

PLANTED ROOTS



**NEW LIFE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
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*Plant your roots in Christ and let Him be the foundation
for your Life. Colossians 2:7*

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MISSIONS

DOOR OF HOPE - reports

A new year has begun and with that we can restart this year with different obligations and motives, picking and choosing what we did and didn't like from the year before. As I look at the past year, I see how God has really grown Door of Hope and how we have reached many people in need who were hungry for Hope and love. Some have moved on and some continue to come,

feeling that they are not quite ready to conquer the world without Door of Hope.

One particular client is one who became very motivated to change her life and give herself as well as her son a second chance. She has given herself to Christ and started schooling and they have gotten their own place. Of course the hard times come and to help overcome those times, she and her son come back to Door of Hope working to break down the barriers to change. She told me, as we hugged and cried in the parking lot, how grateful she is for Door of Hope. She told me that being a single mother is

harder than anything she has gone through, even harder than growing up with addicted parents or her own recovery from addictions. She still says it is so worth it and so glad that Door of Hope is here to help her get through it, since she has no one else to be at her side. Thank you for your continued support.

These families need Christ and need us to come together,

unified, to help them raise these children. We are so grateful they have chosen life, but now it is our turn to take their hand and be there to help them raise their children. That is why we are here, to give them Hope and love. My goal as Director is to not only be there for them and their children, but to show them how wonderful Christ is, and how he is the only one that can bring everlasting peace in their lives.

Please continue to support us financially, but also the keep Door of Hope and our clients in your prayers as we reach out to our community bringing hope and love through Christ.

FAME—reports

GREETINGS FROM MYANMAR

For the last few weeks, we have had a team, both medical and non-medical, in the country of Myanmar (formerly Burma) conducting medical camps and teaching community health lessons through the CHE program. Team participant Deb Trego says "Our intention is to share the love of Christ & shine the light of Jesus. We pray with each patient because God made each of us in his image & we hope that at the end of the day the patients have felt & seen his love thru us."

Their first medical outreach in Kalemmyo was a blessing to the entire team. They ministered to 170 patients. Medication was distributed, each patient was prayed for, wounds were treated, the Physical Therapist on the team was very busy as was the local dentist who pulled teeth ALL day long! We give all glory to God!

In Khin Tar, the team went on to minister to 128 patients in a Buddhist community. The local Myanmar Christians serving with the team were a great blessing!

On another day, the team did a medical outreach at Restoration Bible Institute. The community was invited to participate in this outreach if they had need of medical attention. Some of the patients included some Buddhist monks who live in the community near RBI.

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FAME - reports continued

The picture below is team member Deb Trego, and Myanmar nurse, Lucy sharing scripture & prayer with Aee Khine, 24 years old. Lucy will continue to follow up with her in Myanmar after the team leaves



The team has finished the medical outreaches, but are now teaching (CHE) Community Health Evangelism. They have just finished Day 3 of the training. Lonnie Burley, FAME Director of Short-Term Trips recently communicated to us that "We have close to 50 Pastors and community leaders attending this training. God is being glorified through our team's facilitators and our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in attendance. Feeling blessed....."

Thank you for your continued prayers for the team in Myanmar. They return to the US February 24.

NURSING HOME MINISTRY

If you are interested, contact Ruth Sinn at 317-627-0017 or by email, rgsinn.78@gmail.com.

Anyone is welcome to participate.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children are working through a series of lessons from, "The Story" by Max Lucado & Randy Frazee

PENNIES FOR THE POOR

During the month of March, we will be collecting pennies or other types of change for our local food pantry. There is a jar at the welcome center to drop off your donations. If you have any questions, please contact Pauline.



FACTS ABOUT DAYLIGHT SAVING

Benjamin Franklin came up with the idea of Daylight Saving...

But it was a joke. In 1784, Franklin penned a satirical letter to the editor of the Journal of Paris outlining how many pounds of candle wax the city would save (64,050,000 pounds, according to his calculations) if only its clocks were better aligned with the rise and set of the sun. If residents had trouble adjusting, he suggested the city "let cannon be fired in every street, to wake the sluggards effectually." Now that's a wake-up call.

The idea wasn't taken seriously until 1907

More than a century after Franklin's letter, a British builder named William Willet became the champion of Daylight Saving, and lobbied Parliament to adjust the time in April and September in order to take full advantage of the day's light. It is said the idea came to him after riding his horse one summer morning and noticing how many blinds were still down, which signaled to him the sunlight was going to waste.

Daylight Saving Time became law during World War I

Germany and several other European countries had already mandated DST as a way of reducing electricity and thereby saving coal for the war effort. Recent studies have called this line of thinking into question, with researchers crunching data to decide whether or not DST really does save energy.

For more fun facts go to....<https://www.rd.com/culture/daylight-saving-time-facts/>

CREAMERY CREEK CHURCH SERVICE

We will be leading a church service at Creamery Creek Assisted Living on Sunday, February 11 at 1:30 p.m. If you would like to be involved, please contact Susan Roberts or Ruth Sinn.

REACH MINISTRY

We sent out only 4 welcome packets this month. People don't move around much in the winter. On January 28, we held our planned Super Soup R Bowl Sunday dinner. Lots of wonderful soups and great fellowship.

We are planning our annual baked potato meal for March 18th this year. Look for the sign up sheet for all the yummy toppings that make it fun.

Also, an Easter breakfast is in the works for Easter Sunday. More details later.



SHOES IN CHURCH

I showered and shaved... I adjusted my tie... I got there and sat... In a pew just in time... Bowing my head in prayer
... As I closed my eyes.
I saw the shoe of the man next to me... Touching my own. I sighed... With plenty of room on either side
... I thought, 'Why must our soles touch?'
It bothered me, his shoe touching mine.. But it didn't bother him much.
A prayer began: 'Our Father'... I thought,
'This man with the shoes, has no pride. They're dusty, worn, and scratched... Even worse, there are holes on the side!'
'Thank You for blessings,' the prayer went on.
The shoe man said... A quiet 'Amen.'
I tried to focus on the prayer... But my thoughts were on his shoes again.. Aren't we supposed to look our best
... When walking through that door?
'Well, this certainly isn't it,' I thought, glancing toward the floor.
Then the prayer was ended... And the songs of praise began .
The shoe man was certainly loud... Sounding proud as he sang... His voice lifted the rafters
... His hands were raised high...The Lord could surely hear... The shoe man's voice from the sky.
It was time for the offering... And what I threw in was steep...I watched as the shoe man reached
... Into his pockets so deep.
I saw what was pulled out... What the shoe man put in... Then I heard a soft 'clink' as when silver hits tin.
The sermon really bored me... To tears, and that's no lie... It was the same for the shoe man
... For tears fell from his eyes.
At the end of the service... As is the custom here... We must greet new visitors, And show them all good cheer.
But I felt moved somehow... And wanted to meet the shoe man.
So after the closing prayer... I reached over and shook his hand.
He was old and his skin was dark... And his hair was truly a mess... But I thanked him for coming... For being our guest
... He said, 'My name's Charlie... I'm glad to meet you, my friend.'... There were tears in his eyes
... But he had a large, wide grin..
'Let me explain,' he said... Wiping tears from his eyes.
'I've been coming here for months... And you're the first to say 'Hi.'"... 'I know that my appearance
...Is not like all the rest.
'But I really do try...To always look my best.'...'I always clean and polish my shoes... Before my very long walk.'
'But by the time I get here...They're dirty and dusty, like chalk.'
My heart filled with pain... And I swallowed to hide my tears... As he continued to apologize... For daring to sit so near
He said, 'When I get here... I know I must look a sight.'... 'But I thought if I could touch you
...Then maybe our souls might unite.'
I was silent for a moment... Knowing whatever was said... Would pale in comparison
... I spoke from my heart, not my head.
'Oh, you've touched me,' I said...'And taught me, in part'... 'That the best of any man... Is what is found in his heart.'
The rest, I thought,... This shoe man will never know.
Like just how thankful I really am... That his dirty old shoe touched my soul.
Live each day as your last, for we never know our time here on earth. Love and Peace My Friends and remember that it
is not how we look on the outside but how we look within .
Shared by Neil Hopper



LOOKING AHEAD.....

Fitness for New Life

TBA when it will start up again.

Women's Bible Study

~ Susan Roberts

TBA when the next one will begin.

Women's Support Group

Sunday, March 4 @ 4:00 p.m.

Craft Night at Creamery Creek

Wednesday, March 6 @ 6:30 p.m.

Creamery Creek Church Services

Sunday, March 11 @ 1:30 p.m.

Reach MTG

Monday, March 12 @ 6:30 p.m.

Iron Man Connect Group

~ Paul Roberts

Saturday, March 17 @ 8:00 a.m.

Sputacular Potatotastic Tater Topper Meal

Sunday, March 18 @ 11:30 a.m.

Ladies Spring Fling

Saturday, March 24 @ 8:00 a.m.

Good Friday Service

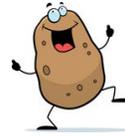
Friday, March 30 @ 5:30 p.m.

SPUDTACULAR POTATOTASTIC

TATER TOPPER MEAL

Sunday, March 18 @ 11:30 a.m.

Wear your green!



SPRING FLING!

Ladies are invited to a spring shopping trip on Saturday, March 24. We will carpool to La Crosse, looking for bargains at stores like Goodwill and Good Steward. Meet at New Life at 8:00 a.m. Please sign up!



Friday, March 30 @ 5:30 p.m.

1 Peter 3:18

CLOTHING DRIVE

Your Spring and Summer clothing donations
can now be dropped off at the church.

Questions contact Pauline.

CRAFT NIGHT AT CREAMERY CREEK!

We are invited to a Craft Night with Creamery Creek residents on

Wednesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m.

All ages are invited to help residents create a couple
of simple crafts. No experience needed!

If you have an idea for a simple craft, please see Susan.

New Life Vision Statement

Our vision ... is to become a community
of believers who **look like Christ**,
seeking to **change lives** within the church,
across the street and around the world.



New Life Christian Church

GREETERS



March 4 - Joe & Carol Melcher

March 11 - Ralph & Sheila Petersheim

March 18 - Dave & Pam Grindle

March 25 - Roy & Glenda Kanis

April 1 - Dennis & Pat Horkheimer

Sunday Services/ Activities

Adult Discipleship 9:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

▪For all ages

Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.