



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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## The Case for Grace

A series designed to help us understand where we have been,  
where we are going, and to whom we belong.

### Key Verse:

*This brother of yours was dead, and he's alive! He was lost, and he's found!*  
Luke 15:32 (MSSG)

**July 3, 2011**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Title: "Before There Is an Is, There Was a Was!"

Scripture: Luke 15:11-20

*God knows us better than we know ourselves, and yet, God still loves us!*

**July 10, 2011**

Title: "F.E.A.R. Divides!"

Scripture: Genesis 27:19-43

*Our fears drive us into hiding, sometimes from the ones who love us most!*

**July 17, 2011**

Title: "Once You Have Seen Him"

Scripture: Matthew 9:1-13

*Beneath the armor of our pride, we live as those who long to be loved!*

**July 24, 2011**

Title: "I Am Because, I Am!"

Scripture: Psalm 51

*Look deep, beneath the surface, to find the healing you need!*

**July 31, 2011 Night Watch Band Concert**

**August 7, 2011**

**HOLY COMMUNION ~ Rev. Thurlan Meredith**

Title: "Product Knowledge"

**August 14, 2011**

Title: "Product Knowledge" ~ Rev. Thurlan Meredith

**August 21, 2011**

Title: "The Meeting of the Waters"

Scripture: Luke 2:21-40

*At its heart, the Christian story is about redemption for those helplessly lost!*

**August 28, 2011**

Title: "Homeward Bound"

Scripture: John 3:11-21

*We journey because we believe there is a destination!*

**September 4, 2011**

Title: "GOAL!!!"

Scripture: Philippians 3:7-21

*God loves us, not because of what we are, or are not, but because God is love!*

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- Talitha Koum
- Northlawn Vision
- NECM Needs



June 17, 2011

In the midst of the series, Words with Meaning, I find myself looking at certain words with a more critical eye. Have you ever considered the word, “when”? Oswald Chambers wrote about this word in My Utmost for His Highest using Job 42:10 as his text. **When Job prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes. In fact, the Lord gave him twice as much as he had before!** Chambers writes that most of our prayers are self-centered, and self-ish. We say, I want this, or I need that, and we forget our true calling God has given us, to pray for others! **When** Job prayed for others, his life was blessed.

Let’s take this a step further, what do we find in the Gospel connected to the word **when**? Well, I took some time this week to go through the Gospel of Mark, I highlighted every appearance of the word **when**. I then looked at the context of the word used, and I think I may have discovered something interesting. The word **when** appears 46 times in the New Living Translation of Mark, widely spread through the sixteen chapters. Most times the word is used there appear to be little more than a mechanical use of it. But in some cases there is considerable meaning for the use of **when**.

In Mark 5:22 we read, *Jairus arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet, pleading fervently with him. “My little daughter is dying,” he said, “Please, come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live.”* For Jairus his **when** was a time to fall on his knees before Jesus and pray for his daughter’s healing. As the story unfolds we learn that Jairus’ daughter soon died, but that did not deter Jesus. In fact, we read in verse 38-41, **When they came to the home of the Synagogue leader, Jesus saw much commotion and weeping and wailing...he went inside... Holding her hand he said to her, “Talitha koum,” which means “Little girl, get up!”** (sound familiar?) Have you had your **when** yet, that time that Jesus saw you come to him with real meaning?

Sometimes the **when** comes at the end of an experience. Like *Mark 15:39* **When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, “This man truly was the Son of God!”** Have you had your **when**, and exclaimed Christ as your Savior? If so, then you have heard Christ’s call, *Mark 16:15*, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.” After saying this Jesus used his final **when** as we read in *Mark 16:19*, **When the Lord Jesus was finished talking with them, he was taken up to heaven and sat down in the place of honor at God’s right hand.**

Have you come to **when** yet?

SEE YA IN CHURCH! *Jim*



Coffee Time for July:

- 3 Doris Black
- 10 Lyle & Hilda Russell
- 17 \_\_\_\_\_
- 24 Aaron & Caleb Claybaugh  
Heather Berry
- 31 \_\_\_\_\_

Coffee Time for August:

- 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 \_\_\_\_\_
- 21 \_\_\_\_\_
- 28 Kelli Hamilton  
Barb Shuck



Greeters for July:

- Bob Morton
- Barb Morton
- Lyle Russell
- Hilda Russell
- Wanda Skutt

Greeters for August:

- John Ball
- Dawne Ball
- Floy Boelens

Ushers for July:

- Tom Thompson
- Greg Weidenfeller
- Tim Buschert



July Birthdays:

- 5 Brianna Eslinger
- 7 Joan Martin
- 7 Philip VanHammen
- 8 Judy Wiles
- 10 Jessica Hamilton
- 12 Abbey Addington
- 12 Barb Shuck
- 15 Emmie Clawson
- 17 Ethan Morrisson
- 18 Karen Noggle
- 23 Tammy Erkfitz
- 24 Scott Kanai
- 25 Linda Allen
- 25 Sandy Huartson
- 27 Kerri Pedo
- 28 Marie Hansen
- 30 Betty Crooks
- 31 Steve Stutzman



July Anniversaries:

- 9 Doug & Dawn Johnson
- 15 Clare & Marcia Loveless
- 17 Art & Christine Wright
- 30 Jake & Anita Curtiss



August Birthdays:

- 2 Dave Spaulding
- 3 Jill Bartley
- 7 Emily Roberts
- 8 Andrew Smith
- 8 Jon Wells
- 10 Robert Wild
- 11 Rick Briggs
- 11 Ellen VanHammen
- 11 Kendra Brown
- 12 Dorothy Spaulding
- 14 Sybil Hole
- 15 Lyle Russell
- 18 Lisa Peterson
- 22 Kylee Purucker
- 23 Beverley Murphy
- 24 Allison Dionne
- 24 Ruth VanValkenburg
- 26 Ken Jeltema
- 28 Lauren Peterson
- 29 Neil DeBoer
- 30 Sam Briggs
- 30 Kathy Thompson
- 31 Kay Smith

August Anniversaries:

- 3 Mike & Kendra Brown
- 7 Tom & Kathy Thompson
- 9 Scott & Christine Kanai
- 19 Philip & Ellen VanHammen
- 23 Craig & Linda Allen
- 31 John & Lee Grey

Ushers for August:

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## Can You Help?

We Are Looking for Audio/Visual Help on Sunday mornings. If you would like to help, please contact Jerry Lachniet @550-8740

## Hacking & Whacking Club

Would you like to be part of a new team? We are starting Northlawn's Landscape Hacking and Whacking Club. We are going to tackle the job of the Church's landscaping. If you would like to join, please contact Jerry Lachniet @550-8740

## GREETERS AND USHERS FOR JULY & AUGUST

We still need a few greeters and ushers for these months, if you can help, please sign up at Connection Corner.

## Clatter Offering This Summer

The Clatter Offering that will be collected on:

- ◆ July 31 is for S.H.O.E.S. It gives less fortunate school age kids brand new shoes to start the school year.
- ◆ August 28th is for Heart Side Ministries for coffee supplies. We will also be collecting powdered cream and sugar. Look for a collection box by the connection corner in August.

## SAVE THIS DATE

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2011 ~ FROM 5:00 TO 7:30**

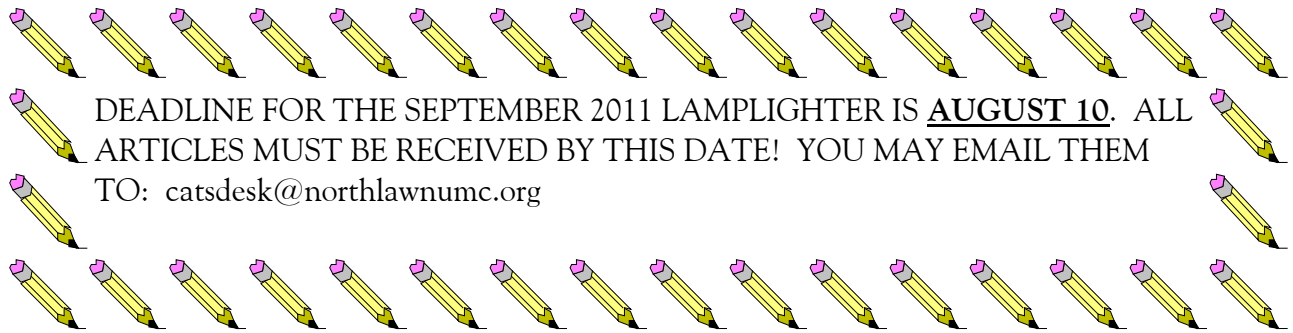
### LARRY'S PIZZA

CORNER OF PLAINFIELD AND FULLER (OLD BILL KNAPPS)

COME FOR "ALL YOU CAN EAT" GREAT PIZZA. WHEN YOU COME IN, TELL THEM YOU ARE FROM NORTHLAWN CHURCH AND THE CHURCH WILL RECEIVE 25% OF YOUR BILL. BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

SIGN UP AT THE CONNECTION CORNER OR SEE RUTH VANVALKENBURG. WE NEED TO GIVE THEM AN APPROXIMATE COUNT.

SPONSORED BY TALITHA KOUM CIRCLE



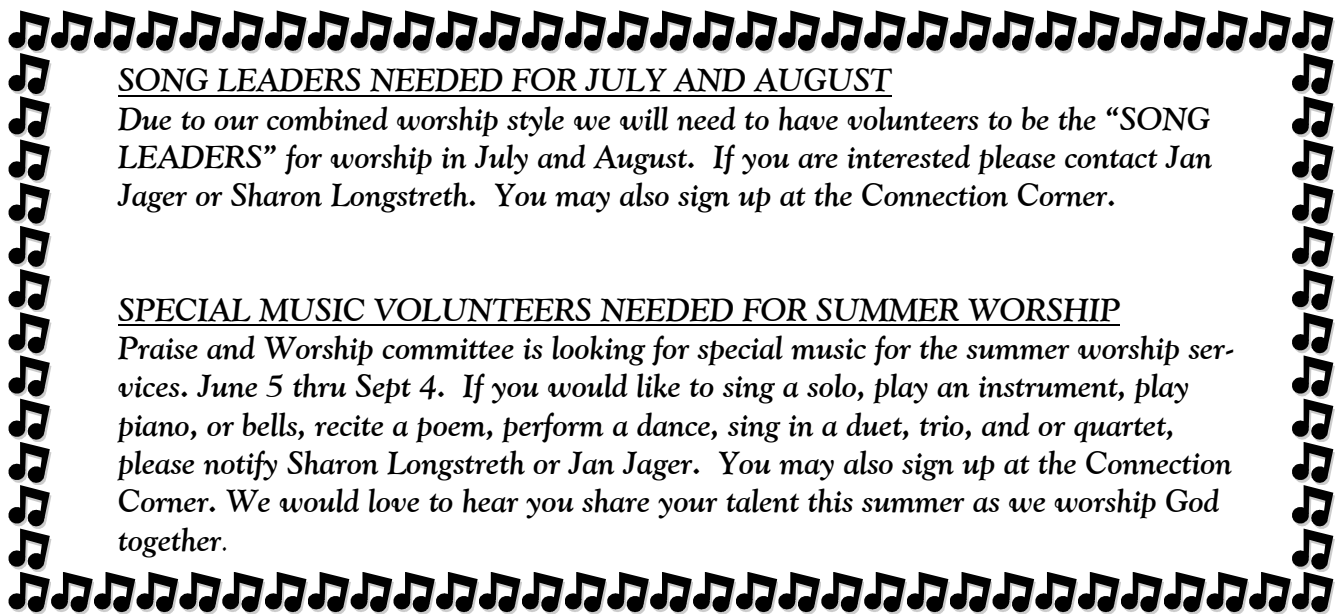
DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2011 LAMPLIGHTER IS AUGUST 10. ALL ARTICLES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS DATE! YOU MAY EMAIL THEM TO: [catsdesk@northlawnmc.org](mailto:catsdesk@northlawnmc.org)

## NECM NEEDS EVERY MONTH



NECM always needs grocery bags. They may be paper or plastic

- Meat
- Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Vegetables
- Dry milk
- Macaroni & cheese
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo)
- Canned spaghetti (like spaghetti o's)
- Diapers
- Toothpaste/brushes
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant



### SONG LEADERS NEEDED FOR JULY AND AUGUST

*Due to our combined worship style we will need to have volunteers to be the "SONG LEADERS" for worship in July and August. If you are interested please contact Jan Jager or Sharon Longstreth. You may also sign up at the Connection Corner.*

### SPECIAL MUSIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER WORSHIP

*Praise and Worship committee is looking for special music for the summer worship services. June 5 thru Sept 4. If you would like to sing a solo, play an instrument, play piano, or bells, recite a poem, perform a dance, sing in a duet, trio, and or quartet, please notify Sharon Longstreth or Jan Jager. You may also sign up at the Connection Corner. We would love to hear you share your talent this summer as we worship God together.*




Now is the time to clean out your closet!! The church circuit that Joe Beavens was assigned to have a Free Store that supply gently used clothes to those in need. He has asked if we could do a clothing drive here at Northlawn for them. We will be collecting gently used clothing in any size, **especially** infant/children through adult to help with this ministry.

**The Northlawn Vision:**

Connecting through God's power, *learning* through love and *service* to live like Jesus Christ.

**Core Principles:**

God 1s...: *everything begins with and is in God's care, including all of us. (Genesis 1:1)*

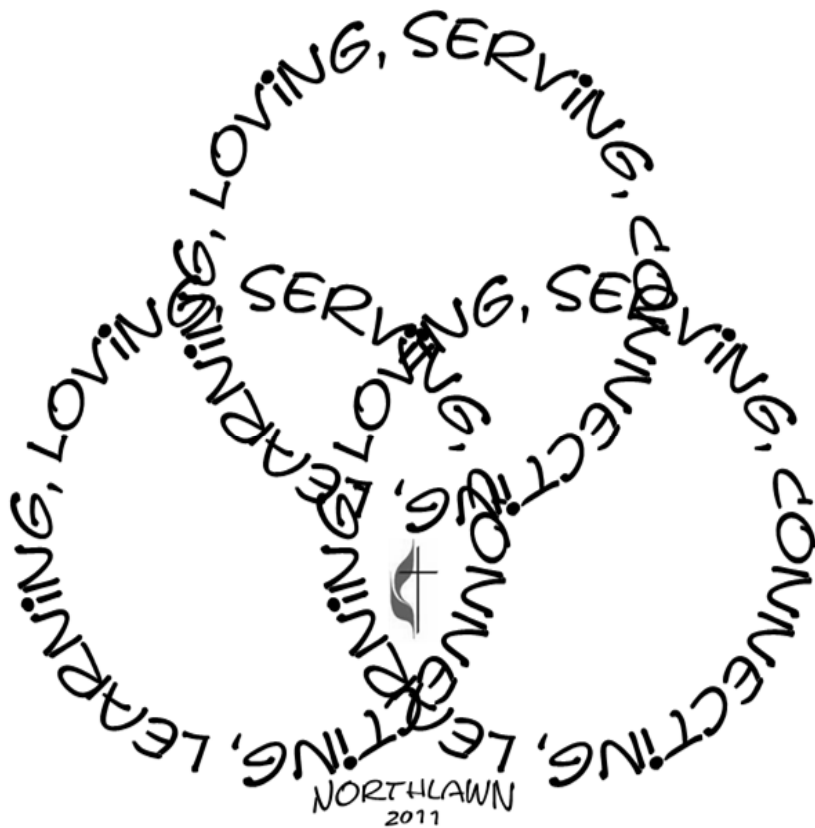
Walk  His way... *live like Jesus Christ, love and serve the world. (Matt. 25:40)*

God<sup>3</sup> ...*God creates, Jesus loves, the Spirit guides all of us. (Matt. 28:19)*



I would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers as I went through the two surgeries. I would like to especially thank Pastor Jim for his visits. I am beginning to feel better slowly and ask that you keep me in your prayers.

Wanda Tahaney



## Campership Fund Raiser!

You may purchase a 2011 camp t-shirt of your own.

The cost is \$10 with proceeds benefiting  
our camp scholarship program.

The order form and a sample shirt are in the  
Connection Corner.

Order will be placed on July 5<sup>th</sup>,  
expected delivery is the week of July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Barb Jeltema with any  
questions at 363-6480.

# July 2011

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

					1	2
3 10 am Worship Celebration	4	5	6	7 7 pm Yarn with A purpose	8	9
10 10 am Worship Celebration	11	12	13	14 7 pm Yarn with A purpose	15	16
17 10 am Worship Celebration	18	19	20	21 7 pm Yarn with A purpose	22	23
24 10 am Worship Celebration	25	26	27	28 7 pm Yarn with A purpose	29	30
31 10 am Night Watch Band						

# August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting	4 6 pm SPRC Meeting 7 pm Yarn with A purpose	5	6
7 10 am Worship Celebration	8	9 7 pm Praise & Worship Team 7 pm Office Team	10 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	11 6 pm Mission & Outreach Team 7 pm Yarn with A purpose	12	13
14 10 am Worship Celebration	15 7 pm CORE TEAM	16	17	18 7 pm Yarn with A purpose	19	20
21 10 am Worship Celebration	22	23 9 am Assemble Newsletter	24	25 7 pm Yarn with A purpose	26	27
28 10 am Worship Celebration	29	30	31			



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### PRAYER CORNER

Please remember the following people in your prayers this month:

- Rhea Glazier
- Elsie Montie
- Fran Hunt
- Bob & Emmie Clawson
- Wanda Tahaney
- Neil DeBoer
- Doris DeBoer
- Dorothy Spaulding

**Connecting, Learning, Serving, Loving**

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