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Easter Events —  
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Easter Sunday March 23

### Welcome...

To our new Student Ministry Pastor-- Cory Hunneyman and his wife Shanna!



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What would you do if you knew you only had one month to live? For most of us, we'd live our lives differently. We'd be more authentic about who we are, and more deliberate about how we spend the time we have.

So the real question is: What keeps us from living this way NOW?

This Easter, we're beginning a new series called **One Month To Live** that will challenge us all to start living our lives as if you really had just a month to live. At the end of this 30-day experience, we believe that your life will be dramatically changed because you'll start living the life God made you for... life in all its fullness!

You'll learn how to start living every day more passionately, loving God and people more completely, learning from others humbly, and preparing to leave behind a legacy that will outlast you. Most importantly, you'll gain clarity on what makes your life really count!

Maybe you would make big changes and try a radically new adventure. Or maybe you would simply make small adjustments and learn to appreciate life more fully. But no matter how, this series will bring a perspective and passion to your life that you never thought possible.

Along with the series, we'll offer **One Month To Live** Community Groups that will meet for 6 weeks beginning the week after Easter. If you're not in a community group, this would be a great opportunity. Even if you are, feel free to add this one to your routine. You can sign up and purchase a study guide at the OMTL table.



This will be a great series to invite friends to because the theme speaks to our hearts so meaningfully. I believe we all want to live a meaningful life.

So how are you spending your life today? And how will you spend it in the next month?

If you want to spend the rest of your days living life to the fullest— the way God intended for you to live— check out **One Month To Live**. It all begins Easter Sunday. Learn how to live a "no regrets" life!

Warmly—  
Pastor Vince



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# Care Community on Giving

By Sandy Kleisley

I would like to share with everyone the joyful yet humbling experience we had delivering our Mission Share family's gifts and food basket. Our family was a young mother with cancer and two young boys.

Just as many other LCC teams and groups did, the LCC Care Community went above and beyond what was requested for the family. The generosity and outpouring of love was so touching and inspirational. Many thanks to all of you who donated items and purchased gifts and/or food for this family! At the Care Community's first meeting in December, we wrapped all the gifts, had some snacks along with some wonderful fellowship, prayed for the family and then all of us went home with that warm, fuzzy feeling that one gets from being with others whose hearts are also filled with the love of Christ.

On Friday morning, Dec. 21, Jill Weber, my husband Mark and I made the delivery. The mom greeted us at the door and invited us in, but we politely declined and just kept those gifts coming like an assembly line from the car to her door. My heart filled with joy as I watched the mother's eyes get bigger and bigger with delight and obvious gratitude as the bags kept coming. This beautiful young mother, who is a cancer survivor, then took off her ski cap and proudly showed us that her hair was growing back in, mere peach fuzz as it was. Jill and I cheered! Then as Jill headed back to the car for the last of the gifts, I asked the mom if she would mind if I hugged her. She said, "Please do!" and as I gave her the biggest hug, I told her there are so many people praying for her, and that Jesus loves her and to never give up hope. Her eyes told me that she indeed was a believer as she smiled and simply responded, "I know."

Jill and Mark came back with the last of the gifts and Jill hugged her also. This lovely lady then told us that she wants to give back and join us next year! God bless her heart! Finally, we asked her to close her storm door to keep out the cold, and as we sang a rendition of "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" from outside, our young mother began to cry, which of course, then got Jill and I crying too. I'm pretty sure I saw a few tears in my husband's eyes too. Mere words just can't describe that moment! We were all humbled by this touching experience, making our own problems seem so insignificant. We all agreed that the delivery of those gifts made our own Christmas one of the best we ever had.

I praise God for blessing me with this experience which is now a cherished memory that I will never forget. God is so awesome! If you want to feel pure ecstatic joy and experience the true meaning of Christmas like you never have before, then please consider helping to deliver a blessing to someone less fortunate. Any blessing at all will do (sometimes it only takes a smile!) and we don't even need special occasions to do it! The smallest kindness can make such a huge impact on someone who is hurting or just plain lonely.

In closing, I pray that God blesses each of you as richly as He has blessed me. Happy New Year Lakeshore!



## Home Improvements Update

by Pastor Vince DiPaola



As we enter the final year of "Home Improvements", many great things are happening.

We are finalizing all our equipment and technology purchases. You'll see a few more upgrades to the auditorium this year. We no longer need money from "HI" to help us supplement our monthly mortgage payments because for the first time, we are paying the mortgage completely through general budget income.

On the income side, we are at about 90% of commitment meaning that our actual giving to "HI" is about 10% less than what has been committed. While 100% would be ideal, 90% is a solid number by most standards.

But the greatest news is that we have begun the process of presenting our *Lakeshore Community Center* concept to the Town Of Greece, first by agreeing with an architectural firm (Stantec) and then by starting the first set of drawings needed for town review. Our goal is to obtain approval to build the LC2 by the end of this year and then to begin construction in the Spring of 2009, just over a year away. The approximate addition of 17,500 square feet of new space will increase our facility size to about 39,000 square feet.

Your giving to "HI" above and beyond your regular giving is critical to making this happen next Spring. Thanks for your faithfulness and generosity.

## Care Community Asks For Your Help

By Nancy Wright

One of the ways the Care Community of Lakeshore serves the Lord is by sponsoring a continuing effort to honor and encourage our men and women in the military. We keep them in prayer along with their families. We also send notes and care packages.

Please help us update our information by sharing the names and addresses of your loved ones serving in the military. If you have already shared this information with us, please share it again so that we can confirm that our information is correct and up-to-date.

You may leave the following information in the "Care Community" mail folder or email it to Nancy Wright: [nwright3@rochester.rr.com](mailto:nwright3@rochester.rr.com) If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to call Nancy at 621-5764.

**Serviceman's / Servicewoman's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Where your loved one is serving \_\_\_\_\_

**Your name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to Serviceman/Servicewoman

\_\_\_\_\_

We are continuing to collect items to send in our Care packages. You will find the box for collections in front of the Military Bulletin Board in the foyer. If you wish to donate \$ for postage there is a container at the Information Center. Below find a list of a few items that would be welcomed:

- Disposable razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste
- White tube sox
- Bar soap and body wash, baby wipes, deodorant, lotion, sunscreen—no scent
- Salty snacks, hard candy
- AT&T phone cards (work the best from "over there")
- Glade Stick Up Air fresheners
- Puzzle books, Magazines
- Notepaper and pens
- Paper back books



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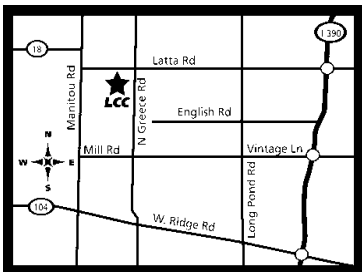
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## Sunday Services

### ONE MONTH TO LIVE

- March 23 Easter: Living The Dash
- March 30 Live Passionately: A High Octane Life
- April 6 Love Completely: Navigate The Hate
- April 13 Learn Humbly: How Weak Is Strong
- April 20 Leave Boldly: A Perfect Exit Strategy

### PLUG IN

- April 27 You've Got The Power
- May 4 Powering Up Your Gifts (Impact Festival)

### WISDOM FOR THE WEARY

- May 11 Marvelous Mothers
- May 18 Solving Soul Fatigue
- May 25 Boundaries: Protecting Your Turf
- June 1 The Leadership Summit
- June 8 Keep Your Emotional Gauges From Red-lining
- June 15 Fabulous Fathers
- June 22 Rest: If God Did It...

## Common Ground Midweek

### ROMANS: JUST BY FAITH

- March 6 Are People Basically Good? (Romans 3:9-20)
- March 21 Getting Right With God (Romans 3:21-31) (Good Friday)
- April 3 It's Always Been About Faith (Romans 4:1-25)
- April 17 Baptism Celebration Service
- May 1 National Day of Prayer (held at Greece Assembly Of God)
- May 15 Peace With God In Spite Of Problems In Life (Romans 5:1-11)
- June 5 The Origin Of Sin And Righteousness (Romans 5:12-21)
- June 19 Facts That Change The Way We Act (Romans 6:1-23)