

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY'S

# The Truth Project

Let us not become weary of doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.  
Galatians 6:9

This is the battle - the cosmic battle between truth and lies

REMEMBER

## The Cosmic Battle

When God created the cosmos, He called it all "good" - a statement that is both ethical and pragmatics. That is, God's creative work was both ethically "good" (consistent with His character & nature) and qualitatively & practically "good" (it was exquisite and worked perfectly). This included, of course, the most marvelous & unique creation of all - MAN. Up to this point in the story, there was no conflict and no battle.

However, all that changed - and changed drastically with the entrance of an enemy - an adversary who was determined to turn the story upside down & destroy the "goodness" of God's creation. But, it was the ethical aspect of the "good" that this enemy hated the most - anything that reflected and bore the image of God.

In our culture, the lies of the world, the flesh & the devil bombard us from every quarter. And, we fail to recognize them as lies & instead accept them as true, the consequences are significant ...and Devastating.

Thursday Evenings  
at 7 pm  
Leader: Bruce Champlin

The fight to save the family is really part of a larger battle - overarching struggle that has raged from the very beginning - and one that confronts us from every quarter today.

## Welcome to First Church of Christ! Announcements for December 13, 2009

### Today:

Teen Youth Group Progressive  
Dinner—5:00 p.m.

### Wednesday:

Activities canceled until January 6th

### Tuesday:

Prayer Time at FCOC—5-7:00 p.m.



**Clothes needed** for the Karen people living in the Sault. They are in need of men's smaller sizes (Sm and Med) of winter clothes, coats and boots in good condition. **They can also use gently used toys for ages infant on up (There are 5 girls under age 5).** Please call Jan Conley at 635-1682 or call the office at 632-6511 if you can help.



**Worship Team:** A reminder of our get-together at the Peasley's home December 20th at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass.



**Children's Spring Musical Practice is coming!** The Tale of Three Trees - Sign up in the lobby! Practice will begin on Sunday, January 10th at 5:00 p.m. Performance will be April 18th at 9:00 and 11:00 services.



**The Angel Tree is Here!** Each year we set up a Christmas Tree in the lobby and ask for gifts for needy families in our community and in our church family. If you would like to help, please take an angel off the tree. There are specific items listed on the angel for a specific person. After you have purchased the gift, please wrap it and attach the tag to the package, so we will know for whom it was bought. Place it under the tree by December 20th.



**Thailand Mission Trip Brief Informational Meeting!** Sunday, December 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium. Please see Tom Allan for more details.



**Christmas Baskets to help those in need.** Please sign up to donate food for these meals at the **News Table** in the lobby. **Items due by December 20.**

General fund giving last week: \$7,607.07. Weekly requirements: \$5,880.00.



## Kids Ques +

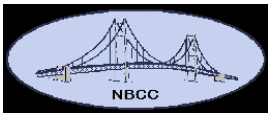


Kids Quest is for children from age 4 through 4th grade during the 11:00 service. Located down the stairs and straight thru in the Fellowship Hall.



Invites you to help build a home by coming to the  
**17th Annual Cookie Walk**  
 Select from hundreds of specialty holiday treats.  
 TODAY from 12:00 to 2:30 p.m. at  
 Faith Lutheran Church on Park Street

### New Bridge Community Chaplaincy



is sponsoring a fundraiser. Dyke Justin, local attorney, will be attempting to set an endurance swim record at LSSU. He will be swimming for 24 hours non-stop. If you want to donate, please see Steve Habusta.

#### Chaplaincy Leadership Team

Debbie Jones, Dr. Mark Gerig, Rev. Steve Miller, Dr. Dave Castner, Milton Gerber, Rev. Chad McDonald, Kelly Bunker, Jeff Behling

### Thank you!



**Marion Rogers donated the lovely potted trees at the church entrance!**



**The families of Russ and DeeDee Shobbrook, former members of our congregation, have given the large poinsettia plant in memory of their parents.**

## Prayer Concerns

Additions will be left for 3 months. Please notify the office with updates.

- Pray for our Senior Minister  
 Our country and those serving in the military, those adjusting after service  
 Lym TenEyck—Failing health 12/09  
 Helen Carrier—In Tendercare 12/09  
 Leanore Minta—Failing health 11/09  
 Gail Newcomb—Health concerns 12/09  
 Harry O'Daniels (Shadana Bettis' GF)—Alzheimers disease 11/09  
 Kevin Farrar—Breathing issues, inflammation of left eye 11/09  
 Friend of Cindy Moniz—Surgery for prostate cancer concerns 10/09  
 Cindy Moniz—Possible knee surgery 10/09  
 Robyn Haines—Breast cancer 10/09  
 Ted Snyder (friend of Morleys) - Cancer 10/09  
 Ellie Marger—Praise! Brain surgery went well, prayers for recovery 11/09  
 Frank Malette—Cancer treatments in Marquette 11/09  
 Reg & Lynne Rousseau (Beckie Palmer's uncle and aunt) - Recovering from pneumonia 11/09  
 Chuck Goeschel—Awaiting liver transplant at U of M 11/09  
 Mary Ann Keeney—Recovering from surgery for bleeding on her brain 11/09  
 Shadana Bettis—Expecting liver transplant, blood flow to liver is in question 11/09  
 Barb Farrar—Going to U of M for testing in January 11/09  
 Clayton Norton—Health concerns 11/09  
 Dave Shadnaw (friend of Jay Welch)—Bone marrow donor found, testing before surgery 11/09  
 Bill Berry (friend of Champlins)—Severe depression 11/09  
 Family of Jennifer LeBlanc—Mother passed away 11/09  
 Dan Hewitt—Aortic aneurysm, surgery went well, doing okay, long recovery 12/09  
 Laurie Smart-Gierke—Melanoma, mole removed, awaiting testing results  
 Gloria Batho—Bad fall, torn aorta, home from hospital after surgery 12/09  
 Cynthia Brown—Heart problems, health problems 12/09

### Cancer Concerns

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| Pam Thompson 6/09                           | Marta Houston (D. Nelson's cousin) 6/09 | Bonnie Weber 6/09 |
| Jane Ogle (B. Brown) 6/09                   | Deb Pifer (Dan Smart's sis-in-law) 6/09 | Darby McCoy 6/09  |
| Steve Romzek (P. Allison's bro-in-law) 6/09 |   | Ken Vert 6/09     |
| Rita Dale 8/09                              |   |                   |

*Please call the office with updates.*

*We have a portable communion set, located in the office, for anyone to use.*

**If you would like a visit from an elder or one of the ministers, please call the church office at 632-6511. Elders and ministers are listed on the back of the bulletin cover.**

**Please pray for these young men and women from our community who are deployed:  
 Joey Eitrem (Derek & Jill's son) - Iraq**