

**March, 2009**

**LINC**

**Life  
IN  
Christ**

***Our mission is to create the opportunity for all to make discipleship a way of life.***

*A Message from Pastor James...*

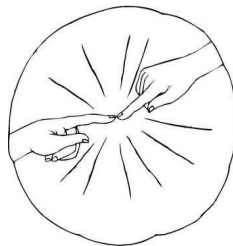
Dear Brothers and Sisters of Bethany:

After the Normandy landings, when the American troops were moving through France, a group of tanks reached a certain village. Heavy shelling had damaged almost every building, even the church. A soldier who went in the church found a statue of Christ lying on the floor. The hands had been knocked off in the bombing.

So he wrote some words on a placard and hung it around the neck of the Christ figure before returning it to its stand. All who passed by stopped to read the placard which said: "No hands but yours."

There is a sense in which the love of Christ lives in our hearts and is expressed through our hands.

Be the hands of Christ, expressing the love of Christ, by bringing food for Open Door on Sunday, March 8 when you come to church.



Be the hands of Christ, expressing the love of Christ, by embracing those who are worried or troubled by the stressful economic times.

Be the hands of Christ, expressing the love of Christ, by helping a friend or neighbor with a task, a project, or a need that would relieve their suffering.

See such acts of service as Christ's love and compassion being channeled through you. Being the hands of Christ is accompanied by an attitude that expects no reward or recompense. Acts of love and charity are done in response to Christ's command to "love one another."

In your daily walk with Christ, remember the story: No hands but yours.

**Scripture and Sermon Titles for March**

**LENTEN THEME: HOLY HABITS**

03/01	COMMUNION; 1st SUNDAY OF LENT The Holy Habit of Daily Devotions Scripture: Mark 1:35; Matthew 6:5-6 Sermon: "Making Time for Your Beloved"
03/08	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT The Holy Habit of Personal Prayer Scripture: I Thessalonians 5:16-18; Jude 20 Sermon: "The Ongoing Conversation"
03/15	3rd SUNDAY OF LENT The Holy Habit of Christian Service Scripture: Revelation 2:19; Ephesians 6:7 Sermon: "At Your Service"
03/22	4th SUNDAY OF LENT The Holy Habit of Faithful Giving Scripture: II Corinthians 9:7; Matthew 10:8b (KJV) Sermon: "Blessed to be a Blessing"
03/29	5th SUNDAY OF LENT The Holy Habit of Everyday Compassion Scripture: Luke 7:11-17; Luke 10:23; Luke 15:20 Sermon: "Moved by What You See"

**Bethany Irish Café**

Join us on Saturday, March 21 for a fantastic dining experience! The dining times are 5:30 PM & 7:30 PM. Proceeds will go toward our Youth Mission Trip.



We are looking for interested individuals to help make this event successful (food prep, decorating, set up, clean up). We also need Irish-themed decorations & costume items (hat, green shirt) to borrow plus:

- White Christmas lights – lots!
- Green tablecloths
- Green material
- Gold material
- Irish music

See or call Michelle McGregor (802-2892 or 681-2130) if you can help! Bless you!

## Baptism Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, March 15 – 12:00 to 4:00 PM

*Is your child becoming interested in their relationship with Christ? Would you like them to have a fun afternoon learning hands-on what that means?*

*This is the event for your maturing child!*

### Agenda

- 12 noon BYO Lunch & Program at Bethany
- 1:00 Set off on the scavenger hunt
- 2:00 End at the Waterford Mott pool
- 4:00 Pick up at Mott

### Send with child:

1. Permission slip
2. \$3.00
3. Bathing Suit, Towel



### Follow Up:

If your child decides to take their faith to the next level:

- Baptism Classes with Pastor James - March 22 & 29 at 9:30
- Parent-Child Faith classes - March 22 & 29 at 9:30

### Baptism!

Palm Sunday, April 5  
Followed by a reception

## Message from Christian Education Team

From Louise Aebersold

Mark your calendars for April 25 for a *Fantastic Musical Event* to benefit the camp scholarship program:

### **CATS & THE FIDDLER** 7 PM at Bethany

There will be more information coming with particulars and the cost of tickets.

## Cartoon Group Game Night



The Youth Cartoon Group will hold a Game Night on Friday, March 13 from 7:00 to 10:00 PM.

Bring: Permission slip  
Bottle pop  
Snack  
Friends!

Where: Brett McClow's House  
41 Hurondale Drive, White Lake

## Thank you Corner

- ♥ Thank you to Bethany for your recent gift of \$480 to Lighthouse Emergency Services. Your donation will help us relieve the pain and anxiety of thousands of families and individuals in crisis situations who come seeking our help each year. We are so very grateful! – Thomas Stowell, Executive Director, Lighthouse Emergency Services
- ♥ Thank you for your recent donation of \$209.53. We had a record-breaking year in 2008 with nearly 700 new families coming for assistance. We anticipate 2009 will be just as difficult. This donation will help us provide for many families. We appreciate your continued support of our mission and the help given to those in need in our community. – Sharon A. Josephson, Exec. Director, Open Door.
- ♥ On behalf of the ABC of Michigan and especially Camp Lael, I would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$250. We are grateful for friends like you who love camp and also want to help our ministry financially! As always, we look forward to seeing you soon at camp. – James Davis, Resident Director of Camp Lael
- ♥ On behalf of the Homeless Action Network, thank you for your donation of hats, gloves, scarves and socks for the Every Person Counts '09 effort . . . because of churches like yours, each homeless person received a bag loaded with warm clothing, personal care items and food. Any leftovers were distributed to shelters, so nothing was wasted. – Linnea A. Berg, Exec. Dir., Friendship House

## Book Club

You are invited to join those reading the book Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson at Panera's on M-59 for fellowship and a discussion on Friday, March 27 at 9:15 AM. You'll need to pick up a copy of the book at the library or a bookstore. See you there.

## Men Meet in March

Bill Maxfield is springing for Breakfast every Saturday in March! Yes, it's true! All the men of Bethany are invited to his house for breakfast, fellowship, and a video discussion of "Be Still" our Small Group Lenten DVD presentation/discussion. **8:30 AM** every Saturday **beginning March 7**. Bill lives at 8164 Vanden Dr., White Lake (Vanden is off of Williams Lake Road). Keep it quiet! Nancy doesn't know about this!

## March Highlights

March 8 - Fellowship Dinner  
March 21 - Bethany Café Irish Dinner: 5:30 & 7:30  
March 22 - Baptism Scavenger Hunt, 12:00 – 4:00 PM  
March 22 & 29 - Baptism Classes for Youth & Parents, 9:30 AM

## Craft Night Fun

By Cathy Haynes

The craft night on February 13 was a great success, over 25 ladies attended. After eating a light dinner, we broke into our classes. The classes were:

- Baking cookies – in less than 1 hour the ladies baked 6 dozen cookies from 3 boxes of cake mix, some eggs, oil and food items laying around the kitchen like raisins, oatmeal, spices, cherries.
- Making greeting cards – those ladies came up with some wonderful cards in the 2 hours they had.
- Knitting chemo hats – this class had the most ladies and it was an excellent class. Everyone learned a lot and started working on a hat.

The knitting class was so much fun we decided we wanted to have a get together once a month. We are going to get together the 2nd Friday evening of the month (7:00 PM) to work on chemo hats and other projects. Everyone is welcome; learn to knit or crochet, make a chemo hat (knit or crochet), make a scarf or bring a project you want to show off. We already have three chemo hats done. Our goal is 100 by next February.

### Goodbye from Pat Waters

Thank you and a BIG, BIG HUG to ALL of Bethany for being there to help me with all my problems and all my joys! I am going to my mom's in Florida to be with her. The door is open to all to come and visit me in sunny Florida! Here's the address:

Pat Waters  
102 Oleander Cove  
Leesburg, Florida 34748  
Phone: 352-365-1562



Thanks again – Pat Waters

### What's Your Name?

March is "Name Tag Month" at Bethany. You are invited to wear a name tag on each of the 5 Sundays in March when you come to worship. This will help us all to get to know one another a little better. You will finally get to know the name of that person whose face you know perfectly well!

### Fellowship Dinner

You are invited to share in a Fellowship Dinner after worship on March 8. We will be having an "Irish" theme. Please bring a dish of food to share and stay for the fellowship.

## Mission Team News

By Lottie Jespersen

The Mission Team is helping The Open Door with their Easter Basket Project by collecting the following items:



- Large bags of Easter Candy
- New Children's Books, K-12
- Hams of money to purchase a ham

We will be collecting items during the month of March. Place books and candy on the food pantry shelf. Put money or checks, made out to Bethany, and clearly marked "Easter Basket Project," into the offering plate.

Please continue to bring in food pantry items as often as you can. The need is great. The March food pantry items will be given to Lighthouse.

Thank you for your support. - The Mission Team

### Be Still Coming in March

During the month of March (Lent), you will have an opportunity to be part of a small group for four weeks in order to look at and discuss the film "Be Still." This film and the follow-up discussion have the potential to change your life in positive ways that you have been desiring. For example, there is a way to pray that will calm you and give you a sense of peace. Are you interested? Make the commitment to be part of four small group sessions during March and grow closer to God. Groups include:

1. Susan Barlow leading a group at the Pastor's Pad on Sunday evenings (7:00 PM) – begins March 1.
2. Julie Patterson/Lottie Jespersen alternating as group leaders on Tuesdays (7:00 PM) – begins at Pattersons on March 3.
3. Nona Bos leading an afternoon group at her home on Wednesdays (1:00 PM) – begins March 4.
4. Bill Maxfield will lead a MENS ONLY group at his home on Saturday mornings (8:30 AM) – begins March 7. Bill guarantees fresh coffee and donuts!
5. Joann Shulte will lead our Adult Sunday School in this small group series on Sundays beginning March 1 (9:30 AM).

### Lent is Here!

The Christian season of Lent begins March 1st. It is a time of spiritual reflection in preparation for the coming of Easter, April 12. Our theme this year is "HOLY HABITS." You are invited to Grand Central where you will find a daily devotional entitled "Holy Habits" to guide you through your own time of spiritual reflection.

## Food for Open Door

The need is great! Please bring canned goods or dry goods for Open Door on Sunday, March 8. Containers are in the vestibule.

## Stewardship Team - March 15

The Stewardship Team will be meeting on Sunday, March 15 after worship in the church office to discuss "fundraising" for 2009. Those with fundraising ideas or are interested in helping with fundraising for 2009 are invited to attend.

## Home Plate -2009



We've got 40 tickets for the Home Plate Event on Saturday, May 2 at Comerica Park! Come to the Home Plate Program at 12:05 PM and hear Detroit Tigers give their testimonies. Also hear a message of faith from former Tiger Frank Tanana. After the program you will have a chance to actually go out on the field and walk around. The game with the Cleveland Indians starts at 3:40 PM. This year we will all get to sit together during the program and the game. Tickets are \$26.00 each. See Lon Fall for tickets.

## July 24 Tiger Game

See Ellen Whitehead for tickets to the July 24 Tiger Game with the Chicago White Sox. Game starts at 7:05 PM. We only have 50 tickets available. First come, first served! Tickets are \$26.00 each.

## COMING IN APRIL

April 5 - Palm Sunday; Believers' Baptism; Communion  
April 9 - Maundy Thursday, 6 PM (youth led Seder)  
April 12 - EASTER, 10:30 AM  
April 25 - Cats & the Cradle Benefit Concert, 7 PM

## Bethany's 90th Year - 2009

by Bernice Schettling

Rudy and I came to Bethany in 1980 from Crescent Hills Baptist Church, which was a missionary church of Bethany's. We had visited several other churches, but we immediately felt at home here.

Rudy led the Adult Sunday School class and I lead the Primary class and sang in the choir.

The thing I like best about Bethany is that it has a feeling of family and everyone is so accepted in love.

The gospel is preached and applied to everyday life.

## How Children Learn

The Christian Education Team is proud to present: **New Information on How Children Learn** (a workshop for parents, grandparents and teachers). Coming to Bethany on: Sunday, March 8 (12 – 1:30 PM). Fill your plate at the Fellowship Dinner, then join us in the classroom. Presenter: Vickie Armstrong.

Vickie is a Teacher Consultant in Huron Valley Schools. She works at a school that has a pilot program for movement and learning, consulting with teachers on brain-based learning, movement and the latest research in these areas. Her training includes nationally-known names like Carla Hanford and Jean Blades Madigan. The workshop will give you great information on how:

- To teach children of all ages
- To help your child be successful
- To assist your special needs children
- To make learning easier for your child at home
- The latest research can help every child in your life
- To make learning REALLY fun!

Expect to be involved the whole time! Please register at Grand Central.



## With a Twist

By LINC Editor Ellen Whitehead

Friends. I hope God has blessed you with many friends. I know he has blessed me with many different kinds of friends throughout my life. Some come and go; some stay with me forever, even though I may not see them often. I have those *FUN*, let-your-hair-down kind of friends; my deep-thinking, writer friends; work friends; athletic/coach friends; church friends; and more. I am truly BLESSED with FRIENDS! I have one dear friend that I like to call my spiritual mentor.

I've decided to join my spiritual friend in a mission trip to Kentucky March 18 – 21. We will be helping families who had severe damage to their homes from the tragic ice storm that swept across this area earlier this winter. I am truly honored to be part of this team and look forward to this mission experience.

While telling a friend at work about my upcoming trip and a little bit about my spiritual friend, I came up with these words to describe her: *"She is the kind of friend that makes me a better person, just for knowing her."*

I bet you can think of these kinds of friends. Take a minute to think about it. Then, let that friend know how they have made you a better person. In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, here is an old Irish Proverb to remember:

**A friend's eye is a good mirror.**

# A Garden of Flowers

# Gather & Grow

By Nancy Maxfield

This year, the Worship Team is suggesting we buy a variety of flowers to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You may purchase a potted plant in memory of a loved one, to say "thank you", to say "I love you", or to decorate your Easter table. You may buy one or several plants. Make checks out to Bethany Church and include with this order form. The deadline for ordering is March 22, 2009:

## Flower Order Form

(Write the number of plants by each and circle the color)

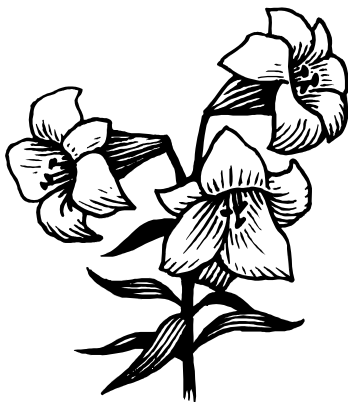
#	Type of Flower	Price	Color
_____	Easter Lily (6")	\$16.50	White
_____	Azalea	\$21.00	Pink, White, Red
_____	Hydrangea (6")	\$15.00	Blue, Pink
_____	Tulip (6")	\$14.50	Red, Pink, Yellow Lavender
_____	Tulip (4")	\$10.50	Red, Pink, Yellow Lavender
_____	Daffodil (6")	\$14.50	Yellow
_____	Mum (6")	\$15.00	Yellow, White, Lavender
_____	# TOTAL	_____	TOTAL COST

NOTE: Azaleas, hydrangeas and mums sold this time of year are usually not hardy to Michigan. They can be enjoyed outside through summer and fall. Some colors are limited.

If your plant is in honor of or in memory of loved ones, please list names below:

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_



Every Thursday morning, a group of faithful women gather for coffee and Bible study. We've had some great discussions regarding "The Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible" and how we can relate to these women today. This series will last through March 19.

In the coming weeks, we will be looking at the lives of Leah and Rachel. Any woman is welcome to attend. It's at Nancy Maxfield's home at 9:30 AM. Come and learn with us!

## Prayer of Concern for Others

(Nona Bos found this in an old hymnal and wanted to share)

Father, help me to talk like a Christian:  
to speak in such a way that I build up another person's  
confidence in himself,  
instead of tearing down his reputation.

Father, help me to drive like a Christian:  
to be watchful and careful lest I cause harm  
to someone else on the highways.

Father, help me to give like a Christian:  
without thought of return, without anyone knowing what I  
do, and with Your approval as sufficient reward.

Father, help me to dress like a Christian:  
by not attracting attention to myself for being too  
fashionable or too casual; and help me to show by my  
appearance that I want people to know me  
for what I am inside myself.

Father, help me to sleep like a Christian:  
at peace with myself because sin is forgiven; and at  
peace with others because I do not allow  
my anger to last through a day.

Father, help me to eat like a Christian:  
to eat healthily, to eat gratefully, giving thanks to You  
who provide my food,  
and for the one who prepares my food.

Father, keep me from being so pious that I keep You out  
of the practical areas of life. Be with me when  
I am alone, and when I shed my inhibitions, lest in those  
moments I cancel out all that I seem to be  
when I'm on my best behavior.

Father, I ask this because I follow a Master who was  
never guilty of the slightest wrong-doing, and who  
always showed His love in the small details of living.

Amen.

- Bryan Jeffery Leech

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We welcome your contributions to the **LINC**. The April LINC deadline is Sunday, March 29. Email articles to Ellen Whitehead at [twinklakede@comcast.net](mailto:twinklakede@comcast.net) or put them in the tray in the Church Office. Please get articles in by the deadline. Thanks!

## ✝ Bethany Prayer Chain ✝

To activate the Bethany Prayer Chain, call one of the following individuals:

- ✓ Joyce Hice – (248) 335-9026
- ✓ Joann Shulte – (248) 682-1109 or
- ✓ Church Office – (248) 681-2130

## ♥ Tender People for Tough Times ♥

When you need Bethany's Pastoral Staff, for any reason at all, just call:

**Church Office:** 248-681-2130 (Fax is 248-681-9798)  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday)  
Email: [Office@bethanywaterford.org](mailto:Office@bethanywaterford.org)  
**Rev. James Bolin at home:** 248-722-4516

Being a family of faith means  
you don't have to go it alone – **CALL US!**