

May 2017 Life Together Lindsborg Covenant Church

Message from Pastor Darrell

This edition of the newsletter is scheduled to be released about the same time our church votes on the proposals to change our Sunday morning worship schedule. So there is no way for me to know the outcome of the vote. As I write this, Easter is still three days away. This evening we will gather in corporate worship to remember the last supper Jesus shared with His disciples before He suffered.

This has been a very difficult process for our church. Strong opinions and strong emotions have been expressed on both sides of the issue. The discussion has generated heated debate and, in some cases, hurt feelings. Worship styles and schedules are emotionally charged issues and the controversy sometimes bordered on divisive.

But the vote is finally behind us, and now we must find our way forward. There are three things I would like to suggest, three postures, if you will, I hope we will adopt: our posture toward the enemy, our posture toward those inside the church, and our posture toward those outside.

First, our posture toward the enemy. At various times during this process I have been tempted to frame this issue as us vs. them. Those of us who have strong opinions about what we believe God wants our church to do may be tempted to demonize the opposition. For example, we might begin to think that those who support the proposals don't really care about the elderly, or those who oppose them don't really care about the lost. We must see this for what it is: temptation, and we must reject it as such because not only is this not true, it threatens to divide us. And we know what Jesus said about a house divided. (Luke 11:17) We must not turn against each other. We are in this together.

Ephesians 4:2-6

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

So our posture toward the enemy is to submit ourselves to God, resist the devil and watch him run. (James 4:7)

The second thing is our posture toward each other. Harsh and angry words have been spoken. Perhaps you have been stung by the sharp barbs

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that have come from the mouth of a brother or sister. If so, please forgive them - for your own sake. If you harbor resentment in your heart it will spread like a toxin and poison your whole being.

Colossians 3:12–14

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

The third thing is our posture toward those outside the church. For some time now I have been praying beyond the vote. I have been asking God, "Lord, regardless of how this vote comes out, will You please use this discussion to move in our hearts and shape us into the kind of people who lay down our lives to reach out to those outside Your Kingdom? Help us become the kind of people who pray for the lost, care for their physical and practical needs, and share Jesus with them. And please help us, as we gather to worship You, to love You and each other in such a compelling way that they want to join us."

So, regardless of how the vote turned out, this is my confession and commitment: you are my brothers and sisters, I love you, and I will walk beside you in our common Kingdom mission.

Grace and peace to you and your family.

Congregational meeting results will be published in the June Newsletter.

Vacation Bible School

This summer Vacation Bible School will be on July 17-21. Mark your calendars and plan to join our team! Directors are Lori Shultz and Abby Hinman.

Ready for construction? Grab your tools and join Andy and his boss to discover what it takes to rebuild a house from disaster to "Wow!" Explore

CIPICAL STREET

God's restoration process for us: Building your life without God doesn't work, God can rebuild your foundation, Jesus rewires for new life, the Holy Spirit gives power to transform, and building your life with God provides a forever home with Him! Get ready for kid's lives to be totally transformed!

Board Bits

From Monday, April 3, Meeting

► The Treasurer reports that compared to the same time last year, giving is down.



The Book of Acts Missions 7th Acts 10: 1-48 14th Acts 11: 1-18

- 21st Acts 11: 19-30
- 28th Acts 12: 1-24



Garage Sale Fund Raiser for Nashville Missions Trip Saturday, June 3, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

As you do your spring cleaning, save some items to bring to the youth garage sale on June 3. You may bring your items on Thursday and Friday the 1st and 2nd. If you need help getting your stuff here, contact Pastor Jeremy, 785-202-1226 or the church office, 227-2447. Some youth will be available to load and haul larger items. No TV's, computers or adult clothing, please.

Sunday Morning Gym Rules

- Gym is open 10:35 10:50
- Youth may be in the gym when a leader is present. Gym time officially begins when the "Gym Supervisor" turns the lights on.
- Youth are to be on time to Sunday school and church.
- No pushing or intense play.
- Be careful of younger children.
- There will be one approved ball in use in the gym during these times.
- No throwing the ball at a person if you are within 10 feet of them.
- NO kicking the ball.
- Youth who break the rules will be given one or more weeks off from gym time. Parents will be notified when a student breaks the rules.

These rules were implemented by the Church Board at the April 6, 2015 meeting.

Covenant Kids Camp

Registrations and \$50 deposits are due in the church office by June 1! Balances due can be contributed to the Camp Registration Fund at your convenience.

Trailblazer Camp (going into 3rd and 4th Grade) July 10-13 (Monday-Thursday). See registration form for prices.

Explorer Camp (going into 5th and 6th Grade) July 10-14 (Monday–Friday). See registration form for prices.

Registration forms can be found on the Information Table. Questions? Contact Camp Coordinator Nancy Bolden (227-2994) or the church office (227-2447).



Covenant Cedars Camp Junior High Camp... July 2-7 Senior High Camp .. July 9-14

It's not too late to register. June 1 is the deadline.

Please submit registration and \$75 deposit to Camp Coordinator Jim Christopher or leave in the church office as soon as possible. The total cost is now \$345 (after early bird deadlines). You may pay the balance to the *Camp Registration Fund* at your convenience. Make checks payable to *Evangelical Covenant Church* with a memo, *Camp Registration* and the camper's name.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jim Christopher (668-2477), or the church office (227-2447).



Leadership Team: Pam Kellogg, Debbie Johnson, Ruth Ann Leaf, Jennifer Ebling, Suzanna Swenson Women Ministries Fall Retreat September 29 - October 1



Join us this Fall for Women Ministries Retreat featuring nationally known speaker and dramatist Allison Allen as she takes us on a dramatic journey through God's word as we learn how we are "Made for More: Telling His Story with our Lives". Retreats have always been an opportunity and a place where women can encounter God in a meaningful way, connect with friends, make new ones, and learn through stimulating seminars.

Registration forms are available on the Information Table or online at womenministriesretreat. com. The Early Bird deadline is June 1. We will be serving lunch before the July 23 Congregational Meeting to raise funds to help cover the costs for those attending. If you are interested in going and have questions, contact Marla Peterson or Kristen Carlson. When you register, please put your name on the sheet on the Information Table.



Sunday, May 7, 8:00 p.m.

The Station hosted an Easter meal for Bethany college students Sunday after the late church service. We had a wonderful meal, great fellowship, watched a powerful video, heard the Easter message from Nick Blanchat and finished with a fun scavenger hunt around town.

May 7 will be the final Station for this school year. Pastor Payte Johnson will be bringing the message. The Men's Ministry will be grilling up hamburgers and hotdogs. Each Bethany student will leave with a finals care package put together by the 55+ group.

Prayer, gift cards, food, ideas... are always welcomed and needed! Contact Tyler Janzen 785-212-0878, Kathy Peterson 785-472-1821

Worship Service of Praise & Prayer Sunday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.

From Psalm 103:1-2, "Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits--"

A worship service of Praise and Prayer is scheduled for Sunday night, May 21st, at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. May we gather together, all ages, to sing praises to Jesus our Savior, listen to His word, and pray in His name. Bring your family, bring your friends - - be sure to come meet Jesus for an hour of a summer Sunday night. May we recall the words of Psalm 150:6, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord."



Happy belated Easter everyone! Summer has started and signups have begun for the Church softball team. Scholarships are available and for those able we ask for a \$20 donation. Please contact Craig Lofton if you are interested in playing. Details will be forthcoming on the schedule. April had a few too many conflicts so we moved the Men's Gathering to May 5 which is a Friday. We will meet at Bob Armbruster's. His address is 2661 10th Avenue and we invite you to bring something to snack on if you are able but otherwise just come and bring a friend or two if you like. Evening starts at 7 p.m. Additionally the men will be preparing burgers for *The Station* on May 7th.

Upcoming Men's Encounter should be announced soon; contact Pete Duerksen or Keith Swenson for information. Information is also available on the website: (http://www.encounterthecross.com/men).

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. -- John 13:35

Blessings to all...

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

Summer Special Music: "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and

make music in your hearts to the Lord" For those interested in providing a "musical offering" during summer worship services. Please sign up at the Information Table. Contact Melinda Hansen if questions, 785-668-2465.



May 4

Meet in the Hospitality Room for prayer on Thursday, May 4, 7:00 a.m. The church will be open the rest of the day for prayer.



We are in need of summer Sunday school teachers and helpers for children! Please contact Mikaela Carlson if interested! 321-474-6160

Would you be willing to teach or facilitate an adult Sunday school class beginning in June? We would like to offer a Bible class and classes about parenting, finance and marriage. Contact Lori Shultz for more information.

Food Bank

During the months of May and June, the Lindsborg churches collect food items to

- **a** replenish supplies of the McPherson County
- **y** Food Bank. Any of the following listed items are welcome:
 - Baby Food (jars), Peanut Butter
- Toothpaste, Shampoo, etc.
 - Dry Cereal, Macaroni and Cheese, Saltine Crackers
- Canned Fruit, Soup, and Vegetables
- u Designated boxes are located at the south parking lot entrance under the Informationn Table for our contributions.
- e If you wish to give monetary gift, please leave a check at the church office payable to McPherson County Food Bank.



Testimony Night - Richard Schmidt Sunday, May 28, 6:30

God has done miraculous things in the life of Richard Schmidt. He will share his life-and-death experiences with us on Sunday, May 28, at 6:30 in the Library. Testimonies are meaningful, challenging, and encouraging. Don't miss this opportunity to hear Richard's story. Refreshments will follow.

Care Packages for College Finals Saturday, May 6

Homemade cookies are needed to include in The Station's Bethany College Finals Care Packages. Please sign up at the Information Table if you are able to bring two dozen cookies. Also, helpers are need to assemble the packages Saturday morning in the south kitchen at 9:00.

Looking Ahead: Sunday Noon Potluck June 11 with the Conley Nichols Family sharing about their family bicycle trip in Missouri.

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Planning Meeting Thursday, May 25, 10:00 Room 117

Missions Report

From KICY Radio Station

KICY serves over 40 villages that dot the landscape of "Bush Alaska". There are no roads connecting the villages to other villages or to the outside world. Most of the residents are Alaskan Natives practicing a subsistence lifestyle, which means they hunt, fish, and gather most of their food in the traditional ways of their ancestors.

Travel from village to village is done by walking, by four-wheeler, by boat in summer, snow-machine (snowmobile) in winter, or by flying which can be done year round. All travel is impacted by harsh, arctic weather. At times you sit for days. You "can't get there from here."

KICY's Ptarmigan Telegraph serves

to help connect people over this landscape by allowing them to send personal messages to one another over the air. This is especially true in the summer when people are out of the villages at their fish camps, or prospecting camps, when the only appliance they have may

be a battery operated radio, because there is no electricity.

CareForce is another program which serves to build community. At 9:02 every weekday morning, people can tune-in to KICY and listen to an encouraging devotional from a pastor who will then take the time to read and pray over the prayer requests that have been phoned into the station by our listeners from villages all over the listening area. This is by far our most popular program.

Missions Interest Group Tuesday May 16 2:00 p.m.

Church Library

Doris Swenson Hostess Kathy Lindgren Devotions

We're starting early this year, hoping to increase the excitement and involvement of this wonderful ministry opportunity. We will be collecting different items each month... look for the calendar!

Operation Christmas Child

Spring Kickoff!

Hygiene items will be collected during the month of May. A collection box will be located under the Information Table.

Suggested hygiene items include: comb. hairbrush, toothbrush and holder, washcloth, bar soap and container, adhesive bandages, reusable plastic containers like cup, bowl, plate, water bottle, lip

balm, nail clipper and file, stick deodorant.

Please DO NOT include toothpaste or antibiotic ointment.

Contact Skippy Rathlef, 785-212-0767 or Abby Rathlef, 715-331-9035 with any questions.

Shoebox gifts in Albania start church clubs for children

"We have at least 40 children every week now! We've started a club for children from outside the church!"

"It's been a blessing for the whole church, not just the children! It's great for us to have received training and be giving Bible lessons."

"Our children's club used to have 15 coming: now we have 30 or more every week-and that's even while the local mosque is trying to start a kids club at exactly the same time!"

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

15 Olivia Garretson

- 1 Robert and Cathy Ahlstedt Iulie Diederich Natasha Shultz Brad Vickrey Brad and Marlene Vickrey Rodger Bokma
- 2 Jenna Willis Bruce Spare loe Vaigrt
- 4 Dave and Jodi Duncan Kathy Peterson Elijah Waugh Spencer Yenni
- 5 Jim and Lisa Christopher Debbie Johnson
- 7 Courtney Bowles Chervll Anderson Clark (Ecuador) Pete and Carol Duerksen Dick Wilson
- 8 Dale and Sara Lusk
- 10 Drew Porter Marjorie St. Peter
- 11 Jim Christopher Brent Heizelman Ken Kejr
- 12 Andrew Peterson
- 13 Duane Johnson
- 14 Cathy Ahlstedt
 - Gracia Peterson Pat Weibert

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- **Rachelle** Grimmett Isaac Nichols
- Charlie Carlson 16 Meredith Galloway
 - Sarah Lohrey Larry and Kelly White
- 18 Jim and Janna Weldy
- 19 Delores Burch
- JoMae Shaw 20 Joe and Sharon Vajgrt
- Chad Sauvage 21 Kate Cooper
 - Hillary Weller
- 22 Margaret Ray
- Abner and Brenda Vickrev Carolyn Yoder
- 23 Marion Eklund

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

Thanks!



This Is Sunday Night For May, 6:30

24 Brooklynn Power

Kelly Sauvage

25 Lois & Jim Baker

26 Yesica Swenson

27 Scott Achenbach

29 Jersev Elseth

30 Al & Margaret Ray

Carla Christians

David Grimmett

Elizabeth Woods

31 Charity Porter

Alan & Mikaela Carlson

Cody & Kalli Weibert

Tony and Sunny Shultz

Mike and Patti Johnson

Craig and Holly Lofton

Jim and Jennifer Tillberg

Jerry and Kathy Cooper

28 Bruce & Kristi Peterson

- 7th The Station (8:00)
- 21st Praise & Prayer Service
- 28th 55+ Testimony Night Richard Schmidt will share



Prav for Missions



THANKS



From Rick & Lani Porter

A resurrection basket was delivered to our house. It was filled with food, candy, and monetary gifts. Thank you church family for blessing us. We would never have made it through these difficult times without such tender care.

And thank you for the condolences at the death of Rick's brother. Also thank you to the women who pray with, and help out with Lani's care. We are so grateful as well for the support to our children and their families. This truly is an Acts church!

From Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for your recent generous donation to the work of McPherson Area Habitat for Humanity. Our mission is to help provide decent and affordable housing for low income families in need in McPherson County and we couldn't do it without your help. Thanks again. We are presently in the family selection process for our 2017 home(s) and will shortly begin building our next new home.

Celebrate the Gift of Life!

Baby bottle banks will be available on Mother's Day, May 14, in the Heritage Room. Take one home to fill with donations for the Pregnancy Service Center. Bottles are to be returned on Father's Day, June 19.

From Matt & Alicia Barnes

We are so grateful for your warmth and encouragement as we shared about our work with Arctic Barnabas Ministries! Thank you for listening with such interest. It truly uplifted our spirit to be with you all. Blessings on your continued ministry in Lindsborg, may it be fruitful.

From Covenant World Relief

Thank you for your support of Covenant World Relief. We are so grateful for your partnership. Your gift will be used to love, serve, and work together with the poor, the powerless, and the marginalized. You can stay connected on how your gift is at work through our Facebook, instagram, other social media (covchurch.org/relief), and the CWR quarterly newsletter.



Please note the following changes on your church directory:

- Change: Lois Spitznagel, c/o Jim Spitznagel, 625 Oakborough Ave, Roseville CA 95747
- Add: Reid Carlson to Alan & Mikaela Carlson, born 4-6-17
- Add: Kannon Wade Weibert to Cody & Kalli Weibert, born 4-20-17

June Newsletter Deadline

Monday, May 15

Friday Saturday	6 7.00 Men's Prayer	13 7:00 Men's Prayer	19 20 7:00 Men's Prayer Bloodmobile	
Thursday	4 5 7:00 World Day of Prayer Meeting 2:30 Bethany Hm Coffee	11 12 2:30 Bethany Hm Coffee	18 2.30 Bethany Hm Blood Coffee	5,0
Wednesday	3 9:45 Women's Bible Fellowship 6:30 Jr High 6:30 Adult Study 7:45 Sanct Choir	10 6:30 Adult Study 7:45 Sanct Choir	17 9:45 WBF 1:00 Worship & Music Comm 6:30 Adult Study 7:45 Sanct Choir	dy oir
Tuesday	5	6	16 2:00 Missions Interest Group	16 2:00 Missions Interest Group 23
Monday	1	8 7:00 Ind Boards 8:15 Church Bd	15 Newsletter Deadline	15 Newsletter Deadline 22
Sunday		7 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship 6:30 Sr High 8:00 The Station	14 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship	 14 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship 21 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship 6:30 Praise & Prayer Service

Next Hosting Group 3. . . TBD, Co-chairs Kitchen Manager..... Kristen Carlson



May 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. CAREGIVERS

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- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper, Pastor Jeremy Elseth, Daniel Rauchholz, Keith Swenson, Sharon Vajgrt, Vince Rocco
- JR/SR HIGH YOUTH STAFF Pastor Jeremy, Jaime Elseth, Emily Burchett, Meagan De Vore, Micah Waugh, Kurt Krehbiel, Steve Hansen. Caleb Shaw, Greg Peterson, Nathan Peterson, Jaime Elseth, Emily Nelson, Suzanna Swenson
- 4 OUR COUNTRY AND ITS LEADERS
 - **DIACONATE** Judy Pilewski, Reva Esh, Vince Rocco, Calvin Carlson, Ernie Diederich, Nick Blanchat, Bob Armbruster, Neill Walker, Suzanna Swenson
 - **MEN'S MINISTRY** Brian Bowman, Coordinator
 - **THE STATION** Fill students with the Word of God and the gospel
 - **CHURCH BOARD** Pray for church board meeting

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

- USHER TEAMS
- WORSHIP LEADERS Pastor Jeff, Pastor Darrell, Melinda Hansen, Cheryl Spare, Caren Ebling, Eric Swenson, John Woods, Greg Peterson, Elijah Waugh
- 11 BETHANY HOME MINISTRY
- 12 HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE Carolyn Kejr, Marla Peterson, Kristen Carlson, Ralph & Sue Peterson, Pray for new Co-Chairs Pat Weibert, Carolyn Yoder
 - GRADUATES Guidance & Wisdom
- 14 MOTHERS
- 15 MIDWEST CONFERENCE STAFF
- 16 MISSIONS INTEREST GROUP Co-Chairmen Dolores Stevens & Kathy Lindgren, Secretary/Treasurer Mary Ann Johnson

- 17 WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE Pastor Jeff, Pastor Darrell, Melinda Hansen, Caren Ebling, Judy Pilewski, Jerry Hall, LoRita Doherty
- 18 COVENANT WOMEN MINISTRIES Leadership Committee: Treasurer Pam Kellogg, Ruth Ann Leaf, Debbie Johnson, Jennifer Ebling, Suzanna Swenson
- 19 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
- 20 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES Kate Cooper, Dana Bowman, Ralph Roberts, Neill Walker, Sharon Vajgrt, Craig & Holly Lofton, Pastor Jeff
- 21 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Kristen Carlson, Nursery Coordinator; Sonja Woods, Children's Church Coordinator
- 22 SMALL GROUP LEADERS Willard Keding, Ruth Peterson, Glen & Ann Heikes, Pastor Darrell, Harris Terry, Pastor Jeff, Lori Shultz, Delores Stevens
- 23 SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS 2 YRS - KINDERGARTEN Brad & Sarah Carlson, Lynette DeVore, Mary Pywell, Joe Vajgrt, Ruth Houghton, Nancy Walker
 - 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
- 25 55+ MINISTRY Debbie Johnson, Ruth Ann Leaf, Coordinators

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- 26 SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS GRADES 7-12 Marla Peterson, Ben Houghton, Pete Duerksen, Steve Hansen, Pastor Jeremy & Jaime Elseth, Emily Nelson
- 27 C.E. BOARD Keith Swenson, Nancy Bolden, Jerry Cooper, Kristi Peterson, Sharon Vajgrt, Kandis Crawford

- **STUDENT MINISTRIES COMMITTEE** Pastor Jeremy, Marla Peterson, Tracy Repp, Clark Shultz
- 29 STAFF

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Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper, Pastor Jeremy Elseth, Kristen Carlson, Kent & Caren Ebling

TRUSTEE BOARD Dave Duncan, Daniel Rauchholz, Craig Lofton, Jean Hall, Steve Hansen, Brad Pywell

Carlson, Martha Roberts

SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMIN. Children's Sunday School Superintendent Mikaela Carlson; Attendance Secretary Judy Pilewski; Adult Sunday School Coordinator, Lori Shultz; Curriculum Coordinators Cheryl Spare, Shelly

