

PLAN FOR THE WEEK

Times are pm unless otherwise noted

Blood Pressure/Glucose Screening
Sunday morning before and after the 10:30 Service, in the gym.

Sunday

9:00 am Early Worship Service
10:30 am Worship Service
5:00 Magnificent Mystery Concert and Pageantry

Monday

9:00 am Forever Fit (GYM)
6:30 Telecare
6:30 Salt & Light (Ages 18 - 30)
(Christmas caroling. Meet at Holton Manor, afterwards will meet at Elkhorn Church of Christ for cookies and cocoa)

Tuesday

12:00 - 2:00 Parish Nurse
2:00 Prayer Shawl meeting
6:30 Elder Board (PRAYER ROOM)

Wednesday

10:00 am Ladies Prayer (LIBRARY)
THE SUMMIT
5:00 - 6:15 Dinner
6:30 AWANA (ages 2 1/2 - grade 4); Expedition 56 (Grades 5 -6); The Pier (Grades 7 -8); Sr. Hi. Life's Blend; Adult Bible Studies; Prayer Meeting; (nursery for infants up to age 2 1/2)
8:00 Worship Band (MUSIC ROOM)

Thursday

8:45 am MOPS - (Mothers of PreSchoolers)
6:15 Forever Fit (GYM)
6:30 Worship Group (JEFF - W.C.)
7:00 Uganda Team Meeting (F.H.) (SEE NOTE)

Friday

6:00 The Pier (Jr. Hi) at Tess' house

Saturday

5:00 Saturday Community Contemporary Worship (SOUPER SATURDAY)

COMING EVENTS

12/21	SR.HI PROGRESSIVE DINNER (5:00 pm)	1/13	LADIES BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN
12/24	CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATIONS (5:00 pm, 6:30 pm, & 9:00 pm)	1/16-18 1/20	SR. HI BLIZZARD '09 L.I.F.E. PARENTS MEETING (7:00 PM)
12/31	NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP (5:00 pm- POTLUCK, 6:30 pm and 11:00 pm)	1/24 1/31 2/1	SOUND SEMINAR (9:00 AM) MEN'S BREAKFAST SR.HI SUPER BOWL PARTY (4:00 PM)
1/2/09	L.I.F.E. DISTRICTS	2/07	"NO REGRETS" MENS CONFERENCE AT ELMBROOK CHURCH
1/5	"FOREVER FIT" WINTER SESSION BEGINS		
1/9	AWANA at the BUCKS GAME		
1/11	"CALVARY PRAYER & WORSHIP ASSEMBLY" (6:00 PM)		

PRAYER CONCERNS

A detailed prayer list is available at the welcome area in the lobby.

Missionaries

Timber-lee Christian Center - East Troy, WI
Rick and Kathy Wacek - Wycliffe - Washington, DC
Bob and Joyce Werntz - EFCA IM - Honduras
Ivan and Doris York - EFCA - Great Lakes District

Our Family

Mike Enders - recovering from knee replacement surgery
Joe Kurtz - recovering from intestinal surgery
Rufus Hobbs - Ridgestone Assisted Living in Elkhorn
Pastor Howard Matson - recovering from lung transplant (Cards may be sent to: Howard Matson c/o Jim Matson, 210 Exmoor, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137)
Merle Loomer - undergoing radiation
Carl Jacobsen - home recuperating from a fractured pelvis
Peter Vanderveld - recovering from leg surgery
Camilla Wichman - Willowfield in Delavan
Shirley Norem - undergoing chemo

Bereavement

Gil Hansen, husband of Dawn, went home to glory on December 7th. Barb Ogne is his niece. Visitation 4 - 8 pm at Toynton Funeral Home, Walworth, WI on December 15th. Service will be 11:00 am at Calvary on December 16th.
Kyle & Heather Cudworth and family, his mother, Jane Cudworth, passed away on December 11, 2008.

Emergency Prayer Chain

Please call one of the following if you have an emergency request:

Bea Nieubuurt	262-740-2434
Doris Reynhout	262-742-3731
Barb Hinzpeter	262-275-3803

God's work done God's way in God's time brings God's resources

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008 Budget</u>
Year-to-date General Fund Income	\$1,113,052.13	\$926,478.50	\$1,119,264.06
Year-to-date General Fund Expenses	\$1,119,926.69		
Year-to-date Missions Income	\$266,573.65	\$249,386.72	\$250,899.67

“The *Magnificent Mystery* of LOVE (the commitment factor)”

- “The Magnificent Mystery of HOPE . . . the anticipation factor”
Zechariah: Luke 15-25;57-79 Hope awakens in spiritual pursuit
God initiates HOPE to humanity / responds to rejection with HOPE /
God responds to response with HOPE!
- “The Magnificent Mystery of PEACE . . . the contentment factor”
Mary: Luke 1:26-55 Peace reigns in spiritual vitality
God's peace is rooted in Truth / nurtured in Relationship / matured
in Practice / reproduced in Praise!
- “The Magnificent Mystery of LOVE . . . the commitment factor”
Joseph: Matt. 1:18-2:23 Love is a reflection of God in you
Deut. 6:5 “Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all
your soul and with all your strength.”
John 15:13 “Greater love has no one than this, than He lay down
His life for His friends.” “they will know you are My disciples when
you love one another . . . as I have loved you.” (John 13:35)
1 John 4:9 “This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His
only Son into the world that we might live through Him.”
1 Corinthians 13:4-7 “Love is patient . . . keeps no record of
wrongs . . . love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always
perseveres . . . love never fails.”
- Love evokes a PLAN which enables relationship to flourish.
 - Gen. 1:26 “let Us make man in Our image and likeness . . .”
 - Gen. 2:18 “it is not good for man to be alone, I will make a suitable
helper for him . . . a man will cling to his wife . . .”
 - Exod. 3 “I have heard their cry . . . I will rescue them” (19:4)
 - John 3:16 “for God so loved the world that He gave . . .”
 - Matt. 1:18 “Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph . . .”

*God is Holy Love. God conceives each person in love (Psalm 139), sustains
each life in love (Is. 46:3,4), reaches to each of us in love.*

CDs of today's message are available at the Welcome Center immediately
following the Saturday evening and Sunday 10:30 am services.

Pastor Doug Anderson

December 14, 2008

- Love always PROTECTS
 - Matt. 1:19 “because he was a righteous man . . .” Joseph's plan
 - Matt. 1:20 “. . . take Mary home as your wife . . .” God's plan
 - Matt. 1:21 “. . . He will save His people from sin . . .” God's larger
protection love plan for all humanity.
 - Matt. 1:25 “. . . He had no union with her . . .” God style love
Love yields to God's larger purpose; love protects; love respects.
- Love always TRUSTS
 - Matt. 2:13 “Get up, take the child and his mother, escape”
 - Matt. 2:13 “stay there till I tell you . . .”
 - Matt. 2:14 “so he got up . . . during the night . . .”
Love learns to discern God's voice of warning, guidance, correction.
- Love always PERSEVERES
 - Matt. 2:15 “where he stayed until the death of Herod”
 - Matt. 2:23 “he went and lived in Nazareth.”
 - Luke 2:41-52 “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father
and I have been anxiously searching for you.”
Love is expensive! But there is no price too high for God style love.
- Love always HOPES
 - Luke 2:21-35 Simeon's declaration of painful hope
 - Luke 2:36-38 Anna's hopeful encounter
 - Luke 2:39,40 the long journey sustained by hope
Love is vibrant when hope is alive, and strong when hope wanes.
- Love never FAILS
 - Hebrews 4:15 “. . . tempted in every way He was without sin”
 - Luke 18:31 “we are going to Jerusalem . . . everything must be ful-
filled . . . mock Him, flog Him, kill Him . . . but rise again.”
 - John 14:16 “I will not leave you as orphans . . . I will send the Holy
Spirit who will be with you.”
 - Rev. 22 “I am coming soon.” (Acts 1:11 “He will come back”)

*God's unconditional, unwavering love cornerstones your love potential.
How do I measure God's love for me; my love for Him and others?*