



*Enjoy the changing colors  
in God's creation.*

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# NOVESTA NEWS



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## The Power of 'Re'

Church can be and should be a powerful place. As we gather week to week God desires to mold, shape, change, and grow us to be more and more like Him! As we check out some powerful stories from the Bible, may we realize the Power that God has in His word and wants to use in our lives as well! Join us each Sunday morning as we experience these powerful truths.

October 1st - RE Charge (Elijah)

October 8th - RE Pent (David)

October 15th - RE Fresh (Abigail)

## 'Well Done'

We all get one shot at life. Every day that we live is one less day that we have left. That's not meant to be morbid, but reality. So what are we doing with this life of ours? Are we living it in a way that when it's over, and it will be over, that God will say, *Well done!* In Matthew 25, Jesus offers 2 parables and a truth about what it looks like to live life *Well Done!* Join us on Sunday mornings as we look at Jesus' words and seek to live them out.

October 22nd - Ready to Go

October 29th - Eager to Work

November 5th - Happy to Serve

## HARVEST FEST ~ OCTOBER 28 ~ 11 AM—1 PM



Our annual party for families is quickly approaching. We are getting ready for a great party with tons of games, lots of candy, and awesome prizes! We want to invite all families and their kids (up thru 6th grade) to join us for a fun-filled day that is sure to be a great family memory. As a church, we use Harvest Fest as a chance to reach out to the community as a blessing to young families and their kids. That means we are going to be needing lots of volunteers to help run the games, man the kitchen, and to set-up and take-down. There will be a sign-up in the middle hallway for the workers that are needed and you can also begin bringing in bags of individually wrapped candies and snack-type treats throughout the month of October. We're looking forward to Harvest Fest 2017 being one of the best parties yet, and that can only happen with everybody doing their part! Please talk to Austin, Jordan, Heather Roberts, Brad or Kristy Speirs for more info.

## Here we grow again...

We are happy to welcome Logan Schenk and Dan Shaw as new members.

Logan was baptized August 29th. He is the son of Jim & Kathy Schenk and has been attending Novesta since birth. Logan graduated high school this past May.

Dan was baptized September 5th at his pond. Dan and his wife Cindy live on Mushroom Road. You might know Dan as the man with the sweet corn he brings for everyone. I think it was something like 50 dozen ears. That's a lot of pickin'!

Please pray for others that need to make the decision to follow Christ and His plan of salvation.

## Forgotten Man Ministries

On Sunday, October 15th, Rick Tuckey will be sharing during our first hour about the local jail ministry. Rick will also be sharing for a few moments at the start of our morning worship that day as well. In addition, Forgotten Man has their annual banquet this month on the 19th. Our church has reserved seats for those that would like to attend. There is a sign-up sheet in the middle hallway.

## Bible School is for you!



Sunday mornings - early class? Yup, we know it's early and it's a great chance to catch-up but sometimes the best investment we could make would be to catch-up on relationships and God. We've got fresh coffee each morning to help you get through and we've got classes for all ages and kids classes too. We really want to encourage you to give it a shot and see the blessing that it can be! Classes start at 9:30.

## With Deepest Sympathy

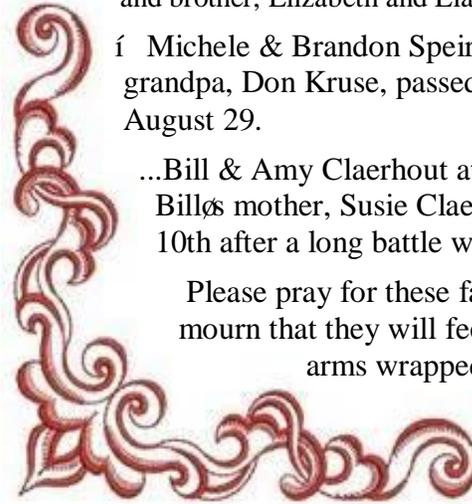
We want to express our most heartfelt sympathy to our families who have lost their loved ones recently. Our condolences to:

1 Paul & Tasha Binder at the passing of their little son, Landon, on August 27th and to his sister and brother, Elizabeth and Liam.

1 Michele & Brandon Speirs as Michele's grandpa, Don Kruse, passed away on August 29.

...Bill & Amy Claerhout at the passing of Bill's mother, Susie Claerhout, on Sept. 10th after a long battle with cancer.

Please pray for these families as they mourn that they will feel God's loving arms wrapped around them to give them comfort and peace.



## MISSION OPPORTUNITY

After several set backs with materials and our suppliers we are finally ready to start our big roof project. The new shingles are already on the roof waiting! This means we need all hands on deck. We are looking for volunteers starting this Saturday (9/23) at 10am and for the next several Saturdays until we finish. So please plan on heading out and helping with this project. Lunch will be provided each Saturday. Please let us know if you can make it. All skill levels welcome! If you have compressors and roofing nail guns please bring them. We hope to see you this weekend as we come together as brothers and sisters in Christ and complete this project. Let me know if you have any questions. Please share and help us get the word out! See you Saturday!

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## ALL SET, DON'T NEED ANY MORE!!

THANK YOU to all who saved the tissue rolls for our craft project. We have enough and don't need you to save any more for us. Thanks!



## *A Love Letter*

(Marie Peasley wanted to share this with you)

*Dear Friend,*

*How are you? I just had to send a note to tell you how much I love you and care about you.*

*I saw you yesterday as you were talking with your friends. I waited all day, hoping you would want to talk with me also. As evening drew near, I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest you — and I waited. You never came. Oh, yes, it hurts Me — but I still love you because I am your Friend.*

*I saw you fall asleep last night and longed to touch your brow, so I spilled moonlight upon your pillow and face. Again I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk. I have so many gifts for you! You awakened late and rushed off to work. My tears were in the rain.*

*Today you looked so sad — so all alone. It makes My heart ache because I understand. My friends let Me down and hurt Me many times too, but I love you.*

*Oh, if you would only listen to Me, I love you. I try to tell you in the blue sky and in the quiet green grass. I whisper it in the leaves on the trees and breathe it in the color of flowers. I shout it to you in mountain streams and give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air with nature scents. My love for you is deeper than the ocean and bigger than the biggest want or need in you head.*

*Oh, if you only knew how much I want to walk and talk with you. We could spend an eternity together in Heaven.*

*I know how hard it is on this earth, I really know! And I want to help you. I want you to meet My Father. He wants to help you too. My Father is that way, you know.*

*Just call Me — ask Me — talk with Me! Oh, please don't forget Me. I have so much to share with you!*

*All right, I won't bother you any further. You are free to choose Me. It's your decision. I have chosen you and because of this I will wait — because I Love You!*

*Your Friend,  
Jesus*

## **UBLY CHURCH PLANT**

The leadership has been investing time in planning and prayer for Ubyly Church this past month. This past week the leadership went to Ubyly to check out possible locations for Ubyly Church to start meeting. We have found a couple promising prospects where we could begin services. We will continue having core group meetings at Novesta until we feel we are ready to launch Ubyly Church. If you are interested in participating, or helping Ubyly Church to succeed - please talk to Austin Keller for more details...and as always please continue to pray for God's will to be done throughout our communities here in the thumb!

## **Elders Corner**

As we get into our fall routines and the change of seasons, we hope all of you will put Christ first in your lives. The church at Novesta is embarking on some exciting activities. Hopes of starting a church in Ubyly, not being the least of them.

We have a nice bus now for transporting the dozens of kids involved in Shine on Wednesday after school. Please keep that program in your prayers, it is a place we can make a big impact on the children in the community.

Also, the leadership group would like to offer expansion of taking communion to shut ins. We have been doing this on a limited basis, but would like to have all of you aware that we are very willing to do this for those that would like us to do so. Please feel free to call Ron at 989-912-5379, or Dave at 989-551-5179, or Mike Gaszczynski at 989-872-3857 directly, or leave a message at the church.

Continue to pray for the leadership, as we look to the future. Pray for guidance that decisions that are made are pleasing to the Lord and that our leaders grow in the Spirit and in numbers.

Let us know your thoughts and ideas. Also, let us know how we can better serve you.

Verse of the month:

Proverbs 16:9 ~~The~~ mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.+

In Christ,

**Dave Little**

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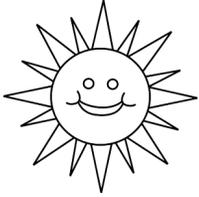
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## Shine Begins!



We've had our first afternoon of crazy awesomeness and we can't wait to continue loving these kids and pointing them towards Jesus. A huge thank you to everyone for their prayers, support, encouragement, and participation in this incredible ministry opportunity for our church! If you've got a kid(s) 4yrs old - 5th grade, we'd love to have them join us. If you've got time on Wednesdays to help us out, we're always up for a few extra hands as well.



## Bible Bowl

The season is off and running. We've got a great group of young people that are working hard to learn the book of James. Please keep the kiddos in your prayers. Their first competition will be October 14th here at Novesta. We'd love to have a great 'home field' advantage with lots of friends and family cheering on their teams!

## Beginner Bible Quiz Bowl

We're just a couple practices in to the new season, but the kids are doing a great job and working hard to learn James, make friends, and buzz, buzz, buzz! Please send up a prayer that God's word would soak into their mind and radically impact their heart as well! Our first meet is October 14th here at Novesta.



## Right Now Media

Don't forget that as a part of our church you have access to thousands of Bible studies and video resources through this online ministry. To get your access, just let us know you're interested and we'll send you an email invitation to join this incredible FREE online library! Talk to Brad for more information or to sign up.

# 5<sup>TH</sup> QUARTERS

We're halfway through our 5th Quarter season and we've got 2 more parties on October 6th & October 20th. It's fall and the smell of football is in the air! As the Red Hawks take to the Gridiron, we roll out the red carpet for 7th - 12th grade students after the game with free food, fun games, and a great chance to build relationships! We're always on the lookout for a few more volunteers to help make the parties go smoothly as well, so if you're available on Friday nights, we'd love to have you join our team. Talk to Jordan Hendrian for more information or to get involved.

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays í 10 AM í at church

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays í 7 PM í at church

### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Each Thursday beginning Oct. 5  
at Amy Peter's home í evenings (TBA)  
Open to ALL Ladies

## Sunday Night Youth (180)

SURROUND YOURSELF WITH THE  
KIND OF FRIENDS WHO LOVE  
JESUS AS MUCH AS YOU DO



Our Sunday night student ministry is back and better than ever! All 6th - 12th grade students need to join us from 6 - 8PM each Sunday night for great worship, awesome friends, a challenging message, along with

food and games! Talk to Jordan and come be a part of this great time!



## Quilting

October 11 & 25  
8 AM - 2 PM





## NEW CHURCHES OF CHRIST EVANGELISM

... shares about their new church launch.

Dear Friends,

It is with great excitement that I am announcing the second church launch in our INITI8TE campaign to start eight church in eight years. We are making a three-year investment in the launching of a new church in Fruitport, MI. It will be called THE LAKES CHURCH, a Christian church seeking to reach those far from God in West Michigan.

Two experienced church planters are moving up their families from Lexington, KY this summer: Todd Ballard, formerly the Worship Arts minister at Northeast Christian Church, along with Nathan Zimmerman who served as the Youth Minister. Together they form the teaching team and launch team for this new work.

God has already blessed us with an amazing facility wherein to meet. The church will begin on the campus of Calvary Christian School, located next to a major highway in Fruitport. It's on 60 acres with a wonderful facility. We have had several meetings with their leadership team and they have flung open the doors. The Principal said, "we have a baptistry built into our stage that has been dry for too long. It's time to bring in a dynamic church to change that."

Preview services will begin this fall with an anticipated full launch in January. Please pray for these young couples as they sell their homes in Kentucky and move to Michigan.

## Online Giving

Just a reminder that you can set up your giving online. If you visit our church website, [www.novestachurch.org](http://www.novestachurch.org), you can click on the donateqtab to give a one-time gift or to setup a recurring donation as well. God has called us to faithful giving and we appreciate the many partners within our church that are continuing to provide for the needs of our ministry.

## LONG TERM PRAYER LIST



**\*\* Members**

**Steve Wilkinson** -aneurysm

**Quinton Simpson** - coma  
(Dena Anderson's nephew)

**Diane Wojtaszke** - cancer  
(Ann Hartel contact)

**\*\*Heather Roberts** - continued healing of MS

**\*\*Larry Harper** - Intestinal problems

**Mark Pierson** -  
(Zmierski's cousin)

**\*\*Leonard Hawkins** - Stonegate in Sandusky

**Rachael Maurer** - recovery from auto accident

**Julie Patterson** - chemotherapy

**Les Auten III** - upcoming Kidney transplant

**Judy Ferguson** - Lupus/cancer  
(Zmierski's aunt)

**Muriel Wygant** - cancer  
(Irene Nicol's daughter)

**\*\*Marilyn Rosenberger**

**\*\*Ron Adams** - ill health

**Mr. McCade** - leukemia & other health issues  
(Bill Claerhout contact person)

**Lindsey Lowe** - treatments (JoEllen Bukoski contact)

**Roger Ball** - health issues (Winnie Ball's son)

**Jeff Adkins** - long road to recover following accident  
(Carol Gaszczynski contact person)

### **ATTENTION:**

If you know any of these on this list that are well and can be eliminated from it, please let the church office know.

## **FACTS & FIGURES**

**Average weekly attendance for the month of September (to date):**  
A.M. Worship ... 242

**Offering average for the month of September (to date):**  
Sunday Offerings.....\$5,288.32  
(Budget per Sunday: \$4,730)

## Cards & Notes

*With Special Thanks to our Church Family,  
This extra-special thank-you note sent to you today holds more appreciation than any words can say... for you're among the nicest people I have ever known, and you'll never be forgotten for the thoughtfulness you've shown. Thanks for Everything.*

*Thanks for all the prayers for me sent up over the past year and all the prayers for our son Les the past 6½ years. We are praising God that if all goes as planned son Les may receive his kidney transplant in September. Special thanks to Char and the Care Ministry.*

*In Christian Love,  
Les & Bev Auten*

### Attention Ladies/Girls

You are invited to a  
Baby Shower Open House for  
**Sarah & Austin Keller**

**October 8th, 2017 from  
12:30-2:30 p.m.** at the church!

Feel free to drop in at your convenience.

Gift Opening will begin at 2:30.

Sarah is registered at **babylist.com**. Sarah & Austin are expecting baby Lydia in December.



## OUR MILITARY

**Scott Brownson** - (Tom & Doris Stimpfel's nephew)

**Ben Knoblet** - (Tim's nephew)

**Zac Potrykus** - Navy's (Todd & Dora's son)

**Ryan Reid** - (Jeff Hartel's nephew)

**Julie Roche Griffith** - Air Force - Florida

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

10/1	(A)	Scott & Robin Hendrian
10/2		Ed Nizzola, III
10/2		Jenny Wymore
10/2		Phil Klaus
10/3	(A)	Chuck & Kelli Hendrick
10/3		Terri Spencer
10/4		Wanda Lonsberry
10/4		Darin Miller
10/4		Parker VanWormer
10/4		Crystal Strickler
10/5		Brice Stine
10/5		Jared Naegele
10/7		Ralph Zinnecker
10/8		Dennis Hendrick
10/8		Aubrey Nizzola
10/8		Joe Krol
10/8		Madelyn Wymore
10/10		John McIntosh
10/10		Keegan Elston
10/11	(A)	Ray & Donella Peasley
10/11		Jodie Mika
10/11		Zoe Speirs
10/13		Dawn Maurer
10/14	(A)	Gary & Dena Anderson
10/14	(A)	Joe & JoEllen Bukoski
10/14		Gary Anderson
10/15	(A)	Duane & Kathy O'Dell
10/15	(A)	Doug & Laura Hiles
10/15	(A)	Matthew & Lauren Koepf
10/15		Steven Walther
10/15		Kelli Hendrick
10/15		Sandy Yax
10/15		Brandin Strickler
10/16		Ellie Murphy
10/17	(A)	Ron & Randee Speirs
10/17		Jim Schenk
10/18		Chris Skiles
10/19		Wyatt Sutton
10/21		Sally Koepf
10/21		Carol Hicks
10/22		Kelly Ziegler
10/24	(A)	Les & Bev Auten
10/24		Jordan Hendrian
10/29		Michelle Speirs
10/31		Gabriela Gonzales

# THOSE SERVING IN OCTOBER

**COMMUNION DEVOTION:**

10/1 Fred Hicks  
 10/8 Dave Little  
 10/15 Ken Peters  
 10/22 Ron Speirs  
 10/29 Jordan Hendrian

**SERVICE COORDINATOR:**

10/1 Garrett Roberts  
 10/8 Dave Little  
 10/15 Chris Wilcox  
 10/22 Ken Peters  
 10/29 Duane O'Dell

**USHERS:**

Dave Beckrow	Greg Mika
Barry Brown	Mark Peck
Andy Gray	Mark Zmierski

**A.M. NURSERY:**

9:30 a.m. (all month) - Janie Kus

10:30 a.m.

10/1 Karen Speirs, Marideth & Aubrey Nizzola  
 10/8 Donella Peasley, Linda Downing & Shelli Herford  
 10/15 Crystal Strickler, Andrea & Bailee Ross,  
 10/22 Robin Beckrow, Vanessa & Autumn Sutton  
 10/29 Kristie Speirs, Dave & Tosha Mellendorf  
 11/5 Cindy Klaus, Jeff & Carletta Swoish

**WORSHIP LEADERS:**

10/1 Fred Hicks  
 10/8 Kristy Speirs / Band  
 10/15 Sarah Keller  
 10/22 Kim Gray  
 10/29 Lauren Koepf

**SOUND SYSTEM:**

10/1 Duane O'Dell  
 10/8 Scott Hendrian  
 10/15 Ken Peters  
 10/22 Ed Duncel  
 10/29 Dave Speirs

**POWER POINT:**

10/1 Kevven Dorland  
 10/8 Carol Hicks  
 10/15 Ron Kampo  
 10/22 JoEllen Bukoski  
 10/29 Carol Hicks

**COMMUNION PREP & CLEAN-UP:**

Marilyn Lester

**GREETERS:**

10/1	9:30 (main)	Scott & Robin Hendrian
	(center)	Garold & Jamie Peasley
	10:30 (main)	Ken & Patty Peters
	(center)	Elmer & Jean Schulz
10/8	9:30 (main)	Virgil & Amy Peters
	(center)	Doris Hendrick & Elfriede Englehart
	10:30 (main)	Melvin & Carolyn Mittlestat
	(center)	Chuck & Kelli Hendrick
10/15	9:30 (main)	Duane & Kathy O'Dell
	(center)	Garrett & Heather Roberts
	10:30 (main)	Mark & Patty Peck
	(center)	Steve & Andrea Ross
10/22	9:30 (main)	Les & Bev Auten
	(center)	Doris Stimpfel & Janet Wright
	10:30 (main)	Ryan & Shelli Herford
	(center)	Chris & Stacey Wilcox
10/29	9:30 (main)	Ed & Marideth Nizzola
	(center)	Dave Speirs & Irene Nicol
	10:30 (main)	Barry & Kerry Brown
	(center)	Tom & Sloane Stimpfel

**JUNION CHURCH:**

Leaders: 2ø& 3ø&	10/1	Jeff & Carletta Swoish
	10/8	Heather Roberts
	10/15	Jen Steely & Tonya Ziehm
	10/22	Crystal Strickler & Kaylene Stine
	10/29	DJ Wheeler & Nicole Sanford
4ø& K:	10/1	Bill & Amy Claerhout
	10/8	Michael & Tami Daskam
	10/15	Melissa & Kendall Hicks
	10/22	Vanessa & Autumn Sutton
	10/29	Bill & Amy Claerhout

*Oct. 29 all classes 1st thru 5th grades will meet in the auditorium for Family Worship*

1st& 3rd:	10/1	Sharron Hartwick & Devon Koning
	10/8	Jamie & Scott Peasley
	10/15	Janie Kus & Ray Peasley
	10/22	Pam Kolacz & Kalee Gray
4th& 5th:	10/1	Jenny Baker
	10/8	Kerry Brown & Kirsten Mika
	10/15	Ryan & Shelli Herford
	10/22	Ryan & Melanie Radabaugh
	10/1	Heather Roberts
	10/8	Austin Keller
	10/15	Kristy Speirs
	10/22	Pearl, Kirsten, Madison & Ray

**Song Leaders:**

**Communion Devotion:**

10/1 RJ Klaus  
 10/8 Austin Keller  
 10/15 Gary Anderson  
 10/22 Dave Little

**Check-In: (all month)**

Lindsey Skiles

# OCTOBER 2017

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30-10:20 a.m.  
Bible School

10:30 a.m. ~ Worship

6:00 p.m. - 180 Youth Group (gr. 6-12)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Board Meeting 7 pm	3 Ladies Bible Study - 10 am  Men's Bible Study - 7 pm	4 Shine & Bible Bowl - 3:30 pm  Beginner Bible Bowl - 4:45 pm	5 Ladies Evening Bible Study @ Amy Peters's home	6 5th Quarter Party  RSVD for rehearsal	7 RSVD for wedding
8 Baby Shower for Sarah Keller 12:30-2:30 pm  Nursing Home Ministry - 3:30 pm @ MediLodge	9	10 Ladies Bible Study - 10 am  Men's Bible Study - 7 pm	11 Quilting 8 am-2 pm  Shine & Bible Bowl - 3:30 pm  Beginner Bible Bowl - 4:45 pm	12 Ladies Evening Bible Study @ Amy Peters's home	13 RSVD for Home School Group 12-3:30 pm	14 Bible Bowl Here at Novesta  Gym RSVD by Pat McIntosh
15	16	17 Ladies Bible Study - 10 am  Men's Bible Study - 7 pm	18 Shine & Bible Bowl - 3:30 pm  Beginner Bible Bowl - 4:45 pm	19 Ladies Evening Bible Study @ Amy Peters's home  Forgotten Man Ministries Benefit Dinner - 6 pm @ Colwood	20 5th Quarter Party	21 Gym RSVD by Julie Mozden
22	23	24 Ladies Bible Study - 10 am  Men's Bible Study - 7 pm	25 Quilting 8 am-2 pm  Shine & Bible Bowl - 3:30 pm  Beginner Bible Bowl - 4:45 pm	26 Ladies Evening Bible Study @ Amy Peters's home	27	28 Harvest Fest 12-2 pm
29	30	31 Ladies Bible Study - 10 am  Men's Bible Study - 7 pm				