

# Elizabeth Ministry Messenger

## GRATITUDE

Thank you to everyone that has made the launch of the Elizabeth Ministry of Melbourne (EMM) a huge success. We have almost **50 ministers** and behind-the-scenes helpers to assist families in need. Our ministers span three parishes and several denominations! We have assisted **11 families** to date.

The **bake sale** raised almost \$1,000. The funds will be used for a National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day cookout and "Wave of Light" for those who have experienced miscarriage, regretted abortion or infant/child loss, a rosebud remembrance program, gift bags for baptisms, births or crisis, and training materials for our ministers. More details on those exciting happenings under "Events" and on Facebook, just like "Elizabeth Ministry of Melbourne".

Thanks also to those who attended the **Girls' Night Out** at Maxine's Salon & Spa. It was a fun night of pampering (haircuts, pedicures, facials & massages) for all, provided by Maxine's.

Reminder that all work with the EMM is voluntary! Please remember that your family comes first and you are not required to participate in any of the events after the initial orientation meeting, which typically lasts about two hours. However, we welcome all of your prayers and support, and could not do this without all of you! So thank you to our volunteers and their families who have generously donated their time and talents to assist others in need.



Some of the ministers after pampering at Maxine's

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- **April, Lesley & Jennifer** as they struggle with infertility.
- **Andres**, baby **Dahlia**, little **Jean-Luc**, **Gretchen & Scott** as they struggle with health issues.
- **Melissa** as she struggles with the recent passing of her husband and raising her six children.
- Some families would like prayers but want to keep their requests private. Those intentions are being placed in an Elizabeth Ministry prayer book. Please pray for "**Those intentions in the Elizabeth Ministry prayer book**".



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*Elizabeth Ministry, an extension of the M.O.M.S. Ministry, is an outreach during special times of motherhood. This ministry includes pregnancy and pregnancy complications, infant and child crisis, special needs, infertility concerns, miscarriage, infant and child death, failed adoption and grandparenting issues.*

# MEAL REQUESTS

## CARLA & FAMILY

We met a single mother at the bake sale, Carla, and her sweet 14 month old girl, Dahlia. Dahlia is medically fragile, diagnosed with primary pulmonary hypertension. She is on oxygen and has a feeding tube. You can read more about Dahlia's brave fight at...

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/dahliayoung/journal/1>

Dahlia is blessed with two older sisters who attend religious education at OLL.

Carla's family could use help with meals on Wednesday nights and her foodtidings link is below...

<http://www.foodtidings.com/SignUp.aspx?ScheduleGuid=8c01d3b1-1be4-4f0f-a033-4d0c60828d8d>

Please sign up for a date, you can drop a meal off any time 5-7pm. Please try to use disposable dishes if possible.

Carla could also use the following items for the children. If you have the ability, please drop an item or two to the church office (Madeline or Carolyn) or bring with a meal.

- Stage 2 Baby Foods (Fruit, Veg, Meat)
- Diapers Size 4 (Luvs or store brand)
- Sensitive unscented baby wipes
- Balmex or Desitin
- Ponytail holders, seamless
- Sandwich bags, paper towels, toilet paper
- Puff snacks for babies



Bake Sale - August 28, 2011

## Community Supporters & Partners

Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
Cherishing the Journey  
St. Gianna's Center  
Maxine's Salon & Spa  
Silvia Hierro, Realtor  
Wagon Wheel Pizza & Restaurant  
S.O.A.K. (Supporting Our  
Aspie Kids)  
Creations by Chica  
Home Repairs and More  
Just Between Friends  
Connectivity Massage

## LEADERSHIP & DONATIONS

### TEAM LEADERS NEEDED

- Pregnancy
- Birth/breastfeeding
- Infertility
- Infant/Child Crisis
- Adoption
- Grandparent Support
- Adoption
- Prayer Partners
- Gift & Resource Kits
- Crafts
- Donations

### GIFT ITEMS NEEDED

- Baby, young child items to keep kids busy during mass if needed (religious if possible) crayons, coloring books, small toys, etc
- Pampering items for moms, magazines, soft socks, candles, soaps, lotions, etc.

- Tuesday, 9/20/11, 6:30pm  
**Orientation for New Volunteers & Support for Current Ministers**  
Wine & Cheese  
OLL Ministries Building-Apparition Rm.
- **Rosebud Remembrance Program Display** at OLL masses, October 8-9 & 15-16, details to come in early October.
- Saturday, 10/15/11 8am-1pm  
Wickham Park, EMM will be staffing a table at the **“Walk to Remember” & Butterfly Release**  
<http://www.cherishingthejourney.org/>
- Saturday, 10/15/11  
**National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day**  
5:30pm **Elizabeth Ministry of Melbourne Beach Cookout & Participation in “Wave of Light”** on beach from 7-8pm, Howard E. Futch Park (formerly Paradise Park), **North Pavilion**, 2301 N Hwy A1A, Indialantic  
Please RSVP to [elizabethministryofmelbourne@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethministryofmelbourne@yahoo.com) by 10/9/11.  
No cost.
- Saturday, 10/22/11, 9-5  
Sunday, 10/23/11, 9-3  
Elizabeth Ministry will be staffing a table at the **Just Between Friends Children’s Consignment Sale** at the Melbourne Auditorium.  
<http://spacecoast.jbfsale.com/pages/home>
- November Holiday & Gift Bag Assembly Party TBD by Team Leader



## CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHS, BAPTISMS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Elizabeth Ministry wishes to recognize happy events in our family and church life. Please forward details of births or celebrations to [elizabethministryofmelbourne@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethministryofmelbourne@yahoo.com) with a photo for inclusion in pre-mass slide show, bulletin and/or EM newsletter. Information needed for births includes baby’s name, date and place of birth, and parent and sibling names.

Pictured above, Emery Elmore’s baptism - July 30, 2011. Left to right, Jennifer Mucha (EM Director and God-mother), Fr. Karl Bergin, Bryan Elmore (also celebrating his conversion to the Catholic faith), Emery Elmore, Amanda Elmore (EM Director), Matt Travis (God-father) & Prue Mabry (EM minister and God-mother).

✿ *By following the example set by Mary and Elizabeth, women are brought together to share experiences and respond to each other’s needs during and after the childbearing years.*

# ELIZABETH MINISTRY PRAYER

Creator God, I pledge to truly celebrate the gift of each child conceived and born, and fully mourn each miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, infant or child death. I will be a strong witness to my belief in the dignity and worth of all life, by treasuring the gift of fertility, by supporting those suffering infertility, by encouraging those in the adoption process, and by assisting families experiencing an infant or child crisis or need. I will be a strong and consistent voice for life in my home, my church, my community, and the world.

*Proverbs 31:30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.*

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