

# Bay Tidings

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Bay Tidings is the newsletter of Bay Evangelical Covenant Church. The intent is to share information and events of the church. The evangelism committee welcomes any comments or suggestions.

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## Devotional Spot....

The Covenant Home Altar is a daily devotional published by Covenant Publications. They feature laypersons or pastors from the Covenant Church around the country. This selection is written by someone from our own area, Kyle Mecher, from Covenant Point.

“I graduated from North Park University in 2004, where I studied history. I live and work at Covenant Point Bible Camp in Iron River, MI with my wife, Jenny, a 2006 North Park graduate. We attend Grace Covenant Church in town, where we enjoy serving with the senior-high ministry.”

### *Psalm 56*      Fear Fades to Praise

David’s very life was in danger. For David, God’s mercy meant protecting him from being killed that day. The pressing attack was not figurative.

David was afraid-and rightfully so, but his fear reminded him to trust in God. The very mention of God brought David to a higher vantage point in his psalm-“What can mere mortals do to me?” (v.4,TNIV) God has already delivered David’s soul from death (v.13) and has kept him from stumbling, so that he may walk in the land of the living.

David’s lament still burns with rear, anger, vengeance, and sorrow amidst his struggle to maintain a God-like perspective. But he returns to his vows to God, thanking him in the midst of danger.

*God, grant that we, being often safe from trails as deep as David’s, may turn our lament and sorrow into worship. May the words of Luther’s hymn bring us to the same eternal realization: “The body they may kill, God’s truth abideth still.” Amen*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

If we've missed your birthday or anniversary, please forgive us. Just fill out a card in the back of church and give it to Pastor Ron or Heidi. We'd love to remember your special day!

### **July** – Birthdays

- 3 - Lisa Judkins
- 16 – Ron Skow
- 26 – Nate Jung
- 27 – Elena Hendricksen

### Anniversaries

- 28 – Jeff & Heidi Gustafson

### **August** - Birthdays

- 4 – Tom Judkins
- 14 – Cora Blohowiak
- 14 – Sue Esmay
- 17 – Tim Olejniczak
- 20 – Brent Gustafson
- 21 – Denise Skow
- 23 – Ben Olejniczak
- Karen Deffner

### Anniversaries

- 3 – Michael & Hope Hanisch
- 4 – Dave & Darlene Bentz
- 12 – Wayne & Sara Pierre

## Church Finances

Offerings current as of June 30, 2009  
Budget year to date- \$57,551.64  
Actual year to date - \$48,713.28

## Congrats to...

...Lisa Judkins on her recent engagement to Luke Bingham. Please pray for Lisa and Luke as they celebrate and prepare for their November wedding.

## Sympathies to...

... Wendy Benkley on the passing of her father. Continue to pray for Wendy and her family as they deal with the loss of her father.

... Gary Stock on the passing of his father. Also, pray for Gary and his family as they also miss his dad and deal with this loss.

...the family of Lorraine Ditzmann on her passing. Pray for friends and family as they continue to miss her but celebrate her going home.

## VBS

The theme for this year's VBS is **God's Champions**. Bible School will be held from 9-11 on Tues., **July 21**, Thurs., **July 23**, and Tues, **July 28** at church. We will go over to Pamperin Park on Thurs, **July 30** for our last session. **Invite all kids pre-k through grade 5** to come for Bible stories, crafts, games and snacks.

## CHIC 2009

Our kids, along with thousands of others from across the nation and the world are worshipping our Lord and having a great time in Knoxville, TN from July 12-17. Beth Esmay, Brent Gustafson, Nate Jung, Ben Olejniczak, and Haley Woods, along with Mike and Sue Esmay and Dave Woods are working and worshipping in this exciting conference. Pray for souls to be ministered to, lives to be touched and safety for all!! If you want to follow along with the excitement and see what everyone is up to, log on to [www.CHIC2009.org](http://www.CHIC2009.org)

## Annual Pool Party

It's time once again to enjoy an afternoon at the Hanisch pool. The weather will be great on **Sunday, July 19**, so grab your swimsuit and towel and meet at the Hanisch's (325 Warren Ct.) at **2:00 to play and swim**. Bring your own beverage, dish to share, table service, and meat to grill. The grills will be hot at **5:00 to start the grilling process**. Don't forget the sunscreen and remember...splashing is allowed!!

## Youth Swim Party

A swim party just for kids grades 6-12!! August wouldn't be the same without some time in a pool! And the Hanisch pool is just the place!! Invite a friend and meet at their house (325 Warren Ct) on **Tuesday, August 18**. Hanischs will grill out, so plan to be there for supper, from **6-8:30**. They will provide the meat to grill, beverage and table service. You just need to bring something to pass – dessert, chips or whatever sounds good to you!!

## Bible Camp

In addition to the kids who have already attended Covenant Point this summer, Carter Woods will be attending island camp on Aug. 9-15. Carter, have a great time and watch out for those killer chipmunks!

## All Church Picnic

The summer wouldn't be complete without a picnic at Bay Shore Park. So before summer ends, plan to meet together on **Sunday, August 30**. We'll meet by the open shelter to fellowship and **play at 2:00**. The grills will be hot at 5:00. Bring your own meat to grill beverage, table service and a dish to pass. Bay Shore Park is just up Hwy 57 and a great place for the whole family. Bring a friend and join the fun!

## Sunday School and Fall Hours

Our fall worship hours will return on **Sunday, September 13** with Sunday School beginning at 9:00. The worship service will follow at 10:00. There will be a staffed nursery and classes for **all** ages. Plan to make this change on your calendars.

## Women's Retreat

Ladies, the cool breezes will blow again and the leaves will begin to turn color. This is our cue that Women's Retreat at Covenant Point will be here soon. Plan to leave your worries and concerns behind and head to camp on September 25-27. There is plenty of time to plan ahead. Watch for more details to follow. You will be blessed by your time to rest in His word and fellowship with other women from northern Wisconsin and the UP.