

True to Life

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Celebrate Our 31st Fall Banquet

God's gorgeous palette wheel, crisp winds and smells of Fall are just a few weeks away. Those anticipated signs of the season mean that this year's 31st annual ECFA Banquet and Silent Auction will soon be celebrated on October 2nd at the Brookfield Sheraton beginning at 5:30 p.m.

This year, our guest speaker is Kelly Wright of FOX News. He is a well-respected reporter and viewed weekly as the co-host of America's News Headquarters on Saturdays. Kelly previously served as a co-host on Fox & Friends Weekend.



Most recently, Kelly was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Sponsors at Morehouse College for his "Beyond the Dream" series. Through the years, he has reported on numerous high profile newsmakers and events including: John Gotti, Amy Fisher, the Howard Beach and Bensonhurst murder trials and the 1989 Central Park jogger rape case and conducted exclusive interviews with Laura Bush and OJ Simpson.

He began his journalism career in 1977 while serving in the United States Army. Kelly has received numerous awards including two local Emmy Awards for his developing, reporting, and co-producing a documentary and news series on the transatlantic slave trade.

Kelly is blessed with many talents and will be sharing his unique testimony at the banquet entitled: "A Time for Triumph." His books and CD's will be available for purchase.

Also on our program as Emcee is Fox 6 News reporter and anchor, Beverly Taylor. At the 2010 Fall Banquet, Beverly was ECFA's guest speaker and blessed all in attendance who heard her story. In May this year, Beverly did a special feature story about two ECFA families that aired Mother's Day evening on the Fox 6 News. (That video clip can be viewed on our website). Beverly has had some significant life changes and blessings these past five years she will hopefully share.

For 18 years, Beverly Taylor has been welcomed in homes throughout southeastern Wisconsin. Whether she is on assignment reporting the next Breaking News story, or

anchoring a newscast, Beverly's velvety voice, gentle spirit, integrity, and sincerity are distinctive traits that identify her on FOX 6.

Beverly graduated from the University of Tennessee with a major in Broadcasting. On May 17, 2015, she earned



her Master's Degree in Dispute Resolution from Marquette. She has been honored with several awards as a reporter and on April 24, 2015, received this year's United States Attorney's Office National Crime Victims' Rights Award. The award was in recognition of her "dedicated,

tireless, focused and productive work in advancing and protecting the rights of crime victims." She has done a number of stories that have increased awareness of the human trafficking problem in our area.

In the past, she hosted a weekly segment called *Adoption Connection* and enjoyed interacting with children in foster care awaiting their forever homes. In her spare time, Beverly enjoys reading and watching movies "with my boys."

She and her husband, Julian, enjoy parenting Nate (12) and are members of New Testament Church in Milwaukee where Senior Pastor, Julius Malone, presides.

Our scripture theme this year is: "... live in the fear of the Lord always." Proverbs 23:17b. This verse reminds us 1) to stand firm in our faith, 2) cherish your relationship with Jesus Christ and the truth of His Word no matter and 3) maintain a posture of confidence in Christ alone.

As always, a full program that includes music, and other surprises awaits our guests in addition to dinner and the silent auction. There is no cost however, sponsorships of the event and tables at \$250 for 10 are encouraged and will be identified in the program. An opportunity for an investment in the ministry will also be presented.

Please see your enclosed invitation and response card to RSVP as seating is limited.
For more information please call Sue at 262-789-1881.

SILENT AUCTION SPECIALS

The Silent Auction volunteer team of Elisa Shane, Micki Schmitz, and Pamela Grande assisted by staffers, Sue, and Linda, began preparations for this year's event in mid-July. Beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 2, 2015, silent auction savvy shoppers will enjoy some very unique items that have already been donated. These include:

- Waterloo 5 Foot, 14 drawer, wheeled tool tower
- Trek Verve 1 black men's bike
- Fit Bit Wrist Activity & Sleep Tracker
- 200 pieces of Pfaltzgraff Village dinnerware (includes every accessory you could imagine)
- Packer Item TBA
- Signed and numbered artwork



Additional donated items valued at \$40 or more will be gratefully accepted at the office until September 18, 2015. All donors will be listed in the bidder's silent auction booklet. If you have any questions or ideas, please call Sue at 262-789-1881.

This year is no exception, there is probably something for everyone at ECFA's silent auction.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Doug at American Auto
on 28th & Burnham for the outstanding discount
on a vehicle for one of our PSS clients



Federal Employees Reminder



Federal employees can contribute to the Evangelical Child & Family Agency through the Combined Federal Campaign. These gifts help us provide a positive alternative to abortion through our Pregnancy Support Services and Adoption Programs.

The Combined Federal Campaign solicits voluntary contributions from employees of the United States Government. It is the process through which Federal employees may designate their donations for Evangelical Child & Family Agency.

Your contributions assists in meeting the needs of many in our community. ECFA is listed under "Unaffiliated Agencies," number 59908.

For further details you can call:
Linda Oberbrunner (ECFA) 262-789-1881
United Way of Greater Milwaukee 414-263-8100

United Way, Combined Federal Campaign, and Employee Matching Dollars are all programs that allow employees to choose where their hard-earned dollars will be used most effectively. Thank you for considering to name ECFA as your recipient during these annual Fall campaigns. Last year, ECFA was blessed by over \$20,000!!!



ECFA Reminder



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The United Way's community-wide campaign helps meet the diversity of health and human care needs to aid people in building better lives.

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Price's Priceless Present

In 2013, Ellie Price, a longtime friend of ECFA, called to share that she and her husband, Dick, were going to encourage their children to forego traditional Christmas presents for them. Instead, they encouraged family members to purchase baby items to place in a new dresser for the ECFA Dresser Program. Ellie knew the dressers are given as an encouragement and gesture of hope to any mom who is abortive-minded that changes her mind to provide life for her baby. Each of their children considered their parent's suggestion and "were all in" this past Christmas (2014).



Dick, a skilled woodworker, ordered a beautiful cherry dresser kit by Sauder Woodworking in Ohio and painstakingly constructed this safety equipped 4-drawer dresser. Family members: Dick & Ellie, Son Rodney & Melinda Price, daughters Rachel, Rebekah, Elizabeth, & Zoe from Ogema,

Wisconsin; Daughter Jean & Scott Snodgrass, from Denver, Colorado; Daughter Brenda & Mark Bindon, children Lydia, Mikayla, Nathaniel Uziah, & Moriah from Naknek, Alaska, contributed items including: a teething ring, pacifiers, diaper ointment, socks, onesies, outfits, quilt, blanket, hoodies, diapers, baby wipes, stuffed kangaroo, wrapped gifts with card for the new mom, CD Bible songs for kids, bibs, towels, wash cloths, books, baby shampoo & wash, powders & lotions, etc; to fill the drawers with baby boy items. One of the daughters felt confident this will specifically be going to bless a baby boy instead of gender-neutral colored items. Brenda, from Alaska, also crocheted a beautiful blanket for the unknown baby boy and sent this as her gift.

After the dresser was delivered, safety drawer locks set and items placed neatly in the drawers, staff gathered around as Dick led in prayer special blessings upon the future receiver of this priceless gift. He assured all his family has been and will continue to pray for the mom.

We are so grateful to the Price, Snodgrass, & Bindon Families for their Gift of Life and Hope and have someone in mind who may be delivering her first son in December, just before Christmas.

Christmas In July Results and Reminiscing

The Christmas in July tree is flanked by two cherished Illinois staff, Dave Lundberg and Wendy Payne. The two were visiting the Wisconsin office recently in early August in preparation for the job transition they are both a part of.

Dave was ECFA's Clinical Services Director working primarily in Wheaton. For almost 15 years, he has made the trek to Wisconsin 351 times for staff supervisory and case file reviews. His "pun-ability" and "wi(t)sdom" has brought many smiles (and occasionally a groan) to staff and volunteers alike through the years. He and his wife, Linda of 45 years, have moved to Michigan to reside close to their children and grandchildren. Dave will continue to work very limited hours the rest of this year. He will assist the agency through the COA Council on Accreditation process in 2015.



Wendy has been on the Illinois staff for 13.5 years and will now assume the title of Director of Professional Services. She is an excellent fit and enjoys supervising and encouraging others in their social services roles. She too, like Dave, has a wonderful sense of humor. Both were delighted to pose with our very full, ornament-laden Christmas tree.

This year we were so blessed to have the highest total of donations ever designated for a Christmas in July. It really was Christmas in July through the kindness of 67 donors combining their gifts to total \$9,650. One major gift of \$5,000 was truly a sacrificial donation. All of these funds will be used to meet the needs of many clients throughout 2015.

Bike & Hike Re-Cap

This year, a total of 175 individuals of all ages infant – eighty something, were involved in this year's Bike & Hike. A perfect day began with just a few sprinkles which quickly dissipated before Bill Greguska, this year's first bike rider, hit the trail.



Many neighbors in the area were curious and sauntered over as the Big Blue Mobile Media van maneuvered into place. They came over to ask questions and found out about the services that ECFA provides locally.

Retired Pastor, Jim Schmitz, was a first year attendee and pleasantly surprised that his name was drawn to win the \$100 first time participant

award. Much to his amazement, he re-connected with his cousin, Gary Gantner, whom he did not expect to be at the same event located over 80 miles from each other's homes. Jim also was able to reunite with Pastor Steve and Linda Carlson friends since the '80's. For the second consecutive year, Linda had the most sponsors, 28 (not including the top three fundraisers). She won two Country Springs Waterpark passes due to the extra generosity of Nancy and Jill from the beautiful Country Springs Hotel.

One young man who was already riding on the Glacial Drumlin Trail was kindly greeted by veteran crossing guard, Ron Baer. After this young man completed his ride, he returned to Ron stating that since Ron was so friendly to him, he wanted to participate in the Bike & Hike and went to the registration table to sign in.



Our scheduled singer, Becca Richter was involved in a car accident enroute to the event. Nancy Farrell quickly had CD's with Becca's music brought to the shelter from the Farrell's home a block away to be played as background music. God also intervened through John Jones (JJ) who just happened to have a live mic to connect into Big Blue's mobile van system that he had inadvertently left in his car the night before. This allowed the program and prize drawings to take place in Becca's absence.



Our 2015 **top three prize winners devote hours** of their time unselfishly raising funds for the ministry and programs of ECFA. This year's top three fundraisers and their prizes are:

- 1 Pastor Fred Smith – \$4,585 (new high) from 40 sponsors + Selected the Waukesha State Bank Brewer's Box Seat Ticket Package valued at \$300
- 2 Kathy Misany – \$2,597 from 73 sponsors + Selected the \$200 from an anonymous donor couple
- 3 Jim & Leah Valentine – \$2,000 + Selected the Country Springs Hotel Waterpark & Conference Center deluxe overnight stay with 4 waterpark passes valued at \$150



Twelve fundraisers raised over \$250 each earning themselves a 2 Foot Cousins Party Sub certificate.

This event was able to raise: **\$33,236.25** which includes the generous match of \$10,000! This was the greatest amount in the last 10 years thanks to so many people and donations as follows:

- ***Almost Anything** – Sponsorship
- ***Anonymous Couple** – \$10,000 Match
- ***Anonymous Couple** – \$200 Cash - Major Prize
- Anonymous** – \$100 New Participant Prize
- Bike & Hike Committee** – Co-chaired by: Brian & Nancy Farrell, Ron & Jan Baer, & Linda Oberbrunner, with Office Secretary: Sue Carlson
- ***Country Springs Hotel Waterpark & Conference Center** – Jill & Nancy- overnight stay with 4 waterpark passes plus an additional 4 waterpark passes used for Bike and Hike and the Brewer Buddy Family night drawing.
- ****Cousins Subs/Valentine Family** – delicious Cousins Subs lunch, t-shirts and fundraiser prize certificates
- Culver's Restaurant on Sunset Drive** – 20 scoopie tokens
- Day of Event Volunteers** – (not listed in other areas) Gloria Anderson, Alan & Terry Arenz, Becca, Cathy, & Mike Bogdanovich, Charlene Duranceau, Catherine & Kevin Faulls Ruth & Tim Farrell, Anita & Wally Julius, Doug Kowalski, Kate Kuzmin, Linda Lasch, Patti Prestash, Jerry & Micki Schmitz, Jim, Leah & Sophia Valentine, Patti Waldoch,
- Dennis Drinkwine** – photographer, capturing many smiles & faces
- ***iNET Computers Inc.**— sponsorship



- Molly & Destry Liannas** – kids' games, prizes, and face painting
- Kathy Martin** – ongoing website updates
- Mobile Media Ministry** – use of sound system
- Ted Nunziato/Master Lock** – 15 bike locks



- Olson's Ace Hardware** – popcorn machine & supplies
- ProBuColls Gifts & Books** – children's prizes
- Beth Ramsey** – graphic artist of pamphlets, prayer reminders & t-shirts
- Gwen Shilling** – prizes for drawing
- Spring Creek Church Cookie Bakers** – 35 dozen delicious goodies all in treat bags organized by Stacy Kageff
- Water Doctors/Dr. Bob** – seven cases of refreshing Kinetico water
- ***Waukesha State Bank** – 4-pack Brewer's box seat tickets and generous basket prize
- Woodman's Grocery** – \$50 gift certificate for apples, bananas, carrots & pretzels
- * Major Sponsors ** Premier Sponsors



Next year will be the 30th year of a Wisconsin ECFA fundraising event with bikes. The names and location have changed over the years but the intent remains the same: providing funds for life-valuing options to moms, dads, children, babies, and the unborn. A goal has been set

to have 300 participants enjoy this event. A 30 year commemorative t-shirt design contest will take place for any and all ages. All entries are due by February 28, 2016. More details in future newsletters. We hope you will mark your calendar to join us next year on May 14, 2016!



Pregnancy Support Services Team Transformation

Between February – June a number of staff changes occurred in the Pregnancy Support Services (PSS) Program as a new PSS Team was formed. The exciting timeline followed:

February 5, 2015 Surprise as Linda assumes all PSS cases which quickly grew to 14 clients

April 1, 2015 Congrats to Jill Hait on new role as PSS Supervisor

May 26, 2015 Welcome to Alycia Johnson as a PSS Birthparent Caseworker

June 8, 2015 Welcome to Amy Miura as a PSS Birthparent Social Worker

June 11, 2015 Intense Training Sessions begin weekly

June 12, 2015 First TPR Court Observation Field Trip

July 1, 2015 PSS Advertising begins at Mayfair Mall Food Court

Daily ~ Thank You LORD for such a mission-minded team that You have brought together for such a time as this!

The Wisconsin PSS Team Wins!

A number of months ago before reaching a milestone birthday, Amy Miura felt excited that God was prompting her to make some bold changes in her life that included relocating to Wisconsin, looking for a new job, and trusting Him in deeper ways.

At the same time, the PSS program was in search of two full-time birthparent workers which was also posted on the Wheaton website. Amy knew that a lot of social work jobs were available in Milwaukee; but nothing seemed to stimulate her passion to work with “the broken” as she truly desired until calling ECFA Wisconsin for an interview. The words from Linda conveying the reality of working with the broken were what she needed to hear.

Amy earned her Bachelor of Science from Cedarville University where she majored in social work. She was certified in Ohio as a social worker and licensed as a substitute teacher and domestic violence provider in Illinois. She has already become licensed in Wisconsin after successfully completing the state licensure exam on the first try.

Since graduating, she has worked with the broken in many diverse settings that include: at-risk school settings, family shelter counseling, human trafficked individuals, mentally ill youth in Ohio, home support for autistic clients, summer camps in Michigan, foster home youth in Ohio, and youth camps in Illinois. “All of these situations and personal stories shared by clients, have prepared me for the uniqueness of this position. I enjoy meeting and connecting with people in the community so I know what resources will be available for my clients and the specific needs they may have.”



Amy was able to find an apartment near the agency with hospitable tenants and morning glories that greet her on sunny days as she walks to her car. Amy thinks that the congested zoo interchange is a breeze compared to her former hour commute to work.

We are delighted to have this Illinois (yes, a Cub fan through and through) with us as she has already blessed the staff with her sweet spirit.

More about Amy can be found on a past *Meet the Staff Monday* post of the relaunched [Pregnancy Support Services of Wisconsin](#) Facebook page that she co-edits with Alycia, also new to ECFA.

EQUIPPED FOR LIFE SERVICE

A warm southern accent, coupled with a sweet “yes ma’am” smile, are two obvious identifiers of birth parent caseworker Alycia (with a “y”) Johnson. Alycia lived in Kentucky near her grandparents and some family, the last two years while attending Asbury University and earning her Master’s Degree in Social Work. Simultaneously, Alycia was employed as a residential Night Youth Care Worker at a maternity home for 11-21 year olds for two years. Her previous experiences as an intern in Wisconsin and Kentucky provided opportunities to work with a variety of ages and races of women and men experiencing unplanned pregnancies or who were in the throes of parenting in dysfunctional settings.

Four years ago, Alycia applied for a PSS internship at ECFA and the relationship with her began. She attended a Fall Banquet and knew this was a place that she connected heart to heart. Although the internship parameters of her school were not a good fit for acceptance at ECFA, Alycia continued to work elsewhere with individuals in unplanned pregnancies in a variety of settings, pursuing her passion to serve others and promote life.

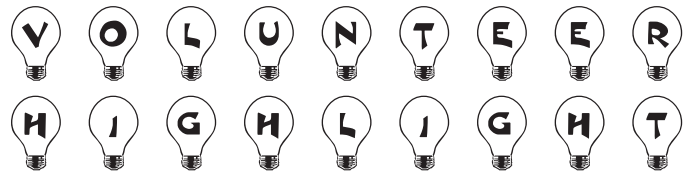
Ironically, the week before she began employment in the PSS program on May 26, 2015, one of our youngest clients had personally requested services. Alycia was able to accompany Linda to meet her for the first visit and has been able to build a relationship and trust with her the past few months.

As Alycia acclimates to Wisconsin, she has been able to enjoy time with her parents and sister and welcomed a new puppy, “Wyatt,” into her life and pet-friendly apartment. Alycia attends Oak Creek Assembly and is



excited to see God continue to direct all her days.

More about Alycia can be found on a past *Meet the Staff Monday* post of the relaunched [Pregnancy Support Services of Wisconsin](#) Facebook page that she co-edits with Amy, also new to ECFA.



Amber-Selfie Taker & Selfless Giver

At only 17, Amber Perez has been giving up part of her weekends, every other Saturday, for three years volunteering at the Almost Anything 2 Resale Shop. Initially, her mother encouraged her to apply to volunteer



before beginning high school at Wisconsin Lutheran. This Fall, Amber will be a senior and after graduation, hopes to begin college for mortuary science. This motivated young woman also babysits weekly during the summer. Her other interests include attending and listening to Indie music/concerts (musicians that have not signed on with a label or recording company but generate music that is not altered by technology).

Amber stated, “I have a passion to love and help people. I love the organization (ECFA) and support what they stand for. When I work, I just love seeing the faces of people when they find just what they are looking for or something they didn’t even know they were looking for.” Amber has learned a lot during her three years and states she just loves working with Karen (AA Supervisor) and Laurie (Resale Shop Assistant). Both staff agree that it is a pleasure to work with Amber and appreciate her selfless attitude.

Since Amber does not have her license just yet, accolades are also acknowledged for her mom and dad who have been driving her back and forth on Saturdays to volunteer. It seems that generously giving time for others is in the DNA of this family.

We appreciate the example of Amber and her challenge to volunteer that she has extended to her peers.

(Amber was able to provide the selfie for this article.)

Rooting Rivals Rally, Really?

When Irene Bolton, Administrative Assistant to the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club shared the available dates with teams for an ECFA Family night, there was NO hesitation that a July 30, 2015, game against the Cubs would be the one.



After all, ECFA has been an Illinois/Wisconsin team for over 31 years so why not take the opportunity for some funning, bantering, and jesting at Miller Park?

A total of 150 tickets were distributed to volunteers, Bike & Hike participants, Advisory Council members,



adoptive families, and staff. For some like Hannah Oberbrunner from Oregon, and Trine and Leif-Atle Heen from Norway it was their very first game. Explaining why sausages race around the field to everyone's cheers was a little hard to fully grasp.



Mindy Bycroft's seat number was drawn by Hannah Oberbrunner (Linda's granddaughter). Mindy won two all day waterpark passes that were generously provided by ECFA friends Nancy & Jill of Country Springs Conference & Waterpark in Waukesha.



New staff member, Amy Miura, previously from Illinois just happened to have her Cub shirt laundered for the event which she proudly wore.



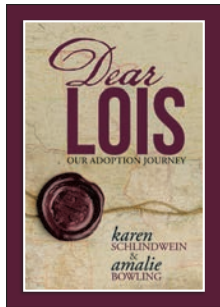
The Brewers did their very best and led 2-0, until the eighth inning. Executive Director Ken, his daughter, Beth, son-in-law, Junior, and grandson, Danny, made it a point to stay until the end sensing their Cubs would pull through which they did to the cheers of many Cub fans that remained in the stadium. The final score was 5-2.



Dear LOIS

AN ADOPTION JOURNEY MUST READ

How often have you heard people say, “You should write a book.”? In Karen Schindwein’s life, this question, became a reality in May 2015 as the first shipment of Dear LOIS paperbacks arrived in boxes. Karen’s writing ability began years ago when,



through a series of circumstances, she and her husband Tom, began the adoption journey. Their first child, Amalie, was born and placed with them only 16 days after meeting Lois, Amalie’s birthmother. The next years were filled with many milestones in Amalie’s life that were carefully captured in letters and photos that were carefully mailed on to Lois and her other two children.

A few years later, Tom and Karen had adopted a second time, Joe, also as an infant whose birthmother is Ruth. Letters and photos were also shared with Ruth through the years.

On the book cover, the summary of this beautiful story reads as follows:

Dear Lois is a unique perspective of an adoption journey told through letters written to birthmothers, by the adoptive parents, as their children were growing up. The perspectives of the birth family, adoptive family, and adopted children take the reader on an emotional journey from the heartbreak of a couple facing infertility to the joy of family woven together.

This tender story has many contributors in addition to the main authors, Karen and daughter Amalie Bowling, which makes it so appealing to all members of the adoption triad. Amalie and her husband, Jason, have a desire to use the proceeds from the sale of this book to fund a ministry called “Chosen”. This three-fold ministry will be comprised of 1) a residential foster home that will provide hope and encouragement to children that are hurting and broken, 2) connect and facilitate healthy relationships among triad members ~ adoptive parents with birth parents and the children, and 3) educate community members about adoption through programs at churches, schools, and other venues. (More info on Facebook/OurChosen Family)

All the families involved in the 155 pages of this unique book, have grown even closer together. For each, God has revealed so many things through the unexpected challenges in life so that hopefully even more lives will be “regenerated.”

This mother daughter team will have their book available for purchase and signing at this year’s Fall Banquet October 2, 2015. Books may also be purchased online at www.dearlois.org or ProBuColls Christian Book & Gift store on 97th and Greenfield in West Allis.

Food for Thought at Mayfair Mall?

On July 1st, targeted PSS advertising at Mayfair Mall began as a six month pilot program in the Food Court area. Shopping center stats indicate that an average of 1.8 million people visit that mall each month. A smaller number of that total find their way to the 13 vendors in that Food Court area.

Beginning on July 1, 2015, a trial six month contract was signed with Don, of smartlite, in Boca Raton, Florida. The goal is to promote the PSS Program on a large rotating column that completes a 360 degree turn every 40 seconds to diners in the court. There is also a holder attached that can hold 95 PSS brochures for those interested in more information. It is replenished weekly by Amy and Alycia who are also trying to connect with the vendors who view the advertisement hundreds of times daily and will hopefully refer others they may know. The design was recreated by our own talented Beth Ramsey, who accepted the dimensional challenges.

Two of the months of this advertising are being covered by a generous grant received from Holy Apostles Church in New Berlin. This advertising is costly at \$495 per month but it is hopeful that it will reach future clients with life-valuing options. As a non-profit, we have the option of continuing the advertising beyond December 31, 2015, for an additional six months. If you or anyone you know feels this is specifically where you want to invest, please call Linda at 262-789-1881 to designate which month or months, you may want to sponsor. In the meantime, please pray that the eyes of passersby may be drawn to the words and contact information.





With A Grateful Heart

There is a continual outpouring of blessings received by this ministry on a regular basis. As a result, there are many individuals to be grateful for in each quarterly newsletter. The scriptural premise for our gratefulness comes from Psalm 9:1, “*I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart; I will tell of the wonders.*” ***Our thanks from grateful hearts:***

- ♥ Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who assembled two recent mailings:
- ♥ **Spring '15 Newsletter:**

Ron & Jan Baer	Emma Kutschenreuter
Sally Boya	Debbie Merkel
Ruth Engelhardt	Betty Muza
Carol Gedde	Wanda Prusak
Pamela Grande	Leah Valentinel
Judy Iwinski	Mary Westphal
Anita Julius	Cindy Kirby
- ♥ **Christmas in July letter:**

Cathy Bogdanovich	Debbie Merkel
Sally Boya	Micki Schmitz
Ruth Engelhardt	Leah & Sophia Valentine
Sharon Fuller	Mary Westphal
Mary & David Go	Margo Whitcomb
Anita Julius	Anita Wonder
- ♥ For the knitted baby blanket for our Fruits of Your Labor incentive program from Sandy Cooper
- ♥ For the envelopes, decorative bags, and notecard packets, Scripture coffee mug & tune-up expense for the office vacuum cleaner from Sally Boya
- ♥ For the many wonderful baby items from the Congregation at Holy Apostles Church Baby Shower including diapers, wipes, bibs, diaper bag, diaper covers, pillow, baby toys, pacifiers, health kit; thermometer; bath kits; baby washes, lotions & powders; socks; hats; mittens, gloves, slippers, spoons, cups, bottles, covered bowls, stroller mosquito net, outlet covers, many kinds of blankets & quilts, burp cloths, wash cloths, hooded towels, formula, sleepers, onesies, outfits, & coats
- ♥ For the wonderful help with lawn mowing and other yard work, hanging clothes, cleaning window sills & organizing storage area & shelves at Almost Anything 2, by the faithful monthly group from Tabernacle Baptist Church
- ♥ For the wall painting of one of our offices; many beautiful flowers, soil, mulch, weeding, & watering of our flowerbeds that bring us and the neighbors much joy, from Dick Merten
- ♥ For the cash donation for a client & her family in need; plumbing work at office; & the photos of our annual Bike & Hike fundraiser and 3rd annual ECFA Family Brewers Night by multi-talented volunteer, Dennis Drinkwine
- ♥ For the diapers, portable bath, large baby toys, pink car scooter/stroller, baby seat, stroller & car seat with base & curio cabinet for our Fruits of Your Labor incentive program from Gina & Jim Ziller
- ♥ For the beautiful knitted blankets, scarves & hats from Close Knit Friends; & the quilt & cute little tag quilts from Threads of Love at Elmbrook Church for our Fruits of Your Labor incentive program
- ♥ For the Iwinski's Saturday project of storage area wall repair and painting by Dean & Anthony, and beautiful flowers planted in a large container by Judy
- ♥ For the lovely hand-knit afghans for our Fruits of Your Labor incentive program from Lori Sauerbrei
- ♥ For three large planters of gorgeous flowers on our office porch from Pamela Grande
- ♥ For the tree trimming, raking & mulch spreading at our office from Jim Valentine
- ♥ For the delicious homemade cake for office staff from volunteer Anita Julius.
- ♥ For the homemade tasty, healthy granola bars from foster mom, Elisa Shane
- ♥ For the healthy snacks for staff from Sally Boya
- ♥ For the formula kit for our Fruits of Your Labor incentive program from Dottie Enters of EyeWitness for Life
- ♥ For the lovely crocheted baby blankets and even a matching hat for our Fruits of Your Labor incentive program from Pat Quindt & Margot Gustafson
- ♥ For the very generous grant from The Congregation at Holy Apostles for the PSS Program needs
- ♥ For the baby onesies, jacket, crocheted hats & headband from Jeremy Wendorf's family
- ♥ For the vacuuming of closet & brushing of loose paint on walls after some water damage by David Go (13)

- ♥ For the two matching 4-drawer file cabinets for office organization from Joe at KMJ Tax & Accounting coordinated by Michelle Pope through Waukesha First Assembly
- ♥ For the many bags of brand new items from buybuy Baby including diapers, ointment, onesies, socks, tights, hats, pants, sleepers, bottle accessories, nail clippers, pacifiers, towels, spoons, feeding sets, teething toys & an ornament from an anonymous donor
- ♥ For the sweeping & cleaning of parking lot, prepping & painting of one outside wall, and raking & weeding on our office grounds by Gabe Drabkin (16) to comply with volunteering prerequisites for a Camp Counselor position

- ♥ For the extensive outside perimeter concrete block foundation work of power washing, repair, & painting by Jerry Schmitz & Scott Gail
- ♥ For the bags of quality men's suits & ties, and for the beautiful assortment of women's clothing from Dr. Alma Labunski
- ♥ For the photos taken at our 3rd annual ECFA Family Brewers Night by staff Amy's friend, Hannah Persson
- ♥ For the baby furniture and accessories previously enjoyed by her grandchildren from Carol Curle
- ♥ For the quality donations of home décor, clothing, and children's items from ECFA neighbors Jeremiah & Sarah. Congrats from the staff on your recent marriage!

Memorials



In loving memory of:

Our daughter's mother-in-law,
Penny Breitlow

From: John & Kathy Misany



In loving memory of:

My husband Tim

From: Linda Lasch



In loving memory of:

My best friend Lloyd Konrad

From: Bob Newsbaum



In loving memory of: John Baker,
ECFA's friend Robert's brother

From: Mike & Linda Oberbrunner



In loving memory of:

Our nephew & cousin

Arthur Preisler, son of Guy
& Sylvia Preisler

From: Marian Konrad,

Jean & Jim Wells and Karen &
Steve Fredericks



In loving memory of:

My beloved son David Novaez

From: Marion Novaez

In loving memory of:

Edward Prusak, husband of
ECFA volunteer, Wanda,

From: Mike & Linda Oberbrunner



In loving memory of:

Janet Schley Friend & Almost
Anything volunteer

From: Mike & Linda Oberbrunner



In loving memory of:

Special friend Melody Reed

From: Mike & Linda Oberbrunner



In loving memory of:

My dear wife Janet

From: Jerry Schley



In loving memory of:

Our friend David P. Safer

From: Ralph & Donna Redlin



In loving memory of:

My husband Mike

From: Barb Chernouski



In loving memory of:

Our son Michael Garrison

From: Lawrence & Gloria Small



In loving memory of:

Edward Prusak, husband of ECFA
volunteer, Wanda,

From: Mike & Linda Oberbrunner

Tributes



In honor of:

My grandson Tanner's
7th birthday

From: Linda Lasch



In gratitude for our children:

Libbey & Ethan

From: Barb Chernouski



In honor of our mom:

Carol Miller

From: Louis & Corinne Linsmeyer



In honor of our son:

Blake Alan Weeden

& his birth parents

From: Sandy Thorpe-Weeden



Honoring Faithful ECFA

Newsletter Graphic Designer,

Karen Dercole on her 50th!

From: Grateful, Linda Oberbrunner



In celebration of Ron & Judy

Felsner's 50th Anniversary

From: Mike & Linda Oberbrunner







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