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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

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Algonac Branch By: Val Bradley

“Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God.” (Job 37:14)

“Spring is God’s way of celebrating, of telling the world how much He loves all of creation.” (Harriet Crosby)

Happy spring! What a wonderful time of year to celebrate the risen Savior and His beautiful creation.

On April 10, Elder Brian Daggett from the Port Huron branch was our guest speaker. We really appreciated the message he brought. After the service we had a potluck and we enjoyed the chance to visit with Brian and his wife, Cathy.

Over 30 women attended the 1-day Spring Women’s Retreat that was held at our branch on Saturday, April 16. It was co-directed by Kathi Havener and Val Bradley and the theme was “Times of Refreshing and

Renewal.” The tables in the fellowship hall and the sanctuary were beautifully decorated for spring, thanks to Connie Burns and Nina Powers. A continental breakfast buffet was available during registration, which was handled by Marge Holmes. That was followed by devotions, which were brought by Sharon Smerer, Sherry Purcell, and Jane Ann Goodwine of the Port Huron branch. What they shared went beautifully with the theme and it was a great way to start the day. The first class, taught by Val Bradley, was an overview of the day’s theme. She did a number of readings and the women looked up Scriptures and discussed ways in which we can become refreshed and renewed – physically, mentally, and spiritually. At the end of the class she handed out bottled water with a label on it that read, “Drink of the Living Water and be Refreshed.” The second class, entitled “Becoming New Creatures in Christ” was taught by Shawn Ruch of the Oakwood branch. We discussed the various sins and how each one of us is tempted by different things. We also talked about the fruits of the spirit and other positive traits that we need to develop to replace the negative things in our personalities/lives. Shawn stated that we need to rid ourselves of “self” to allow Christ to enter in. She shared her testimony and many Scriptures that will help us learn how to become new creatures in Christ. We were then given supplies and the opportunity to make heart bookmarks ... to

remind us to make room in our hearts for the Holy Spirit to grow. She also handed out seed packets to remind us about the Fruits of the Spirit (flowers precede fruit). When we plant seeds of kindness, they will blossom and produce good fruit! We then enjoyed a delicious lunch of homemade soup, sandwiches and yummy desserts. Thanks, Algonac ladies, for all your time and effort in preparing the food, serving and cleanup! After lunch we had a corsage-making workshop that was presented by Sarah Berard, Kathleen Modders’ mom. She had a wide array of beautiful silk flowers and ribbons and we had a ball choosing different flower and color combinations to make our corsages. She was a good instructor and we were all pretty pleased with our corsages. (FYI: All of our Algonac women wore them to church the next day on Easter Sunday!) After that we had a workshop on massages and relaxation techniques that was taught by Julie Fox from the Oakwood branch. She supplied various scented oils and lotions to choose from and showed us how to “refresh our bodies” by giving each other hand massages. It was a lot of fun ... and some of us were so relaxed, we wanted to take a nap afterwards! Kathi Havener taught our third class, “Does Your Jesus Still Hang on the Cross?” She began the class by reading a beautiful poem she wrote on that subject. She related some information gleaned from an old book on

radio sermons by one of our RLDS pioneers, Evan A. Fry regarding some of the conspiracy theories that suggested Christ did not rise from the dead. She then shared six lines of evidence that are stated numerous times and in various accounts in the Scriptures that prove Jesus did rise from the dead and that He lives today! She ended the class by reading a story entitled, "The Empty Egg" and then gave us each an empty plastic egg as a reminder that Christ is no longer on the cross ... the tomb is empty and we can now celebrate and rejoice in the hope of life eternal! The retreat ended with a dedication and renewal service. Elders Gary Holmes and Todd Yaney of our Algonac branch brought the priesthood ministry. Gary shared a short message that was pertinent to our theme and then the ladies all had a chance to pray, bear testimonies, or just re-dedicate themselves to the Lord and His work. Our branch was so thankful that we were able to host this retreat and are grateful to all who helped, participated and attended.

On April 24, the children presented a wonderful Easter program, under the direction of Kelli Williams and Todd Moses. It started out with Brianna Morrison wheeling "Grandma" Marge Holmes into the sanctuary. They talked about how lonely a person can feel at times, but that it helps to attend church, feel God's Spirit and enjoy the fellowship of the

saints. It was then announced that it was time for church to begin. The Algonac Quartet sang the hymn, "Never Alone." The Easter story was then shared in a very unique way. There were two separate Sunday School classes set up on the rostrum. The teachers were Kelli Williams and Nina Powers (who actually teach those classes each Sunday!). Kelli told the story of Christ's death and resurrection to the younger students. She read from a large picture book and it was stated in simple terms. When she came to a particular part in the story, she would hold up the book and show a picture. She would pause and the scene would switch to Nina's classroom, where she was seated at a table with her older students. She would then continue the story where Kelli left off, but would read the actual account from the book of Luke in the Bible. They went back and forth between classroom scenes until the entire story of Easter was shared. The students of both classes would also participate from time to time by answering questions asked by their teacher or offering observations. The program ended with all the kids singing a medley of praise songs, with the congregation joining in from time to time. A big thanks to Kelli, Todd, Nina and the students: Eva Nagy, Miles Marcangelo, David Nagy, Bethany Moses, Brianna Morrison, Alyssa Marcangelo and Daynna Harm. We appreciate all the time and effort they put into the program. Everyone did a great job and it

was a wonderful way to celebrate Easter and remember what Christ did for us, so that we may have life eternal. Priest Eric Eliason brought a wonderful Easter message at the 11:00 service.

Approximately a dozen of our women were able to attend this year's Mother-Daughter Banquet at the Sanilac Restoration Branch on April 30. What a treat, as always! The décor reflected the theme, which was "Mom's Diner." Lots of bib aprons and coca cola items. The menu was straight out of a 50's diner: hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, baked beans, coleslaw, and root beer floats ... a favorite for most! The floats were served in old-fashioned green coke glasses, which we got to take home with us. There was also an abundance of yummy desserts, as always. The program was very entertaining, as usual. A lot of laughs were generated during several skits that took place in Mom's Diner, of course! The skit "characters" were Mary Lou Bartrow, Kathleen Palmer, Barb Eliason, Ella Haynes, Dora Gutierrez, Nellie Haynes, Mary Lee Cove, Debbie DesJardins and Emma DesJardins. (Hope they managed to dispose of the bubble gum before Sunday services!) The program also included a number of readings, poems and songs. When the program ended, a plethora of wonderful gifts were available for all. The giveaways included aprons, coca cola items, flowers, planters, and stuffed animals. They outdid themselves, as

always! We are so thankful for the time, talent, and generosity of the Sanilac ladies and look forward to donning our stylish hats and joining next year's Garden Party!

News and Notes

- We are so happy that Elaine Harm has returned after "wintering" in Florida. She was really missed. While there, she had a number of visits from family and friends. Welcome back, Elaine!
- Bethany Moses had one of the lead roles in the Richmond Aud's musical theater production of "*Seussical Jr.*" She played the role of Gertrude McFuzz, the one-feather-tailed bird, who liked Horton, the Elephant with the dust speck of Whos. The musical is various Dr. Seuss characters all tied together into one story. The Richmond Aud had over 100 kids, grades Kindergarten through 10th, involved in the show. It ran for two weeks in February with 8 performances, of which Bethany loved every one of them.
- Bethany's father, Todd, kept busy during the same season with his own musical production. He was on the directing team for Dakota High School's production of "*Anything Goes.*" The show was filled with singing, dancing, a lot of laughs and even the gangster, Public

Enemy #13. The show received rave reviews from all that attended and his students did a fabulous job while entertaining audiences for 3 performances in March.

- We are so thankful that JD Cargill is out of the hospital and worshipping with us once again. The prayers of the Saints were much appreciated!
- We were thrilled recently to see Marge Holmes leave her wheelchair behind and walk from the car into church with the aid of a walker. Praise the Lord!
- Prayers would be appreciated for Jane Yaney – cancer (Todd’s Mom), Gary and Marge Holmes, Dick Burns, Tim Holmes, Kelli Williams, and Jim Bradley.

We are so thrilled that spring has finally arrived! We’ve enjoyed all the recent activities and look forward to seeing the saints this summer ... especially during the reunion in July. As always, you remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Witnessing By: Brianna Morrison

I was in my social studies class reading our textbook. It got to a section about the Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. It was saying the total opposite of the real information about Joseph Smith Jr., like for example it stated that Joseph practiced polygamy. I raised my hand and I told the teacher it was all-wrong. So I told the class about the story of Joseph Smith and our church.

Atlanta Branch By: Jessica S. Joles Slater

The Northern Michigan Restoration Branch continues to persevere throughout this long spring that has continued to look (and feel) more like winter. We thank God that although there has been sickness and adverse weather conditions, our congregation has managed to overcome and services have not been cancelled. Now that spring may have finally arrived, we are looking forward to the return of members of our flock who fly south for the winter.

It is with much thanksgiving that several prayers have been answered. Dolores Howard and Nancy Guy have both recovered from their illnesses. Gary Joles successfully underwent surgery to relieve his back pain. His recovery will take awhile, but he is no longer in pain. Dixie Goodfellow has received some wonderful news; she may be able to see again with special glasses. Her most heartfelt prayer is to be able to read her scriptures again. Her appointment was April 25 with the specialist (as of the writing of this newsletter I have not received word of the outcome of

the appointment). Additionally, the Lord has blessed both Heath and Jessica Slater with jobs. It is Heath and my prayer that we may continue to prosper and be able to remain in northern Michigan.

Our Sunday School class continues to enlighten us as we do our best to learn what the Lord wills us to know. We have finished studying the book, Book of Mormon Studies by Thelona D. Stevens and have begun the book The Old Jerusalem Gospel by Apostle Joseph Luff.

Our congregation was blessed to have three guest ministers in the month of April. On April 3rd, Deacon Gordon Hitch and northern Michigan from Deacon Rocky Tavvener presented the sermon. Deacon Tavvener, who is the spiritual and biological brother of our Priest Mark Ouderkirk, and Deacon Hitch journeyed to Independence, Mo. to attend services and spend family time together. It was wonderful to meet these men and be able to worship with them.

On April 17th, Elder Doug Daggett and his wife Susie were able to return and visit with our congregation. Elder Dagget and Susie are former members of our congregation and we were delighted to be able to worship with them once again. Elder Dagget gave the sermon and services were followed by potluck and fellowship.

In addition to our guest ministers, John and Tracy Stokes were able to come

north and worship with us, as always it was good to see them.

It is with sorrow that we must put additional names on our prayer list. We ask for prayers for the following:

Christiane – Undiagnosed severe pain

Lillian Benac – Continues to reside in a care facility and asks for prayers for her affliction

[Name withheld] – Members Great Grandfather who needs to undergo more chemo and the first treatment did not eradicate the cancer

Tom Bischoff – Black spots on his lungs

Cara Enos – Unknown

[Names withheld] –

Members Brother and Sister-in-Law for guidance

Danna and Cameron – Guidance

Jim Wregglesworth – Cancer removed

Derrick Embree – Guidance

Vicky Korona – Prayers for employment

Gene Van Dee – Emphysema

Velma Owens – Health issues

Elder Lee Hittle and the Dowagiac, MI Branch – Elder

Hittle continues to suffer

severe health problems and

the congregation has been

unable to meet regularly.

The Northern Michigan Restoration Branch invites anyone who is in our area to stop by and worship with us.

God Bless

May 8th Mother's Day



A Thousand Thanks **Author: Joanna Fuchs**

**Mother's Day brings to mind
the thousands of things you did
for me
that helped make me happier,
stronger and wiser,
because I had you as a role
model.**

**I'm grateful for all the times
you healed my hurts
and calmed my fears,
so that I could face the world
feeling safe and secure.**

**I'm thankful for all you showed
me
about how to love and give--
lessons that now bring
so many blessings to me**

each and every day.

**Your sacrifices and
unselfishness
did not go unnoticed, Mom.
I admire you, I respect you,
and I love you.
And I'm so glad you're my
mother!**

Happy Mother's Day!

**A man stopped at a flower shop
to order some flowers to be
wired to his mother who lived
two hundred miles away.**

**As he got out of his car he
noticed a young girl sitting on
the curb sobbing.**

**He asked her what was wrong
and she replied, "I wanted to
buy a red rose for my mother.**

**But I only have seventy-five
cents, and a rose costs two
dollars."**

**The man smiled and said, "Come
on in with me. I'll buy you a
rose."**

**He bought the little girl her rose
and ordered his own mother's
flowers.**

**As they were leaving he offered
the girl a ride home.**

**She said, "Yes, please! You can
take me to my mother."**

She directed him to a cemetery, where she placed the rose on a freshly dug grave.

The man returned to the flower shop, canceled the wire order, picked up a bouquet and drove the two hundred miles to his mother's house.

* Maybe we ought to do the same *

May 30th Memorial Day



A Memorial Day Salute

It is appropriate this Memorial Day to salute all those who have given their lives in defense of this nation. Without their sacrifices we would not be free to ask questions, to challenge our political leaders and to take an active role in our system of government. To them we owe an un-repayable debt.

The United States of America was born from the blood and ashes of war--the Revolutionary War of 1776. It was fought to defend the "self-evident" truth "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are

Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Those who fought and died were committed to the notion that government derives its "just powers from the consent of the governed" and that when a government does not protect the unalienable rights of the people, it is the "Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

Since the war of 1776, nearly two and a quarter centuries ago, thousands and thousands of men and women have died for the same cause. Tyranny does not reign in America--as it does so many places around the globe--because so many have loved their country more than their own lives.

Think about all of these Patriotic people this Memorial Day!!!

Oakwood By: Kathleen Modders

Seven women from Oakwood attended Sanilac's Mother Daughter banquet, it's always a wonderful event and we want to thank the Sanilac Women for putting it on. Shopping, food, fellowship, what's not to love?

On Saturday, April 16, thirty-four women in the Great

Lakes Restoration Region attended a spring women's retreat hosted by the Algonac Restoration Branch. The day's theme was "Times of Refreshing and Renewal," with classes centered on Easter. Kathi Havener and Val Bradley once again teamed up to plan and co-direct the retreat. Algonac, Port Huron, Oakwood, and Hartland Restoration Branches were represented, along with some Saints in outlying areas. Elders Gary Holmes and Todd Yaney presided at the closing worship service. The day started with a scrumptious continental breakfast, followed by Port Huron giving the morning devotions. Val Bradley taught a class on the spring season and how it renews and refreshes the earth and our souls. Next, Shawn Ruch brought a very interesting class about ridding our hearts of bad emotions, such as jealousy and greed, so that we have room for positive things, which God can work with in our lives. A terrific lunch of homemade soup and sandwiches – and decadent desserts – followed, all prepared by the Algonac women. This was a fun time of sharing with lots of laughter and fellowship. Sarah Berard (Kathleen Modders' mom) brought enough silk flowers and supplies so that each of us could make our own Easter corsage. It was really fun picking out the different flower and color combinations. Sarah is a non-member who has attended many of our one-day

retreats in the past, and she always looks forward to attending them. This year she volunteered to teach the craft class! Julie Fox, a professional massage therapist from Oakwood, showed us how to give hand massages, and we practiced on each other. She brought scented oils and lotions for the group to use as part of her class on "refreshing" the body. Everyone enjoyed trying out the various scents, some that were designed to calm the body, such as lavender, and some that just plain smelled great, like roses! Kathi Havener taught the last class on the Resurrection. She wrote a poem called "Does Your Jesus Still Hang on the Cross?" and asked the women if their Jesus was still dead on the cross or if He is alive. She debunked some conspiracy theories that suggested that Jesus did not rise from the dead. We finished the retreat with a worship service led by Elders Gary Holmes and Todd Yaney. It was truly a wonderful day! We had a free-will offering to cover the following expenses: \$66 dollars for craft supplies and \$32 dollars for scents and lotions supplies. All other monies collected were given to the Algonac Women's Department to help pay for the food. We were once again blessed by the power of the Holy Spirit as we met in the Lord's name to witness and learn.

The Hootenanny is coming Saturday, the 7 of May to

Oakwood, Chili Dinner at 6pm and 7pm a great night of musical talent!

The Reunion is almost upon us, July 25-31: The Theme "O My People, Saith the Spirit, Hear the Word of God Today"; Hymn is "Admonition"; Cost: about \$200 (same as last year) - some people want to know.... Needs: We are in need of teachers for Pre K and grades 1 & 2; Contact Amy Nagy if you're interested.

On Easter Sunday, after our Service, the youth gathered at the back of the church to collect their coin filled eggs, hidden in open view. They were all smiles as they tried to get as many eggs in their bags as they could. The parent's in the parking lot ""egg"ing them on....

On Sunday, April 24, the Charlotte Youth group put on a concert that was so uplifting in the message of Jesus Christ, you couldn't help but be in awe. Very powerful youth group! Everyone enjoyed refreshments and deserts afterwards.

On Mother's Day, Kerry Horton will be heading up the annual steak or chicken dinner, with many helpers by his side, the men cooking for all the mother's (women)! Thank you to all the men, we appreciate it, more than you know! This Mother's day is also going to be

special because we will be adding a priest to our group, Mike Danicki will be ordained by his brother Andy Danicki, We are very excited for Mike and support him in this new call.

Just a reminder to mark your calendar for the upcoming youth activities All are invtd to share with the activities Canoe Trip: August 20, Cedar Point Trip: September 17, Costume Party: October 27, Thanksgiving dinner: November 20, New Year's Eve SAFE night party: December 31...(more information will come closer to each event)

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to our church family this quarter:

- May birthdays: Jay Havener: 6, Kyle Murphy: 7, Harold Edwards: 8, Mary Richards: 12, Noame Holcomb and Ethel Webster: 13, John Stokes and Dawn Fox: 15, Mike Danicki: 22,**
- June Birthday's: Bob Modders: 6, Matt Mervyn: 11, Bonnie Murphy: 12, Dale Day: 14, Kathleen Modders: 17, Shirley MacDonald: 24, Cruz Nagy: 27, Joshua Havener: 30,**
- July Birthday's: Mike Modders: 4, Jay Thrift: 4, Brad Millen: 6, Joshua Johnson: 8, Pat Edwards: 14, Kathi Havener and**

Mallory Johnson: 20, Doris Hill: 25,

- **August Birthdays: Julie Fox: 2, Candy MacDonald and Jaimelynn Servin: 6, Bernard Pearl: 9, Wendy Nagy: 11, Tracy Stokes: 17, Hannah MacDonald:18, Mark Wilson and Melanie Brown:28, Jordan Moore:30, Gladys Kirylo: 31.**

Prayer list Our Military Troops, Doris Mueller, Dawn Fox, Glenda smith, Graham Fishwild, and Pat Edwards.

June 14th Flag Day

Betsy Ross and the Flag

On the 14th day of June 1777, the Continental Congress passed the following resolution: "RESOLVED, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes alternate red and white - that the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

We are told that previous to this, in 1776, a committee was appointed to look after the matter, and together with General Washington they called at the house of Betsy Ross, 239 Arch Street, Philadelphia. Betsy Ross was a young widow of twenty-four heroically supporting herself by continuing the upholstery business of her late husband, young John Ross, a patriot who had died in the

service of his country. Betsy was noted for her exquisite needlework, and was engaged in the flag-making business.

The committee asked her if she thought she could make a flag from a design, a rough drawing of which General Washington showed her. She replied, with diffidence, that she did not know whether she could or not, but would try. She noticed, however, that the star as drawn had six points, and informed the committee that the correct star had but five. They answered that as a great number of stars would be required, the more regular form with six points could be more easily made than one with five. She responded in a practical way by deftly folding a scrap of paper - then with a single clip of her scissors she displayed a true, symmetrical, five-pointed star.

This decided the committee in her favor. A rough design was left for her use, but she was permitted to make a sample flag according to her own ideas of the arrangement of the stars and the proportions of the stripes and the general form of the whole.

Sometime after its completion it was presented to Congress, and the committee had the pleasure of informing Betsy Ross that her flag was accepted as the Nation's standard.

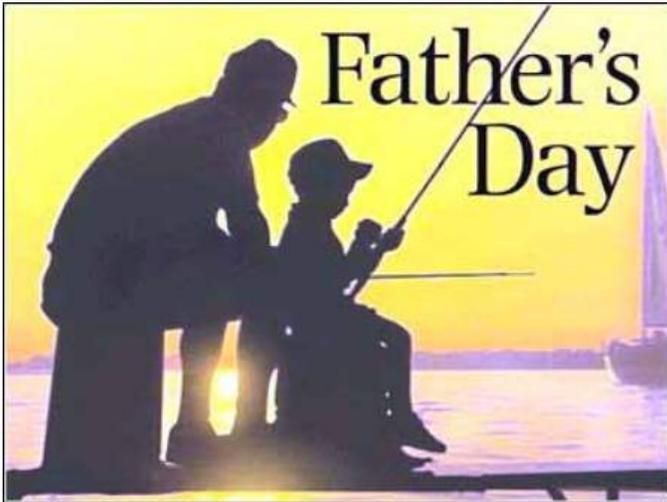
Otter Lake By: Susie Daggett

We are very sad to report the loss of our beloved Vera Broughman. She was 99 years old. The funeral was officiated by Elders Leo Carroll and Bob Ruch. She will be missed greatly.

Thank you to all of our guest ministry we've had the last few months including

**Mark Burnard, Eric Eliason, Bob Ruch,
Gary Stephens, Chet Slaygor, Ed
MacDonald, Leo Carroll, Dave Teeple,
Jay Havener, Kurt Fishwild, Bob Harris
and Matt Mervyn.**

June 19th Father's Day



The Daddy

**Daddy, for us, a normal life, you
struggled, to provide**

**You worked graveyard shifts
with extreme overtime,
regularly, applied**

**With pride, you endured limited
income and mountains of bills,
waiting on the side**

**The worries and frustrations,
you cleverly, did hide**

**And, you handled
disappointments, while you
prayed for God, to walk,
alongside**

**Daddy, the basic needs, you did,
provide**

**You constructed a large house,
surrounded with the best**

**Peach, apple, persimmon and
cherry trees, worldwide**

**You made sure balanced meals
were prepared, for eight ways,
to divide**

**You clothed us in every fashion;
hand-me-downs, polyester,
even, tie-dyed**

**You laid down crystal clear
rules, for which, to guide**

**There were times we would
have sworn, you even sent
messages, telepathically**

**Your long hand of discipline,
pretty much, made us toe the
line, quickly**

And, unequivocally

**Daddy, your lessons were
heartfelt, meaningful and
matter-of-fact**

**On each of our lives, you
definitely, made, an impact**

**A strong belief in God, you
often, did display**

**You constantly, encouraged us,
all, to do, as the Bible, say**

**You said, abiding the law was
the cornerstone for a successful
life, the best, way**

**The boys, you taught and
groomed, to be real men**

**The girls, you instructed,
Develop a career, a trade, to
tend**

**You said, for, yourselves, you
must always, fend**

**You said, upon a man, never,
ever, solely, depend**

**And, you said, If abuse occurs,
freedom is yours and your heart,
you can mend**

Daddy, you set the tone

**You were, the daddy and
momma to the eight of us,
completely, on your own**

Some mistakes, you did, make

**You occasionally misunderstood,
about school supplies, to take**

**Your creativity, often wasn't
enough for a picky eater, to
partake**

**Your cold remedies were strong,
bitter and many groans, were
sown**

**But, just the same, your
parental concern, was actually,
shown**

**Daddy, you were the captain
and the anchor, of our crew**

**You may not have been the
daddy, who said, I love you**

**But for each of us, on cold rainy
days, you delivered forgotten
warm coats, of every hue**

**You may not have been the
daddy, who knew how to**

**comfort, when one felt sick or
blue**

**But, you did ask, what was
ailing, and off, to the doctor, we
flew**

**You may not have been the
daddy, who didn't blunder, a
time or two**

**But, you were the daddy,
subject to error, an imperfect
being, as we all, adhere to**

**You were simply, the daddy,
who did the best, you knew, to
do**

**Daddy, we appreciate your
efforts and the difficulties, you,
went through**

**For that, daddy, we will always,
think, of you**

**And, a vase of blue iris will
eternally pay tribute**

**To your faith, wisdom and valor;
all, knew as true**

**Daddy, you will forever be, the
daddy, none, can ever, compare**

**Daddy, you were certainly, the
daddy, who genuinely, did,
care...**

Sanilac By: Kathleen Palmer

**"Yea, even that ye would have
so much faith as even to plant
the Word in your hearts, that ye
may try to experiment of its
goodness;" – Alma 16:203**

Winter seems to be hanging in there. Lots of snow and cold! We have not let that stop us from going to church and listening to God's Word.

Our Women's Group still meets the first Wednesday of every month. We are still studying about "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23" by W. D. Keller. Mary Lou Bartrow is our teacher and we are all learning so much about our Shepherd. Thank you so much, Mary Lou, for all the time you put into the lessons.

At the same time of our Women's meeting, the men meet downstairs for study and worship.

March came with still more cold weather and snow!

Barent Eliason will never forget his 80th birthday. On March 12th, he was surprised with a birthday party at the Bench Warmer in Sandusky. The room was decorated with John Deere items, green and yellow balloons, McDonalds and tubs of popcorn, which was enjoyed by all. He was pleasantly surprised by the presence of his sons and families. Peter and Tammy and family, Barry and Lisa and family – all from Missouri, and Eric and Cory and family from Sandusky. Plus many relatives and friends to help him celebrate. A delicious dinner was served and enjoyed by all. It didn't end at the Bench Warmer, as on Sunday everyone traveled to Oakwood church for yet another birthday surprise put on by the Oakwood Branch. After a

special service with Elder Don Beebe from Missouri preaching and beautiful music by the Oakwood Four, there was a delicious potluck dinner to enjoy. Thanks, Jay and Kathi for the green and yellow John Deere decorated tables. Everyone had a chance to tell Barent Happy Birthday via microphone. Thanks everyone, for helping make Barent's 80th birthday so special!

It was wonderful, also, that very good friends, Don and Pat Beebe, plus Barent and Barb's children and grandchildren spent a few days to a week together on the farm.

We would like to thank Nellie for taking on the job of church historian. She is doing a wonderful job of gathering information past and present.

April has come and winter still is lingering around. We pray that spring will come. Especially for our farmers who are waiting to get on the ground and plant those seeds. Have faith and trust in the Lord for He knows all things.

Bill and Kathleen Palmer traveled to Branson, Missouri, for a week's vacation. They had a wonderful time and met with some friends while there. The weather was great! They even saw the sun!

We had a very special Maundy Thursday service on April 21st at 7:00 p.m. with Elder Wayne Bartrow in charge.

On April 24th Easter breakfast was served by the women, followed by a special Easter service.

On Saturday, April 30th, we had our annual Mother/Daughter Banquet, "Mom's Diner." We served hot dogs and hamburgers in red baskets and root beer floats in coke glasses with long red spoons and straws, just like at a diner. We then went upstairs for the program. We had a lot of laughs and special moments together. There were many gifts given out and we announced next year's theme, "Welcome to our Garden." A big thanks to all who came. We appreciate each and every one of you. Also, thanks to all who helped to clean up. It was awesome! Thanks to our Sanilac girls who worked so hard to make this banquet possible.

We would like to wish Wayne and Mary Lou Bartrow congratulations on moving into their new home in Port Huron.

We are so blessed to welcome Tom and Janine Essenmacher to our church family. Tom will be ordained to the office of Priest on May 15th. Please remember him in your prayers. A potluck

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dinner will be served following the service.

A big thanks to Dora Gutierrez, Barb Eliason and Debbie DesJardins for their beautiful and spiritual worship centers they created for us in Feb., March and April.

A special thanks to all those who provided special music – Wayne and Mary Bartrow, Women's Choir, Gary DesJardins, Men's Choir, Dora Gutierrez, Kathleen Palmer and the Men's and Women's Choir, and Barent and Barb Eliason. Also to those who do the pre-worship service.

A very special note of appreciation to all the priesthood who travel to our little branch to preach the Word of our Lord Jesus Christ. Brian (Cathy) Daggett, Ed McDonald, Jim (Jean) McLeod, Dale Day and Bob Ruch.

Happy Birthday to: March 13th – Barent Eliason; April 15th – Mary Lou Bartrow; April 13th – MaryLee Cove and Annie Smith and April 28th – Esther Markey.

Happy Anniversary to: Feb. 10th – Lloyd and Denise Rich; March 31st – Randy and Debbie DesJardins; April 10th – Barent and Barb Eliason.



Fallen Comrades

By Robert Long

Over the ages
Through the battles
And wars raged
By men
And their reasoning

There were principles
To consider
For the freedoms
And the privileges
That we have today

The very principles
We all too often
Take for granted

Please remember

There were those
Who paid the ultimate price
For these things
They were
The men and women
Who gave of themselves
Their lives
Their all

So we
Could enjoy the freedoms
We have today

As a veteran
I'm troubled by what I see
The flagrant disregard
For all the things
That we as soldiers
Died for

It was an ultimate price
Given freely
But one

Not to be taken lightly
Though we did this
Unselfishly

Please,
Show respect
Honor these privileges
That
You were freely given
Because
It cost some one
And their families
Dearly

Think of those
Who volunteered
To serve
And to even die
So that you
Could live in peace
And in harmony
With all the freedom
To come and go as you will

In a country designed
For you and me
By those who gave
With a desire
To be free

Anyone with new Email/phone/other info that you want published please send to Jim Bradley @ zionswatchman@sbcglobal.net !

Regional Activities for the next quarter (at press time - check to make sure of any changes)

- ❖ **May 7th - Hootenanny @ Oakwood Branch
eat @ 6pm - show@ 7pm**
- ❖ **May 13-15 Children's Retreat @ Port Huron**
- ❖ **July 10-16 Zion's Youth Camp @ Sanford, MI**
- ❖ **July 17-23 Children's Camp @ Erie Beach**
- ❖ **July 25-31 Reunion @ Wesleyan Woods in Vassar, MI**

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

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Zion's Youth Camp July 10th – 16th 2011 "Spiritual Anatomy"

For youth going into 7th grade through 12th and Graduated Seniors

It's time again to get ready for camp! Hope you are all planning on coming! The staff for Zion's Youth Camp is very excited about another week of camp. We hope to have a camp that will leave all of you with a deeper relationship with God and memories with each other that will last a lifetime. The old saying goes, "You get out of it what you put into it," and so we hope you will come to camp leaving the world behind and carrying a positive attitude as we focus on the theme "**Spiritual Anatomy**"

We look forward to the ministry of Elder Fred Brown Sr. of the Oakwood Restoration Branch of Jesus Christ who will be the Pastor for the camp. We also look forward to the following camp activities: crafts, recreation, classes, educational games, swimming, campfires, special worship services, goofy Olympics, a cookout, sporting activities, and more. The staff is working hard and preparing to make this camp a great experience. Bring a friend along and let them share in the best week of your summer! We look forward to seeing all of you.

Elder Jay Havener and Sister Kathi Havener, Camp Directors

**** Send in your registration form if you are coming by June 19. **** The cost for each camper is \$195.00. Check with your pastor to see if your branch will pay for the camp fee. Some branches do pay for their youth to attend camps. **HOWEVER, do not** let the cost of camp keep you from coming if you or your family is unable to pay the full amount! We want you at camp! As we need the counts for preparation of materials and food, the **deadline for returning your registration or calling is June 19**. Please make any checks payable to: **Restoration Branches Reunion Fund.**

Send registration forms to: **Jay and Kathi Havener**
220 S. Coats Rd.
Oxford, MI 48371

Arrival time for campers is 4 - 5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 10th. Supper will be served at approximately 6:15. **Camp ends at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, July 16th.** Please pick up your child between 11 a.m. and 12:00 noon. We must leave the camp by noon to make room for the next camp.

Camp address: Sanford Campgrounds
3500 West River Road
Sanford, Michigan 48657

Camp phone number: First Attempt - Kitchen - (989) 687-9912
Second Attempt – Caretaker's home – (989) 687-2222

Things to bring to camp:

1. Scriptures
2. Pen/Pencil
3. towels, personal items
4. insect repellent
5. appropriate clothing
6. appropriate one-piece bathing suit
7. swimming shoes (zebra mussel shells on beach can cut your feet)
8. bedding, pillow
9. campfire blanket and flashlight
10. musical instrument
11. a fantastic attitude
12. a friend

Can't wait to see you!

Parents, if you need to reach us, our cell phone numbers are Jay: (248) 909-1701 and Kathi: (248) 909-9702. Our e-mail address is ojhavener@gmail.com

Elder Jay Havener and Sister Kathi Havener
Camp Directors

Zion's Youth Camp
July 10-16, 2011

Registration Form – Please call or return form by June 19. Only campers with a properly completed registration form will be allowed to attend camp.

Return to:

Jay and Kathi Havener
220 S. Coats Rd.
Oxford, MI 48371
Phone: (248) 628-9702

Camper's name _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent(s)/Guardian names _____

Address _____

Home phone () _____ Work phone () _____ Cell ph () _____

ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone () _____

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone () _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Current medical condition(s) of which the nurse needs to be aware _____

1.) Current medication _____

Dosage/Times _____

Reason for medication _____

2.) Current medication _____

Dosage/Times _____

Reason for medication _____

Check any of the following that apply:

Allergies to _____

asthma diabetes epilepsy/nervous disorder hay fever

heart condition stomach disorder insect stings/bites reaction

Please specify any other concerns (medical or behavioral): _____

Date of last tetanus shot _____

Are there any swimming, activity, or other physical restrictions on the camper? _____

Family Physician _____ Ph. #
(____) _____

Health care company: _____ Policy # _____
Group # _____

In whose name is the insurance carried?

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY (FRONT AND BACK) OF YOUR INSURANCE CARD TO THIS FORM

Please note the required parent signature that is needed on this form.

PARENTAL PERMISSION/MEDICAL RELEASE

To the best of my knowledge, this person is in good health, and is physically able to participate in all camp activities, except as indicated. All medical problems or conditions requiring on-going medical supervision or care have been fully noted.

I hereby approve my child's participation at this camp and give permission to the Camp Administration to make decisions related to the physical well being of my child.

I will notify the camp if my child is exposed to an infectious disease during the three weeks prior to arriving at camp.

I hereby give the Camp First Aid/CPR certified person permission to administer over-the-counter and prescription medications and/or First Aid, as required.

In the case of medical emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact parents or guardian. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician and/or hospital selected by the Camp Administration to secure proper treatment for my child as named above and will assume liability for any resulting expense.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

CAMPER AGREEMENT

CAMP RULES: *Only those willing to abide by these rules should plan to attend camp.*

1. A camp is similar to a large family; each person helps to bring happiness to others.
2. All campers are to take part in all camp activities, including cleanup, KP, etc.
3. Boys are not to be in the girls' cabins and girls are not to be in the boys' cabins.
4. All clothing should be modest and not offensive to the Lord and those who try to follow Him. One-piece bathing suits are appropriate for our young women and swim trunks for our young men.
5. **Aqua socks** or swimming shoes will be needed for the beach.
6. Any medication at camp must be kept with and dispensed by the camp nurse.
7. No tobacco, alcoholic drinks, drugs, pop, candy or other "junk food" are to be brought to camp.
***Do not bring junk food even in an effort to persuade the cabin inspectors.** We will provide the extra treats.
8. No iPods, electronic games, etc. are to be brought to camp.
9. **No cell phones will be allowed. Any cell phones found will be collected by the camp director and returned at the end of camp.**
10. Telephone calls are on an emergency basis only with the camp director's permission.
11. No one will leave during the camp without the permission of the camp director.

I agree to abide by the camp rules and the directions given by the Camp Director and camp staff.

*Camper's
signature*

Date