



Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Families, check out the free downloadable resource 5 Ways to Pray with Kids—tinyurl.com/5WaysPray. Here's one of those ways to pray: have each person create a shape that represents what they'd like to pray about. Lego bricks, play dough, or pipe cleaners work well! Then pray about those things together. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: The Promised Gift: Pentecost - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. When Jesus was about to return to heaven to be with his Father, he reminded his disciples of the gift his Father had promised them. Did you know that the same gift is promised to you as well? God sends his Holy Spirit to everyone who believes in Jesus. It's an old promise that is still good for you today! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the KC Bible Story Podcasts.

Groundwork: Salvation Through Jesus Christ Alone - As the Christian faith spread, the Apostle Paul often wrote letters to churches he planted to help clarify and solidify his teachings. Join Groundwork as we begin a study of his letter to the church in Galatia by studying Galatians 1. Together, we'll study Paul's teaching about salvation and let it continue to encourage our faith and strengthen our commitment to Christ today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

The Banner

Banner Writing Contest for Young Adults: Peacemaking - Cash prizes and winners published; enter by June 23. For details visit thebanner.org.

World Renew

April Tornadoes Cross the Midwest - World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is coordinating with other organizations to respond to damage caused by 88 confirmed tornadoes from Texas to Iowa on April 26-30, 2024, and tornadoes that struck the Portage, MI, area on May 7. DRS will initially offer volunteer clean-up services including removing debris and tarping roofs to survivors while plans are made for long-term recovery. Please help families who have lost homes and loved ones in these storms. Donate at worldrenew.net/springstorms2024, call 1-800-552-7972, or send your check made out to World Renew DRS, with "DRS Spring Storms 2024" in the memo line to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

DeMotte Christian Schools

1223 Begonia Street SE, PO Box 430, DeMotte, IN 46310

Phone: 219-987-3721 Fax: 219-987-3724 <https://www.facebook.com/DeMotteChristian>

Community-wide Communications DeMotte Christian Schools loves to keep in touch with our school community. If you would like to be included in these email communications, please contact [Amber Donnowitz](mailto:Amber.Donnowitz@dmcsemail.org) at communications@dmcsemail.org with your name and email to be added to the list! Thank you!

DMCS Job Openings can be found on their website.

Applications may be found at <https://www.demottechristianschools.org/about/employment-opportunities.cfm>

- Director of Curriculum & Biblical Worldview Integration
- Part-time Middle school teacher
- Full-time High school teacher
- Full-time Third Grade Teacher
- DMCGS Substitute Teacher
- DMCGS Cook
- Elementary Music Teacher
- DMCMS & DMCHS Substitute Teacher
- Full-time Athletic Director
- Part time Middle & High School Secretary
- Varsity Volleyball Coach
- Bus Driver: training provided

DeMotte Christian Schools Important Dates:

May 23: K-12 last day
 May 24: Teacher in service/Makeup Day
 May 24: DMCHS Graduation @ 7 pm

North Newton Jr./Sr. High School Corp

Phone: 219.285.2228 | Fax: 219.285.2708 www.nn.k12.in.us

<https://www.instagram.com/northnewtonsc/> <https://www.facebook.com/NorthNewtonSchoolCorp/>

Dates to Remember:

June 2: NNHS Graduation Day: 2 PM in high school gymnasium

Increased pay! Hiring sub bus drivers, instructional assistants, sub custodians. See school website for information.

Every Child Ministries

ECM is looking for a Church Relations Coordinator.

Work Location: ECM office and/or remote

Status: Full-time *Position Summary:* The Church Relations Coordinator (CRC) assists in locating new churches and initiating relationships with ECM, maintaining and growing relationships with existing supporting churches, and promoting partnership opportunities between ECM and new and existing churches. Must be able to travel around U.S. monthly.

ECM is looking for a volunteer to help us put together our historical information to prepare for our upcoming 40th Anniversary.

It would require some commitment to research, gather, prepare and write up our history. Journalism experience would be a plus.

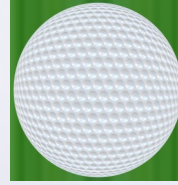
This could all be done remotely.

This volunteer would need to currently reside in the U.S.

Email us at info@ecmafrica.org or call us at (219) 996-4201 to get more information.

Join ECM January 15-19 2025 for the trip of a lifetime to Uganda! ECM's Vision Trip is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see firsthand what God is doing in the lives of children, families, and communities in Africa through the ministry of ECM. Vision 2025 to Uganda will include visits to ECM Hope Centers in various parts of the country, visits to communities that work with ECM, home visits with ECM sponsored families and children, as well as an incredible wildlife safari.

Approximate cost per person is \$3,275 PLUS airfare (which ECM will book through our travel agent). This includes all expenses for the trip (except airfare), including the wildlife safari. Call Sandi for more info 219-996-4201.



Church league golf started on May 7, at 4 PM at Sandy Pines. You are invited to join in as they play 9 holes every Tuesday. If you would like more information or are planning to play, please call Dave Jolink at

Chicago Christian Counseling Spring Women's Process Group

Do you feel like no one understands you and that you are alone in your struggle? Do you have a hard time opening up in individual therapy? Do you have difficulty setting boundaries and maintaining them once they have been set? Is it hard to accept life as it is right now?

Group therapy may be right for you.

Wednesday evenings
April 10th–May 29th
Time: 6–7:30 PM

Schererville office, 962 W US-30, Schererville, IN 46375

Mid-America Reformed Seminary

Mid-America Reformed Seminary's **2024 Center for Missions and Evangelism Conference** registration is now open! Join us October 11-12 at Bethel Church in Lansing, IL, to hear inspiring plenary speakers on how to reach our neighbors and the nations with the gospel. Visit www.midamerica.edu/cme/conference for more details.

Haven Hospice, in DeMotte, wants to build their Volunteer Program. Volunteers are a vital part. They do everything from administrative work and community outreach to companionship and much more. If you have it in your heart to serve people in your community this is the role for you.

Haven Helpers are required to do onboarding tasks such as a background check, drug screening, and training. The Volunteer Coordinator will work around your schedule and bring the training to you! Everyone is gifted with something. Here is an opportunity to use those gifts to benefit people in a very special time of need.

If you have questions about Haven Hospice, the Haven Helper Volunteer Program, or are interested in hearing more please contact Frankie Lane at 219-301-0505 or flane@havenhh.com



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Dear Supporters of New Leaf,

Our annual Celebration Dinner will be held on **June 18th at Illiana Christian High School**, and we'd love it if you joined us!

If you can make it this year, we'd love for you to bring friends and share your interest in our ministry with them. We've made that easier by providing childcare in Illiana's gym during our dinner. We understand that many young parents can use extra support, and we're happy to be able to offer that for the second year.

As always, there is no cost to attend the dinner, simply an opportunity to give at the end. If you would like to contribute an item or basket to our silent auction, or if you or someone you know facilitates business sponsorships, we'd love to talk! You can email us at info@newleafresources.org or give us a call at 708.895.7310

We want to make sure there are no barriers to inviting someone. Especially if they could benefit from seeing our community of believers that understand the need for professional mental health counseling. Our goal for the evening is to raise awareness about the need for counseling from a Christian perspective, and be grateful to God for the impact our counseling offerings continue to make.

To RSVP to our Celebration Dinner, you can contact us at info@newleafresources.org or give us a call at 708.895.7310

Or you can use your phone to follow the QR Code below:



In His service,

Steve Butera
Executive Director
steven@newleafresources.org

**p.s. If you cannot attend, feel free to pass along the invite to friends!
If you'd still like to support the evening, a remittance envelope has been included.**

All gifts to **New Leaf Resources** are deductible on your federal tax return

www.newleafresources.org
2325 177th Steet | Lansing, IL 60438 | p. 708.895.7310
11035 Broadway | Suite D | Crown Point, IN 46307 | p. 219.226.1810
5578 W. 1100 | N. Wheatfield, IN 46392 | p. 219.270.3395



We're Hiring!!

Lifewise is HIRING! Lifewise North Newton is looking for individuals who have a passion for sharing the Gospel with local school children to fill multiple positions. Our program is growing and we need your help!!

We are in need of an **Administrative Assistant** who is excited to help our team build relationships with the local community, schools, and families in our mission of teaching local students about the Bible and Jesus. This position has a flexible schedule and training from Lifewise will be provided. If you are interested please contact Josh Wiseman at joshuawiseman@lifewise.org.

[Admin Asst Job Description](#)

We are also seeking qualified candidates to **TEACH** Lifewise classes to North Newton students. Lifewise North Newton uses Gospel Project curriculum and teachers work with our Lead Teacher to navigate lesson plans, memory verses, character traits, and more. Individuals who are interested should have two years of teaching experience in a classroom or church setting.

Lifewise provides a Teacher Certification course to be completed within the first few months of employment. If you are interested please contact Arla Gabrielse at arlagabrielse@lifewise.org.

[Teacher Job Description.pdf](#)

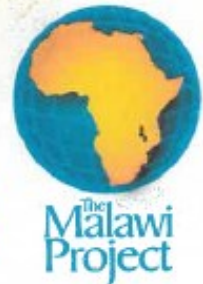
Interested in helping but not seeking a "job"? **We are always looking for compassionate, caring Christians to VOLUNTEER in our classrooms.** Volunteers are the face of our program, responsible for transporting students, helping teachers with lessons, answering questions, participating in games and activities, and providing a welcoming attitude to serve our students. If you are interested click the link below and fill out the form. We're excited to hear from you!!

<https://form.jotform.com/221427261682151>

Donations are being collected at Mobility Ministries, 12352 N 550 W, Wheatfield, IN 46392



Baby Packs for Life



The Malawi Project appeals to churches, community groups, and individuals to rally their resources, and help change this shortfall for the mothers and babies of Malawi. While these items appear to be a convenience to expectant mothers in the developed world, many of them can be lifesaving in sub-Saharan Africa, and many village people can never afford the cost to purchase them.



The need is not going to change any time soon. Malawi has a young population with 52 percent 18 years of age or under. Half of the population lives below the internationally recognized poverty level, and the maternal mortality rate is estimated at 1,120 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births. (This compares to 23.8 deaths per 100,000 in the U.S.) By supplying these simple items, you can make a life-or-death difference in the life of a Malawi mother.



BIRTHING PACK CONTENTS

- 0-3-month Onesie
- Baby hat
- Baby washcloth
- Mother washcloth
- Baby receiving blanket
- Piece of cloth for baby to lay on after delivery
- Large black garbage bag on which to deliver
- Sanitary Pad x 2
- Small zip lock bag containing:
 - Bar of soap
 - Razor blade
 - 2 pair of rubber gloves
 - Umbilical ties x 2

(Place all items in a gallon zip lock bag)

In turn these baby packs will be sent to Malawi and distributed to expectant mothers.



Send to:

The Malawi Project

2421 Golfside Drive
Lebanon, IN 46052



Baby Births ill-equipped

Edith is 22 years old, and about to deliver her second baby. The problem is Edith is 8 miles from the nearest healthcare facility and has no option but to walk the remaining distance to the hospital. Add to that there may be no bed for her when she reaches the hospital, and she is only partially prepared with the supplies the medical staff will require before they can do the delivery. Then when it comes time for her delivery she will be required to deliver her precious new baby on a black garbage bag.



The next problem comes in the fact there will probably be no doctor in attendance and a mid-wife will handle the delivery, along with 8 or 10 others who will deliver within minutes of Edith. In addition to the needs of the mother, and those of the hospital staff, there are also the needs for the baby. This new mother has no blanket in which to wrap her newborn, no cap to keep its head warm, no hygiene items for her own care, and chances are the hospital will be unable to supply any of these. If Edith can make it to the rural hospital in the trading center her problems with shortages, baby and mother needs, and poverty will only be beginning. If only there were someone, somewhere, who loved her enough to help her with this delivery and after care.

Edith is reflective of life in one of the poorest parts of the world, central Africa. Shortages abound in every aspect of life, and as a result, death and disease stalk the village people at every turn. Families have no cars or other transportation (other than walking or riding a bicycle or excart) to get to a hospital, and no resources to care for their family members at home in an emergency. When they reach the hospital for their first visit they are given a list of items they must provide for the delivery of their baby and for themselves. The hospital is without adequate supplies to provide adequate delivery care, and the maternal death rate for the nation reflects this fact. Malawi has one of the highest maternal death rates in the world.

Send donations to: www.malawiproject.org/donate

The Malawi Project

2421 Golfside Drive
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