



Women's Ministries

Breakfast & Bible Study

Saturday, October 12th
9am in the Fireside Room

"Living Your Life as a Beautiful Offering" by Angela Thomas



AWANA Club Corner

Special Dates

October 9 - Bring a Friend Night

October 16 - No AWANA

October 23 - Missions Night - special speaker

October 30 - Harvest Night - Hayride

Mark your calendars

HARVEST DINNER

Sunday, November 3rd

(Former name/date was Thanksgiving Dinner held the Sunday before Thanksgiving)



One service at 9:30 (no Sunday School classes)

Followed by the Harvest Dinner in the Activity Center
(turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy)

Sign-up sheets for salads & desserts will soon be at the Info Booth
Suggested donation is \$5 per plate

MAKS is an organization for mothers of young children.

Join us on the first & third Tuesday of each month in the Fireside Room from 10-noon.

October 1st

"Fire Safety for Moms & Kids"
A representative from the Waseca Fire Department will be joining us.

October 15th

"Canning Lid Pumpkins"
With 'canning season' upon us, enjoy a relaxing time with other moms while making something cute for your home this fall.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY



Left Behind: The Kids - By Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins

Each of the forty book series follows a group of teens who were "left behind" when friends and family were taken to Heaven in the Rapture.

Streams in the Desert - By L. B. Cowman

First published in 1925, this updated devotional shares a collection of prayerful meditations, Christian writings, and God's promises.

Amish Country Crossroads - By Beverly Lewis and David Lewis

This volume contains three novels set in the Amish community in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Each features tender and flawed characters experiencing trials, heart aches, sorrows, joys, friendship, affection, and love.

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Soli Deo Gloria—Glory to God alone. Salvation is, from beginning to end, a work of God. Our faith is a gift from God. Furthermore, our good works, the fruit of our faith, are produced in us and through us by God. Therefore, glory is due to God and God alone. "Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness" (Ps 115:1 NIV).

The "solas" of the Reformation are biblical treasures that are as precious today as they were when Luther began to uncover them almost five centuries ago on October 31. Now that's a Halloween alternative worth celebrating!

OCTOBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 MAKS 7:00 Property 7:00 Congr. Care Comm.	2 6:00 AWANA 6:00 Jr/Sr High	3 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:15 Worship Team 7:00 Women's Study	4 6:15am Men's 7:00pm Tech Committee 8:00 Club 180	5
6 8:00 Worship 9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship 12:00pm My Hope training 5:00 Prayer	7 10:00 Women's Study 6:30 Precepts	8 4:30 Women's Ministries	9 6:00 AWANA 6:00 Jr/Sr High Fields of Faith	10 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:15 Worship Team 7:00 Women's Study	11 6:15am Men's 8:00 Club 180	12 6:00am Men's Ldrs 7:30 Next Man Up 9:00 Women's Breakfast
13 8:00 Worship 9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship 5:00 Prayer	14 10:00 Women's Study 6:30 Precepts 6:30 Outreach	15 10:00 MAKS 6:30 Elder Board Mtg.	16 6:00 Jr/Sr High No AWANA	17 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:15 Worship Team 7:00 Women's Study	18 6:15am Men's 8:00 Club 180	19 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; font-size: small;">Youth Fall Fling at Camp Shamaineau Oct. 18-20</div>
20 8:00 Worship 9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship 5:00 Prayer	21 10:00 Women's Study 1:00 Quilting 6:30 Precepts	22 7:00pm Adult Disc. Comm.	23 6:00 AWANA 6:00 Jr/Sr High 8:00 CTG Mtg.	24 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:15 Worship Team 7:00 Women's Study	25 6:15am Men's 8:00 Club 180	26
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Christ Community Church - 2200 4th Street NE - Waseca, MN 56093

Christ Community Church Mission Statement

As a local body of believers, we will seek to glorify God in worship, in evangelizing the unsaved and in teaching Christians to obey everything Christ commanded. To that end, prayer will be our foremost task, Scripture will be our authority, God's Holy Spirit will be our source of power and love will be our motivation.

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Cornerstone

A heart for God and you

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I've Been Thinking about . . . the Reformation
 By Pastor Chris

The date is October 31, 1517. The place is Wittenberg, Germany. An Augustinian monk nails some points for debate on the Castle Church door, which serves as a public bulletin board. The monk is Martin Luther. His points for debate are his Ninety-Five Theses, Luther's posting of which becomes the catalyst of the Protestant Reformation.

We twenty-first century evangelicals swim downstream in the currents of the Reformation unleashed on that last day of October, nearly five centuries ago.

Like archaeologists uncovering buried treasures, Luther and the other Reformers uncovered biblical truths that had long been buried under the accretion of human tradition. These biblical treasures include the "solas" of the Reformation. (The word "sola" is Latin for "alone.")

What are the "solas" of the Reformation?

Sola Scriptura—by Scripture alone. The Bible, as the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God, is the sole authority for Christian doctrine and life. The Bible is clear in the essentials of Christian faith and life, and the Bible is self-interpreting. Therefore, average Christians can understand the Bible's essential teachings simply by reading it. "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim 3:16-17 NIV).

Sola Fide—by faith alone. Justification is by faith alone. By faith and faith alone, the believing sinner is declared righteous by God. The righteousness of Christ, imputed to us by faith, is the sole ground of our acceptance by God. "For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law" (Rom 3:28 NASB).

Sola Gratia—by grace alone. We are saved solely by God's grace, his unmerited favor. "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it" (Eph 2:8-9 NLT).

Solus Christus—Christ alone. Christ is the only mediator between God and us. It is only by Christ alone that we are saved and redeemed. "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim 2:5 ESV).

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Missionary News

Another “miracle” has happened to one of our own, in this community! Grant Frye has raised enough money to go on a six week mission trip to Ghana! He has been able to raise \$5000.00, plus some, to go back to Ghana for a second time. On his first trip, a year ago, he went with Christ Community Church, but this time he will go with another team. Grant’s trip will begin about October 1, 2013 and he will be doing construction, teaching and helping with the work there in Ghana.

Ellen Abramson, the Director of ASON, states that, “Grant is a fine young man and that he is very easy to get to know, to work with and does what needs to be done.” It is so good to hear of young folks who want to be used by the Lord, and families who are willing to train up their children so that they want to serve Him. Thank You to you who have supported him with your money and we ask for your prayers for him while he is gone. It is our desire to hear his story when he returns.

Missionary Testimonies

Christine Remiger’s Testimony

I grew up in a Christian home. My parents took us to church Sunday mornings and to Wednesday night clubs. We also attended Bible camps. It was at one of those camps, when I was eight, that the chapel speaker gave the salvation message quoting John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whosoever believes on him should not perish but have everlasting life.” It was then that I accepted Jesus as my personal savior.

Growing up I wasn’t really sure of what it meant to be a Christian other than going to church, praying before meals, and being a good person. I didn’t know what having a personal relationship with Christ was or what it looked like. This caused me to stumble during my college years. Realizing what I was doing, I repented of my sins and turned to Christ.

Short term mission trips for me have always been highlights in my life. It’s an opportunity to leave all distractions at home and refuel the fire for Christ. I enjoy helping where needed whether it’s manual labor or serving a meal. I spent an entire

summer in Canada as a camp counselor at Camp of the Woods as well as other shorter trips there. I also spent some time in New Orleans, with Campus Crusade, helping with the Katrina relief efforts.

Missions, in Africa, has been a passion for Jim for many years. He suggested a six month trip to South Africa right after we were married. After praying about it, we decided to go. It was a great experience that helped us to grow both spiritually and as a married couple. When we arrived home from South Africa Jim was ready to go into missions fulltime, I on the other hand was hesitant. I agreed to pray about it, and did so for about a year. I was waiting for this revelation from God saying, “Go”. Instead I got a, “Why not?”. That made me think. Why wasn’t I willing to go? We had just done it for six months; God commands it, why not? I couldn’t come up with a valid excuse to tell my creator, “NO”. Yes, we are young. Yes, there are people better equipped and more educated, but God uses the ordinary so he receives all the glory.

We now have a construction ministry. We are currently serving in Togo, West Africa. We are building a hospital that will meet not only the physical needs of the people here but also the spiritual needs as they will hear the gospel presented to them while receiving medical services. Once the hospital is completed we will move to another building project in Africa.

Jim Remiger’s Testimony

I made a decision to follow Jesus at age 5. My Christian walk wasn’t all up hill. I made a lot of wrong choices in my life especially in my teenage years. I got into the wrong crowd and was arrested at the age of 16 and it was downhill from there. I won’t get into all the details but I rebelled against God. When you rebel against God there are always consequences. One thing I love about God is he always welcomes you back into his arms. **Grace.**

When I was about 20 my parents asked if I wanted to go to Alaska and roof a church. I wasn’t really interested until they said they would pay. It was during that trip I was asked to go to Africa and work on a hospital. And that is how God started to lead me into missions by working on hospitals and churches on a number of trips over numerous years throughout Africa. God has used an ordinary guy like me to do His purpose.

I knew I wanted to do a more extended missions trip but knew I couldn’t do it alone. Christine and I were married and spent 6 months serving the Lord in South Africa. It was on this trip where I realized God was calling us to full-time ministry. We are now living in Togo, West Africa where we are building a hospital.