



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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## Let the River Flow

**A series of talks about God's love flowing through us.**  
*But those who drink of the water I give will never be thirsty again. John 4:14a.*

May 1, 2011: "Come to the Party"

Your life is meant to overflow with unimaginable joy and power.

May 8, 2011: "Fill 'Er Up!"

Overflowing life depends on a personal relationship with God.

May 15, 2011: "A Multitude of Kisses"

God wants his love to flow out to family and friends.

May 22, 2011: "Extravagantly Outward"

God wants his love to flow out from us to our community.

May 29, 2011: "Loving the World"

God wants his love to flow out from us to the ends of the earth.

### WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS:

SUNDAY 9 AM Traditional

11:15 am Contemporary

10:15 am Sunday School for all.

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#### Special points of interest:

- Talitha Koum
  - Northlawn Vision
  - NECM Needs
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Can you imagine your life as a source of living water? What if we all lived with one purpose, one desire, and one goal? Well, we do, if we take our Christian commitment serious. In John 4:14 the Bible says; *But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.* To the Samaritan woman at the well, to whom Jesus said this, a statement like this was outrageous. But to Christ this was no more than a restatement of a previous word.

In Isaiah 49:10 we read, *They shall not hunger or thirst.* In Psalm 36:9 the Bible says, *With thee is the fountain of life.* We also read in Revelation 22:1, *It is from the very throne of God that the river of life is to flow.* You see, the evidence is clearly here, God's message to you and me is this; *I have what you need!* Please join me in the post Lenten season, as we explore what God has prepared for us.

I believe God calls each of us to a ministry of invitation. We are called to invite our friends to come, and meet the Christ who saves us. We are called to invite the family we love, and yes, we are also called to invite the strangers we meet. We invite for the purpose of an introduction, and God takes it from there.

I believe that every human heart has this thirst. Just as the Samaritan woman thirsted for a stable relationship, and, a life less stressful, she needed something. People still crave something only Jesus Christ can give. Only Christ can provide water that truly satisfies, and, you know Christ! So, now is the time to bring this living water to everyone who thirsts.

*See ya in Church! Jim*

### 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)*

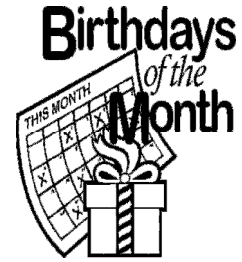
DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE 2011 LAMPLIGHTER IS **MAY 10**. ALL ARTICLES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS DATE! YOU MAY EMAIL THEM TO:  
catsdesk@northlawnmc.org

WORSHIP LEADER

- 1 Sam Longstreth
- 8 James Wright
- 15 Ruth VanValkenburg
- 22 Jeanne Hoye
- 29 Ken Jeltema

MAY USHERS:

- Tom Thompson (head usher)
- Warren Buschert



CHILDREN'S SERMON

- 1 Pastor Jim
- 8 Christine Wright
- 15 Ruth VanValkenburg
- 22 Jeanne Hoye
- 29 Barb Jeltema



GREETERS

- 1 Jim & Diane Ludwig
- 8 Bob & Jody Hamilton
- 15 Jerry D. Carroll Jr.
- 22 Floy Boelens
- 29 Jerry D. Carroll Jr.

- 1 Lauren Kanai
- 4 Ed Hansen
- 4 Emmie Yen
- 5 Sharron Myler
- 5 James Wright
- 6 Greg Wesorick
- 7 Sharon Sumner
- 9 Dawne Ball
- 9 Jason Dionne
- 10 Amanda Eslinger
- 11 Rev. Thurlan Meredith
- 13 Shaun Addington
- 14 Benjamin Wesorick
- 14 Jacob Wesorick
- 17 John Grey
- 18 Sally Wesorick
- 19 Doris DeBoer
- 19 Jane Lachniet
- 21 John Ball
- 21 Jean Wilson
- 22 Sue Spahr
- 23 Dinah Briggs
- 25 Joan Velting
- 27 John Applegarth
- 27 Jeff Yen
- 29 Dawn Johnson
- 31 Kelly Shuck

COFFEE TIME

- 1 Don & Ruth VanValkenburg
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- 15 Heather Berry
- 15 Caleb Claybaugh
- 22 Cheryl Selkirk
- 29 Doris Black

CAN YOU HELP?

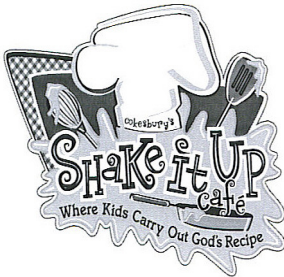
We always need volunteers to fill the various positions on Sunday mornings. If you would like to volunteer, please sign-up at "clipboard central".

SILVER SENIOR'S LUNCHEON  
WEDNESDAY MAY 4, AT 11 AM  
AT THE GOLDEN CORAL ON ALPINE

Please sign up at the connection corner. If you have any questions, please call Lee grey @361-8458. ALL ages are welcome to join us!

## WELCOME AND CONNECTION CORNER

We are looking for volunteers to help organize and staff this area so sign up by emailing [North-lawnumc@gmail.com](mailto:North-lawnumc@gmail.com), calling church office, using your Connection Card on Sunday morning, or signing up at Clipboard central.



## NUMC Vacation Bible School 2011

JUNE 27-30, 2011 6p-9p

New month and new time. Sign up sheets will be available soon!

We Need YOU! Mark your calendars and consider volunteering to help "Shake It Up"!

Please call Sharon Longstreth  
616-974-8995  
cslongstreth@yahoo.com

## NECM NEEDS: BABY FOOD, BABY CEREAL, JUICE, & DIAPERS

For the month of May our focus will be baby items; so when you go shopping please pick up some and bring them to Northlawn.

Thank you,  
The Northlawn Mission Committee.

## THE WORSHIP CELEBRATION NEEDS YOU TO BE A WORSHIP LEADER.

Openings are available every week for people to help lead the congregation in the 9 am Worship Celebration. The worship leader duties include being the "liturgist" (reading announcements, leading the opening prayer, responsive reading, and scripture reading for the day) and leading the children's sermon. **Two people CAN share these duties in one service.** If you are interested in being a liturgist and/or a children's sermon leader please sign up on the Worship Leader clipboard at Clipboard Central. If you have any further questions, please ask Sharon Longstreth or Jamie Guinn.



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.

## Talitha Koum Meeting 6:30 pm - May 16, 2011

This month the Talitha Koum will meet on May 16 at Betty Beck's House.

## NECM NEEDS FOR EVERY MONTH



- 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

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



## Summer Camp Info Is Here!!



How to go to summer camp!

1. Pick up the 2011 brochure at the information stand!
2. Browse the whole brochure – there's sure to be a camp that fits you!
3. Send your \$75 registration fee to the conference 3 1/2. Northlawn has faithfully been paying to send kids to camp for years. With this years budget predictions there will be a change but don't let that make you skip camp! There are fun plans "in the works" to fund our camping budget! Camperships, of some sort, will be available!
4. Wait patiently for your week of camp then go have fun!

Contact Barb Jeltema (363-6480) if you have any questions about camping

## **MAY FUNDRAISER DINNER**

For the May dinner we will be serving PRIME RIB! We will need to know how many will be attending due to the expense of purchasing the meat. As a result, we will be providing tickets in advance at a suggested minimum donation of \$6 per person. If you would like to purchase tickets to be given to those who may not be able to afford this cost you are welcome to do so. Proceeds from the Fundraiser Dinners go for building upkeep and improvements. The current project is the replacement of the Handicap ramp at the south entrance. Volunteers are always needed to help prepare the dinner and provide donated foods such as salads, bread or rolls, and desserts.

# May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Sunday</b> <b>Worship:</b> <b>9 am</b> Traditional <b>10:15 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:15 am</b> Contemporary</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>11am</b> Silver Seniors At Golden Corral</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>6 pm</b> SPRC Meeting</p> <p><b>6 pm</b> Finance Meeting</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>9:30 am</b> Decotec</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> Talitha Koum @ Betty Beck's House</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p> <p><b>6 pm</b> Ladies Tea</p> <p><b>7 pm</b> Office Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>6 pm</b> Porch Meeting</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>7 pm</b> C.O.R.E. Meeting</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>7 pm</b> Praise &amp; Worship Meeting</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>6 pm</b> Prime Rib Dinner</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>3 pm</b> Adirondack Camp Meeting</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>ASSEMBLE NEWSLETTER</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>9 am</b> Memorial Service</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><b>EVERY TUESDAY:</b> 10 am Ladies Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm ZUMBA</p>	<p><b>EVERY WENESDAY:</b> 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>EVERY THURSDAY:</b> 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Yarn With a Purpose 7 pm ZUMBA</p>	



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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
- Don VanValkenburg

**Connecting, Learning, Serving, Loving**

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