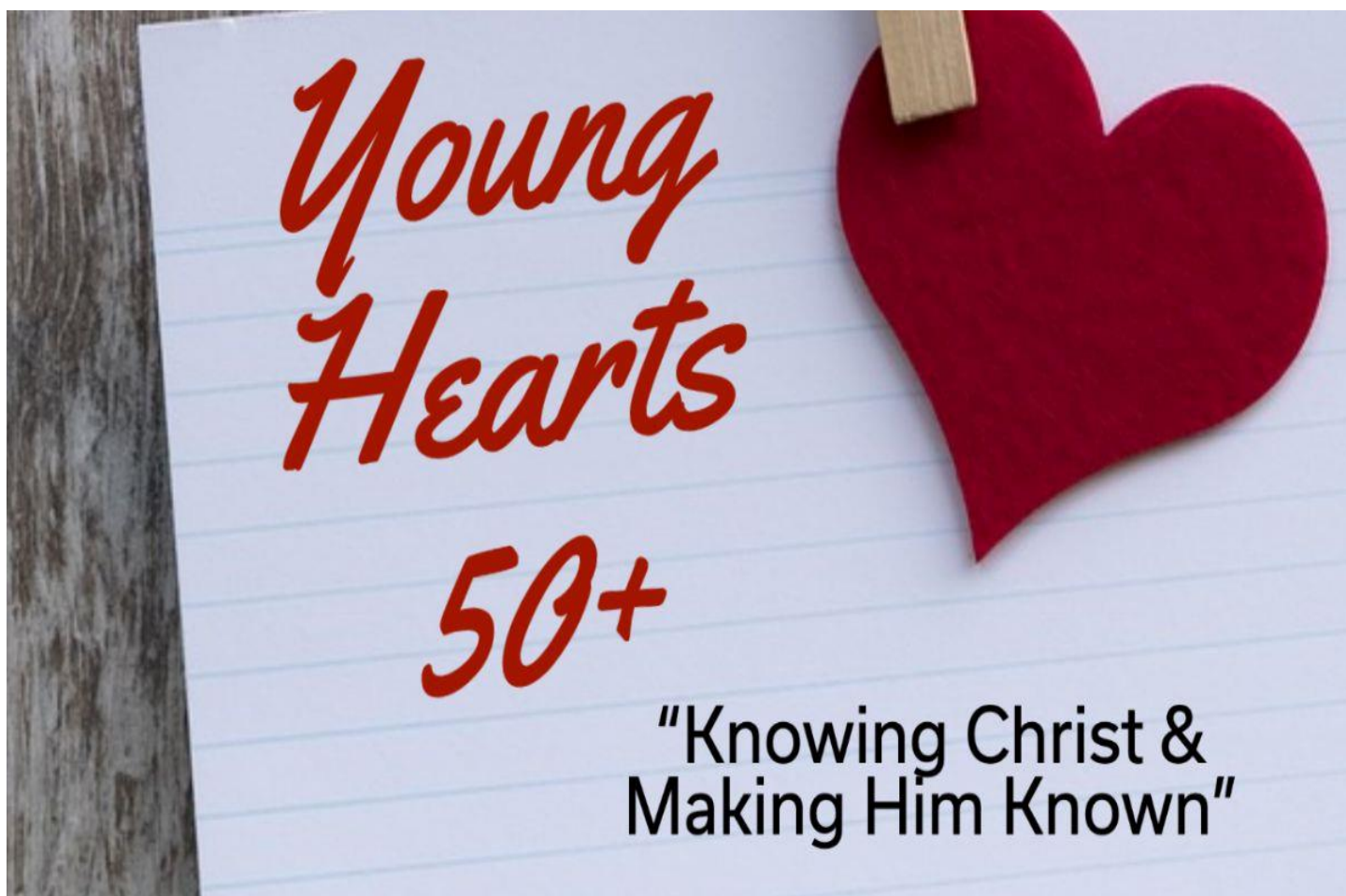




Young Hearts 50+ April-June Newsletter & Events

Hello Young Hearts 50+,

A lot has been going on in the Fechter household.

We had to postpone our Legacy Imperative Conference in March and will reschedule it for later in the year. (Please look at the unexpected adventure the Lord took us on at the end of this newsletter.)

We would like to highlight items in this newsletter, hoping you will share them with others. Please take time to look them over and mark your calendar.

Wishing you all the best as we celebrate the Risen Savior!

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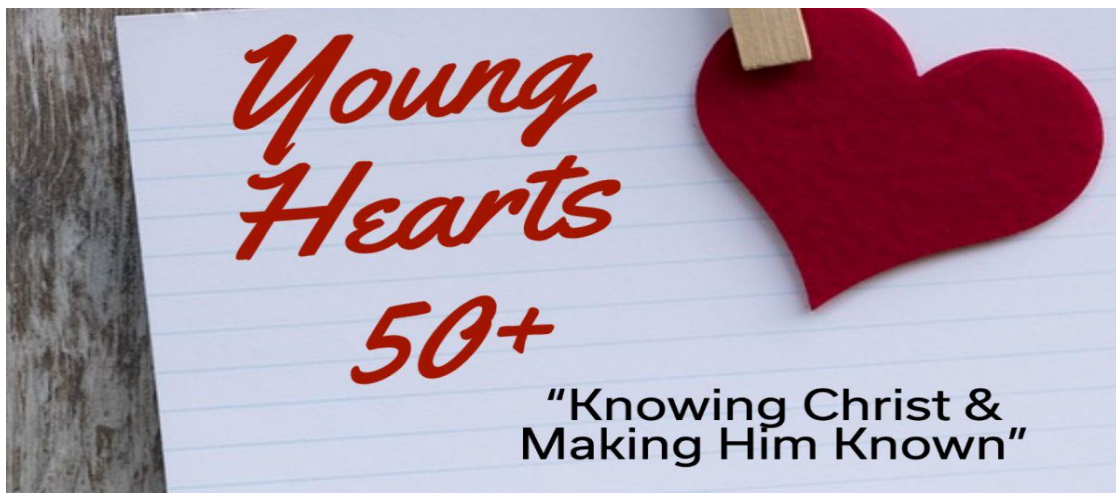
You are invited to attend:

**The Pine Haven Men's Chorus
Concert & Ice Cream Social
Sunday April 27 6:30- 8 PM**

Community Church 2005 S. Main West Bend

Both young and old will enjoy an evening with twenty-five guys in tuxedos bringing hymns and some modern worship music. Marissa Anderson will be directing and conducting the music of these men along with sharing her testimony. Over the years this group has sung at many special events like the Sheboygan County Fair and churches throughout WI.

**Free event! Doors open at 6:00pm
Ice Cream Social after the concert**



Young Hearts 50+ are invited to a luncheon!
Wednesday May 28, 11:00am -1pm
Community Church 2005 S. Main, West Bend



**With special guest speakers from various military branches
along with patriotic music.**

Honor our military this Memorial week with vets that will share short stories of how the military affected their lives and the relationship they now have with Jesus.

Come out for great fellowship and door prizes! Cousins Subs provides lunch, so please arrive 10 minutes early to order food. No need to sign up, just come and be encouraged. Donations welcomed for food. Open to the public, invite friends and vets. Info: seniors@westbendchurch.org

Special Outing to Grace Conference 2025



Young Hearts 50+ would like to invite you to **Grace Conference June 26-27, 2025**. Ticket price of **\$60 per person before May 1, 2025** which includes the **Conference** and **5 buffet meals**. Mention you are with West Bend Community Church group for seating at the banquet meal. Use **Promo Code: EARLY25** Register: **graceconference.com** **After registering let us know that you are coming.**

If you would like we will book the hotel room **for around \$100 at Country Inn & Suites** as it saved money and time at the check in process. No need to pay us for hotel at this time just make sure you are committing to come. Also, you will have to find your own transportation to **Quentin Road Baptist Church 24126 N Quentin Rd, Lake Zurich, IL**

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2025 an unexpected adventure of testing and spiritual growth!

by Mark & Diane Fechter

As many of you may know, Jan and Feb had challenges for us. One Sunday afternoon in Jan I was praying and working in my garage, over exerted, and had my defibrillator shock me. I did not feel the shock, so the doctors said that I died! Lots of tests and 3 days in the hospital, which showed that my heart is about the same as it was 15 years ago. No blockages but a very interesting God moment. Then came the next chapter.

In February, I spent 14 days in the hospital having 2 surgeries. The second surgery was 4 hours long for a partial removal of the prostate that turned out to be more complicated than originally planned. The recovery is 6-8 weeks with lots of restrictions.

While in the hospital, there was an old woman with dementia who was there for 1 month. Day and night she shouted in a very strong voice "help me, help me, help me!" The Lord showed me that she indeed needed physical help, but also needed spiritual help. So many people in our WB community are in their desert moments without Christ calling out: "help me, help me, help me!"

This has ignited and revitalized my heart for evangelism. The Lord uses each trial in life to guide us and to allow us to fall in love with Him in such a deep way. After sharing Christ and giving "Bible Promises for You" books to over a dozen nurses, custodians, and doctors while in the hospital bed, it was impressed on my heart that the mission field is large in West Bend. These nurses work 12-hour days and some are at the end of themselves. Others are not even aware of what Jesus did for them. Most of these people I talked to were 18-45 years old. I built some good relationships with them talking about life and Jesus. I also am thankful for the Legacy Imperative discipleship classes we have been teaching to over 100 Young Hearts 50+ group. The classes truly show us all we are missionaries to the younger generations and we are disguised as a grandparent, senior, or older wiser loving saint. Stay tuned as we will be doing 3-week Legacy Conference later this year!

In closing trials and testing's will come and when they do be ready for the adventure ahead. When they come it is gracious of the Lord that He is weening us from the trappings of this world and gives us a glimpse of our heavenly home so that we will have peace and lack nothing.

Thank you all for the prayers, cards, and calls. The members of the body of Christ are a blessing!

Mark with Diane looking over my shoulder!

James 1:2-4 "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you have trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."