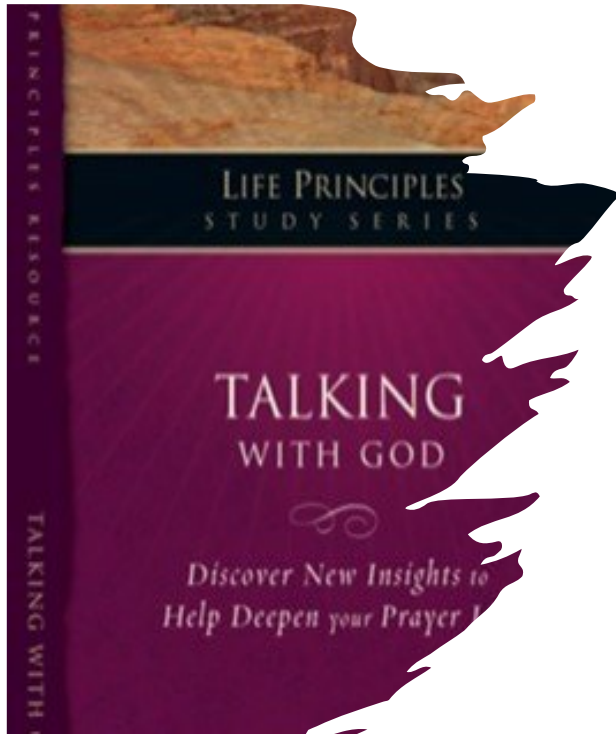


Ceresco Baptist Church

The Ceresco Messenger - June 2023

Come and join us on Thursday night for Virtual Bible Study.

We are studying Dr. Charles Stanley's Life Principles Study Series entitled, "Talking with God".



Talking with God by Charles Stanley

- **True communication with God is more than talking *to* God, it's talking *with* God-through prayer.**
- Prayer that involves speaking *and* listening.
- In *Talking with God*, Charles Stanley discusses the general principles that are basic to everyone's prayer life, explaining how your prayers can lead to a more intimate than a relationship with God and how you can encourage others in their own prayer lives.

You don't have to get dressed or leave home. Just log in or call into class from the comfort of your own home. We began at 6:00 pm sharp and end no later than 7:00 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7368825013?pwd=VktmNHk0dWZNUtJXS0FwRlZoYndjZz09>

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OR

CALL IN:

- 1-646-931-3860

- Meeting ID: 7368825013#

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Over the next few weeks we will discuss:

Praying with Authority

Prayer and Fasting

A Prayer Burden

Getting Answers to Prayer

Praying in the Will of God

Join us. You will be blessed.

CRAFT SHOW

Our first craft show was held on May 6 with 24 vendors. Eighteen inside and six outside with a wide variety of crafts. There was very positive feedback from vendors and customers. It was a great day of visiting and the Lord gave us a beautiful day. We are hoping to continue this next year with even more participation and hopefully adding a picnic area!

Thank you to those that attended or participated in any way!

Godly Fatherhood

On this Father's Day we offer these words of tribute to Father's, and since the backdrop of this tribute is in the Church, it will be with Godly Fatherhood as the focus of our attention this morning.

For the young son, Dad stands for all he wants to be in life "when he grows up". He watches with eyes and ears that record how Dad lives, whether it be in the home, on the job, or in their time of recreation as a family. This recording takes place on a daily basis in his life, as one day he will push "play", and become a Dad himself.

For the young daughter, Dad is her knight in shining armor with the responsibility to protect her, yet tender enough to shower her with his unconditional love when she needs to know he's there. For her, Dad remains "Daddy" through the turbulent years of teenage trials, then with a falling tear and trembling lips she kisses "Daddy" on the cheek at her wedding in hopes she is marrying someone who will love and protect her "just like Daddy did".

Some Dads have become the leaders of their family without a Godly example in their home as they grew up, yet have determined in their own hearts to start a legacy of love so their own children will have a good example to follow. Like Joshua of old challenged the people in Joshua 24:15b, he states these words, then does all he can to live up to the commitment: "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

The Godly Father recognizes his own shortcomings and failures from time to time as he shepherds his family, and will be humble enough to draw upon the strength of his Heavenly Father for help and guidance. 2 Corinthians 12:9a "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." The Godly Father is not ashamed to admit to times of weakness and insufficiency, and yes, even shed a tear or two at times as he faces the challenges of life and leadership of his family. He looks forward to looking up to God and confessing his need to the one who is all-sufficient and all-knowing.

We applaud you Dad, as you sacrifice for your family in so many ways, yet also encourage you to give your most valuable asset to your Children as much as possible which is of course, your time. Those special times of playing catch in the back yard may provide some wear and tear for the lawn, yet will grow a great relationship. Those early mornings of fishing together may not yield much for the dinner table, but the conversations while fishing will be quite a catch for both Dad and Child. Taking time for a "date you're your daughter" will provide her an example of what to look for in manners and actions when she begins to date.

There is a statement that says "time is of the essence", and this is indeed the case when Dads and Kids interact.

Thank you for working, planning, caring, disciplining, teaching, and yes, learning about being the best Dad you can possibly be. In a world that says "can't", thanks for saying "can too!"

Most of all, thanks for being "Dad" and trusting your Heavenly Father to guide you in the journey.

Happy Father's Day!



Congratulations to our Class of 2023 Graduates!

Viviana Anthony is graduating from the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy on Saturday, June 17th. She is graduating High School a year early! Parents are James & Darlene Anthony.



Josiah Willey

Graduated from Goal High School and Northeastern Junior College

with an Associate of Arts communication designation.

Parents Jill and Justin Willey

Grandparents Don and Ruth St John

Abby St John

graduated from Western Michigan University

Bachelor of Health and Human Services

with a concentration on PA.

Parents Mark and Kristen St John

Grandparents Bruce and Rita Cline & Don and Ruth St John



Helena Gombas

Graduated from Marshall High School.

**Scholarship to play softball and Lansing Community College.
Pursuing Business Management.**

Parents Ryan's and Alice Gombas

Grandma Gretchen King



Flower Sign-Up

6/4/23 - OPEN

6/11/23 - OPEN

6/18/23 - Sommers

6/25/23 - OPEN

Children's Time Sign-Up

6/4/23 - Sommers

6/11/23 - OPEN

6/18/23 - Sommers

6/25/23 - OPEN

Fellowship Refreshments - June 25, 2023: OPEN - Please help!

It Is Just A Wink

By Jennie Markos to Bud Halder

It is just a little girl with long blonde hair pulled into ponytails. She has big blue eyes and a sparkling smile. She turns around as the preacher begins his sermon and smiles at me - again - a little wave with her chubby little hand. I give her a wink, she tries to wink back but she does not quite have it right and shuts both eyes tight. We will have to work again on this next week. Next Sunday comes along, she files into the pew with her brothers, father and mother. Once again, just like clock-work, she waits until the preacher starts his sermon, she turns to wink, and SHE DID IT! This time she got it right! She gave me the little chubby hand wave again, winked and turned back around with a look from her mother. Every Sunday after that this little girl turns around to wink at me and of course I wink back. This little girl, just a few years later, I was able to witness being baptized and accept Jesus as her Lord and Savior! Although she has now grown, she no longer has long blonde hair with pony tails but short grey hair and children of her own, whenever I see her she still winks! This once little girl is now a grown woman, all these years I never knew, it was not *Just A Wink*, but it was *comfort, it was home, it was family*.

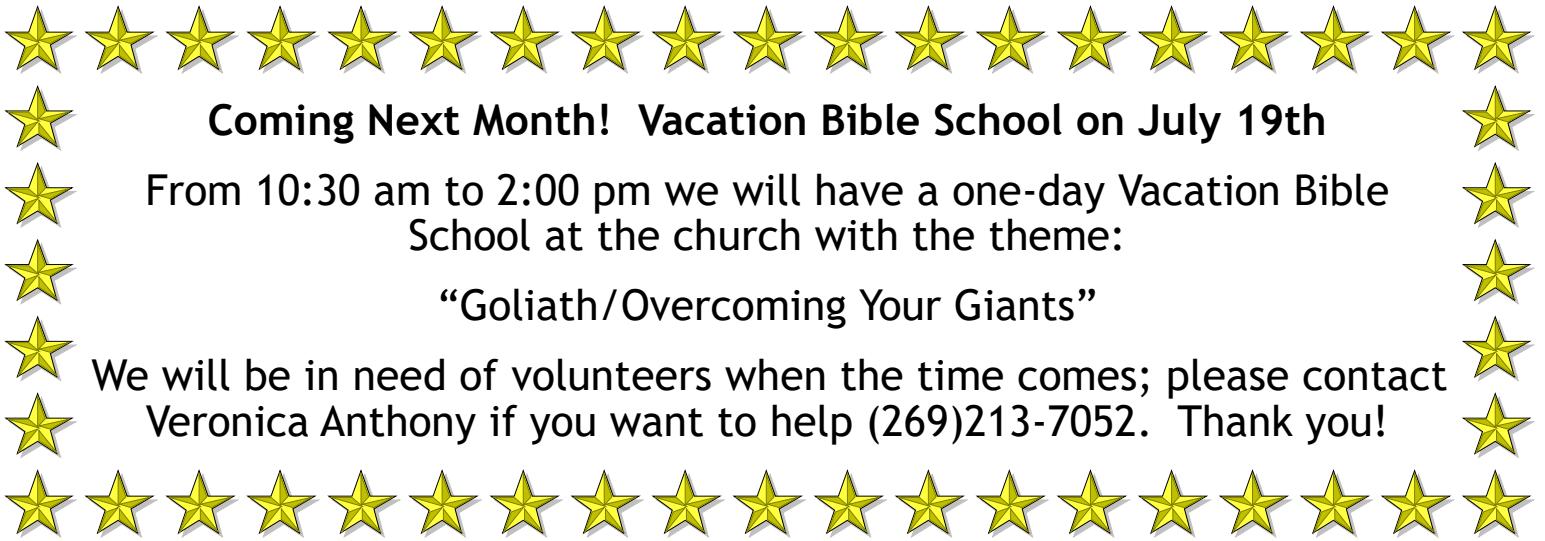


Christ Lutheran Church has invited local churches to send their youth to their annual Vacation Bible School.

Here is the invitation:

Please join us for **Vacation Bible School** at Christ Lutheran Church Monday-Friday June 12-16 from 930 am to 12 noon for kids Ages 4 to 9 years old.

Here is the registration link: <https://forms.gle/1j1YQLcTGQkW9eocA>



Coming Next Month! Vacation Bible School on July 19th

From 10:30 am to 2:00 pm we will have a one-day Vacation Bible School at the church with the theme:

“Goliath/Overcoming Your Giants”

We will be in need of volunteers when the time comes; please contact Veronica Anthony if you want to help (269)213-7052. Thank you!



We are collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during May & June. If you want to honor or remember someone for the Mother’s Day or Father’s Day bulletin insert, please make a donation to the OGHs offering. The signup sheets are at the church. Please make sure your information is correct. Thank you!

In Galatians, the Apostle Paul encourages followers of Jesus to generously help and care for others. Though there is great need in the world and we can grow weary because we do not know how to help, God’s Spirit energizes and re-energizes us in every season.

We can make a difference. We do make a difference. Your generosity makes all the difference. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing provide immediate aid and long-term support to people experiencing hunger, thirst, disaster, or crisis around the world.

The need has never been greater. The opportunity is now. **It’s time to share.**



See what kind
of love the
Father has given
to us, that we
should be called
children of God.

1 John 3:1



**JUNE 23, 2023 3:00
PM - JUNE 24, 2023
3:00 PM**

RELAY FOR LIFE OF
Calhoun County

Free Admission! Food Trucks!

Please check out this year's **Relay for Life of Calhoun County!** The opening ceremony is at 6 pm, followed by the Survivor/Caregiver lap. There will be meals for registered Survivors at 5 pm. Food provided by Chick-fil-A. Several teams have some awesome raffle prizes! Raffle Tickets are just \$1 each.

Always Be A Student

Keep on learning, Graduate,
Though your graduation's done;
Your whole life's an education
That has only just begun.

Your diploma is the first big step,
For knowledge is the special key
To winning what you want in life
And being who you want to be.

If you'll always be a student,
You'll find the secrets to success
And travel on the golden road
To peace and happiness.

By Joanna Fuchs

Heavenly Father,

Surround those who are graduating with
your grace. Bless them with hope so that
they move into the future with eager and
open hearts. Help them to put the
knowledge, skills, and insights gained
through their education for the good of all
mankind. Inspire them to believe in the
goodness of life even when faced with chal-
lenges and difficulties. As they commence
with their lives, may they grow even more
grateful and wise. Amen.



- Jun 2 Santiago Johnston
- Jun 3 Reginald Matthews Jr
- Jun 4 Linda Chisholm
- Jun 7 Garrett Gary
- Jun 9 Ed Kirkland
- Jun 9 Christoph Johnston
- Jun 10 Bud Halder
- Jun 12 Joshua Ivey
- Jun 15 Krista Lopshire
- Jun 17 Kyle Gary
- Jun 17 Sally Beltz
- Jun 17 Barbara Gary
- Jun 18 Sally Slayton
- Jun 21 Angela Sommers
- Jun 22 Gannon Gary
- Jun 25 Dan Johnston
- Jun 26 James Anthony
- Jun 28 Hailey Shepherd

- Jul 2 Payton Angelina #1
- Jul 2 Jennifer Douglas
- Jul 3 Becky Wilkens
- Jul 5 Kevin Sommers
- Jul 5 Stephanie Wasielewski
- Jul 10 Joyce Cary
- Jul 15 Andrew Sommers

- Jul 21 Ryder Goodman
- Jul 21 Bradley Thomas
- Jul 22 Elijah Ivey
- Jul 22 Weston Wasielewski
- Jul 25 Madeleine Johnston
- Jul 26 Rick Frey
- Jul 30 Gracie Douglas

Our Family Night Potluck
 is always the third Wednesday of
 the month at 6 pm.

We will have special guests from
 the Isaiah 117 House with us at
 our June Family Night Potluck.
 Please join us!

Bring a passing dish and your own
 table service. Have a great meal,
 and then learn about what the
 Isaiah 117 Ministries is doing in our
 county!



- Jun 22 Ed & Pam Kirkland
- Jun 26 Justin & Heather Casey

- Jul 19 Glen & Joyce Cary
- Jul 20 Terry & Trish Ivey
- Jul 23 Ted & Lora Finch
- Jul 28 Joshua & Candi Ivey

God Is
 † Great
 Always

MARTHA CIRCLE MEETING - Minutes from May 10, 2023 - Hostess: Dawn Frey

Present: Dawn Frey-Gretchen King-Joanne Henley-Sharon Hadley-Joy Sommers-Darlene Anthony-Veronica Anthony-Joyce Carey-Pastor Mary- Marcy Bonny-Linda Chisholm

Devotions: Given by Dawn: "Made to Love" - We are imitators of God: Ephesians 5:1&2

Toddlers imitate Mom's and learn from them. We are loved by our Creator unconditionally and we are to imitate His love. It's God's light that shines through us.

Secretaries Report: Given by Sharon: Eleven present at April meeting/Treasure sale will be August 19/Balance in Martha Circle funds \$1883.81/craft show plans in progress/Mother and Daughter luncheon will be May 13 at 12:00-theme will be formal dress of choice/Sarah ordered up Bibles for those being baptized and their names written in calligraphy by Mary Ivey.

Collections: Love gift \$23.64. Devotions \$18.00

Treasurer Report: Given by Joy: Beginning balance \$1883.81. Ending balance \$1747.73. Payout for Bibles for those being baptized: \$85.81. Advertisement cost for craft show \$283.50. Additional craft show space rent brought in \$250.00. April bake sale brought in \$14.00. May devotions \$18.00. Craft show income:\$919.55 - Expenses: \$501.82

Profit: \$417.73. The cost for snacks was \$218.32. Will use left overs for future gatherings. (June picnic, fellowship, etc.) Question was brought up on how much was left from the "Shoe Box" fund.

Missions: Given by Marcy: International Ministries Summit in Puerto Rico this year. Drs. Anita and Rick Gutierrez (South Africa) and Amanda and Jon Good, among others planning to attend. Amanda and Jon Good coming back to the US from Hungary. Giving updates to churches and preparing for the next term. MACS had their election of officers. Joy stepped up as secretary to replace previous secretary who stepped down. Next MACS meeting September 7.

Sunshine Report: Given by Dawn: Will send thank you card to Sam Fry who so generously gave us a donation of \$100.00.

Old Business: In all reports gathered, the craft show was a success and many said they will return. Both fellowship rooms were filled and (6) were outside. Will gather ideas on how to improve next year. (1) Need outside picnic area if food truck returns (2) sign indicating more crafters in next room. Mother and Daughter luncheon: Darlene to give presentation on history of dresses. Veronica made macramé key chains to pass out to those at luncheon.

New Business: The Martha Circle family picnic will be held in June. Will set up Treasure Sale schedule at July meeting. Pat Dorton, United Methodist Church is asking for donations of clean used sheets for which they make their woven rugs from. Dawn will collect and deliver. Heather Rocco has donated to us her left over items that she had collected for the "Shoe Box" operation that she had participated in for several years.

Bible Study Devotions: Given by Dawn: John 15:13. We more than likely would not sacrifice our life for a friend as Jesus did for us but there are other ways to show our unconditional love for others: listening, helping, encouraging, giving.

ISAIAH 117 HOUSE: Pastor Mary brought this to our attention. This is being set up in Battle Creek. It is a place for those who are making the transition into a foster home. A place of comfort and security and a place of caring. They will need clothing, toys, comfy blankets, etc. A possible mission project for the Martha Circle.

Dismissed in prayer by Pastor Mary and then all enjoyed refreshments and conversation.

Next meeting is our Family Picnic on June 14th at 6 pm. Bring the family, a passing dish, and your own table service for great food and fellowship!

Submitted by Secretary, Sharon Hadley

Our Mother/Daughter luncheon was a success with 20+ in attendance. We enjoyed fellowship along with a few women wearing wedding dresses. Joy wore her wedding dress. Kelcie wore her Mother Sarah's wedding dress. Maggie wore her Grandmother Marcy's wedding dress. Darlene had a beautiful wedding dress on display. We enjoyed a lunch of chicken salad croissants, salads and desserts. We would like to thank our men, Roger Sommers, Steve Wilkens and Rick Frey, for all their work. From making the chicken salad, setting up the luncheon, washing the dishes and cleaning up afterwards. We did miss a lot of our regulars. However, it was nice to see some new faces. Thank you all from the Martha Circle.



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June 2023

Sunday		Mon.		Tue.		Wed.		Thu.		Fri.		Saturday	
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OGHS Offering through June								Zoom Bible Study 6 pm		Educational Ministry Team Meeting 10 am		Men's Breakfast 8:00 am	
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Communion Sunday		Boy Scouts				Bible Study 10 am		Zoom Bible Study 6 pm				Quarterly Admin Council Meeting 9:00 am OPEN to all, members can vote.	
				Relay for Life Meeting 6:30 pm									
11		12		13		14		15		16		17	
Graduate Sunday		Boy Scouts				Bible Study 10 am		Zoom Bible Study 6 pm					
						Martha Circle Family Picnic 6:00 pm							
18		19		20		21		22		23		24	
Father's Day!		Boy Scouts		Tentative: Relay for Life Meeting 6:30 pm		Bible Study 10 am		Zoom Bible Study 6 pm		Relay for Life of Calhoun County Fri 3pm - Sat 3 pm Calhoun County Fairgrounds			
						Family Night Potluck 6 pm w/ Isaiah 117 House							
25		26		27		28		29		30		7/1	
Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale!		Boy Scouts				Bible Study 10 am		Zoom Bible Study 6 pm		Educational Ministry Team Meeting 10 am		Men's Breakfast 8 am	
						Articles for the July 2023 Messenger are due by noon							

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