

March 15, 2009 Ministry Opportunities & Notes
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The Announcing Of Jesus' Bailout Plan is the title of Pastor Rick's message this morning, based on Luke 4:14-32.

Come Back Tonight at 6 p.m. when Pastor Rick will give **Further Consideration Of How "WELL" Things Are With Us**, from Genesis 26.

Friendship Notes: You'll notice that something is missing from this sheet, and that's the request for visitor information. We're going back to the Friendship Pad approach (now called *Friendship Notes*). During the offertory, we're asking the people at the left end of each pew to pull the white sheet out from the pew rack, fill it out, and then pass it along to the next person, etc. etc. etc. When the sheet gets to the end of the pew and is completed, please pass it back to the left end. If you're a **visitor**, please be sure to fill all the information out (address, phone, etc). If you **attend here regularly**, you don't need to include your address and phone number, UNLESS that has changed. Thanks for your cooperation!

The New Members Class starts today during the Sunday School hour (10:30-11:30) and will run for four weeks. It will be held in Pastor Rick's office. Nine people are signed up for the class. Last-minute participants are welcome!



New Adult Sunday School Class On Finances: *Discovering God's Way of Handling Money*

Did you know that in an average congregation, 70% of us are living from paycheck to paycheck? Did you also know that the Bible is a blueprint for managing our finances? There are more than 2,350 verses that address everything we need to know about handling money! Ted Hoff will lead this new Sunday School class which is not only practical, but also teaches the profound impact managing money has on our relationship with God. You're invited to come to a one-time introductory overview of the class to help you decide if you would like to participate. That overview will be next Sunday, March 22, in Room 127 (the middle adult classroom in the Education Wing. The regular location of the class, which will formally begin on March 29, will be announced later.)



Pancake Breakfast

This Saturday, March 21 ... A Pancake Breakfast with All You Can Eat Pancakes, plus 2 sausage links and your choice of coffee or orange juice!
Where? Applebee's in Oshkosh

Time? 7:30-10:00 a.m.

Why? Fundraiser for the Visions Discipleship Trip in July 2009

Cost: Just \$5 per ticket!

Tickets? Available from Pastor Joel, and from the church office during the week. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the event

It's open to the public, so invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. to come!



Fine Arts Festival – Next Sunday, March 22, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the talents and gifts of many

in our church family, from music to painting, from stained glass to speeches, and more! Remember the earlier start time at 5:30 p.m. If you'd like to share your talent/gift, pick up a form from the yellow folder on the bulletin board across from the church office, and be sure to call either Nancy Howard (426-5506) or Jane Degler (237-2995).

Short-Term Mission Trip 6/13-7/27: God has given Kirsten Sheveland the exciting opportunity of returning to Western Christian Academy in Belize to assist our missionary, Dayna Wutke. Kirsten will be doing this through a variety of projects such as helping with the school's Spiritual Emphasis Week, preparing for the first-ever high school graduation from WCA, setting up classes next Fall, and joining Dayna and several of the students and teachers from WCA on their mission trip to Costa Rica. Kirsten needs to raise \$2,600 for support. Please be in prayer for Kirsten, Dayna, and the students and staff at WCA. If you feel led to help support Kirsten financially in addition to your prayer support, please place your gift in an offering envelope with "Kirsten Sheveland/Belize Trip" written on the outside. Your encouragement, prayers, and giving are truly blessings as Kirsten seeks to follow God's leading.

Easter Sunrise Breakfast – at 8:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday! The menu will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausages, with juice and coffee. If you can, bring Danish, a coffee cake, cinnamon rolls, or doughnuts to share! A freewill offering will be received to help cover the cost of the breakfast, which will be prepared and served by those going on the Visions Sr. High Discipleship Trip in July. Please sign up on the sheet posted across from the church office.

Awana Grand Prix – Saturday, March 28, 9:30-

1:45! Watch the races in comfort at the **Awana Speedway** (Plymouth Fellowship Hall)! Plan now to come, and bring family and friends! Enjoy a delicious lunch! Keep this upcoming event in your prayers!



Plymouth's Young At Heart (YAH) will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow. "Spring into Green" with a celebration of the coming of spring and see how many can wear something green! Erika Fawley will share her inspirational story about the miracles in her life! Anyone 50 years and older is welcome. Bring a dish to pass and bring a friend, too. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near Pastor Joel's office.

Furniture Loan Request: The Steve Finley family is getting their home ready to sell, and are wondering if someone might have a small couch or loveseat, and two chairs that would be appropriate for a formal living room. If so, could the Finleys borrow those for about three months? They would then return them to you, or if you preferred, find a new home for them. Call Steve at 279-9295 if you can help.

Looking Ahead To Summer At Lake Lundgren Bible Camp! We will be offering transportation via the church van to camp and back for any weeks where four or more campers are signed up, **and** volunteer drivers are signed up. If you'd like to ride the church van to/from camp, sign up on the sheets posted on the Camp bulletin board next to Pastor Joel's office. On the bottom of those sheets there's a space for church van drivers to sign up, also! Thank you! Questions? Call Summer Camp Coordinator Lorrie Downs (312-2430).



Snack Ministry: If you'd like to contribute some snacks for the 50 college students who will meet Tuesday night, March 31, for worship and Bible Study as part of Titan Christian Fellowship at UW-Oshkosh, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. Your snacks would need to be in the church office by 10 a.m. that Tuesday. You don't need to provide 50 cookies ... 2 or 3 dozen would be nice, and when others bring in similar donations, that makes a nice variety for the students. Check the sign-up sheet for snack ideas!

New Flooring: Out with the old, In with the new ... flooring, that is. Wish it could be that easy, but we don't think it will be. That is why we are looking for a few talented and willing members who would like to form a flooring committee to check out styles, colors, costs and give recommendations to the Trustees. The areas of first concern are the foyer and hallways on the first level. If you feel this would be of interest or would like more details, please contact one of the Trustees (Dennis Behnke, Roxanne Delfosse, Chuck Fawley, Mary Geiser, Harry Kluge, Sam Pfaffenroth, Bernice Post, Gary Troxell, Ken Walter). Also, as you feel led, please contribute to the "Flooring Fund" which has been established. Just write "Flooring Fund" on your offering envelope.



Missing – One of the two upright Hoover vacuum cleaners (the one that used to be in the furnace room downstairs) is missing (the other Hoover vac is in the overflow storage room where it belongs). If you come across the vac, let the church office know. *Thanks!*

Tithes & Offerings – Weekly Update

Fund	Offering Needed	3/8/09 Offering
General	\$ 6,125/week	\$ 4,162.25
Building	\$ 1,153/week	\$ 1,278.00
Flooring	--	\$ 147.00

Monthly Financial Report as of 2/28/09

Fund	In	Out	Balance
General	\$22,624.96	\$23,863.77	\$16,098.27
Building	\$ 4,841.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 365.00
Van	\$ 8.00	---	\$ 9,721.66
Flooring	\$ 199.00.	---	\$ 199.00

MARCH BIRTHDAYS OF OUR SENIOR SAINTS (80+ years):
Bev Engelmeier, March 23 (975 N. Oakwood Road, Oshkosh 54904)
Betty Wilson, March 26 (1305 Huron Ct., Oshkosh 54901)