

Date	Event	Birthdays	Anniversaries
Monday, May 14	Young Adult Group, 7 pm Finance, 7 pm	Tom Jahncke	Tom & Heidi Young
Tuesday, May 15	Senior Saints, noon Congregational Care, 2 pm SPRC, 5:30 pm		
Wednesday, May 16	Women's Prayer, 10 am Youth Group, 5:30 pm Square Dance, 6:45 pm		
Thursday, May 17	Praise Team!, 5 pm Baton, 5:30 pm Softball Game, 6:15 pm Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm Softball, 7:30 pm		
Friday, May 18		Samantha Cvancara Amanda Fleeger Ron Thompson	
Saturday, May 19	White Caps Game, 7 pm		Ross & Erin Vanderlaan
Sunday, May 20	Foundations Service, 9:15 am Youth Group, 9:30 am Fellowship, 10:30 am IMPACT, 11 am	Brian Hepp Jackie Price	



Pastor's Page

Reader's Digest published a series of short reflections people wrote about their mom's. The stories were limited to 100 words or less (Reader's Digest loves to shorten things up!). As you think about your mom, or a mother figure in your life, what story would you write? Here are three that you might find inspiring and meaningful:

TWO SIMPLE WORDS by Abigail Wortman, West Long Branch, New Jersey

On the first day of first grade, I stood by the front door with butterflies in my stomach. I voiced my biggest concern to my mother: "How will I make friends?" Crouching in front of me, she handed me advice I carry with me to this day: "Be Switzerland." Be friends with everyone. Treat everyone equally and fairly. For all of my 20 years, I have lived by these words. Soon I will graduate and become a part of the real world. And on that first day, nervously facing new responsibilities, I know I will whisper two words to myself: "Be Switzerland."

A STAND-UP WOMAN by Robin Hynes, Slingerland, New York

My mom had a great sense of humor and a knack for making everything fun. One thing that resonated with me, even as a small child, was how much she seemed to enjoy her own company and found ways to entertain herself. As a kid, I remember her giggling while paying bills. What was so funny about bill paying? She would put humorous notes in the reference section of the check: For the electric bill, she might put "You light up my life," and for the mortgage she'd write "Four shingles closer to owning it all."

A SCARLET SYMBOL by Priscilla Hartling, West Allis, Wisconsin

My mother was my best friend. She loved cardinals, the male red ones. When she got sick with pancreatic cancer and knew death was near, she told me to always look for the red cardinal—that would be her. I never paid too much attention to that statement; I was too busy becoming an adult. Twenty-five years later, every time I feel at my wits' end, there is a cardinal flying past me or in a nearby tree. Is it coincidence, or my mother, all these years later, letting me know that everything will be OK? I'll take the latter.

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The Prayers of Our Hearts

Val Rienks - Cognitive testing is in process of being approved by my insurance. Appointments are being made for October at this time. One more week of unemployment to certify. My occupational therapy is done. I just have to keep up my home stretching exercises.

Esther Fernandez - Please pray for my sister, Raquel, and her daughter, Julia. They are coming back from Cuba this Thursday. They went to visit some family and Cari, Robert's girlfriend. Pray for Bob and Teresa. Their cousin passed away last Sunday in his sleep. Pray for Alfredo and his company. Pray for Mary. Her son, Bruce, had a terrible car accident.

Linda McKenney - Prayers for Ken as he has further testing on his heart. Prayers for good news. Great sermon. Heaven or Heaven on earth.

Pat Johnson - Pray for Roger. Prayers that he can deal with his confusion and frustration.

Kathy Challa - Beautiful service.

Brad & Janel Folkert - Pray for Brad and I as parents, for our son, Dominick, that he makes good choices in life, and for our son, Nathan, as he makes transitions in life after graduation.

Dorie DeCommer - Pray for Sallie and her walking.

Jackie Matson - Prayers for T.J. He needs a job!

Linda Carter - My one eye is better with the eye drops. I am having laser on the other one as the pressure is too high.

Pat Beadle - Thank you so much to all who helped at the 2 funerals this past week.

Steve & Diane Ellens - Good to be home. Praise God for good health, safe travel, and much accomplished during our 4 months of projects in LA and TX. We met and worked with many who are making a difference for God in the world.

Barb DeCan - Prayers for my very dear friend, Judy, and her daughter-in-law, Barb. Barb has been battling cancer for many years. She just learned it has spread a lot. Please also pray for my little dog, Jerry, he has to have surgery on the 11th and his labs are not very good.

Lynda Edsall - Prayers for Jim Sala. He had a pacemaker put in on Friday. Prayers he feels the benefits. Thank you God for this wonderful church family. God is working in us and thru us.

Chuck Johnson - Prayers for safe travel. Going to TN to see my brother's wife and then to GA to spend time with best friends.

Thank You!

The family of Rug Harrington would like to thank the church family for there love, support, visits, and cards (especially Freddi's angels). A very special thank you for Pastor Dean. His visits, prayers, and assistance with some very difficult decisions were so appreciated. The service was not only uplifting but beautiful. Thank you Al and Liz for the lovely music and a huge thank you to the ladies for serving a great lunch. Many compliments for all. We are so blessed.

Family and Youth Camp

Save the date for this summer's family camp at Lakeview United Methodist Camp in Lakeview, MI. Dates are August 17-19, 2018. 12 sites available. Please see Val (wearing the happy camper t-shirt) at the Information Desk for more information or to make your reservations.

Summer Camp

We have several kids that will be attending various camps this summer. There is still time to make a donation to the camp scholarship fund. If you need a scholarship form for your child, please contact the office.

Blue Bags Ministry Share Offering

100% Ministry Shares Challenge

Received To Date:

\$9,467

(18 Weeks Completed)

Remaining Balance Needed:

\$41,869

(34 Weeks Remaining)

Offered last week: **\$388**

Piano/Awning Collection Update

Entrance Awning: **\$9,085**

Yamaha Piano: **\$17,500 Paid in full!!**

Thank you, Wesley Park!

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Today we celebrate the efforts of the children. We celebrate your excitement and commitment to helping the children and youth of this church do great things in the name of Christ. Today we remember that we are God's hands in the world through our giving and our receiving. **This month, Kids on a Mission will continue to help others. We are doing various projects for Kids Food Basket so that children in our community know that they are loved and cared about through the ministry of hand-packed meals and snack distributed in schools.**

Open House for Pittenger's

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