

The Chatter

August 2010

Gabbin' with Gordon

The Laws of Life

1. Law of Mechanical Repair: After your hands become coated with grease or flour, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to use the bathroom.
2. Law of Gravity: Any tool, nut, bolt or screw when dropped will roll to the least accessible corner.
3. Law of Random Numbers: If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.
4. Variation Law: If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in always will move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).
5. Law of the Result: When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.
6. Law of Physical Surfaces: The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face-down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet/rug.
7. Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy: As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.
8. Doctors' Law: If you don't feel well and make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. Don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick.

GOD'S LAWS OF LIFE

1. Love God & Love People. *"Which is the most important command?" Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. 'This is the first and greatest commandment. The second most important is similar: 'Love your neighbor as much as you love yourself.'"*
Matthew 22:36-39 (LB)
- "Eagerly pursue and seek to acquire love. Make it your aim, your great quest..."*
1 Corinthians 14:1 (Amplified)
2. Seek God First In Life. *"But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what He wants. Then the other things will be yours as well."*
Matthew 6:33 (CEV)
3. Do Unto Others. *"Treat others just as you want to be treated."*
Luke 6:31 (CEV)
4. Forgive. *"...Forgive others and God will forgive you."*
Luke 6:37 (CEV)
5. Focus On Eternity. *"Don't store up treasures on earth! Moths and rust can destroy them and thieves can break in and steal them. Instead, store up your treasures in heaven where moths and rust cannot destroy them and thieves cannot break in and steal them. Your heart will always be where your treasure is."*
Matthew 6:19-21 (CEV)

We need your help!

This fall would be the perfect time to become more involved! If you are thinking that you would like to become more involved with planning and organizing for the church, our Ministry groups would welcome new members! There are many groups that you could serve in:

- Daycare
- Missions
- Property /Finance
- Education
- Decorating
- Growth & Outreach
- Fellowship
- Worship
- Love Through Sharing

If you would like more information on joining a ministry group, please contact Laura in the Church Office.

Our sympathy goes to Don & Shari Lee on the loss of Shari's mother, June Mann. June passed away the morning of July 26th. June will be missed by her family and our church family as well.



A warm welcome to the Soller family!!!

Tim, Michelle and Jake were all baptized into Christ on July 6th.



Congratulations to Lance and Leah Hauser! Lance and Leah were married on July 31st. There will be a shower for them following the Worship Service on August 29th. They are registered at Target, Kohl's and Menard's. The shower will be a pot luck, so please bring a main or a side dish as cake and punch will be provided.

Stories from the Mission Field: I.D.E.S.

Lillian, age 11, comes from a family of 9. She refused to have lunch with the other children saying, "it is more consoling for all of us at home to go hungry than one of us to eat and watch the rest starve."

Lillian knows the family will have only one meal in a day, if the parents are lucky enough to get cornmeal and wild vegetables. This time, we packed bread, some beans and cod-liver oil for Lillian to take home and share with her siblings and parents.

Lillian is just one example of the many children who are sometimes on the brink of starvation. "We thank God for the Christian love that is penetrating areas and transforming lives. We thank IDES for partnering with us in this respect."

—Submitted by Missionaries supported through IDES in Kenya.

Dominican Rummage Sale!

—September 4th—

Items are needed!!

All proceeds will go to support the mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

Please see Dan Sikkema or John & Jeff Jewell to donate gently used items.



August Prayer Calendar

1 – Be in prayer for our VBS program as it starts this evening.

2 – Pray for all the children who are attending VBS. Pray that their minds will be opened to learning about the love of Jesus.

3 – Pray for all the volunteers who are helping with VBS and for strength and energy as they work with the children.

4 – Pray for the mission that our VBS program will be supporting and that they will be blessed from our program.

5 – Pray as our VBS program closes this evening. Please pray specifically for the children who have been attending and that they will be able to spread the love of the Lord.

6 – Praise God for the carnival this evening!! Give God the glory for all the people who are reached for the Lord during this event.

7 – Continue in prayer for recent college graduates seeking ministry opportunities during this difficult economic time for churches and ministries.

8 – Pray that there will be an increased effort by Christians to reach the Muslim world for Christ.

9 – Please pray that as economic difficulties continue, God's people will keep missionaries and ministries fully funded.

10 – Remember to pray for Bernie Getter and the Church of Christ Mission in India as they continue to face turmoil in their country.

11 – Thank the Lord for the work that A.P.C.M.I accomplishes!

12 – Please be in prayer for Crossroads College as they are about to begin the new school year.

13 – Continue to pray for the members of the congregation who are seeking employment.

14 – Thank the Lord that Good New Productions International is able to continue their outreach programs and for the souls they reach.

15 – Give God the glory for his son, Jesus!

16 – Continue in prayer for military personnel serving around the world.

17 – Pray for the OCC board as they meet this evening and for the issues they will discuss.

18 – Continue in pray for WCMA and Ken Hennes as they plant churches right here in Wisconsin.

19 – Give praise for our Dominican Team and their willingness to serve the Lord in a third world country.

20 – Continue in prayer for those in our congregation who are ill or are dealing with hardships.

21 – Please pray for Crossfire as they reach out to at risk youth in La Crosse. Pray that their specific programs will make a difference in our community.

22 – Please pray for Jim Chamberlain, Teen Coordinator for the National Missionary Convention as he was recently diagnosed with cancer.

23 – Pray for Lori Nij (missionary in Guatemala) as they have experienced several volcanic eruptions and mud slides in their country.

24 – Remember to pray for those in Haiti whose lives were devastated by the earthquake.

25 – Give God the glory that by the end of May, IDES had sent \$695,490 to Haitian missions for earthquake relief.

26 – Please keep those in Kenya who are suffering from drought in your prayers.

27 – Pray for the new potato farm in Bangladesh that IDES has assisted in starting. Pray that the people will experience a new way of providing for their families.

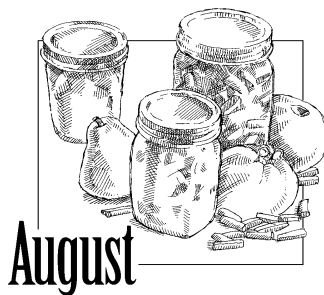
28 – Give thanks that IDES provided funding for several villages in Asia to drill new wells.

29 – Pray for new ways that we as a church can continue to reach out to third world countries, sharing the Good News of Christ Jesus.

30 – Pray for families who are in need of financial assistance with the purchase of school supplies and clothing as their children get ready to start school.

31 – Pray for the safety of children that will be returning to school tomorrow.

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1st—5th—6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.—Vacation Bible School!

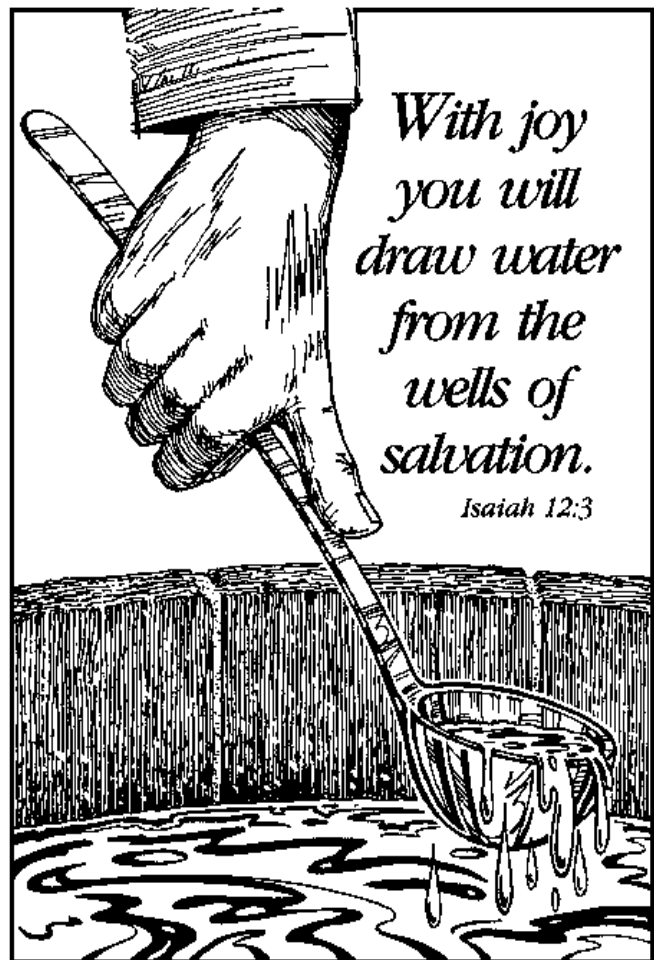
6th—VBS—VBS Carnival

6th—8th—Women's Retreat at Christian Harbor

17th— 5:00 p.m.— Daycare Ministry Meeting
—6:00 p.m.—Ministry Leader Appreciation Dinner.

29th—Shower for Lance & Leah Hauser. Lance and Leah were married on July 31st. They are registered at Kohls, Target and Menards. This will be a potluck celebration following the worship service. Cake and punch will be provided.

September 6th—Labor Day!



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