



Wednesday, February 8th – Wednesday, March 7th

Non-Event Fundraiser for Family Homeless Shelter
St. Vincent DePaul
Marshfield
More info: www.stvincentsmarshfield.org or 715-305-5619

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Friday, February 24th

Movie Night
East Gate Alliance Church
Marshfield
7:00 PM
More info: 715-389-2185

Courageous is the story of four police officers with one calling: to serve and protect. As law enforcement officers, the men are confident and focused. Yet they are faced with a challenge none are prepared for: fatherhood. Come and find out why this hit film has packed theaters and touched lives all across the country. Admission is free.

Friday, February 24th – Saturday, February 25th

Pinkalicious!
Central Wisconsin Children's Theatre
UW – Marathon Center
Wausau
Friday: 7:00 PM; Saturday: 1:00, 7:00 PM
Adults: \$12.00; Children & Senior Citizens: \$10.00
More info: 715-842-4416; Tickets available: www.shotix4u.com

Back by popular demand! Pinkalicious loves the color pink. She eats so many pink cupcakes she develops pinkatitis, a condition that turns her entirely pink! How can she be changed back to her normal skin color?

Saturday, February 25th

Unshakeable Marriage Conference
Faith Community Church
Waupaca
8:30 AM – 2:00 PM
\$30.00 per person; \$50.00 per couple



More info: 715-258-8857 or www.faithwaupaca.org

This five-hour experience, The Building Blocks of an Enduring Marriage with Dr. Keith Porter, is shaped to fit your needs. Lunch and workbook are included in the conference fee. Pre-registration is requested.

Sunday, February 26th

Get to Know Us Fundraiser Breakfast
Marshfield Area Pet Shelter Committee
Knights of Columbus Hall
Marshfield
8:00 – 11:30 AM
Adults: \$7.00; Children: \$4.00
More info: 715-897-5981

Please join Marshfield Pet Shelter, a non-profit organization, to help raise money for a no-kill shelter for homeless cats and dogs in the Marshfield area. Tickets available at Central Wisconsin Country Store, Weiler's Convenience Store and at the door.

Sundays, February 26th, March 4th, 11th

Special Evangelistic Meetings
Fellowship Baptist Church
Waupaca
9:30 AM
More info: Pat and Ed Huber, 715-942-2268

Fellowship Baptist Church invites everyone to share in the blessings of these special evangelistic meetings. Scheduled speakers and topics are: February 26th: Robert Terrell, Showing God's Love: Being Jesus to Your Friends; March 4th: Bernard Ferguson, Staying the Course: When Waiting is Hard; and March 11th: Mystery Guest Speaker, His Presence: Incorporating Worship in My Life.

Tuesday, February 28th

Courageous
A-MEN'S Men's Group
Immanuel Lutheran Church and School
Wisconsin Rapids
6:30 – 9:30 PM
More info: 715-544-4854

Four men. One calling. As law enforcement officers, they are confident and focused. When tragedy hits home, can this newfound urgency help these dads draw closer to God and their children? Area men are invited to a movie, popcorn and soda.



Tuesday, February 28th

Support Group Meeting
Loved Ones Incarcerated – Wood County
Evangelical Free Church
Wisconsin Rapids
7:00 – 8:00 PM
More info: 715-423-9180 or purplebutterfly12378@yahoo.com

Family members with incarcerated loved ones are invited to an evening of fellowship and support.

Friday, March 2nd – Saturday, March 3rd

Building a Grace Based Marriage
Center for Family Development and 88.5 The Family
Highland Community Church
Wausau
Friday: 7:00 – 9:00 PM; Saturday: 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Singles: \$30.00; Couples: \$59.00
More info: 715-842-0944 or www.cfdevelopment.org

Author Gary Thomas is coming back to Wausau for a third appearance. His best-selling book *Sacred Marriage* has helped millions of marriages. The conference included Saturday lunch. Pre-registration is requested by Saturday, February 11th. Table sponsorships are being accepted.

Saturday, March 3rd

Cabin Fever Breakaway
Crossroads Church
Pittsville
8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
\$10.00
More info: 715-650-1100, www.crossroadschurchtalk@tds.net or www.crossroadscabinfever.blogspot.com

Ladies, need a break? Enjoy a Tea Party...and so much more...at this year's Cabin Fever Breakaway at Crossroads Church in Pittsville. Learn something new and try your hand at a variety of craft projects, enjoy breakfast and a delicious soup, salad and sandwich luncheon at uniquely decorated tables, served by the men of the church, and hear an uplifting message from keynote speaker Katie Nelson. Hurry! This event fills up fast!



Saturday, March 3rd

CCPC Food Pantry Benefit Dinner & Auction
CCPC Food Pantry Committee
Covenant Community Presbyterian Church
Schofield
5:30 – 9:30 PM; Auction: 6:30
Dinner: Adults, \$14.00; Children, \$8.00
More info: 715-298-1199 or 715-359-6467

Help support your local food pantry and enjoy a delicious dinner and/or live and silent auctions. You can come just for the dinner, just the auctions or both.

Sunday, March 4th

Annual Pancake Breakfast
Wagner Hall
St. Philip Church
Rudolph
8:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Adults: \$7.00; Children: \$3.00
More info: 715-435-3182

Help raise funds for a handicapped ramp at St. Philip's Church and enjoy a delicious breakfast of potato and buttermilk pancakes, sausage and more. Shop the bake sale for yummy take-home-or-to-work goodies. Stay for worship at 9:00 AM.

Sunday, March 11th

AYCE Pancake Dinner
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Junction City
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Adults: \$7.00; Children: \$3.00
More info: 715-457-2405

Share a getting-ready-for spring breakfast with your friends and neighbors! Menu includes extra special buttermilk and potato pancakes, real maple syrup, sausage, applesauce, cheese, beverages and desserts.

Tuesday, March 12th

Birds of a Feather Dinner
Marshfield Christian Women's Connection
Belvedere Supper Club
Marshfield
6:30 – 8:00 PM
\$10.00



More info: Karen, 715-387-4230 or Christine, 715-387-3502

Learn how to attract birds to your back yard with Jim Bouer. Keynote speaker Mary Blahnik Borlee's topic is "Peace in the Middle of Life's Storms." Reservations are required.

Friday, March 16th

One Way Café
River Cities Christian Church
Wisconsin Rapids
7:00 PM
More info: 715-325-3321

One Way Café is central Wisconsin's longest running Christian coffeehouse...where everything's free. This month's featured artists: Living River. Donations accepted.

Friday, March 16th

The Refuge: A Night of Musical Worship
Wausau Alliance Church
Wausau
7:00 PM
More info: www.wausaualliance.org

You are invited to "Come Alive" at The Refuge, worshipping the Lord from your heart with song. Childcare will be provided.

Friday, March 16th – Sunday, March 18th

Stamping Retreat
Silver Birch Ranch
White Lake
Friday, 3:00 PM – Sunday, 11:00 AM
\$155.00
More info: 715-484-2724

Have you been trying to catch up on those unfinished stamping projects? Have you had to buy a card at a local discount store because you didn't have any already stamped and the birthday was last week? Are you a beginning stamper lacking confidence and supplies...or an experienced stamper lacking time? We're here to help. Enjoy a weekend away in the beautiful Nicolet National Forest and uninterrupted time to do what you enjoy most...without having to clean, cook, or tend a family. Pre-registration is required.

Sunday, March 18th

Striking Out Domestic Violence Bowling Event
Shirley's House of Hope
Rose Bowl Lanes
12:30 – 3:00 PM



In Advance: \$15.00 each or \$50.00 per lane; At the Door: \$18.00 each or \$60.00 per lane
More info: 715-387-1114 or www.shirleyshouseofhope.org

Help raise funds for Shirley's House of Hope and raise awareness to prevent domestic violence. Cost includes 2 ½ hours of bowling and shoes. Sandwiches and hot dogs available for purchase. Registration is requested.

Friday, March 23rd

Jim Cole
Cup O' Joy Christian Coffeehouse
Green Bay
7:30 PM
More info: 920-435-3269 or www.cupojoy.com

From Nashville, Jim Cole is the "James Taylor" of Christian music. His masterful skill on the guitar and smooth vocal style make this a great Date Night. Doors open at 6:30. Sponsored by The Family.

Saturday, March 24th

Michael Sweet
East Gate Alliance Church
Marshfield
7:00 PM
\$15.00
More info: 715-387-3654

Come hear Michael Sweet in concert. Seating is general admission.

Saturday, March 31st

Journey to the Cross: An Easter Learning Experience
St. John Lutheran – Kellner
Wisconsin Rapids
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
More info: 715-423-7788

As a traveler on the "Journey to the Cross" you will have the opportunity to walk in Jesus' footsteps during Holy Week, smell the aroma of the anointing perfume, taste Passover food, feel a crown of thorns and so much more. Hear about Jesus from Bible witnesses and be a part of the Passion experience.

Friday, April 13th – Sunday, April 15th

Couples' Retreat
Silver Birch Ranch
White Lake
Friday, 3:00 PM – Sunday, 12:00 PM



\$166.00 per couple
More info: 715-484-2742

Come enjoy large group teaching times followed by small group discussion and interaction. We believe that growth and healing are nurtured in small groups. Each small group will be provided with a trained couple as facilitators. Pre-registration is required.

Friday, April 20th – Sunday, April 22nd

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Friday, 3:00 PM – Sunday, 12:00 PM
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Friday, May 18th – Sunday, May 20th

Bikers' Retreat
Silver Birch Ranch
White Lake
Friday, 3:00 PM – Sunday, 10:00 AM
Singles: \$98.00; Couples: \$170.00
More info: 715-484-2742

Are you ready for a great Northwoods ride? A & D Biker Ministries and Silver Birch Ranch invite you to enjoy miles of the beautiful Nicolet National Forest. We will have multiple rides of different lengths throughout the weekend. Some of the stops along the way will be waterfalls, white water rapids, a 100 foot fire tower and more. Pre-registration is required.

Ongoing

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Ongoing (February 6th through April 17th)

AARP Tax Aide Program
The Lowell Center
Wisconsin Rapids
By Appointment Only
More info: 715-422-2776

Need help filing your income taxes? Low to middle income taxpayers over the age of 60 may receive assistance from volunteer counselors trained in cooperation with the IRS. Appointments will be scheduled Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Bring last year's tax forms plus all relevant tax documents. Appointments may be booked Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

Ongoing

Host Families Needed
NWS PEACE Program
2012/2013 School Year
Application Deadline: July 1st
More info: 866-846-3977 or www.nw-services.com

Bring the world to your doorstep and make a difference in a teen's (and your) life! NWS PEACE Program, a non-profit and CSIET approved program is seeking caring families to host teens from around the world as they share your life and attend a local high school. All that these students require is a bed, meals and a caring family for their five to ten month stay in our beautiful country.

Ongoing

Volunteers Needed
Wisconsin Kairos Prison Ministry
More info: Todd Dzwonkowski www.kairos.wi.org or 608-378-1129

Kairos Ministry's goal is to nurture strong Christian communities within correctional institutions. Through a systematic structured program, God helps Kairos volunteers provide residents the opportunity to know Jesus Christ as Lord – starting with the three-day Kairos short course in Christianity. Both men and women are needed to staff teams to take the message of the gospel into preapproved prisons.

Ongoing

Private and Directed Retreats
St. Anthony Spirituality Center
Marathon
Year-round
\$75.00 per day
More info: 715-443-2236 or info@sarcenter.com



Private, personal retreats of various lengths are made with or without a director and can be made any time during the year. A directed retreat is an individually guided retreat. Each retreatant chooses a director to journey with through his/her stay. Reservations are required. Transportation is available.

Ongoing

Fourth Tuesday of Each Month
Diabetes Support Group
Inpatient Diabetes Services
St. Joseph's Hospital; Conference Room R, First Floor
Marshfield
9:30 – 10:30 AM
More info: Kristene Schulte, 715-387-7225

Ongoing

Thursdays
Survivors of Suicide Support Group
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Wisconsin Rapids
6:30 – 8:30 PM
More info: 715-423-5990 or 715-421-1942

Are you grieving the loss of a person who completed a suicide? There is hope for you. This support group meets in Room 102 of the Schneider Education Center, Door E.

Ongoing

Fridays
Blood Drive
North Central Wisconsin Chapter American Red Cross
Red Cross Office
Stevens Point
7:30 – 11:30 AM
More info: 800-448-3543

Every two seconds someone in the United States needs lifesaving blood. The American Red Cross provides nearly half of the nation's blood supply. One pint of blood donated at a local blood drive has the capacity to save three lives. Call ahead to make an appointment; walk-ins will be accepted. Donors must be at least 17 (16 with parental consent) weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. A blood donor card or two other forms of picture ID are required.



Ongoing

Thursdays
Celebrate Recovery
Christian Life Fellowship
Port Edwards
6:15 PM
More info: 715-887-3565 or www.clfonline.org

Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step recovery program that addresses all types of habits, hurts and hang-ups. It is a Biblical program to help people overcome life controlling hurts, addictions and habits. Weekly meetings are open to all. The evening begins with dinner, followed by the main meeting, then breaking into small groups and winding down with the Solid Rock Café.

Ongoing

First & Third Thursdays
Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Stevens Point
9:30 – 11:30 AM
More info: 715-335-6435, 715-342-1202 or www.stevenspointmops.webs.com

MOPS will meet the first and third Thursday mornings of the month for a time of encouragement and fellowship. Childcare is available and children may be dropped off at 9:00 AM.

Ongoing

Sundays
The Gathering Hour
St. Paul Lutheran Church & School Stevens Point
9:30am – 10:30am
More Info: 715-345-7087

The Gathering Hour is a service in addition to four other Worship opportunities at St. Paul - Check out our other services! Coffee & Pastries.....Contemporary Music....Friends & Families Sunday School Pre-School-8th Grade held at the same time!
Wed: 5:30pm-Traditional,
Sat: 5:30pm-Traditional
Sun: 8am-Traditional &
10:45am-Contemporary



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Ongoing

Become a Certified/Licensed Child Care Provider
 Child Care Resource and Referral of Central Wisconsin, Inc.
 More info: 715-423-4114 or 800-628-8534

Residents of Adams, Clark or Wood counties who wish to become child care providers or who are seeking professional child care may call for assistance. Start up grants are available.

Ongoing

Thursdays
 Compassionate Friends Grief Support Group
 Ministry Home Care
 Hope Lodge
 Marshfield
 6:30 PM
 More info: Cheryl Gessert, 715-659-4540

Compassionate Friends is a free, drop-in grief support group for parents and grandparents. It meets the second Thursday of every month.

Ongoing

Tuesdays
 Compassionate Friends Grief Support Group
 Ministry Home Care
 Memorial Medical Center
 Neillsville
 7:00 PM
 More info: Cheryl Gessert, 715-659-4540

Compassionate Friends is a free, drop-in, grief support group for parents and grandparents. It meets the first Tuesday of every month.



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