

**Chalmers  
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# Youth Spirit

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## What's New in February?

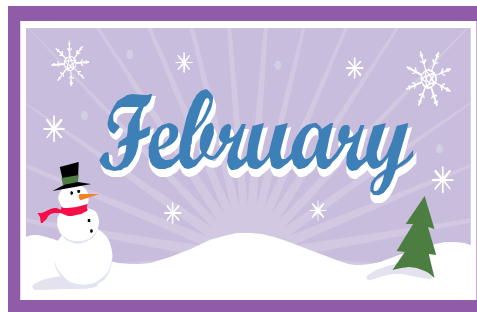
Here comes February! And, at least in my opinion, the beginning of the slide into Spring. There may still be some wily weather ahead of us, but once January is behind us I always feel like spring can't be too far away. (Can it?)

This month we've got a regular Sunday on Feb. 6th, Holy Communion on Feb. 13th, All Ages Sunday on Feb. 20th and 4:12 will be participating in Sunday Morning Youth on Feb. 26th.

The Contemporary Service continues at 9:00 on Sunday mornings. There is childcare available for children ages 6 and under. If anyone is available to

help out on an occasional Sunday, please contact me or Marg Ward.

There's also lots coming up for youth this month including volleyball, One Day Wonder (with our own Andrew Thibodeau as guest speaker), Life Keys, and an Info Night for the Mission to Manitoba. Please check out the calendar at the end of the newsletter and get the dates on your calendar now so you don't miss out!



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## Have a Laugh!

It's always best to tell the truth, especially if you're as bad at making excuses as these people!

These are actual excuses for absences turned in to Illinois schools (spelling unchanged)

- Please eckuse John for been absent January 28, 29, 30, 32, and 33.
- Chris has a acne on his side.
- Mary could not come to school because she was bothered by very close veins.
- John has been absent because he had two teeth taked out of his face.

- My son is under the doctor's care and should not take PE. Please execute him.
- Please excuse Joey Friday. He had loose vowels.
- Please excuse Jimmy for being. It was his father's fault.

(from The Bible Almanac for Kids, pg 147)

### Contact me!

- Ideas, suggestions, comments, new emails? Let me know: [lizzt@rogers.com](mailto:lizzt@rogers.com)



# From the Editor

Don't you just LOVE Facebook? I mean, where else can you spend hours and have nothing to show for it! You can stalk your friends, poke them, divulge the most private details of your life for all to see...

I agree, pretty much on a daily basis I consider turning Facebook off and not bothering with it anymore. And yet, even as I type this, Facebook is open on my computer just in case I get a message or someone writes on my wall!

So if you're not already on Facebook, I'm definitely not here to encourage you to join. Save yourself and stay away! (lol - which means "laughing out loud" for those not familiar with Facebook short forms)

But I would like to share a really cool story about something that happened to my family using Facebook. My mother joined Facebook a while back (I know, I was in shock too!) and she fell in love with the fact that she could

keep in touch with family all over the world, but particularly in Scotland. She became "friends" with her niece Kirsty in Scotland, and her niece Jeannie in Saskatchewan, and her nephew's wife Cathy in Ottawa.



One day my mum posted something on her wall and all three of these nieces posted responses. Suddenly it struck my mum that these three are all related but may not realise it. See, Jeannie is the daughter of my late Uncle Ian and she has never been to Scotland. Cathy is Jeannie's sister-in-law so they know each other, but Kirsty is the daughter of one of my mum's other brothers (Colin) so Jeannie & Cathy are her cousins. My mum sent messages to Kirsty, Jeannie & Cathy and now the

three of them are friends and are building a relationship across the ocean.

Although there are a lot of down sides to Facebook, it can be a wonderful way to keep in touch with people on a daily basis. And for the "younger generation", it is simply a way of life. So to keep up, we have started a Facebook group page where we can keep people informed of upcoming events. If you are on Facebook, please join us at Chalmers Church Children & Youth Ministries. This page is private, so anyone joining needs to get approved (in other words it will be for Chalmers folk only), and for right now at least the wall is locked for postings by administration only. All members can RSVP and comment on upcoming events. So join us and let me know what you think.

## What a Quote!

- "Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see."

Hebrews 11:1

## Happy to See You

Hello out there!!! Did everyone head South this month (I know we did!) or was it just too cold to venture out? We really missed you! Although we saw 30 children & youth throughout the month, our average weekly attendance fell way down to 15 a week in January. Remember the old adage, "The More the Merrier"? It really is true! Sunday Morning Youth is more fun for everyone with more people participating. I hope we'll see everyone back in February!



### Our preschool class:

|       |         |
|-------|---------|
| Naomi | Julie   |
| Isla  | Lily    |
| Sarah | Jackson |

### Our Upstairs Class:

|        |        |
|--------|--------|
| Colin  | Alyson |
| Reece  | Josiah |
| Morgan | Sarah  |
| Torry  | Braden |

### Our Senior Class:

|         |          |
|---------|----------|
| Crissy  | Tom      |
| Jackie  | Brynn    |
| Sydney  | Charleen |
| Kenneth | Zack     |
| Sam     | Jacquie  |
| Joycie  | Abbey    |
| Allyson | Yunesta  |
| Yunike  | Emerald  |

## YA YA

### JANUARY 2011 NEW LIFE

CHALMERS' YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT

The start of something new is a time to feel thankful for the abundance and prosperity that is flowing your way. In January we had the opportunity to feel the excitement of new life and sharing our gratitude with the people we love. That is the coolest thing about new life – giving and sharing the love. We started off the year by enacting a murder mystery at the chili supper. Who new we had such wonderful acting talent in our youth group? What a blast of fun and we were pleased to see that the congregation has a sense of humor!



Master of Ceremonies – Lindsey Renwick  
Pastor Pepper/Script writer – Laurie Ponsford-Hill  
Dr. Carne Who – Roland Hill  
Crock Pot – Cindi Cote  
Red Hot – Laurel Lanaway  
Ex Con – Emerald Hill  
Ice Cream – Abbey Poser



### TUBING AT ST MARYS

We had an amazing time and started our cultural component on China, learning about the differences and the similarities between Buddhism and Christianity. Buddha tells us not just to love the people close to us, but to become love itself. As Christians we believe that Jesus Christ is love itself and each week as we join together in worship we learn about being more Christ like and are sent out as "little Christ's" in order to change the world around us by sharing and being love.

We will continue our spiritual component, learning about who we are and how we affect others Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> as we participate in Life Keys with Spencer Edwards from Synod. Presbytery and anyone interested is invited, so come on out!

V-Ball every second Friday night at Laurier High, see you there!

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm. Mission Trip info session for anyone interested in the Winnipeg Mission Trip

Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> -Break down the Walls! One Day Wonder Presbytery Event

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – Soup R Sunday

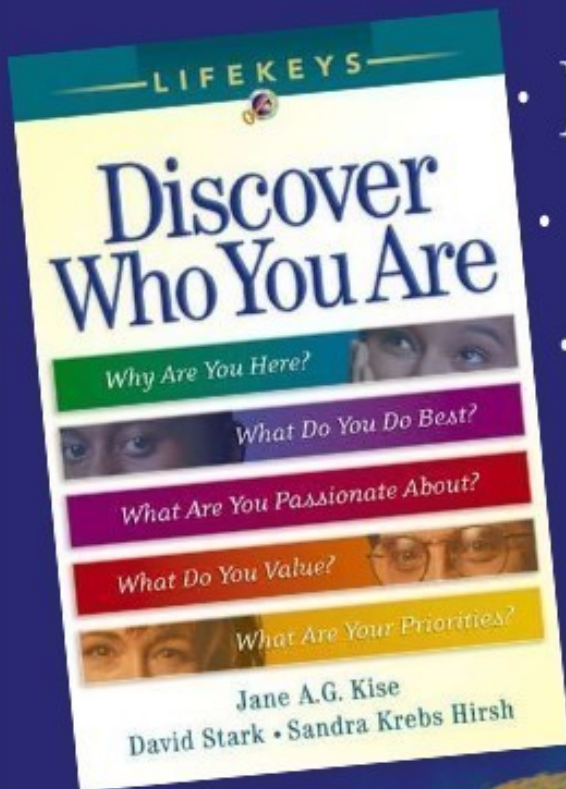
WHO FROZE CHILI MURDER  
MYSTERY NIGHT



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## LifeKeys, a spiritually-based comprehensive program for discovering:



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- Personality Type
- Values
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We welcome Spencer Edwards, SYC  
and all of Presbytery youth and young adults  
to a day of self discovery

Feb. 4th 7pm to 9pm

Feb. 5th and  
10am to 3pm

# **“PARTNERS IN PROMISE” YOUTH MISSION 2011 MANITOBA**



**FRIDAY JULY 29th to MONDAY AUG. 8th 2011**

**OPEN TO:**

## **Highschool Youth**

(youth who are presently in grade 9 through to grade 12)  
Within the Presbytery of London

**Interested in Going? Need more info?  
Contact Rev. Mavis Currie  
mcurrie@execulink.com or 519-472-3443**

# Grab a Book!

## Kitty Shows Kindness

by Dr Mary Manz Simon

**Very Young – 2 years**

This is one of a “Toddler Series” which tries to teach basis ‘good’ principles to our young children. Kitty learns what the bible tells us about how we should try to help the folks around us. It keeps it very simple – in words that even young children can understand. The rest of this series are Duckling is Patient, Piglet tells the Truth Bunny loves others. And we have them all in the library. The pictures are large – and I’m sure your little one will enjoy having you read this series of stories to her or him.

## A Hat for Ivan

by Max Lucado

**Ages 5 – 8**



Have you ever wondered if you're good at anything? We all wonder this from the fairly young to the fairly old! This lovely tale and its vivid illustrations tell us that God has made everyone for a special purpose. Every one of us has a place in His world! Children (and those who love them) will be excited that God knows them so well and has the perfect plan for their lives. A lovely story to share with your little ones!

## Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul by Jack Canfield etc.

**Ages 13 - ?????**

This first batch of Chicken Soup for Teens consists of 101 stories every teenager can relate to and learn from -- without feeling criticized or judged. This edition contains important lessons on the nature of friendship and love, the importance of belief in the future, and the value of respect for oneself and others, and much more. As with all the “Chicken Soup” books, these stories are well written, easy to read and may make you think a bit about how you feel about yourself, and how you relate to your family and friends. Well worth a read!

### **Note from your librarian -**

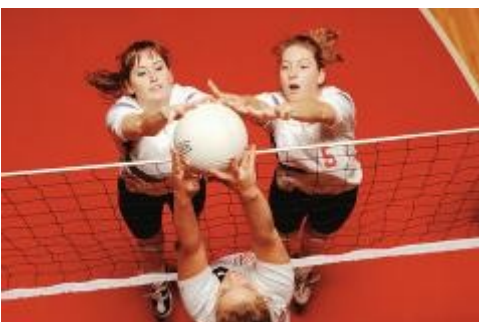
I really encourage you to get into the habit of reading to your little ones from a very early age – it is a blessing and a pleasure to both of you.

If you have a favourite author or series of books – let me know and we can possibly add them to our library. I’m always looking for new ideas!

Blessings,  
Christine Hunter  
Librarian



# Upcoming Events



- Volleyball for youth, young adults & adults on February 11th, March 11th, April 15th & May 13th from 7-9 pm at Laurier Secondary School. Bring a friend!
- Spaghetti Lunch on Feb 13th after the 10:30 service. \$10 per person or \$25 for a family. This is a fundraiser for the Katrina Mission Trip.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Feb. 27th following the 10:30 service. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Please join us to learn more about the life and ministry of Chalmers.

# Children & Youth Ministries at Chalmers

## February 2011

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
|--|---|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |   | 1   | 2<br>Happy 13 <sup>th</sup><br>birthday Crissy!  | 3<br><br>6:15 pm<br>Children's Choir  | 4<br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <b>LifeKeys:</b><br/>                     Discover who you are<br/>                     Friday 7-9; Saturday 10-3                 </div> | 5  |
| 6<br>9am Contemporary<br>Worship<br>10:30am SMY<br>Preschool Assistant:<br>Phyllis Johnston  | 7   | 8   | 19<br><br>7:30 pm Reach<br>Out rehearsal   | 10<br><br>6:15 pm<br>Children's Choir   | 11<br><br>7-9pm Volleyball<br>@ Laurier SS<br>All Welcome  | 12   |
| 13<br>Happy 6 <sup>th</sup> birthday<br>Josiah!<br>Holy Communion<br>9am Contemporary<br>Worship<br>10:30am SMY<br>Preschool Assistant:<br>Jackie Bannerman<br><br>Spaghetti Lunch<br>(Katrina Fundraiser) | 14<br>Happy<br>Valentine's<br>Day<br> | 15<br>Happy 9 <sup>th</sup><br>Birthday Hunter!<br><br>7pm Info Night<br>for High School<br>Mission Trip to<br>Manitoba     | 16<br><br>7:30 pm Reach<br>Out rehearsal   | 17<br><br>6:15 pm<br>Children's Choir   | 18   | 19   |
| 20<br>Happy 5 <sup>th</sup> birthday<br>Naomi!<br>9am Contemporary<br>Worship<br>10:30am All<br>Ages   | 21<br>Happy 20 <sup>th</sup><br>Birthday Robert<br>S.<br><br>Family Day   | 22  | 23<br><br>7:30 pm Reach<br>Out rehearsal   | 24<br>Happy 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Birthday Julie V.<br><br>6:15 pm<br>Children's Choir | 25   | 26<br><br>Junior Youth<br>One Day Wonder<br>@ Oakridge<br>Presbyterian<br>Church<br>9:30 am - 8 pm |
| 27<br>Happy 10 <sup>th</sup> Birthday<br>Colin!<br>9am Contemporary<br>Worship<br>10:30am SMY<br>with 4:12<br>Preschool Assistant:<br>Pat MacKay<br><br>Soup'er Sunday<br>Congregational<br>Annual Meeting | 28  | Want some<br>more special<br>days to<br>celebrate?<br>February is<br>official "Pull<br>Your Sofa off<br>the Wall"<br>Month. | How about<br>Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup> - Read<br>in the Bathtub<br>Day<br>Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup> -<br>Hoodie Hoo Day<br>Feb. 23 -<br>International<br>Dog Biscuit<br>Appreciation<br>Day<br>(from Uncle<br>John's Heavy<br>Duty Bathroom<br>Reader, pg 98) |   |  |  |