

# Weekly Word

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### CIRCUIT-TO-CONFERENCE VISIT

Members of our companion churches in South Africa will be visiting us for three weeks this summer, from June 25-July 13! Here are some things for us to consider:

3. Our guests will want to meet you, attend church meetings, Bible studies and worship. They will be interested in accompanying the pastor on visits to the hospital or nursing homes. They are interested in learning more about the work of the church here, and we will have an opportunity to learn about our companion church.

4. They will take part in our worship service and are interested in attending a wedding, baptism, or funeral. They may teach us one of their songs and vice versa. Tune in next week for more things to consider!

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Roger and Marian Anderson, Lindy and Lee Ann Lindquist, Gene and Karleen Bebel, Jean Lagerbloom, Verna Schaefer, Dave and Carol Finanger, Elsie Newman and Brenda Mueller for their recent donations to the Choir Fund. These gifts will be used to purchase new music, which the choir will enjoy sharing with the entire congregation. "I will sing praises to God while I have being." (Psalm 146)

### AN INVITATION

I would like to invite you to join in a new community ministry from Ascension Episcopal Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> & Pier. It will compliment the Merrill Food Pantry Ministry and it is something everyone can participate in! As you may know, people who receive food stamps can only buy

food with those stamps. Yet we all use so much more than food in our daily lives. Much of our grocery store basket contains other things such as soap, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste or tooth brushes, baby diapers, Kleenex, paper towels, personal hygiene products, dishwashing liquid—the list goes on and on. We call these things essentials. We would like to see if, as a community, we could provide some of these things for those who do not have the extra money to buy them. Ascension's young people have decorated some boxes for this project with a list of suggested items attached. You will find the box in the back of the Church. The food pantry has agreed to be responsible for the distribution of these necessities. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity and God bless you!

Deacon Linda Schmidt

### REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on February 17-19, 2012 call 877-922-HOPE (4673) or email: [centralwi@retrouvaille.org](mailto:centralwi@retrouvaille.org) or visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

### CHAIR YOGA

Charmaine Hill is continuing to offer Chair Yoga on Thursdays, starting at 5:30 PM. The cost is a free will offering, a portion of which will be given to

Our Saviour's. Stop in and give it a try!

### BUILDING A GRACE BASED MARRIAGE

Author, Gary Thomas, is coming back to Wausau for an unprecedented third appearance. His best-selling book, "Sacred Marriage", has helped millions of marriages. Thomas will highlight how we can grow together as a married couple, the benefits of forgiveness, and the role of encouragement. He will also address the unique spiritual challenges men and women face. Join in March 2-3, 2012 at Highland Community Church in Wausau. Cost is \$59. Pre-register at 715-842-0944 or [www.cfdevelopment.org](http://www.cfdevelopment.org).

### CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

(If you have any new information about those whom we include on our prayer list, especially if they are doing better and are no longer in need of a specific prayer for health and healing or anything else, please let the church office know. Thank you!)

Joel Ruprecht

Angie &amp; Katrina Grambort

Delores Blake

Joanne Opsahl

William Burgener

Marian Wegener

Brookelynn

Kathy Szulczewski

Laura Seidlitz Minoldo &amp; Family

### SYMPATHY

We give our sympathy to the family and friends of Margaret "Peg" Price. Peg passed away on February 4, 2012. Funeral services were held at Our Saviour's on February 11, 2012. May the Lord comfort all who are grieving.

<b>Sunday</b> 12	<b>Monday</b> 13	<b>Tuesday</b> 14	<b>Wednesday</b> 15
8:00a--Sanctuary (Worship (HC)) 9:15a--Council Room (Adult Class) 9:15a--Choir Room (Choir) 9:15a--Basement (Sunday School) 10:30a--Sanctuary (Worship (HC)) 1:00p--Basement 2 (Dartball Tournament)	8:00a--Basement (TOPS) 9:00a--Offsite (Sarah Circle) 9:00a--Lounge (Esther Circle) 10:00a--Office (Staff Meeting) 12:00p--Lounge (Lunch & Learn) 4:30p--Classroom - Hall 2 (Batterer's Group) 5:00p--Council Room (Council) 5:15p--Classroom-Hall 1 (TOPS-2) 7:00p--Lounge (Adult Bible Study) 7:00p--Basement 2 (Dartball)	Valentine's Day 1:00p--Basement (M&M Group) 3:00p--Basement 2 (Karate) 6:00p--Lounge (Christian Education Team) 6:45p--Basement (TEAM) 7:30p--Lounge (Discipleship Group)	3:00p--Basement (FROGs) 4:15p--Sanctuary (Confirmation) 7:00p--Youth Room (FOCUS)
<b>Thursday</b> 16	<b>Friday</b> 17	<b>Saturday</b> 18	
3:00p--Basement 2 (Karate) 5:00p--Lounge (Youth & Family Team) 5:30p--Basement (Yoga)	5:00p--Sanctuary (Wedding Rehearsal - Johnas/Booth)	10:00a--Sanctuary (Wedding - Johnas/Booth) 4:30p--Sanctuary (Worship (HC))	
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3:00p--Basement 2 (Karate) 5:30p--Basement (Yoga)		10:00a--Basement (Planning Meeting-Visiting From Africa ) 4:30p--Sanctuary (Worship)	

**WELCOME** to Our Saviour's. We are glad you have come to join us to give praise and thanks to God, to hear God's word to guide us in love and to receive the Lord's Supper to strengthen us in faith. May you be blessed to be a blessing.

If you are **visiting** us, please sign one of the **Visitor Cards** in the pews and our **guest book**. We invite you to make yourself known to the ushers or Pastor Schaus as we have a **gift of welcome** we would like to share with you. If

you are looking for a church family, we invite you to consider Our Saviour's as your church home. Feel free to talk to the pastor.

**"WILLIAMS SOUND SYSTEM"** is available from the ushers for those who have hearing impairments.

**AUDIO TAPES** of last week's service can be found in the narthex after the service or from Pastor Schaus.

**THE FLOWER GIFT** last week was

given by Mary Urban in memory of Eddie Urban

Last weeks **Attendance** was 206.

**LAST WEEKS OFFERING:**  
**General Offering** \$9,291.47  
**Designated Funds** \$1,203.00

**SCRIP INFORMATION:**  
**Buyers** 27  
**Sales** \$4,660.00  
**Profits** \$188.90

# ADULTS

So many events and so little space to describe them! If you have any questions about upcoming events please call, text, e-mail, IM, or visit me! I am happy to help!

Email: [youth@osiceca.org](mailto:youth@osiceca.org)

Cell: 715-347-3074 (please don't call at 3am just to say hello!)

Find me on Facebook!

**Please consider taking stock in the youth for the National Youth Gathering.**

**For \$10.00/month** you will receive a post card from the youth while they attend the National Youth Gathering and your name will be placed on our Angel Wall.

**For \$15.00/month** your name will be placed on our Angel Wall, you will receive a post card from the youth and an invite to an ice cream social once the youth return

**For \$30.00/month** you will receive all of the above along with two hours of yard work (shoveling/raking/etc.), and a dinner with the National Gathering youth (at OSLC)

**For \$50.00/month** you will receive all of the above, along with an extra two hours of yard work, the flamingo-ing of your choice, AND a small souvenir from the youth gathering

Sponsorship forms are available NOW! You can even have your payments pulled automatically through Simply Giving.

I am looking for some volunteers to prepare meals for about 15-20 youth Wednesday nights. You do not have to be here to serve the meal, simply drop it off and we will take care of the rest.

Meal ideas: Hot dogs, buns, chips/ Spaghetti/ Sloppy Joes

Please contact Jamie if you are able to assist! Thanks!

# Youth & Family News

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It's not always easy to pray, but it's important. God is good, and loves you, and wants to hear from you. So PRAY!

Still not sure? Try this:

**Praise:** Thank God for what He has done in your life: Big things, small things...all things.

**Repent:** God already knows what we've done wrong, but it is still up to us to take it to God, admit what we've done, and ask for forgiveness.

**Ask:** God does not discourage us from asking for things in prayer-He encourages it! Just remember, God knows far beyond our understanding- so ask, but be open to WHATEVER God's answer may be

**Yield:** As I just said, remember that it's God's will, not ours. When we ask, we need to remember that sometimes God says yes, sometimes God says no, and sometimes God says not right now.

So, no more excuses. Pray. God is good.

## FOCUS meets every Wednesday from 7-9pm

**WEBSITE!** [www.osiceca.org](http://www.osiceca.org): click on the link that says "youth & family" then on the link that says "FOCUS"!

See above as all that pertains to you as well :)

National Youth Gathering is going to rock! I'm pretty sure I've heard back from most of you, but there are still a few stragglers out there. If you are planning on attending the gathering- be sure to check in with Jamie. I don't want to leave anyone off the list. Take advantage of this amazing opportunity. You won't regret it.

If you have an idea for a fundraiser, let Jamie know SOON! We have a LOT of money to raise and the sooner we start, the better! If you want to take the initiative to get a fund raiser going on your own-that would be even better. We all know you can do it! Be leaders!



**DAILY BIBLE READINGS:**



These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Mark 1:40-45	Jesus heals a man with leprosy
Monday	Exodus 4:1-7	A sign for Moses
Tuesday	Numbers 12:1-15	Miriam struck with leprosy
Wednesday	2 Chronicles 26:1-21	Uzziah struck with leprosy
Thursday	Luke 17:11-19	Jesus heals ten lepers
Friday	Acts 19:11-20	Paul heals the sick
Saturday	Psalms 6	Prayer for healing
Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	The transfiguration of Jesus

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:**

I am in deep distress. How long will it be? Turn and come to my rescue. Show your wonderful love and save me,  
**LORD. Psalm 6:3-4 (CEV)**

**SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

**A Prayer for the Week:**  
Lord Jesus, we want to be healed. Please show us your kindness. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**  
Our hands we fold, our heads we bow. For food and drink, we thank God now. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**  
May God show you kindness, bring you healing, and crown you with love. Amen.



**CARING CONVERSATION:**

Discuss in your household or small group:

- How does it feel to be left out? Share about a time when you felt that way.
- People with leprosy were not allowed to mix with others in Jesus' time. When Jesus healed the man with leprosy, how do you think the man's life might have changed? (Read Mark 1:40-45.)
- How has Jesus changed your life? How does he want us to treat others who feel left out?

**DEVOTIONS:**

This week, make a point of praying for people who are sick. Prepare a list of people and mention them by name each day in your household prayers. You might want to ask your pastor for the names of people in your church who need prayers of healing. Prepare "get well" cards to send to them.

**SERVICE:**

In Jesus' time, lepers suffered not only because of their sickness, but also because they were social outcasts. When Jesus healed the leper he gave him a whole new beginning in life. Talk about people you know who may feel left out at school, church, or in the community. Plan to invite such a person for a meal or to be part of a household activity. Pray for them as a household.

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:**

Post a "Question of the Week" on a piece of paper or a whiteboard in a common area of your home, together with a pen or marker. Questions might include, "What are your favorite foods?"; "What is a birthday gift you'd like to receive?"; "What is your favorite Bible story?"; "What annoys you?" Invite household members to post their answers during the week. Use the answers as the basis for sharing and conversation. Change the question each week. Ask household members for their question suggestions.

It is good to create rituals of family strengthening in our daily lives. It is not uncommon for one child or person to feel "left out" as compared to a sibling whom they view as "better" or more favored by their parents. In responding to the behaviors and achievements of their children, parents can unconsciously send the message that one child is preferred over and against another. It is important for us to be intentional in showing love to all of our children in ways that are not behavior-dependent. When a child misbehaves, take time to explain, "I don't like what you did, but I still like you." Compliment them for their own unique and special qualities. Give unconditional affection.