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BECAUSE YOU MATTER TO GOD

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When I was a boy, my grandmother would invite my brother and me to spend some summer days with her at her little home. It was a treat for us boys, and we found out later it was a treat for her as well. One of the special traditions at Grandma's house was her special macaroni and cheese. The aroma filled the house with a comfortable excitement, and we boys with anticipation.



The activities of these visits varied from exploring Grandma's big field (it was a whole acre, and the neighbor grazed sheep there) to climbing the television antenna tower. We raked some leaves, mowed the yard, and painted the fence as well, but what would have been chores at home were in fact opportunities at Grandma's.

Grandma beamed as her boys found new ways to make her life easier. Looking back on it, I think maybe our work for her actually created more work for her to do. She would round up the paint and the brushes, forage through the garage that was filled with all of the lawn implements that Grandpa left behind when he died, and organize the bagging of leaves and twigs. She always seemed to love it—her boys were working for her.

Always there was the macaroni to look forward to. A creamy concoction of warm cheese, noodles, and cracker crumbs; this was truly the highlight of culinary masterpiece. For years I have tried to duplicate the recipe to produce the same dish that Grandma made. I studied the details of the recipe for minute changes that maybe Grandma intended but never wrote. Every attempt yielded frustration, my macaroni was indeed good, but it lacked a little something that Grandma added that I could not seem to capture.

And now I think I know what it was about Grandma's macaroni. It was the experience. It was knowing that Grandma got up that morning to prepare a dish she knew we loved; it was the special cup that Grandma always kept just for me. No one else could use that cup. I still have it, a silly little orange and white striped cup that is a piece of Grandma.

It was Grandma's look that said of all the things in the world that she could be doing this day, spending the time with her boys was at the top of her list. It never was about the details of the recipe, it was about being with Grandma.

I often seem to get lost in the details. I read the Bible looking for details. I read different commentaries, digest opinions talk to Brad, read some more. I even purchased a computer program that allows me to cross reference nine

Bible translations, a plethora of commentaries, and a virtually limitless number of on-line resources. I love it. But sometimes, in the search for details I get a little frustrated.

Commentaries and opinions differ. What did Jesus really mean? What did He really say? Who was He really talking too? Details are important, and I still want to know them, but sometimes the search for details derails the search for the experience.

The experience. Knowing Jesus got up to prepare a place just for me. A place in His Father's house with my name on it. A place here on Earth for me to serve Him, even though my service to Him requires work on His part. It is feeling His joy that His child wants to serve Him. It is the look on His face that says of all the things in the universe he could be doing, being with me is at the top of His list. It is knowing that in the Bible, He has left behind a piece of himself. His words, His tenderness, and the joy He has in His children, reflected in passages of beautifully crafted prose.

I no longer try to duplicate Grandma's macaroni, instead I reminisce in contentedness on the wonderful days we spent together. I relive in my memories that which I cannot relive in reality. I let the whole experience wrap itself around me in the love of my grandma. Instead of the frustration of searching for details, I feel the comfort of the moment.

I haven't given up searching for Biblical details, but I make certain that I spend time in the experience. I feel the comfort of Jesus arms wrapping around me, filling me with His joy. The wonder of it all is that I am not reminiscing; I am living it in the here and now. While my Grandma has gone home to her Lord and Savior, my Lord and Savior comes home to me each day. He brings me to Him, He lets me experience Him.

Dave Spaulding, elder

W. O. W.

(WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY)

6:30 TO 7:45 - CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

PRESCHOOLERS - CLAIRE ASSELIN

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 2ND GRADE - DANA BREHMER

LESSONS ABOUT JESUS, CRAFTS, GAMES, SNACKS (KAREN NYHUS, SERVING)

GRADES 3 THROUGH 5 - BRAD CROCKER

READING "THE STORY" - 31 BIBLE READINGS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES TO USE AS HOME DEVOTIONALS

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL - ACTS 29 - MIKE COHOON

EXPERIENCING "THE STORY" (GENESIS - REVELATION), MUSIC & GAMES

ADULTS - 6:00-6:30 - PATTY CHELMO LEADING A PRAYER TIME

6:30-7:45 - SHANNON BALTS LEADING "PRAYERS OF JESUS" STUDY

YOU WILL WANT TO BE PART OF W.O.W.

National Missionary Convention - Atlanta, GA - Nov. 18-20. The Youth Conference "Windows of the World" theme is based on 1 Peter 2:11-12. If you are in Middle School, High School or College and are interested in attending, let Mike know. Rooms will need to be reserved soon. Check out the promotional video at <http://www.nationalmissionaryconvention.org/students>.

ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 - 10:00 every Sunday

The Fall Sunday School Season has started. Teachers and students involved in new studies of God's Word. There are classes for all ages, with nursery available. Contact Patti Spaulding if you can help. (715-839-8052)

Middle School is taught by Julie Griner. They are studying Heroes of Bible Times up to Heroes of the present. If you are in this age group and haven't made it to the group yet, please join us soon!

High School, Young Adult and Adult classes will all spend seven weeks studying "Heaven" by Randy Alcorn. Don't miss this chance to get a preview of your forever home.

Thank You to everyone who helped with and attended the **Block Party**. Over 250 pieces of chicken were grilled and shared, numerous side dishes were prepared and lots of neighbors showed up with their children! God blessed us with wonderful weather. I think the block party brings a smile to His face as we share with those in our nearest mission field. We hope that events like this allow us to make a deeper connection with those in our neighborhood.



AUGUST STATS

Ave. Attendance	131
Gen. fund offerings	\$10,703
Gen. fund expenses	\$12,004
Budget	\$15,283

MISSION TRIP

HAITIAN CHRISTIAN MISSION - January, 2012. The Haitian mission team would like to ask you to pray for hearts to be open to the Gospel while we are there - and for us to really be the hands and feet of Jesus to those we meet! Thanks for your continued support.

Mission of the Month

FREE CLINIC
OCT. 22 - 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

We have a full slate of medical professionals on hand, including a Family Practice Doctor, a Chiropractor, and an Optometrist. Our Spa Area will have three professional hair stylists and a Massage Therapist, along with those that can do manicures and nail polishing. Once again, we will have a Family Photo area, an oil change area, clothes and food distributions and a warm meal. Child care will be provided. Flyers are available. Please take some to post where people will see them.

If you can help in any of the following areas, please call Mike or sign up in the fellowship area.

- Set up and Take down ~ Mike Cohoon
- GateKeeper/DoorKeepers - Patti and Dave Spaulding
- Oil Change Area - Dan Brehmer
- Spa Area - Dana Brehmer
- Children's Area on/off Site - Julia Griner/ Mike Cohoon
- Grocery and Clothing Area - Jean Zylstra
- Meals - Patty Chelmo
- Nursing - Mike Cohoon
- Photography - Chris Cohoon, Sally Mueller and Chad Veitch
- Hosts and Hostesses - Mike Cohoon - DOZENS NEEDED! You just need to be friendly!

We have an opportunity to meet people's needs, to show Jesus' love. Please contact one of the people listed above to be part of this community outreach!

NOTE: Please plan to stay until 2:30 so that everyone can be served.



PARKVIEW PARTNERSHIP **EVERY CHILD IS A**



The mentor program is trying to match positive adult role models with the kids! We want to give hope for the present and a vision for their future. We are looking for more mentors to take up the challenge at Parkview. Talk to some who are already meeting weekly with their kids- Jean, Bernie, Mike, Brad, Sandy, Mark Hanson. See the website:

Cfsd.chipfalls.k12.wi.us/cvMentors.cfm

We are also looking for those interested in tutoring a child in schoolwork or homework. See Mike for details.

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

PEANUT BUTTER COLLECTION

The PB 4 Haiti drive has ended! Currently, 16,000+ pounds of peanut butter are on the way! Chippewa Valley Technical College transported the PB to Chicago on Sept. 22. Our plan to send it on to Ohio to Lifeline ran into some logistical problems, so the PB will be shipped directly out of the Chicago port. Since God took over the plan, all these problems turned into blessings!

IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service) had half a shipment of rice meals that were waiting to be sent, so they transported them to Chicago. So now our container is full with peanut butter, Kids Against Hunger rice meals and little dresses! Isn't God great?

Please pray that this shipment clears customs in a timely manner so it will be in Haiti when our mission team arrives on January 2, 2012. Pray that for those who will receive these essentials will realize that it comes because of Jesus' love, through the efforts of so many.

ELDER'S CORNER

It rained in Chippewa Falls. It rained and rained some more. That low just hung around causing the soil to become saturated. If you were up early enough to be outside in the rain, you would have noticed hundreds of earthworms on a mission. These slender, long, soft-bodied, leg-less creatures inched their way across the blacktop roads seeking higher ground. It seemed like a long journey for them.

Some of these creatures got only a brief start. Many were squashed by tires from fast moving cars. Some became dry and exhausted and could not advance. Very few made it to the other side of the road. I applauded the few that did.

In application, we have seen many refugees in Somalia die along the way from heat and starvation, as well as sickness and disease. Haiti and Japan are still fresh in our minds. Then there were the losses from tornadoes in Alabama and Joplin. The drought in Texas has caused many to fail after valiant attempts to make it work. Oh, how brief our life is on this earth.

Our spiritual life also reflects a long journey. All have good intentions as we walk the path of our choosing. Many, however, fall by the wayside as they get hammered with the evil of our days. Satan has devious ways of luring us into "appealing" snares that entangle us into sin. It strangles, It chokes, It stomps. It wipes us out from our purpose to seek higher ground. We wonder why the Lord has forsaken us.

All the time, God has given us ample warning, but do we listen? Many keep marching right into the minefields of Satan's forces. Read Matthew 13 and see what Jesus has to say.

Bernie Zylstra, elder

Changes in the Worship Service Schedules

This fall brings a change to the Landmark Christian Church Sunday morning worship schedule. We are now offering **two worship services**. The first service, as well as the Sunday school offerings, will be from 9:00-10:00AM. The second service will be from 10:30-11:45.

Upcoming Sermon Series: *HEAVEN - OUR FOREVER HOME*

Our pastor's sermons, plus Sunday School study, will focus on what the Bible says about heaven.

- Oct. 2 What Happens to People in Hell?
- Oct. 9 What Will We Do in Heaven?
- Oct. 16 What Will We Be Like in Heaven?
- Oct. 23 Living in Light of Eternity
- Oct. 30 Longing for Home

*Peeling back
the Layers of
the Unknown!*



We need your help! As the fall and winter months approach, Church activities are starting to increase. We will be using more paper supplies in the kitchen, so I need your help keeping track of the items most often used. If you notice we are getting low on supplies, please leave a note on the board in the kitchen or call me and leave a message.

Thanks for your help.

Jackie Chladek ~ 715-874-5667

Thank you to those who took care of the lawn this summer. Mowers: Bernie Zylstra, Ruth Zylstra, Brian Crocker, Kyle Crocker and others. Landscapers: Kim Yarrington, Julia Griner, Joel Wiltrout, Cathy Cohoon, Rick Harvey, and others.

CONGRATULATIONS

Walt and Jean Matchim, John and Glenda DeLaMater on making the choice to more fully yield themselves to Jesus. All four were baptized in the Chippewa River on Sept. 20th. We ask God's richest blessing on them as they continue their faith journey and labor with us at Landmark Church.

Cadence Mae Davis was dedicated to the Lord on Sept. 25th during the Worship service. Parents, Chris and Jen Davis, Grandparents, Great Grandma, Aunts and Uncles and members of the congregation promised to help and support the growth and maturing of Cadence in the Lord. God's blessing to all.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Oct. 6 - Patti Spaulding
Oct. 8 - Nikki LonCavish
Oct. 9 - Ella Morken
Oct. 10 - Sandy Zylstra
Oct. 16 - Arlene McEathron
Chris Cohoon
Oct. 19 - Joe Perry
Nancy Gearhardt
Oct. 21 - AveryAnn Ehlert
Oct. 23 - Tara Johnson
Oct. 30 - Bob Niesen
Julie McCormick
Oct. 31 - Melyssa Strong



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - 2011

- Oct. 13 - Jeff & Robyn Allen, 4 yrs.
Oct. 18 - Doug & Carol Anderson
Oct. 29 - Paul & Pat Tomkowiak, 34 yrs.

SENIOR SAINTS BIBLE STUDY: The study and fellowship at the Homestead Village Apts. has begun. WOW! What a great beginning! We had 14 present with 3 of our regulars missing. We will be viewing the new DVD series by Ray VanderLaan on the Holy Land entitled "God Heard Their Cry" covering the Exodus of Israel and the Faith lessons we can learn. However the DVD did not arrive the first week and the second week the new TV was not properly set up to show the DVD. So, we improvised - not that the Seniors cared much. They enjoy the fellowship and the lessons that are presented. We meet every Wednesday at 2:00 in the Community Room. See Bernie for more details..



"HEAVEN ON EARTH"

The Choir will begin work on a Christmas Cantata to be presented on Dec. 18th. Our first rehearsal will be Sunday evening, Oct. 9, 6:00. We will review the music and discuss rehearsal time. We have so many great singers, please be a part of this uplifting and fun activity. If you have questions, please see Jen Davis, Director. 715-214-8943

Thailand Update and Potluck with Julie McCormick

Julie will be visiting Sunday, Oct. 9. She will fill us in on the trip she took to Thailand. A potluck will immediately follow the worship service. Please plan to stay and bring a dish to pass.

The KHUN YUAM CHRISTIAN YOUTH HOSTEL has a new website. The site has been put together to help Chris Cohoon spread the word about this great ministry as he prepares to leave for Thailand in January of 2013. Chris will be raising support for his full time ministry with Somphet, the children of the youth hostel and the village churches that the youth hostel serves. The site is still under construction, so check back often for new pages and information.

http://www.khunyuumchristianhostel.org/Home_Page.html

THE JOPLIN REPORT: Joel Wilttrout and Bernie Zylstra left Sat., Aug. 27th for Joplin, MO. They arrived Sunday afternoon where they met Dave Mueller from Litchfield, MN. The three of them stayed at the home of David and Debbie Anderson and they were exceptional hosts.

Everyday we drove through the devastation. It was so disheartening! We worked on a house belonging to Jeremiah & Angelo Chaligoj whose house was destroyed in the tornado. They were forced to purchase a run-down place that had lots of problems. We replaced the roof shingles, repaired the sheathing, reinforced some rafters, and replaced soffits and fascia.

BOOK CLUB: Our meeting will be Oct. 24, 6:45pm at Deanna Augustine's home. We will be discussing the book Prayers for Sale by Sandra Dallas, as well as The Persian Pickle Club by the same author. You are invited to join us for an enjoyable time.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD boxes will be available Oct. 23rd. The boxes will be collected and leave Landmark on Nov. 21st. We have reserved 10 spots at the Minneapolis warehouse for Wed. evening, Dec. 7th. See Mike if you are interested in working there.

CHRISTMAS AT THE YOUTH HOSTEL
We have collected \$425.00 to go for Christmas gifts for the 86 children at the hostel. We'd like to have \$8.00 per child, so we have a way to go. You can still contribute through the offering or tell Mike to transfer funds from your account.

E-MAIL ADDRESS

landmarkchurch1@gmail.com

COMING EVENTS

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 - W.O.W. 6:30 - 7:45
Oct. 9 - Potluck w/Julie McCormick
Oct. 9 - Choir begins, 6:00
Oct. 22 - Free Clinic
Oct. 24 - Book Club
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 - Operation Christmas Child
Nov. 17-21 - Nat'l Missionary Convention
Dec. 7 - Operation Christmas Child-Mpls.
Jan. 2, 2012 - Haiti Mission trip
Check out articles throughout the newsletter for details on the above dates.

TIMES OF SERVICE

9:00 - First Worship Service
with Nursery
9:00 Bible School~all ages
10:00 - 10:30 Fellowship
10:30 Second Worship Service
with Nursery & Jr. Worship



Church Office—726-1332
Brad Crocker, Minister—726-8862
Mike Cohoon, Youth & Outreach Minister, 726-1186

WEBSITE—CHECK IT OUT

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

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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.