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“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

John 15:12

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Board Corner
A Year In Review

•Kevin Klevorn, Church Board Chairman

Let me hit the highlights of the annual meeting in case you were unable to attend on January 27th.If you were a half hour late, you would have missed it anyway, as we set a new record for "git'er done" I am grateful that God provided funds to finish 2012 "in the black", even with some expensive projects such as a new roof on the youth center this past year.

The church approved the following men to serve on the Board for a two year term: **Ed Bradley, Jack Coats, Myron Matz, Curt Reynolds, Paul Theriault, and Chad Overbeek.** Chad replaces **Verlin Thompson** who decided to step down after many faithful years of service. Please make sure you give an "attaboy" to Verlin for all his time and wisdom in serving. He isn't going anywhere, but felt it was just time to step aside for someone else. These gentlemen join **Leland Hershey, Lynn Groff, Gil Redmer, Jeff Bradford, Travis Cooper** and yours truly on the Board. Curt and Leland attend primarily the East Jordan campus. Our budget that was approved for this year was just over \$1,000,000. Some of the new equipment we need to replace includes some of the projection items, and computers seem to have a shorter and shorter shelf life, so a regular replacement schedule keeps the eventual crashes from causing chaos. We also need to replace the main copy machine on the Walloon campus. Next year we will have to look hard at a vehicle, so if you know of an opportunity in the transportation arena, please let us know, as those tend to be pretty big ticket items. Both vans currently have significantly over 6 figures in miles travelled.

We now have 13 employees on staff, with **Dorothy Prins**, our new full time Children's Ministry director the latest addition. As with most organizations, the cost of health care is a significant concern, and the Board chose to cap the funds we will allocate to purchase insurance, so please continue to pray for our continued wisdom and discernment as to how to best take care of those who serve as their vocation, while at the same time being good stewards of the widow's mites that are entrusted to us each Sunday.

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Our attendance this year averaged 815 each Sunday. About 700 attended the Walloon campus and 115 the East Jordan campus each Lord's Day. The high, as usual, was Easter Sunday at 972 for Walloon alone. The low was March 4th: NOBODY, except maybe Pastor Bob telling anyone that drove up that we had no power! That snowy Sunday gave me a chance to get over to East Jordan that day though since I didn't have any teaching responsibilities! It all works out in God's economy.

I am so thankful to be part of a community of believers striving to make a difference for the Kingdom of God in northern Michigan. As we also remain missions/world minded as well. I mean this very sincerely: *Thanks* for letting me serve.



In The Word
2012 Bible Challenge

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| Bears, Hannah | Graham, Kristi | Redmer, Terrie |
| Bearss, Randy | Groff, Lucy | Reynolds, Roger |
| Bearss, Rebekah | Groff, Lynn | Richey, Angel |
| Bearss, Zachary | Hanes-Nason, Carol | Richey, John |
| Berns, Missy | Hershey, Leland | Richey, Kelly |
| Billings, Ginny | Hoesli, Susan | Richey, Pastor Jason |
| Bobowski, Katie | Hogard, Courtney | Richey, Zeke |
| Bradford, Jeff | Holland, Ann | Richter, Michael |
| Breidenstein, Sue | Kadlec, Linda | Rinock, Steve |
| Briolat, Hillary | Klevorn, Kevin | Robinson, Charles |
| Briolat, Jerry | Klevorn, Rachel | Robinson, Cheryl |
| Brown-Bearss, Faye Jean | Knott, Tom | Robinson, Gordon |
| Busch, Janie | Kunert, Cynthia | Robinson, Theresa |
| Carlisle bob | LaLone, Cheryl | Shadoan, Doug |
| Coats, Linda | Leist, Frank | Shadoan, Ruth |
| Cook, Barb | Lindstrom, Hannah | Smith, Gregg |
| Cooper, Virginia | Loewen, Laura | Smith, Vicky |
| Cotanche, Carl | Loewen, Pastor Jason | Spencer, Julie |
| Cotanche, Mary | Matz, Myron | Stanton, Michelle |
| Covert, Patti | Matz, Shirley | Struck, Ceara |
| Doornbos, Elsa | McGeorge, Greg | Struck, Dan |
| Dudek, Margaret | McGeorge, Sharon | Theriault, Paul |
| Dudek, Mike | Mihelich, Jan | Thomason, Gladys |
| Ellis, Denise | Mihelich, Ward | Thompson, Brenda |
| Ellis, Pastor Jeff | Mullin, Debbie | Thompson, Chris |
| Evans, Chris | Nason, William E | Thompson, Dorothy |
| Fall, Delphine | Nemec, MaryLou | Thompson, Verlin |
| Fiel, Jean | Ormsbee, Gordon | Whitley, Cindy |
| Fila, Kathy | Ormsbee, Sherry | Womack, Diane |
| Fortune, Joyce | Powers, Kelly | Womack, Robert |
| Gerrie-Boss, Gayle | Redmer, Gil | |



Through the Bible in a year

**Rejoice!
Anniversary & Birthday Celebrations**

•Jean Fiel

2-1	Lynn Colyer Pete Staelens Joshua Swartz	2-15	Todd Ager Don Bergmann Mary Deneau Andy Frampus Paul Vining	2-25	Kara Borisch Bob Fite Rebecca Wiser
2-2	Sarah Cooper Trevor Graham		Brian Lewis	2-26	Callan Luch Don Powers Ella Stone Craig Whitley
2-3	Norm Compton Nathan Cook Ruth Hayden Kris Kaye Kris Mihelich Diana Souza Levi Sturtevant Connie Vellenga	2-16 2-17	Savanna DeNise Russell Peck Kaitlyn Shawn	2-27	Gwen Dulin Johanna Fortier Baylee Johnson Ben Mathers Charles Robinson Matthew Skop Vicky Smith
2-4	Emily Marino Jasmine McGeorge Valinda Turner	2-18	Addie Cooper Mark Fila Susan Hoesli Romain LaLone Niki Richards Solomon Schmidt	2-28	Scott Dempsey Gwyn Smith Andy Stefanic
2-5	Grant Overbeek	2-19	Erin Baker Rebecca Bowers Bob Charlton Becky Miller Donna Prevost Brian Sommerfield		
2-6	Lindsay Baic Larry Robel Jo Robinson Danielle Smith		Tim Deneau Ben Glaser		
2-7	Dave Nemec Phyllis Penfold Shane Severn	2-20	Jeffre Kelts Russ Koeman Judie Kolp Kammi McGeorge Debbie Mullin		
2-8	Wilbur Triplett	2-21	Emily Lyon		
2-9	Kristi Graham Rochelle Mitas Dawn Sarasin Steve Schmalzried Kayla Utley	2-22	Dominick Baugh Delaney Duran Gary Francis Rebekah Grutsch LaMarr Hope Priscilla Townsend		
2-10	Isaac Kirby David Lewis Debbie Theriault	2-23	Amy Clark Michelle DeNise David Jepsen Steve Murray Ronald Nadeau Haley Petersen Doug Shadoan		
2-11	Laurie Kelts Brian Miller Laney Whitcomb				
2-12	Daniel Klevorn Titus Streifel	2-24			
2-13	Travis Cooper Mandi Severn Jorydnn Sudderth				
2-14	Courtney Hogard Robin Ingalls				



February Anniversaries

- 2-1 Dan & Christine Ellis
- Carl & Sally May
- 2-2 John & Lauri Lee
- 2-5 Cal & Janet Riker



**Spring Outreach
Take Me Out To The Ball Game!**

•John Lee

Don't look outside, but Baseball season is just around the corner. **Home Plate 2013** is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 at Comerica Park. The bus leaves at 3:30am, the program begins at 9:30am followed by the baseball game at 1:00 p.m. between the Tigers and the Atlanta Braves. The bus should arrive back at church by 11:00pm

Players from both teams will be speaking about their careers in professional sports and their faith in Jesus Christ. This is an excellent opportunity to bring your non-churched friends, to hear the Gospel, share in some fellowship and see the Tigers win!

The cost is \$40 per person for the tickets: This included bus transportation, the Home Plate event and the cost of the ball game. We have 50 tickets, payments are in advance, first come - first served. Sign-up sheet is in the WLCC foyer. Contact **John Lee** for questions. 582-0494
John@WalloonChurch.com

**Prayer Partners
Do You Have A Prayerful Heart?**

•Jim & Sharon Walter

The Prayer Partner Ministry at WL is currently looking to add a few more people to our group. On a rotating basis we gather 2-4 people each service to pray for our Pastor (or speaker) and for the people in the WL sanctuary and for other needs that we are made aware of. Call **Jim & Sharon Walter** (231) 347-3431 for more info.



**Youth Ministry
Be In Prayer**

Pastor Jason Loewen

God is doing some awesome things in and through the lives of the youth at WLCC. I would encourage everyone to be engaged in prayer for spiritual growth and boldness to proclaim the Gospel in the public schools.

- Pray for creative and intentional service planning, pray for God to raise up men and women to help with our transportation needs.
- Pray that God continues to develop a culture of prayer in the lives of the leaders and the students.

Thank you for your ongoing prayer and support of the youth ministry.

**Ladies Ministry
Chocolate Extravaganza Is Feb. 5!**

•Julie Bradford

Chocolate Extravaganza is set for our annual outreach to ladies and their friends for Tuesday, February 5, 2013 from 6:30 to 8:30p.m. at WL Campus. Our guest speaker will be author, Amelia Rhodes. Watch the bulletin for further info on ticket sales.

About Our Guest Speaker & Her Book
Amelia Rhodes lives in West Michigan with her husband and two children. She is a contributing author to *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Here Comes the Bride*, and her essays have appeared on *The Burnside Writers Collective* and *Catapult Magazine*. She is a regular blogger for *Circle of Friends*. Her book, *Isn't it Time for a Coffee Break?* Doing life together in an all-about-me kind of world will release January 2013. The book is filled with humor and Bible-based encouragement, offers a fresh perspective on relationships. Six short, easy-to-read chapters make this book is perfect for small group or for personal use. She draws from her own life experiences and from others.

Women's Ministry Team Women Who Serve

• Barb Cook

I am very thankful for the wonderful group of ladies we have to serve on the Women's Ministry Team. We currently have 10 ladies serving on our team overseeing various ministries. It is a 3 year term and we have a couple of ladies who are stepping down after serving several terms (6-9 years). **Julie Bradford** who over saw the Women's Enrichment ministry is taking a break for a while but you will still see her around helping out for this year's Chocolate Extravaganza. I want to thank Julie for her years of service overseeing Women's Ministry Enrichment and helping to find ways to get the ladies connected and hear the Word through the retreats and outreach events we have held over the last few years.

Cindy Kunert also was involved with Women's Enrichment overseeing the Ladies Bible studies. She is stepping down from being on the team but will still be teaching/facilitating the two Ladies Bible studies at our church. We would like to thank Cindy for serving on the team and helping to give input and ideas at our meetings.

We have a new member, **Christy Struck**, who will now oversee the Women's Enrichment Ministry. We are excited to have her part of our team! She will be

helping to plan our annual outreach events and promote area retreats, seminars in our area. She will also look for ways to help get the women connected through serving or other activities. The other team members who have renewed their three year term are **Terrie Redmer** (Prayer and Worship Support), **Terrie White** (Fellowship), and **Kim Matz** (Correspondence).

The following ladies still on their three year term are **Sherrie Duntley** (Welcoming) and **Barb Case** (Meal Ministry). **Kelly Richey** is on the Women's Ministry Team as our liaison person for the East Jordan Campus.

Many of the services these ladies offer are behind the scenes but vital for our church ministry. They include communion preparations, taking care of finding and scheduling greeters, people to serve in the kitchen during the fellowship time between the services, providing meals for funerals, the ill, new moms and sending cards and flowers as needed for the bereaved, hospitalized, new moms or for encouragement. I praise the Lord for each and every one of them to take the time to fulfill their ministry obligations for our church.

Thank you Walloon & East Jordan!

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
I am now home recovering from my broken ankle. I want to thank you for your prayers, encouraging notes & cards and visits while I was in Tender Care. The support I have felt has been terrific. Thank you all so very much.

Blessings,
Mike Dudek



Dear Church Family,
During this time of mourning the loss of Cleyo, we want to extend our thanks for all the prayers, cards, flowers and meals that have been provided to us over the last several weeks. We appreciate the heartfelt generosity of each and every one of you. We are blessed to have such a wonderful church family to depend on.

In His Love,
Phyllis Penfold and family

February Line-up Kid Connection @ WLCC

- ♥ During the 9:00 WL service, children will be learning lessons from the life of Jesus.
- ♥ At 10:45 pre-kindergarten through 2nd grades will be hearing about God's desire for peace in their lives. Peace is living in a way that shows you care more about others than about being right. God showed He cares about peace when He sent His Son to pay for our sins and to restore our relationship with Him. It's part of God's character. And He wants us to reflect peace in our relationships with others. The monthly memory verse is: So let us do all we can to live in peace and let us work hard to build each other up, Romans 14:19.
- ♥ The 3/4 boys and girls will be studying how to live lives that please their heavenly Father.
- ♥ Wednesday nights at WL will focus on God's love and serving others through this love. We'll also be having a small Valentine Party on Feb. 13, where children will celebrate God's big love.



Loving Others Foster Care: Learn More About It

• Hillary Briolat

A new grassroots movement aimed at raising the awareness and involvement of people in local congregations who have a heart for foster children and orphans has made its way to Northern Michigan! Be in on it at the ground level from its first meeting and be the hands and feet of Jesus to local children in need. You are invited to learn more about the Faith Communities Coalition of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties on Feb 16 and March 16, 2013 at 10a.m. for brunch at 1st Presbyterian Church, 207 Williams St, East Jordan, MI.

The Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care is a growing grass roots collaboration that provides a catalyst to educate and motivate congregations to engage in at least one project that will support the foster children, foster families and aging out youth in Michigan.

The goals of the Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care are to:

- Provide gatherings in which representatives from congregations, organizations and service agencies hear inspiring speakers and share resources.
- Help alleviate the suffering of the foster children in Michigan by asking congregations to partner with a local social service agency in a particular project.
- Encourage congregations to issue calls for potential foster/adoptive parents, mentors and respite care givers to become licensed and available when needed.

Check out the resources on the FCC web site at www.faithcommunitiescoalition.org.

View the Detroit Public Television's eight minute documentary on this collaborative effort "Congregations Caring for Michigan's Children."

Children's Ministry Memos

He's Always Here to Pick Me Up!

•Dorothy Prins, WLCC Children's Ministry

Have you ever fallen? I have! I'm the type of girl that when it's icy out I'm gonna fall. I guess I should be *really* honest and say that ice does not have to be present for me to fall at all. For me, falling is a fact of life. I remember falling in eleventh grade when I hit a patch of ice and ending up under a parked car...so glad it wasn't moving! I remember walking out of a store, slipping in slush and having to return to work completely soaked down my left side. I remember cheerfully chasing after my, then, eight year old son on a warm June day, rounding a corner into the side yard, falling, and wondering "What just happened?" I remember walking across a parking lot, stepping onto a snow-covered curb, slipping and trying to figure out what was clinking on the drive behind me only to realize it was my glasses that were knocked off from the impact. And I remember walking up to the front of our packed church on Christmas Eve to read from His Holy Book, tripping and hearing the gasp of the entire congregation.

Those were all literal falls. And with each of these falls, I've always gotten back up, brushed myself off and carried on toward my goal. But what about falling short of the plans God has for me or commitments I've made? I'm am the first to admit that I am far from perfect and I have fallen in so many many ways. But each time I fall, I cling to the hope and grace that I have in Jesus. In Proverbs 24:16 it is written for though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again, but the wicked are brought down by calamity. As a parent, I am frequently reminded that God uses my weakness to demonstrate His strength and grace. And rather than dwelling in my falls, I've learned from my mistakes, grown from them, and told myself "next time I'm going to do it different." That's what life is all about.

Gisela Yohannan, author of *Broken for a Purpose*, writes that God wants for the world (and our children) to see how true Christians humble themselves, confess their sins, love one another, ask for forgiveness, love their enemies, persevere under trials, exercise faith, trust the Lord in difficult circumstances and are faithful until death. He looks for faithfulness and sincerity in the testimony we have for Him before the world. So each fall I have in life, I know God sees it as an opportunity and He's just waiting for me to turn to Him. Psalm 37:24 says "though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand." I've learned that I need to see my falls as opportunities to rise again and show the world, particularly my children, the peace that comes from receiving his grace and knowing that He has overcome the world.

The most influential thing we can do for children, whether or not we are their parent, is to continue to point them to our Heavenly Father and pray, pray and pray some more.

Here are three prayers I encourage you to pray over your kids each day:

- Pray they would be caught when they make wrong choices.
- Pray God would lead them from the wrong friends and to the right friends.
- Pray they grow to be to be Godly people in their sphere of influence.

In My Own Words

A Lesson And A Celebration

•Susan Miller

One of the benefits of living in northern Michigan is the ability to get out and experience God's creation during a variety of seasons. While it seemed a long time in coming, the weekend before Christmas there was finally enough snow to strap on my new set of snowshoes, take off through wooded trails, feel the gentle "poof" of the snow's cushion, and simply stop and hear the silence. One of the challenges, though, was that the snowfall had started out particularly wet and heavy, resulting in many small trees bending right over and obscuring the normal pathway, plus the trail markings on the trees were obliterated by snow that had stuck. This required frequent re-routing of my path, as well as ducking to avoid a snow "shower" down my neck. All part of the adventure, right?

After a few hours, I arrived back at my car ready to exchange damp outerwear for dry, and head home for a hot shower and a bowl of steaming chili. Only one problem: No car keys! I searched through every possible pocket, but to no avail. I should have listened to that "little voice" that told me to zip the keys in my pants pocket, but I had decided that was too much trouble, and instead had put them in my jacket pocket (which I apparently forgot to zip!). Thanks to my cell phone and a friend willing to give me a ride home to get my spare set of keys, I was able to be on my way. However, I discovered that a replacement set of keys was going to be a significant \$\$ investment (thanks to the "technology" of a little theft-prevention "chip" inside the key). A few days later a friend and I retraced my steps, but did not see any sign of the keys.

Fast-forward 3 weeks. Though there was still quite a bit of snow around, we'd had some days of warmer temperatures. I was heading north of town to go trail-walking, when that "little voice" nudged me to go look for those keys one more time. So I turned around and went back. After all, what did I have to lose? I started the search. By this time my original tracks were all but gone. Prayers of "God, lead me, open my

eyes"... . To the south of the road, no keys. Up the trail to the north...and...*I found my car keys!* Celebrated with a spontaneous praise moment: "GOD, You're awesome!!!!" Celebrated by texting the friend who had helped me search. Celebrated by speaking His name and about His leading to those whose paths I crossed in subsequent days. What an amazing God we have!

God *still* would be awesome and amazing even if I had not found my keys, but the experience itself has taught me several lessons. The most obvious lesson is an up-close and personal example of the parables Jesus told about the lost coin, the lost sheep, and the lost son (and, by interpretation, US) in the gospel of Luke. I now know from experience what the celebration feels like when one FINDS something that seemed to be hopelessly lost. A more significant lesson to me, though, would be the importance of hearing and heeding the "still small voice". Had I done so, and put the keys in my pants pocket in the first place, I would not have had to go through this situation. Had I NOT done so, I would not have gone back to search the second time, would not have found the keys, and would have missed out on the chance to celebrate and testify to God's awesomeness. How many times does the Holy Spirit nudge me to go somewhere, say something or send a note, and I ignore the prompt? What discomfort do I go through or celebration do I miss because my mind is too distracted, or because heeding the voice is "too much trouble"? Other lessons worthy of mentioning include the lesson of gratitude for a network of friends and acquaintances willing to interrupt their day to come to my "rescue", and the reminder that when God shows up in some amazing way, we have the responsibility to share that with others. To God be the GLORY!

"Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing to the glory of His name; offer Him glory and praise! Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!...' " (Ps. 66:1-3a)

February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 WL Ladies Bible Study 9:15AM Women's Chocolate Extravaganza 6:30PM	6 WL Family Meals 5:30-6:15PM WL Classes 6:30 PM	7 WL MOPS 10AM WL Mission Cmte Mtg 7PM WL Celebrate Recovery 7-9PM	8	9 WL Men's Ministry Breakfast 8-10 AM
10 WL Youth Ministry Leader Luncheon & Training 12:15-2PM	11	12 WL Ladies Bible Study 9:15AM WL Food Pantry 5-6:30PM	13 WL Family Meals 5:30-6:15PM WL Classes 6:30 PM	14 WL Cozy Quilters 9AM WL Celebrate Recovery 7-9PM 	15	16
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