

November 2017

Life Together

Lindsborg Covenant Church

Message from Pastor Darrell

Yesterday I talked to a friend of mine who recently returned from a mission trip in Africa. She and her family witnessed mind-numbing poverty there, beyond the scope of what they were prepared for. One of the ways she measured it was by what I might call the bathroom barometer. She said that before their trip they would sometimes complain about how dirty a public rest room was. But upon returning from Africa they would walk into a less-than-clean bathroom and rejoice because there was an actual toilet in there . . . with a seat . . . and it flushed! How luxurious!

It occurs to me that gratitude is often a function of perspective. We don't tend to be grateful for our eyesight until we either meet a blind person or we start losing our own. We don't even think about our ability to walk unless we get hurt or we spend some time with a wheelchair-bound friend. We pay absolutely no attention to any of the 25,000 times we breathe each day unless we have a medical emergency. Gratitude is a function of perspective.

This is part of the reason I think thankfulness is unnatural. It is not natural to give thanks for our blessings. What is natural is to take them

for granted. Usually some external source has to prompt us to be grateful. Otherwise, we scarcely even notice our blessings.

Perhaps this is the value of having a day built into our calendars for giving thanks to God. Because giving thanks does not come naturally, we often have to be prompted to do it. Again, we tend not to even notice our blessings until they are threatened, or until we meet someone who lacks them, or until the calendar prompts us to reflect on them.

So let's reflect on them. I encourage you to take some time this month and think about what gifts God has given you. This probably won't come naturally, so you will likely have to do it as an intentional exercise, like taking turns testifying around the family dinner table, or sitting down with pen and paper and taking inventory. That may not feel as authentic as a sudden explosion of emotion, but gratitude does not have to be spontaneous to be genuine. It just has to be intentional.

So let me begin. Right now I am particularly grateful for indoor plumbing. Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY



Saturday, November 11,
9 a.m. until done
in the Multi-Purpose Room

Please join us as we assemble,
pack, label, and band boxes.

Boxes will be available in the
Hospitality Room for those wishing to prepare
their own. Packed boxes should be brought to
the church no later than Saturday, November 11.
Please include \$9.00 per box for shipping.

For the next couple of weeks, we are requesting
notes of encouragement to be included in the
boxes.

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!



November

- 5th Acts 28: 17-31
- 12th Hope Sunday
Covenant Kids Congo
- 19th Combined Thanksgiving Service
- 26th Christ the King Sunday

Congregational Meeting

October 22, 2017

Board Elections for 2017:

Diaconate Board

- 3-year term David Peterson
 - 3-year term Neill Walker
 - 3-year term Russ Weibert
- Christian Education (CE) Board
- 3-year term Fannie Olsen
 - 3-year term Kurt Krehbiel

Trustee Board

- 3-year term Craig Lofton
- 3-year term Chad Sauvage

The Proposed Budget for 2018 was not ready and will be approved at a special meeting.

Refugees often have no way to keep warm. Give **5 cents** for every blanket, quilt, or comforter in your house.

YEARLY GIVING STATEMENTS

Will not be sent out until the end of the year. If you have questions about your giving contact Lisa Smith, lisa@lindsborgcov.org or 227-8707.

Board Bits

From Monday, October 2, Meeting

► Jim Christopher was welcomed as a new member of the Board of Trustees. He was appointed to replace Jean Hall as a Trustee and as Church Treasurer.

Thanksgiving

Church Family Thanksgiving Worship and Dinner



We invite you to stay for the Thanksgiving

Dinner and fellowship with our church

family at noon in the Multipurpose Room. We

will have a combined morning worship service at 10:55

which will have special emphasis on thanksgiving to God

as we bring our offerings for Covenant World Relief.

What's Provided: The catered meal will include turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, rolls and butter. Table service is also provided.

Please bring: We ask that you bring a generous portion of salad or dessert based on the first letter of your last name.

A - J Salad
K - Z ... Dessert

**Sunday,
November 19**

9:30.....Sunday School

10:55Combined
Worship

NoonThanksgiving
Dinner

Note: We encourage all guests who attend church on this Sunday to stay for dinner even if they have not planned to stay or have not brought anything to share. As you make plans for this dinner, please keep in mind that we are sharing our food and hospitality with extra guests as well as our own families. Your generosity is appreciated. We have special seating arrangements for those who may need help. There is plenty of seating. There will be an opportunity to contribute towards the meal to defray catering costs.

Community Worship Service, Sunday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.



The annual Community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by T.A.C.O.L.

(The Associated Churches of Lindsborg) will be held at Freemount

Lutheran Church, Sunday evening, November 19, at 7 p.m. An offering will be taken to help support the Christmas Food Basket project. Refreshments will be served following the service.



Family Event

Offerfest - October 29

McKinney Sisters in Concert

The congregation is invited to share an evening with the McKinney Sisters on Sunday evening, October 29, at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. These very talented sisters have traveled the nation sharing their faith through testimony and bluegrass gospel music. They have become well-known and popular in this area. If you have not heard them before, this is a "No Miss" evening.

An annual family event, sponsored by Covenant Women, raises funds to support national and local projects.

Each Covenant woman is requested to bring a dessert for the fellowship time following the concert.



Sacrificial Living Campaign

Let's Pay the Building Debt Off Early

- When going through the drive-thru, order water instead of pop or coffee and put the money saved into the can.
- Buy generic products and put the difference in the can.

Collection of the Sacrificial Living Fund cans will occur the last Sunday of each month.

**WE HAVE \$5,000 MATCHING FUNDS
COMMITTED FOR OCTOBER AND
NOVEMBER!**



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

St. Lucia Brunch

Saturday, December 2, 9:00 a.m.

All women and girls are invited to join us for our church St. Lucia Brunch on Saturday, December 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Multi-purpose room. A celebration of generosity and light coming even in the midst of darkness, this Swedish tradition can be an excellent start to the Christmas Season.

We hope to see you there!

Covenant Kids Congo

Hope Sunday

Sunday, November 12

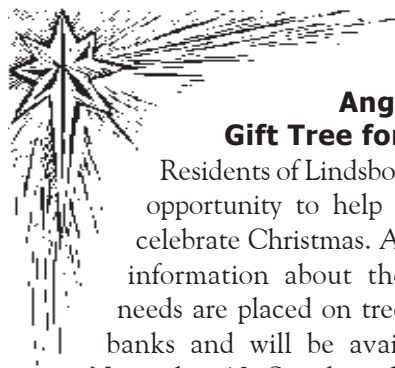
Hope is on the way! Sunday, November 12 is Hope Sunday. Donn Engebretson is coming to give us an update on the work that is being done through Covenant Kids Congo to lift an entire community out of extreme poverty. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a child for \$40/month so they can have clean water, go to school, hear about Jesus, and have hope for their future.

Missions Interest Group

Tuesday, November 21
2:00 p.m.

Church Library

Darleen Power, Hostess
Marilyn Hett, Devotions



Christmas Charities

Angel Tree Gift Tree for Children

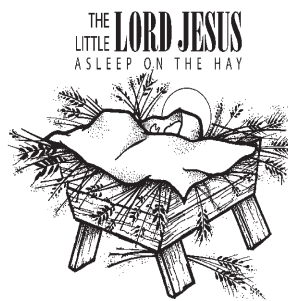
Residents of Lindsborg will have an opportunity to help local children celebrate Christmas. Angel tags with information about these children's needs are placed on trees in the local banks and will be available starting November 10. Simply pick an angel tag from the tree, write your name on a card at the bank, purchase a new gift (at least \$20), wrap the present, and return the gift to the bank where you originally picked the angel tag. Gifts **must** be returned by Friday, December 1.

Bethany Home Christmas Party

The Christmas season is upon us again. The Bethany Home party will be Thursday, December 14. They would like each church to donate 20 gifts as well as 10 dozen cookies. This year they do not want us to wrap the gifts. They can be put in either a paper or plastic bag. There is a sign up sheet on the Information Table along with a list of suggested gifts. We would like the gifts by December 1. Thank you all so much for your help that you give Bethany Home. They truly appreciate it. If you have any questions please call Carol Duerksen at 227-2113. Thanks again!

Community Christmas Baskets

Members of the community are collecting nonperishable foods and paper products. The Covenant Church has been asked to be responsible for canned fruits and vegetables, children's soft toothbrushes and toothpaste, all sizes of children's socks, travel size toothpaste and shampoo, deodorant, peanut butter, and cereal. Also needed are XL gift bags and stick on gift tags. There is a collection box at the Information Table for our contributions. Deadline is December 1. Monetary donations are welcome also. Checks may be made payable to TACOL with a memo "Christmas Baskets" and left in the church office.



Operation Christmas Child

Since 1993, more than 124 million boys and girls in over 150 countries have experienced God's love through the simple shoe box gifts from Operation Christmas Child. More than 4.7 million children have participated in *The Greatest Journey*, the Samaritan's Purse discipleship program that is offered to many children who receive Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts.

This year we have been collecting items as a church starting with VBS. On Saturday, November 11 join us for a packing party and we'll put all of the goodies that we've collected in shoeboxes.

We will have some boxes available if you still want to put a shoebox together as a family.

Hospitality Ministry

This year as I count my blessings, I'm thankful for our church family. I'm amazed at the many ministries we have and the large number of friends it takes to make them a success. As we enter this season, I want to encourage you to send a note to someone you are thankful for.



We need each other! Join us, November 19th at 12:15 in the multipurpose room for our annual church Thanksgiving meal. It's always a time for great fellowship and food! Happy Thanksgiving.

Carolyn Kejr

Hosting Groups 4 & 5 Potluck

November 5 at noon

Groups 4 & 5 will be getting together on November 5 for a potluck. Look for your invitation with details coming soon.



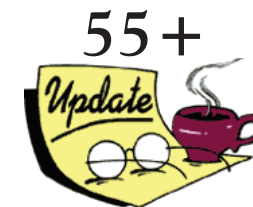
John van Der Wege
Help John celebrate
his 80th birthday!

Saturday, November 25
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

In the Multi-Purpose Room

Pie Social and Bunco

Sunday, November 12,
6:30



A fun evening of simple fellowship. You don't know how to play Bunco? Come and learn in one 60-second lesson! If you can count to 10, you can play like a pro. (Written instructions this year!)

Pies and card tables are needed. Please sign up at the Information Table if you can provide one of these items.

Don't miss out on an evening of good fun, fellowship, and food.

Looking Ahead:

- **Christmas Party and Gift Exchange**
Sunday Noon, December 10
For the last several years, in support of TACOL Thrift Store, we have urged participants to purchase their gift from the Thrift Store (\$2 limit). If you have no time to shop, you are welcome to bring an item on its way to the Thrift Store.
- **Bethany College Finals Care Packages:** Home-made cookies needed the 1st of December. Watch the bulletin for details.
- **TACOL Christmas Box Wrapping**
Monday, December 4, 12:00

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Planning Meetings - 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 9
Thursday, November 30
Room 117

In Case of Cancellations



Cancellations of winter events will be posted on the website home page (top of the page) by 30 minutes before the event. www.lindsborgcov.org

CWR YEAR IN REVIEW

JUNE 2016-JUNE 2017

Thank you for your generous support and partnership with Covenant World Relief. Here is a glimpse of your support of CWR this year!

\$2.1M
SENT TO PROJECTS

100% of every gift to CWR goes to the ministry of CWR.
90% of every gift goes directly to ministry programs.

104 PROJECTS
32 COUNTRIES
5 CONTINENTS

25 PROJECT BLUE PROGRAMS PROVIDING CLEAN WATER IN 12 COUNTRIES

CHURCH PARTNERS
277

NEW DONORS
586

42 DISASTER RESPONSE PROGRAMS IN 19 COUNTRIES, PROVIDING MUCH-NEEDED FOOD, SHELTER, AND MEDICAL CARE



28 PROGRAMS EXCLUSIVELY SERVING REFUGEES AROUND THE WORLD

15 PROGRAMS FOCUSING ON PEACEMAKING IN THE MIDST OF FAMILY, POLITICAL, TRIBAL, AND ETHNIC CONFLICT

PERCENTAGE OF GIVING TO SPECIFIC AREAS

*Undesignated giving allows for the greatest flexibility to respond to disasters and community development

Pick up a Covenant World Relief soup can bank. We'll collect them on Sunday, November 19.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1 Jesse Diederich (in memory) | 17 Kelli Bowles | 26 John and Reva Esh |
| Kathy Writer | 18 David and Kim Yenni | Corynn Heizelman |
| 2 Katie Stiebens | Eisley Nichols | Warren & Marilyn Hett |
| Marla Peterson | 19 Angie Allsbury | 27 Mark and Stacey Lott |
| 4 Brian Adolf | Dee Johnson | John Van Der Wege |
| Tyler Janzen | 21 Penny Rauchholz | 28 John Reece |
| Wyatt Carlson | Julie Waugh | Kathy Tolbert |
| 5 Kandis Crawford | 22 Darrell Cooper | 29 Avery Ahlstedt |
| BrookeAnna Galloway | Philip & Abby Hinman | Anastasia Cooper |
| Julie McLaughlin | Sarah Repp | Bill Nelson |
| 6 Kent Ebling | 23 Jerry & Jean Hall | 30 Patrick Crawford |
| David Lloyd | Erik Peterson | Walden Peterson |
| Steven and Barbara Boca | 25 Christian Hansen | |
| Swanson (Sweden) | Hannah Godfrey | |
| 7 Martha Hett | Ben Weldy | |
| 8 Michelle Adolf | | |
| Lois Baker | | |
| Alexandra Diederich | | |
| Jody Heizelman | | |
| Lacey Nichols | | |
| 10 Judah Cooper | | |
| Dave Duncan | | |
| Kalli (Cody) Weibert | | |
| 11 Breanna Call | | |
| Samantha Schwindt | | |
| 13 David Norden | | |
| Samuel Peterson | | |
| Copper Nichols | | |
| 14 Brett Nurnberg | | |
| 15 Greg Power | | |
| 16 Susan Achenbach | | |
| Meagan De Vore | | |

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

Thanks!



Daylight-Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 5 at 2 a.m.

This Is Sunday Night For November, 6:30

- 5th Fellowship Groups Meet
- 12th The Station, College Ministry (6:00)
55+ Pie & Bunco
- 19th Hospitality Night (no service planned at church, but you are encouraged to use this evening for your own hospitality ministry)
- 26th Praise & Prayer Service

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THANKS

From Marion Eklund

A most sincere thank you for the wonderful help you gave me during the auction and move to Bethany Home. Friends are truly a gift from God, and I pray God's blessing on each one of you as only He can give.

From Mark & Susan Goss

Thank you Church Family for your prayers and gifts.

 Staying clean helps us stay healthy. People around the world need toothbrushes, soap, and shampoo. Give **5 cents** for every type of soap in your home.



HIS Kids November

HIS Kids will meet the first three Wednesdays in November, with the 15th being the final meeting before Thanksgiving and Christmas break. Sessions will resume January 10.



You're Invited To A
Bridal Shower Honoring
Gabbi Smith Bergmann
Sunday, November 5, 2017
2:00 p.m.
In the Library
Evangelical Covenant Church
102 S Washington, Lindsborg,
Kansas
The couple is registered at
Target • Bed, Bath & Beyond

The Bulletin Board

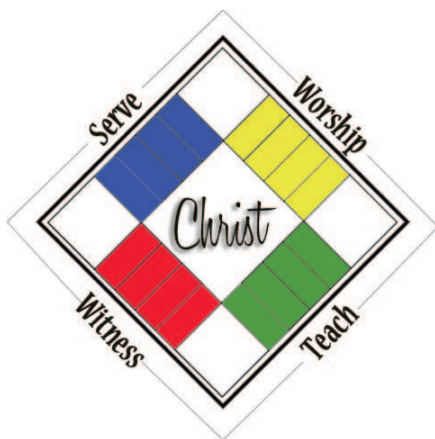
Please let the office know of any changes to your contact information.

**December/January
Newsletter Deadline**
Monday, November 13

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>November 2017</i>						
5 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship Noon Hospitality Potluck 2:00 Smith Shower 6:30 Sr Hi Youth 6:30 Fellowship Grps	6 7:00 Ind. Boards 8:15 Church Board	7	8 9:15 Women's Bible Fellowship 1:00 W & M 5:00 Children's Chr 6:00 Supper 6:30 HIS Kids/ Jr Hi 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 9:00 Operation Christmas Child Packing Party	11 18 7:00 Men's Prayer
12 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship 6:00 <i>The Station</i> 6:30 Sr Hi Youth 6:30 55+ Pie & Bunco	13 Newsletter Deadline	14	15 5:00 Children's Chr 6:00 Supper 6:30 HIS Kids 6:30 Jr Hi Youth 7:45 Sanctuary Chr	16 2:30 Bethany Home Coffee	17 18 7:00 Men's Prayer	19 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship 12:00 Thanksgiving Dinner Hospitality Night
26 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship 6:30 Praise & Prayer 6:30 Sr Hi Youth	27	28	29 6:30 Jr Hi Youth 6:30 Bible Study 7:45 Sanctuary Chr	30 10:00 55+ Planning 2:30 Bethany Home Coffee	24 Office Closed	25 7:00 Men's Prayer 1:00 - 3:00 Birthday Open House for John Van Der Wege
19 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship 12:00 Thanksgiving Dinner Hospitality Night	20 2:00 Missions Interest Group	21	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving!	24	25

Next Hosting Group 4... Kejr, Carlson, Co-chairs
Kirchen Manager..... Kristen Carlson

Month Hosting Group 3... Kurt & Sara Krehbiel, Russ & Jamie Weibert, Co-chairs
Kirchen Manager..... Carolyn Kejr



NOVEMBER 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.

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| <p>1 JR/SR HIGH YOUTH STAFF
Pastor Jeremy, Jaime Elseth, Meagan De Vore, Micah Waugh, Kurt Krehbiel, Steve Hansen. Caleb Shaw, Greg Peterson, Nathan Peterson, Jaime Elseth, Emily Nelson, Suzanna Swenson</p> <p>2 BETHANY HOME MINISTRY</p> <p>3 MISSIONARIES
Paul & Sheryl Noren, C.A.R. and Congo
Cheryll Anderson Clark, Christian Ed., Ecuador
Steve & Barbara Swanson, Mosaics Project, Sweden
Dale Lusk, Covenant Merge Ministries
Roy & Joi Christians, Andrea Cooper, Bob & Carolyn Easley, Julie McLaughlin, Kara Peterson</p> <p>4 CONFIRMATION CLASS</p> <p>5 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
Warren Hett, Micki Swenson, Shelly Carlson, Ralph Roberts, Neill Walker, Craig & Holly Lofton</p> <p>6 CHURCH BOARD
Pray for church board meeting</p> <p>7 C.E. BOARD
Keith Swenson, Nancy Bolden, Jerry Cooper, Kristi Peterson, Sharon Vajgrt, Kandis Crawford, Fannie Olsen, Kurt Krehbiel</p> <p>8 WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE
Pastor Jeff, Pastor Darrell, Melinda Hansen, Caren Ebling, Judy Pilewski, Jerry Hall, LoRita Doherty</p> <p>9 55+ MINISTRY
Debbie Johnson, Ruth Ann Leaf, Coordinators</p> <p>10 COVENANT WOMEN MINISTRIES
Leadership Committee: Treasurer Pam Kellogg, Debbie Johnson, Ruth Ann Leaf, Suzanna Swenson</p> <p>11 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY
SMALL GROUP LEADERS
Willard Keding, Ruth Peterson, Pastor Darrell, Harris Terry, Pastor Jeff, Lori Shultz, Dolores Stevens</p> <p>12 THE STATION
For the students to come and take the message to heart</p> <p>13 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS</p> <p>14 MIDWEST CONFERENCE STAFF</p> | <p>15 WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM
Jodi Duncan, Ed & Jane Radatz, Reva & John Esh, Mikaela Carlson, Pam Kellogg, Daniel & Penny Rauchholz, Hannah Kummer, Mark & Stacey Lott, Kristi Peterson, Chris & Sarah Lohrey, Jeff & Julie Waugh, Norman & Kathy Peterson, Howard Reece, Sarah Carlson, Kate Cooper, Kristen Carlson, Warren & Marilyn Hett, Martha Hett, Barb Wilson, Caren Ebling, Jennifer Ebling</p> <p>16 WORSHIP LEADERS
Pastor Jeff, Pastor Darrell, Melinda Hansen, Cheryl Spare, Caren Ebling, Eric Swenson, John Woods, Greg Peterson, Elijah Waugh, Jim Tillberg</p> <p>17 DIACONATE
Judy Pilewski, Reva Esh, Vince Rocco, Calvin Carlson, Ernie Diederich, Nick Blanchat, Bob Armbruster, Neill Walker, Suzanna Swenson, David Peterson, Russ Weibert</p> <p>18 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
Kristen Carlson, Nursery Coordinator; Sonja Woods, Children's Church Coordinator</p> <p>19 HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE
Carolyn Kejr, Marla Peterson, Kristen Carlson, Kurt & Sara Krehbiel, Russ & Jamie Weibert Pat Weibert, Carolyn Yoder, Funeral Lunches</p> <p>20 TRUSTEE BOARD
Dave Duncan, Daniel Rauchholz, Craig Lofton, Jim Christopher, Steve Hansen, Brad Pywell, Chad Sauvage</p> <p>21 MISSIONS INTEREST GROUP
Co-Chairmen Dolores Stevens & Kathy Lindgren, Secretary/Treasurer Mary Ann Johnson</p> <p>22 STAFF
Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper, Pastor Jeremy Elseth, Kristen Carlson, Caren Ebling, Keith Swenson</p> <p>23 CAREGIVERS
OUR COUNTRY AND ITS LEADERS</p> <p>24 STUDENT MINISTRIES COMMITTEE
Pastor Jeremy, Marla Peterson, Tracy Repp, Clark Shultz</p> <p>25 MEN'S MINISTRY
Brian Bowman, Coordinator
SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS
2 YRS - KINDERGARTEN
Hannah Kummer, Amenda Huse, Lynette DeVore, Mary Pywell, Joe Vajgrt, Bruce Peterson, Ruth Houghton, Nancy Walker</p> | <p>26 SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMIN.
Children's Sunday School Superintendent Mikaela Carlson; Attendance Secretary Howard Reece; Adult Sunday School Coordinator, Lori Shultz; Curriculum Coordinators Cheryl Spare, Shelly Carlson, Martha Roberts</p> <p>27 SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS GRADES 7-12
Martha Roberts, Marla Peterson, Pete Duerksen, Steve Hansen, Pastor Jeremy & Jaime Elseth, Emily Nelson, Clark Shultz</p> <p>28 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper, Pastor Jeremy Elseth, Daniel Rauchholz, Keith Swenson, Sharon Vajgrt, Vince Rocco</p> <p>29 WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL
Eileen Patrick & Mary Patrick, coordinators, and all their teachers</p> <p>30 SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS GRADES 1-6
Suzanna Swenson, Jeff Garretson, Keith Swenson, John Esh, Edragene Hart, Kelly White, Kathy Cooper, Emily Power, Kristi Peterson, Stacy Lott, Amanda Houghton, Cheryl Spare, JoMae Shaw</p> |
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