



# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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## There's Something Right Here!

Key Verse:

*"... And on this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (Matthew 16:18 (NIV))*

We offer a 9 am Traditional Worship Celebration and a 11:15 am Contemporary Worship Celebration

- October 2, 2011 ~** WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY  
 Title: "Where's the Church?"  
 Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
- October 9, 2011 ~** Title: "Why the Church?"  
 Scripture: Acts 9:1-8
- October 16, 2011 ~** Title: "In, But Not of, The World"  
 Scripture: Acts 11:19-24
- October 23, 2011 ~** Title: "Acting Like, or Being Christian"  
 Scripture: Romans 14:1-12
- October 30, 2011 ~** Gideon International speaker— both 9 am & 11:15 am

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**Choir Notes!**

Still humming? Singing in the shower? It's not too late to join the Northlawn Chancel Choir! Join us in "joyful noise" on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. We are planning to present a wide variety of musical styles this liturgical year and are excited to try new things. No try-outs or auditions necessary. God Blessed humans with an unique gift--that of the human voice and the ability to create music. Music Ministry is extremely rewarding for all involved. Contact Teri Chandler (550-8021) for more information.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

September 10, 2011

Here's a question to ponder: How will the Gospel be heard? Today the Church finds a new landscape before it, a world based on personal attraction and ease of living is the main goal. Society seems to have broken down, no longer focused on God as source and provider. Today's society is filled with holes, torn with conflict, and riddled with wounds. Why, the world seems to be headed in a bad direction! How will the Gospel be heard? May I suggest, this is the perfect time to share the Gospel.

The Gospel will be heard the same way it has always been heard. Through the voices of the faithful, songs of praise, as in Psalm 150; *Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heaven! Praise him for his mighty works; praise his unequalled greatness! Praise him with a blast of the ram's horn; praise him with the lyre and the harp! Praise him with the tambourine and dancing; praise him with the strings and flutes! Praise him with the clash of symbols; praise him with loud clanging symbols. Let everything that breaths sing praises to the Lord! Praise the Lord!*

The Gospel will be heard through the actions of the faithful, as in Matthew 25:40; *And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me.'*

The Gospel will be heard through the attitude of the Faithful, as in Ephesians 5:2a; *Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ...*

These are the things that happen in the Church. This month, together we will set out on a new series of talks. The series is called; "There's Something Right Here!", and there is. Something is right in the House of the Lord; something is right in the life of the Christian! Something is right, even in the struggling sinner! Something is right, when Christ is present. As we gather each week to praise God, let's intentionally turn our eyes to the things that are good. God has created all things for our good fortune, what we do with these things is entirely up to us. But, how we receive them is perhaps equally important. Let's receive all God has for us with joy and thanksgiving!

SEE YA IN CHURCH! *Jim*



Coffee Time

- 2 Lyle & Hilda Russell
- 9 Silver Seniors
- 16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 23 \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 \_\_\_\_\_



Greeters From the Men's  
Sunday School Class

- 2 William Patrick Black
- Ed Cavanaugh
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16 Jerry Hopkins
- 23 \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 William Patrick Black
- Jerry Hopkins



Birthdays

- 1 Jerry Hopkins
- 1 Mary Peterson
- 1 Lance Purucker
- 1 Dee Roberts
- 1 Susan Smith
- 2 Andrew Good
- 3 Leigh Bloomfield
- 6 Jamie Guinn
- 7 Robin Griswold
- 8 Samuel Longstreth
- 10 Karen Herman
- 12 Mike Rowe
- 14 Jason Selkirk
- 15 Erin Roberts
- 16 Nicole Dionne
- 17 Michelle Claybaugh
- 17 Bob Meinke
- 21 Alan Claybaugh
- 22 Dolores Barnes
- 22 Lauren Johnson
- 23 Emily Longstreth
- 24 Judy VanLente
- 29 Alex Peterson
- 31 Jon Radeck
- 31 Greg Weidenfeller
- 31 Nancy Young



Ushers

- Tim Buschert
- Art Wright



- 2 Jeanne Hoye
- 9 Sam Longstreth
- 16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 23 \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 \_\_\_\_\_



- 2 Pastor Jim
- 9 Chris Longstreth
- 16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 23 \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 \_\_\_\_\_



Anniversaries

- 5 Norm & Teresa Merrow
- 16 Lance & Kylee Purucker
- 16 Jim & Eva Sneathen
- 23 Dave & Dorothy Spaulding
- 23 Paul & Robin Eslinger
- 24 Gary & Sue Spahr

Northlawn's 9:00 am Service Needs You to be a  
Worship Leader.

Openings are available every week for people to help lead the congregation in worship. 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. (974-8995, [cslongstreth@yahoo.com](mailto:cslongstreth@yahoo.com))



To the Northlawn Church Family:

Thank you so much for “answering the call” and for being a part of Vacation Bible School this past summer. VBS could not have happened without YOU! You were a part of carrying out the Northlawn Vision this summer. You **connected** through God’s power, **learned** through love and **service** and lived like Jesus Christ this summer at VBS. **Thank you for your time, talents, gifts, and service.**



With your help, prayers and love, about 40 children learned that they are special and loved here at Northlawn. They learned we must **be ready for God, give happily to God, believe fully in Jesus, remember Jesus often, and celebrate God forever!** (SHAKE IT UP!) I hope that many of them realized the truth of 2 Corinthians 5:17a: “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.”



I am extremely grateful for your support of this ministry.  
Giving Thanks with a grateful heart,  
Sharon Longstreth  
VBS Director 2011



## Grapevine Harvest Craft Show

Saturday, November 5, 2011  
9 am to 3 pm

Mark your calendar! Come and enjoy the day! Shop all 65 booths, including our own Craft/Rada Booths, Cookie Walk, Bake Sale, and our Lunch.

Coffee Shoppe 'til 10:30 am  
Lunch available 10:30 am - 2 pm

If possible we would appreciate your help at the end of the day so we can clean and prepare every room for Sunday.

As always, thank you so much for all you have already done and your prayers, donations, and assistance!

**HAVE A GREAT DAY AT OUR GRAPEVINE HARVEST CRAFT SHOW!**

## We Need Your Help!!

We are excited about the 2011 Grapevine Harvest Craft Show and appreciate everything our Northlawn family does to help, especially your prayers as we prepare for the show.

Our bake sale and cookie walk are very popular booths, so we ask that you BAKE! BAKE! BAKE! Also, we would appreciate any handmade items for our booth..

\* Please join us to make this show a great success. Watch for sign up sheets for the following:

- DONATION of various food items for Craft Show luncheon
- VOLUNTEERS to come on November 3 at 9:00 a.m. to help prepare and set up.
- VOLUNTEERS to come on Friday night, November 4 at 6 p.m. to assist crafters
- VOLUNTEERS to come at 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, to help clean up and prepare church for Sunday



\* All proceeds from the Grapevine Harvest Craft Show will be donated to various mission projects. If you have any suggestions, please contact Christine Wright.

\* Please return any borrowed 6' or 8' tables to church by October 31.

- Contact Christine Wright, 691-7548 or Lee Grey, 361-8458 if you have any questions.

## SILVER SENIORS!

Join us for our kick-off "picnic" style lunch at NOON on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2011. Bring a friend. Call Lee Grey, 361-8458, if you have any questions.

## NECM SUPPERHOUSE VOLUNTEERS

Northlawn will be serving dinner and assisting in clean up for NECM Superhouse on Thursday, October 6, from 4:30 until 7:00 p.m. if you would like to join us, contact Lee Grey, 361-8458.

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




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)

NECM COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER

Personal Care Items: Toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, feminine products, shampoo, laundry detergent, etc. Be creative any donation will be greatly appreciated!



NECM MONTHLY NEEDS

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

## Give Blood - Save Lives-Get Cookies

October 24, 2:30-7:30 pm at 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church

There is no substitute for human blood. One pint of blood can save up to three lives. The actual blood donation usually takes about 10 minutes. The entire process – from the time you sign in to the time you leave – takes about an hour. Schedule a time to donate at the Connection Corner or by calling the church office. Or, just show up!

**Help Needed**- talk to Pastor Jim, Sally Wesorick or visit the Connection Corner for more information or to sign up to help!.

- Connection Corner volunteers
- Greeters for 1st & 2nd service
- Greeter & Connection Corner Coordinators
- Blood Drive Donors
- Blood Drive Coordinator
- Hands Across the City Volunteers & Volunteer recruiter for Northlawn
- Parking Lot Coordinator & volunteers needed

## WON (Women of Northlawn) News

The pizza party was a huge success. We had 90 people attend and we received a check for \$234.26. Thanks to all for your support. We may try to do this again in the near future.

WON also donated 12 bed pillows to Bethany Christian Services as a mission project.

We continue to look for projects like this, so if you know of a "need" in the community, please let any member know.

## NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE OCTOBER 23, 2011

In response to both practical and spiritual needs, the Praise & Worship Team, and the CORE Team recommend moving to one, inclusive Sunday worship celebration beginning October 23 at 9:00 a.m. with Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. When the Church gathers, we do so as one living organism. We may come from different backgrounds and experience, but we are one Body. It has become increasingly difficult to provide the high quality of worship leading our God deserves, and we believe we need to take time to unite, and gather our strengths. To come together in unified worship allows us to celebrate a rich variety of blessings, and offer up many gifts. To accurately reflect the nature of the Body of Christ, we believe we must also take into account many tastes and forms of expression. So, this will be worship for all of us, and will require some concessions, relative to our own personal preferences. However, as the Body of Christ, we seek to focus our worship on the One who alone is worthy of our praise. Our goal is to return to a multiple worship format at some time in the near future. Please feel free to contact, in person, or by phone or e-mail, any member of the Praise & Worship team with your input: Sharon Longstreth [cslongstreth@yahoo.com](mailto:cslongstreth@yahoo.com), Jan Jager [jjager@nvps.net](mailto:jjager@nvps.net), Sue Spahr [sue.spahr@csredhawks.org](mailto:sue.spahr@csredhawks.org), Jeanne Hoye [jhoye2728@comcast.net](mailto:jhoye2728@comcast.net), Toni Gould [tgould126@gmail.com](mailto:tgould126@gmail.com), Teri Chandler [terichan55@gmail.com](mailto:terichan55@gmail.com), Sharon Sumner [jssumner@charter.net](mailto:jssumner@charter.net), Jerry Lachniet [janejerrylach@yahoo.com](mailto:janejerrylach@yahoo.com) or Eric Alcumbrack [ealcumbrack@hotmail.com](mailto:ealcumbrack@hotmail.com) .

## A VITAL CONGREGATION IS:

Growing, Engaging, Generous, Inviting, Missional, Equipped, and Inspired!

(source: A Call to Action Research 2010 by Towers Watson Inc.)

# **A Call to Action!**

**Thursday, November 10, 2011**

**Session One: 1:00 to 4:00 pm**

**Session Two: 6:00 to 8:00 pm**

**(Session Two will be simulcast @ Traverse Bay District)**

**Location:**

**Cornerstone United Methodist Church**

**1675, 84<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Caledonia, MI 49316**

*(Please preregister before November 1 by contacting your District Office)*

The United Methodist Church Vital Congregation Project; the goal, to fulfill the Mission of the United Methodist Church by equipping and empowering congregations to become vital and healthy congregations in their communities and in our world.

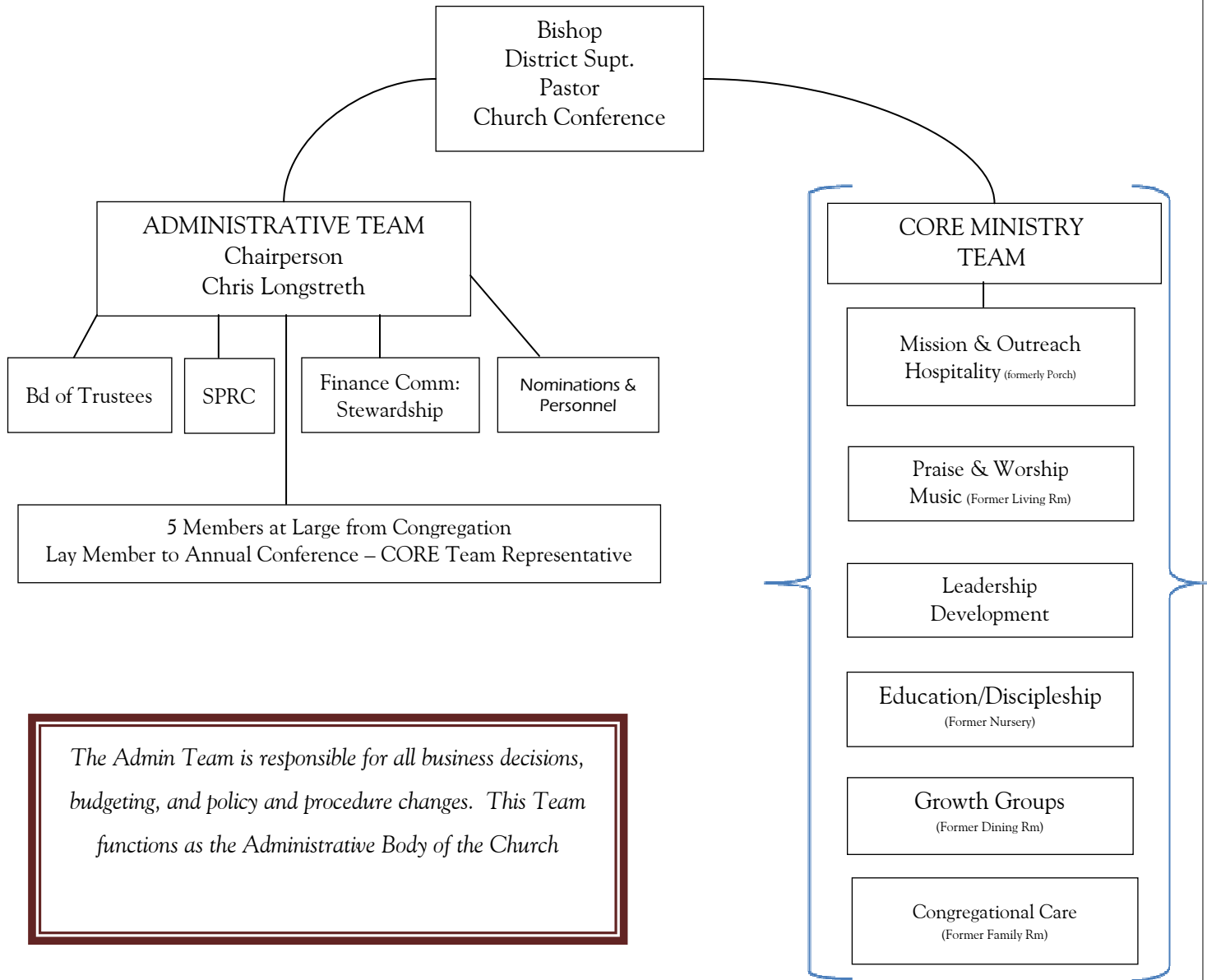
### KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Bishop John Schol of the Baltimore-Washington Area, Leader of the Vital Congregations Project. Bishop Schol will introduce Church leaders, both Clergy and Lay, to the opportunity our congregations have to set appropriate goals, in an effort to grow vital congregations, and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. You will learn about; Setting appropriate goals, Online resources to help your church, Online Dashboard on which to enter your church's progress, Online resource on which you can track your church's history, Online resource to help interpret the 16 Drivers of Vitality, and Articles and blogs to assist your church in becoming vital.

Brought to you by the Grand Rapids District Leadership Development Team, in cooperation with Bishop Jonathan Keaton and the West Michigan Conference, United Methodist Church.

# Northlawn United Methodist (Proposed) Administrative Structure

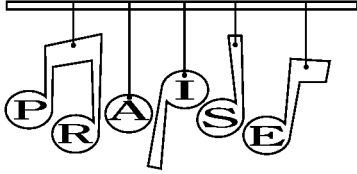
## October 4, 2011



*The Admin Team is responsible for all business decisions, budgeting, and policy and procedure changes. This Team functions as the Administrative Body of the Church*

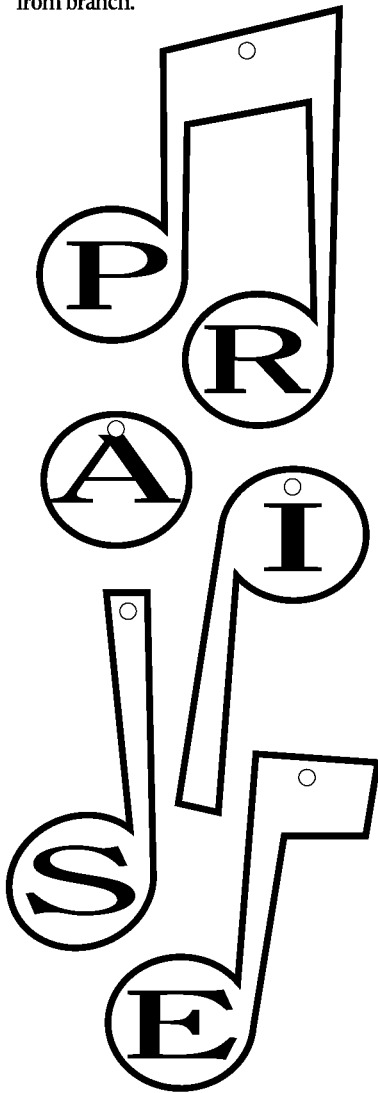
*The CORE Ministry Team is responsible for all areas of ministry, nurture, and outreach.*


# "PRAISE MOBILE"



You will need: scissors, string, crayons, stick or small branch, hole punch.

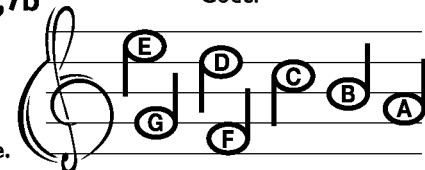
Color the notes. Cut them out. Tie strings through holes. Hang from branch.





**Psalm 147:1,7b** Code:

Use this musical code to fill in the blanks. Write the name of each note on the line.



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# October 2011

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

Sunday: Tuesdays: Wednesday Thursday :	9 am 10:15 11:15 10 am 6 pm 7 pm 7 pm 7 pm	Traditional Worship Celebration Sunday School Contemporary Worship Celebration Bible Study Bell Choir Practice Chancel Choir Practice Praise Team Yarn W/Purpose	1			
2	3 7 pm Praise & Worship Committed	4 6:30 pm SPRC Meeting  7:30 pm Church Conference	5 12 pm Silver Seniors Luncheon	6 6 pm SPRC Meeting	7	8 9:30 pm Leadership Development Meeting
9 9 am Mission Moment	10 6:30 pm WON  Newsletter Deadline	11 6 pm Finance Meeting  7 pm Office Meeting	12 9:30 am Conference Finance Meeting	13 6 pm Mission & Outreach Meeting	14	15
16	17 7 pm CORE Team	18	19	20	21	22 9:30 pm Leadership Development Meeting
23	24	25 11 am Assemble Newsletter	26	27	28	29
30	31					



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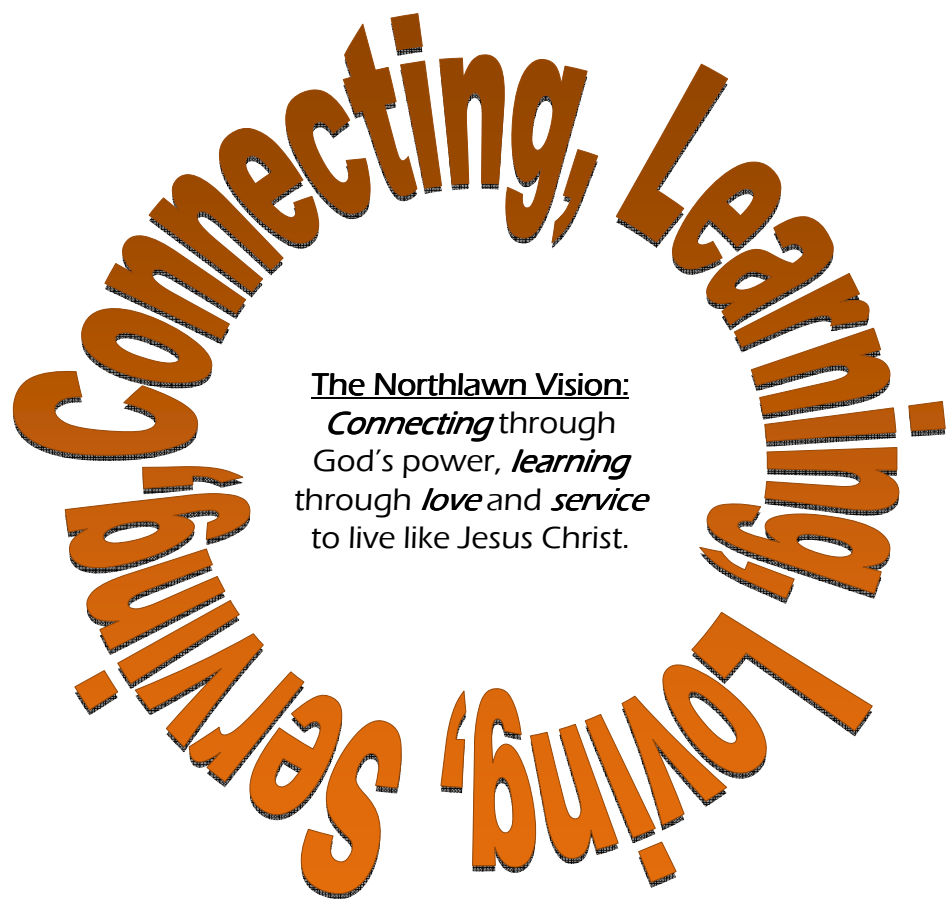
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### PRAYER CORNER

Please remember the following people in your prayers this month:

- Rhea Glazier
- Elsie Montie
- Fran Hunt
- Bob Clawson
- Dorothy Spaulding
- Bishop Keaton
- Dee Roberts
- Don Van Valkenburg
- Dylan Gilmore



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