

**The Center  
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**Volume 4**



## **April 2011 Newsletter**

**By Pennie Kellenberger**

Hello! I hope all is going well for you. It's hard to believe that summer is just around the corner! For some, it's been awhile since we've spoken, and I wanted to reconnect and let you know about some of the great things that are happening in my life.

Work at The Center has been going very well lately. My family is wonderfully supportive of my life's work. Mark contributes many hours to the ministry – sometimes more than his hours at his job. The kids, Brandon, Ashtin, Justice, and Trinity, are understanding of the hours we put in, and are starting to see the value in working within something that is so much bigger than who we are. I believe that they are learning to work for the Lord – not for themselves, but for the purpose of serving others. Mark and I pray that our children will grow to have servant hearts and be successful in the eyes of our Lord. I'm constantly growing closer to God through my experiences in the church and the community, and am ready to see how God works in a completely different part of the world.

This summer, Trinity and I are taking a mission trip to Kenya, Africa. We are leaving on August 3 and will return home on August 18. We will be going with a team of seventeen people from around the Midwest for the Fishers of Men ministry. Fishers of Men is one of the partnering ministries at The Center. I'm looking forward to seeing first hand how this ministry changes lives on another continent. As the director of The Center, I will be better informed and able to share how and why Fishers of Men makes a difference for the Kingdom. While we are in Kenya, we will be working at the Fishers of Men school, visiting sponsored churches around the region, helping with daily chores in the villages, and assisting in nightly prayer meetings. We also will be praying for the site that hopefully will some day house a medical ministry.

This trip provides an opportunity to meet the physical and spiritual needs of a community that is desperately in need. More than anything, I would value your prayers for our team and those whose lives will be touched by God through us. I truly believe that God answers prayers, and I'm asking you to pray for safety, good health, smooth travel, and financial support.. Just knowing that you will be praying for us will give me peace as I enter unfamiliar territory.

Beyond your prayers, I would be most grateful if you are led to lend your financial support to this mission. Trinity and I need to raise just over \$8,000 to cover the cost of our trip. Included is a sheet that explains the process for giving and a self-addressed envelope. I feel this is a journey for which God has called me and I would truly appreciate any level of support you can offer.

Again, I genuinely hope that life is treating you well, and I always enjoy hearing what's going on in your life. Thanks so much for taking the time to read this letter and please let me know if you have any questions. Take care, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

### **The Center is:**

- A community whose purpose is found in Jesus Christ and exists to live like he did.
- A community that stands up for justice and speaks against oppression .
- A community where if you show up you belong.
- A community where it's not about what you do, but who you are. You are a child of God, born to manifest God's glory, not defined by appearance or actions.
- A community where people gather because there is no other place they would rather be.

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# APRIL 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Maximize Living Big Event 4-7pm After party 5+1 Fundraiser 10pm-7am	2 KAH 8-1pm QCPC CD Release Party 6-9pm
3 Newlife 12-1:30pm Improv Rehearsal 2:30-4pm Open to Public Seek & Soak 6pm	4 Holy Yoga 5:30pm Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm Dav Central 4pm-9pm Open Bible Fellowship QC 6:30-8pm	5 Maximize 6am All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am Dav Central 4pm-9pm Thrift Annual Meeting 1:30-3:00pm Cookies & Coffee	6 Safer Sacks CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm Ron's Group 11:30-1pm	7 SHIIP 9am ED-Dav Schools 9:30am-2:30pm Safer Sacks	8	9
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**Street Team : Homeless Outreach**  
Monday-Friday 12:00pm-5:00pm

**Safer Foundation**  
Monday-Friday  
8:00am-3:00pm

**Food Pantry @ The Center**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
Saturday of the month 9:00am-11:30am

**Table Tennis**  
Wednesday 6:00-10:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

**The Friendly Thrift Center**  
Monday-Saturday  
9:00am-1:00pm

**Solid Rock Café**  
Monday-Saturday  
9am-2pm  
Sunday Closed

**Living Faith**  
Sunday 7:00am-12:00pm  
Tuesday 6pm

**Skate Church**  
Wednesday-Saturday  
6:00pm-10:00pm

**Call 563-323-5295  
for reservations and questions!**

**OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!  
GRAB YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS!**



**The Center  
and YoungLife  
are hosting  
a 9-Pin  
Bowling Fundraiser!**

**LEISURE LANES  
2802 West 73rd  
Street  
DAVENPORT, IA**

**Fundraiser proceeds will be used  
towards monthly events for students  
with special needs sponsored by  
The Center and YoungLife.**

**APRIL 30  
TIME  
7:00PM**

**PRIZES  
FOR  
BEST  
GAMES!**

**\$15.00  
per person**

**DOOR  
PRIZES!**

**50/50  
SILENT  
AUCTION**

**This is a great FAMILY  
event—bring kids, grandkids,  
grandparents and all your  
friends!**

**MUST SIGN UP BY APRIL 15, 2011!  
563-323-5295 Jolene**

# MISSION: RECHARGE!

**May 7th**

**Recharge your body so we can  
recharge in Kenya!**

**9:00-9:30 Welcome**

**Snacks, Basket Bidding, Short info  
presentation about Kenya**

**9:30-11 Everyone ZUMBA!**

**11:00-11:15 Intermission**

**Snacks and Basket Drawings**

**11:15-12:00 HOLY YOGA!**

**\$20**



HOLY  YOGA



# Baskets

Tickets for Baskets maybe purchased for  
\$1 or 6 Tickets for \$5

Sponsored by HyVee, Fishers of Men  
Ministries, YMCA and the Kellenberger's.

**HyVee**



The proceeds go to help support the  
mission to Kenya August 3-17, 2011

14th and  
Brady

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# Kid's Against Hunger event done by Students with Special Needs!

The Center, YoungLife, students and volunteers had a great time on March 15th participating in a Kid's Against Hunger event.

The event was followed with an Easter egg hunt and snacks for the students.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who continue to help at the monthly events for students with special needs sponsored by The Center and YoungLife.

Do you know any students with special needs in our community?

Please have them email  
[jolenspeth@thecenter-davenport.com](mailto:jolenspeth@thecenter-davenport.com)  
or call 563-323-5295 to be put on  
our mail list for the monthly events.



Young Life Capernaum is a ministry for high school students with disabilities.

The Center and Young Life have a monthly event for the students from September through April.

All Events consist of games, food, laughter, singing, and a message about the love of Jesus Christ.

Young Life Capernaum and the Center are sponsoring a 9-Pin Bowling Fundraiser on April 30, 2011.

We are looking for donations for door prizes (Promotional items for your company are great), silent auction items, \$5.00 gift cards and companies or individuals that would like to sponsor one or more lanes.

SPONSORSHIP FEE FOR ONE LANE IS \$60.00  
(YOUR LOGO/NAME PLACED ON EACH LANE SPONSORED)

SPONSOR A LANE IN MEMORY OF OR HONORING A LOVED ONE!

Please contact Jolene @ 563-323-5295 or  
[jolenspeth@thecenter-davenport.com](mailto:jolenspeth@thecenter-davenport.com) to help!

Sponsor a Special Needs Student to bowl \$15.00

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Checks payable to THE CENTER  
PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO THE CENTER!

*Walk On Water*  
MINISTRIES

Bob & Lori

17623 Ford Rd.

Web: [Walkonwaterministries.net](http://Walkonwaterministries.net) 309-507-0781

Walk On Water Ministries,  
NFP (Non for profit) , or  
“WOW” Ministries has a  
49 passenger Charter bus  
available for your one day  
to week long trips.



The Ministry name was inspired by Matthew 14:27-29;. In that Scripture, Jesus said: "Take courage. It is I. Don't be afraid. Come, walk on the water with me.", stressing that we all need to get out of our comfort zones, to “step out of the boat” to serve the Lord. It matches the mission statement; "We believe the Gospel of Jesus is not just about words, but also actions."

**If your church or organization is ready to “step out of the boat” on a trip, call us for a quote to help with all of your driving needs.** WOW Ministries has taken over 13 Mission Trips in the past 6 years, besides providing bus and personal service for many other groups. Bob owns and drives the bus himself. His driving record is impeccable and experience in Ministry work adds a personal touch and help for your group.



WOW Ministries also has a van trailer to use for transporting your trip needs. In the past, we have filled it with items donated to take to the Mission Field and supplies to work on building and repair projects for the trip.

There is a private compartment in the front of the trailer suitable for sleeping if you need privacy for chaperones or extra room for participants.

# Alive! Children's Theater



*April 16, 2011*

*Show starts at 7pm*

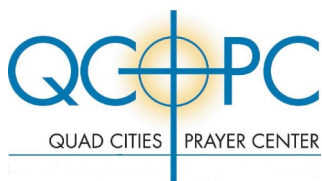
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*No admission charge!  
Donations accepted!*

*Comedy Relief is an Improv team comprised of students and adults.*

*Improv Comedy is an interactive performance by a team of players who use suggestions from the audience to play out a scene or sketch on stage totally unscripted..*

*Improvise is to compose, perform or deliver without previous operation. So, in short, you—THE AUDIENCE controls what we do. The outcome is unexpected, hilarious and good, clean family fun!*



**Everyone is Welcome!**

Seek and Soak is a time of time of praise, worship, prayer and reflection, sponsored by Quad Cities Prayer Center. It includes a worship team consisting of musicians and singers from several local churches. Join hundreds of other passionate worshippers from the Quad Cities area for this incredible time of worship!

**Sundays @ The Center 6:00 pm**



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## **Ministries @ The Center**

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The Friendly Thrift Center  
Street Team  
Fishers of Men Ministries  
Living Faith  
Neighborhood Connection  
Quad City Prayer Center  
SHIIP  
Kids Against Hunger  
Solid Rock Café @ The Center  
Alive! Children's Theater  
Young Life Quad Cities

## **Our Mission:**

**The Center is a collection of ministries focused on being a beacon of light to the voiceless, powerless, and the marginalized members of our community by providing assistance to meet human needs and by providing a place where people can grow in their relationship with **God**.**