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## CHURCH SERVICE

Sunday 9:00 AM

## CHURCH BUILDING

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## Water Feeds the Flames

### Baptism Sunday Leaves Us Cheering

It may have been cold outside, but things in the church were just getting warmed up! On January 15<sup>th</sup>, five incredible young people made a public proclamation of their faith in Christ. Empty seats and dry eyes were few and far between as Michael Saari, Kaitlin Schuster, Jonathan Laabs, Holly Mattick, and Daniel Saari were baptized in front of cheering family and friends. It was indeed a glorious day as these incredible folks shared their hearts with everyone.

Following a message from Pastor Bill on the significance and meaning of water baptism, each of those being baptized shared a brief testimony and a song that has personal significance to him or her. Holly was ready to set the world on fire and give her dreams wings. Michael told us all that no matter how many times he gets knocked down he'll get back up again. Daniel promised to SHINE! Jonathan dove deep, ready to go where God leads. And Kaitlin reminded us ALL who we are to Him.

Baptism as a believer is a huge step in the Christian's life. Not only is it an act of obedience to God's command ("Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" - Matt 28:19), it also forever identifies you as a follower of Christ. Water baptism is a physical representation of the spiritual change made when a person decided to accept Christ's gift of eternal life and make Him their Lord. Immersion in water represents the believer's association with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Christ died and rose again, the believer has died to sin and rose again as a new creation. How awesome is that!

Thank you to those who were baptized, for letting us share in your special day and be witnesses to the awesome work that God is doing in this young generation. We all look forward to seeing where He leads you and seeing the incredible men and women of God you become!

Shine on, dive deep, get back up, set the world on fire, and ALWAYS remember who you are to Him!

*For more information on full-immersion water baptism, visit [www.cornerstonenl.com/baptism](http://www.cornerstonenl.com/baptism) or speak to Pastor Bill or Pastor Malcome. They would be happy to answer any questions you may have and discuss the meaning and significance of baptism for a Christian.*



*Top L to R, Holly Mattick, Michael Saari  
Center Kaitlin Schuster  
Bottom L to R, Daniel Saari, Jonathan Laabs*

**By Andrea Saari**

## Youth Group First "Go" Night

The Youth Group's first "GO! Night" of 2012 was held January 11<sup>th</sup>, when we tried our hand at bowling.

The love of a new sport may well have been cultivated in the "newbies" among us, while the veterans showed us how it's done. Congratulations to the Champions of the evening: Mrs. Saari and Emma Hathorne!

Learning has resumed in the New Year, with Mrs. Saari kicking off with a series on the important, but too often neglected, topic of "Respect". Before the lesson, we each received pen, paper and an envelope, with the instruction to write the name of someone we need to show greater respect. Mrs. Saari will hold on to the envelopes until spring, when we will review our resolutions and talk about how we did. The January lessons began with the definition of 'respect', and what that means to us as Christians. We talked about the people in our lives we are to respect (such as

parents and others in authority over us) and why. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, the discussion centered around our parents and how hard their jobs are in their Divinely appointed roles as our guardians. We came to the conclusion that, as we show respect for our parents, we ultimately show respect for God, our Heavenly Father. Deep discussions were enjoyed in a small group atmosphere.

We have also enjoyed Bible "Sword Play" and word searches, guided by Mrs. Petznick. One search for "word(s)" in the book of *James*, led to a good discussion on taming the tongue.

These are a few of the highlights of the year so far. We have much to learn, and pray that, with the Lord's help, we will all grow stronger as Christians through 2012.

*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, Col. 3:23 (ESV)*

By Hannah Fudge



## Dreamer's Circle

Kathy Krause

**Dream:** To have a yarn shop where women can be uplifted and ministered to, where they can be taught the skills of yesterday and a place to have community Bible studies.

**Reality:** The Copper Llama, built with love from the ground up into a beautiful yarn shop has recently celebrated its first year of business! Through the Copper Llama, Kathy has touched many



lives working with her regular customers, welcoming new customers, and teaching skills of yesterday to many eager students. Not only has the Copper Llama become a reality, but Kathy has also recently completed a women's Bible study on Wednesday evenings at Cornerstone

By Steve Frank



## Put-N- Take Shop



The old saying "One man's trash is another man's treasure" certainly holds true for this ministry! The Put-N-Take Shop (located behind the nursery) is a free shop that has been serving to meet people's needs and wants for more than two years.

The Put-N-Take Shop is also a great way for people to serve others! If you have items like clothing, utensils, tools, games, decorations (and more!) that are clean and still in good shape but you simply don't need them, bring them in to the shop. Donating your gently used items is a great way to make a real difference in someone's life.

Some **quick reminders** about visiting the Put-N-Take Shop:

- The Put-N-Take Shop is open when the church is open.
- Items are available to anyone, not just church members, FREE OF CHARGE. You do not have to give anything in return for items you take from the shop.
- Selection is continually changing so stop in regularly!
- Children under the age of 14 need to be accompanied by an adult.

By Steve Petznick

## Community Cares Board

The season of "good will toward men" is over... but it doesn't have to be! People can help people every day! God commands us to love and serve one another not just at Christmastime, but year-round. "But," you may ask, "how do I know who needs help?" We start by sharing our hearts!

The Community Cares Board located behind the Greeter's table at church is the perfect place to start caring for your fellow man. If you or someone you know could use help in any way OR if you wish to serve others but don't know who to help, fill out a heart and post it on the board. Hearts should include contact information and a description of either the need to be met or the service offered. (More private needs that should not be posted publicly can be placed in the offering box.) If you have several areas in which to serve, fill out a heart for each different service.

It is an awesome feeling to serve others without expecting anything in return and all services are to be provided free of charge

Don't forget to check the Community Cares Board often to see if folks are posting ways you can help

them. If you see a need you can help with, take the heart off the board. And don't forget to look for ways OTHERS can help YOU! You, yes you, can help someone feel special by allowing them to serve you.

Join others in filling the board with ways you can serve or others can fulfill their dreams by serving you! Let's ALL share our hearts!

If you have any questions about the Community Cares Board, please contact Steve Petznick at (920) 250-5210



By Steve Petznick

## Spiritual Fluff

Good Deeds Are ...

Have you ever wondered about doing good deeds - good deeds that were planned for you to do long before you or your parents were even born? What are good deeds? What is the purpose of good deeds? How do good deeds affect our relationship with God? Also trying to understand that these good deeds are something we are to do, but are not tied to our salvation. Remember salvation comes not by works but is a free gift of God, so that no man should boast. Salvation is connected to good deeds but does not result from them. I know you must be scratching your head right now... it can be confusing to think about; I know I have in the past.

You cannot earn salvation by doing good deeds because in order to do good deeds you must have salvation. Think of good deeds like this...it's taking the overflow of your love for God and pouring it out on other people, loving Him by loving THEM. The Bible says we love because He first loved us. It's impossible to do good deeds if we have never experienced God's love for us. You can't give away something you've never received or experienced. Good deeds any other way is what the Word calls filthy rags; as well as hay, wood, and stubble to be tested by God's fire and consumed. To be continued... Stay tuned for part 2!

By Matt Bever

## What's Happening?

### Family Game Night

Come play with us! Bring your friends, bring your family, bring your kids, and bring YOURSELF! Oh - and bring a snack to share (if you want to)!

**Friday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>** 7-9PM at the Life Center

We'll be playing a group version of the game Headbands. Don't miss it! Appropriate for any age, any gender, anyONE!

We'll have free drinks and snacks. Soda, juice, and bottled water will be available for sale.

Come have some fun! It will NOT be the same without YOU!!!

### Annual Membership Meeting-

**Sunday Feb 12 @ 10:30 am @ the Life Center.**

Everyone is invited to attend. We will discuss the budget for this year and answer any questions you might have.

### Baptisms

**Sunday Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>** @ our 9am service we will be having baptisms. If you would like to be baptized as a believer, please sign-up on Facebook or at the back of the Church. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Bill on Facebook - or email [pastorbill@cornerstonenl.com](mailto:pastorbill@cornerstonenl.com) or text 920-858-5794

### Meet 'n Eat

**When: Sunday, Feb. 19, 11:00 am**

**Where: Life Center**

Come join us for the next Meet 'n Eat. The cost is \$3 per person, ages 2-6 \$1, under 2 is free.

Menu to be decided. Sign up at the clipboard in the back of the church or on Facebook.

## February Dates to Celebrate

### Happy Birthday to:

Sam Anderson .....6<sup>th</sup>  
Cameron Holderread .....12<sup>th</sup>  
Michael Saari.....25<sup>th</sup>  
Kaitlin Hickey .....27<sup>th</sup>  
Barbara Frank .....27<sup>th</sup>