

LANDMARK POST

LANDMARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BECAUSE YOU MATTER TO GOD

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LET'S CELEBRATE!



The celebration of our nation's birthday is really a celebration of freedom. We celebrate the precious gift of freedom we have because of the price others paid. You see, we must remember that freedom isn't free. Freedom is very expensive. It has cost some people everything, including their lives. Freedom isn't free, but it is infinitely valuable.

The ideal of freedom is an ideal that our founding father's believed valuable enough to risk everything on. They risked their fortunes, their families, their reputations, and their honor. They risked their very lives and many of them paid for our freedom with their blood and the blood of their children.

Today as we worship in security and comfort, we do so because thousands of young men have given their lives and shed their blood on foreign soil. They died in forsaken places with names not remembered so that we could experience the joy and responsibility of freedom.

This week we will celebrate the freedom of our nation. More than that, we will celebrate the sacrifice necessary to give us the freedom we so deeply love. America is a strong nation – a great nation - but it is not a nation that will last for eternity, let's value this freedom but let's not believe it will endure forever.

The blood spilled on battlefields called Concord and Charleston and York Town was not the first time blood was spilled for freedom. No, 2,000 years ago a young man's blood spilled upon the ground so that we could all experience freedom, eternal freedom.

In **John 8:34-36** Jesus says: *"I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*

There is a freedom we can have in Jesus Christ if we will place our trust in him, if we will surrender to him. Jesus bled and died; he gave his life, so that you and I could be free forever!

This week let's celebrate as a nation and let each of us declare our dependence on God. Then through the blood of Jesus Christ, let's declare our independence from the sins that have enslaved us.

Adapted from a sermon given by Stephen Colaw.

"Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side. My great concern is to be on God's side," spoken by Abraham Lincoln, when asked if he thought God was on our side.

Mission of the Month



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

We will be focusing on the children of the Khunyuam Youth Hostel in July. We are collecting funds for the house parents to buy Christmas gifts for them. You can give through Landmark Church by just putting "Youth Hostel Christmas" on the memo line. We'd like to send \$5 to \$10 per child so they can purchase quality gifts. Merry Christmas and thanks! Patti Spaulding

DRESSES FOR HAITI PROJECT

We are continuing the Dress Project so we can send the dresses for the girls and shorts for the boys to Haiti with the mission team going in January 2012. The patterns are simple and material is available. If you can't sew but want to contribute material or money, see Deanna Augustine. Here is another way to help show Jesus love to the people of Haiti.



MISSION TRIPS

SPIRIT ROAD TRIP - July 31 - Aug. 5 - for those going into 9th grade and older, including adults. We will fill the van with gas, take \$10 each, a sack lunch, our Bible, change of clothes, sleeping bag and trust that the Holy Spirit will lead us where we can do good. Want adventure? Join us. Call Mike for details.

HAITIAN CHRISTIAN MISSION - January, 2012. The cost is approx. \$1,200. This is a very large mission station with opportunities for anyone to experience and ways to serve and give. The plane tickets have been purchased for Mark Perry, Trisha Griner, Samantha Griner, Sally Mueller, Emily Johnson, Melyssa Strong and Mike Cohoon. There is room for more. Call Mike for details.

PARKVIEW PARTNERSHIP

Keep an eye out over the next few months. We will be adding more ways for you to partner with Wendy Exner and the other teachers and staff at Parkview.

Men, we may have opportunities to do some light woodworking, repairing some of the outdoor garden areas. There are a number of swings, bird-houses and benches that need some TLC. There are a number of gardens that need attention.

THANK YOU to all who have helped with the school tote bag project. Thanks to those who have sewed bags, donated fabric or money to purchase fabric and made labels to sew on bags. One hundred seventy-five bags will be ready when school starts. Our thanks to Deanna Augustine for leading.

PEANUT BUTTER COLLECTION

Here are some the highlights since the last news letter:

- >Katie Spaulding, Samantha Griner and Mike were all invited to be interviewed on WEAU.
- >Sally Mueller and Steve Exner worked with their employers, Gordy's County Market, to put together a two day event where the news was spread and over 2400 jars of peanut butter were collected!
- >Emily Johnson and Samantha Griner presented PB4Haiti and Haitian Christian Missions to the 6-7 grade group at Christian Harbor Youth Camp and collected \$750.00 to buy more jars!
- >Birch St Auto has collected over \$90.00 to be used to purchase peanut butter
- >Personal collections are still coming in – Sami Griner (who made her goal of 500+ jars), Brittney Hibbard and Katie Spaulding have all dropped off their collections – Thanks girls!
- >Central Lutheran has dropped off another 114 jars – the Ren Faire collection has been deposited...and checks have come in from as far away as California and Alaska!
- >The LE Phillips Senior Center in Eau Claire has started a collection – Marge Hoffman is organizing it..
- > The July 4th EC Predators game will be offering a discounted ticket to all who bring a jar of peanut butter.

As of now, we have about 7,000 jars at the Church (that's equal to approx. 35 two hundred pound pigs - ounce for ounce of protein). We have only 2 more months to complete the collection before they need to be sent to Haiti. YOU can still help: start a collection, give jars or \$, encourage others to get involved. Give God the glory!



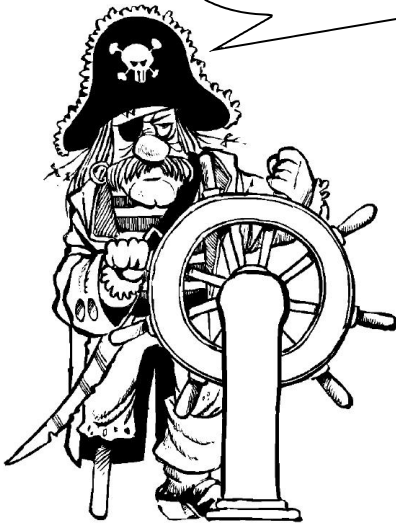
CHRISTIAN HARBOR YOUTH CAMP

It's time to register for camp! There are scholarships available to insure that all ages can attend camp. See Tim or Julie Griner or Mike for details or on-line at www.chyconline.org

July 1-4	Family Camp	\$225 max.
July 5-9	Teen Serve	
July 10-16	Teen Serve	
July 23	Car Show	
July 24-30	Grades 10-13	\$145.00
July 31-Aug. 3	Grades 2 & 3	\$ 69.00
Aug. 3	Teddy Bear	\$ 25.00
Aug. 5-7	Ladies Retreat	\$60.00
Aug. 20	Golf Event	
Aug. 26-28	Empty Nesters	\$60.00

Put these dates on your calendar and start preparing to have a great camp experience.

AHOY THERE, MATEIES!
We're setting sail for
TREASURE COVE!!!
CLIMB ABOARD!
August 14-18
Landmark Christian Church
Vacation Bible School



Contact Dan or
Dana Brehmer for
details.
715-382-4802
608-235-1451

MAY STATS

Ave. Attendance	139
Gen. fund offerings	\$20,655
Gen. fund expenses	\$13,092
Budget	\$15,283

ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 - 10:00 every Sunday
(yes, even in the summer!)

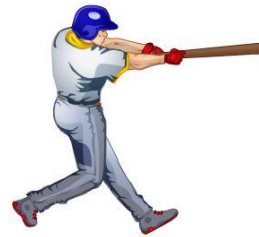
SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL also starts on June 5th, 9:00. We'll be using The Kids' Travel Guide to the 23rd Psalm in a multi-age setting. Teachers are still needed, so contact Patti Spaulding if you can help. (715-839-8052)

Middle School is taught by Julie Griner using the Bible-in-Life series. If you are in this age group and haven't made it to the group yet, please join us soon!

High School is just finishing a study entitled NO Plan B by Todd Phillips. Todd is a Pastor and author of the book, Get Uncomfortable. The series focuses on the church meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the impoverished.

Young Adult Class is being led by Andy Kilough. The group is in the middle of a study of the book of Acts. The class is open to all those that have graduated from high school through 29 years old..

A combined class will begin in the middle of June for all adults. They will be studying the book of Isaiah. Brad Crocker, Marlene Palser and Bernie Zylstra will take turns teaching. If you are hungry for God's Word, this is the class for you.



**TAKE ME
OUT
TO THE
BALL GAME!**

If you would like to join a group of Landmark friends for a night at the ball park, keep Wed. night, July 20th open! We would like to reserve grandstand seating for the Express game at Carson Park against the WI Rapids Rafters. Cost of reserved seating is just \$7.00 (\$6.00 for 25 or more). Please see Wendy Exner for details or to get a ticket. Let's have a great time!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

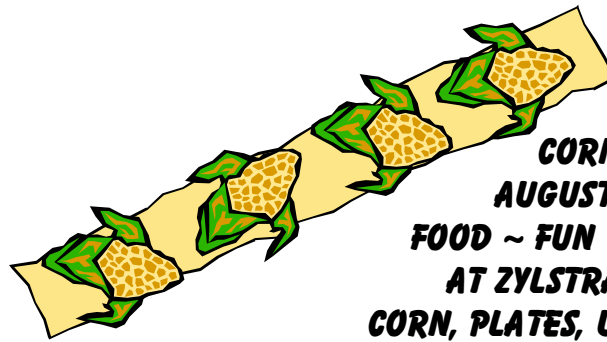
July 2 - Trey Graffunder
July 4 - United States of America
July 5 - Dana Brehmer
July 8 - Madyson Strong
July 9 - John Anderson
July 10 - Ashlyn Steves
July 13 - Malachi Allen
July 15 - Melissa Yarrington
July 18 - Danielle Perry
Mona Christensen
July 19 - Madelyn Olson
July 21 - Barb Palmer
July 22 - Teri Lavalier
Jerry Christenson
July 23 - Lindsay Johnson
July 25 - Brenda Rosenau
Al Chelmo
Lauryn Sime
Jason LonCavish
July 27 - Ethan Crocker



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 2011

July 11 - Tim & Julia Griner, 29 yrs.
July 15 - Mike & Kim Yarrington, 22 yrs.
July 20 - Walt & June Ewer, 61 yrs.
July 21 - Steve & Wendy Exner, 21 yrs.
July 26 - Dan & Dana Brehmer

LADIES NIGHT OUT! Wednesday, July 6th at 6:30 pm. at Wendy Exner's campsite at O'Neil Creek Campground in Chippewa Falls. We will be sharing hors d'oeuvres together and then discuss Chapter 16 of the Battlefield of the Mind book. You can easily plug into the discussion whether you have the book or not. Just bring a snack to share - Wendy will supply the rest. There's a place for a campfire, too. Join us!



CORN FEST
AUGUST 7 - 1:00
FOOD ~ FUN ~ FELLOWSHIP
AT ZYLSTRA'S COTTAGE
CORN, PLATES, UTENSILS, DRINKS
PROVIDED
BRING A DISH TO PASS

THANK YOU, Walt Matchim for up-grading the Church's computer. We appreciate all those who volunteer their time and talents.

SERVING SCHEDULE

July 3 - 9:00 Nursery - Jill C.
10:30 Nursery - Teri L, Olivia E.
Ushers: Dave S, Ron O, Nate E, Dan B
Communion Med. - Dave S.
Jr. Worship - Tammy O.
Greeters - Kevin & Shannon B.
July 10 - 9:00 Nursery - Arlene M.
10:30 Nursery - Michelle G, Sami B
Ushers: Chet C, Terry J, Paul T, Dan Z.
Communion Med. - Tom C.
Jr. Worship - Sally M.
Greeters - Mark & DeAnn P.
July 17 - 9:00 Nursery - Tammy O.
10:30 Nursery - Chelsey K, Elissa S.
Ushers - Bernie Z, Steve E, Tom C, Randy L.
Communion Med. - Dick A.
Jr. Worship - Cathy C.
Greeters - Chad & Laura E.
July 24 - 9:00 Nursery - Jill C.
10:30 Nursery - Diana V, Katie S.
Ushers - Chad V, Ken N, Harvey M, Don M.
Communion Med. - Lou S.
Jr. Worship - Wendy E.
Greeters - Al & Michelle G.
July 31 - 9:00 Nursery - Arlene M.
10:30 Nursery - Bonnie H, Missy Y.
Ushers - Phil P, Lou S, Tim G, Al G.
Communion Med. - Bernie Z.
Jr. Worship - Jill C.
Greeters - Bob & Gloria T.

* If you are unable to serve, please get a substitute.

ELDER'S CORNER

"THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH"

Remember that song? It is a bubble-bursting chorus! Camp reverberates when kids sing it. You see the radiant smiles, the sparkling eyes, and the enthusiastic singing. They put their hearts into it, singing with gusto and it effects the whole camp.

The "rah-rahs" and pep at ballgames have the same effect on teams and spectators. How much sweeter the taste of victory when an inspired team wins through skill, achievement and public support, rather than when boo's, errors or penalties cause an unearned victory.

How about transferring some of that optimism to our church? What a great transformation when members give a hearty handshake, an encouraging pat on the back, or genuine praise for achievement. What inspiration when the sweet fellowship, glowing interest, deep concern and vigorous endorsements flow freely amidst the family of God.

The Psalms are filled with praise. Hymns are saturated with adoration all directed toward God. Surely our church would glow even more than it does already, if we would pride ourselves in genuine praise of one another. Let the church rejoice together for great is her accomplishments. Glorious is her God. Intimate is her fellowship. Mighty is her influence. Enthralling is her everlasting life. Loving is her purpose and Christ-like is her character.

We love you and appreciate you, Bernie Zylstra

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

There is a list of jobs that need to be done around the Church building. If you can help with any of these, call one of the trustees: Harvey McEathron (715-723-1647), Dick Augustine (715-723-4971) or Rick Harvey (715-829-5828). These include painting, staining, light carpentry work, cutting down brush, etc. We appreciate all your help.

THANK YOU: "We want to thank Landmark Church for our 65th Anniversary reception and our lovely cards. We are so blessed to have so many Christian friends."

Bill and Ella June Borland

NAMEKAGON CANOE TRIP:

Enjoy life and God's wonderful creation! Join us for a float down the Namekagon River, near Trego, WI - Thurs. July 7 through Sat. July 9. The Namekagon is part of the St. Croix National Scenic River Way. The river is shallow with a nice flow to it - very scenic and great for canoeing or kayaking. The bottom is mostly sandy, so many swimming opportunities will be available.

We will be camping in the Trego Town Park, so please let Al Chelmo know if you plan to participate. Canoeing will take place on Friday and Saturday morning. Check out :

www.logcabin-resort.com/trgorvr2.pdf



BOOK CLUB: We will be meeting Monday, July 25, 6:45 pm at Wendy Exner's home. We will be discussing the book "The Last Light" by Terri Blackstock. We have a great time and this book will make you think - come, join us!



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GOD
FOR
AMERICA**



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COMING EVENTS

July 4th - America's Independence Day
July 6 - Ladies Night Out!
July 9 - Sam Griner's Grad Party
July 7 - 9 - Namekagon Canoe Trip
July 16 - Olivia Exner's Grad Party
July 20 - Express Baseball game
July 31-Aug.5 - Spirit Road Trip
Aug. 5 - 7 - Ladies Retreat
Aug. 7 - Corn Fest @ Zylstra's cottage
Aug. 14-18 - VBS
Aug. 26-28 - Empty Nesters Camp-out
Sept. 4 - Block Party

Check out articles throughout the newsletter for details on the above dates.

TIMES OF SERVICE

9:00 Bible School~all ages
10:00 - 10:30 Fellowship
10:30 Worship

WEBSITE—CHECK IT OUT

www.landmarkchristianchurch.org
Sunday's sermons are now online
along with current happenings.

Our Vision Statement: Our purpose is to GUIDE people into God's family, GROW in faith, GIVE by sharing Christ and serving others, GO where God leads and GLORIFY God.