

February 2017

Life Together

Lindsborg Covenant Church

Message from Pastor Jeff

At our April quarterly congregational business meeting our church is going to make a decision about whether to change our current Sunday morning worship schedule. This decision affects everyone. This decision can seem scary. What if we change? Will my family and I be able to adjust to a new routine? What if our church gets into a big fight? What if people leave the church?

To anyone who may be experiencing a little anxiety over this upcoming process, I have one word for you - TRUST. Trust the Holy Spirit. Trust each other. Trust the process.

As a church family, we have faced many major decisions in the past and we have been fine. In the last 25 or so years you have worked through the difficult decisions about whether to add additions to the building, where to put those additions and how big to make those additions (you have built twice). And in that same time period you have also twice worked through the process of deciding to hire additional pastoral staff.

So we have faced hard decisions in the past and worked through them and been fine. And we will do the same thing here. And the reason we were fine in the past and we will be fine in the present

is that we have put our trust in the right places: the Holy Spirit, each other and the process.

Trust the Holy Spirit. As Christians, we have the Holy Spirit living in us. And Jesus tells us in John chapters 14 and 16 of all of the wonderful things the Holy Spirit will do for us and through us. And one of those things is that through the Holy Spirit we can have wisdom (John 16:12-15).

We have trusted God in the past, and He has led us. God is using us now. Our ministry is significant. God isn't going to leave us on our own. If we seek Him, we will find Him. We just need to listen and trust. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Trust Each Other. I have lived and worked with you for over 25 years. I know you love the Lord. I know that you are committed to the mission of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Lindsborg: worship, witness, teach and serve. I have seen you seek God's counsel on other difficult decisions, I know you will do it again on this decision too. I trust you to seek God's guidance on this matter.

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▶ Pastor Jeff (cont)

Trust the Process. As a church we adopted a set of rules to live by almost 50 years ago called the constitution. In this constitution we are told that the important decisions our church family makes are done by the group as a whole, relying on our equal access to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, trusting that each one of us is seeking God's will for our church. This process has worked so well for us in the past. I know it will work for us now.

So, as we go through this process, let's not be afraid, but trust in the Lord with all our heart because we know that He will make our paths straight.

See page 12 for the process explained.

Board Bits

From Monday, January 9, Meeting

- ▶ The Trustees are working on updating some lighting in and around the church building.
- ▶ Lori Shultz will be the new Adult Sunday School Superintendent.
- ▶ Ruth Trued has resigned from the Diaconate Board. They will find a replacement.



Acts of the Apostles

Missions

- 5th Acts 1: 12 - 26
- 12th Acts 2: 1 - 47
- 19th Acts 3: 1 - 26
- 26th Acts 4: 1 - 31

2017 Church Board

Diaconate Board	Term
Calvin Carlson.....	2017
Ernie Diederich	2017
Neill Walker.....	2017
Ruth Trued (resigned)	2018
Judy Pilewski.....	2018
Nick Blanchat.....	2018
Bob Armbruster.....	2019
Reva Esh.....	2019
Vince Rocco (Chairman)	2019

Christian Education (C.E.) Board

Jerry Cooper.....	2017
Kandis Crawford.....	2017
Nancy Bolden.....	2018
Kristi Peterson	2018
Keith Swenson.....	2019
Sharon Vajgrt (Chairman)	2019

Trustee Board

Dave Duncan (Co-Chairman)	2017
Craig Lofton	2017
Jean Hall.....	2018
Steve Hansen	2018
Brad Pywell.....	2019
Daniel Rauchholz (Co-Chairman).....	2019

Board Chairman.....	Keith Swenson
Vice-Chairman.....	Vince Rocco
Secretary	Bob Armbruster
Vice-Secretary.....	Nick Blanchat
Church Treasurer	Jean Hall
Financial Secretary.....	Lisa Smith

Keep Informed

Minutes Posted

Minutes of all the board and congregational meetings are posted on the bulletin board for your review at any time. The bulletin board is located outside of the south kitchen door.

Prayer Chain Operations Review

The Prayer Chain is intended for urgent prayer requests only. If a request is received that is not urgent it will be printed in the next weeks bulletin.

To Start the Prayer Chain During office hours Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.:

- Call the church office at 785-227-2447 or
- E-mail office@lindsborgcov.org

We ask that e-mailed prayer requests be marked in the subject line: *Prayer Chain Request.*

To Start the Prayer Chain After Office Hours After 4:30 p.m. or weekends:

(This applies only to calls for prayer, not to pastoral care [below] or church office business.)

- Call or text Kristen at 785-227-5554. **Please use this number only for urgent requests.** Sometimes, due to technological limitations it may take a little while to get it out.

Urgent - Pastoral Care needed:

In the case of emergency pastoral care after hours, please call one of the pastors at home and leave a message on their machines. They will call you back when they can to confirm that they have received your call, and they will make arrangements with you.

Pastor Jeff Waugh 212-9143

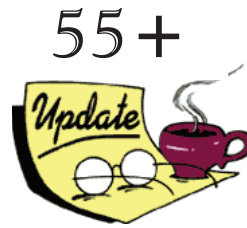
Pastor Darrell Cooper..... 212-9201

Pastor Jeremy Elseth..... 202-1226

Potluck on the 5th

Hosting New Members

We will host a potluck to welcome New Members and their families on Sunday Noon, February 5. Please plan to bring a little extra this month for our guests. Thanks!



Fourth Annual Hearts and Darts Tournament

Sunday, February 19, 6:30

The quiz this year will center around Abraham with his soft Heart and his Dart-sharp obedience. This gives a peak at the awesome power and faithfulness of God.

Lively competition, but no individual pressure. Even if you have very limited Bible knowledge, it will be a fun evening. On the other hand, if you wish, you can “cram for the exam” by reading Genesis 11: 27 through 25:10. The NIV version will be used.

Following the game, you are welcome to trifle with our Trifle and a cup of coffee.

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Looking Ahead: Sunday evening, March 5, will be a concert by the McKinney Sisters, three very gifted young women with hearts to serve the Lord through bluegrass gospel music.

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Planning Meeting

Thursday, February 2, 10:00

Room 117

Bethany Home Visitation

Monday, February 6

Our church is responsible for visiting the residents at Bethany Home on Monday, February 6 from 1 - 3 p.m. We need 10 people, men and women, to help visit. We also need to provide 8 loaves of rye bread. If you can help with either of these there is a sign up sheet on the Information Table. If you have questions contact Carol Duerksen, 227-2113.



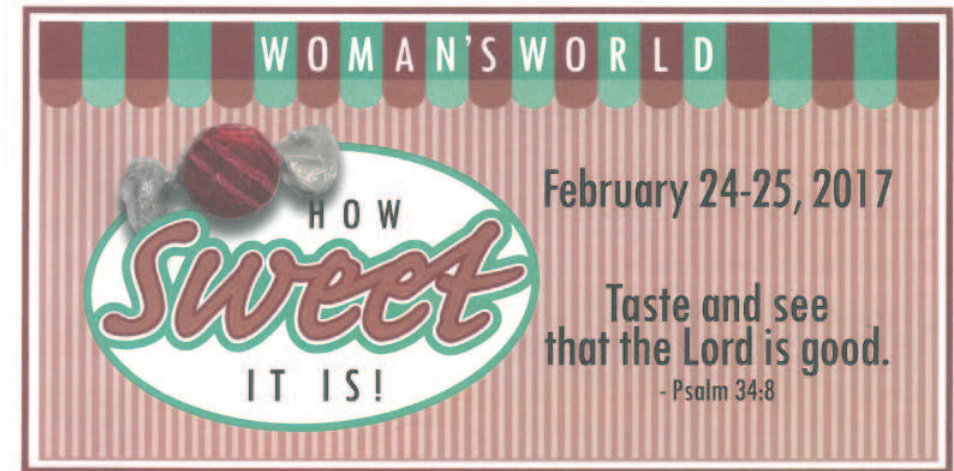
Leadership Team: Pam Kellogg, Debbie Johnson, Ruth Ann Leaf, Jennifer Ebling, Suzanna Swenson

Women's Fellowship Night

Friday, February 24, 6:30 p.m.

Women of all ages are welcome to join us Friday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Library for an evening of food, fellowship and fun! Light snacks, easy crafts, and games will be provided. Bring your favorite game, a mug, or a friend! Hope to see you there!

Manhattan Christian College Presents



Keynote speaker is Tammy Trent. Lots of seminars to choose from including *Overcoming Our Bad Habits with Grace*, presented by Dana Bowman. More information and registration information is available in the office.



SPOT-LIGHT
ON... **ECC Men's Ministry**
by Brian Bowman

Happy New Year everyone! Excited for the new year... I am writing this right before our Encounter The Cross Weekend. Pete Duerksen has a passion for helping men find their anchor in Christ and has been introducing them to an event called Men's Encounter. There is another event February 10 through February 12. Please consider attending if you are interested or contact Pete Duerksen for information. There is also plenty of information on their website. The Encounter The Cross Website is: (<http://www.encounterthecross.com/men>):

Men's Encounter is a time for us men to get away and encounter God, perhaps like never before; a time to consider, give thought to our lives, and discover solutions to the unique challenges facing men.

Who would you like to provide solutions for you? Who better than God?

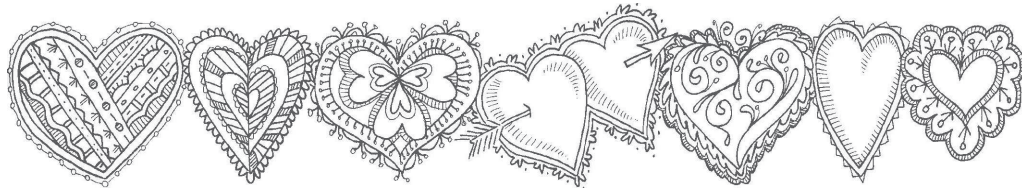
It is important to take the time to step away and gain perspective. Whether you think you have it all figured out or not, you will benefit from attending and you will come home with no regrets.

Vince Rocco was not able to accommodate our November gathering of men so we had a movie night watching *Woodlawn* at the church. We are trying to organize for a February gathering but specifics have not been organized yet. We should have an announcement at church once things are finalized.

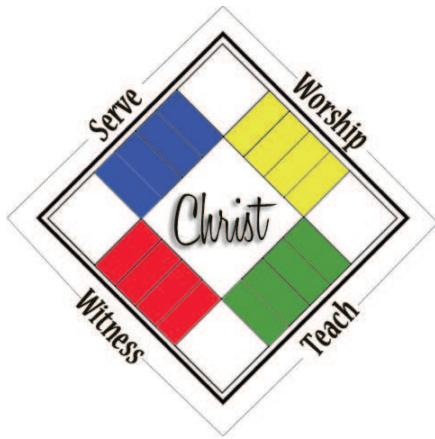
I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. --Psalm 32:8

Blessings to all...

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. -- Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>February 2017</i>						
5 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship 12:00 55+ Potluck 6:30 Sr Hi Youth	6 7:00 Ind. Boards 8:15 Church Board	7	8 9:15 Women's Bible Fellowship 5:15 Children's Chr 6:00 Supper 6:30 HIS Kids/ 6:30 Jr Hi Youth 6:30 Bible Study 7:45 Sanctuary Chr	9 10:00 55+ Planning 2:30 Bethany Home Coffee	10 11 7:00 Men's Prayer	11 7:00 Men's Prayer
12 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship 6:30 Sr Hi Youth 8:00 The Station	13 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 Worship Sch Meeting	14	15 1:00 Worship/Music 5:15 Children's Chr 6:00 Supper 6:30 HIS Kids/ 6:30 Jr Hi Youth 6:30 Bible Study 7:45 Sanctuary Chr	16 2:30 Bethany Home Coffee	17 18 7:00 Men's Prayer	18 7:00 Men's Prayer
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**FEBRUARY 2017
PRAYER CALENDAR**

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Moms In Touch: Call Julie Waugh (227-4470) for times/locations.

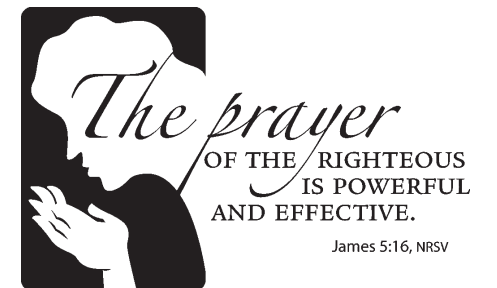
Men's Prayer Group Saturday mornings at 7:00 in the Library.

Prayer Chain: To add urgent requests to the prayer chain or to participate, call the church office during the day (227-2447) or e-mail office@lindsborgcov.org. If you need it sent after hours text or call Kristen Carlson (227-5554). The Prayer Chain is intended for urgent prayer requests only. If a request is received that is not urgent it will be printed in the next weeks bulletin.

- 1 **WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM**
Director Jodi Duncan and many teachers and helpers;
Barb Wilson and all those who serve the meal
- KIDS CHOIR**
LaReta Olson, director; Amanda Houghton, accomp.
- 2 **55+ MINISTRY**
Debbie Johnson, Ruth Ann Leaf, Coordinators
- 3 **MIDWEST CONFERENCE STAFF**
OUR COUNTRY AND ITS LEADERS
- 4 **MEN'S MINISTRY**
Brian Bowman, Coordinator
- 5 **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**
Bob Armbruster, Ralph Roberts, Ed Pilewski,
Neill Walker, Craig & Holly Lofton, Pastor Darrell
- 6 **CHURCH BOARD**
Pray for church board meeting
- C.E. BOARD**
Keith Swenson, Nancy Bolden, Jerry Cooper,
Kristi Peterson, Sharon Vajgrt, Kandis Crawford
- DIACONATE**
Judy Pilewski, Reva Esh, Vince Rocco,
Calvin Carlson, Ernie Diederich, Nick Blanchat,
Bob Armbruster, Neill Walker
- TRUSTEE BOARD**
Dave Duncan, Daniel Rauchholz, Craig Lofton,
Jean Hall, Steve Hansen, Brad Pywell
- 7 **CAREGIVERS**
- DISCIPLERS**
- 8 **WORSHIP LEADERS**
Pastor Jeff, Pastor Darrell, Melinda Hansen,
Cheryl Spare, Caren Ebling, Eric Swenson,
John Woods, Greg Peterson, Elijah Waugh
- 9 **BETHANY HOME MINISTRY**
- 10 **SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS**
2 YRS - KINDERGARTEN
Brad & Sarah Carlson, Lynette DeVore, Mary
Pywell, Joe Vajgrt, Ruth Houghton, Nancy Walker
- 11 **CONFIRMATION CLASS**
Pastor Jeremy, Bob Armbruster, Leaders
Barrett Anderson, Seth Garretson, Ethan Grimmett,
Lydia Peterson, Marika Peterson, Kathryn Woods,
Jalen Elseth, Kajsia Peterson, Stephen Peterson,
Madison Repp, Cameron Rodgers, Jaci Waugh
- 12 **THE STATION**
Fill students with the Word of God and the gospel

- 13 **WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE MEETINGS**
- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**
- 14 **SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS**
GRADES 1-6
Suzanna Swenson, Kristi Peterson, Keith
Swenson, John Esh, Edragene Hart, Kelli White,
Kathy Cooper, Stacey Lott, Micki Swenson,
Amanda Houghton, Cheryl Spare, JoMae Shaw
- 15 **WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE**
Pastor Jeff, Pastor Darrell, Melinda Hansen,
Caren Ebling, Judy Pilewski, Jerry Hall, LoRita
Doherty
- 16 **MISSIONARIES**
Paul & Sheryl Noren, C.A.R. and Congo
Cheryll Anderson Clark, Christian Ed., Ecuador
Barbara (Boca) Swanson, Mosaics Project, Belgium
Dale Lusk, Covenant Merge Ministries
Roy & Joi Christians, Andrea Cooper, Bob &
Carolyn Easley, Julie McLaughlin, Kara Peterson
- 17 **HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**
Carolyn Kejr, Marla Peterson, Kristen Carlson,
Norm & Carolyn Yoder, Pete & Carol Duerksen
Pat Weibert, Carolyn Yoder
- 18 **SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS**
GRADES 7-12
Lizzy Reece, Marla Peterson, Ben Houghton, Pete
Duerksen, Steve Hansen, Pastor Jeremy & Jaime
Elseth, Emily Nelson
- 19 **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**
Kristen Carlson, Nursery Coordinator;
Sonja Woods, Children's Church Coordinator
- 20 **SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMIN.**
Children's Sunday School Superintendent Mikaela
Carlson; Attendance Secretary Judy Pilewski;
Adult Sunday School Coordinator, Ed Pilewski;
Curriculum Coordinators Cheryl Spare, Shelly
Carlson, Martha Roberts
- 21 **MISSIONS INTEREST GROUP**
Co-Chairmen Dolores Stevens & Kathy Lindgren,
Secretary/Treasurer Mary Ann Johnson
- 22 **WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL**
Eileen Patrick & Mary Patrick, coordinators, and
all their teachers
- 23 **SMALL GROUP LEADERS**
Willard Keding, Ruth Peterson, Glen & Ann
Heikes, Pastor Darrell, Harris Terry, Pastor Jeff,
Lori Shultz, Delores Stevens

- 24 **COVENANT WOMEN MINISTRIES**
Leadership Committee: Treasurer Pam Kellogg,
Ruth Ann Leaf, Debbie Johnson, Jennifer Ebling,
Suzanna Swenson
- 25 **KIDS WINTER GETAWAY**
- 26 **JR/SR HIGH YOUTH STAFF**
Pastor Jeremy, Jaime Elseth, Lizzy Reece, Emily
Burchett, Meagan De Vore, Micah Waugh, Kurt
Krehbiel, Steve Hansen. High School: Caleb
Shaw, Greg Peterson, Nathan Peterson, Jaime
Elseth, Lizzy Reece, Emily Burchett, Emily Nelson,
Suzanna Swenson
- STUDENT MINISTRIES COMMITTEE**
Pastor Jeremy, Marla Peterson, Caren Ebling,
Tracy Repp
- 27 **STAFF**
Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper,
Pastor Jeremy Elseth, Kristen Carlson, Kent &
Caren Ebling
- 28 **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper, Pastor
Jeremy Elseth, Dave Duncan, Keith Swenson,
Sharon Vajgrt, Vince Rocco



Winter Get-away

For students in grades 2 through 6

Saturday, February 25
10 am to 3 p.m.

Covenant Church
102 S Washington St.
Lindsborg, KS

Cost: \$6 per student

Registration deadline:
Wednesday, February 22

Sign up at the Information Table

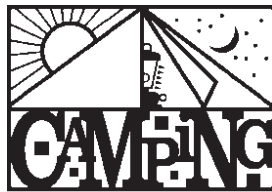
Food
Fun
Friends
Games
Music

Camp Fund

January through July

There is a Camp Fund, active from January through July, enabling anyone who wishes to contribute towards children's camping opportunities. This makes it possible for the congregation to share in the camp costs for all children, including those who would not be able to attend without help.

Special envelopes will be available throughout these months at the Information Table. If you wish, you may simply mark your check memo *Camp Fund*.



Camp Dates

Trailblazer (Grades 3-4) and Explorer Camps (Grades 5-6) at Wa Shun Ga will be held the week of July 10.

Covenant Cedars Jr. High Camp will be the week of July 2 and Sr. High the week of July 9.

Our church has a camp fund which simplifies payments made to the camps and makes camp cost-easier on families. Installment payments of any size can be

made to the Camp Fund all year. Even Grandpas have made payments to camp fund for their grandchildren! (Thanks, gramps!!)

Make checks payable to *Evangelical Covenant Church*, mark memo: *Camp Registration*, and add the *Name* of your camper. If not for any particular camper, please note *Donation*.

Missions Reports

[Complete letters are posted on the Missions Bulletin Board]

From Roy & Joi Christians

This has been a remarkable year. Our leadership in the International School project (ISP) (Roy as the Executive Director and Joi as the Director of Movement Building and Discipleship) has literally taken us around the world again and again. Our meetings with Ministers of Education, regional education officials, ministry leaders, and many, many teachers have been the highlight of our year. We rejoice with each changed life' and there have been many! We rejoice that the Lord is using ISP to start spiritual movements of educators around the world. As we come alongside teachers and help plant movements that begin to grow and become self-sustaining and self-propogating, it is very clear that ISP is a work of God, not of men. It is an honor to be used by Him and to be a part of His work.

Please pray for us as we have a growing number of new countries and cities inviting us to begin work. We are going to be expanding to 4 or more new countries next year, but the difficult decision is deciding whom we have to ask to wait.

We continue to need and deeply value your prayers as a family. We are blessed that despite our heavy travel schedules, Joi and I often get to minister together.

I often say that in ISP our daily lives are characterized by the miraculous. It is hard to express the excitement of getting to watch the hand of the Lord at work. Once again, thank you for your partnership in our joint ministry.

From Julie McLaughlin

As we are wrapping up 2016, it's kind of a ridiculous one. We delivered 71,749 medical services, this our first official year of operating the Pacific Link. We visited 125 villages and served 40,229 people. With that, we presented the Gospel to 34,313 people and 3,153 of them made commitments to follow Jesus. We delivered 5,837 digital and paper Bibles.



Pray for Missions

As 2017 dawns, I'll make a quick Advance trip up to East New Britain squeezed in between the new year and our departure for the Sepik River. This will be our final two

Outreaches for the Province and also going into the most remote places so far.

We will sail from village to village doing eye surgeries on board and dentistry and other clinics on land. We'll have 7 land-based teams going into the inland villages. We are also partnering with Samaritan Aviation who has two float planes who will take some of our medical teams to even more remote parts of the river.

It's sure to be a glorious chaos. Thanks for your prayer and support!

Missions Interest Group

Tuesday, February 21
2:00 p.m.

Church Library

Darleen Power, Hostess
Kathy Lindgren, Devotions

FEBRUARY

Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Jane Allison	7 Glen Heikes	16 Charisse Nurnberg
2 Kepple Adolf Kagen Bunning Caleb Houghton	8 Justin Grimmett Veronika Huse Matthew Krehbiel	17 Sue Norden Logan Sauvage Ryan Yenni
3 Brad and Sarah Carlson Konner Goss	10 Lydia Peterson	19 Pete Duerksen Willard Keding
4 Hope Nurnberg Madison Repp Dee Eberhart Jim & Charlotte Giesel	11 Jacqueline Waugh Kim Yenni	21 Brock Sauvage 22 Ezekiel Nichols Grant Nurnberg
5 Amanda Peterson David Peterson Brenda Vickrey Kylan Weibert	13 Todd and Paula Butterfield Clark Shultz	24 Benjamin Houghton 25 Dolores Stevens
6 Morgan Bowles Roy Rogers	14 Joe & Janet Bowden Mike Doherty Sawyer Lusk Ruth Trued	26 Jacob Johannsen Silas Porter 28 Barrett Anderson Doris Swenson

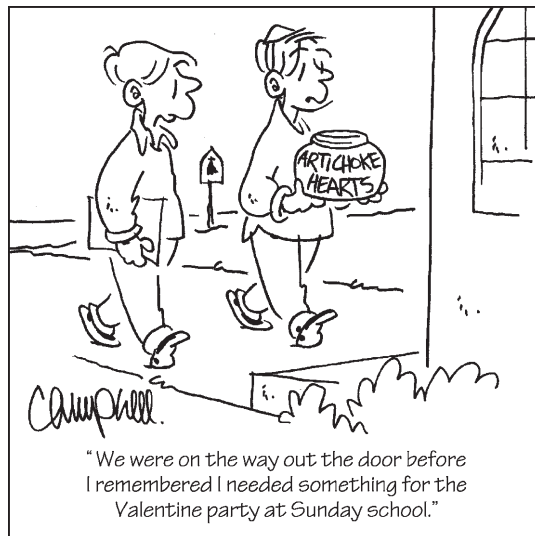
If you should note any discrepancies or omissions in this list, please contact the office.

Thanks!

This Is Sunday Night For February, 6:30

- 12th The Station (8:00 p.m.)
- 19th *Hospitality Night* (you are encouraged to use this evening for your own hospitality ministry)
- 55+ *Hearts & Darts*

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THANKS

From Carrol Houghton

Dear Church Family--Thank you for the gift card you gave me for Christmas. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and love. It is one way I can serve the church.

From Birthright of Salina

Thank you for your donations to Birthright. Your generosity will greatly benefit the mothers and their babies who seek our help.

CE Supplies

Reminder: If you're looking for supplies for your Sunday School class or other ministry, the CE Workroom is fully stocked with almost anything you might need! Office supplies can be found in the top drawer on the NW side of the island. If we're almost out of something write it on the list by the shelves.

Kitchen Courtesy

Remember to be extra mindful of picking up after your use of the kitchen, whether it's for official or unofficial use! Please take your leftovers home after events. We hate to throw food away. If you leave something in the refrigerator please mark it with your name or group and the date.

Potential Worship Schedule Change Meetings

- Monday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, February 26 at 3:00 p.m.

All three meetings will be presenting the same information and hopefully will allow for everyone to attend at least one of them. At the Adult Forum on Sunday, March 5 we will review the information and pray for this decision.

The vote will take place at the Congregational Meeting on April 23.

The Bulletin Board

Please note the following changes on your church directory:

- Darrell & Kate Cooper - Add Anastasia Sophia born November 29
- Esh - John: 212-1161, Reva: 212-0433, Cassie: 212-0877
- Brenton & Lacey Nichols - Add Copper Baines born November 13
- Drew & Charity Porter - Add Hazel Mae born November 18

Newsletter Deadline
Monday, February 13

