

# April 2018

# Life Together

# Lindsborg Covenant Church

## Message from Pastor Darrell

Imagine for a moment that I give you a theology test. The first question on the test is a true/false question which reads: "God loves you. True or False?" How would you answer that question? Most of us would probably mark "True" and get the question right. Now, suppose the second question on the test is an essay question which reads, "If you answered true to the Question #1, how do you know that God loves you?" Again, most of us would write down something like, "Because the Bible says He does," or "because Jesus died on the cross for me," citing a verse like John 3:16. And again, you would get the correct answer.

Most of us know the right answer. We know that Jesus loves us. But many of us, if we are deeply honest, don't really believe it. We know it is true - in our heads. But it doesn't feel true - in our hearts. Maybe there is some shameful secret in your past that haunts you and makes you feel unworthy of His love. Maybe there is some secret sin in your life right now, some evil habit that is stronger than your own self-will, and it makes you want to hide from God in shame. Perhaps it is just a vague sense of deep self-loathing. Whatever it is, it makes you not feel lovable. It makes it seem like God's love for you is just a fairy tale. It is true in theory, but not in reality.

Can you relate to that at all? I certainly can. And I am discovering more and more people who struggle to believe that God loves them. Oh, they know He does, but they don't really believe it. They do not feel it. They do not experience it, so it doesn't really feel true to them. And then they don't live as if it is really true.

I wish I could wave a magic wand and make you believe it. I wish I could somehow cause you to feel His arms around you, picking you up, putting you in his lap, and holding you as you cry. I wish I could make you see Him smile at you, hear Him laugh and sing and see Him dance in delight at the mere thought of you. (Zeph 3:17) But I cannot make you see or feel any of that.

I think God knows that we often feel unlovable and that it is so hard for us to believe that He really loves us. And the reason I think that is what Paul says in Ephesians 3:17-19. He says two things in these verses.

1. God's love is four-dimensional. His love is wide and long and high and deep. God's love for us is so profound that it actually transcends our three-dimensional world.

#### ▶ Pastor Darrell (cont)

2. We need His power to believe it. We need divine power to even understand it.

So if God's love for us is that hard to grasp, that hard to understand, that hard to really believe, then it doesn't surprise me that you and I struggle sometimes to sincerely believe it.

But those verses also give me hope, because they offer me something better than a magic wand. They offer me a prayer. And so I pray this now over you:

I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (Eph 3:17-19)

As you celebrate Easter, may your heart be filled with the emptiness of the tomb.



### April

1st John 20: 1-18

8th John 20: 19-31

15th Luke 24: 36b-48

22nd John 10: 11-18

29th John 15: 1-8

# Congregational Meeting

Sunday, April 22, 1 p.m.

The First-Quarter Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, April 22, at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The agenda will include affirmation of new members, election of Nominating Committee Members and approval of delegates to the Covenant Annual Meeting.

For the convenience of our congregation, the Sr. High youth will serve a meal at noon to raise funds for CHIC. Watch you bulletins for the menu.

# Confirmation Celebration

April 8 at 6:00 p.m.

The congregation is invited to our Confirmation Celebration on Sunday evening, April 8, at 6:00 p.m. It will be held in the Sanctuary. Confirmands will give their testimonies, and first-year students will receive their Bibles. A reception in the Multi-purpose Room will follow.

Come celebrate the dedication of these students.

## **Board Bits**

From Monday, March 5, Meeting

- ► The Trustees are looking at an electronic key fob system for the church doors.
- ▶ Pastor Jeremy shared that 31 students and leaders are going to CHIC this summer.

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Bring a Friend program is in full swing for the Adult Sunday School! Share the treasurers of Sunday school with someone who doesn't normally attend!

# Short Term Missions Report From Michal Hornbaker

Sunday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.

Michal will share about her recent short term missions trip with YWAM Ships.

These are the ships that Julie McLaughlin works with. (See Julie's report on the Missions page.)

# Covenant Cedars Bible Camp Volunteer Weekend

Give Your Time. Build His Kingdom.

Every year they have tasks that need to be done before summer begins. There is always an opportunity for you to help us prepare before our first groups arrive.

Projects include: Deep cleaning cabins, painting, raking leaves, cleaning windows, power washing buildings, splitting wood, tending flower beds. Skilled labor projects are also available. These require trained vocations.

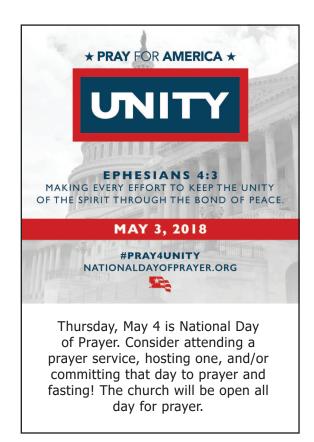
Volunteer weekends available are:

Friday, April 13 - Saturday, April 14

Friday, April 27 - Saturday, April 28

Friday, May 4 - Saturday, May 5

They will provide free lodging and meals to volunteer groups that register for one of these weekends. If you're interested there are a few brochures on the Information Table or talk to Conley Nichols or Jim Christopher.





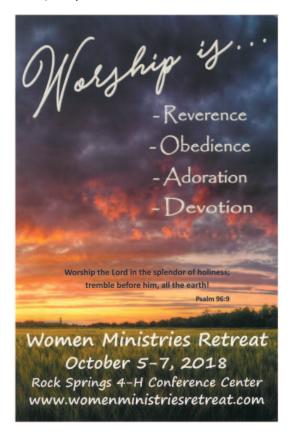
Leadership Team: Pam Kellogg, Debbie Johnson, Ruth Ann Leaf, Suzanna Swenson, Lori Shultz, Abby Hinman

# Covenant Women's Annual Salad Supper

Come ring in spring with music from the Salemsborg Ding-a-Lings. 2017 Covenant Cuddly Cuties will be honored along with their mothers and an introduction of Judy Shaw with Footprint Doula Service in McPherson. Mark your calendars:

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

Do not miss out on this! Covenant Women, bring your mothers, daughters, aunts, cousins, friends, neighbors – along with your favorite salad – to this loved and anticipated annual event. If you're feeling more like a cracked bell that clangs instead of rings, come expecting to be inspired and uplifted.





## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child gives us a wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel with children all around the world. We are also able to show our love by filling shoe boxes with fun and much needed tangible items. For the rest of March and April we will be collecting hygiene items such as combs, hairbrushes,

toothbrushes (NO toothpaste), wash cloths, bar soap (packaged and/or in a container), adhesive bandages. If you're not a shopper but care about this ministry, financial gifts are welcomed. We'll be glad to shop for you! Please pray about your participation in this ministry. Thank you and God Bless.

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# Books, books and more BOOKS! Books on display shelves, books on library shelves, books on the Mobile Library Cart in the Hospitality Room! And all ready to check out!

In the youth Christian Fiction section we now have some new series: 18 volumes of Adventures in Odyssey Imagination Station; Priscilla Shirer's Prince Warriors Trilogy and the Beyond the Orphan Train series by beloved children's author Arleta Richardson.

For adults, we now have Dr. Kevin Leman's *Planet Middle School*, written to help parents and students thrive during the middle years of youth, as well as Dr. Leman's new political suspense series *The Worthington Destiny*.



Librarian

Other non-fiction titles include:

The Dude's Guide to Marriage by Darrin & Amie Patrick (for both the married and unmarried man);

Letters to My Daughters: The Art of Being a Wife by Barbara Rainey;

Anxious for Nothing by Max Lucado;

Love Does by Bob Goff;

and just for fun, 101 Conversation Starters for Families by Gary Capman.

We also have new Lightkeepers and Little Lights, Biographies of Heroes of the Christian Faith including Amy Carmichael, Hudson Taylor and Corrie Ten Boom.

This is just a sampling of the titles now available for your education and enjoyment. Stop by the cart as you pass the Hospitality Room or take some time to browse the shelves of the Church Library before or after your next bridal shower or HIS Kids supper. You may find the very treasure you didn't even realize you were missing.





It is our intention at Evangelical Covenant Church, Lindsborg that every child would have the opportunity to go to camp. We realize that not every family may be able to afford the full amount of the camp fee. Therefore, the following options are available:

- A) Pay the deposit (\$30 for Covenant Kids, \$75 for Jr./Sr. High) which will accompany the registration form, and then pay the balance when it is due.
- B) Pay the deposit (see above) which will accompany the registration form, and then the church will cover the balance. You can pay the church back on installments. (Please let the office staff know of your plans when you drop off your registration form and deposit.) Payments may be made to Covenant Church marked camp registration.
- C) Pay the deposit (see above) which will accompany the registration form, and request a camp scholarship for the balance due. Partial scholarships can be worked out if you can pay part of the balance due. Partial scholarships may be requested from Nancy Bolden, 227-2994, for Covenant Kids camp, or for Jr./Sr. High Jim Christopher, 668-2477.
- D) Full scholarships are available for those who are unable to pay the deposit and the balance due. Requests for full scholarships may be made by contacting Nancy Bolden or Jim Christopher, see above contact information.

# Noon Potluck

Sunday, April 15, 12:00

It's been months, but it's finally time for another potluck! It will be held Sunday, April 15, at noon in the Multipurpose Room. Bring a dish to share. If you don't cook, bring a bag of salad, chicken from Scott's, a bag of potato chips, a jar of pickles, or whatever. Don't forget your table service, but we've got you covered

## Looking ahead:

if you don't remember.

May 13, 6:30 - Testimony Night, we will hear from Rebecca Copley Johnson.

Planning Meeting - 10:00 Thursday, April 12 Room 117



April 11: Last HIS Kids at the Church April 18: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Skate Party at Starlight Skate in Salina – Cost is \$3 (Dinner and transportation is on your own)

# Missions Reports

[Complete letters are posted on the Missions Bulletin Board]

#### From Julie McLaughlin

I got to teach a week on Anatomy and Physiology (at the Introduction to Primary Health Care School in Townsville). I love teaching and it's rare that I have a chance to do it, so it was fun that this worked out.

I'm still in Papua New Guinea and I'm sharing my time between our the two vessels that we are operating in PNG. The Link is up in Rabaul, East New Britain while the Liberty is alongside in Port Moresby.

#### How's Julie?

Life can be pretty busy. It can be a little stressful at times with more leadership responsibilities. It's definitely rewarding way to spend my days. I'm bouncing between ships and to new Provinces for our future outreaches.

## YWAM Liberty

The m/v YWAM LIBERTY has completed it's dry dock. She's got a new look. I like to say, "she looks fancy." We are currently completing required sur-

veys, getting the medical containers ready, and gearing up for her return to medical outreaches in May/June.

#### Pacific Link

She's on outreach #3 in East New Britain. We have seen more than 4,000 patients and provided more than 10.000 medical services since January. It's a beautiful part of the world. Lots of lives being transformed by the Gospel.

#### From Covenant World Relief

The Center for Experimentation and Training in Agriculture (CEFA) is an NGO (non-governmental organization) in Gamboula, Central African Republic that provides innovative approaches to farming. CEFA's focus is on improving food

security through advances in staple crop production, vegetables, beans, and small animal production. No other project of its kind exists near Gamboula and CEFA is filling a vital role that has long been neglected. Covenant World Relief is partnering with the Foods Resource Bank to provide support for CEFA.

Through this project there are many wonderful outcomes for the community:

trainings and agriculture lessons for community members will be held based on the findings of their research; a park for the community has already been dedicated and continues to be planted with fruit trees, flowers, and other plants that are be-

> ing tested for distribution in the region;

> a model farm is being used where one family can try out the successful planting methods and the new varieties of crops as a demonstration to the public; and a nutrition garden has been planted outside the local hospital. This nutrition garden provides food for the patients being treated for malnutrition but also provides a learning experience for the families so they can prevent their children from becoming malnourished again.



**Pray for Missions** 

# **Missions** Interest

2:00 p.m.

Hostess



# Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Mark Goss Teddy Smith
- 3 Kristi Peterson Nathan & Tatum Diederich 18 Laura Johannsen
- 4 Arlene Holloway
- 5 Alden Peterson
- 6 Dotty Hedguist Reid Carlson
- 7 John Kellogg
- 8 Lvdia Nichols Elizabeth Reece
- 10 Patti Johnson Marilyn Telleen
- 11 John Peterson
- 12 Mike and LoRita Doherty
- 13 Kyslie Spare Gage Allsbury Cheryl Spare
- 14 Russ Weibert
- 15 Henry Bowman Austyn Heizelman Greg and Cynthia Power
- 16 Micah Willis Beth Weddle

- 17 Galen Bunning Rvan Weldv Kelsey Woodhull (Fitzgerald)
- 20 Kannon Weibert Nancy Bolden Carolyn Keir
- 21 Bob and Judy Armbruster Joshua Garretson
- 22 Nancy Montoy Lynda Linder Mason Fisher
- 23 Philip Hinman Darold and Tami Rider

- 24 Ralph Peterson
- 25 Ionathan Carlson Lois Myers
- 26 Clarence and Candi Davis Magdalena Rauchholz
- 27 Sawver Butterfield
- 28 Conley Nichols
- 29 Holly Lofton
- 30 Linda Call Alan Carlson Charlotte Giesel Isaac Peterson

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

Thanks!



# This Is Sunday Night

For April, 6:30

- 8th Confirmation Celebration (6:00)
- 15th Fellowship Groups sign-up on the Information Table
- 22nd Missions Report Michal Hornbaker, YWAM Ships
- 29th Praise & Prayer Service

Tuesday April 17

Group

Church Library

Doris Swenson

Marilyn Hett Devotions

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#### It's shower season!

# You're invited to shower these brides and expectant mother with gifts and blessings!

- Baby Shower for Morgan King, Saturday, April 7 at 11:00 a.m. at Bethany Home Activity Room. She's having another girl! Morgan is the granddaughter of Carla Christians.
- Bridal Shower for Callie Weibert, Sunday, April 15 at 2:30 p.m. in the Church Library. She is registered at Target, Best Buy and Amazon.
- Bridal Shower for Kirsten Hansen Saturday, April 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library. She is registered at Target; Bed, Bath and Beyond; and Zola.com
- Bridal Shower for Elizabeth Reece, Sunday, April 22 at 3:00 p.m. in the Church Library. She is registered at Target and Amazon.
- Double Paige Bridal Shower, Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m. in the Church Library.
- Paige Lofton is registered at Walmart & Target
- Paige Nurnberg is registered at Target, Lowe's, and Walmart



## From Vince & Nancy Montoy

Thanks to all of God's wonderful cooks! We are overwhelmed and blessed by the food, gifts, & prayers we have received during Nancy's illness. We ask for your continued prayers. Christ's love to all.

## From BrookeAnna Galloway

I want to thank all of the ladies who attended my bridal shower. I am so thankful for such a wonderful, generous, and supportive church family! Thank you for taking the time out of your afternoon to celebrate mine and Greg's upcoming marriage!

## From Mary Ann Johnson

Many thanks to all the ladies who helped prepare 150 rolls of bandages for Congo. Marta Klein was thrilled and thankful to receive them.



Please note the following changes on your church directory:

- Peterson, Greg & BrookeAnna, 2951 13th Ave, Lindsborg
- Power, Cynthia, 411 Hartup, McPherson KS 67460

Newsletter Deadline Monday, April 16

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter 6:30 Sonrise Service 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship	2 10:00 - 2:30 Basketball Camp 7:00 Ind Boards 8:15 Church Bd	3	4 5:00 Children's Choir 6:00 Supper 6:30 HIS Kids 6:30 Jr Hi Youth 6:30 Bible Study 7:45 Sanctuary Chr	5 2:30 Bethany Home Coffee	9	7 7:00 Men's Prayer 9:00 Confirmation
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May Hosting Group 4.... Kejr, S Carlson, Co-chairs Kitchen Manager...... Kristen Carlson

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# APRIL 2018 PRAYER CALENDAR

#### PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

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 THE STATION

Fill students with the Word of God and the gospel

#### 2 CHURCH BOARD

Pray for church board meeting

#### 3 C.E. BOARD

Keith Swenson, Nancy Bolden, Kristi Peterson, Sharon Vajgrt, Fannie Olsen, Kurt Krehbiel

#### JR/SR HIGH YOUTH STAFF

Pastor Jeremy, Jaime Elseth, Meagan De Vore, Micah Waugh, Kurt Krehbiel, Steve Hansen. Caleb Shaw, Greg Peterson, Nathan Peterson, Emily Nelson, Suzanna Swenson, Anna Waugh

#### 5 BETHANY HOME MINISTRY

#### 6 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Kristen Carlson, Nursery Coordinator; Sonja Woods, Children's Church Coordinator

#### 7 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Kade Blanchat, Karlee Bowles, Seth Garretson, Ethan Grimmett, Kellon Johnson, Isaac Nichols, Lydia Peterson, Marika Peterson, Lena Rauchholz, Kathryn Woods

#### 8 SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS GRADES 7-12

Martha Roberts, Marla Peterson, Pete Duerksen, Steve Hansen, Pastor Jeremy & Jaime Elseth, Emily Nelson, Clark Shultz

#### 9 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

#### 10 DIACONATE

Judy Pilewski, Reva Esh, Vince Rocco, Nick Blanchat, Bob Armbruster, Neill Walker, Suzanna Swenson, David Peterson, Russ Weibert

#### 11 THE LAST NIGHT OF HIS KIDS

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 Weibert, Mike & LoRita Doherty

#### KIDS CHOIR

LaReta Olson, Amanda Houghton

#### 12 55 + MINISTRY

Debbie Johnson, Ruth Ann Leaf, Coordinators

#### 13 HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Carolyn Kejr, Marla Peterson, Kristen Carlson, Sara Krehbiel, Jamie Weibert Pat Weibert, Carolyn Yoder, Funeral Lunches

#### 14 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

#### 15 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Neil Walker, Lori Shultz, Holly and Craig Lofton, Pastor Jeff, Micki Swenson, Don Blanchat

#### 16 COVENANT WOMEN MINISTRIES

Leadership Committee: Treasurer Pam Kellogg, Debbie Johnson, Ruth Ann Leaf, Suzanna Swenson, Lori Shultz, Abby Hinman

#### 17 MISSIONS INTEREST GROUP

Co-Chairmen Dolores Stevens & Kathy Lindgren, Secretary/Treasurer Mary Ann Johnson

#### 18 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

#### 19 STUDENT MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

Pastor Jeremy, Marla Peterson, Tracy Repp, Clark Shultz

#### 20 MIDWEST CONF. ANNUAL MEETING

MWC Staff, Chad & Kelly Sauvage, Delegates

### 21 MEN'S MINISTRY / MEN'S ENCOUNTER

#### 22 QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

#### 23 STAFF

Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper, Pastor Jeremy Elseth, Kristen Carlson, Caren Ebling, Keith Swenson

#### 24 TRUSTEE BOARD

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

#### 25 WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Eileen Patrick & Mary Patrick, coordinators, and all their teachers

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper, Pastor Jeremy Elseth, Daniel Rauchholz, Keith Swenson, Sharon Vajgrt, Vince Rocco

#### 27 SMALL GROUP LEADERS

Willard Keding, Ruth Peterson, Pastor Darrell, Harris Terry, Pastor Jeff, Lori Shultz, Delores Stevens

#### 28 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

#### 29 SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS 2 YRS - KINDERGARTEN

Hannah Kummer, Amenda Huse, Lynette DeVore, Mary Pywell, Joe Vajgrt, Bruce Peterson, Ruth Houghton, Nancy Walker

#### 30 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

