



February 2018

Life Together

Lindsborg Covenant Church

Message from Pastor Darrell

A Place at the Table

At the beginning of each year we (the pastors) choose a theme that we will focus on in our worship services throughout the year. For example, in 2009 we challenged everyone to read through the whole Bible together. We called it “Break the Spine in 2009, a reference to reading our Bibles so much that we wear them out. 2013 was “Remember by December”, and we memorized a different passage of Scripture every month. Last year was missions. Each week we focused on a different missionary or ministry we do as a church.

This year’s theme is “A Place at the Table,” a focus on hospitality. Here is how we are defining biblical hospitality: Cheerfully opening our heart and home to both believers and strangers, inviting them into our life by generously sharing the best of what we have with them. One way we are doing that is by encouraging our regular attenders to prepare a large meal before coming to church and then inviting visitors or people we don’t know very well to our home for lunch.

In a recent sermon I mentioned that the number one reason people tell me they do not practice hospitality is that their house is too messy. They are too embarrassed by the condition of their house to have anyone over, and the thought of cleaning it all up to a presentable standard is too overwhelming.

I totally understand that. But can I offer this thought? What if someone invited you over to their house and when you got there it was absolutely immaculate? There was no clutter of any kind anywhere. There was no dust or dirt of any kind anywhere. Everything shone and sparkled like it was brand new. In fact, it looked as if no one really lived there at all, like the whole place was lifted right out of a picture in a Martha Stewart magazine. The food was perfect. The decor was perfect. The conversation was polite and perfect. In fact the only thing that wasn’t perfect was... well... you.

Would that make you feel relaxed and comfortable? Would you feel like your host was someone you could really relate to, someone you wanted to spend more time with and get to know better? Perhaps not. It is hard to relate to perfection. Most of us live on a level somewhere below the stratosphere.

Now reverse it. What if your guests are not expecting, or even desiring, a house that looks and feels like a museum? What if they would feel much more at home in...well...your home, your real home, the place where you actually live, with a bit of clutter and a particle of dust or two?

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► Pastor Darrell (cont)

I confess, I struggle with perfectionism, especially when it comes to hospitality. But I am learning that if I wait until my house is perfect before I practice hospitality, well, I am likely to get a bit out of practice. Could it be that the practice of hospitality is also a path to humility? And could it be that when I see your less-than-perfect house, it makes me feel safe to invite you over to mine?

So this year, what do you say we all just take a deep breath, close our eyes, and invite each other over?

Board Bits

From Monday, December 4 Meeting

- The Board approved the purchase of a Right Now Media subscription for the church.
- The building loan balance is down to \$129,000 as of November 30.

From Monday, January 8 Meeting

- The building loan balance as of December 31 is \$59,000!
- Pastor Darrell is planning to be on sabbatical from July 15-Oct. 15 this year.



February

- 4th Mark 1: 29-39
- 11th Mark 9: 2-9
- 18th Mark 1: 9-15
- 25th Mark 8: 31-38

2018 Church Board

| Diaconate Board | Term |
|------------------------------|------|
| Suzanna Swenson | 2018 |
| Judy Pilewski..... | 2018 |
| Nick Blanchat..... | 2018 |
| Bob Armbruster..... | 2019 |
| Reva Esh..... | 2019 |
| Vince Rocco (Chairman) | 2019 |
| David Peterson | 2020 |
| Russ Weibert..... | 2020 |
| Neill Walker..... | 2020 |

Christian Education (C.E.) Board

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| Nancy Bolden..... | 2018 |
| Kristi Peterson | 2018 |
| Keith Swenson..... | 2019 |
| Sharon Vajrt (Chairman) | 2019 |
| Kurt Krehbiel..... | 2020 |
| Fannie Olsen | 2020 |

Trustee Board

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| Jim Christopher | 2018 |
| Steve Hansen | 2018 |
| Brad Pywell..... | 2019 |
| Daniel Rauchholz (Co-Chairman)..... | 2019 |
| Chad Sauvage..... | 2020 |
| Craig Lofton (Co-Chairman) | 2020 |
| Board Chairman..... | Keith Swenson |
| Vice-Chairman..... | Vince Rocco |
| Secretary | Kurt Krehbiel |
| Vice-Secretary..... | Suzanna Swenson |
| Church Treasurer | Jim Christopher |
| Financial Secretary..... | Kristen Carlson |

Keep Informed

Minutes Posted

Minutes of all the General 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

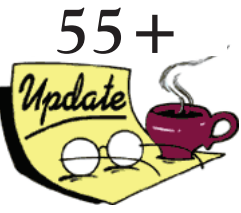
Pastor Darrell Cooper..... 212-9201

Pastor Jeremy Elseth..... 202-1226



Fifth Annual Hearts and Darts Tournament

Sunday, February 18,
6:30



The quiz this year will center around **David** with his soft **Heart** and his **Dart**-sharp ethics. This gives a peek at this “man after God’s own heart” (Acts 13:22).

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 1 Samuel 16 through 2 Samuel 5:5 (David’s becoming king). The NIV will be used.

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

Looking ahead:

March 18 - Movie Night, showing
The Case for Christ

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Planning Meeting - 10:00

Thursday, February 8

Room 117



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

~ Mark your Calendars ~

Annual Salad Supper

Tuesday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Hospitality Ministry

Are you a “behind-the-scene” type of person? Within our church family, we have many that pitch in to get those “unwanted” jobs completed. I know that serving takes time and is not always publicly recognized. A good example of this is for the two women that tackled cleaning and re-seasoning the cast iron burners on the gas stove in the south kitchen! This was an act of service to those that use the kitchen. It looks great! We are looking for an individual that can stop by the south kitchen once a month to “straighten” it up. Dishes and utensils get left out and need to be put away. We get a lot of traffic and a messy kitchen is not attractive. Please talk to Kris in the office if you are interested.



Thank you,
Carolyn Kejr
Hospitality Chairman

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. Please leave the boxes in their slot on the shelf. Take out the items you need. Please don’t take supplies out of the church office.

Sacrificial Living Fund

To Pay Off the Building Debt

Here are some suggestions on ways you can live sacrificially to save money for your Sacrificial Living can. We’ll use these funds to pay off the building debt early.

- Parents and Grandparents, encourage your children to participate. Match the monthly amounts your children or grandchildren sacrifice to help show them how their small sacrifices make a big difference.



- Simply decide on a flat weekly or monthly amount to give towards the Building Fund regardless of other sacrifices.

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

As of December 31 the building debt is only \$59,000!

SPOT-LIGHT ON ...ECC Men's Ministry

by Brian Bowman

Howdy all... By the time you read this there will have been another Men's Encounter- the first at the Webster Conference Center. Please take a moment to pray for those that attended and for the community of Christian Men. If you are interested in deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ, please consider a future Encounter—details can be found on the website: <http://www.encounterthecross.com/men>

A future date should be decided upon soon...

There will be a gathering at the Bowman household in March for the men—children are of course welcome. More details will be forthcoming. if you would be interested in hosting some night please contact Brian Bowman (785-212-0912).

*House and riches are the inheritance of fathers:
and a prudent wife is from the LORD.
--Proverbs 19:14 (KJV)*

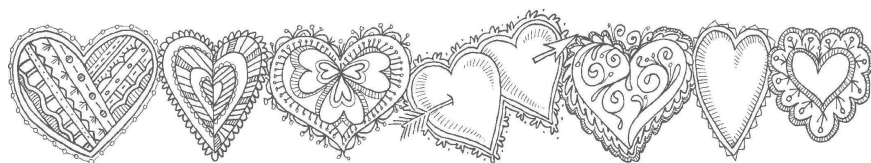
Blessings to all...

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



Sunday, February 11, 6:00 p.m.

Invite college students that you know to *The Station*. There's always good food and a great message!



Winter Get-away

For students in grades 2 through 6

Saturday, March 3

10 am to 3 p.m.

**First Covenant Church
2625 E. Magnolia Road
Salina, KS**

**Cost: \$6 per student payable to First Covenant
at the Get-away**

**Registration deadline:
Tuesday, February 27**

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 9.

Covenant Cedars Jr. High Camp will be the week of June 24 and **Sr. High** the week of June 17.

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

From Andrea Cooper

An unexpected yet joyous blessing arrived in McAllen, Texas, and the Rio Grande Valley on December 8th. It wasn't wrapped or under a tree but it brought a wonderment of surprise. There was snow in South Texas! Most of our students at Taylor Christian School (TCS) can now claim to have experienced snow for the first time in their lives.

This year we have been reading about different countries and people groups in our geography and Bible lessons. When we read about Greenland, they all informed me that they wanted to move there. I told them that I was sure they would change their minds real fast upon their arrival. After listening to many complaints following our snow day, I reminded them about their wish to move to Greenland where it snows most of the year. They all expressed that their desire had not yet changed.

The other day our students and teachers at TCS blessed the residents and staff at a local nursing home with a Christmas concert. Afterward we caroled down the halls while passing out student made cards. My heart rejoiced seeing many of the students eager to make sure everyone received a card.

I hope that this season brings you a wonderment of surprise that is not wrapped or under a tree as you celebrate the birth of Christ. May you experience it as if it were your first time hearing His story. You truly are a gift to me. Thank you for your generous support. May you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From Roy & Joi Christians

Our hearts are full of joy as we write to you this Christmas season. Joy is a byproduct of the presence of God. Where God is, regardless of circumstances, we can experience joy. This past year has been one of tremendous joy as we have seen God doing remarkable things, often in the midst of spiritual opposition.



Pray for Missions

The Lord is going before us, opening doors into new countries - even where you would not expect a positive response to a Christian presence. We hold trainings in Muslim schools in the Middle East and Central Asia, for Buddhists in South East Asia, and in secular schools in many corners of the world.

In Asia, we have the joy of watching the Lord continue to expand teachers' movements in countries as different as Taiwan and Mongolia. This year we began working in Cambodia. We will have our first large outreach trainings in Phnom Penh in March. Please be in prayer for these trainings because, if they are well received, the government has committed to move forward with plans for us to train teachers in every region of the country in the next 5 years! Also pray for our work in Myanmar (formerly Burma), where we continue to meet with teachers and explore opportunities.

No report from us is complete without giving thanks to the Lord for what He is doing in Russia. In addition to our visits, Joi talks hours each week with teacher leaders across Russia.

Missions Interest Group

Tuesday, February 20
2:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker will be
Terry Johnson on her trip
to Congo
Church Library

Kathy Lindgren, Hostess
Mary Ann Johnson
Devotions



*You're
Invited*

*To a Wedding Shower
For Brooke Anna Galloway,
Bride of Greg Peterson
Sunday, March 4, 2:30 p.m.*

In the Church Library

They are registered at Target and Kohl's



Card Shower

*Let's celebrate the life of our
sister-in-Christ, Doris Swenson!
This year Doris is 90 years young
on February 28.*

*Send her your birthday greetings
as part of a card shower to her.*

*If you are a former student of hers
(or know of someone who is) please add
your memory, too.*

*Her address is 417 S. Washington,
Lindsborg.*



Sarah and Madison Repp and Curtis Ebling have recently "retired" from many years serving as junior ushers. We are so thankful for their commitment to their job of picking up registrations books and litter in the pews and generally straightening up the sanctuary and balcony. May God richly bless these three young people as they continue to serve Him in other ways throughout their lives.

From Birthright of Salina

Thank you to the Lindsborg Covenant Church for the many donations given to Birthright.

*Please Come To The
80th Birthday Open House
For Willard Keding
Sunday, February 25
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
At the Church*



Please let the office know if you have changes to your phone, e-mail or address.

March Newsletter Deadline
February 12



Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

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

Thanks!

This Is Sunday Night

For February, 6:30

11th The Station, College Ministry (6:00)

18th 55+ Hearts & Darts

Hospitality Night (no service planned at church, but you are encouraged to use this evening for your own hospitality ministry)

25th Praise & Prayer Service

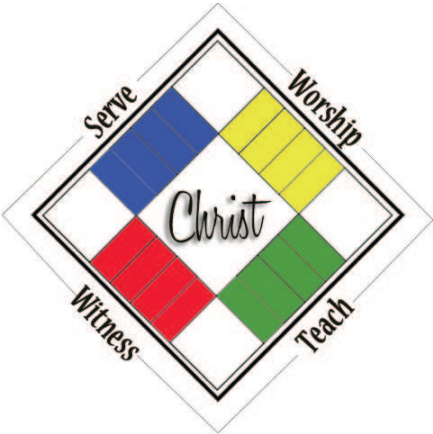


February 4

This youth-led worship service will be held on February 4, at 8:00 and 10:55.

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| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i> |
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| <i>February 2018</i> | | | | | | |
| 4 Youth Sunday 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship 2:30 BrookeAnna G. Shower 6:30 Sr Hi Youth | 5 7:00 Individual Bds 8:15 Church Board | 6 | 7 5:15 Children's Choir 6:00 Supper 6:30 HIS Kids 6:30 Jr Hi Youth 6:30 Bible Study 7:40 Sanctuary Chr | 8 10:00 55+ Planning 2:30 B. Home Coffee | 9 2 | 10 7:00 Men's Prayer 9:00 Confirmation |
| 11 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship 6:00 The Station 6:30 Sr Hi Youth | 12 Newsletter Deadline | 13 | 14 9:45 Women's Bible Fellowship 5:15 Children's Choir 6:00 Supper 6:30 HIS Kids/Jr Hi 6:30 Bible Study 7:40 Sanctuary Chr | 15 2:30 B. Home Coffee | 16 | 17 7:00 Men's Prayer |
| 18 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship 6:30 55+ Event 6:30 Sr Hi Youth Hospitality Night | 19 | 20 2:00 Missions Interest Group | 21 1:00 Worship/Music 5:15 Children's Choir 6:00 Supper 6:30 HIS Kids 6:30 Jr Hi Youth 6:30 Bible Study 7:40 Sanctuary Chr | 22 2:30 B. Home Coffee | 23 | 24 7:00 Men's Prayer |
| 25 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship 2:00 Willard K 80th 6:30 Praise & Prayer 6:30 Sr Hi Youth | 26 | 27 | 28 9:45 Women's Bible Fellowship 5:15 Children's Choir 6:00 Supper 6:30 HIS Kids/Jr Hi 6:30 Bible Study 7:40 Sanctuary Chr | 29 2:30 B. Home Coffee | 30 | 31 |



FEBRUARY 2018
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. For urgent requests 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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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper, Pastor Jeremy Elseth, Daniel Rauchholz, Keith Swenson, Sharon Vajgrt, Vince Rocco
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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
Pastor Jeff, Ralph Roberts, Craig & Holly Lofton, Micki Swenson, Pastor Darrel & Kate Cooper, Don Blanchat
- 3

CONFIRMATION CLASS
Kade Blanchat, Karlee Bowles, Seth Garretson, Ethan Grimmiett, Kellon Johnson, Isaac Nichols, Lydia Peterson, Marika Peterson, Lena Rauchholz, Kathryn Woods
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JR/SR HIGH YOUTH STAFF
Youth Sunday today - Pastor Jeremy, Jaime Elseth, Meagan De Vore, Micah Waugh, Kurt Krehbiel, Steve Hansen. Caleb Shaw, Greg Peterson, Nathan Peterson, Emily Nelson, Suzanna Swenson
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CHURCH BOARD
Pray for church board meeting
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CAREGIVERS
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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, Russ & Jamie Weibr, Mike & LoRita Doherty

KIDS CHOIR
LaReta Olson, Amanda Houghton
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55+ MINISTRY
Debbie Johnson, Ruth Ann Leaf, Coordinators
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C.E. BOARD
Keith Swenson, Nancy Bolden, Kristi Peterson, Sharon Vajgrt, Fannie Olsen, Kurt Krehbiel

TRUSTEE BOARD
Daniel Rauchholz, Craig Lofton, Jim Christopher, Steve Hansen, Brad Pywell, Chad Sauvage
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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

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THE STATION
For the students to come and take the message to heart
- 12

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
MIDWEST CONFERENCE STAFF
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COVENANT WOMEN MINISTRIES
Leadership Committee: Treasurer Pam Kellogg, Debbie Johnson, Ruth Ann Leaf, Suzanna Swenson
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WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL
Eileen Patrick & Mary Patrick, coordinators, and all their teachers
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BETHANY HOME MINISTRY
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DIACONATE
Judy Pilewski, Reva Esh, Vince Rocco, Nick Blanchat, Bob Armbruster, Neill Walker, Suzanna Swenson, David Peterson, Russ Weibert
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS GRADES 7-12
Martha Roberts, Marla Peterson, Pete Duerksen, Steve Hansen, Pastor Jeremy & Jaime Elseth, Emily Nelson, Clark Shultz
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CHILDREN’S MINISTRY
Kristen Carlson, Nursery Coordinator; Sonja Woods, Children’s Church Coordinator
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MEN’S MINISTRY
Brian Bowman, Coordinator
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MISSIONS INTEREST GROUP
Co-Chairmen Dolores Stevens & Kathy Lindgren, Secretary/Treasurer Mary Ann Johnson
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WORSHIP LEADERS
Pastor Jeff, Pastor Darrell, Melinda Hansen, Cheryl Spare, Caren Ebling, Eric Swenson, John Woods, Greg Peterson, Elijah Waugh, Jim Tillberg

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE
Pastor Jeff, Pastor Darrell, Melinda Hansen, Caren Ebling, Judy Pilewski, Jerry Hall, Sharon Schrag
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MISSIONARIES
Paul & Sheryl Noren, C.A.R. and Congo Cheryl 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

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OUR COUNTRY AND ITS LEADERS
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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
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS 2 YRS - KINDERGARTEN
Hannah Kummer, Amenda Huse, Lynette DeVore, Mary Pywell, Joe Vajgrt, Bruce Peterson, Ruth Houghton, Nancy Walker
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SMALL GROUP LEADERS
Willard Keding, Ruth Peterson, Pastor Darrell, Harris Terry, Pastor Jeff, Lori Shultz, Delores Stevens
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STUDENT MINISTRIES COMMITTEE
Pastor Jeremy, Marla Peterson, Tracy Repp, Clark Shultz
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STAFF
Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper, Pastor Jeremy Elseth, Kristen Carlson, Caren Ebling, Keith Swenson

