



Soon to leave winter behind and look forward to Spring

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# NOVESTA NEWS



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## SUNDAYS AT NOVESTA



*The Gospelmen*  
*in Concert*  
**MARCH 13 ~ 10:30 A.M.**

“The Gospelmen” will be with us on March 13 for our morning worship service. They are from the Flint area and have traveled weekly across Michigan for over 25 years to sing for the Lord. You’ll be blessed by their inspirational songs and encouraged in your faith. Please take advantage of this unique worship and invite family and friends to join us on March 13.



*“Spring is in the Air”*  
**POTLUCK**  
**March 20**



Be sure to mark your calendars for March 20th, bring your favorite dish to pass and join in the warm fellowship of Novesta as we get together after service and celebrate each other - and Spring!!.

### **CAMP DAY ~ MARCH 27** **WOLVERINE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP**

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, the director of Wolverine Christian Service Camp, Rex Odglen, will be here to promote the 2011 camp season. There are many wonderful weeks planned, so have your ears tuned in that day as he speaks to us! With snow on the ground, it seems early to be thinking about summer camp but we have included in this issue of the Newsletter a current schedule of the programs offered at Wolverine Christian Service Camp and at Rock Lake Christian Assembly.



## THOSE SERVING IN MARCH

### COMMUNION DEVOTION:

3/6 Gib Kern  
3/13 Ken Peters  
3/20 Russ Speirs  
3/27 Rob Hartwick

### DEACONS:

Dave Beckrow	Garold Peasley
Scott Hendrian	Virgil Peters
Gib Kern	Steve Ross

### USHERS:

Barry Brown	Ed Nizzola
Andy Gray	Eddie Vogel
Leonard Hawkins	Ralph Zinnecker
Gib Kern	Mark Zmierski
Craig Maurer	

### A.M. NURSERY:

3/6	9:30	Marilyn Lester & Jamie Peasley
	10:30	Ann Hartel & Andrea Ross
3/13	9:30	Kristie Speirs & Cindy Pruitt
	10:30	Karen Speirs & Robin Hendrian
3/20	9:30	Karen Speirs & Melissa Hicks
	10:30	Jessica Elston & Karen Speirs
3/27	9:30	Kristie Speirs & Deb Deering
	10:30	Karissa Schrader & Becky Klinkman
4/3	9:30	Marilyn Lester & Robin Beckrow

### WORSHIP LEADERS:

3/6 Sarah Zmierski  
3/13 Fred - Gospelmen  
3/20 Lauren Howard  
3/27 Kristy Speirs

### SOUND SYSTEM:

3/6 Scott Hendrian  
3/13 Ken Peters  
3/20 Dave Speirs  
3/27 Duane O'Dell

### POWER POINT:

3/6 Lyle Severance  
3/13 Carol Hicks  
3/20 Ron Kampo  
3/27 JoEllen Bukoski

### COMMUNION PREPARATION & CLEAN UP:

Kayla Zmierski

### GREETERS:

3/6	9:30 (main)	Janie Kus & family
	(center)	Dave & Kathy Storey
	10:30 (main)	Steve & Andrea Ross
	(center)	Jean Schulz & Mary Lou Spencer
3/13	9:30 (main)	Gib & Pam Kern
	(center)	Dave & Robin Beckrow
	10:30 (main)	Skip Speirs & Ron Kampo
	(center)	Becky Howard & Donna Nye
3/20	9:30 (main)	Russ & Kristie Speirs
	(center)	Larry & Sherry Thick
	10:30 (main)	Phil & Cindy Klaus
	(center)	Barry & Kerry Brown
3/27	9:30 (main)	Virgil & Amy Peters
	(center)	Harold & Joan Little
	10:30 (main)	Keith Little & Ron Speirs
	(center)	Ken & Patty Peters
4/3	9:30 (main)	Duane & Kathy O'Dell
	(center)	Dave & Karen Speirs
	10:30 (main)	Chuck & Kelli Hendrick
	(center)	Vonda Kolb & Bernie Wutzke

### JUNIOR CHURCH:

3/6	Leaders:	Kerry & Jodie
	Helper:	Kirsten
	Songs:	Sharron
3/13	Leaders:	Dawn & Jodie
	Helper:	high schooler
	Songs:	Lauren
3/20	Leaders:	Dawn & Jodie
	Helper:	high schooler
	Songs:	Beth
3/27	Leaders:	Laura & Carolyn
	Helper:	high schooler
	Songs:	Sharron
4/3	Leaders:	Laura & Carolyn
	Helper:	Jamie P.
	Songs:	Sharron



**JUNE**  
**13th—16th**

Though there's still snow on the ground, it won't be long and VBS will be here! June 13-16 there will be plenty of cowboy hats and bandanas around as this year's theme will be "Western." It should be a lot of fun as usual, so be looking for more info in the months and weeks ahead! Any questions or suggestions, see Brad Speirs.

# Cards and Notes

*My Church Family,*

*So nice of you, so appreciated by me for all the nice things you do. Some one is always there to help me. You even help me when you see me up town. I would name names but the card isn't big enough. I would like to thank who gave me the card at Christmas with the money. God Bless each of you.*

*Love,  
Irene Nicol*

*Novesta,*

*Can't thank everybody enough for the countless prayers and cards I've received in the last few weeks — I'm doing great.*

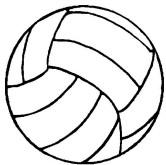
*Thanks again,  
Skip*

*Novesta,*

*We are sending you this note of thanks. Garrett & I are so thankful for everything our congregation has done for us. We are so blessed to have such wonderful people in our lives. Words can not express how much we appreciate each and every one's thoughts, prayers, donations and words of encouragement. We feel if you were to look up the definition of a church you would find Novesta in the description. Garrett and I have found our Christian family and are so happy. My HOPE is that I will be able to feel like myself again. Thank you to everyone that has dedicated time out of your lives to help with the benefit. Once again, thank you Novesta!*

*With love,  
The Roberts Family*

## VOLLEYBALL INFO...



Be sure to change the schedule for March 10<sup>th</sup>. Use the games from February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We play @ 8:15pm against the Cass City Missionary Church. We also do NOT ref that evening. Any questions, see Brad Speirs.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1		Lyle Hutchinson
3/2		CarLee Stimpfel
3/6		Tessa Kus
3/7		Donna Nye
3/7		Kathy O'Dell
3/7		Paige Lester
3/9		Sharron Hartwick
3/10		Isabella Hiles
3/11		Branson Stimpfel
3/12		Lukas Schenk
3/12		Lane Herford
3/13	(A)	Shawn & Becky Klinkman
3/14		Kayla Zmierski
3/14		Kirsten Guc
3/14		Blake Schrader
3/15		Kim Gray
3/16		Kalee Gray
3/16		Craig Maurer
3/16	(A)	Dave & Robin Beckrow
3/17		Betty Stilson
3/18		Barry Brown
3/19		Gordon Holcomb
3/19		Jackie Warju
3/20		Janice Brandel
3/20	(A)	Keith & Mary Ann Lowe
3/21		Brett Deering
3/21		Darla DeLuyck
3/21		Dylan Severance
3/22		Bill Britt
3/22		Mark Zmierski
3/23	(A)	Dave & Karen Speirs
3/24		Ron Roche
3/24	(A)	Irv & Ruth Ann Kitchin
3/25		Brad Gniewek
3/25		Sandy Nizzola
3/25		Sloane Stimpfel
3/25		Kendra Grady
3/26		Troy Peasley
3/27		Carley Hendrick
3/27		Gerald Hicks
3/28		Lucas Lester
3/29		Tyler Brandel
3/30		Kim Summersett
3/30	(A)	Mark & Patty Peck

## SAMS CARD

It's time to renew. If you have had your Sams card thru the church, let us know if you want to renew. Anyone that wants to sign up or renew, it's \$35. Let the office know as we'll be sending in our membership in April and need to do them all at one time. We can add up to eight people.

## FACTS & FIGURES

**Average weekly attendance for the month of February 2011 (to date):**

Bible School ... 132

A.M. Worship ... 213

**New Members in 2011: 6**

**Offering averages for February (to date):**

Sunday Offerings.....\$3,729.64

(Budget per Sunday: \$3,846)

**BRICK Fund:**

Balance: \$52,032.65

( Payment per month \$1,206.75 )

**Received this month for payments:**

\$1,110.00



*Chuck and Amy Emmert cordially invite you to join them for a Dinner Reception in honor of the newlyweds*

*Craig and Jordan Emmert*

*Friday Evening, April 15, 2011*

*at six thirty in the evening at*

*Noesta Church of Christ*

*Their wedding will have already taken place in*

*Elizabethton, Tennessee on March 19, 2011*

*To help make their wedding complete, it is now time to celebrate with more family and friends here in Michigan*

*Come and meet the new*

*Mr. and Mrs. Craig Emmert*

*Appetizers will be served a six thirty with dinner following*

*The couple is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond*

There is a sign up posted on the bulletin board.

Please sign up by the April 3rd deadline.



## OUR MILITARY

**Scott Brownson** - (Tom & Doris Stimpfel's nephew)

**Andrew Caig** - (Terry's son) - in Iraq

**Justin Fischer** - (Tom & Doris Stimpfel's nephew) - in Japan

**Blain Gniewek** - Brad's brother

**Aaron Hackett** - (friend of Soper's)

**Brad Hartel** - (Jeff & Ann's son) - in Japan

**John Kiehl** - (Brenda Miller's brother)

**Toby Kilbourn** - (Jim's son)

**Ben Knoblet** - (Tim Knoblet's nephew)

**Tom Kolb** - (Vonda's son)

**Lester Maurer** - (Gloria Maurer's son)

**Jamie Parrish** - (Kristie Speirs' brother, Betty Stilson's grandson) - serving in Iraq

**Matt Peck** - Mark's son

**Ashleigh Rabideau** - (Robin Beckrow's niece) - in Qatar

**Ryan Reid** - (Jeff Hartel's nephew)

**Julie Roche** - Air Force (Doctor in training)

**Chris Skiles** - North Carolina

**Karl Stuckey** - (Mittlestat's nephew)

**Jacques Weilbach** - (Jacques & Marsha's son)

**Marius Weilbach** - (Jacques & Marsha's son)

## LASER TAG TRIP DETAILS...

**Time:**

Sun., April 3rd @ NOON—Mon., April 4th @ 4 p.m.

**Location:**

Laser Team Challenge, Alpena, MI

**Cost:**

\$50—covers food, hotel, & laser tag!!!

**Who:**

High Schoolers

Bring swim shorts, warm clothes (it's indoor, but not heated)

**Deadline to Sign-up:**

**March 20th** on Brad's door

Any questions concerning the greatest day of the Spring, see Brad Speirs.

## Here We Grow Again ...



We congratulate and welcome Shelli Herford who was immersed into Christ on January 30. Shelli and her husband, Ryan, have five children. They live at 4265 Hurds Corner Road, Cass City.

Also, congratulations go to Thomas Mittlestat who was immersed on February 6th following the morning worship service. Tom is not new to Novesta, he has attended here since he was little. We are happy for him and the decision he has made.

Please be in prayer for others that need to make similar decisions.

## MISSION TRIP TO... Woodburn Christian Children's Home

**July 9 at 6:00 a.m. - July 11 at 11:30 p.m.**

We're heading to Woodburn, IN to complete various projects around the campus. We're hoping to re-shingle a roof, build shelving, paint lines on a basketball court, along with some general cleaning, painting, and other ways to help out the ministry. The cost is going to be about \$200 a person (which includes all your money for meals, lodging, and money to provide for the needs of the projects themselves.) In addition to the work we will be doing, there is going to be time for fellowship with the kids and workers at Woodburn, devotions together as a group, swimming, volleyball, and an all-around great experience. This is a great opportunity to enjoy serving Jesus.

If you fully plan on going, please sign up by March 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please talk to Brad Speirs or Ray Peasley.

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**GLCC'S 2011**  
**Women's Spring Celebration**  
**April 29 ~ 6:30 p.m.**  
**at the Doty Center**  
 Ladies, you are invited to attend the annual fund raiser/buffet at Great Lakes Christian College on Friday evening, April 29. The theme is "God's Photo Album." The speaker is Linda Norville of Anderson, Indiana and the talent from the GLCC students will be featured for the evening. The cost is \$12/person and the deadline to sign up is April 10. It's always enjoyable and refreshing as we meet together with our Christian sisters.  
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## SOFTBALL SIGN-UP

The Sports Board in the middle hallway has a sign-up for all those interested in playing softball this summer. You must be in High School or above to play. A fun time is always had by all who participate! And it's also a great way to meet other people from the community churches! Any questions, see Brad



## DINNER EXCHANGE

Names are posted for last month's dinner exchange, check it out and see who you will enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with! In the meantime, be sure to sign up now for the next dinner exchange - names will be posted in the beginning of May!! This is truly something that you don't want to miss out on - sign up today!



## "Girls Night of Fun, Fashion and Friends"

**Runway Party!**

**March 25 ~ 5:00 p.m.**

Join us on Friday, March 25th at 5:00 p.m. as we get together for a night of fun! Get your hair and makeup done, dress up in fun and fabulous outfits and show off your style on the runway! Bring your favorite dish to pass for the potluck!





## PRAYER MINISTRY SPEAKS



*"For when they shall say, 'peace and safety'; then sudden destruction cometh upon them."*  
I Thessalonians 5:3-4 (KJ)

**Spend time in prayer and please make these  
your prayer requests for March 2011:**

- Pray for us to allow the Lord to direct our hearts into the love of God and the patient waiting for Christ. II Thessalonians 3:5
- Pray for us to always keep in mind and action that we are the light in the world as Jesus was, so do not abide in darkness. John 12:46
- Pray for us not to be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. II Corinthians 6:14
- Pray for us to always keep in mind that we have a great invitation to rest. Matthew 11:28-30
- Pray for us to keep in mind that we have no right to judge what the man of this world eats or keeps or what he does. God is the judge of mankind. Romans 14:13
- Pray for us to always keep in mind that we have hope and relief through God's mercy. Lamentations 3:22-23
- Pray for us to always keep in mind that we always have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous. I John 2:1

### Remember, Guardian Angels,

**This is our church family, we should all  
pray every day for all of God's children,  
be faithful in your prayers.**

#### Community Prayer Topic:

*Pray for a greater hunger and thirst for God, this will deepen our relationship with God. We should make a fresh dedication to seek God, spend time with Him and cultivate a deeper relationship.*

#### A special note from me to you:

Just as Jesus became a servant, just as He has and still encourages and comforts us, we should do the same for others. Our attitude towards one another should be the same as His is towards all mankind. Keep these words ... I can do it for my family, my church family, my nation, my Father.

*Smile, Jesus loves You and So Do I*  
Bernie Wutzke

## LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

**\*\*Member**



- \*\*Lee Nicol** - (Irene's son)  
**Linda** - MS (Lena Teller's daughter)  
**Heather Fisher** - seizures (Eric & Wendy's daughter)  
**Chris Klco** - (Amy Peters' brother) updates on  
[www.chrisklco.com](http://www.chrisklco.com)  
**Quinton Simpson** - in a coma (Dena Anderson's nephew)  
**Carol Hartman** - awaiting heart transplant (friend of Pat McIntosh)  
**Brennen Pitcher** - leukemia (USA High School student)  
**Shirley Zellar** - (Pat McIntosh's mother)  
**Lester O'Dell** - Emphazema  
**Shirley Turpin** - (Carol Gaszczynski's sister)  
**Andrew Teller** - cancer (Lena Teller's grandson)  
**Don Buehrly** - Tendercare  
**\*\* Roy Evans** - heart issues  
**Wally Wojtaszke** - cancer (Ann Hartel contact person)  
**\*\* Lena Teller** - aneurysm  
**Lynn Fish** - (Carolyn Mittlestat's father)  
**Katherine Groulx** - cancer (Grace Nellett's sister-in-law)  
**\*\*Tim Blehm** - hearing loss  
**Wendy Lester** - cancer  
**Harland Lounsbury** - stroke (Pat McIntosh contact)  
**Lisa Starr** - brain tumor (Nev's cousin)  
**Melissa Bills** - cancer (friend of Pat McIntosh & Randee Speirs)  
**Garrett Roberts' mother & brother** - cancer  
**Families** in our church & community without work  
**Ashley Patrick's mother**  
**Aneita Denhoff** - Carrie Gilley's mother  
**Elmer Louis** - Doris Hendrick's brother  
**Harland Tuckey** - (Doris Hendrick contact person)  
**Marlys Loose** - stroke (Kathy Storey's mother)  
**Anthony Opiola** - chronic asthma

**ATTENTION:** If you know any of these on this list that are well and can be eliminated from it, please let the church office know.

## SAGINAW SOUP KITCHEN

**March 18 ~ 8:50 a.m.**

Sign up on the bulletin board in the middle hallway if you'd like to help.



## YOUR ELDERS MEET

The next elders meeting will be Wednesday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any praises or concerns, feel free to share them with any elder or minister.

# CIY BELIEVE

April 29-30

On Friday, April 29th at NOON we'll be heading to Holland, MI for an extremely FUN and rewarding trip for all 7th-8th grade students! We'll be returning home April 30th at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$80 which covers the hotel, inflatables, program, and FOOD! Deadline to sign up on Brad Speirs' door is March 20th! Don't miss this!



## Mission Team Traveling to Haiti

As many of you know, we're sending a team to Haiti this summer to work with Northwest Haiti Christian Mission. The team, which will be in Haiti July 2<sup>nd</sup> thru July 11th to share the gospel and be Christ's hands and feet, is asking for financial help. The need is \$1700 per person and we are currently far from reaching that goal.

While in Haiti some of the work we'll be doing includes: a puppet ministry, personal evangelism, construction, preaching, medical work, and serving the people of Haiti in any other way we can. Our goal is to touch hearts and change lives by sharing the love of Christ!

There is a fund set up with the Mission Ministry specifically for this group that you can contribute to at any time. If you are able and willing, we would greatly appreciate you teaming up with us to accomplish what God has planned for the team in Haiti. Thank you in advance for giving us this opportunity.

## LOON'S GAME



Calling all baseball fans!! A "homerun" event is on the books!! So grab your glove and mark your calendar for Sunday, May 22nd at 2:05 p.m. as a date you don't want to forget! Sign up today!

## CAMP SCHEDULES

(Listed below are the schedules for your planning of vacations, etc.)

### ROCK LAKE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

June 19-24	7th-8th Grade
June 25	1st Grade
June 26-July 1	All Girls (8th-12th Grade)
June 26-July 1	9th-12th Grade Kayak Trip
July 6-8	2nd-3rd Grade
July 10-15	Jr. High Canoe Trip
July 10-16	9th-12th Grade
July 17-22	All Girls Wilderness
July 24-29	5th-6th Grade
July 24-30	Sr. High Backpack & Canoe Trip
July 31-Aug. 5	All Girls (3rd-7th Grade)
August 1-5	5th-6th Grade Wilderness
August 7-12	3rd-4th Grade
August 14-19	All Boys (erd-8th Grade)
August 26-28	Handi-Camp 1 (ages 10-adult)
September 23-24	Handi-Camp 2 (ages 10-adult)

### RLCA RETREATS:

May 13-14	Ladies Retreat
September 2-5	Family Camp
September 13-14	Adult Camp

### WOLVERINE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP

June 19-24	4th-6th Grade
June 19-24	4th-6th Grade Dance Camp
June 26-July 1	6th-9th Grade
June 26-July 1	6th-9th Grade Soccer Camp
June 26-July 1	4th-6th Grade Nature Camp
July 10-15	High School (9th-12th) Grade
July 17-19	1st-2nd Grade
July 19-22	3rd-4th Grade
July 17-22	7th-9th Grade Nature Camp
July 24-29	5th-8th Grade Girls
July 24-29	9th-12th Grade Girls
August 5-6	Mentor Camp
August 19-20	High School Lock In

### WCSC RETREATS:

May 20-21	Men's Retreat
August 26-27	Senior Citizen Retreat
September 9-10	Women's Retreat
September 19-21	Sermon Workshop

# MARCH 2011

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30-10:15 a.m. - Bible School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

5:00 p.m. - Junior Choir

6:00 p.m. - Shine

7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Ladies Bible Study—10 a.m. Men's Bible Study—7 p.m. Basketball in our gym—7 p.m.	2 Bible Bowl 3:30 p.m.	3 Basketball in our gym—7 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball 9:15 p.m.	4 Gym reserved 1-3 p.m.	5 Bible Bowl Round Robin
6	7 Prayer Time 10 a.m.	8 Ladies Bible Study—10 a.m. Men's Bible Study—7 p.m. Basketball in our gym—7 p.m.	9 Bible Bowl 3:30 p.m.	10 Basketball in our gym—7 p.m. Mission Ministry Meeting—7 p.m. Co-ed Volleyball 8:15 p.m.	11 MICHIGAN STATEWIDE 11th thru 13th	12 Gym reserved
13 Daylight Saving Time Begins GOSPELMEN Food Pantry Day Jr. Church room reserved—12-5pm	14 Prayer Time 10 a.m.	15 Ladies Bible Study—10 a.m. Men's Bible Study—7 p.m. Basketball —7pm Finance Ministry Meeting—7 p.m.	16 Bible Bowl 3:30 p.m.	17 Basketball in our gym—7 p.m. Co-ed Rallyball 8:15 p.m.	18 Saginaw Soup Kitchen—8:50 am Gym reserved 1-3 p.m. Family Game Night—6:30 pm	19
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