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JUNIOR CHOIR PRESENTS

Mini Cantata titled "Dear God"
MAY 3 ~ 6:00 P.M.



Plan now to join us in the evening May 3rd for the Jr. Choir cantata on "Prayer." Through song and prayer they will tell us of four different ways of praying. 1) Write a letter of love; 2) Talk with God all day; 3) Praise God daily; or 4) a Meditation prayer. Come to find out what the children have to say. There will also be congregational singing/praising. The children have been working hard on their songs and memorization so let's be sure to give them encouragement. Put May 3rd on your calendar so you don't forget.

Mother - You're Loved and Appreciated

*As children, we can't comprehend or fully realize
The meaning of a mother's love how tender and how wise,
Her patience and her guidance, her helpful, caring ways,
The special, thoughtful things she does to brighten up the days.
Years go by, before we know the depth of her concern,
The love in her protectiveness - it takes so long to learn...
But as we grow, we understand, for we look back and see,
Through older eyes and wiser hearts, her love and loyalty.
It's these and many other things that make her grow more dear,
More admired and more appreciated with every passing year.*



Happy Mother's Day ~ May 10



GRADUATE SUNDAY AT NOVESTA

On May 17th, we will be hosting a graduate breakfast as well as presenting the graduates with a special gift from the congregation on that day.

Below is the current list of graduates that we have for 2009.

**Thomas Cotton, Brandon Hartwick, Michael Howard, JC Knight, Stephanie Maxwell,
Kenny Peters, Chris Summersett, Krysta Timko, Jacques Weilbach.**

If you know of someone within the church that is graduating that we've missed, please let the church office know ASAP.

Baccalaureate at Cass City is May 17th at 2:00 p.m. in the High School cafeteria.

Commencement at Cass City is May 29 @ 7 pm, Ubyly is May 31 @ 1 pm, & Mayville is May 31 @ 2:30 pm

THOSE SERVING IN MAY

COMMUNION MEDITATION:

5/3 Don Englehart
5/10 Skip Speirs
5/17 Ken Peters
5/24 Fred Hicks
5/31 Ray Peasley

DEACONS:

Scott Hendrian Dave Speirs
Ked Miller Jason Speirs
Garold Peasley Bernie Wutzke
Steve Ross

USHERS:

Barry Brown Leonard Hawkins
Lawrence Englehart Dave Ware
Andy Gray Mark Zmierski

A.M. NURSERY:

5/3 9:15 Brenda Miller, Mary Helen Pratt
10:30 Marilyn Lester, Jodie Mika
5/10 9:15 Donella Peasley, Doris Stimpfel
10:30 Andrea Ross, Cindy Armbruster
5/17 9:15 Beth Marshall, Robyn Murdoch
10:30 Jamie Peasley, Tiffany Wilson
5/24 9:15 Cindy Klaus, Melissa Hicks
10:30 Judy Britt, Cindy Pruitt
5/31 9:15 Wanda Leboida, Linda Downing
10:30 Alecia Little, Jason Weippert
6/7 9:15 Brenda Miller, JoEllen Bukoski
10:30 Marilyn Lester

SPECIAL MUSIC:

5/3 Jr. Choir & Chelsa DeLuyck
5/10 Barb Englehart
5/17 Ada Kilbourn
5/24 Patricia Little
5/31

SOUND SYSTEM:

5/3 Darla DeLuyck
5/10 Scott Hendrian
5/17 Ken Peters
5/24 Duane O'Dell
5/31 Darla DeLuyck

VIDEO PROJECTION:

5/3 Lyle Severance
5/10 Carol Hicks
5/17 Ron Kampo
5/24 Debbie Deering
5/31 JoEllen Bukoski

KITCHEN DUTY: Bev Auten, Patty Peters

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Darla DeLuyck

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: Patty Peters

GREETERS:

5/3 9:30 (main) Ann Hartel, Irene Nicol
(center) Mike & Carol Gaszczynski
10:45 (main) Melanie & Tara Nicholas
(center) Vonda Kolb, Lena Teller
5/10 9:30 (main) Roy & Gina Evans
(center) Janice Winter, Irene Nicol
10:45 (main) Deb Deering, Irene Nicol
(center) Dave & Karen Speirs
5/17 9:30 (main) Chris & Kim Summersett
(center) Brad & Cori Gniewek
10:45 (main) Dave & Kathy Storey
(center) Duane & Kathy O'Dell
5/24 9:30 (main) Les & Bev Auten
(center) Lawrence & Elfriede Englehart
10:45 (main) Virgil & Amy Peters
(center) Harold & Joan Little
5/31 9:30 (main) Janie Kus family
(center) Randy & Jean Diebel
10:45 (main) Grace Nellett, Jean Long
(center) Jim & Wanda Lonsberry
6/7 9:30 (main) Darla & Chelsa DeLuyck
(center) Joe & Barb Butterfield
10:45 (main) Burt & Marilyn Rosenberger
(center) Jamie & Caren Guc

JUNIOR CHURCH:

2's—3's: Donna Little, Teacher
Julie Mozdzen, Helper
4's—1st: Patty Peters, Teacher
Jessica Elston, Helper
2nd—4th: Kerry Brown, Teacher
Paige Lester, Helper
Snacks: Kerry Brown
Song Leaders: Sharron Hartwick
Lauren Walther
Beth Mellendorf

Changes /Additions To Add To Your Directory

David Nordquist's cell phone: 989-280-6464
Peggy's Nordquist's cell phone: 989-280-6463

Correction: Larry & Patty Miller 872-3647

Scott Hendrian's e-mail: hendrianscott@yahoo.com

Sam Patnaude 989-225-2640
6142 Comment Dr., Cass City, MI 48726



Cards & Notes



Novesta Church Family,

I just wanted to share with you all my graduation from Michigan State University on May 9, 2009! I will be graduating with my Bachelor's of Science in psychology. I want to truly thank my church family for everything they've done for me throughout the many years I've been apart of Novesta. Your prayers and encouragements have meant more than you can ever know! Thank you! Much Love!

Joe Vandecar

Church Family,

Thanks for all you have done for mom.

The family of Marge Gage

Dear church friends,

Thank you for all the prayers for Kirsten. We are so blessed by your loving & caring encouragement. Praise God that she is now healthy & doing well now. She is truly a miracle and joy!

In His love,

James, Caren & Kirsten Guc

Novesta Family,

Thanks for all who sent cards and said prayers. Your kindness was appreciated.

Gary Long Family

To Our Church Family,

Thank you so much for the sympathy cards and the many prayers. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Dennis & Michelle Hendrick and family

Birthdays

- 5/4 Ann Hartel
- 5/5 Jimmy Dennis
- 5/6 Matt Storey
- 5/7 Robin Beckrow
- 5/7 Ked Miller
- 5/7 Heidi Miller
- 5/7 Taylor Marshall
- 5/8 Brian Williams
- 5/9 Bill Childers
- 5/9 Craig Emmert
- 5/10 Andy Gray
- 5/11 Keith Little
- 5/13 Leonard Hawkins
- 5/17 Hannah Dennis
- 5/17 Wanda Leboida Klauka
- 5/18 Paul Bessler
- 5/18 Betsy Martin
- 5/18 Jennifer Potts
- 5/19 Taylor Brown
- 5/20 Don Englehart
- 5/20 Elizabeth DeLuyck
- 5/21 Jeff Healy
- 5/21 Katie Klaus
- 5/21 Justin Louks
- 5/23 Brooke Hartwick
- 5/23 Stuart Venema
- 5/24 Brandon Hartwick
- 5/24 Brandon Speirs
- 5/24 Chris Whisenant
- 5/25 Betty Powell
- 5/26 Russ Speirs
- 5/27 Lindsey Speirs
- 5/27 Lauren Howard
- 5/27 Cindy Pruitt
- 5/27 Tiffany Wilson
- 5/28 Joshua Brandel
- 5/28 Jonathan Potts
- 5/29 Kathy Storey
- 5/29 Jesse Gomez
- 5/30 Bryce Bukoski
- 5/31 Virgil Peters

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE FOR MAY

Mon., May 11	7:00 p.m.	Field 2	Mizpah Missionary
Thurs., May 14	7:00 p.m.	Field 1	Colwood I
Fri., May 15	8:45 p.m.	Field 2	R.O.C. II
Mon., May 18	8:45 p.m.	Field 1	Caro Assembly
Thurs., May 21	8:45 p.m.	Field 2	Colwood II
Thurs., May 28	8:45 p.m.	Field 1	Deford

Anniversaries in May

5/5	Roy & Gina Evans	5/16	Ed & Sandy Nizzola
5/6	Scott & Beth Marshall	5/18	Gerald & Elsie Hicks
5/10	Stuart & Brenda Venema	5/20	Virgil & Amy Peters
5/13	Lyle & Heather Severance	5/24	Tim & Jennifer Blehm
5/13	Tom & Sloane Stimpfel	5/29	Jamie & Caren Guc

REMEMBER:

- 1 HOUR WORSHIP
- 1 HOUR STUDY
- 1 HOUR SERVICE



FACTS & FIGURES

Average weekly attendance for the month of April (to date):

Bible School ... 156
Worship ... 271

New Members this year - 28

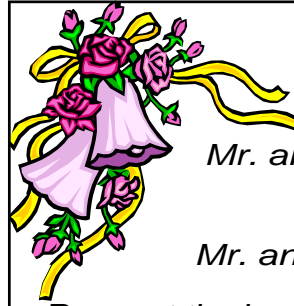
Offering averages for April (to date):

Bible School.....\$63.51
Sunday Offerings.....\$4,984.09
(Budget per Sunday: \$5,672.00)

BRICK Fund: (Balance: \$102,916.16)
(Payment per month \$1,206.75)

PARKING LOT Fund: (Balance: \$1,130.15)
(Payment per month \$812.98)

Received in April (to date) for payments:
\$2,095.00



*Mr. and Mrs. David Speirs
and*

Mr. and Mrs. David Skiles

*Request the honor of your presence at the
marriage of their children*

Lindsey Rae

and

Christopher Ray

on Saturday, the ninth of May

two thousand and nine

at 3 o'clock in the afternoon

Novesta Church of Christ

Cass City, Michigan

*Dinner reception at 6 o'clock
Kingston High School*

Please sign up on the foyer board by April 25
if you plan to attend

A Mystery ... Who Could It Be ???

Who could it be? When you think you've figured out who the mystery person is, ask them if you're right.

Our last Mystery Person was
Janice Brandel

Here's the clues for this month:

- I live just a short distance from where I grew up.
- The name of the road that I live on is one of my favorite foods.
- My kids live in a warmer climate than I do.
- Over the past few months I have completed lots of projects around the house.

Who do you think I am?



OUR MILITARY:

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

Andrew Caig - (Lynn & Terry's son) - in Iraq

Michael Coy - (David Nordquist's nephew)

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

Aaron Hackett - (friend of Soper's)

Brad Hartel - (Jeff & Ann's son)

John Kiehl - (Brenda Miller's brother)

Toby Kilbourn - (Jim's son)

Ben Knoblet - (Tim Knoblet's nephew)

Joshua Larkin - (Mittlestat's nephew)

Clinton Maurer - (Gloria Maurer's son)

Kyle Maurer - (Doris Stimpfel's nephew) - in Iraq

Lester Maurer - (Gloria Maurer's son)

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

Ryan Reid - (Jeff Hartel's nephew)

Julie Roche - Air Force (Doctor in training)

Chris Skiles - (Lindsey Speirs' fiancé) - North Carolina

Karl Stuckey - (Mittlestat's nephew)

Derek VanAllen - (Sharron Hartwick's nephew)



**PRAYER
MINISTRY
SPEAKS**



“Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed”. Psalm 37:3 KJ

Please make these your Prayer requests for May 2009:

- Pray daily for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus. Mark 3:35
- Pray for us to keep ourselves in meekness so that the love of Christ will shine through us to others. Matthew 5:5
- Pray for us to have God teach us to do His will. Psalm 143:10
- Pray for us to stay in unity for there are false prophets and teachers. II Peter 2:1
- Pray for us to love God and to love each other; also keep the faith, hope, and love, the greatest being love. I Corinthians 13:13
- Pray for us to seek God’s Wisdom, for it is life and health to us. Proverbs 4:20-27

**Remember,
Guardian Angels,
to be faithful in your prayers.**

Community Prayer Topic:

Pray for us at this time in our lives to keep believing in God’s Word and trust God for our needs. Forget what the world says, for we shall keep our eyes on God’s Word and Jesus at all times.

Smile, Jesus Loves You
and So Do I

Bernie Wutzke

**LONG TERM
PRAYER LIST**

****Member**



- Marv Winter** - heart problems
Robert Cotton - Parkinsons (Bob’s dad)
Heather Fisher - seizures (Eric & Wendy’s daughter)
****Lee Nicol** - (Irene's son)
Linda - MS (Lena Teller's daughter)
Chris Klco - (Amy Peters' brother) updates: 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)
Kyle Hopper - cancer (neighbor of Ada Kilbourn)
Bill & Josephine Richardson - (Carol Gaszczynski contact person)
Vaughn Severance - seizures
Shirley Zellar - (Pat McIntosh’s mother)
Georgia Plementosh - cancer (Emmert’s sister-in-law)
Lester O’Dell - Emphazema
Lanettia Tuckey - stroke (Doris Hendrick’s sister-in-law)
Charles Nizzola - Tendercare (Ed’s dad)
Maynard Stine - cancer (Marie Peasley contact person)
Selma Schulz - Hospice (Elmer’s mother)
Mark Matusik - cancer (Mittlestat’s brother-in-law)
Shirley Turpin - (Carol Gaszczynski’s sister)
Geraldine Deese - (Doris Hendrick’s sister)
Marvin Touzeau - (Jean Long’s dad)
Andrew Teller - cancer (Lena Teller’s grandson)
Jack Wallace - cancer (Doris Hendrick contact person)
Richard Marker - cancer (Jane Englehart’s dad)
Brian Mallory - leukemia
John Bailey - cancer (friend of Littles & Emmerts)
Don Buehrly - Tendercare - stroke
**** Roy Evans** - heart issues
Paula Yowell - cancer (June Blehm’s niece)
Wally Wojtaszke - cancer (Ann Hartel contact person)
Karen Wills - (Ruth Ann Kitchin contact person)

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.



Nursery Helpers Needed

If you would like to help out in the Nursery on a Sunday morning, let Brad Speirs know. We have some slots that are not filled that we would like to take care of.

Hi!!

Let me introduce myself.

I am Novesteetah, the church mouse. I live at Novesta Church of Christ and am very happy to have such a nice home. I get to watch all the activities here (and I watch for crumbs, too, of course) and will report on them in your church newsletter. I just leave my report on Mary Helen's desk and she takes care of it.



The L.I.F.T. Ladies had a nice progressive dinner with an International theme. (I had Polish, Irish, Chinese, and Hawaiian crumbs to choose from, plus salads and desserts.) I'll miss them. They won't be meeting again until September.

I really enjoy the monthly second Wednesday potluck dinners. There sure are a lot of good cooks there (which means extra good crumbs for me).

I hear there's a sweet lady at Novesta that's getting the single ladies together for fun and fellowship. Isn't that neat? Reminds me of a song, "The more we get together, the happier we'll be."

Until next time
(and keep the crumbs falling)

Novesteetah, the
church mouse

Weekly Study/Fellowship Opportunities

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

meets at Carol Gaszczyński's on
Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP

(two groups)

One meets at Virgil & Amy Peters'
1st & 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

The other meets at Rob & Susie Hartwick's
2nd & 4th Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

HOME FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

"The Truth Project"
meets at Don & Barb Englehart's on
Thursdays at 7:00 pm.

You are invited & welcome to attend !!!

FAMILY GAME NIGHT WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

It was decided at our last Game Night that because of ballgames, gardens, new fawns, etc., we will dismiss until September.

ATTENTION BIKERS



Don't forget to log your miles on the sign up board in the foyer. Others will want to check this board out and see the miles racked up by our Novesta riders. Ride on!!!

FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK

May 13 at NOON



Wednesday, May 13, is our Fellowship Potluck at noon. Bring a dish to pass and invite some friends.

This potluck is for anyone who is available during the day and would like to come join us.

We have a good time visiting and GREAT food. We usually don't meet during June-July-August so this will be our last potluck until September.

EastSide Soup Kitchen

May 15th - 8AM

SIGN UP on the list in the foyer.

YOUR ELDERS MEET

The next elders meeting will be Monday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any praises or concerns, feel free to share them with any elder or Brad.

Here We Grow Again ...

On April 5, Sam Patnaude was immersed into Christ. Sam lives at 6142 Comment Drive in Cass City.

Jamie Little, having already been immersed, placed her membership with Novesta. Jamie is married to Matt Little and they have a baby daughter, Lillianne.

We welcome these new members and pray for others who need to make similar decisions.

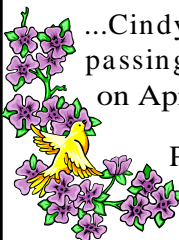
With Deepest Sympathy

We extend our most heartfelt sympathy to...

...Dennis & Michelle Hendrick, Casey and Jaclyn on the passing of Dennis' father, Morris, on Apr 16.

...Cindy & Chad Pruitt and Tiffany on the passing of Cindy's father, Dale Robert Kaiser on April 17.

Please keep these families in prayer as they mourn the loss of their loved ones.



PAID IN FULL

The Finance Ministry is pleased to inform you that our parking lot debt will be paid in full on May 5th. We want to thank everyone for your sacrificial giving. We have a balance of \$102,916.16 on our building debt. We believe that God will continue to bless our church both Spiritually and financially.

LIBRARY NEWS



If you have the "Love and Respect" DVDs, would you please let Ellen Speirs know or leave them in the library. Thanks.

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

May 3 - following 2nd service

With Mother's Day, Graduation, and Open Houses in May, we decided that May 3rd would be the best day for our All Church Potluck. Plan to attend as this is a great opportunity to invite our visitors and for all of us to get better acquainted.

So bring some food and enjoy the fellowship. (We can even get out the games, Wii, etc., if anyone wants to linger longer). Plan to come join us!!

Graduation Open Houses

(these are the ones we know so far)

Brandon Hartwick

June 6 ~ at church ~ TBA

Kenny Peters

June 13 ~ at church ~ TBA

J.C. Knight

June 27 ~ at church ~ TBA

MEN & BOYS FISHING RETREAT

Men's and Boys Fishing Trip June 13-14. Sign up sheet is posted and filling fast. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for boys under the age of 18. We are asking for prepayment by May 18th. Please give your money to Dave Storey. Also, if you want a new shirt let us know by the 18th. Don't forget to bring a dish to pass for Saturday's dinner.



Attention!!! Single Ladies

On May 20 we will meet at 8:00 a.m. and go to Gillian's for Breakfast and then off to the Plant Farms we go!!! This should be a fun day for all and we can visit a few places and buy some plants if we want. Come join us, it sounds like fun!! We really enjoyed the day together in April and are looking forward to May. There is a sign up in the foyer if you plan to come so we can plan our transportation.

Comfort Ministry May 6 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

The Comfort Ministry meets on the first Wednesday of every month. We begin at 9:00 a.m. and work until 3:00 p.m. Bring some money for lunch and bring your own beverage (or sometimes one of the group brings a pot of soup). You may want to bring your scissors or any sewing tool you like to use. Come even if you don't sew because



there are many things to do such as cutting material, tying off quilts (which is mostly what we do), sewing of bindings, etc.

Maybe you're are curious and would like to see what goes on. Whatever the reason, come join us!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER May 7



A prayer gathering will be held at the gazebo at the park by Fairway on Main Street at 6:00 p.m. sponsored by the Cass City Ministerial Association.

We'd like to encourage everyone to join us as we lift our prayers to God for our nation. With the many challenges facing our country, let's join other believers in praying on behalf of America's churches, schools, families, businesses, military, government and media.

"If my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14

Also, check out the National Day of Prayer website, a great source of inspiration, devotions and prayers at:

www.NationalDayofPrayer.org

Camp Dates

ROCK LAKE

- 1st Grade - June 27
- 2nd & 3rd - June 28-30
- 2nd & 3rd - July 12—14 (On-Site Wilderness)
- 3rd & 4th - Aug. 9—14
- 3rd & 4th - July 14—17 (On Site Wilderness)
- 3rd—7th - Aug. 2—7 (All Girls Camp)
- 3rd—8th - July 5—10 (All Boys Camp)
- 5th & 6th - July 26—31
- 5th & 6th - Jun 28-Jul 3 (On Site Wilderness)
- 7th & 8th - June 14—19
- 7th—9th - July 19—24 (Canoe Trip 1)
- 7th—9th - July 26—31 (Canoe Trip 2)
- 8th—12th - June 21-26 (All Girls Camp)
- 8th—12th - July 5—10 (All Girls Canoe Trip)
- 9th—12th - July 12—18
- 9th—12th - June 18—21 (Big Ticket Festival)
- 10th—12th - June 21—26 (Kayak Trip)
- 10th—12th - June 28—July 3 (Canoe Trip)
- Ages 10-14 - July 19—24 (All Girls On-Site Wilderness Camp)

RETREATS AT ROCK LAKE

- May 8—9 - Ladies' Retreat
- May 22-25 - Memorial Day Family Work Camp
- Sept. 4—7 - Labor Day Weekend Family Camp
- Sept. 15—16 - Fall Adult Retreat

WOLVERINE

- 1st & 2nd - June 28—30
- 3rd & 4th - July 5—8
- 4th & 5th - July 12—17
- 5th & 6th - June 21—26
- 6th—8th - August 9—14
- 7th—9th - July 26—31
- 8th—12th - Aug. 2—7 (All Girls Camp)
- 9th—12th - July 19—24

RETREATS AT WOLVERINE

- June 5—6 - Men's Retreat
- Aug. 27—28 - Senior Retreat (age 50+)
- Sept. 11—12 - Women's Retreat
- Sept. 25—27 - Teen Retreat

PLEASE NOTE:

Novesta pays half of the Camp Fee at Rock Lake and Wolverine for those who attend Novesta.

At Rock Lake, if you register before May 22 you get a free T-shirt. You need to register at least 2 weeks before the camp date you are attending or else pay \$25 extra.

At Wolverine, you need to send \$40 deposit with your registration. I didn't find a deadline date for registering.



MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Each year, college students from across the country set their studies aside for a week to enjoy Spring Break. Many students use the time to go home and rest; others use it to work a few more hours at their job to earn a few extra dollars; while others use Spring Break to attempt to fill a need in their life with meaningless relationships and an excess of alcohol.

Students involved with the ministry of His House Christian Fellowship were challenged to serve over their Spring Break. Over 360 students responded.

Here is what they found to do:

CMU ~ 151 students and staff served in 8 different locations including 2 different countries. 7 students were also baptized.

FSU ~ 58 students and staff traveled over 2,700 miles to Juarez, Mexico, to work with Casas por Christo.

GVSU ~ 57 students and staff spent time in Ft. Meyers, Florida, working with 4 different missions. 4 students were also baptized in the Gulf of Mexico.

LSSU ~ 24 students and staff served at Grundy Mountain Mission School in Grundy, Virginia.

MSU ~ 22 students and staff traveled to Americus, Georgia, to work with Habitat for Humanity.

MTU ~ 8 students and staff were able to serve the Grundy Mountain Mission School, in Grundy, Virginia, by providing much needed maintenance in several areas.

SVSU ~ 32 students and staff stayed near campus and served in a soup kitchen in Bay City.

WMU ~ 14 students and staff worked on projects for the Cookson Hills Christian Mission in Kansas, Oklahoma.

Finally Walking!!

It's time to CELEBRATE! Though I have already officially graduated this past December with a degree in Pastoral Ministry from Great Lakes Christian College and my diploma is already in my office, I still wanted to walk in the formal ceremony. So, on Saturday, May 16th @ 10 a.m., I will be walking with my fellow classmates in the graduation procession. All of you are welcome to come to have the chance to say that you saw me in a "gown." ☺



Since it was by God's guidance, along with prayers, support, and encouragement from each of you that Cori, my kids and I made it through this process, we would like to invite each of you to stay after church on Sunday, May 17th and enjoy a lunch. We have truly been blessed by our entire family (we include each of you when we say family) and this would give us the opportunity to again say THANK YOU. So remember, me in a "gown" on Saturday and FREE FOOD on Sunday!

See you there,
Brad "NEV" Gniewek

Weigh-to-Go Class

We want to thank Pam Kern for so faithfully leading our group. It is a lot of work/research and Pam has decided because of changes in her work not to continue leading the group. Weigh-to-Go is done April 30 and will resume in September. Thank you, Pam!!



VBS is coming JUNE 15 — 18

This year's theme is "Studio Go" and it's about making a difference in the world around us through the power and strength of Jesus. There will be more info coming soon and a bulletin board with sign-ups and info near the beginning of May. We want you and your kids to come and experience a game show like no other, so plan on joining us for a great adventure the week of June 15th—18th.

Just a Thought ... Jesus loves me, this I know ... for the Bible tells me so. This is a well known chorus that is probably one of the 1st songs children learn at a very early age. If we could just grasp the deep meaning this little song gives us, we would live much happier lives. We get the idea that God only loves us when we are obedient and He withdraws His love when we are rebellious or indifferent. I think of all the heartache in this world with divorce, sickness, depression, and unkindness to one another. Another area is the lack of forgiveness and how it can be haunting for years. No one ever needs to feel alone, misunderstood, or afraid if you trust in Jesus; He does love you (this I do know) because the Bible tells me so.

Donna N.

I Corinthians 8:18...The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing ... but to us who are being saved it is the POWER of God.

MAY

2009

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. - Bible School + Worship 1

10:45 a.m. - Worship 2 + Jr. Church + Bible School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Bible Bowl Gym reserved for a shower
3 All Church Potluck Jr. Choir Mini Cantata 6:00 pm	4 Prayer Time 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study—1 pm	5	6 Men's Prayer Breakfast—6 am Comfort Ministry 9 am—3 pm Bible Bowl—3:30 *M.B.F.— 6 pm @ Peters	7 National Day of Prayer—6 pm @ C.C. Municipal Building "Truth Project" @ Englehart's 7 pm	8 Church reserved for rehearsal	9 Wedding Lindsey S/ Chris S 3 pm Reception 6 pm @ Kingston School
10 Happy Mother's Day No P.M. Service	11 Prayer Time 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study—1 pm Softball—7 pm w/Mispah	12	13 Men's Prayer Breakfast—6 am Fellowship Potluck Noon Bible Bowl—3:30 *M.B.F. @ 6 pm Hartwick's	14 "Truth Project" @ Englehart's 7 pm Softball—7 pm Fld 1 w/Colwood 1	15 Soup Kitchen 8:00 am Softball—8:45 pm Field 2 w/ROC 2	16
17 Graduate Sunday Breakfast—8 am Brad Gniewek's Graduation Open House after 2nd service	18 Prayer Time—10 a Ladies Study—1 p C.E. Ministry—6 p Elders Mtg—7 pm Prayer Ministry—7 Softball—8:45 pm	19 Finance Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm	20 Men's Prayer Breakfast—6 am Single Ladies Outing—8 am Bible Bowl—3:30 *M.B.F. —6 pm @ Peters	21 "Truth Project" @ Englehart's 7 pm Softball—8:45 pm Fld 2 w/Colwood 2	22 Church reserved for rehearsal	23 Church reserved for wedding
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27 Men's Prayer Breakfast—6 am Bible Bowl—3:30 *M.B.F.—6 pm @ Hartwick's	28 "Truth Project" @ Englehart's 7 pm Softball—8:45 Field 1 w/Deford	29	30
31 5th Sunday Offering					CARO 24 HR PRAYER ROOM	
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