

# Family Ministry Newsletter

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Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power. I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor and your wonderful miracles. Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue; I will proclaim your greatness. Psalms 145:4-6

## Letter from the Editor

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have no vehicle, no running water, no electricity, no batteries to put in your flashlight, or no air conditioning to cool the air in your home? I recently read a book—fiction of course— that talked about just that. There had been an electromagnetic field disturbance which caused everything to stop working including generators and anything with batteries. Individuals and families were left with no transportation except their feet, bicycles or horses if they were lucky enough; no electricity to light their homes; and no way to contact one another in case of an emergency. Many homes were violated, items stolen, and even harm to people inside. This just brought a sense of harsh realization to my world in which individuals do not have enough faith in God. Sometimes we have a tendency to try and work out

problems for ourselves or wait until we are so far in distress that it is only then we turn to Him for help. We need to learn to have more faith in God knowing that he is there for us 24/7. When the light is dark and we are starving for the word, take the effort to travel the road no matter how difficult it may be to find Him and bring him into your heart. Soon there will be electricity flowing through your veins and you will be able to reach others by driving head first into their minds, telling them of the great King who has a home more beautiful than you can imagine. You will no longer be hungry as your appetite will be filled with the Holy Spirit. So start up the generators and kick Satan out of your home today. May the Lord bless each of you this day.

In God's love,  
Kelly Ness

## Upcoming Events

July 29 - Twins game

Contact: Lisa Sikkink

August 2 - Picnic at Oxbow

Park

\*Bring your family & enjoy  
time together

August 30th—Rally Sunday



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## Parents Corner: Being a Role Model

“When I grow up I want to be just like you” Has your child ever said this to you? It is a bittersweet statement for a parent to hear. Being a role model comes with great responsibility but it’s awesome to have your child look up to you in this way. Here are some things that will help you along in being a great role model:

⇒ **Do as you say and say as you do.**

Children learn as much from your actions as they do from your words. Consistency helps your child form reliable patterns of the relationship between attitudes and actions

⇒ **Show respect for other people, including your child.** To help your

child learn about respect, you may want to point out when you are being respectful.

⇒ **Be honest with your child about how you are feeling.** You can prevent a lot of hurt feelings and confusion by being honest with your child about your own emotions.

⇒ **Make sure your child knows that being angry does not mean, “not loving.”** Many children can’t separate love from anger; they assume that if you yell at them, they don’t love them anymore. You may want to be specific about this point.

## Bible Fun Facts



- ⇒ The Bible devotes some 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, but over 2000 verses on money and possessions
- ⇒ The only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible is the cat.
- ⇒ “God” appears 3,358 times in the Bible
- ⇒ “Lord” appears 7,736 times in the Bible

