

## Children's Ministry

### Humility is putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.

4 Weekly Bottom Lines: I can put others first by serving them; I can put others first by letting go of what I want; I should put others first because Jesus put others first; and I can put others first by making things right.

In the beginning, Jesus was part of creating the heavens and the earth. Everything in heaven and on earth is under His command. After man was separated from God, Jesus chose to willingly leave the majesty and glory of heaven to bring reconciliation between us and God. He chose to come to earth as a baby, living in the humble surroundings of a carpenter's family, laughing, crying and fully becoming a man. Jesus' ultimate act of humility on earth was His sacrificial death. Angels could have rescued Him. He could have been worshiped and adored as He deserved. But instead, Jesus was loving and humble, sacrificing Himself for us. Humility is putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve. Putting others first is not man's natural inclination. Yet because of Jesus' great love for us, He chose to put us first. When we follow Jesus' example of putting others first, it will cost us, possibly time or money and maybe even pride. It could make us uncomfortable, but it is the least we can do as His followers, believing that His death and resurrection made it possible for us to be right with God.

This month, let's think about how:

- (1) Humility is a response to Christ's example towards us.
- (2) Humility is a way we can show others God's love for us.
- (3) Humility can help others see they are important. (Adapted from Orange 252)

See you Sunday! Mrs. Natalie

**Memory Verse for April 2014** - "Don't do anything only to get ahead. Don't do it because you are proud. Instead, be free of pride. Think of others as better than yourselves." Philippians 2:3, NIV

### Spring Skate at the U.P. SportsPlex

LSCC Kids 4 Christ are inviting all kids and their families to the U.P. SportsPlex facility (1110 Wright Street, Marquette) for an afternoon of fun, family skating on Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Admission is free (skates are included) but donations of canned food for the LSCC Food Pantry are requested. Due to the facility's regulations, Spring Skate is limited to the first 150 people who register, so be sure and sign-up early at Connection Central. The deadline is April 10.

### Faith Legacy – For parents of two and three-year-olds.

There will be a 3-week Faith Legacy class on April 13, 27, and May 4 in Room 22 at 9:30 a.m. The presentation will be on Sunday, May 11 at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Natalie Kizzire at nataliek@lscchurch.org if you plan to attend.



# LAKE SUPERIOR LIGHT

LAKE SUPERIOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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The missions committee met on March 11, 2014, with eight members present. We opened the meeting in the usual manner with prayer by all present. We had eighteen newsletters from various organizations and individuals to peruse. There were also six "thank you" letters responding to previously given gifts. Many of these are on the mission board for you to check out. Others will be used in the monthly prayer calendar as needs to pray for. Please take one of these missions prayer calendars the first Sunday of each month and put it with your daily time for reading and prayer.

We were able to speak with Nicole Barr by Skype. She shared about her work there and how things are going at the school. She loves her work and plans to return. Missions plans to help her raise the support she will need. We will have the opportunity to hear about her work in April at the church.

Dr. Danai Chowwiwat, the director of SEACM, will be going back to Thailand the end of the year. He will speak sometime later at LSCC before his return. His children are all settled now and will remain in the States. He will also be making a trip to

Thailand in April to check on the ministry and make some repairs to the guest housing and grounds at Ban Hmong Hope. LSCC helped raise funds to purchase that property.

Because you so faithfully continue to support missions, we were able to help the following organizations and individuals: Sarah Koutz with Impact Campus Ministries, Mission trip to Israel; Gospel for Asia, to purchase sewing machines so poor women can support their families; International Conference on Missions, to help support costs of the conference; Global Radio Outreach, Ezekiel gift to help reach Muslims. We were also able to raise the support level of one of the missionaries we support on a full time basis.

You will be hearing about a new church plant in Manistique. Pray for the planter, Ryan Gilroy, for direction.

Thanks for being part of God's work here and all over the world.

*The Missions Committee*

**PRAYER CALENDARS are available in Connection Central**

## Kizzire's Korner

### Resurrection

In all of my life, I do not think that I have ever looked forward to spring like I have this year. This winter has been brutal. Our first four winters in the Upper Peninsula were not so bad. Every once in awhile, there were some warm days and some breaks from the harshness of the season.

This winter was record breaking. There were the record cold days. On at least one day, the air temperature was -28 or so. We had to thaw pipes on that day. There was the all time record for most days in a row below freezing. Someone told me that the U.P. in January was the coldest spot in the nation. Yuck! The price of propane skyrocketed, causing hardships for many people in the U.P. Electric heat was expensive as well. It was hard to find good dry firewood in the UP. Even though the snow is down a bit, we kept every single inch from the beginning.

This winter has really been hard. It has really sapped the strength. I have aches and pains. Everything outdoors is difficult. Machinery complains every time you start it. (Jerry only complained some of the days) I have really had to wind myself up to keep going. On top of this, December was a tough month emotionally. The start of the winter was brutal.

But spring is coming. Summer in the U.P. is awesome.

It is a good metaphor of resurrection. On April 20 we celebrate Resurrection Sunday. It is the Resurrection of Jesus that fills up our hearts and minds with hope. Life is like winter. It can be lots of fun at times, but it can also be brutal. We groan. We look forward to what is ahead.

Resurrection is just around the corner. This makes me happy.

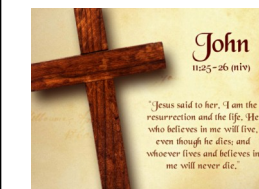
Romans 8:18-28-- Future Glory-<sup>18</sup> For I

consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.<sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.<sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope<sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.<sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.<sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.<sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?<sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

I am a follower of Jesus. I am trying to wait with patience. It isn't always easy when what is ahead is soooooo good!

CU Sunday;

So one more will know JESUS, Jerry



**"Remembering what Jesus has done for us"**

This April invite a friend, a family

member, an enemy, a co-worker...anyone to attend services with you. It will be an incredible time of celebrating the good news of the Gospel.

## April sermons

### April 6 When your world tumbles down what then?

Ken Henes will be preaching. On December 8, Christine Henes presented the work of the Wisconsin Christian Mission Association. She was so vibrant. On her way home she was in a car accident that took her life. Ken will be with us to share what God is doing in his life since that day. He will be sharing his faith in God. Bring a friend! This will be faith encouraging.

### April 13 Do This in Remembrance of Me

### April 18 Good Friday Service - 6:00 p.m.

### April 20 Easter Sunday!

#### The Story-The Musical

This is one of the best presentations of the Gospel message and the plan of God from beginning to end. Powerful music. Inspiring video. Scripture presented in an easy to understand manner. It is a wow. It will move you to tears thinking of this wonderful plan of salvation that God has delivered to us.

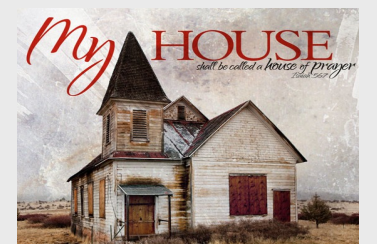
Service times are **9:00\*** & **11:00 a.m.** Childcare provided for nursery-2nd grade. **\*Service moved up a half hour.** No 6:03 service.

### April 27 My House Will Be A House of Prayer

40 Days of Praying

Sermon Series beginning April 27, 2014

May 1, 2014 National Day of Prayer.



## How We See the Trinity in Our Worship. Part 1 of 3 by David Celeskey

Please embark with me, if you will, on a 3 month journey to discover the richness of the Trinity (God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) in our worship at Lake Superior Christian Church. We will be looking at 3 aspects of our worship fitting for a trinity discussion: baptism, communion, and gathering as a body of believers. This first month we submerge ourselves into baptism.

Born again. It's a phrase used by believers to identify that they have been born into something different from their physical human birth. We say, "I'm a born again believer", and yet we might not truly appreciate the significance and weight in the statement. Nicodemus, a Pharisee who believed in Jesus, asked Jesus how he could be "born again." What did that mean? Was he to crawl back into his mother's womb and be born a second time? Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."... "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. So don't be surprised when I say, "You must be born again." John 3:3, 3:5-7 (NLT) *As a note, the "You" that Jesus uses is plural. He is speaking to Nicodemus but he is expressing this to the many.*

When someone is baptized it is so much more than just a public display of faith. It is the visual and the tangible telling of our story and relationship with God. In the days of Noah, sin had covered the earth and needed to be purged. The world needed to die to that sin, and so it was covered with God's flood. When the Israelites left Egypt, God brought them through the waters of the Red Sea when they entered into them by faith. Water can be both a source of life or death, and God has used it for both. Jesus himself used water to teach truth time and time again...water into wine, speaking of living water, walking on water, water came from Jesus' side on the cross, and many more.

To speak of Jesus' own baptism, we see the Trinity all come together in our midst. When Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River, God spoke. God (the Father) said, "You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy." Mark 1:11 (NLT). The people heard this, and the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus like a dove. The people saw this! Here in this scene, Jesus (the Son), God (the Father), and the Holy Spirit are displayed and made an audible, visual and tangible reality, for John the Baptist, and those who were being baptized. All this happened at baptism.

When we are baptized, we become part of the story. Our sin, our life of sin, is buried beneath the waters and drowned, as in the days of Noah. When we emerge faithful from those waters, we are rescued from death, as were the Israelites in the Red Sea. Our spirit of sin and rebellion and selfishness dies, and our spirit of love, peace and holiness is born. As humans can only give birth to human life, the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life.

In our worship at Lake Superior Christian Church we celebrate baptism. When we are baptized, we acknowledge to God that we are sinners and need to be reborn to enter His Kingdom. We cry out that we need Jesus Christ as our Savior, and following His example, need to be born of the Spirit. We accept the Holy Spirit by which this great mystery is possible. Thanks be to God. Every time we see a baptism, we celebrate it again and again and again, remembering our baptisms when we baptize others and we remember Christ's baptism done for our sake, done for righteousness.

When we see baptism, we see the Trinity. When we experience baptism, we experience the Trinity. When we celebrate baptism, we celebrate the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

# MINISTRY news

## Executive Minister Search Team

The executive minister search team continues to meet every week. Lake Superior Christian Church has been looking for someone to fill this vital role of leadership. Many resumes have been received. The team has been busy with interviews, reviewing qualifications, gathering more information, some face to face interactions, and much more. Please continue to pray for this team as they serve. The search team members are: Gordie Mielke, Steve Barr, Wendy Leukema, Wayne Price, Brandon Morey, and Jerry Kizzire.

## Women Connected—Women's Ministry



LSCC is excited to be hosting the Priscilla Shirer live simulcast, *The Word Closer to home*, on Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 and includes the all day simulcast and lunch. Lunch will be provided by Babycakes! Sign up online or in Connection Central.

## Women's Event Night

April 16, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 33.

Come and share a garden of friendship with your sister-in-Christ!

Nancy Stoll, our Benevolence Deacon for many years, will be sharing the mission of this ministry and her personal testimony. You can support this vital ministry by bringing food items to stock the pantry before Easter. A list of items will be available in Connection Central.



## Student Ministry

Grades 6th-12th  
WEDNESDAY nights 6-8:00 p.m.  
WORSHIP-THE WORD-FUN-FRIENDS



## College Students

His House Christian Fellowship meets Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at the NMU campus house located at 1701 Presque Isle Ave.



## Adult Bible Fellowship Ministry Team

A new ministry team is being formed to help oversee, organize, promote, and plan the adult Bible classes and fellowship opportunities for Sunday mornings. This group will be meeting regularly to plan new studies and launch new classes for the 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 hours on Sunday morning. Please be in prayer as this team forms. In a few weeks you will be hearing more from this group.



This Easter, experience The Story -The Musical, presented by the LSCC Worship Arts Team. This breath-taking musical presents God's redemptive plan for His people from Genesis to Revelation, and is based on the best selling book by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee with eight of the incredible songs from the Dove Award winning recording by Bernie Herms and Nicole Nordeman.

Join us April 20, at 9:00\* or 11:00 a.m.  
Childcare provided for nursery-2nd grade.  
\*Service moved up a half hour.

## Congratulations !

To the following men for graduating from the Joshua's Men class.

Jim Knotek, Milan Zarkovacki, Steve Lyford, Jason Alumbaugh, Scott Hausmann, Ed Beauchamp, Tom Ellis.

## Men's Ministry

Men's Breakfast...great food & great fellowship.  
The first Saturday of every month!  
8:00 a.m. in Room 33

## Room at the Inn

*Being the hands of God to serve the homeless.*

RATI will be here at LSCC the following dates:  
March 30-April 5 and May 4-10.

Sign-up sheets are in the RATI notebook in Connection Central.

If you have questions, please contact:  
Mary Stunkard at 360-8700

## Victor's Crown

This month we celebrate the greatest of all Christian holidays, Resurrection Sunday! Sometimes Christmas is actually deemed the more significant event, but in reality Easter's significance is much greater. Without the events surrounding it, we wouldn't have hope, joy, peace, and assurance of heaven. I recently began a study of the book of Revelation, which I hope to write a few more articles about in coming months, that has really encouraged my faith and restored some of the joy I once had as a new believer in Christ. I think the primary reason Revelation is reigniting my walk, is that the entire book focuses on Jesus' victory over sin and death. In a world that is daily succumbing to the curse of sin, it is refreshing to be reminded that Jesus has already overcome!

I hope that all of you will be able to come early on Easter Sunday because we are going to start the service a few minutes prior to actual start time, with a very movingly beautiful song called, "Victor's Crown". Like last year, you will have the opportunity to enjoy hearing God's story from beginning to end, creation to the Second coming of Christ thru video, narration, and powerful music. However, this year instead of starting right at the Garden of Eden, we'd open with the reminder that God already had a plan laid out for us through Jesus. He knew we were going to royally mess things up, and that He would have to make a way for us to be restored to Him. He knew that He was going to have to send His only son into this wretched world to be the perfect sacrifice for our sin and separation. Everything He did in the Old Testament: every person, event, miracle, hopeless situation, and prophecy, was interwoven to culminate in the coming of Jesus as Redeemer and Savior. From the beginning, God knew that Jesus would be the first to gain the victor's crown and that He would pave the way for those who believed and follow Him to claim it as well.

My favorite part of the song is the declaration "Every high thing must come down, every stronghold shall be broken. You wear the victor's crown. You overcome. You overcome!" In essence we are proclaiming that nothing stands above Jesus. There is no idol or thing of this earth that holds a candle to His greatness and power. All of Satan's power will be crushed and bound up for eternity at His final judgment. All the chains that bound us here on earth will be broken, and we will be set free forever. Revelation 2:10-11 gives us this promise, "Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown. Whoever has ears let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death." Jesus wears the victor's crown now, but says He will award it to all of us in the form of eternal life and that we will never have to suffer the consequences of the second death, which is the eternal punishment for all that don't accept Him as Lord and live faithfully for Him in their lives on earth. We are victors in Jesus, and thru His blood that covers us. Resurrection Sunday is the greatest time ever to celebrate that! In Revelation 12:11 it says, "And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death." I am encouraged so much by this passage because it tells us that we overcome by being covered by Jesus' blood, shed already on the cross for all of our past, present, and future sins. We also overcome by the word of our testimony, which is the power given to us by God to witness to those outside of Christ. That really challenges me because I have a testimony (as do you) of God's power over sin in my own life. I believe He wants us to share that with everyone that will listen and is open to hearing before He returns. Don't waste any opportunities. Be bold this Easter season and invite someone to come and hear the whole story told. Invite them to your house for dinner. Take time to listen to their problems and pray for them. The last challenge in that verse compels us not to be afraid for our lives, our stuff, or even the people in this world who may come against us or even try to ruin or take our lives. We have a much greater life, a much greater crown to gain in store for us in heaven. That in itself should help sustain us in the valleys and help us find joy and peace when the world crumbles in around us.

It is my prayer that we take hold of this crown promised to the faithful; that it motivates us toward love and good deeds, and that we are able to fix our eyes on Christ, who is the author and finisher of our faith. Hope to see you here on Resurrection Sunday, ready to worship our amazing God!

Grace be with you,  
Joshua

## Missions: Chidamoyo Christian Hospital

Last month, the children watched several videos about Chadamoyo Christian Hospital in Zimbabwe, Africa. Our family visited this hospital several times in the 90's and were impressed by the number of patients who were treated (approximately 6000 monthly) on a budget of \$10,000 a month. Patients are asked to pay something toward their care (\$1) and because the Zimbabwe dollar does not have any value, the hospital started a bartering program where patients can bring peanuts instead of money. These peanuts are then fed to the patients and workers to help defray the cost of food for the hospital. We were sad to hear that the hospital had a fire in November which destroyed the kitchen, laundry room, pharmacy and chaplain's office. Our children in Sunday school and Children's Worship have been collecting money to go toward replacing some of the items lost in the fire. Currently, the children have brought an amazing \$792.35. Wow! This brought tears to my eyes because I know it will go a long way to help the hospital and the people living in this area. Please be in prayer for this mission.

## Upward Basketball and Cheerleading

Upward basketball players and cheerleaders ended the season on Monday, March 10 with a closing celebration in the LSCC auditorium. The kids and parents had a great time as 160 children and over 70 volunteers were recognized. There were also games and prizes and a presentation of the gospel message. Thank you to everyone who helped this season. You were awesome!



## Praise the Lord!

Ronald Baumler was baptized!

Welcome New Members!

Kevin & Annette Van Alstine  
Ronald Baumler  
Angel Antrim

## Weekly Stats

	2-March	9-March	16-March	23-March	30-March
Baptisms	0	0	0	1	0
First Time Visitors	3	1	2	8	0
Worship Attendance	493	423	464	535	464
Bible School Attendance	92	63	72	75	75
Operating Fund Budget	15,150	\$15,150	\$15,150	\$15,150	\$15,150
Operating Fund Offering	\$10,219	\$10,748	\$14,677	\$20,431	\$9,571

Evangelist-Jerry Kizzire, Worship Minister-Josh Dickey, Youth Minister-Brandon Morey, Children's Director: Natalie Kizzire, Media Minister: Dave Celeskey  
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Services times:  
9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 6:03 p.m.  
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