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From Pastor Jim's Desk:

**...and the gates of hell shall not prevail against Christ's church."
(Matt. 16:18b).**

Jesus is building His Church in Wisconsin and the U.P. of Michigan through the Western Great Lakes District. This month we will focus mainly on what God is doing in and through the four church plants that are presently ministering.

Madison Alliance Church has added staff (Jesse Rhodes from Appleton joined the team in July), hosted "City Parties" with over 30 people present, identified a possible meeting place (The Comedy Club a block from the Capitol), hosted two homeless ministry opportunities, and have set September 18 as the date of their first preview service. Excitement is growing for this new ministry that God is building! Our desire in planting "The MAC" is not to just plant another church in Madison, but to see a number of church plants spin out of The MAC. Please pray that this DNA will be planted from the beginning!

Genesis Bible Church in Milwaukee had a special baptismal service on Saturday, August 27! This service was held at the church with a portable baptismal tank donated by Alliance

Community Bible Church in Belgium. Seven people were baptized—all people who received Christ since the church began in April 2010! Pastor Andy and Rae Challinor are planning to launch a new WorkNet program with the help of others in September to assist people from the neighborhood gain skills that can lead to securing jobs. Praise God that He is building His Church in a tough environment!

Watermarx Church in La Crosse, Wisconsin, will celebrate their two year anniversary on Sunday, September 11. Over 35 people have come to faith in Christ in these two years with more than a dozen baptized. As this church moves from the launch phase and grows in spiritual formation, Pastor Brian Faught and Jaden Thomas are moving into growing missional community groups that involve the formation of character, community, and service. Six such groups are being launched this fall. Please pray for Pastor Brian and the Advisory Team as they move into the next stage of ministry.

Grace Community Church in Birchwood, Wisconsin, is in negotiations to rent a building on the main street in town that can help create a Sunday morning footprint for serving this community. The ministry will be moving to meeting on Sundays beginning September 18. A retooled children's ministry will be launched this fall. Pastor Tom Fleming has been active in becoming a volunteer fireman, secretary of the

local food pantry, and helping out with the local high school football team. Recently a member of the launch team had the joy of praying with a person to receive Christ! Pray for Pastor Tom and Melissa Fleming as they seek to lead this ministry into the next phase of reaching the people of Birchwood for Christ.

Thank you for partnering with these churches in prayer. It is important to remember that when you pray specifically for these ministries you are praying back the darkness so that the light of Jesus will come into the lives these churches will be touching.

Also you need to know that **Faith Alliance** contributes regularly to the District Operating Budget and the Church Development Fund thus giving these churches a financial base so that they can effectively share Jesus Christ with those they have contact with. Because of your faithful contributions, lives are being transformed, eternal destinies are being redirected, Christ is building His Church, and the gates of hell are not prevailing!

It is good to see these churches making a difference in their communities. We are so thankful that we can contribute as they bring Jesus to their local people. We must remember to also make strides into our community but living the life of Jesus before those we come in contact with.

We have had the joy of seeing many new people visit **Faith Alliance** this summer and our greatest joy is to better connect them to the Lord Jesus and to the people of this church. We have a **1st Impressions Team** that seeks to make our guess 1st impression a good impression in their spiritual journey. We have an **Assimilation Team** that comes along side our guest, helping them to better connect with the Lord Jesus and the people of **Faith Alliance Church**. If you sense that these are areas where you would like to serve contact Pastor Jim and he will connect you with one of these teams.

As a church we are called to help connect the people of our community with Jesus and His church. So keep praying for the Lord's leading. Keep serving others with His Love. Keep building up His kingdom by sharing your love for Jesus to as many as possible. **...and the gates of hell shall not prevail against His Church."** (Matt. 16:18b).

From the Desk of Pastor Monte:



Orange Update: AWANA at Home

**ORANGE IS A STRATEGY.
FOR COMBINING CRITICAL INFLUENCES IN LIFE TO
FUEL FAITH IN THE NEXT GENERATION.**

Orange is a path, a strategy that combines the strength of two—yellow and red—to create the brilliance of another, Orange. By combining the critical influences of the light of the church and the love of the family, the Orange strategy synchronizes efforts and shows a generation who God is, more effectively than either could alone.

Over the last few months you have heard us often talking about this “Orange Strategy”. We want to see every ministry that involves children, involve their parents. This is not my idea and it is not a new one. But we want to get it right, we want to “get-r-done”. Starting this fall we are beginning a Sunday School class called “AWANA at Home”. Don’t let the name fool you, this is a great ministry. It doesn’t matter if you are a young family with small children or a more experienced family with teenagers, AWANA at Home has a plan for you. The program is designed to help families connect with one another and to God.

*Awana at Home is parents and churches working together to raise kids we call **modern-day Josephs**.*

*The Bible calls parents to be the primary spiritual influencers of their children. Awana at Home can help by **presenting a vision to parents** for raising their kids spiritually and by providing **thetools and know-how** to do it successfully.*

Awana at Home classes teach parents how to lead a weekly family devotion night and the simple family-night resources and ideas are easy enough for any parent to implement.

Kim and I have been listening to some parent training from Larry Fowler I’d like to share with you.

Let’s start with a question...“How do we get our kids to connect with God?”

We must remember to truly connect the connection must be internal and not just external. Going to church, sitting quietly and listening to a message are external. Internal connection involves the heart. It is the center of their thoughts, it is how they think.

Proverbs 23:7

King James Version (KJV)

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he”

A person is made up of what he/she thinks. So how do we train our children how to think? How do we train thoughts?

Our culture says, what feels good? Then do it! If after doing it you think you feel guilty then adjust your thinking.

The bible says, 1.) Think right, what is right and wrong. 2.) Do right, put it into practice. 3.) Then you’ll feel right because you will have peace of Christ with you.

Interesting how the world view and the biblical view are opposites isn’t it?

We must concentrate on helping our children think right.



Kids Korner

Who was the fastest runner in history?
_____ – because he was the first in the human race.

Who was the best actor in the Bible?
_____ - because he brought the house down.

First student with the right answers turned in to Pastor Monte will win a prize!

“One of the Family”



Name: Heather and Steve Gebhart

Born: Heather, August 22, 1982, Steve, Sept. 16, 1981

Family: 2 boys: Aidan – 3 yrs. and Tristan – 1 yr. and a little girl due in January.

Current Job: Heather, Stay at home mom, Steve, Sales Rep at Vern's Cheese

Favorite food: Heather, Chicken Fajitas and Tacos, Steve, Pizza

Dream car: 1971 Dodge Challenger

Things you can't do to save your life: Steve Sing or Dance

What product would you endorse if asked: Heather, Clorox 2

Hobbies: Heather, Camping, walking, reading, anything that involves family

Steve, Working on my car and spending time with family.

Best childhood memory: Heather, Building snow forts with my brother and sister

One thing I can't stand: Heather, Two-faced people, Steve, People who think they get extra biblical revelations or they are apostles or prophets.

Most powerful books I've read other than the Bible: Heather, "The Power of a Praying Wife" and "The Power of a Praying Parent."

Steve: "Building a Biblical Worldview Verse by Verse" and "Christian Worldview for Children", both written by Brannon Howse.

Favorite Bible Verse: Heather, Isaiah 40:31: "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Steve: Ephesians 2: 8-9, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast."

How I became a Christian : Heather, I was brought up in a Christian home and have been coming to this church since I was born. Also, going to Lake Lundgren Bible Camp.

Steve, For me it's like an airplane flight, you don't know when you cross state lines or get into the city limits, but you arrive at your destination. I don't remember when or where I was when I became a Christian, but I know that I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior and put my faith in him.

What is your spiritual gift? Heather, To help others.

I'd describe my faith as: Heather, Forever growing and continuing to trust in God with whatever comes my way.

Steve, Someone who searches the scriptures daily to make sure what others say matches and lines up with the Word of God.

What I'd like to say to the people of Faith Alliance Church: Heather, It's wonderful to know that if you need prayer or comfort you can always rely on the church family to always be there for you.

Steve, It's nice to know it's one big family so if you need anything from prayer to someone coming over to help you, someone is always there for you.

“Vacation Bible School” Gold Rush, 2011

The 2011 Vacation Bible School started out on Sunday July 17th, and went through Thursday night, July 21st, with cowboys, an old western town, and even a donkey present. The attendance this year was great with over 70 children participating through the very hot weather. First off the kids got registered by Amanda Diedrich and Shan Glewen.



For the opening, Dawn Marmor lead the children in a time of singing. Bible verses were given out to memorize.

Each night the children had different activities at different times, below children are listening to Matt Marmor tell a story from the Bible and explain how they can apply it to their lives now. A puppet (aka Dawn Marmor) would appear in the window behind Matt to share in the story.



The children were divided into three different groups according to there age and below they are having a fun time playing games outside with leaders Joe and Chelsea Padour.



Next the children had a snack and some juice in the cooler downstairs Grand Room. Thursday night which was the final night, parents were invited downstairs to share in a treat of ice cream bars, and get registered for AWANA.



The final session was a craft area where cowboy themed items were made. Shenna Ditter lead the team and helped the younger kids create their masterpieces. Volunteers helped too.



And the finale of the evening was a continueing story of several characters in an old fashion western town. A man, Derek Ditter, came to town and shared the gospel with a café owner, Cynthia Schmahl, who shared the message with the sheriff, Roger Rahn, and his funny sidekick, Josh Harn. A scary badman, Jake the snake, Luke, came to town to rob the bank, but in the end he turned his life around for Christ too.



Jasmine Schmahl, a promising singer, also helped to make the show funny. Jon Ditter also played a part as a cheating medicine doctor who changed his life around. All were intrigued to come back the next night to see what happened next. Thanks to all who made this years VBS a Great Success! Several decisions for Christ were made! Praise God!

Small Group Bible Studies Fall, 2011

Day	Time	Place	Group	Topic	Leader
Monday	10:00 – 11:30 p.m.	Church Basement	Mothers of Young Children	“Titus Moms” Bible Study, Fellowship, and Support Group	Sherry Elmer
Tuesday	6:00 a.m.	Church	Men	“Ephesians”	Brian Anhalt
Wednesday	9:15 a.m.	Marj’s Home, 210 Dove St., Chilton	Women	“Ephesians”	Marj Jensen
Thursday	6:00 a.m.	Pastor Jim’s home, 210 Dove St, Chilton	Men	“Colossians”	Ed Rollmann
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Lin Bruckner’s Home 145 School St, Chilton	Women	“The Armor of God”	Shan Glewen
Sunday Morning	8:45 A.M.	Church	All	Various	Various

Joanie’s Famous Recipes

“Grandma’s “Green Hair” Crackers”

1 Pkg. Oyster Crackers
 1 Pkg. Dry Ranch Style Dressing
 ½ T. Lemon Pepper
 1 T. Dill Weed
 ½ C. Vegetable Oil-Heated
 Put crackers in bowl with lid. Sprinkle dry dressing and spices over- drizzle oil over crackers and stir lightly. Let set at least ½ to 1 hour, shaking occasionally. Serve as snack or delicious over tomato or potato soup.

“Carmel Corn Puffs”

1 (8oz.) bag puff corn curls
 2 sticks butter (no substitute)
 ½ C. light corn syrup
 1 C. brown sugar
 1 T. baking soda
 Place corn puffs in lg. roasting pan. In 2 ½ quart saucepan, mix remaining ingredients. Cook 2 min. over medium heat. Pour over corn puffs. Stir until mixed. Place in 250 degree oven for 45 Min. Stir every 10 min. Remove from oven. Pour on wax paper. Cool and break into pieces. Store in air tight container.

“Red Velvet Bon Bons”

1 (18 ¼ oz) box Red Velvet Cake Mix
 Prepare as directed in a 9x13 pan. Cool cake.
 Crumble in a big bowl and mix in a 16 oz. container of cream cheese frosting. Form into ping-pong ball size balls and place on cookie sheet. Chill until firm.
 Melt 1 pound of almond bark. Stir until smooth. Dip balls in melted bark and place on wax paper to dry.

FYI: Implied Consent

When doing articles for the “Communicator” I periodically take pictures of people and activities such as VBS, Women’s Break Away, church picnic, AWANA, and the Grand Prix races.

I use these pictures exclusively for the “Communicator” and they are not in any way used for any profitable endeavor.

The “Communicator” is also posted on our church website. But we do not include any personally identifiable information.

Any members not wanting their photos, or those of their children, taken or used for the “Communicator” should inform the church office in writing and Shan can inform me.

Any questions or comments you can contact me.

Thank You

Kathy Lorenz, Editor

Missions Conference 2011

Fall is here and it is time to start thinking about our Mission Conference for 2011.

The conference this year will be Nov 2, Wednesday through Nov 6, Sunday.

Our Missionary this year will be Sam Stemple, who is serving the CMA as a Chaplain at the Black Forest Academy in Germany for the past 9 years. The Black Forest Academy is an International School primary for Missionary Kids.

Here is a short introduction to Sam;
Sam is married to Jen and they have four children
Jordan (15), Ellie (14), Matthew (8), Katie (6)
Before going to Germany Sam was the youth pastor at
Plymouth Alliance in Plymouth.

I am excited to have Sam as our missionary guest this year. As one who works with youth I know the children will enjoy him and parents also. Since he serves in a school our children should be able to relate well with him.

Here is a tentative schedule which is a little fluid at this point but by the middle of October the agenda more concrete.

Tentative Schedule

Nov 2 - Wednesday - AWANA

Nov 3 - Thursday - Tentative meet with the teens to discuss college and CMA missions work after graduation.

Nov 4 - Friday - Friday evening fellowship with members relaxed

Nov 5 - Saturday - Family Day we are planning a picnic type setting for families for the late afternoon and early evening.

Nov 6 - Sunday - Guest speaking at adult Sunday School - Have the message for the service followed by a church dinner.

What can we as members of God's Family at Faith do to show our support for Sam Stemple, his calling, and his family.

- We can pray for him and his family as they serve God in Germany.
- We set time aside during our mission conference and attend as many events as possible to show support for Sam, and the church's mission program
- We can begin to pray and ask God for guidance in our mission pledge which is given so that missionaries can devote all their time to God's calling.
- We can thank God for still living in a country where we can freely worship him and pray for other people in the world where it is not easy to worship.
- Show our thankfulness to God for leading us to a church where missions is a vital part of who we are.

I cannot stress how important it is for all the members to actively show our support to Sam and our mission program.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will be alive and active during our mission conference and that we will all be blessed by what we learn and where we can each plug in.

Let us show God and Sam that we want to be a part of their work in doing and following Matthew 28:19-20

Watch the bulletin and screen in church for future announcements.

Submitted by Bill Turk

"MISSING ITEMS FROM THE LIBRARY"

After an inventory of the library was completed we discovered that several items were missing.

Can you please check your kids rooms, bookshelves, or maybe under the beds, and see if you find any of the following and get them returned to the library as soon as possible.

Thanks!

"The Hope" DVD

"Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" CD

"Why Belief Matters" CD

"R U 4 Real?" Young Adult

"A Children's companion Guide to America's History" C

"A Children's Book About Disobeying" C

"Billy Graham/The Great Evangelist" C

"Children's Stories of the Bible" C

"The Gigantic Little Hero" C

"The King Without a Shadow" C

"Mandy the Outsider" C

"What If Jesus Had Not come?" C

"The Resurrection Eggs in Rhyme & Song" C

"A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23" NF

"Called to the Mountains" NF

"Captivating" NF

"The Case for Christ" NF

"Dating, Picking & Being a Winner" NF

"The Final Week of Jesus" NF

"Lord I Keep Running Back to You" NF

"More Than a Carpenter" NF

"Northwest" F

"Once More With Feeling" F

"Prevailing Prayer" NF

"Revelation/ A Self Study Guide" NF

"The Chronicles of Narnia" DVD

"The Secret of Staying in Love" NF

"The Voyage of the Dawn Treader"

"What Husbands Wish Their Wives Knew About Men" NF

"What's Gone Wrong With the Harvest?" NF

"Why Wait? What You Need to Know About the Teen Sexuality Crisis" NF

"Winning Your Wife Back" NF

"You and Your Husband's Mid-Life Crisis" NF

“Growing Up With Rules”

At a very young age I learned about rules. I also learned that there were consequences for disobeying the rules. My parents were good enforcers of rules. Perhaps my parents were familiar with God’s teaching on parenting such as Prov. 31:12 that says, “For whom the Lord loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights.” Prov. 13:24 was applied in our home as well. In that passage God says: “He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly.” As a daughter, I had equal rights to the same consequences as a son.

When it came to discipline and rules, my Mom and Dad were always on the same page. A rule was a rule and disobedience was not tolerated. Some rules I had as a young child were: “Don’t walk through the neighbor’s yard, do not jump on the furniture, do not run or yell indoors and always eat everything on your plate.” Even though I didn’t realize it at the time, I was being taught to respect others, be a good steward of what Dad provided, and I was learning to submit to authority. Some rules were also related to keeping me safe.

If I disobeyed any rule, and a warning from Mom or Dad did not get my attention, the “board of education” would. Other consequences might be no dessert or no playing outside with friends. The bar of soap was applied to a disrespectful, unclean mouth.

I’m thankful that my parents were good teachers and enforcers of rules, which I learned to obey, because when I started school, there were more rules. Some of them were: “Don’t run in the halls, don’t chew gum, don’t talk in class, unless you are called on and always be on time. Disobedience to these rules could result in no recess, staying after school, writing something on the chalkboard 100 times, or going to the principal’s office. “Low self esteem” was never an issue back then. If I forgot to obey a rule, the consequences for my disobedience got me back on “trade.”

As I got older I learned to drive. The privilege of driving involved learning new rules. Disobedience to those rules would lead to really serious consequences. A ticket could be costly, but an accident, leading to injury or death, well that could be life changing.

When I went to get a job, I discovered my employer had rules. If I had not learned to submit to authority, by having rules as a child, I would soon have been fired.

Our government is another source of rules and laws. Consequences for disobedience to those rules could be fines, jail time, or a death sentence.

God is the original maker of rules. His rules teach us to love and respect God as well as our fellowman. They form the basis for a civilized society. We show our love for God by submitting to His authority and desiring to

obey His rules. I John 5: says, “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.”

Little children need to learn submission to the authority of God by learning to obey rules that teach them to show love and respect for others and some that protect them from harm.

As Christians we need to have rules, teach rules to our children, and obey rules ourselves. We must not look like the lawless, corrupt society we live in, that tells there are no moral absolutes. God’s word says there are!
By Marlene Rief

Stories can be submitted to Kathy Lorenz
for publication in future issues.

“Church Cleaning Schedule”

10/1//2011 Randy/Ann Lisowe
Jerry/Joanne Kolbe
Susan Puls

10/8/2011 Brian/Rachel Jacobs
Steve/Heather Gebhart
Roger/Cheri Kolbe

10/15/2011 Ed/Deb Rollmann
Bill/Norah Turk
Kevin/Jennifer Savage

10/22/2011 Brad/Melissa Mathes
Gary/Bev Lynch
Matt/Shan Glewen

10/29/2011 Bob/Tracy Wagner
Clyde/Diane Yarne
Jim/Char Nennig

11/5/2011 Carlos/Marlene Reif
Luke/Tessa Farley
Josh/Sara Harn

11/12/2011 Doug/Kay Jacobs
Wim/Janet Van der Graaf
Jeff/Bonnie Juedes

11/19/2011 Joe/Chelsea Padour
Bob Mand/Randy Gruett
Matt/Dawn Marmor

11/26/2011 Bob/Penny Benzschawel
Jim/Marj Jensen
Jay/Amanda Diedrich

12/3/2011 Ken/Deb Wagner
Lin Bruckner/Joan Merten
Bill/Kris Hansen

12/10/2011 Paul/Laura Meier
Nick/Rachel Rolf
Carl/Renee Schweitzer

12/17/2011 Pat/Mary McAuly
Jerome/Angie Heinrich
John/Kelly Bodinger

12/24/2011 Bill/Darlene Hostettler
Bob/Rebecca Severson
Marilyn Lautenschlager, Nancy McKeen

12/31/2011 Gerry/Barb Jacobs
Wes/Wendy Clark
John/ Lucy Boll

The FAC Bulletin Board

“Happy Fall!”



NEEDED: Nursery volunteers!

We can always use more volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Cheri Kolbe at 849-2952.

Mark Your Calendars Now for the Christmas Concert at the Engler Center, Dec 4th, 2011 We will have a choir singing!

“At Your Service” Will take care of any home and yard needs. Call Wayne Vogel at Ph. 773-2915

“Treasured Moments”

Photography & Design
Nick and Rachel Rolf
Available for Weddings, Special Occasions, Family Pictures, etc.

Call 920-901-9270
E-mail rrolf83@yahoo.com

“HELP THE FOOD PANTRY!”

The food pantry is in need of donations. We can use any nonperishable foods and hygiene items. Especially needed at this time are:

Cereal, Muffin and Cake Mixes, Pickles, Skillet Mixes like Tuna or Hamburger Helper, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Laundry and Dish Soap.

Questions: Call Char Nennig (849-9850) or Sue Puls (565-2319)

Deaconess Ministry

If you are aware of any needs of members of our Faith Alliance Church family, cards of get well, sympathy, encouragement, etc. can be sent as well as meals arranged for those with surgeries, extended illnesses, births, etc. Please call a deaconess:

Call Kelly Bodinger 418-3939
Call Linda Bodinger 920-439-1655

Prayer Chain Contacts

Jennifer Savage at KevinSavageJr@aol.com
Or Call Lois Jensen at 849-7196

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DEADLINE

Please submit your articles and ads for the Winter, 2011, issue to Kathy Lorenz’s mail slot, or call 920-418-4831, or e-mail them to kglorenz@charter.net Dec 18th, 2011.

—The Editor

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