

The Shoreline

A Monthly Newsletter of

LifeWater
community church



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Monday: 9 a.m.—6 p.m.
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Wednesday: 10 a.m.—8:30 p.m.
Thursday: Office closed
Friday: 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

(*If no one is in the office during office hours,
Pastor Doug is at an appointment with
someone off-site.)

Sunday Services:
Worship Service: 10 a.m.—Sanctuary

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
*Helping each 'family' find
and fully follow Christ*

**Newsletter and bulletin submissions;
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Pastor's Point:

March 2015

Area #1: Go make disciples

As I shared with you last month, God spoke to your leadership team from the church very clearly at our retreat. Over the next four months I will be sharing with you what God revealed to us. Here is the first area: **Make Disciples!**

Matthew 28:19-20 says, "Therefore, go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." We all felt that we took big steps forward in making disciples at LifeWater this past year. With our sermon series, Life Groups, and the tools we have available at church, we feel we are well-equipped to make disciples.

As we looked ahead, your church leadership had a sense from God to continue on with what we had started — to continue to emphasize our Life Groups and their focus on application and accountability this year. We also want to multiply groups so that no one gets left behind. As new people come to the church and groups get too large we want to multiply groups so that everyone has an opportunity to participate in a Life Group.

The leadership team also felt that we should provide training to leaders so they know how to use our disciple-making tools: "H2O" video series, "A Case for Christ" video series, "Not a Fan" video series, and "Discipleship Essentials" workbook. Each leader will discern their role in the disciple-making process. Leadership will commit to obeying what God has laid on their hearts. The board meetings will be structured to have time for board members to share success stories about disciple making.

As God answers our prayers and we begin to see people come to know Christ or take that next step in their walk with Jesus, we want to celebrate. In fact, the leadership team felt it essential that we spend more time this year celebrating the movements of God. We want to consistently rejoice over what God is doing, with an emphasis on joy and peace.

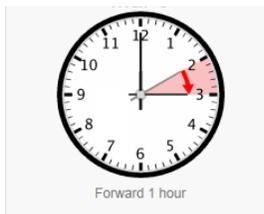
In the area of **Making Disciples** we have had a good start and we just need to continue to follow through with our Person of Interest, continue to build relationships, continue to speak when the Holy Spirit tells us to speak, use transitional questions to move conversations to spiritual issues, and tell our stories as well as listen to their stories.

May God bless us as we continue to make a difference in the lives of people around us.

Pastor Doug

Daylight Saving Time starts
March 8th

Don't forget...the time changes at 2 a.m. on March 8th. Set your clocks ahead one hour.



Easter Week 2015

Palm Sunday, March 29th:

Don't miss Palm Sunday as Pastor Doug begins a special two-part Easter series, "The Plan." This is a great service to invite your Person of Interest to and expose them to what Holy Week is really about.

Friday, April 3rd at 7 p.m.:

Join us for our annual Good Friday Service as we celebrate in quiet reflection the events of Thursday and Friday of that first Holy Week. We will share in communion together as we remember the suffering that Jesus endured for our salvation.

Saturday, April 4th:

The children will have their annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. outdoors on the church lawn. This event is open to kids from LifeWater, Kids Crossing, the Liberty Hills neighborhood, and *your* friends and family!

Again this year, our church family is being asked to buy and bring in flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Flowers should be brought to the church no later than noon on April 4th. Flowers can then be taken home following the Easter service, or you can donate them to the church to be planted outside the church. If you have questions, please contact Karen Smith at (260) 610-1033.

Easter Sunday, April 5th:

Don't miss this exciting day, which begins at 9 a.m. with a "Sunrise Breakfast." Watch for more details soon about signing up through Sign Up Genius to bring items for the Easter breakfast. We will need volunteers to help set up, bring food for the breakfast, and help clean up. Contact Carol Nealley at 438-5134 if you have any questions about the breakfast.



The celebration continues with our service at 10 a.m. The service will be designed for your Person of Interest and will center on the events that happened on that Saturday and Easter Sunday of Holy Week.

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- Community Outreach: fall festival / outdoor concerts
- Local and Overseas Missions

UPCOMING SERMON MESSAGES:

We continue our series, begun in February, entitled "Home Sweet Home" which deals with community. How to develop a healthy functional community, deal with conflict productively, love unconditionally, and move spiritually together are just some of the issues that this series focuses on. Don't miss these exciting messages as we learn how to treat each other.



March 1: "Home Sweet Home: Unstoppable Community"

March 8: "Home Sweet Home: Strengthening Relationships Through Honesty"

March 15: "Home Sweet Home: How to Get Along in Community"

March 22: "Home Sweet Home: Remembering God's Faithfulness Together"



Don't miss our Easter series on March 29 and April 5 called "The Plan." God is never caught off guard or surprised by events on this earth and that was never more true than when Jesus lived here. Don't miss this special series as we see God's plan revealed on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter. It will be a great time of praising and rejoicing with God for who He is.

March 29: "The Plan: Palm Sunday"

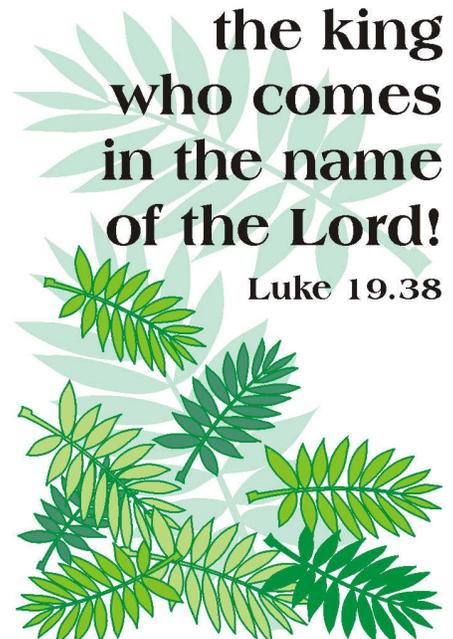
April 5: "The Plan: A New Day"

- March 1: Matt Confer
- March 1: Jady Pugh
- March 2: Justin Randolph
- March 3: Alaina Jacobs
- March 5: Casey Jervis
- March 7: Katherine Welch
- March 11: Tim White
- March 13: Annette Pugh
- March 23: Cam Nealley
- March 27: Connie Chapman
- March 29: Jenna Knoblauch
- March 29: Michelle Moore
- March 29: Stephen Lane
- March 30: Patricia Phillips



**Blessed is
the king
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!**

Luke 19:38



LifeWater Apparel



It's not too late to order apparel imprinted with our LifeWater Community Church logo! You can choose from the many items in the catalog on the info table: polo shirts; long sleeve, short sleeve, and pocket tees; fleece letterman jackets; sweatshirts; fleece zip jackets; and a variety of other items.

An \$8.00 stitching charge will be added to the price of any logo items you select. If you order an item that is silk-screened, there will be an additional \$5 charge as well. If you order a T-shirt on page 290 of the catalog, the total cost will be \$9, which includes the shirt and the silk-screen charge.

If you are interested in placing an order, please browse through the catalog and fill out the order form on the info table. Contact Stephen Lane if you have questions about any of the merchandise.



Remember in Prayer:

Sympathy:

- ◇ **Our condolences are extended to Connie Chapman, and Casey Chapman and Connor Windmiller** upon the passing of their father-in-law/grandfather, James Chapman in February.



Health Issues:

- ◇ **Caleb Gerber:** recovering from a broken leg
- ◇ **Rich Quintano:** his mother, Helen, has moved from North Carolina to come and live with Rich and Patti. Pray for the Quintanos and all of the new adjustments.
- ◇ **Steve Brace:** recovering from recent major surgery
- ◇ **Stacy Thompson:** her eye surgery has been postponed until the end of the year. However, she has started on the new medication for her Multiple Sclerosis. She is also battling diverticulitis once again.
- ◇ **Tim and Tracy White:** current battles they are facing
- ◇ **Margot Ullman:** victory over cancer
- ◇ **Michelle, Ally, and Alex Vorhees:** Lyme Disease

Other:

- ◇ **Our missionaries:** Dr. Katherine Welch, serving in Thailand; and Rich and Judy Witmer, serving in Bulgaria. Please also remember retired minister Reynold Jean Baptiste still serving in Haiti.
- ◇ **Kids Crossing Daycare and Preschool**
- ◇ **Pray for the families that you will invite to our Palm Sunday and Easter Services.**

The first Monday of every month we will have a prayer meeting in the Café from 7 – 8 p.m. to pray for special needs of the church. March's prayer meeting date is: **March 2nd**

The elders also pray for the Sunday service **every Saturday evening at 6 p.m.** in the Café. Anyone is welcome to join this special prayer time.

APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: info due by March 20th.

Please send newsletter submissions to Judi Lehman at jlehman@lifewatercc.org or place in the marked tray in the church office.

Prayer at LifeWater Community Church by Stephen Lane

At the leaders' retreat in late January we all agreed that prayer is an area in which we as a body of disciples need to grow. All of us are at different places but I hope that, as I share some teaching on the topic over the next several months, your prayer life will rise to a new level.

This month we are going to look at **The Value of Prayer** as discussed in Dave Earley's book, *Prayer: the Timeless Secret of High-Impact Leaders*. Please understand that this is not intended to put you on a guilt trip, but it is a review of the unbelievable privilege you and I have been given to pray to our Heavenly Father, the Creator of the Universe. So from this book Dave shares the following:

"If you want to maximize your impact, prioritize your prayer life."

- Prayer is our most important task and the most influential activity that we can undertake.
- Prayer provides insight, saves time and is omnipresent.
- God does nothing in your life and ministry apart from prayer and it is our greatest spiritual weapon.

David Jeremiah looked for things God wants to do in your life and found that He has subjugated everything else to one thing: prayer. Among many other functions, God gave us prayer to:

Defeat the devil ("*This kind can come out only by prayer.*" Mark 9:28,29)

Save the lost ("*Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector ... the tax collector ... said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' 'I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God.'*" Luke 18:10-14)

Acquire wisdom ("*If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.*" James 1:5)

Be strengthened as believers ("*Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.*" Matthew 26:41)

Send Laborers into the mission field ("*Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.*" Matthew 9:37-38)

Cure the sick ("*Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him ... And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.*" James 5:14-15)

Accomplish the impossible ("*Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*" Mark 11:23-24)

Billy Graham expressed it like this: "More can be done by prayer than anything else. Prayer is our greatest weapon ... In this modern age in which we live, we have learned to harness the power of the mighty Niagara and turn its force to our use and our good. We have learned to hold steam captive in boilers and release its tremendous power to turn our machines and pull our trains. We have learned to contain gasoline vapors in a cylinder and explode them at the appointed second to move our automobiles and trucks along our highways. We have even discovered the secret of releasing energy in the atom, which is capable of destroying entire cities and civilizations. But very few of us have learned how to fully develop the power of prayer."

Lord help us become a people of prayer ...

Stephen

Children's Ministry and Kids Crossing Daycare Update

Tracey Brown, Director of Children's Ministries

Kids Crossing:

The daycare had a great January and did well in February, also. This is largely due to school delays and cancellations, but it is also because of increased use by already-registered families and the three new families we added in February! We are continuing to grow in the one- to three-year-old age category and now have 12 children in that age group! Because of state guidelines related to the adult/child ratio, we have needed two staff people at the daycare more and more often as we continue to grow.



In March, the pre-schoolers will be learning the letters S, T, and U; the numbers 14, 15, and 16; the color blue, and the triangle shape. Our memory verse is Colossians 3:20: "Children, obey your parents in all things." Our Bible stories will include Jesus' baptism and the miracles He performed.

Kids Egg Hunt in April:



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m. The event is for children one-year old through 5th grade and will be open to kids from LWCC, Kids Crossing, the Liberty Hills neighborhood, and *your* friends and family!. This is always a really fun event for the kids and for their parents, and, if your Person of Interest has children, this is a great event to invite them to!

There will not be a special children's program this year for Palm Sunday, but the children are beginning preparations for something special during the service on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10.

FOR THE RECORD: January

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total giving:	\$ 8,337	\$ 8,315
Weekly average:	\$ 2,084	\$ 2079
Weekly budget:	\$ 2,827	
Year-to-date giving:	\$ 8,337	\$ 8,315
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 12,249	
Average attendance per service:	83	85

We're excited to announce a new option for receiving your tithes and offerings: online. On the church website, www.lifewatercc.org, you will notice a new button at the right end of the menu, labeled "Donate." Simply click on the button and follow the prompts to make your donation with your credit card. In case you're wondering, yes, the church will pay a fee for processing the credit card payments, so it's not *quite* the same as dropping a check or cash in the offering plate on Sundays. But we understand that some of you prefer the convenience of online giving, and others will find that this is an easy way to keep up with your giving on Sundays you aren't able to attend in person. So we are happy to be able to offer you this alternative!

Deep End Ministries: Life Groups

Becky Lane, Deaconess

Life Groups are our small groups with a focus on being Jesus' disciples, encouraging each other as we seek to hear God's Word and obey it. As we consider the Lord's message to us through Pastor Doug's sermon each week, the goal is to be transformed not only in mind, but also in heart and behavior. If you are not part of a group yet, please consider joining one of the following groups:

COACHES:

Deb Price and Carole Brace:

Jared and Beth Gerber:

Stephen Lane (men's group):

Becky Lane (women's group):

Doug Beutler (men's group):

Kari Mahara (women's group):

Sharyn Mackey:

Lynn Knee:

Kim Beutler:

DAY, TIME, LOCATION:

Sunday, 8:45 a.m. at the church (Café).

*Sunday, 4:30 p.m. at their home, 15702 Zubrick Road, Roanoke, IN
Possible childcare provided.*

Monday, 7:30 p.m. at the church (Children's Classroom).

Monday, 7:30 p.m. at the church (Youth Room).

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. at the church. (Youth Room). Childcare provided.

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. at the church. Childcare provided.

Tuesday & Thursday, 7:00 p.m. at the church (Shepherd's Closet).

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at the church (Café).

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at the church (Children's Classroom).

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Becky at 450-4716.

There will be a Life Group Coaches' Meeting after the morning service on March 8th in the Café.

The Zone is LifeWater's youth group for middle school and high school students. They meet at the church on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise stated below).

March topics:

March 4: "Lies We Buy: I've Got Time"

March 11: "Lies We Buy: I Can Have What I Need"

March 18: "Lies We Buy: There are No Second Chances"

March 25: "Lies We Buy: I Can Choose Not to Choose"



24/7 Life Ministries

Carol Nealley, Deaconess

Congratulations to the Gerber family upon the addition of Katherine Joy, born to Daniel and Anna Gerber on February 8th at 12:32 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 inches long. Other proud family members include Jared, Beth, Corrie, Micah, and Caleb Gerber, as well as Katherine's big brother, Eric.



Fellowship Stars: Thank you to all of the ladies who took "Fellowship Promise Stars" at the Ladies' Christmas event in December. We will continue to collect all of your promised items during the month of March. In case you forgot, this list would include things like coffee, paper products, dish detergent, etc. that we need for fellowship events and kitchen maintenance. We will also accept gift cards to any of our local grocery stores. Gift cards should be given directly to Carol Nealley. There will be a collection box in the upstairs kitchen for the kitchen products and small wares. Please make sure to get these items into the Fellowship box, (not the Shepherd's Closet or OCC tote). If you did not make it to the Christmas party and would be willing to donate some small items, please contact Carol Nealley.

Meal Ministry: We have posted the Voorhees Meal Ministry Sign-Up Genius calendar for March on the LWCC website at www.lifewatercc.org. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please visit the website and sign up for a date(s) that suits your schedule.



Men's Ministry: On February 18th, LWCC's men enjoyed dinner at Pizza Hut followed by the Komets game. They had a great time of fellowship!

Upcoming event: The guys will be getting together for food and fellowship as they watch the Men's NCAA basketball game. We will announce the date and time soon. Stay tuned for more details!

For more information on the LifeWater Men's Ministry, please contact Jeremy Gordley at 435-9227.

LifeWater men enjoyed a night out at the Komet's Game on Feb. 18:
(Top Row) Steve Beers and Jeremy Gordley; (Bottom Row) Nick Knoblauch, Dick Moore, Mike Nealley, Doug Beutler, Justin Randolph, and Rudy Mahara, Sr.

Women of Faith Conference 2015: "Loved — The Farewell Tour": Ladies, mark your calendars now for the upcoming Women of Faith conference to be held at the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne on Friday, July 31st and Saturday, August 1st. The event on Friday will be from 7-9 p.m., and Saturday's conference will be 9 a.m.—5 p.m. In March we will begin a sign-up sheet for those who want to attend so that we can get tickets early.

After 20 years of conferences held in various cities across the U.S., this will be the last one, so tickets will go fast! Additionally, the earlier we reserve tickets, the cheaper they will be, so please let us know if you are interested in attending. We will give you information soon, but you can visit their website at www.womenoffaith.com for more information right now.



Ladies' Craft Fellowship, Sunday, March 22nd from 1-3 p.m. in the Café. Thank you to the women who, on February 22nd, helped us make felted lamb decorations for the church's Easter breakfast. There are a few extra kits if you want to make one for yourself on March 22nd. Cost will be \$3.00. You can also join us and make yarn dolls for our OCC shoe boxes, or bring another project to work on. Please meet with us for this fun time of fellowship with other women from the church. Any questions can be emailed to Karen Smith at karenjune1959@gmail.com or you can text or call her at (260) 610-1033.



Charis Corner: Stories of Grace in a Broken World

By Kari Mahara



Disney World. A magical place. Above you can see my kids meeting Elsa. This is the moment we'd waited for. Check out their reactions. Rudy D. is smiling and happy (and blinking). Ella is playing with her ear because she's recovering from a nasty cold. Addy is so focused on her Anna dress she missed Elsa wrapping her arm around her. Not at all the picture I'd imagined, but not surprising when you have twin two-year-olds.

Isn't this true of life? We look forward to vacation or date night or the weekend. We pour all of our excitement and hope into this time, missing everything happening along the way, and end up disappointed in the turnout. Sometimes it seems nothing can live up to our expectations or hopes. Other days we feel like Alexander (*and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*) where nothing goes right. So much anticipation. So much disappointment.

Thankfully, I didn't let my feelings ruin the trip. When I started feeling this way, I turned to God, and He helped me see the good. Despite bloody noses (seriously, Rudy D. had four in 24 hours), little sleep, restless and crying children, 5 a.m. airport times, and aching muscles from carrying squirming children, we had so much joy. We only had one (half) day of rain, sunny skies, mostly low wait times, and hit most of the attractions we were hoping to. Best of all, none of our flights on the way home were delayed or cancelled.

One thing I learned was how important my attitude truly was. When I was excited...okay, smiling and skipping like a ten-year-old...so was everyone else around me. The twins and Rudy D. would cheer, "Woohoo!" and clap their hands. But when I started muttering, rolling my eyes, and snapping, the kids reciprocated my feelings. I realized how much our attitudes and reactions to life directly impact those around us and those watching. People were impressed how positive we were despite the handful of trouble we had with five children aged five and younger.

Ephesians 5:8-9, 15-16: For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth). Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."

Missions and Outreach Ministries:

Thailand: *Dr. Katherine Welch*

www.gorelentless.org

Prayer requests for Dr. Katherine and the Relentless ministry:

- ◇ Dr. Matilda and Prae — continue to pray for their unity and growth as a team.
- ◇ Linda, who has started to work with Dr. Katherine (remotely from Michigan) to help her with executive administrative tasks.
- ◇ Josh and Jenny (doctor and counselor) who are in Thailand with their one-year-old-son for about 2-1/2 months to help with clinics and workshops and with the medical side of Dr. Katherine's work, as well as develop future teaching modules.
- ◇ Kelly, who is helping Dr. Katherine with administrative tasks from February-March.
- ◇ Courtney, who just graduated from college and plans to attend medical school. She will be with Dr. Katherine from March until mid-April observing and doing as much as possible, and assisting with some specific projects.
- ◇ The number of partner organizations and the work that Relentless does with them is growing. This means more complex schedules, more travel, and team development is crucial to satisfy these requests.
- ◇ Dr. Katherine will be attending a CMDA-CMDE conference Feb. 22-March 5, just outside of Chiang Mai. She will be traveling to East Europe in mid-April/early May; the USA (Indiana and Michigan only) from May 15-June 1; and Germany in July.
- ◇ Pray for the funds needed to purchase a vehicle for a mobile clinic and other travel needs for the growing team.
- ◇ Continue to pray for the office and salaries for Thai staff.
- ◇ Pray that God would provide a car for Dr. Katherine while she is visiting the USA.

Bulgaria: *Rich and Judy Witmer*

Thank you for praying for God's direction concerning an offer on the sale of the World Partner's house in Enina. A verbal agreement has finally been reached on the terms of the sale, which includes allowing Rich and Judy to remain in the house until they depart for the USA in June. They have, however, encountered a series of unexpected bureaucratic requirements for documents in order to complete the sale. Pray that God will give the Witmers peace and guidance in securing the necessary documents and that the payment will take place at an opportune time.

Shepherd's Closet: *Susan Welch*

Shepherd's Closet still has an ongoing need for toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, deodorant, children's toothbrushes, disposable razors, feminine products, diapers (sizes 4, 5 and 6) and baby head-to-toe shampoo.

Please check the bulletin board near the café each week for a current list of items urgently needed. We ask that you bring your items to the Café and put them in the tote labeled Shepherd's Closet.

Missions and Outreach Ministries (continued)

Operation Christmas Child:

by Rich Quintano



Well, I have not been counting but I pray we have a bunch of soap and washcloths in the OCC bin at church! Thanks, and I will let you know when I do count how many we have received. I also may challenge us to get a few more. A few people have suggested that we can do 200 boxes this year! Amazingly enough God already knows if we will do 200 this year, but that does not mean it is not a challenge for us to try!

Let's make it official and very clear. In the last newsletter I stated we would not collect items at church or do a group packing party. That was incorrect! We will be doing things the same way as 2014, collecting items and having a packing party in November. You are, of course, welcome to do your own boxes if that works better for you, no worries, it's all good.

The item for March will be anything in the "**Something for School**" category. Some ideas are: pencils, pens, erasers, paper, ruler, pads, sharpener, chalk, pen/pencil case, crayons, colored pencils, etc.

Remember the question/answer I shared that we used at the Denver Processing Center this past fall?

Q: *Why are we doing OCC?* **A:** *Changing Lives in the Name of Jesus!*

When you are shopping always look at the clearance sections and keep an eye out for a great sale. For example, while in North Carolina I saw packages of three crayons marked down to \$0.03 each! Unsure if they would have the same deal here in Fort Wayne, I did not send out an alert. But generally speaking, if you see something, say something!

For more information about OCC, visit: <http://www.samaritanpurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

You'll find great stories there about children who have received shoe boxes and you can sign up to receive information directly from Samaritan's Purse, too.

6 things to light up the world of a child in need

> **SOMETHING TO LOVE**

Teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.

> **SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL**

Exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.

> **SOMETHING TO WEAR**

T-shirt, shorts, underwear, cap, beanie, sandals, thongs, etc.

> **SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH**

Tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, wind up torch, etc. (No battery operated items)*

> **SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE**

Soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair-clips, scrunchies, etc.

> **SOMETHING SPECIAL**

Carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces, craft kits, stickers, note or photo of yourself.

March 2015 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>8:45 a.m. — Life Group: Deb Price/Carol Brace (Café)</p> <p>10 a.m.—Morning service (Sanctuary)</p> <p>4:30 p.m. —Life Group: Jared and Beth Gerber (at Gerber's home)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7 p.m.—Special all-church prayer service (Café)</p> <p>7:30 p.m. — Life Group (Men's): Stephen Lane (Children's Classroom)</p> <p>7:30 p.m. — Life Group (Women's): Becky Lane (Youth Room)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group (Women's): Kari Mahara (Youth Room)</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group (Men's): Doug Beutler (Church)</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group: Sharyn Mackey (Shepherd's Closet)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7 p.m.—Youth Group</p> <p>7 p.m. — Life Group: Lynn Knee (Café)</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group: Kim Beutler (Children's Classroom)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group: Sharyn Mackey (Shepherd's Closet)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>TBD—Worship Band practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6 p.m.—Prayer meeting (Café)</p>
<p>8</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS</p> <p>8:45 a.m. — Life Group: Deb Price/Carol Brace (Café)</p> <p>10 a.m.—Morning service (Sanctuary)</p> <p>11:30 a.m.—Life Group Coaches' Meeting (Café)</p> <p>4:30 p.m. —Life Group: Jared and Beth Gerber (at Gerber's home)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:30 p.m. — Life Group (Men's): Stephen Lane (Children's Classroom)</p> <p>7:30 p.m. — Life Group (Women's): Becky Lane (Youth Room)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group (Women's): Kari Mahara (Youth Room)</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group (Men's): Doug Beutler (Church)</p> <p>7 p.m.—Church Board Meeting (Café)</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group: Sharyn Mackey (Shepherd's Closet)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7 p.m. — Youth Group</p> <p>7 p.m. — Life Group: Lynn Knee (Café)</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group: Kim Beutler (Children's Classroom)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group: Sharyn Mackey (Shepherd's Closet)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>TBD—Worship Band practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6 p.m.—Prayer meeting (Café)</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:45 a.m. — Life Group: Deb Price/Carol Brace (Café)</p> <p>10 a.m.—Morning service (Sanctuary)</p> <p>4:30 p.m. — Life Group: Jared and Beth Gerber (at Gerber's home)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:30 p.m. — Life Group (Men's): Stephen Lane (Children's Classroom)</p> <p>7:30 p.m. — Life Group (Women's): Becky Lane (Youth Room)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group (Women's): Kari Mahara (Youth Room)</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group (Men's): Doug Beutler (Church)</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group: Sharyn Mackey (Shepherd's Closet)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group: Lynn Knee (Café)</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group: Kim Beutler (Children's Classroom)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group: Sharyn Mackey (Shepherd's Closet)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>NEWSLETTER INFO SUBMISSION DEADLINE</p>	<p>21</p> <p>TBD—Worship Band practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6 p.m.—Prayer meeting (Café)</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:45 a.m. — Life Group: Deb Price/Carol Brace (Café)</p> <p>10 a.m.—Morning service (Sanctuary)</p> <p>1-3 p.m. Ladies' craft class (Café)</p> <p>4:30 p.m. — Life Group: Jared and Beth Gerber (at Gerber's home)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:30 p.m. — Life Group (Men's): Stephen Lane (Children's Classroom)</p> <p>7:30 p.m. — Life Group (Women's): Becky Lane (Youth Room)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group (Women's): Kari Mahara (Youth Room)</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group (Men's): Doug Beutler (Church)</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group: Sharyn Mackey (Shepherd's Closet)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 p.m. — Youth Group</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group: Lynn Knee (Café)</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group: Kim Beutler (Children's Classroom)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group: Sharyn Mackey (Shepherd's Closet)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>TBD—Worship Band practice (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6 p.m.—Prayer meeting (Café)</p>
<p>29</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>8:45 a.m. — Life Group: Deb Price/Carol Brace (Café)</p> <p>10 a.m.—Morning service (Sanctuary)</p> <p>4:30 p.m. — Life Group: Jared and Beth Gerber (at Gerber's home)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:30 p.m. — Life Group (Men's): Stephen Lane (Children's Classroom)</p> <p>7:30 p.m. — Life Group (Women's): Becky Lane (Youth Room)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group (Women's): Kari Mahara (Youth Room)</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group (Men's): Doug Beutler (Church)</p> <p>7 p.m.—Life Group: Sharyn Mackey (Shepherd's Closet)</p>	<p>LOOKING AHEAD:</p> <p>April 3: Good Friday Service, 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)</p> <p>April 4: Children's Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. (LWCC outdoors)</p> <p>April 5: Easter Breakfast, 9 a.m. (Basement)</p> <p>April 5: Easter Service, 10 a.m. (Sanctuary)</p> <p>April 6: All-church prayer meeting, 7 p.m. (Café)</p>			