

August 2010

The Evangelical Covenant Church August Newsletter

CAN YOU GUESS WHO THIS IS?



If you can guess correctly, we will put your name in a drawing for a prize. If you would like to participate, just fill out the form and drop it in the can in the foyer. The deadline will be August 22. The winner will be notified on August 29.

There were no winners for July.

The picture was of Harriet Mathews.

Thank you to those who gave it a try!

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

My guess is: _____

Church Picnic

The youth will be hosting church picnic on Saturday, August 7 at 12:00pm at the LeRoy Elementary School

They will be grilling hotdogs and hamburgers. We would like to ask everyone to bring a dish to pass. There will be games of kickball, water-balloons and more. Please plan to join us for a great time of food, fun and fellowship. If you plan on attending, please sign up in the foyer so that we have an idea of how many hotdogs and hamburgers we will need.



Vacation Bible School

**When: Monday, August 2 thru
Friday, August 6
pre-school thru 6th grade**

Time: 9:00am - Noon

**Where: LeRoy Covenant Church
This year theme is:
"A Prayer Safari"**

**You will be able to
register when you
arrive on August 2**



Have you ever felt the urge to pray for someone and then just put it on a list and said, 'I'll pray for them later?' Or has anyone ever called you and said, 'I need you to pray for me, I have this need?'

Read the following story and it may change the way that you think about prayer and also the way you pray. A missionary on furlough told this true story while visiting his home church in Michigan. 'While serving at a small field hospital in Africa, every two weeks I traveled by bicycle through the jungle to a nearby city for supplies. This was a journey of two days and required camping overnight at the halfway point. On one of these journeys, I arrived in the city where I planned to collect money from a bank, purchase medicine and supplies and then begin my two-day journey back to the field hospital.

Upon arrival in the city, I observed two men fighting, one of whom had been seriously injured. I treated him for his injuries and at the same time talked to him about the Lord. I then traveled two days, camping overnight, and arrived home without incident. Two weeks later I repeated my journey. Upon arriving in the city, I was approached by the young man I had treated. He told me that he had known I carried money and medicines. He said, 'some friends and I followed you into the jungle, knowing you would camp overnight. We planned to kill you and take your money and drugs..But just as we were about to move into your camp, we saw that you were surrounded by 26 armed guards. At this, I laughed and said that I was certainly all alone in that jungle campsite. The young man pressed the point, however, and said, 'no sir, I was not the only person to see the guards. My friends also saw them, and we all counted them. It was because of those guards that we were afraid and left you alone. At this point in the sermon, one of the men in the congregation jumped to his feet and interrupted the missionary and asked if he could tell him the exact day this happened. The missionary told the congregation the date, and the man who interrupted told him this story: 'On the night of your incident in Africa, It was morning here and I was preparing to play golf. I was about to putt when I felt the urge to pray for you. In fact, the urging of the Lord was so strong, I called man in this church to meet with me here in the sanctuary to pray for you. Would all of those men who met with me on that day stand up?' The men who had met together to pray that day stood up. The missionary wasn't concerned with whom they were, he was too busy counting how many men he saw. There were 26. This story is an incredible example of how the Spirit of the Lord moves in behalf of those who love Him. If you ever feel such prodding to pray, go along with it, you don't know what it can mean to that person.

I asked the Lord to bless you as I prayed for you today. To guide you and protect you as you go along your way. His love is always with you, His promises are true, and when we give Him our cares you know He will see us through. When the road you're traveling on seems difficult at best, just remember I'm here praying , and God will do the rest.

Upcoming meetings

August 8 - Deacon's Mtg. at 7pm

August 11 - Trustee Mtg. at 7:30pm

August 19 - CE Board Mtg. at 7pm

August 26 - Quarterly Business Mtg. at 7pm

Self-defense Class

Saturday, August 21 from 10am - 2:30pm
in the fellowship hall

This class is for ages 12 and up.

It will be taught by Martial Arts instructors David Anscomb and Mike Grogan 3rd and 4th degree blackbelts who also work with the Stand Strength Team. This will be a 4 hour class. The cost for this class is \$10 per person or 2 for \$15 if we have 20 or more signed up. If you are interested, please sign up in the foyer. This is a very informative class that everyone can benefit from.

It's the dog days of summer, but winter and higher fuel costs are coming! Help keep every family warm
Community Christian Outreach

CCO is a non-profit organization established in 1996. It relies on pledges from churches, gifts from individuals and grants. Our purpose is to help families who are unable to pay their utility or heating bills on an emergency need basis. Our services include Burdell, Sherman, Rose Lake, Cedar, Lincoln and LeRoy townships. Last year we helped 21 families at the cost of \$6,160.38. August is our fundraising month, so once again we are asking for your help. We need your help in raising funds for this worthy organization. Please also remember to pray for our continued success in helping others. If you are interested in getting involved or attending a meeting let us know. Our governing board members are Sue Ehrhart-President, Yvonne Peterson-Secretary, John Wheat-Treasurer, and Carole Edstrom-Client Contact Person. Our address is: Community Christian Outreach, PO Box 204 LeRoy, MI 49655
As a 501 C-3 organization, all contributions are tax deductible.



- 8-1 Joe Turos
- 8-6 Nancy Belville
- 8-9 Alyssa Crouch
- 8-12 Geraldine Welch
- 8-15 Paul Booth
- 8-19 Jeremy Rothig
- 8-21 Amber Kelso
- 8-26 John Proctor II
- 8-27 Phyllis Booth
- 8-31 Mike Kelso

Happy Anniversary

- 8-4 Mike & Amber Kelso
- 8-24 Art & Carol Moyses
- 8-27 Elden & Sally Shuck



Preschool Health & Safety Fair



SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, August 17
Holiday Inn and Conference Center
1005 Perry Street
Big Rapids
10:00 to 2:00



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The Pastor's Pen

NOT MY WILL

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed three words that changed the world: NOT MY WILL. In those three words He made it possible for man to be redeemed. In those three words He defeated everything Satan had planned to defeat God. In those three words victory was assured.

Yet those three words come hard to say and even harder to mean from our heart. They run opposed to our human nature. To say those words in total honesty requires humility and surrender to God that far exceeds religious attitudes and platitudes. In speaking those words we overthrow anyone but God from sitting on the throne of our life. We pray "... Thy will be done" every week but do we understand that means NOT MY WILL?

How many lives have been detoured from the path God had planned? How many blessings have we missed? How many Churches have been destroyed? How many opportunities have been lost because we simply want it our way? All because three little words spoken from the heart are missing?

Come to the place of humility where He is Lord. Return to the peace of submitting to His will over ours. Rediscover the truth that He is far wiser than we are and that He loves us more than we have yet comprehended. Let us watch the miracle of yielding to God in everything. It requires dying to self to live for Christ, but it is so worth it.