

July 2018

Life Together

Lindsborg Covenant Church

Message from Pastor Darrell

Jesus' disciples once asked Him to teach them to pray. He was happy to help them, for that is the whole reason He came to earth, to show us the Father and get us re-connected with Him. But I think the very first line of the prayer He gave us often discourages us from praying at all. The problem is not with Jesus' theology or world-view, of course. The problem is with ours.

Jesus said, "Our Father, who art in heaven." And that is when we begin to shut down. It is the "in heaven" part that makes God seem to slip away. The problem is with our understanding of space and heaven.

Where does God live? He lives in heaven, right? And where is heaven? Well . . . that is harder for us to answer, isn't it. We tend to think of heaven as being way up in the sky, beyond Earth's atmosphere, beyond our solar system and galaxy, beyond all stars and space. We don't know the exact distance, but we have a clear sense that it is very, very far away. And what lies between us and God? The infinitely vast emptiness of space.

So for many of us, as soon as we start praying the Lord's Prayer, we speak words that make it psychologically difficult to continue praying. When we say, "Our Father, who art in heaven" we may feel like we are making a very long-distance phone call to an extremely remote place. It is like that old Bette Midler song, "God is watching us from a distance."

But that is not how Jesus' disciples would have understood it at all. In the Jewish mind (and in reality itself), heaven begins where our skin ends. Heaven is the sky, it is the atmosphere, it is the very air we breathe. The Jews did not understand God to be removed to some distant place. No! God dwells in the heavens, and the heavens are all around us. So God is, without exaggeration, as close as our next breath.

Dallas Willard offers us a helpful insight from a Norwegian theologian. "In a striking comparison, Ole Hallesby points out that the air our body requires envelopes us on every hand. To receive it we need only breathe. Likewise, 'The "air" which our souls need also envelops all of us at all times and on all sides. God is round about us in Christ on every hand, with his many-sided and all-sufficient grace. All we need to do is to open our hearts."

▶ Pastor Darrell (cont)

So when we pray, "Our Father, who art in heaven," we are not calling out to a remote and uninvolved deity. We are talking to someone who is already in the room with us. The fact is that space is not empty. The entire cosmos is shot through with God. God is constantly available and immediately accessible to us precisely because He lives and moves in the same heaven we do. He inhabits the very air we breathe. God is that close.

Think about that the next time you pray the Lord's Prayer and see if it helps you talk to Him the rest of the time.

Service of Praise & Worship Sunday, July 29, 6:30 p.m.

A worship service of Praise and Prayer is scheduled for Sunday night, July 29 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.



July

8th Mark 6: 1-13

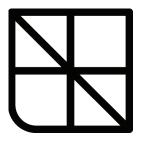
15th Mark 6: 14-29

22nd Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

29th John 6: 1-21

CHIC 2018

Every three years more than 5,000 students from across The Evangelical Covenant Church come together in one place to glimpse how they fit into the bigger picture of God's kingdom. At CHIC,



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a Make and Deepen Disciples event, lives are changed as students are inspired to dive deeper in their faith together.

Pray for our 25 students and 5 leaders July 15-20, as they attend CHIC at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville to worship, experience transformation, and make unforgettable memories!

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, July 22, 1 p.m.

The Second-Quarter Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, July 22, at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Covenant Women Ministries will be serving lunch before the meeting. This will help pay the costs of those going to Covenant Women's Retreat in October.

Board Bits

From Monday, June 4, Meeting

- ▶ The building loan is around \$9,000.
- ► Some new TV's have been installed in a couple of classrooms.

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Movie Night

Sunday, July 22, 5:00

Come at 5:00 and plan to stay till 7:30 for Movie Night. We can't wait to find out which movie will shown! Bring finger food (like chips, meat/cheese tray, fruit, vegetables, cookies, etc.).



Next Month: Noon Potluck, August 5

Planning Meeting - 10:00 Thursday, July 19 Room 117

Potluck Picnic and Baptismal Service

August 6 at Lindsborg Swimming Pool

5:30 All-church Potluck Picnic under the shelter at South Park. Bring generous servings of food to share and table service for your family. Beverages provided.



7:00 Baptismal Service: Share with those being baptized at the service which will be held at the Lindsborg Swimming Pool. Bring lawn chairs if you wish to sit closer to the pool. There are bleachers outside of the fence.

7:30 - 9:00 Free swimming at the pool.

Camp Schedules

Explorers/Trailblazers

Both Leave Tuesday, July 9, at 12:00 p.m. from church parking lot.

Trailblazers return Thursday, July 12, 11:30 - noon

Explorers return Friday, July 13, 11:30 - noon. Questions? Contact Camp Coordinator Nancy Bolden (227-2994) or the church office.

Where to send mail

Please mail early so your Camper gets their mail at Camp!

Rock Springs 4-H Center [Child's Name] Ev. Covenant 5405 West Highway K-157 Junction City, KS 66441-7455

Keep all of these campers, counselors, and staff members in your prayers.



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

For early newsletter readers: There is a Pool Party at the Rosberg House on Tuesday, June 26, 6:30 p.m.

Birthday Bash at the Blacksmith Shop

Tuesday, July 17, 6:00-7:30

All women are welcome to come grab a coffee drink, eat some cake, and fellowship with other women as we talk about our "2nd birthday" salvation stories! Feel free to sit back and listen while other women share their stories or come prepared to share your own!

Summer Bible Studies

Monday, 10:00 a.m. Ephesians: Bringing Wholeness to a Broken World, Church Library, Lori Shultz, Leader

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Crossing the Waters, Church Library, Micki Swenson, Leader

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Adorned: Living Out the Beauty of the Gospel Together, Church Library, Suzanna Swenson, Leader & Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in room 119, led by Micki Swenson

Women's Encounter

August 3-5

For more information and to register see www. encounterthecross.com. Let's carpool! Contact Micki Swenson (785)212-9030.

Eat For Retreat!

Sunday, July 22

Show support for this fall's Covenant Women Ministries Retreat! A congregational meal will be served in the Multipurpose Room on Sunday, July 22 between the 10:55 service and the Congregational Business Meeting at 1:00 p.m. A free will offering will be taken at the meal that day to help cover costs of Retreat. Encourage a woman you know to attend Retreat, October 5-7 at Rock Springs Camp. This year's theme is *Worship Is...* Contact Marla Peterson or Suzanna Swenson if you want more information.

Women's Retreat

October 5-7

EVERYBODY WORSHIPS - Worship is a non-negotiable - we all do it. And if we are honest with ourselves - we'd have to admit that throughout the course of a day we spend time worshiping a great number of things. Some of our worship is justly placed, while some of it has its roots in our circumstances, in the things that demand most of our time or attention, our responsibilities and most often ourselves.

No wonder - Jesus and the inspired writings of his disciples spent so much time and attention challenging us to see beyond self and to worship the living God in spirit and truth.

At Retreat 2018 - we will look at worship beyond music, beyond a church service, beyond an obligation. We will see worship as a way of life ... reverence, obedience, adoration, and devotion ... the ROAD to life. Join us as we learn to make worship a non-negotiable priority in our lives together at Retreat 2018 for "Worship is..."

Layton Howerton

Sunday, July 15, 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday evening July 15th our church will be blessed to again host a very special preacher/entertainer, Layton Howerton.

Howerton was born the son of pioneer missionary parents who traveled throughout Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia. As a young child, he was miraculously healed of leukemia.

At the age of 19, Howerton realized that God was calling him to become a pastor. However, he resisted the call and forged ahead toward his own plans of a musical career. Finally at the age of 36, Howerton surrendered, deciding to pursue his pastoral calling. He moved his wife and five kids from Nashville, TN, to Wyoming. There he served as a pastor, only to discover that music was not simply a part of his past. In fact, by surrendering to God's call, Howerton was all the more musically inspired and thus began to write more and more songs as a way to communicate important messages to his congregation.

It wasn't until after Howerton surrendered to God's call that BMG Publishing called Howerton and signed him to a publishing deal. Soon after, Sparrow Records offered him a record contract, resulting in the release of his debut album, Boxing God.

Today Layton Howerton is a singer, songwriter and storyteller that splits his time between Nashville, Tennessee and the Wind River Valley of Wyoming. His works have been critically acclaimed and featured in multiple forms of media including being the host of "Highlights" on the Faith Radio Network. His career in the entertainment industry now spans over 40 years and his professional affiliations include BMI, BMG, EMI, OWM/19, Tin Cup Records, Whistlin' Biscuit Music Company, and Sam Shelby Songs.

A love offering will be collected.

Multimedia Ministry

Audio and video recordings of the morning worship services are available every week. If you are absent for a Sunday or if you are home bound every Sunday, contact the church office, and we will arrange for you to receive a recording.

CD's and cassettes of the last two Sundays are kept on the shelf behind the sound control desk. There are also some on the Information Table.

If you would like to listen to one, help yourself! When you are finished with the tape, simply return it so we can recycle it. CD's are non-recyclable.



Should you wish to

keep one of the recordings permanently, that is perfectly permissible. A two-dollar donation to the Multimedia Fund will cover the cost.

DVD's of the services are available upon request. If you have any questions, please contact the church office (227-2447) or office@lindsborgcov.org.

If you have access to internet, check out our web site where you can watch archived sermons, and the services are live on the webcam every Sunday morning (www. lindsborgcov.org). Click on the "Watch Us!" button at the top of the screen.

POLICY ON THE USE OF THE FACILITIES

January 1995, Revised November 2016

Evangelical Covenant Church is pleased and grateful to have facilities that can be used, not only by our members, but that we can share as a service to our community. In order to avoid misunderstanding, we ask that you read the following guidelines that have been set up by our Board.

- 1) Use of the building should be arranged with the church office in order to avoid conflicts in scheduling. We suggest 2 months in advance. Church functions have priority.
- 2) Members are not expected to pay for use of Church and Fellowship Center for anniversaries, family reunions, etc. There is a separate fee schedule for weddings. These may be arranged by calling the church office.
- 3) Local Scout meetings and Released Time Classes are not expected to pay; however, each of these groups is expected to respect this privilege and be conscientious in energy conservation.
- 4) Special use of the Fellowship Center and Kitchen by organized groups for fund-raising projects such as chili suppers, pancake feeds, etc., will be negotiated depending on the time involved and the nature of the event.

- 5) The person requesting use of the building must sign the BUILDING USE AGREE-MENT form and is responsible for any damages.
- 6) Reasonable amount of help in setting up and cleaning up is expected and appreciated.
- 7) Trustees have the responsibility to accept or reject any reservation request.
- 8) No alcoholic beverages are to be used on the premises. There shall be no smoking or dancing in the church building.
- 9) No sitting on tables or overloading them with heavy objects.
- 10) There must be proper supervision by adults in Fellowship Center at all times.
- 11) No property and/or equipment shall be taken from the building except for church functions or approval of the Trustee Board.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We're designating July as a WOW gift month. The recipients of these love boxes are happy and appreciative of everything they receive. How fun though

to include one item that will capture their attention immediately.

Suggestions for a WOW gift would include a stuffed animal, a deflated soccer ball with pump, a doll, an outfit of clothing or a musical instrument such as a harmonica or wood flute.

Thank you again for your participation and your prayers for this ministry.

Missions Reports

[Complete letters are posted on the Missions Bulletin Board]

Pray for Missions

From Paul Carlson Partnership

When bridges are in good repair, we tend take them for granted. But deteriorating bridges threaten physical safety and economic security. In DR Congo, accidents on such bridges cause the loss of thousands of dollars' worth of goods, and even loss of life.

Poor bridges cause many problems. some of which are:

- hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of goods are destroyed in accidents
- people lose their lives
- farmers can't get their goods to market
- · hospitals and clinics are more difficult to get to
- access to schools is challenging
- · daily activities, such as carrying food, water, and palm oil, are risky and dangerous

But there is hope!

People in Congo know that investing in repairing bridges and roads can make a significant economic impact for their communities, as well as provide access to schools, hospitals, and water sources.

And although twelve bridges have been replaced in the area, there are many more problematic and dangerous bridges that desperately need replacing or repairing. The Covenant Church of Congo would like to repair seven bridges between Karawa and Loko. This is a key national route that will increase transportation and provide better access to markets, ports, hospitals, clinics, and other facilities.

To track their progress, watch videos, learn more, and give, visit paulcarlson.org/bridges.

From NEW LIFE RADIO-Moscow

NLR continues its primary focus as a satellite broadcaster due to the many unfolding restrictions by the state against freedom of press and religion. Why? Only a few Christian FM stations exist; it may take years for new ones to start; and

the Internet now is threatened with Russia banning nearly 250 web sites daily, and giants like Google, Telegram, YouTube, and other social media sites facing closure threats. With the Putin government's dis-regard of basic freedoms, NLR can guarantee its ability to transmit across the land using its **HOTBIRD** satellite!

Their strategic goal is to guarantee the ability of every community to have at least ONE Christian channel to tune into, and this is not limited to Russia, but all of Ukraine. For the village of Rostodski in Western Ukraine, with plenty of Russian-speakers but no Christian radio stations, nor reliable Internet access, the only good option is satellite. The Zhurakovski family in April installed a \$50 satellite system, then connected the NLR signal from the Hotbird satellite into a \$50 one watt FM transmitter for their neighbors to listen to Christian radio as well!

Missions Interest Group

Tuesday, July 17 2:00 p.m.

Church Library

Kathy Lindgren, Hostess Julie Waugh, Devotions

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Mark & Susan Goss
- 2 Robert Ahlstedt Stephen Peterson Kaisa Peterson
- 3 Sam Diederich Jeremy & Jaime Elseth
- 5 Trae Yelton Chris & Dolores Stevens
- 6 Cynthia Power
- 8 LindaMay Rogers
- 9 Benjamin Woods Kendal Peterson Chris Rocco
- 10 Laura Peterson
- 11 Jerry Hall
- 12 Callie Kubick
- 13 Fannie Olsen Cameron Rodgers
- 14 Tate Numberg Neill Walker
- 15 Karen Blanchat David & Marla Peterson Vince Rocco
- 16 Brad Pywell
- 17 Janice Loring R&e Repp L&on Snyder Mary Frye
- 18 Al Ray Bret Sauvage

- 19 Malina Anderson Sarah Shultz
- 20 Jennifer Huffman Gracie Lott Magnus Peterson Norman & Kathy Peterson
- 21 Joel Woods Erik & Am&a Peterson
- 23 Donna Elvin Tyler Yelton
- 24 Craig Olsen Russ & Jamie Weibert Sonja Woods
- 25 Janet Bowden

- 26 Danielle Rodgers Clarence Davis
- 27 Stone Nichols Kathy Cooper
- 28 Joshua Woods Justin & Rachelle Grimmett Jeff & Julie Waugh
- 29 Brian & Dana Bowman Nancy Galloway
- 30 Graci Kejr Am&a Schwindt
- 31 Ieff Garretson Richard Schmidt

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



This Is Sunday Night

For July, 6:30

15th Layton Howerton

22nd 55+ Program (5:00 p.m.)

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

29th Praise & Prayer Service

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From Bethany Home

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Bethany Home Association. We truly appreciate your support of our ministry and the community as a whole! Without you, and others like you, we would not be able to provide the extras that make Bethany Home special. Thank you for joining us in "Celebrating life's journey together in God's love."

From Caren Ebling and family

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards and food that have been shared with us while I have been laid up with my knee injury. They have been a huge blessing to us.

Summer Lunch Program Through August 17

The Free Summer Lunch Program will continue through August 17. Meals will be served Monday through Friday from noon to 1 p.m. at the Methodist Church, 224 S. Main Street. All children ages 1-18 years are invited. Meals will be served until August 17th except on the Fourth of July. This program is sponsored by the USDA which is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Members and Friends Telephone Directory

As of June 2018

Be sure to pick up your new church family telephone directory in the church office. This is a good way to keep up with our church family. If you follow the Bulletin Board on the back page of each monthly newsletter, you will be able to keep your home directory up to date with the many changes we experience in our church life. If you change your phone number, email or address please let the office know.



Please note the following changes on your church directory:

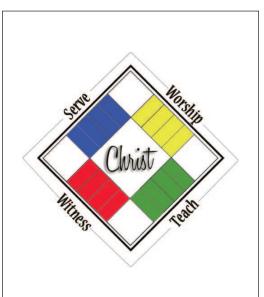
- Lohrey, Chris & Sarah, 325 Cedar Circle
- Snyder, Valerie has moved from the above address. We don't have her new address at this time.
- Bowersox, Pam & Steve have moved back to Lindsborg! 402 N McKinley, Steve 785-215-1200, Pam 785-215-1515



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	We dnesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship	2	3	4 Office Closed	5 2.30 Bethany Home Coffee	9	7 7:00 Men's Prayer
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8 8:00 Worship	6	10	11	12 2:30 Bethany	13	14 7:00 Men's Prayer
9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship			6:30 Bible Study	Home Coffee		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship	Newsletter Deadline	2:00 Missions Interest Group	1:00 Worship/Music	10:00 55+ Planning 2:30 Bethany Home Coffee		7:00 Men's Prayer
6:30 Layton Howerton			6:30 Bible Study			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes				2:30 Bethany Home Coffee		7:00 Men's Prayer
5:00 55+ Movie Night Hospitality Night			6:30 Bible Study			
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August Hosting Group 2. Rodgers, Pywell, Co-chairs Kirchen Manager. Kristen Carlson

July Hosting Group 1. Sue Peterson, Chair Kitchen Manager. Marla Peterson



July 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. 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Lori Shultz, Holly and Craig Lofton, Ernie Diederich, Conley Nichols, Micki Swenson, Kate Cooper, Dana Bowman, Clark Shultz

2 CHURCH BOARD

Pray for church board meeting

3 CAREGIVERS

4 OUR COUNTRY AND ITS LEADERS

5 DIACONATE

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

6 SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS GRADES 1-6

Marla Peterson, Joshua Johannsen, Keith Swenson, John Esh, Kendal & Caelan Peterson, Kathy Cooper, Cathy Ahlstedt, Kristi Peterson, Stacy Lott, Cheryl Spare, JoMae Shaw

7 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

8 WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Jeff, Pastor Darrell, Melinda Hansen, Cheryl Spare, Caren Ebling, Keith Swenson, John Woods, Greg Peterson, Elijah Waugh, Jim Tillberg

9 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

10 COVENANT KIDS CAMP

Drivers, campers, directors, counselors, safety throughout, life-long decisions to follow Christ

11 STAFF

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

12 BETHANY HOME MINISTRY

13 CHIC

Safety, open hearts to God's call, health

14 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

15 SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS 2 YRS - KINDERGARTEN

Lynette DeVore, Mary Pywell, Jamie Weibert, Sharon Schrag, Sharon Vajgrt, Hannah Kummer, Kurt Krehbiel, Bruce Peterson, Craig & Fannie Olsen

16 SCRIPTURE READERS/USHERS

17 MISSIONS INTEREST GROUP

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

18 WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

Pastor Jeff, Pastor Darrell, Melinda Hansen, Caren Ebling, Judy Pilewski, Sharon Schrag, Vivian Blanchat

19 55+ MINISTRY

Debbie Johnson, Ruth Ann Leaf, Coordinators

20 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

21 SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS GRADES 7-12

Martha Roberts, Vivian Blanchat, Jim & Lisa Christopher, Pastor Jeremy & Jaime Elseth, Ashley Losey

22 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

God's vision, our obedience

23 TRUSTEE BOARD

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

24 MIDWEST CONFERENCE STAFF

25 COVENANT WOMEN MINISTRIES

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

26 **E**XECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

27 C.E. BOARD

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

MEN'S MINISTRY

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Brian Bowman, Coordinator

29 HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Carolyn Kejr, Marla Peterson, Kristen Carlson, Sue Peterson, Pat Weibert, Carolyn Yoder

SMALL GROUP LEADERS

Willard Keding, Ruth Peterson, Pastor Darrell, Harris Terry, Pastor Jeff, Lori Shultz, Delores Stevens, Suzanna Swenson, Micki Swenson, Keith Swenson, Pete Duerksen

31 STUDENT MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

Pastor Jeremy, Marla Peterson, Tracy Repp, Clark Shultz

Humble
yourselves
before
the Lord,
and he will
lift you up.

James 4:10