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“By faith all things are fulfilled: Wherefore, whoso believeth in God might with surety hope for a better world, yea, even a place at the right hand of God which hope cometh of faith maketh an Anchor to the souls of men, which would make them sure and steadfast, always abounding in good works, being led to glorify God.” Ether 5:3b-4



Will the pastors of all branches make certain that you have a newsletter correspondent assigned to submit articles for each issue? We are not getting much input from many branches and it is becoming cost/time prohibitive if we continue at the current level of participation! Thank you.

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Algonac Branch By: Val Bradley
Quite a large number of our Algonac women were honored to attend the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet at the Sanilac Restoration branch on May 1. The theme, “Welcome to the USA” was evident the minute we stepped into the church. There was red, white and blue everywhere! Lots of flags, pots of red and white flowers ... even a statue of liberty! The lunch was

delicious, as always ... this year it was good old-fashioned American picnic style food ... including apple pie for dessert. Yum! The program was wonderful, especially the music. All the patriotic songs were sung, including the theme song from each branch of the military. It was especially moving when Aubree Rich played “Taps” on her trumpet, in honor of those who gave their lives for this country. Lots of fun parts to the program, too, especially

"Casey at the Bat," with Kathleen Palmer in the lead part! We also enjoyed the Trivia questions and the gals (as baseball vendors) who threw peanuts and cracker jacks into the audience for us to catch! It was truly a delightful afternoon. In light of all that's going on in our country today, what a perfect time to honor God, remember the founders of this great country, and those who have fought (& continue to fight) for our freedoms. We definitely felt "proud to be an American!" Thanks again to Barb Eliason, Kathleen Palmer, and all our Sanilac sisters for the time, effort and talent that went into this marvelous event. We look forward to "dining" with them next spring ~50's style!

Elder Hod Powers preached a great Mother's Day sermon on May 9, which he dedicated to his mother, Elizabeth, his mother-in-law, Olive, and his wife, Nina. At the end of the service, the ladies were all given flowers and the children presented their mothers with handmade rhinestone flowers.

As reported by Todd Moses

Brianna Morrison and Bethany Moses joined 12 other local youth for the caravan trip to Kirtland, Ohio with Todd Moses chaperoning. Kathi and Jay Havener orchestrated the activities for the weekend of May 21-23. The group actively learned and sang in Friday evening classes at Oakwood before spending the first night at the church. Early Saturday morning, three vehicles drove to Kirtland, where the group had a picnic lunch near the stone quarry, toured the Morley farm, the historic village and, of course, the Kirtland Temple. A great deal of our church's historic information was presented and observed, while our youth and adults

alike were captivated with learning about the dealings of God with his early saints. The evening was capped-off with a swim at the hotel's pool before turning in after an incredible day. Sunday morning found everyone back at the peaceful park that contains the stone quarry, where Elders Jay Havener and Todd Moses led a morning worship service. The Lord's Spirit definitely presided over and led these activities for our youth and all who participated had a memorable experience.

On May 27 our Algonac family met at the Golden Hawk in Casco for our annual Spring Banquet. We enjoyed wonderful food and fellowship. Nina Powers gave each couple the summer issue of "Our Daily Bread" booklet and each woman received a pretty spring flower. We also celebrated pastor, Gary Holmes' birthday. We sang to him and had cake and ice cream. It was a fun evening!

On Sunday, May 30, we had a wonderful Memorial Day service. Connie Burns did a patriotic reading. She then asked all members of the congregation who had served in the military to stand and salute the flag while the pianist, Barbara Krinkie, played taps. It was a very emotional experience for those men who stood. Elder Todd Yaney followed with an outstanding sermon on God and country. He had a computer-generated image of the flag on display throughout the service. He shared Scriptures about the prophet Micah and related it to our present day situation. He talked about our nation and how we are paying the price for not heeding His Word. We were encouraged to become more involved in government decisions

... we cannot remain silent! He ended with the reading of II Chronicles 8:14 which reads, "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." The service ended with a wonderful medley of patriotic songs played by Barbara Krinkie. It was truly a very moving service and it gave us all a lot to think about.

A workday was held at the church on June 5. A lot of spring-cleaning was done and afterwards they shared pizza.

As reported by Wendy Holmes

As we all know, "stuff" accumulates like crazy, so we decided to "rid" ourselves of excess "stuff" and make some money for VBS by hosting a church Rummage Sale. On Saturday, June 12, we all brought our goods to church and we all helped organize things. We made a ton of signs to advertise our sale and also placed an ad in the local paper. As the week approached, the weather was looking questionable. The weather forecast was calling for thunderstorms. However, we prayed for no rain on Saturday and of course God was looking out for us as usual. We make it through the whole day until about 3 or 4 and some sprinkles started, but overall it was a beautiful warm day, a little overcast, but nice. We had lots of variety of stuff but you always need something to lure them in, so we had our Bake Sale table and it was full of goodies. We even had it set up so kids or adults could frost and decorate their own cupcakes. That seemed to be the hit of the sale! Who would have thought? It went over so well, we

decided to incorporate that into our VBS! Some of the neighborhood children that came to look around asked about our sign for VBS and said they would like to come. We had several nice conversations with shoppers. One couple rode their bicycles all the way from Algonac State Park. After we were done we decided to donate the leftovers. Lots of kids toys got donated to the pre-school and child care program that Kelli Williams works for. They were thrilled! All in all we raised over \$250.00!! We look forward to our next sale, come & join us!!

On Father's Day, June 20, our service was held at the Richmond Beebe Park. Elder Hod Powers gave a great sermon and special music was sung by the Algonac Quartet. Afterwards we all shared in a delicious potluck meal. As always, Tim Holmes did a great job at the grill. There were activities for the children including a piñata and they painted ceramic birds and lambs for their Dads. A great time was had by all who attended!

As reported by Todd Moses

This year we set sail for a Godly experience with "High Seas Expedition VBS" on June 21-25. Our sanctuary was transformed into the deck of a sailing ship with the help of a backdrop, a few props and an amazing new puppet theater built by Todd Yaney. We found ourselves traveling on a course of learning through the lives of God's New Testament servants Peter, Paul & John. The branch's kids, their friends and neighborhood kids had a great time with singing, playing, learning, creating and eating each day as the many saints gave of their talents to make our VBS a success. Many thanks go to Kelli

Williams for her coordination of the program.

As reported by Jim Bradley

At this year's Great Lakes Regional Reunion we were blessed once again with the ministry of Patriarch Verle Cornish, Elder Aaron Smith, and Elder Peter Cornish. There were many inspiring sermons and testimonies. We had a very moving Healing Service on Friday where 16 of the saints were administered to. The Baptismal Service on Saturday morning was such a beautiful thing to behold. Seven new souls committing to Christ, among them, our own Algonac sister, Elaine King, who was baptized by Priest Tim Holmes. A beautiful song was sung by the Moses trio (Todd, Liz & Bethany). That evening, they were all confirmed into the church. It was an honor for me to be able to confirm Elaine, along with Elder Hod Powers. Many others from our branch took part in the reunion, also. Gary Holmes was Camp Pastor. Kelli Williams taught a children's class and also ran the Canteen, with the assistance of her husband, Steve, and many other helpers. Amy Nagy taught the first and second grade class and in addition, was the elementary class coordinator. Liz Moses was the music teacher for the elementary classes. Deana Pirt was in charge of the nursery. Lisa Marcangelo delivered snacks to the classes. Todd Moses directed the choir and took his turn playing for the services. Connie Burns made a great emcee (once again!) at Friday night's talent show. The Algonac Quartet (Ray Moses, Todd & Liz Moses, Val Bradley) sang at the talent show.

Our dear brother John Moses was taken to the hospital while at reunion. He was diagnosed with pneumonia and

congestive heart failure. Through administrations and the many prayers of the saints, he had quite a blessing. He was released that Sunday and was back in church the following Sunday. Praise the Lord!

The best part of reunion for me, is just being able to fellowship with the saints from all of the branches. We get to see those that we have come to love so dearly and it fills me with joy to be able to visit with them. We owe a big debt to Mick Ruch, Camp Director, who pulled everything together so efficiently and all the others who worked behind the scenes to make this reunion so successful. God bless all of you!

News and Notes

- **On July 10, our Algonac ladies, along with friends and family were honored to attend a Baby Shower for Nichole and Joel Yaney. It was held at Olga's Kitchen. Everyone enjoyed a great lunch, dessert (those yummy cupcakes!) and had fun watching them open all those cute gifts for the baby-to-be! We wish them both the very best as they await the birth of baby Laurel.**
- **Performing in Stratford: Liz & Todd Moses traveled to Stratford, Ontario, Canada on June 11-12 to share their music with a local nondenominational church. InVoice, the select community choir in which they participate, sang a repertoire of religious pieces throughout the church's service and then graciously partook of a potluck luncheon provided before having to drive**

back to the states. It was an enjoyable weekend getaway after the hectic spring concert season in the Moses household.

- On Saturday July 3rd, Tim and Wendy Holmes, along with Elaine King went to church and set up for Fireworks Parking and a Bake Sale! They got there about 5 and got it all set up. Ordered Hungry Howies for dinner and went to work selling our parking spaces for a \$5.00 donation. Some even donated more. ☺After we got them in their parking spot we lured them to the Bake Sale table where we had a wide array of "fireworks munchies"- no bakes, rice crispy treats, cupcakes, cookies etc. and of course we had to have bottled water for sale to wash all that sugar down. Tim's sparkling personality must have been shining because by 9:30 every possible spot was taken! Many were back from last year, they like the idea of helping out the church and having a safe place to park. After all that fun, we raised over \$200.00 for our church. Everyone was in a festive mood and it was a beautiful evening for fireworks! Next year, Dick & Connie Burns are going to join us for some fireworks fun. Anyone else who wants to, come on out and join us!!
- Moses sighted on Liberty Island! Yes, Moses was seen on Liberty Island in NYC ... at least Bethany Moses, accompanied by her parents and her Aunt Debbie, who is a resident of Brooklyn, NY.

The Moses family traveled to NYC during July 1-7 for a wonderful family-visit, some sight seeing and apartment decorating. This time they drove and experienced the "joy" of having a car in the Big Apple and the marvels of finding a parking place. The week was much enjoyed (even with the 100 degree weather!) and God blessed them with a safe trip.

- Jim and Val Bradley were pleased to be able to visit the Lima Restoration Branch on July 25 for the ordination service of PJ Fought. Jim really felt honored to bring the sermon that day and also take part (along with Elder Bob Ruch and Elder Leo Carroll) in ordaining PJ to the office of Elder. What a joy it was afterwards to share a potluck meal and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our prayers continue to be with PJ as he ministers to the saints in that area.
- Ongoing prayers would be appreciated for John Moses and the Moses family, David Pirt (broken wrist), Mary Cargill, Marge and Gary Holmes, Kelli Williams, Jim Bradley, and Val Bradley (vertigo). With the very recent passing of our brother, Larry John, your heartfelt prayers would be much appreciated for our dear sister, Jean, and her family. May God bring strength and comfort to their hearts in the days and months ahead.

Along with the "dog days of summer," we've been fortunate to share many warm experiences with

the saints. The highlight would be our recent reunion in Vassar. We've cherished these times together and look forward to all the opportunities we have to meet together for various services and activities this fall. May God bless and be with each one of you as you seek to serve Him. As always, you remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Atlanta Branch By: Roberta Davis
We hope everyone is having a wonderful summer!

May 9th, Elder Kreg Levengood from Independence, MO was our guest minister for the 11:00 a.m. service. There was a potluck dinner after the service. We enjoyed lots of good food and fellowship. It gave us a chance to get acquainted with our guest minister. We want to thank you for your wonderful ministry.

We have one graduate this year. Tanner Tulgetske, son of Dan and Kara Tulgetske of Roger City. Congratulations Tanner on your High School graduation, Class of 2010. An open house was given in his honor at his grandparent's home in Onaway on June 12th to celebrate his graduation. Many of his friends and family attended his party. We are proud of you, and wish you the best. May God bless you for whatever plans you have for the future.

Welcome home snowbirds! Doris Hott enjoyed her winter in Texas. She had her 80th birthday while there. Her children had a big celebration for her when she returned home. Congratulations on your 80th year! Howard and Sue LaLone were a little disappointed in their winter in Florida

this year because it was cold. We're all very happy to have them back.

June 27th, Elder Bill Ormsbee, Jr. from Independence, MO was our guest minister for the 11:00 a.m. service. We shared in a potluck dinner with lots of good food and fellowship after the service. It was so nice to have Bill with us again, even for a short visit. Thank you so much for your inspiring sermon and reminding us that it is the day to warn and the day of rejoicing. He believes the Lord will return in our generation.

Visitors:

Jim and Eleanor's daughter, Carla from Canada. Sharon Joles and Brandon Schwant, Dowagiac branch. John and Tracy Stokes. Heather Hale, husband, and stepdaughter, Aubrey Hale, Kalkaska. Kreg Levengood, Missouri. Bill Ormsbee, Missouri. Group of young people from Oakwood branch.

Prayer Requests:

Dixie Goodfellow - Cliff Goodfellow - Lillian Benac - Mary Lade - Jim Wregglesworth - Howard's son, Tim - Tanner, Harry and Sue's grandson - Nancy's uncle, Walt Harding has an aneurysm.

Saved by an Angel

By Ila Ross
Lachine, Michigan

I sincerely believe that God hears and answers when we ask for His protection and try to serve Him to the best of our ability.

I have always enjoyed hearing my parents tell of the time in the 1920's when they were saved by an angel

from what could have been a fiery death.

My parents, Fred and Lena Torsch, and several of their nine children were living in a small house on their 80-acre farm near Lachine, Michigan. The house with its wood-shingled roof, tarpaper sides, and papered walls throughout the inside was heated by a wood stove. It was the practice of my father to fill up the stove with wood before retiring to keep the house warm all night. On this one occasion he forgot to shut the draft and damper before he went to bed.

My parents were awakened that night by a knock, which sounded as though it came from the window in the bedroom. Being drowsy, they just wondered about the knock and who it could have been. The second time the knock was much louder. On the third knock, the whole house shook, and my father bounded out of bed to investigate. He found the stovepipe red hot and ready to topple, but he was able to control the heat before there was any damage. Of course, they never heard of anyone who had awakened them that night; and they praised the Lord for sending an angel to save them.

When we trust in God's loving care, what wonderful testimonies we have to hand down to future generations.

Amherstburg

Dowagiac

Eckerman

Garden City By: Judy Monarch

Guest Ministry: Kreg Levengood, Ron Saylor, Fred Brown Jr., Robert Ruch, Leo Carroll, Graham Fishwild, Fred Brown Sr., & Gary Holmes. Thank you all so very much for the giving of your time and ministry to our branch. We love you all!

Prayer Requests:

Margret Baltzer, Joyce/George Black, Glen Carnahan, Louise Day, Mary Deutsch, Carlton /Dianna Flynn, Connie Black Humphrey, Joellyn Karpeles, Carol Kirylo, Gladys Kirylo, Don/Nancy McKiddie, Sarah Monarch, Al Phillips.

Wedding

Dave Baltzer & Holly Niner were married July 17th, 2010.
Congratulations !

New Arrival's

Great grandmother Janice Wright has two new grand babies to fuss over. Diante Leon Wright II was born on April 5, 2010 to Diante and Tabitha Wright. Keith Raymond Atkins III was born on May 21, 2010 to Keith and Brianna Atkins.

Baptism

Robert LaRowe will be baptized Sunday, August 15th.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer!



Sept. 6th Labor Day



Lake Mission

Lima

Oakwood

October 11th Thanksgiving Canada



October 31st Halloween



Otter Lake

Port Huron

Restoration In The Woods Mission

Sanilac By: Kathleen Palmer

The person who sows seeds of kindness enjoys a perpetual harvest.

The month of May was a busy month with our Mother/Daughter Banquet

held on Saturday, May 1st. We began with a noon dinner downstairs after which we went upstairs for our program entitled, "Welcome to the USA." Thank you to everyone who participated. We were so happy to have had so many women and children present. A wonderful time was had and we especially give thanks to the Lord for blessing our small branch with so many talents. A special tribute was given to Mary Morris (Kathleen Palmer's mother), who is 90 years old and has lived to see so many changes during her lifetime. A BIG thank you to all who attended and hope to see you next year!

On May 21-23 Aubree Rich traveled with the Zion's Group on a trip to Kirtland, Ohio. She reported she had a wonderful time. Thank you to all who made this trip possible.

On June 20th we celebrated Father's Day with a wonderful program and potluck dinner. Dora Gutierrez and Debbie Des Jardins were in charge and did a wonderful job. Also, thanks to all who participated in the program. Missy and Maddy Parker, Debbie, Gary and Emma Des Jardins, Denise and Aubree Rich, Carol Hoeldtke, Barb Eliason, Cory Eliason, Mary Lou Bartrow and Kathleen Palmer.

Viola Phelps, Carol Hoeldtke's mother, celebrated her 100th birthday at an Open House on June 22nd at the Caro Medical Facility with family and friends. She was the oldest of 13 children. Her 5 sisters were present along with her 5 daughters and her son's family, plus many other relatives and friends. Our Branch and her granddaughter and great granddaughter had the honor of putting on the program, which

consisted of skits, poems and picture taking and eating birthday cake. Viola was certainly the center of attention and enjoyed every minute. She certainly has been blessed in her 100 years and truly is a servant of the Lord.

July brought Cory Eliason's parents, Don and Edie Cutshall to Michigan to spend 2 weeks with Cory, Eric, Briggs and Breyer. They truly enjoyed bonding with their twin grandsons.

Barent and Barb Eliason traveled to Missouri to be at the Orthodox Reunion with grandchildren Sarah and Emma on July 3rd. Barent was invited to teach the adult class. There were also 9 people from Michigan present. They had a wonderful experience being with everyone and being fed spiritually.

Barb Eliason went to the Children's Camp, grades 3-6 at Erie Beach. She taught the children on the parables. She reported a very successful and spiritually rewarding time.

Barent and Barb Eliason traveled to Missouri to be with family for Christmas. Barb's mother, Jane, has not been feeling well. Our prayers go out to her.

Barb is now in Missouri spending time with her mother, Jane Rich, who is having health problems and needs our prayers.

Nelly Haynes, Denise and Aubree Rich, Carol Hoeldtke, Barent Eliason and Eric, Cory and sons Briggs and Breyer spent the week at the Great Lakes Regional Reunion. Barent and Eric taught classes. Carol Hoeldtke and her daughter, Joy, were in charge of the craft table, which raises money for the

reunion. A wonderful week was reported by all.

On August 28-29, our branch is having a Gospel Workshop, with worship service, classes, music, crafts and recreation. It starts on Saturday and continues through Sunday with a potluck dinner after church.

Our Women's Department is studying, "The Lord is my Shepherd," taught by Mary Lou Bartrow. It is a very interesting and informative class and we are all learning. Thank you Mary Lou.

We also are busy planning for the Book of Mormon Day, September 11 at Oakwood church. This is a very special day of learning about new discoveries in Central America.

Also, our annual Christmas Bazaar is November 20th from 8 – 5, with a lunch at noon. It is a big event for us and we invite all to come.

We are all so very thankful for the visiting Priesthood who travel to our little church to deliver the Gospel message. Bless each and every one of you – Todd (Liz) Moses, Jim (Jean) McLeod, Brian (Cathy) Daggett, Bob (Bev) Ruch, Jay (Kathi) Havener, Don (Edie) Cutshall, Mick (Shawn) Ruch and Graham (Brenda) Fishwild. Also, to our own Priesthood for the ministry you bring to us – Barent Eliason, Eric Eliason and Wayne Bartrow.

We have two wonderful and talented pianists who play every Sunday for us – Barb Eliason and Carol Hoeldtke. Also, to Denise Rich, who witnesses to us through the beautiful songs she sings.

The worship settings these last three months were prepared by Dora Guiterriz, Debbie Des Jardins and Barb Eliason. Thank you so much for your inspirational settings.

We are so blessed to have such humble, willing workers to serve the Lord.

BIRTHDAYS

5-6 – Wayne Bartrow, 5-21 – Joshua Bradley, 6-22 – Viola Phelps, 6-23 – Lloyd Rich, 7-10 – Missy Parker, 7-18 – Rebecca Bradley, 7-24 – Debbie Des Jardins and Wayne Hoeldtke, 7-26 – Stacy Bradley, 7-31 – Carol Hoeldtke.

ANNIVERSARIES

5-13 – Jason and Shelly Carpenter, 5-27 – Dan and Bev Miller.

[St. Johns](#) By: Shaun Turner

The 2010 Michigan Regional Reunion was a great experience for all of the families that attended, from the St. John's branch.

The opportunities to build everlasting relationships with our brothers and sisters under the banner of Jesus Christ, is a great privilege. It is my prayer that these events will give each one of us a glimpse and desire of the Kingdom to come. As the vision of the Kingdom becomes more clear and our hearts are knit together, may God let it be built. And Zion be redeemed. Amen.

Sunday, August 14th Owen T Denovich will be blessed. He was born on July 11th, and is the son of Jason and Amber, Grandson of "Tuff" Earl Barks Jr., and Great Grandson of Bing and Mary Barks.

The Saint John's branch will be beginning a Go Ye and Teach series the first Sunday following Labor Day. It will be held during the Sunday School hour (10 AM). The individual bringing ministry is yet to be announced. All are welcome to attend, please come and meet your brothers and sisters in St. John's.

Anyone with new Email/phone/other info that you want published please send it to Jim Bradley!

[Regional Activities for the next quarter](#)

❖ **Sept. 11th Book of Mormon Day @ Oakwood Branch 9am – 4pm**

❖ Sept. 14th 7:30 pm Regional Priesthood Meeting @ Oakwood

❖ Oct. 15-17 Women's Retreat @ Wesleyan Woods in Vassar, MI
more details to follow

From The Editor's Desk:

Clay Balls

A man was exploring caves by the seashore. In one of the caves he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls. It was like someone had rolled clay balls and left them out in the sun to bake.

They didn't look like much, but they intrigued the man, so he took the bag out of the cave with him. As he strolled along the beach, he would throw the clay balls one at a time out into the ocean as far as he could.

He thought little about it, until he dropped one of the clay balls and it cracked open on a rock. Inside was a beautiful, precious stone!

Excited, the man started breaking open the remaining clay balls. Each contained a similar treasure. He found thousands of dollars worth of jewels in the 20 or so clay balls he had left. Then it struck him.

He had been on the beach a long time. He! had thrown maybe 50 or 60 of the clay balls with their hidden treasure into the ocean waves. Instead of thousands of dollars in treasure, he could have taken home tens of thousands, but he had just thrown it away!

It's like that with people. We look at someone, maybe even ourselves, and we see the external clay vessel. It doesn't look like much from the outside. It isn't always beautiful or sparkling, so we discount it.

We see that person as less important than someone more beautiful or stylish or well known or wealthy. But, we have not taken the time to find the treasure hidden inside that person.

There is a treasure in each one of us. If we take the time to get to know that person, and if we ask God to show us that person the way He sees them, then the clay begins to peel away and the brilliant gem begins to shine forth.

May we not come to the end of our lives and find out that we have thrown away a fortune in friendships because the gems were hidden in bits of clay. May we see the people in our world as God sees them.

I am so blessed by the gems of friendship I have with each of you. Thank you for looking beyond my clay vessel.

THE KID'S KORNER By: Connie Burns

Due to a lack of response to the request for participation by the children and a seeming general lack of interest the Kid's Korner will be discontinued.

General Information:

Anyone having articles or historical facts (that would be of interest to everyone), etc. please send them to me for future use. Please keep them to one page or less, as space is very limited and expensive. Thank you.

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