



What Are The "Giants" In Your Life?

Giants are all those things that hang us up and threaten to destroy the life God intends for us. Maybe your giant is a sense of being rejected or ignored by others. It could be the people in your life who try to control you, shame over your past sins, people who cause you grief and give rise to thoughts of even small acts of revenge, the easy road of personal selfishness, grief, or anxiety. It might be forgetting to seek God's direction for your life and, instead, making the mistake of relying on your own wisdom. It could be those temptations to sin that you personally find most enticing and the most difficult to ignore.

Whatever your giant, you'll enjoy and profit from reading ***Facing Your Giants: A David and Goliath Story for Everyday People*** by Christian pastor and author, Max Lucado. It will be the subject of our next book discussion group/Bible study starting on January 10, 2011. The group will meet from 7 – 8:30 pm on Monday nights.

If you need a copy of the book, please see Pastor Mark, who will soon have a supply of books on hand. The cost per book is \$11.50. If you choose to write a check, please make it payable to St. Matthew Lutheran Church and write "Giants" on the memo line.

Brand New

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last 12 months.

All you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination. All the good you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.



All you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all you hoped but did not will, all the faith you claimed but did not have – these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "See, I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5, NRSV). – Author unknown

With Gratitude...

"Thank you to all of the members and youth of St. Matthew for the Kroger and McDonald's gift cards! Both will be used and appreciated VERY much!"

Joe Klinebriel

"Thanks to all for their calls and prayers!"

Lynnie Risch

"Thanks to everyone for their cards and prayers. God bless!"

Susan Mehr

"Because God has already laid the only foundation of our fellowship, because God has bound us together in one body with other Christians in Jesus Christ, long before we entered into common life with them, we enter into that common life not as demanders but as grateful recipients. – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

I thank God for you and your innumerable prayers and gifts for me. Thank you for being 'Church'."

Phil Daniels

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9:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service

Our worship service is broadcast weekly on
98.3 FM in Logan, Ohio.



WELCA Meeting Change

WELCA is the name of the St. Matthew's women's group. In addition to a number of important benevolent activities, WELCA also holds a monthly gathering that includes fellowship and a Bible study presented by Pastor Mark. WELCA has set a new day for its monthly gatherings; starting in January, WELCA will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am. All women are welcome!

Helpers for January

Acolytes

January 2	Kirsten Risch
January 9	Brady Taulbee
January 16	Isaac Gwinn
January 23	Brant Lovas
January 30	Dawson Libben

Altar Guild

Dave & Jean Libben

Lay Reader

Ann Daniels

30-Hour Famine

On February 25 and 26, 2011 the youth of St. Matthew will be involved in the 30-Hour Famine. These St. Matthew teens will go without food for 30 hours in order to raise money and awareness regarding world hunger. They will be "locked in" the St. Matthew building, will have lots of fun, pray, and learn. Before the "famine," they will be taking pledges of support which, on their successful completion of the famine, will go to world hunger relief efforts. Please start to pray now that God will use that weekend for His purposes!

Remember In Prayer...

Ed Anderson, Zachery Baron, Dorothy Beougher, James Braglin, Greg Byrd, Dianne Campbell, Joseph Michael Campbell, Clayton Cordle, Martha Culbertson, Pam Dotson, Bill Evans, Jerry & Myrna Gabriel, Steven Garavuso, Ralph Griffith, Wes Harmon, Greg Huston, Karolyn Hutchinson, Leota Hutchinson, Josie Hynus, Nina Inboden, Glenn Karshner, Donald Krizo, Angie Land, George Mara, Mike McGonagle, Dale Meyers, Donna Moorehouse, Betty Mowery, Dorothy Mowery, Helen & Dick Mowrey, Sue Rauber, Shirley Redd, Lynne Risch, Andrea Ruff, Marty Smith, Carolyn Stallman, Sarah Starner, Nancy Thomas, Rose Tucker, Wib Wallace, and Shelley Zeisler.

Also, Remember those in the Service: LTG Mike Scaparrotti, Lt. Luke High, Airman Jeremy Landers, Capt. Annie Rudick Funk, Cpl. Kyle Campbell, Chief Petty Officer Dustin Garner, and Major Andy Duus.



- 1 Betty Scaparrotti
- Martha Serio
- 3 Nancy Monk
- 5 Janice Hartley
- Tyler Blackstone
- 7 Martha McBroom
- 8 Carl Thomas
- Debbie Keller
- 9 Charles Keller
- Meaghan Cordle
- 10 Susan McGlynn
- Seth Riddlebarger
- 14 Bessie Brown
- Susan Huddy
- 16 Phyllis Koska
- Michelle Risch
- Tessa Tschudy
- Cory Inboden
- 18 Tami Bell
- 19 Lucinda Cordle
- 20 Heidi Swope
- Samuel Elhard
- Desirae Hartley
- 22 Barbara Johnston
- Sophie Swope
- Ava Swope
- 23 Taylor Reichling
- 24 Hannah Elhard
- 25 Sarah Starner
- 26 Dylan Helber
- 27 LeAnne Bellar
- 28 John Gwinn
- Megan Gwinn
- Isaac Gwinn
- 29 Guy Stewart
- Crystal Kerns
- 30 Lance Bell
- Kristen Heft
- 31 Randy Hopstetter