dan Miller, Pfc. Lucas Terpstra, LTC. Judy Fryover, PFC Nicholas Hartwick, Dustin Rhodes, Brain Howard, Steve Divish, Scott Divish, Ross Fuller, Major Gary Beard II, Kim Bates, Benjamin Gyger, Thomas Debler, Christopher Simon, Mike Tiemann, Randy Bebee Jr., Michael Bebee, Gale Jugovich, Danny Lathers, Joe Webster, Corey Culy (Afganistan), Casey Culy, Daniel Richards , Eric Ritchie and Chris Roof.

We would like to keep this section current and include as much information as possible. **If you suggested someone's name for this list, please let us know if they are still serving or have been discharged.** If they are still serving we'd like to include where they are. If you can let us know so that we may include it in the next newsletter.

If you would like your loved one or friend listed here, please contact the church office.

**Prayer Growth Group**

The Prayer Growth continues to meet monthly to pray for our church and its ministry and to look at ways that we can further the church's mission. Projects which have come from the Prayer Growth include the Read Through the Bible project, the Men's breakfast and more. The next meeting of the Prayer Growth group will be Monday, October 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All who attend St. Andrew are encouraged to attend this meeting. See Pastor for more info.



## Stewardship Corner

With the newsletter format covering two months at a time, we thought we would get a head start on Thanksgiving and share this article with you. Yes, Thanksgiving is for spending time with family and friends but above it is a chance to show:

### Gratitude for His Presence

How many stars are there in the sky? Who can count them? Yet God created and knows each of them. How many different kinds of animals in the forests and deserts and oceans? We have not come to the end of discovering them all, but God has created each one in its unique way. Nor has God been less meticulous with us, for, even though all humans have the same body structure, a face with nose, eyes, and mouth, and all our various parts, yet each of us is uniquely different from another. Not only has God created each of us, He knows us intimately and cares about every facet of our lives and activities. David, the psalmist, wrote about this characteristic of God in Psalm 139: "O Lord, You have searched me and You know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways" (Psalm 139:1-3).

Here is really something to be thankful for! The Creator of the universe cares so much about you that He searches your heart and mind in order that He might know you! We talk about our need and desire to know God; have you ever thanked Him that He wants to know you?

Are you thankful that you can never get away from God? That He knows when you sit, when you stand, when you go somewhere, and even when you lie down to go to sleep at night? We can never get away from God. Should we ascend to the clouds or descend to the depths of the ocean, we would not go there alone (Psalm 139:8). God loves us so much that His presence is with us wherever we are.

Like the three-year old who stamps her little foot in defiance when her parents make her go to bed when she needs rest and like the rebellious teen who believes his parents are out to control him, we do not always recognize that all God gives us and does for us and, yes, even demands of us, is for our good because He loves us. Sometimes we, too, stamp our feet and shout at God in defiance, while we should be thanking Him for His presence, for His constant care, for His love that will not let go of us. Tenderly He forgives our waywardness, restoring us again to His presence, giving us ever more cause for gratitude.

## Prayer Requests

### Please remember the following in your daily prayers:

Lyle & Erika Avery, Suzette Atwood, Cole Barlett, Bob Baker, Baby Natalie, Trent Bengel, Linda Bindle, Susan Brown, Linda Buskirk, Kara Calley, Shannon Connell, Danny Cooley, Country of Japan, Darlene Dahlem, Eileen Dewberry, Marjorie Dingman, Marylou Duncan, Frank Eisenhauer, Frank Eisenhauer's step-grand niece & family, Ron Eisenhauer, Daniel & Jessica Eisenhauer & Liliana, Mabel Frick, Judy Fryover, Tom Fryover, John & Kelly-new parents adoption final, Bill Galinitis, Gina struggling with cancer, Tom Green, Paul & Shannon Hardway, Donovan Hartman, Elaine Hartman, John Hengesbach, Dan Ingue, Country of Haiti, Kate-friend of Faye Stephans, Phil & Janice Keefer, Robert Kipp, Oleta Koeppen's daughter-May, Oleta Koeppen's niece-Kathy, Oleta Koeppen's Grandson-Scott, Cory Lanz, Larry-friend of Ed Sprague, Mary Lee, Sue Lincoln, Pastor Dave Maier, Marcia Lewis' co-worker-Shelley,

Connie Manshum, Kate Mason, Joanne Manzini's mother Betty Hincer, Josh Markham, Leonard Nelson, Nita Massey, Janet Maynard, Ed Moffatt, Leonard Nelson, Mindy Nowak's sister-in-law Lorna, Mindy Nowak's Uncle and Grandmother (Ava Burgess), Brandee Novara, Marjorie Pate, Paul & Kaci & pre-mature baby, Parent in Cheryl Pugsley's day care-cancer, Joyce Petrie, Bev Platte, Jill Platte, Grace Kelly Pline, Mary Lou Potter, Preston and Lauen, Cheryl Pugsley, Joe Pugsley, Shaun Pugsley, Alex Pung, Bobby Quintos father-co worker of Judy Fryover, Debbie Reed, Ashely Reynolds, Sandy Reister, Jennifer Royston's dad, Becky Ruehs' niece-Haven, Chris Roof's cousin Ben & new daughter, Carl Ruhl, Penny Sandborn-co-worker's son, Tina Sharp's dad, Tim Scott, Tim Scott's mom. Jim Simon, Brody Smith, Kris Spitzley's mom, Drew Spencer, Faye Stephens, Dot Stringer, Pam Struble, Neva Swagart, Terry Tahvonen, Isaiah and Mom,

Chris Thomas, Josh Thompson, Vernon Thompson, Pastor Fred Traugott, Gary Van Vleck Jr., Kathy Walker, and Chip Wolfe and Melvin Wortley.

As well as the many others we know in our hearts.

### Prayers for those battling Cancer:

Single mom with cancer, Jerry Adams, Kelly Arens, Rev. Jack Bartholomew, Alice Bengel, Marsha Battley, Amy Bekkering, Jeff Burns, Sue Caulkins, Heather Chunko, Lois Duff, Alvena Evans, Nick Falsetta, Angela Garza, Dave Gardella, Ted Haworth, Elijah Kenyon, Cindy Knoop, Mary Leik, Adam Livingston, Rev. David Maier, Joel Maier, Kathy Naseman, Dan Partell, Tim Perry, Leon Reister, Paula Ritz, Sue Simmons, Mike Stegenga, Henry Wagoner, Mary Williams, and Sue Ward.



## Sunday School News!

Sunday School for the 2011-12 school year has gotten off to a great start with 2 weeks now under our belts. Sunday, Sept. 18th was one exceptionally well attended with more than a dozen there. Thanks to Nancy and Amanda Filter for starting to teach us the Flash Mob dance. We look forward to learning more on the 25th of September and participating in the Flash Mob taping on October 8th.

Long range plans for the Sunday School include the Christmas service on Sunday, December 11th at 10 a.m. Practice will take place on Saturday, December 10th at 9 a.m. at church. Mark your calendars now for those events so you don't miss them!

## JESUS COMPANY

Any St. Andrew children 2nd grade and older interested in a Fall Party at Tim and Becky Ruehs' house, please call or text Becky at 616-755-3035 or let Pastor know so he can pass the word on. Tentatively: **Fall Party, October 22nd** at Tim and Becky Ruehs' house 340 E. Peck Lake Road, Ionia, MI 48846 from 6-8 p.m. Please wear your costumes or something silly! If any parents would be interested in helping to set up a hayride PLEASE let Becky know. Also, any parents interested in helping to organize for the party please let Becky Ruehs know. We need volunteers for the piñata and more. Look for more information soon.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. Andrew's mission statement reads as follows: "St. Andrew exists to seek, find, keep and transform lives through our Savior, Jesus Christ." All that we do around here is meant to reflect that statement. We do all we can to keep that statement in front of you, including printing it on the front cover of our bulletin each Sunday and having it on our projector screens as you leave each Sunday Worship service. Now thanks to Les Stringer, Teri Huhn's brother, you will be able to see it clearly each time you come through the front doors of St. Andrew and as you leave. Thanks Les for your great work in placing the decal of our mission statement right in front of us. May the Lord bless all of us as we attempt to do His will in carrying out his work in the Portland area!

## Church Decorating for Christmas!

We are looking for volunteers to help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Decorating will take place on Saturday, December 3rd at 10 a.m.

If you have been looking for a volunteer opportunity, this is a fun project where volunteers work together to decorate the sanctuary in preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. There are many areas where your talents can be utilized and typically the time commitment is about an hour and a half to two hours. Previous decorating experience is not required, any and all volunteers are welcome—there will be a job for everyone!

Decorating will be followed by lunch in the fellowship hall. The Ladies Group generously provides the main course for lunch and volunteers are asked to bring a salad, chips or dish of some type to pass, if they can.

## Altar Guild News

We are looking for new volunteers to join the Altar Guild. Serving on the Altar Guild is a great way to give of your time and talents. It is a small time commitment and the tasks are easy. No experience is needed, training will be provided!

Altar Guild members are partnered in pairs and serve one or two months during the year. Altar Guild members set up in preparation for communion and fill and maintain the candles. Preparation typically takes about thirty minutes prior to service time to set up for communion and to fill candles. You will be partnered with another Altar Guild member, so you typically serve two Sunday's per month (a bit more time during Advent and Lent).

We are preparing the Altar Guild schedule for 2012 now. Please speak with Tracy Kleitch or Pastor if you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, they will be able to answer any questions that you may have and will gladly add you to the schedule.

A note to current members of the Altar Guild—you will automatically be included in the 2012 schedule unless you speak with Tracy or Pastor and ask to be removed.

## Men's Group News

Our Men's group continues to meet once a month for breakfast before church. We meet the 4th Sunday of each month at the Looking Grand Cafe at 9 a.m. The next two meetings will be Sunday, October 23rd and Sunday, November 27th.

All men are invited to join us for food and to encourage each other to be Godly men. See Pastor if you have questions.



## SAYG NEWS



### SAYG (St. Andrew Youth Group)

A great time was had by all on Sunday, September 18th when 14 youth and 5 adults headed to the Summit for an afternoon of Ice Skating. One injury later, all made it home safely. Thanks to those who drove and to Amanda for hosting a great afternoon.

Sunday, Sept. 18th also signaled the end of the Tupperware Sale that involved the Youth. \$85 profit was deposited into the Youth Fund on Monday. Good job! A special thanks to Karlyn Beavers who chaired the sale, encouraged the youth members and did all the paperwork necessary. Thanks Karlyn!

The next Youth meeting will be the weekend of October 23rd, most likely after church on Sunday. Suggestions have been made to travel to the Potter Park Zoo for the Boo at the Zoo event or travel back to Andy T's for a hayride to the Pumpkin patch and other related activities. Facebook Amanda with your preference or give her a call on her cell phone.

November's Youth Activity will take place the 4th weekend in November (Thanksgiving weekend) so mark your calendar so you don't miss it. It is quite possible that we will do some sort of service activity. Talk to Amanda if you have any ideas!



### CONFIRMATION CLASS

7TH AND 8TH GRADE  
CONFIRMATION

Pastor Filter met with the Confirmation parents on Sunday, Sept. 18th after church. Confirmation for parents and students will be held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month after church from 11:30 to 1 pm. If you have a student in the 7th or 8th grade and did not attend the parent meeting, contact Pastor Filter by October 1st to make sure you are ready for the first day of Confirmation instruction.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

At the moment we have two weekly Adult Bible Study offerings available for those who attend St. Andrew. They are:

1) Sunday morning at 9 a.m. during the Sunday School Hour. Right now our topic is All the Scary Stuff in Revelation, a Video Bible Study hosted by Pastor Ken Klaus, the former speaker of the Lutheran Hour. Each week we look at clips from his teaching and have time for discussion. It meets every week but the 4th Sunday, due to the Men's and Ladies' meetings.

2) Wednesday evening at 7 pm.- We are currently studying in depth the readings for the week from the Read Through the Bible project that we are encouraging all of you to be involved in. Each Sunday, Pastor has available the Readings for the week with some thought starters for you to pick up then on Wednesday we study the Readings from the Thursday before to that day. The readings are also available on online on the churches website at [portlandstandrew.com](http://portlandstandrew.com). We are currently reading in Matthew. If you haven't been involved and are interested, talk to Pastor.

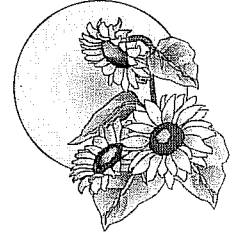


## *A Note from Wee-Grow*



### **Blossom at Wee Grow Christian**

Once again preschool is under way. We are so blessed to have such a great group of children and families. It will be great to watch them grow and develop over the course of the year. Our 4 year old class is full, but we could use a few more 3 year olds if you know of anyone interested in coming.



We have started out the year learning about sunflowers and how much Jesus Loves Us. We will be exploring the 7 days of creation and how to be nice to our friends.

Our first field trip will be October 12<sup>th</sup>. The class will be exploring the woods and learning how to make apple butter. It is always a fun time, especially if we get to see deer there. We will also be learning about fire safety, apples, pumpkins and having fall parties.

#### **Singing in Church with Breakfast!!**

Wee Grow Preschool along with St. Andrew Lutheran Church will be sponsoring a Breakfast on October 9<sup>th</sup>, after the service. The preschool kids will be singing during the 10 a.m. service.

We will be serving pancakes, fruit, sausage, muffins and drinks. A free will donation will be accepted to benefit the scholarship program at Wee Grow Preschool. Once again, thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



### **THANKSGIVING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

This year you will have two opportunities to worship during the Thanksgiving season. They should be as follows:

- 1) The Portland Ministerial Association will sponsor a Community Thanksgiving celebration. Details are not available yet but most likely it will be Sunday evening, November 20<sup>th</sup> at one of the local churches. Look to the bulletin announcements as the details become available.
- 2) St Andrew will hold their Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. Our theme will be "A Time to Remember." Please place this on your calendar so you have time to spend with the one who gives us all before you leave to spend time with family and friends.

### **LADIES' GUILD NEWS**

The Ladies of St. Andrew meet monthly on the 4th Sunday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room at church. The next meeting will be Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. All ladies of the church are encouraged to attend. They recently sponsored the Christian Education Sunday potluck and we thank them for doing that. Elena Brooks is the President of the Ladies Group and she is the one to ask if you have any questions.

Their newest activity will be Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m. Look for more details in the next month in the bulletin announcements and pray about participating especially if you live out in the country where not many Trick or Treaters come. The church parking lot is one of the busiest in town as people head to the subdivision across the street.



**Ministry Schedules for Oct./Nov.**

**Acolyte**

10/02 Jared Huhn  
 10/09 Dree Novara  
 10/16 Darlie Sprague  
 10/23 Charlotte Kleitch  
 10/30 Megan Kleitch  
 11/06 Jacob Veale  
 11/13 Charlotte Kleitch  
 11/20 Hunter Sandborn  
 11/27 Charlotte Kleitch

**Fellowship Host**

10/02 Tom Fryover  
 10/09 Jeff & Elena Brooks  
 10/16 Dave & Sue Ruehs  
 10/23 Diane & Nathan Sprague  
 10/30 Jack & Mary Sandborn  
 11/06 Jeff & Elena Brooks  
 11/13 Chris & Laura Roof  
 11/20 Diane & Nathan Sprague  
 11/27 Tracy Kleitch

**Greeters**

10/02 Tom Fryover  
 10/09 Brooks Family  
 10/16 Huhn Family  
 10/23 Haworth Family  
 10/30 Jack & Mary Sandborn  
 11/06 Tracy Kleitch  
 11/13 Laura Roof  
 11/20 Tim & Becky Ruehs  
 11/27 The Brooks Family

**Free! Family Movie Day**

**Free!**

The Ladies Guild will once again host the Free Family Movie Day! The movie schedule for the next few months is as follows: **October 15th** will be "Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer" and will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. On **November 12th** at 4:00 p.m. will be showing "Cars 2". Our **December 10th** movie day title is to be determined.

There will be free beverages and popcorn provided compliments of the Ladies Guild. Bring: Family and Friends, pillow and blanket if desired. Both movies received great reviews from Focus on the Family's Plugge-dln.com.

**Nursery**

10/02 Emily Huhn  
 10/09 Mary Brooks  
 10/16 Emily Huhn  
 10/23 Karlie Sprague  
 10/30 Mary Brooks  
 11/06 Emily Huhn  
 11/13 Karlie Sprague  
 11/20 Mary Brooks  
 11/27 Emily Huhn

**Worship Readers**

10/02 Mary Eisenhauer  
 10/09 Elena Brooks  
 10/16 Tim & Michelle Perry  
 10/23 Nancy Filter  
 10/30 Nita Massey  
 11/06 Jeanne Bauer  
 11/13 Nancy Filter  
 11/20 Tom Fryover  
 11/27 Mary Sandborn

**CHOIR News**

The St. Andrew choir normally meets to sing during the special seasons of the year especially Christmas and Easter. It would be great if the choir was also able to sing for the Thanksgiving Eve service on November 23rd at 7 p.m. Talk to Nancy Filter if you are willing to meet on Sundays after church in November to make that possible. We plan to meet after the Advent services in December to get ready for Christmas as well.

**CHRISTIAN FLASH MOB  
 COMESTO  
 PORTLAND**

Hopefully by now you have all heard of the Christian Flash Mob that is coming to Portland on October 8th in Portland United Methodist Church parking lot. The Flash Mob is the brainchild of Portland resident Sherry Miller and has the potential to show the whole world how important being a Christian is to the folks of Portland and how they can cooperate in letting the world know that.

We are encouraging all those who attend St. Andrew, young and old alike to participate. You are asked to wear orange (no writing on the front or back please- turn the shirts inside out if they have writing), to show that you represent St. Andrew. Practices to learn the dance will take place during the Sunday School hour the next two Sundays and after church on Sunday, Sept 25th as well as at Methodist church on Saturday, September 24th and Saturday, Oct. 1st (dress rehearsal). Talk to Nancy Filter if you have questions. We would love to have a large representation of folks from St. Andrew. Keep it in your prayers and think about participating!

**Church Extension Fund**

Saving for the future can be more than a good idea. It can be a good deed, too. Transfer or rollover any existing IRA or qualified retirement plan now, and you can do some real good-for you and others. You get added security from wise investments, competitive interest rates and tax advantages. Your Missouri Synod Lutheran churches and schools across Michigan get financial support for their future growth. Contact one of the friendly and knowledgeable CEF staff and find out how we make the rollover process fast and easy. You can visit CEF online at [www.mi-cef.org](http://www.mi-cef.org) or call 300-242-3944.



### Pregnancy Services of Ionia County

P.O. Box 233, 208 W. Main Street, Ionia, MI 48846

Phone: (616) - 527-4626 e-mail: [psicare@iserv.net](mailto:psicare@iserv.net)

Pregnancy Services of Ionia County is always looking for volunteers to help. If you can give them some of your time, please give them a call at the above number. Below are listed some of the many items that they are always in need of. If you can help them with any of these items, please give them a call or call the church office to make arrangements to get items to them.

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|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Diapers Sizes 1-5 | Pull Ups             | Onesies            | Newborn Tee Shirts |
| Wipes (Lots of)   | Formula (Soy & Reg.) | Bottles            | Quilts             |
| Baby Food         | Crib Sheets          | Receiving Blankets | Winter Coats       |
| Baby Furniture    | New Baby Toys        | Diaper Cream       | Teething Aides     |

#### For the Center:

- Office Furniture-Chairs, Room Dividers Ironing Board & Iron
- Computer Desks, Refrigerator & Microwave

#### Volunteer Opportunities:

Counseling, Clothes Sorting, Office Help, Launder Clothes at home, Make Quilts, Repair Furniture. **Join a Ministry where success is measured one cuddle at a time!**



As many of you know, ENRICH is a non-profit that operates in Ionia County and is dedicated to helping families who are struggling to keep their families together. They facilitate donations of furniture, appliances and other items to their warehouse and then distribute these items to those who need them through the recommendations of service agencies and Church pastors. Think about donating gently used items by calling 616-260-0698 or by dropping the items off at the ENRICH building on Main St. in Ionia.

**ENRICH** of Ionia County currently has over 317 families on our waiting list. If you have any of these that are in good condition and working order, we can get them to the less fortunate.

As you can imagine, ENRICH has many expenses and operates completely on donations and fundraisers. Talk to Pastor about donating to ENRICH. If you frequent the Ionia Pizza Hut, look for coupons just before the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month that will allow 20 % of your purchase on that day to be donated to ENRICH. You must have the coupon and they will be available on the table in the Narthex each month on the Sunday before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month!





## Community News

### St. Patrick Catholic Church Fall Festival

Father Larry King and the Portland St. Patrick's Athletic Association would like to invite you to their 51st Annual Fall festival, to be held at St. Patrick's School on Sunday, October 9, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Here's what we'll be doing that day:

- **All You Can Eat Buffet Dinner** (11:00 a.m.-3 p.m.) With chicken and roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, vegetable, salad bar and dessert.
- **Arts and Craft Show** (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
- **5K Race** (Registration begins at 6:30 a.m.)
- **New Half Marathon** (Registration begins at 6:30 a.m.)
- **Kidfest** (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) Games and activities for kids.
- **Free Teen Activities** (12 p.m. to 3 p.m.)
- **Euchre Tournament** (12:30 p.m.)
- **Raffle** (3:15 p.m.)

### Schanski Dodge Community Rewards Program

We at Schanski Dodge know the importance of a great small community!

For the past 49 years, our community has supported our business and we are ever so grateful for this. Now more than ever we feel it is very important to extend that support to our community. This is why we developed the Community Rewards Program.

This is how it works-your member comes into Schanski Dodge Chrysler Jeep for service work. They inform our service desk that they are with your organization. We will then donate 10% of their service bill back to your church. This even includes oil changes!

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Craft/Bake Sale

**Calling all crafters!...** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is renting tables for their December 3rd craft sale. The cost of renting a 5 ft. By 2 ft table is only \$10.00 per table. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is located at 7000 W. Saginaw Hwy. near Horrocks and across from Lake Trust Credit Union. The craft show will run from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. Set up will begin at 6 a.m. Tables will be assigned on a first come basis. For more information or to sign up please call the church office at 517-321-6100.

### Camp Concordia Camp News

Fall Calendar News:

- 1) October 8th: Fall Festival-Fun for the whole family! Lots of activities with a little time to help clean-up the camp. Come for the weekend, Oct. 7-9th to help around the camp.
- 2) Fall Retreats: Get your group together-Youth, Confirmation, Men's, etc. and plan a great weekend with us.
- 3) RV Campground and Cabins available through mid-October.

### THRIVENT OPPORTUNITY

THRIVENT FOR LUTHERANS has changed the way they allocate their dollars to congregations and other non-profit organizations. Each congregation is allowed 4 Congregational Advocates who vote at different times of the year to allocate those dollars to these groups, including our church and preschool. Pastor and Nancy have volunteered to do this but we are still looking for 2 more Thrivent members who would be willing to volunteer to do this. It's all done on the computer and should not take much time but it is important as it may get us more dollars.

Thrivent is looking for a representative to work full time in our area. If you know anyone looking for a job with background in investments, insurance, or finance, please talk to Pastor and he will get you in touch the trainer for our area.

### Celebrating the Reformation at Historic Trinity Lansing

Come celebrate the gift of God's Word and the progress of the church for the last 494 years, Sunday, October 30th at 3:00 p.m.

The service will include a wide musical experience from many parts of the world and time spent in the word. Guest Preacher will be Rev. Dr. Paul Deventer, Vice President for Advancement from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. There will be a meal following the service. For more information please call 517-372-1631 or 517-282-1926.

### *Our Home Bound*

**Pray for those who are homebound:**

#### Dorothy Vollen

10893 Deerwood Dr.  
Lowell, MI 49331

#### Oleta Koeppen

329 East Isham St.  
P.O. Box 223  
Lyons, MI 48851

#### Marilyn Baldwin

Heartland Health Care Center  
814 E. Lincoln Ave. Room #32  
Ionia, MI 48846

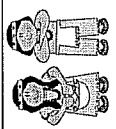
#### Joyce Petrie

The Healing & Recovery Center  
530 Beech St., Room #615  
Charlotte, MI 48813  
(517) 541-5051

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<b>Sunday School:</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Worship Service:</b> 10:00 a.m.	Elder: Tom Fryover Altar Guild: Tracy Kleitch Karen Sprague					1 9 am Flash Mob Dress Reh
2 Comm 11:30-1 pm Confirm. Class	3 6:30 pm Prayer Growth	4 Presch. Class Pictures 7 pm Adult Bible Study	5 Presch. Class Pictures 7 pm Adult Bible Study	6 →	7 9 am Taping of Flash Mob	8 9 am Taping of Flash Mob
9 Presch. Sing @ Worship All District Pastor's Conf	10 Comm. Coat Drive begins	11 →	12 7 pm Adult Bible Study →	13 →	14 St. Pats Paper Drive	15 9:15 am Ladies Booktalk 4 pm Family Movie Af- ternoon
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## **Up Coming Events!**

St Andrew will hold their **Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving Eve**, Wednesday, November 23rd at 7 p.m. Our theme will be "A Time to Remember." Please place this on your calendar so you have time to spend with the one who gives us all before you leave to spend time with family and friends.

Ladies Guild Sponsored-**Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot** on Monday, October 31st from 6 to 8 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers to help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. **Christmas Decorating** will take place on **Saturday, December 3rd at 10 a.m.** followed by lunch in the fellowship hall.

### **Church E-Mail**

The e-mail addresses

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If you would like to be added to the e-mail prayer chain list please call the church office.