

# The Branches

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## How Can We Help?

We want to serve our community this year. The challenge is to have every small group and ministry team do a service project in our community in 2009. (If you are not part of a small group or ministry team this would be a great way to get involved by joining one or even getting together with a couple of others to form a “small group” for the purpose of serving).

As we get closer to the kick-off of this challenge I want to get us thinking of the ways we can serve. How can we help? There is a couple of lists covering the bulletin board by the drinking fountain (these come from “101 Ways to Reach Your Community” and “Conspiracy of Kindness” by Steve Sjogren). Take the time to look them over and consider what might fit our community and our church.

There is also another source of ideas and that is our community. As you participate in the life of our community pray that God would open your eyes and ears to see and hear the opportunities for us to serve. I also encourage you to ask the question “How can we help?”. Ask your FRAN (Friends, Relatives, Associates, Neighbors), and ask your “Lighthouse RelationSHiPs”.

Pastor Mark

## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- **Ladies For The Lord**— meets on the 2nd Monday night of each month.
- **MOPS**—meets the 2nd Thursday of each month from 9:30-11:30 am.
- **Moms In Touch**—meets every Wednesday from 8:15-9:15 am at church to pray for our children.
- **Bible Study**— meets every Monday at 8:45 am.
- **Men’s Bible Study– NEW!** Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7 pm.
- **Women’s Bible Study**— Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:30 am.
- **Plus One**— A group for post high kids/ young adults to get together during Sunday School for a time of study/ discussion.
- **Young At Heart– NEW!** A group for 55+ meeting the 1st Tuesday of the month starting in January.
- **Youth Groups**— check calendar for dates & activities.

# March 2009

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

<p><b>1</b> 9:00 am— SS/ Plus One</p> <p>5:30 pm— JR High 6:00 pm— DV8</p>	<p><b>2</b> 8:45 am— Bible Study</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>YOUNG AT HEART 11:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> 8:15 am— Moms In Touch</p> <p>6:00 pm— Prayer 6:30 pm— Choir</p>	<p><b>5</b> 9:30 am— Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm— Youth Barn (Bair)</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Girl Scouts (YB)</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b> 9:00 am— SS/ Plus One</p> <p><b>LFTL BAKE SALE</b></p> 	<p><b>9</b> 8:45 am— Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm— LFTL</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> 8:15 am— Moms In Touch</p> <p>6:30 pm— Choir</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>MOPS 9:30 am</b></p> <p><b>Winter Jam Concert 7:00 pm</b></p> <p>6:30 pm— Youth Barn (Bair)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>GIRLS NIGHT OUT (Youth Barn)</b></p>
<p><b>15</b> 9:00 am— SS/ Plus One</p> <p>5:30 pm— JR High 6:00 pm— DV8</p>	<p><b>16</b> 8:45 am— Bible Study</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Girl Scouts (MP)</p>	<p><b>18</b> 8:15 am— Moms In Touch</p> <p>6:00 pm— Prayer 6:30 pm— Choir</p>	<p><b>19</b> 9:30 am— Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm— Youth Barn (Bair)</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>6:00 PM MOTHER- DAUGHTER BANQUET</b></p> <p>Girl Scouts (YB)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b> 9:00 am— SS/ Plus One</p> <p><b>LFTL BAKED POTATO BAR</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> 8:45 am— Bible Study</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> 8:15 am— Moms In Touch</p> <p>6:30 pm— Choir</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>6:30 pm— Youth Barn (Bair)</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Girl Scouts (YB)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b> 9:00 am— SS/ Plus One</p>	<p><b>30</b> 8:45 am— Bible Study</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>				

## USHERS

Ushers should be at church by 9:10 am and are responsible for passing out bulletins, and seating the congregation.

**Dave Lowman, Jon Wolters,  
Phil Norman, Keith Connor**

## NURSERY WORKERS

Nursery volunteers please be in the nursery by 9:10 am on Sundays.

**MAR 1: Amy & Alyvia Aernouts, Kammy Leep, Chelsea Brenner**  
**MAR 8: Pam & Kristen Hennip, Kaity Jansma**  
**MAR 15: Bill & Annette Hennip, Sue & Kennedy Porter**  
**MAR 22: Cherie Larr, Cindy Lowman, Alyssa McLaughlin,  
Kori Fredricks**  
**MAR 29: Sally & Mykel Hoffmaster, Terri & Amber Klaver**

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The social committee function is to assist in funeral luncheons (set-up and clean-up of tables and chairs, preparing and serving food), and helping with clean-up for other church events (with the exception of Youth Group activities). Please find your own replacement if you cannot help with an event. Thank you!

**March Contact Person:**

**Judy Kennedy**  
**Cherie Larr, Kim VanderSyde,  
Ronna Arndt, Emily Schwartz,  
Amanda Granger,  
Jammie Joostberns**

## WALK OUT WORSHIP

**MAR 1: Wendi Vandenberg** (Helpers: Haley Gilder, Nicole Pavlak)  
**MAR 8: Kathy Athearn** (Helpers: Kennedy and Kelcey Porter)  
**MAR 15: Jenn Kamper** (Helpers: Kori Fredricks, Maddie Hren)  
**MAR 22: Autumn Kraima** (Helpers: Haley Gilder, Nicole Pavlak)  
**MAR 29: Tabitha Wolters** (Helpers: Kennedy and Kelcey Porter)

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

The coffee fellowship committee is responsible for bringing and serving cookies after church services.

Each family should bring 5-6 dozen cookies or bars.

### March 1

**Brian and Christine Hren**

Pat Seadorf  
Thom and Elaine Scott  
Luke and Jessica Brinks

### March 8

**Mark and Amanda Granger**

Brittany Brenner  
Kevin and Carol Manshaem  
John and Kim Langlois

### March 15

**Bob and Pam Hennip**

Tom and Nancy Scobey  
Curt and Terri Klaver  
Kevin and Rachael Dewey

### March 22

**Gerry and Darlene Olson**

Cary and Wendi Vandenberg  
Gary and Diane Kerber  
Al and Evie Green

### March 29

**Pat and Cindy Pike**

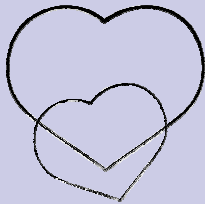
Curt and Angie Kitler  
Bill and Florence Balfoort  
Dick Malone





## **MARCH** Birthdays

Bill Hennip	March 4
Jaiden Sauer	March 10
Wendi Vandenberg	March 10
Amanda Granger	March 11
Chris Penning	March 11
Lisa Gilder	March 12
Jammie Joostberns	March 12
Chase Leep	March 13
Carl Barnhardt	March 15
Brian Hren	March 19
Jennifer Kerber	March 18
Kim Langlois	March 19
Elaina Smit	March 20
Caleb Hren	March 21
Anya Wolters	March 21
Kyle Hoffmaster	March 22
Jocelyn Granger	March 23
Lisa Wilson	March 23
Gracia Stob	March 25
Kevin Dewey	March 26
Allison Bair	March 27
Mitchel Pavlak	March 28
Brad Stone	March 29
Chelsea Brenner	March 31
Mykel Hoffmaster	March 31
Jeff Reynolds	March 31



## **MARCH** Anniversaries

Carl & Bev Barnhardt	March 1
Sonny & Evie Green	March 9
Mark & Amanda Granger	March 19
Gary & Diane Kerber	March 23

### **THANKS!**

Thanks to everyone who helped us locate a file cabinet to be used in the church office. We received one through Doug Collier that will be very useful. Thanks again!

~Kathy

Dear HCRC Friends,

Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy at the time of my sister's death. Thank you also for your prayers and the beautiful dish garden."

~Connie Simpson and Family

### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

Don't forget to "spring forward" one hour!

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

The Hopkins High School National Honor Society is sponsoring a blood drive on Thursday, March 12 from 2:00 pm– 7:45 pm at the Hopkins United Methodist Church.

### **MOTHER–DAUGHTER BANQUET**

The HCRC Mother Daughter Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 20 at 6pm and will be a potluck. Please bring a dish to pass and table service will be provided. A sign up sheet will be on the back table.

### **WINTER JAM CONCERT**

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 12 for a Winter Jam concert at VanAndel Arena in Grand Rapids. The concert starts at 7:00 pm, tickets are \$10 at the door, and will feature artists such as Tobymac, Hawk Nelson, The Afters, Pure NRG, and more. Anyone from church is welcome to attend—we will meet in the parking lot at 5:00 pm. Any questions, see Cindy Kukor.

### **INTERNET SAFETY**

There are a variety of resources out there to help you deal with the dangers of the internet. Two free ones that have been recommended to us and which we use here at HCRC are **x3watch** and **opendns**.

**X3watch** is software you install on your computer. It sends an e-mail to an e-mail address of your choice that contains a report of websites visited. It doesn't restrict what you can get to, but rather functions as an accountability tool.

**Opendns** controls what internet pages and content may be accessed by a computer. You can select different levels of restriction and customize it by categories as well.

Please check out the web pages and decide how you are going to help your household deal with the internet.

[www.x3watch.com](http://www.x3watch.com)  
[www.opendns.com](http://www.opendns.com)