

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:

1. This is a wonderful chance for all of us to learn about our brothers and sisters in Christ. We can share our life and our faith. All ages are encouraged to be involved.
2. We will need to provide meals, transportation and housing. What a great opportunity for wonderful conversation over a meal or during a hike or a walk you might take together.

Tune in next week for more things to consider!

DESSERT FEAST THANK YOU!

If you attended the event, you know that the desserts were aplenty and the Identity Theft presentation very informative. I don't think anyone left not having learned at least one or two (maybe even three) things they didn't know before the event started. We had great fellowship and a lot of fun. We sure missed those of you that did not have the opportunity to attend. We will have the pleasure of presenting St Vincent's with a combination of funds collected as a free-will offering and an approved application of money through the Thrivent Care Abounds Program totaling \$332. This money will help support their efforts to meet the needs of our community.

Thank you for attending and being part of this event and we look forward to the next "great event" together.

The Stewardship Team

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 or visit the website at 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!

BOY SCOUTS-102 YEARS

The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910 by Chicago publisher William D Boyce. Mr. Boyce lost his way in a dense London fog and was aided by a boy who refused a tip, explaining that as a Scout he would not take a tip for doing a good turn. This gesture inspired Mr. Boyce to meet with Robert Baden-Powell, the British founder of the Boy Scouts. This year the Boy Scouts celebrate their 102nd anniversary during the week of February 5th. Sunday, February 5 is designated as Scout Sunday.

The principles established in 1910 for the Boy Scouts of America has not changed over the last 102 years. The Merrill area has four Cub Packs, three Boy Scout Troops and one Crew. For information on any of these units contact the Wausau Homes Scout Center in Weston at 715-355-1450.

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 by February 11 is \$49 and will be \$59 after this date. Pre-register at 715-842-0944 or 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 Peg Price
Angie & Katrina Grambort
Delores Blake Joanne Opsahl
William Burgener Marian Wegener
Brookelynn Kathy Szulczewski
Laura Seidlitz Minoldo & Family

BAPTISM

We rejoice in the baptism of Mason William Scott Forehand. Mason son of Emily Forehand & Travis Peterson and the late Kyle Forehand, was baptized at the 10:30 service on Sunday, February 5, 2012. Sponsors for Mason were Katie & Xavier Patton, Jessica Payne, Joe Schwartz and Mitchell & Holly Meider. May the Lord help them leave Mason throughout his Christian life.

Sunday 5	Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8
8:00a--Sanctuary (Worship (HC)) 9:15a--Choir Room (Choir) 9:15a--Basement (Sunday School) 9:15a--Council Room (Adult Class) 10:30a--Sanctuary (Worship (HC))	8:00a--Basement (TOPS) 10:00a--Office (Staff Meeting) 12:00p--Lounge (Lunch & Learn) 4:30p--Classroom - Hall 2 (Batterer's Group) 5:15p--Classroom-Hall 1 (TOPS-2) 6:15p--Basement (Merrill Busy Bees 4-H) 6:30p--Choir Room (Property & Maintenance Team) 7:00p--Lounge (Adult Bible Study) 7:00p--Immanuel Corning (Dartball)	3:00p--Basement 2 (Karate) 6:45p--Basement (TEAM) 7:30p--Lounge (Discipleship Group)	7:00a--Offsite (LMM) 3:00p--Basement (FROGS) 4:15p--Sanctuary (Confirmation) 7:00p--Youth Room (FOCUS)
Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11	
9:00a--Offsite (Ruth Circle) 1:00p--Office (Church Mutual Training) 3:00p--Basement 2 (Karate) 5:30p--Basement (Yoga) 7:00p--Offsite (Miriam Circle)		4:30p--Sanctuary (Worship)	
Sunday 12	Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 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)
Thursday 16	Friday 17	Saturday 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))	

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 175.

LAST WEEKS OFFERING:
General Offering \$2,969.25
Designated Funds \$629.47

SCRIP INFORMATION:
Buyers 20
Sales \$2,865.00
Profits \$126.75

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

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: 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 1:29-39	Jesus heals many people
Monday	Isaiah 40:27-31	God will give you strength
Tuesday	Matthew 8:5-17	Jesus heals in Capernaum
Wednesday	Matthew 9:27-36	Jesus shows compassion
Thursday	Luke 6:12-19	Jesus spends a night in prayer
Friday	Luke 9:28-35	Jesus goes up a mountain to pray
Saturday	Psalms 102:1-17	Prayer for healing
Sunday	Mark 1:40-45	Jesus heals a man with leprosy

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:

Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. **Isaiah 40:31 (NLT)**

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord, please give us strength when we are weak, and lift us up when we are tired. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, you set people free, you heal the sick, and you feed the hungry. We give you thanks and praise. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord lift you up when you are weak and give you strength when you are tired. Amen.



CARING CONVERSATION:

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Mark 1:35 tells us that Jesus went off to a quiet place to pray. When do you pray? Where do you pray? What do you pray about?
- Share about a time when you felt or experienced God answering your prayers.

DEVOTIONS:

Prayer is a faith practice. We learn how to pray by praying with others - by practicing with them. In the home, parents have a special responsibility to teach their children how to pray by praying with and for them. Learn and practice this "five finger prayer" as a household. Put your hands together, palm to palm, with your fingers pointing upwards. Each finger on the hand represents a topic for prayer.

Thumb: Your thumb is nearest to you. Pray for the people who are closest to you (e.g. family, friends).

Pointer Finger: Pray for those who point the way - those who lead, teach, guide or heal others (e.g. government leaders, teachers, medical professionals and pastors).

Tallest Finger: This finger reaches up towards God. Give thanks and praise for all the good gifts God has given you and the world.

Ring Finger: This is our weakest finger. Pray for all those who are sick, in trouble or in pain. Pray also for God to forgive you for your weaknesses.

Little Finger: This is the smallest finger of all, and reminds us of where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As Jesus says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." So, last of all, pray about your own needs and worries.

SERVICE:

Caring for the sick is a special way of showing Jesus' love. Plan to visit or contact a sick friend or relative this next week.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS:

Christian people are praying people. There are many traditions we can introduce into our homes to remind us to pray and to help make prayer a routine part of our lives. Here are some ideas:

- Have a prayer whiteboard, where household members can jot down prayer requests during the week for others to see.
- Make up a photo display of people you wish to pray for regularly.
- Start a household prayer journal, in which to record prayer points and answers to prayer.
- Display well-known prayers on your walls (e.g. the Lord's Prayer).