Word to the Wives

Self-Sacrificing Love

People are always quick to ask us to sacrifice or to be sacrificial. In this economy we are told to “suck it up!” because sacrifice will be required. At the church they tell us to be sacrificial in our giving of time, talent, and specially treasure. At work they say that sacrifices will have to be made—and the ones who say it are not the ones who will be doing it. Sacrificial giving, sacrificial living, sacrificial…love?

Regardless of what we may be lead to believe, all sacrifice finds its source not in us but rather in the cross of our LORD Jesus Christ. All sacrifice comes from and points back to the sacrifice of the Only Begotten One. So it must be, because none of us can by our own reason and strength be truly sacrificial. All sacrifice comes from Christ and points back to Christ.

So, when we are self-sacrificing in our love it is because Christ has first loved us and laid down His life as the all availing sacrifice. When we do exercise acts of sacrificial giving or living it is because Christ first gave His life that we might have life. And, when we are sacrificial in our love, it points to Christ and not to us.

But, as has been said more than once, the problem with living sacrifices is that they keep crawling off the altar! We sin, we fall short, we sacrifice in order to draw attention or receive credit or feel needed—and when we do we fail to show Christ and those around us fail to see Jesus. We crawl off the altar only to fall helpless to the ground.

However, Christ’s ultimate sacrifice is for this reality as well. We fall, Christ lifts up—we sin, Christ forgives—we wander, Christ seeks—we despair, Christ restores—and it points us back to sacrifice He made on our behalf. All sacrifice flows from the cross and points back to the One who laid down His life that we might have life and walk with Him. The pinnacle of self-sacrificing love is the fount and source of all that we are and all that we do.

Jeffrey Pulse
Associate Professor,
Exegetical Theology
When Carl was just a 2.5 pound preemie in the neonatal unit of an Austin, TX hospital, another mother called me on the phone. Her frantic voice alerted me this was of grave importance; I MUST come down to petition the school board for a new little special ed bus. That was the furthest thing from my mind, as Carl lay struggling for his life amidst the tubes, bright lights and endless tests of hospital life. But somewhere, I tucked away the thought that someday I would be that mother, urgently campaigning for something for my child. ❯
As the years wore on and the role of advocacy became a reality, we embraced it with vigor. Going to national conventions and parent support groups fueled our convictions about inclusion and steeled our mind for battle. Years later, with Carl’s tenure in parochial schools behind us, educational battles were replaced with legislation, waivers and what constitutes meaningful employment, self advocacy and independent living; so often we clung to the words of the Lord "for I know the plans I have for you...plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

That future meant at some point we left the "deficit model" or "medical model" of disability: doctors weren’t going to "fix" his Down syndrome, and while he was not the super star who missed the mental retardation gene, he was a gifted and talented young man who deserved to live a full and meaningful life. We had to learn to dream once again about what he could be "when he grew up."
His dream was not the typical separate services of a workshop, so once again the battle to make that dream a reality meant I needed to be an advocate with him.

Carl turn 29 recently; he has come a long way from his preemie status where the doctor predicted he would be best off in an institution, never walk or talk. Yes, he has come a long way to living in his own apartment, taking the Citilink to work every day at the YMCA. Never did anyone dream that his life would look like this now.

We embraced the slogan "dignity of risk" and that had some trying moments. Most of his 29 years have meant to work against the model of segregated education and services, and to allow him the freedom to do what other kids do, not an easy task for any parent. I remember when, at age 5, his preschool teacher chastised me for dressing him in those cute smocked one piece shortalls, while all the other kids were in shorts and T-shirts...I had a lot to learn along the way.
And now the "dignity of risk" - living in his own apartment - means he gets his own mail. One day Taylor University called to confirm that Carl had sent the pledge card they received with a generous (!) donation under a VISA card number, which was really his ATM card. There ARE new boundaries to learn in independence.

It is an awesome privilege and responsibility to be the mouthpiece for someone else: to stand in the stead, alongside your child, and boldly proclaim his gifts to the waiting (and sometimes not so waiting) world. Others are still ready to tell you it can't or shouldn't be done - "People like him need to be with their own kind and protected from the world." But there are other voices that challenge the way it has always been done. The invitation to one of Carl's high school IEP meetings quoted George B. Shaw: "You see things and say 'why?' I dream things that never were, and I say 'why not?'

**DREAM BIG with your child, and then stand ready to be the powerful parent who asks "why not?" For what better hope and assurance do we have than the sure knowledge that the Lord knew our child before he was born and knit him or her together - fearfully and wonderfully made! (Psalm 139) Pat Nuffer**
My Son’s Last Reaction

By Kim Rutledge Bickel

Our littlest kiddo’s name is Charlie. He is 4 years old, but reminds us daily now that he is nearly hitting the 5-year mark. He has two older sisters, Caroline (12) and Anne-Marie (9). Charlie has severe food allergies. He is allergic to shellfish, egg, tree nuts, and other foods. He has asthma, eczema, mold allergies and some seasonal allergies to boot.

Charlie is obsessed with football and can hold his own against Daddy pretty well. He is a lover of Beatles music, flowers and Star Wars, knights, and math. He has a mild little lisp that is cute for now, especially when followed up with his contagious laughter. It is our hope that he is defined by these characteristics, not by any obstacles.

Charlie’s last reaction was anaphylactic and was the first major reaction since we found out about his multiple food allergies last fall. Our typical “Mom-Mobile” was loaded up with our three children and all of their miscellaneous paraphernalia. I was feeling good. It was a somewhat sunny, brisk day, and the weekend was just around the corner.

The kids were in the habit (by necessity) of avoiding most fast foods and did not snack in the car unless I had prepared the snacks and we stopped to share together. It was Friday, and they were like birds chirping from the back seat, “Mom, it’s Friday. For a special treat can we get chips and soda from Walgreens when you run in? Please?”
Now such a request does not strike any anxious chords to a mom without newly diagnosed kids with food allergies, but for a parent of a child with food allergies, the possible ramifications immediately come to mind.

I decided that we had been doing well with new foods, labeling, and routines at school, so I said okay. I ran in and grabbed some chips (after repeatedly checking the contents). I declined their request to eat in the car, telling them that I needed to double-check the chips with a phone call or a visit to the manufacturer’s website.

We pulled into the garage, I re-checked the chips, and put on an age-appropriate movie for the happy crew. I carefully doled out the chips and special drinks and slipped off to my office upstairs after a few minutes.

About five minutes later, I heard a tone that I know all too well: Charlie’s panicky tone. One he only gets when he is a bit out of breath and on the verge of tears. He was slowly making his way upstairs toward my office. I immediately sensed his fear and the quiver in his precious little voice. “Mommy, the potato chip is cutting my throat or something, I can’t swallow it...”

I felt that adrenaline surge. I had seen him with bluish lips with his previous severe episode. I had seen him with hives. I had never seen his odd facial paleness. Nothing had prepared me for seeing his lips turn almost white. I grabbed him, ran down to the kitchen, where the antihistamines were kept, and assessed that he was not actually choking on a chip, which had been my first thought.

I knew things were on a new level when my little guy was unable to swallow the antihistamine. I pulled up his shirt again to see that he had stridor (that sucking in at the rib cage during an asthma/respiratory reaction) quickly amping up in intensity. This time, however, I saw what I knew was the deal breaker for sure. Within seconds, his little throat was actually closing in front of me. We could see it literally pulling in and out as he was panicking and starting to run around on his tippy toes and starting to gasp for air.

It was in that moment that I put my hands on his little shoulders and looked him firmly in the eye and said “Charlie, Mommy knows what to do and will take care of you now.” In my own head, I thought, “Well, I guess this is when one uses epinephrine.” He looked so scared, and his sisters were surprisingly strong, silent, and there for us. I pulled off the cap. We had practiced with the darn fake one so many times that it came more smoothly than I would have imagined. There was only time for action.
I firmly swung the needle into his little thigh and held it there for that 10-second count I had drilled in to all of our heads repeatedly.

I firmly swung the needle into his little thigh and held it there for that 10-second count I had drilled in to all of our heads repeatedly. I called 911. By the time the phone call was over and the men were at our door with ambulance and fire truck, my brave little guy was looking fairly normal, if not a bit jazzed up, from the epinephrine in his system. He had some residual sort of involuntary sobbing that they asked me about but I was able to sit with him near the gurney in the back of the ambulance. They later told me I had saved him.

My husband met us at the hospital later. We were there for several hours in order to monitor his vitals, get some liquid steroid medication, and make sure he was not going to have biphasic reaction. Charlie told me on the hospital bed that he thought a friend of his might have been eating cashews and almonds pretty close to him at school.

What did I learn? I have learned to advocate to the point that teachers gain a healthy respect for the gravity of a severe food allergy. I have learned that sometimes we have to deal with some degree of lack of closure. Was there cross-contact at the school? Had I not washed his hands properly? Were the chips mislabeled? I have learned not to assume what other parents know, even if they are parents of children with food allergies. I have learned that jumping to action that day is certainly something to be proud of, and that the trust in those big brown eyes looking up at me behind lashes at least a mile long is all the thanks or motivation this allergy Mom will ever need.

Food Allergy or Intolerance?

A food allergy is an immune system response. It occurs when the body mistakes an ingredient in food—usually a protein—as harmful and creates a defense system (antibodies) to fight it. Food allergy symptoms develop when the antibodies are battling the "invading" food. The most common food allergies are peanuts, tree nuts (such as walnuts, pecans and almonds), fish, and shellfish, milk, eggs, soy products, and wheat.

Symptoms of a food allergy can range from mild to severe, and the amount of food necessary to trigger a reaction varies from person to person. Symptoms of a food allergy may include:

- Rash or hives
- Nausea
- Stomach pain
- Diarrhea
- Itchy skin
- Shortness of breath
- Chest pain
- Swelling of the airways
- Anaphylaxis

Food intolerance is a digestive system response. It occurs when something in a food irritates a person’s digestive system or when a person is unable to properly digest or breakdown, the food. Intolerance to lactose (found in milk and other dairy products) is the most common food intolerance. Symptoms include:

- Nausea
- Stomach pain
- Gas, cramps, or bloating
- Vomiting
- Heartburn
- Diarrhea
- Headaches
- Irritability or nervousness

www.webmd.com
Upcoming Campus Events

First Fridays:
Girls Night Out
Fri. February 4, 9 pm
Fri. March 4, 9 pm
Rum Runners
305 E Washington Center Road

Join us the first Friday of each month for “Girls Gemutlichkeit!” Enjoy discussion, drinks and dancing with fellow wives. For details, contact Anna Willman at willman.anna@gmail.com.

SWA Craft Day
Sat. February 5, 1 pm - 3 pm
CTS Luther Hall

Nurture your creativity! Bring a project to work on (knitting, card making, scrap booking, sewing, bead making, etc.) and a snack to share!

The Miracles of Jesus:
Wives’ Classes
by Dr. Peter Scaer
Tuesdays, February 8 & 15
7 pm - 9 pm
CTS Loehe Hall, L-5

Cost .......................... $4
Registration is available on-site prior to the start of class.

Explaining the
Vicarage/Call Process
Tue. March 15, 7 pm - 9 pm
CTS Luther Hall

The annual vicarage and call services are quickly approaching! CTS wives are invited to learn more about each of these processes at this informational meeting and Q&A session.

Seminary Playdate
Tuesdays, 1 pm
CTS Student Commons

Tuesday afternoons various seminary families meet at the commons on campus for fun and socialization. We would love to have you join us!

“In the Beginning”
Confirmation Retreats
March 18-20
CTS campus

Pastors David Stecker and Scott Zeckzer from Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven, will delve into Genesis 1-11 with discussion on Creation vs. Evolution, God’s design for marriage, the Trees in the Garden, Noah’s ark, and how to respond to those who do not believe in the historical authenticity of Genesis 1-11. This retreat is for youth who are currently receiving confirmation instruction in their home parish. It will be a time for learning, rejoicing, worship, recreation and other fun activities. For additional information or to register, please e-mail Retreats@ctsfw.edu or phone 260-452-2172.

Cost .......................... $100
Includes on-campus housing and meals.

You are Invited to a Ladies Brunch!
Sat. April 9 • 10 am - Noon • CTS Luther Hall

Join us for food, fellowship and speaker Becky Linnemeier, as she shares the many opportunities for women within the Lutheran church. Becky Linnemeier is a mother of two girls, ages 8 and 10. She has served on a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) steering committee and as the VBS director at her home church. She is a past Young Woman Representative (YWR) for her zone to the Indiana District LWML Convention and a YWR to the LWML National Convention. She also currently serves as YWR chair person for the Indiana District LWML.

Cost .......................... FREE
Hosted by Lutheran Women in Mission from local congregations.
Peter Pan Exhibit
Now through April 10
Botanical Conservatory
1100 S Calhoun Street

The mischievous, magical boy who refuses to grow up is visiting the Conservatory! Join Peter Pan as he whisks Wendy, John and Michael away to Neverland. They will meet the Lost Boys and Tinkerbell, have adventures with the Indian princess, Tiger Lily, and battle Captain Hook. Explore the Lost Boys’ camp, the Indian Tribe’s village, and the Pirates’ ship. Just be sure to watch out for Croc!

Hours
Sun .......... Noon - 4 pm
Mon ............... CLOSED
Tue - Sat ........10 am - 5 pm
Thu .............. 10 am - 8 pm

Admission
Kids (0-3) ............... FREE
Youth (3-17) ............. $3
Adults ....................... $5
Members ............... FREE

Don’t miss our special Peter Pan event Saturday, February 5, 10 am-3 pm.

Ice Skating
Now through February 27
Headwaters Park
110 W Berry Street

Hours
Mon - Thu ....... 1 pm - 8 pm
Fri ............... Noon - 10 pm
Sat ............... 11 am -10 pm
Sun ............... 11 am - 8 pm

Admission*
Kids (ages 0-13) ............ $3
Teens/Adults (ages 14+) ... $5
Skate rental ................ $2

*FREE admission for kids (ages 0-13) every Wednesday during the skating season! Skate rental fees still apply.

Learn a Bunch @ Lunch:
Major Figures of the Harlem Renaissance
Thu. February 3, 12:15 - 12:45 pm
Fort Wayne Museum of Art
311 E Main Street
Overlook Lecture Hall

The cultural explosion known as the Harlem Renaissance bolstered the names of artists like Romare Bearden, Aaron Douglas, and Jacob Lawrence as some of the most relevant in history. Take a closer look at these and many other artists who helped shape this important movements in American culture.

Reoccuring Events

$1 Nights at the Botanical Conservatory
First Thu/Month
1100 S Calhoun Street

Admission is just $1 between 5 pm and 8 pm on the first Thursday of the month.

Ages 2 and under are still free.

Hours
Tue - Sat ...... 10 am - 5 pm
Thu ............. 10 am - 8 pm
Sun .......... Noon - 4 pm

Botanical Brown Bag
Last Thu/Month
Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory
1100 S Calhoun Street

Break up your week with a “garden moment” at the Conservatory. Speakers offer interactive programs on a variety of botanical or ecological topics. Coffee and tea are provided.

Admission
Kids (under 3) ...... FREE
Kids (3-17) ............. $3
Adults ....................... $5
Members ............... FREE
Upcoming Community Events (cont.)

Zoo Volunteer Information Fair
Tue. February 8 • 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Franke Park Pond Pavilion • 3411 Sherman Boulevard

Discover the volunteer opportunities available at the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo! Teens age 13-17 can apply to join the summer Z-Team to assist our keepers and camp counselors, help at special events and more. Adults age 18 and over assist zoo visitors, teach education programs, show small animals to children, prepare animal food, or host special events. For more information, call the Volunteer Office at 260-427-6828 or email volunteer@kidszoo.org.

Lunch with a Scientist: Minds, Maps and Mazes
Sat. February 12 • 11 am
Science Central • 1950 N Clinton Street

Science Central proudly hosts a series of lunches sessions the second Saturday of each month (October - May). Following the lecture and hands-on activities, participants enjoy lunch with presenting scientists from IPFW. February session by Carol Lawton, Professor and Chair of the IPFW Psychology Department, introduces the concept of the “cognitive map” with an activity to demonstrate our own cognitive maps. Participants will also attempt to create a navigation system to keep people from getting lost.

Admission (ages 8+)*
Members ................ $10
Non-Member ............ $16   *Price includes lunch.

Lost and Found Dinner and Performance
Sun. February 13, 5 pm - 7:30 pm
St. Peter Lutheran Church • 648 N LaFontaine Street, Huntington

Please join us for a great evening! Dinner starts at 5 pm followed by a concert at 6 pm.

Cost
Individuals ............... $7
Families (4 or more) ........ $20   *Tickets available at the door.

Reoccurring Events

ACPL Storytime
Allen County Public Library
900 Library Plaza (downtown)
Children’s Services, Globe Room

Babies and Books (ages 0-2)
Fridays, 10 am

Toddler Time (ages 1-3)
Fridays, 10:30 am & 11 am

Smart Start (ages 3-6)
Wednesdays, 10:30 am

Project READS (grades K-3)
Mondays, 4 pm
Allen County Public Library
900 Library Plaza (downtown)

Weekly tutoring sessions with reading and creative activities by trained volunteers. For more information, or to register, contact Children's Services at 260-421-1220 (space is limited).

Homework Help
(ages 12-18)
Mon-Wed, 6 pm - 8 pm
Allen County Public Library
900 Library Plaza (downtown)
Young Adult Services

A drop-in program available through caring, knowledgeable volunteers.
Upcoming Community Events (cont.)

Anton in Show Business  
**February 18 - 27**  
IPFW Williams Theatre  
2101 E Coliseum Boulevard

This madcap comedy follows three actresses across the footlights, down the rabbit hole, and into a strangely familiar Wonderland that looks a lot like American theatre. For more information, or a complete schedule, visit http://new.ipfw.edu/calendar

**Admission**  
IPFW students ............ FREE  
Kids (6-18) .................. $5  
Non-IPFW students ...... $10  
Groups of 10 or more..... $10  
Seniors/Faculty/Staff/Alumni $12  
Adults ..................... $14

Children under 6 will not be admitted.

Early Instruments Recital  
**Sat. February 19, 8 pm**  
Zion Lutheran Church  
2313 S Hanna Street

An informal recital that introduces and demonstrates instruments used at the time of Bach. Come and learn about pitch, temperament, and style from our own Baroque specialists. This event is designed as an introduction to the Bach Collegium’s concert the following day.

**Admission** ............. FREE

Derby Girls vs. Ohio Rollergirls  
**Sat. February 19, 6 pm**  
Memorial Coliseum  
4000 Parnell Avenue  
Expo Center

The Fort Wayne Derby Girls are Fort Wayne’s only and Indiana’s first all-female, flat track roller derby league. With the resurgence of roller derby across the country, our goal was to create Indiana’s first all-female roller derby league. The league embodies the strength, courage, and vitality of Fort Wayne women but also serves to provide another form of semi-professional athletic entertainment to the Summit City. Our all-star team, the Bomb Squad, made its debut in January 2007. Since 2009, we dissolved the three existing home teams to feature two interleague teams, the Bomb Squad and the SWAT Team. Join us for a double header against the Ohio Rollergirls. Doors open at 5 pm. For more information, visit www.fwderbygirls.com

**Admission** ............ FREE

Terrific Tuesdays  
**Second Tue/Month, 7 - 8 pm**  
Allen County Public Library  
900 Library Plaza (downtown)  
Young Adult Services

Arts, crafts and more for teens. Register online at www.acpl.lib.in.us or call 260-421-1255.

Home School Happenings  
**First Thu/Month, 1 - 2:30 pm**  
Allen County Public Library  
900 Library Plaza (downtown)  
Young Adult Services

Home-schooled teens (11- 18) are invited to enjoy snacks and various activities. Register online at www.acpl.lib.in.us or call 260-421-1255.

Reoccurring Events

ACPL Movie Night  
**Fourth Tue/Month, 6:30 pm**  
Allen County Public Library  
900 Library Plaza (downtown)  
Lower Level 2, Theater

All ages welcome.* Limited seating; first come, first seated; doors open at 6 pm.

**Admission** ............ FREE

*Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult

Home School Happenings  
**First Thu/Month, 1 - 2:30 pm**  
Allen County Public Library  
900 Library Plaza (downtown)  
Young Adult Services

Home-schooled teens (11- 18) are invited to enjoy snacks and various activities. Register online at www.acpl.lib.in.us or call 260-421-1255.
Upcoming Community Events (cont.)

**Bach Collegium Baroque Festival**
*Sun. February 20, 5 pm*
*Zion Lutheran Church*
*2313 S Hanna Street*

Join the Fort Wayne Bach Collegium for its winter concert! The Bach family St. Luke Passion will be featured, along with other Baroque pieces. Several members of the seminary community perform in this choral ensemble. Tickets will be available at the door. For more information, call 260-485-2143 or visit www.bachcollegium.org.

**Admission**
Children (0-12) .......... FREE*  
Students ................... $5  
Adults .................... $15  
*with an adult

**Disney On Ice! Princess Classics**
*March 10 - 13*
*Memorial Coliseum Arena*
*4000 Parnell Avenue*

Princess Classics is a journey to the magical lands of Disney classic fairy tales. Travel to a kingdom under the sea, an enchanted French castle, an Arabian palace and more! With special guest Tinker Bell, enter the worlds of your favorite Disney princesses Cinderella, Jasmine, Ariel, Sleeping Beauty, Belle, Mulan and Snow White!

**Tickets starting at $10.50**  
**Parking starting at $4**

*Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com, the Memorial Coliseum Ticket Office, all Ticketmaster Outlets or charge-by-phone at 800.745.3000.*

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**Planning on moving in the next 6 months? Where to start:**

- Determine the size of the truck needed
- Get packing supplies: boxes, labels, Bubble Wrap® and packing tape; start packing; begin with out-of-season and non-essential items.
- Lighten your load— if you haven’t used it in a year, don’t pack it; donate it. Don’t pay to move something you won’t need or use. Simplify and de-clutter.
- Make copies of important documents such as medical records, passports, birth certificates and social security cards
- Compile addresses/phone numbers of doctors, banks, credit card companies, etc. so you have the information readily available when you need to make the address change

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**38th Annual Home & Garden Show**
*March 3 -6*
*Memorial Coliseum • 4000 Parnell Avenue • Expo Center*

The 2011 Fort Wayne Home & Garden Show is the largest home and garden event in the Tri-state area featuring more than 650 exhibits displaying the latest home and garden products and expert services. Take a walk through our expanded Garden Gallery to enjoy the beautiful landscaping and flowers, and get geared up for Spring! Or visit the Family Fun & Activity place—a room full of educational activities dedicated to kids. For more information, visit www.home-gardenshow.com

**Admission ...............$10 Parking starting at $4**

*Discounted advance purchase tickets will be available after February 1 from the Memorial Coliseum Ticket Office, Ticketmaster.com or charge-by-phone at 800-745-3000.*
Upcoming Community Events (cont.)

**Madeline**  
**Sat. March 26, 11 am and 2 pm**  
**Allen County Public Library**  
**900 Library Plaza (downtown)**  
**Children's Services, Theater**

Fort Wayne Youth Ballet presents Madeline, based on the children's book series that showcase the crazy antics and adventures of one ambitions little girl. Join us as we visit Paris, France for an afternoon of fun!

**Admission .............. FREE**

**STAR Family Series:**  
**Sci-Fi Fantasy**  
**Sun. March 27, 2 pm - 4 pm**  
**IPFW Auer Performance Hall**  
**2101 E Coliseum Boulevard**

Join the musicians of The Phil on a journey to out-of-this-world places as we celebrate the music of science fiction and fantasy's greatest stories.

**Tickets**  
Kids ....................... $6  
Adults ..................... $12

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**Komets Hockey**  
**Memorial Coliseum • 4000 Parnell Ave • www.komets.com**

- vs. Wichita ................. Fri. February 4 @ 8 pm
- vs. Wichita ................. Sat. February 5 @ 7:30 pm
- vs. Bloomington ......... Wed. February 9 @ 7:30 pm
- vs. Quad City .............. Fri. February 11 @ 8 pm
- vs. Evansville ............ Sun. February 13 @ 5 pm
- vs. Dayton .................. Fri. February 18 @ 8 pm
- vs. Dayton .................. Sun. February 20 @ 5 pm
- vs. Quad City .............. Fri. February 25 @ 8 pm
- vs. Evansville ............ Sat. February 26 @ 7:30 pm

**Tickets starting at $6**

**Mad Ants Basketball**  
**Memorial Coliseum • 4000 Parnell Ave**  
**www.fortwaynehoops.com**

- vs Austin ..................... Thu. February 3 @ 7 pm
- vs Springfield ............... Tue. February 22 @ 7 pm
- vs Springfield ............... Thu. February 24 @ 7 pm

**Tickets starting at $7**
Announcements

2011 SWA Board Elections
February 6-11
Via Online Survey

It has been a tremendous year of growth, learning and just plain fun! On behalf of all the CTS student wives, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the current SWA board for all their hard work and dedication! Despite their insurmountable success as leaders, it is time to pass the torch(es)!

Please watch your inbox for the electronic ballot and cast your vote on or before Friday, February 11!

Children’s Zoo
Discovery Boxes
www.kidszoo.org
Education > Homeschools > Borrow a Discovery Box

Discovery Box Portable learning kits contain biofacts, resources, activity ideas, videos, puppets, and more! Discovery Boxes are loaned to you free of charge for two weeks. A complete listing of boxes is available online at www.kidszoo.org. To reserve a Discovery Box, call the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo Education Department at 260-427-6808 or e-mail education@kidszoo.org.

$25 Discount on Tax Preparation
Schopp Accounting, LLC
1121 E State Boulevard
260-484-6952

Seminary families receive $25 off tax preparation services. Second year wife and Accountant, Tami Schopp, has been preparing tax returns for several years and filed taxes in 14 different states last year. Call 484-6952 to make an appointment.

www.schoppaccounting.com

Depression Fudge Cake

This recipe became popular during the depression—it is eggless.

Prep time: 10 mins
Total time: 35 mins

Cake
3 Tbsp cocoa, heaping
1/4 cup butter
1 tsp baking soda
1 cup buttermilk
1 1/2 cups flour
1 cup sugar
1/2 tsp salt

Melt cocoa and butter. Stir soda into buttermilk. Combine dry ingredients, then mix in cocoa. Pour into an 8” pan (greased and floured). Bake at 350° for 25 min.

Frosting
2 cups powdered sugar
hot water (to moisten sugar)
2 2/3 Tbsp butter, softened
3 tsp cocoa, heaping
1 tsp vanilla

Mix sugar and water. Add butter and cocoa. Beat until creamy. Add vanilla. Stir until smooth and ice cooled cake.

Serves 12

www.food.com
Service Opportunities

Donations for Hands of Mercy, Sudan
Deliver to: Nancy Embler • Vicarage Office • Wyneken Hall, F-1
Deadline: Feb 20

Hands of Mercy is a training center for people with disabilities in Yambio, South Sudan. The ministry is a working partnership between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sudan and Hands of Mercy, Inc. Their ministry relies on the generosity of groups in the States, which commit to building and donating specific kits and other resources for use in Sudan. To learn more about Hands of Mercy, visit www.handsofmercymission.org.

If you can sew
Please consider dedicating just a few moments of time to making washable feminine pads for the women of Sudan. All you need is a machine, scrap fabric and a heart for girls who use only rags. For instructions, please contact Deaconess Pat Nuffer (phone and email listed below).

If you enjoy crafts
Kids, adults, crafters and anybody with a willing heart: Hands of Mercy needs paper beads for jewelry making kits to raise money for various needs within the community. No talent required; all you need are magazine pages, a little glue and a toothpick. Instructions are available online at www.wikihow.com/Make-Paper-Beads.

Additional needs
Some additional items (new or used) are needed by members of the Yambio community:

• wrist watches
• portable CD players, headphones, and batteries
• sunglasses, prescription glasses, and especially reading glasses (magnifiers)
• AA batteries
• film or digital cameras

For more information about donations, please contact Deaconess Pat Nuffer at 260-490-2908 or patnuffer@gmail.com.

Military Project: Body and Soul Care Packaging
Sat. February 5, 10 am - Noon
CTS Loehe Hall, L-5

Please join CTS Military Project Coordinator, Carolyn Brinkley in assembling the Military Project care packages for LCMS chaplains and various military personnel serving in theaters of war. For more information or to volunteer, please email Carolyn at brinkleycs@ctsfw.edu.

I Corinthians 13

Love is patient, love is kind; It doesn’t brag or boast; Love conquers pride and envy; It is never self-engrossed.

Love is not rude or angry; Forgiveness counters wrong; Love stays away from evil; It sings a truthful song.

Love is full of trust and hope; It always perseveres; Love never fails; It’s faithful; To the Bible it adheres.

And if you give this kind of love To your special Valentine, You’ll be loving right in harmony With God’s own sweet design.

By Joanna Fuchs
An Invitation from the Editor

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