

March 2019

Life Together

Lindsborg Covenant Church

Message from Pastor Darrell

In the first verse of the last chapter of Isaiah, God says, "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be?" God is so far above us and so far beyond us that if He were to hide from us, we could never find Him. We would never be able to guess who He is or what He is like.

So the good news is that God has chosen to reveal Himself to us. In fact, He is, by nature, self-revealing. He wants us to know Him (and to know us), so He constantly communicates and repeatedly reveals Himself to us. He does this through two means: what theologians call general revelation and special revelation.

Perhaps a simple way to grasp general revelation is to imagine that Jesus never came and the Bible was never written. If we had never heard of Jesus and never seen a Bible, what could we still know about God?

Well, if we look at the creation around us we can learn quite a bit. We could know that some kind of god must exist, because there has to be an un-

caused cause for all that is. Someone or something has to be eternal and self-existing to create the cosmos. And because of all the complex structures, systems, and information, that someone must be highly intelligent. And because of the sheer size of the universe and the energy it contains, this creator must be extremely powerful.



So there is quite a bit we could know about this god simply by observing what it has made. But that information has its limits. For example, is this god a benevolent or malevolent being? It would be hard to

tell simply by looking at creation.

On the one hand, the sun is at just the right distance so it neither burns us up nor freezes us out (granted, based on recent weather patterns you might argue the latter point ;-). And the rain falls to provide us food to eat and water to drink. And the air we breathe, the exact mixture of oxygen, nitrogen, and other gases, is just right to sustain our life. Those seem to be in the benevolent column.

► Pastor Darrell (cont)

On the other hand, there are often droughts and famines. There are severe weather patterns like tsunamis and tornados that are dangerous, even deadly. There are viruses, diseases, and even genetic mutations that kill and maim. Life can only be sustained by killing other living organisms, and even that only delays the inevitability of death. These seem to be in the malevolent column.

If we didn't have the Genesis account of creation and the fall, we might ascribe all the evil in the world to God and end up with a terribly distorted image of who He is. General revelation is not enough to know God, and since He wants us to know Him, He also gives us special revelation.

The two primary means of special revelation are the written Word of God - the Bible, and the living Word of God - Jesus. From the written Word we learn that God is a good and holy being with no darkness or sin in His heart. We are created in His image to be in relationship with Him as His children. We didn't trust Him at first and turned away from Him, cutting ourselves off from our source of life and light, and plunging the entire world into darkness and death. So God sent the living Word to rescue us from sin and death. Jesus lived the life we should have lived and died the death we should have died. And if we will put our faith in the person and work of the Son we can be reconciled to the Father, because once trust has been restored, so is the relationship.

And this is why we, the pastors, think the sermon series we are doing this year, "Where Is It Written?", is so important. There is so much we could not know about God if He didn't tell us through His Word. So the goal of our series is to know why we can trust it, how to interpret it, what it says, and how to demonstrate our trust in God by obeying His instructions. We pray that it will strengthen our hearts in the Kingdom of God and make us more effective in the culture of the world.

Adult Forum

March 3, 9:30 a.m.
Adults meet in the
Sanctuary

New Adult Sunday School classes
will be introduced

Information Potpourri

Results

January 27, 2019
Congregational
Meeting



Jacqueline Waugh and Veronika Huse were accepted as new members. Alan & Mikaela Carlson were affirmed as our delegates to the Midwest Conference Annual Meeting. Pastor Jeremy & Jaime Elseth and Brian & Dana Bowman were approved as our delegates to the Covenant Annual Meeting. We approved to give \$1,500 per month of our giving to the Covenant to Marta Klein for her missionary ministry in the Congo.

Board Bits

From Monday, February 4, Meeting

- The baptismal service is scheduled for August 4.
- Pastor Darrell is planning to take a sabbatical during July, August, and September of 2019.

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Praise & Prayer Fellowship

Praise and Prayer will meet this month on Sunday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. Keith Swenson leads this informal gathering in the library to sing songs, share testimonies and pray in small groups. Hope to see you there!



Sunday, March 10 and 31 @ 8:00 p.m.
Wondering what *The Station* is??

It's a college-aged group that meets to hang out, have fun, and learn more about what it means to follow Jesus!

Spring series is "What does God think about me?"



Junior and Senior High Camp Covenant Cedars, Nebraska

Junior High Camp June 23-28
For those entering grades 7 and 8 (fall 2019)
Cost: \$370 (\$335 if registered by April 1)

Senior High Camp July 7-12
For those entering grades 9-12 (fall 2019)
Cost: \$370 (\$335 if registered by April 1)

Direct questions to Jim Christopher, Camp Coordinator
785-668-2477. Please turn your registrations into the office so we can plan for transportation needs.

Trailblazer and Explorer Rock Springs, Junction City

Grades 3-4 (fall 2019) July 8-11
Cost: Girls \$245, Boys \$200

Grades 5-6 (fall 2019) July 8-12
Cost: Girls \$315, Boys \$245

The registration fee includes transportation. If you have questions please contact the church office.

Missions Interest Group

Tuesday, March 19
2:00 p.m.

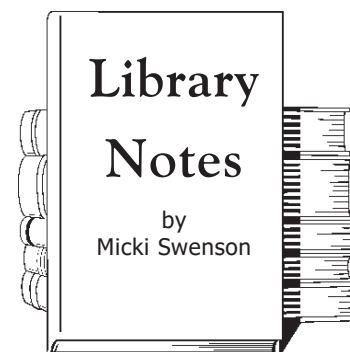
Church Library

Marilyn Hett, Hostess
Darleen Power, Devotions

Women's Prayer Gathering

Third Wednesday of the Month

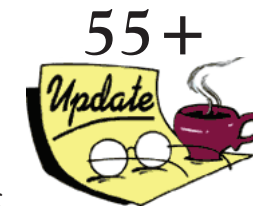
Please join us to start our day with prayer and fellowship, Wednesday, March 21, April 18 and May 16 at 6:00 a.m. in the Hospitality Room



The church library is a great place for groups to gather and now rightnowmedia presentations can be shown in this area. Make plans to experience this first-hand Sunday afternoon, March 17th starting at 2 p.m. to watch the Dave Ramsey financial mini-series, "Life, Money and Hope." The three topics he covers are: "Biblical Finance," "Dealing with Debt," and "The #1 Money Myth." If you have a favorite comfy folding chair, please feel free to bring it. Otherwise, pull up one of the church library seats and prepare to be entertained and enlightened by Dave Ramsey's "Life, Money and Hope", Sunday, March 17th at 2 p.m.

Noon Potluck

Sunday, March 3
12:00



Does it seem like forever since we've had a potluck? It has been! Plan on staying for the meal after church March 3.

Make your favorite recipe to share or, if you don't cook, let Scott's do it for you! Potato chips - buns - or a jar of pickles would be welcomed.

If you remember, please bring your own table service.

Looking ahead at April:

Noon Potluck, Sunday, April 7

Day Trip to Concordia, Saturday, April 27

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Planning Meeting - 10:00
Thursday, February 28
Room 117



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

Ladies Are Invited
To The Covenant Women Salad Supper
Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.
In The Multi-Purpose Room
Invite a Friend to Join You For An
Enjoyable Evening

The theme for the evening is our Heritage. Here are some interesting historical facts about our church.

In 1876, the congregation of 50 members was established and the first church building was constructed, which only a few months later was destroyed by a storm. The determined church family rebuilt again that year, building the Dome Church. The church continued to grow, and additions were built to accommodate their attendance.

Dan Johnson was one of the early settlers of Lindsborg, one of the charter members of the Covenant Church, and for years a trustee of the Mission Covenant Church in Lindsborg. He entered into a general mercantile business with his friend, C.R. Carlson, and with time his store became the biggest mercantile store in central Kansas (the three story building was located where

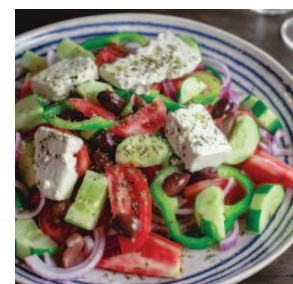
Swishers Firestone now stands). In August 13, 1875 he married Anna Kristin Nelson, and to this marriage five children were born. His daughter Evelyn married Theodore Anderson who became President of the Covenant Church of America for many years. His home, once a showplace in Lindsborg, still stands on the corner of Lincoln and Third.

In 1910 the young people's group raised money to put electric lights in the kitchen because candles started a fire in the church at Christmas.

In 1933 the first Vacation Bible School (VBS) was held.

In 1940 the church voted to discontinue all Swedish services.

Here's some yummy salad ideas. Check out one of our church cookbooks for more good recipes, or Pinterest!



Traditional Greek Salad

- 4 Medium juicy tomatoes, wedged
- 1 Cucumber, partially peeled making a striped pattern, slice
- 1 green bell pepper, cored & sliced
- 1 medium red onion
- Greek pitted Kalamata olives
- Salt, a pinch
- 4 tbsp quality extra virgin olive oil
- 1-2 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 8 oz or more creamy Greek feta cheese in blocks, cubed
- 1/2 tbsp quality dried oregano



Blueberry Ambrosia

- 1 cup pineapple tidbits or crushed, drained
- 1 cup green seedless grapes, halved
- 1 cup blueberries
- 2 cups small marshmallows
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 Tablespoon sugar



Missions Reports

[Complete letters are posted on the Missions Bulletin Board]

From Andrea Cooper

Thank You!!! Praise the Lord! God is Good! I thank the Lord for you! You helped raise over \$6,000 which was matched at 100%! This is a HUGE answer to prayer. Thank you!!

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY YOU HELPED.....

- 10 students to continue their education
- impact a child for Christ
- encourage and affirm a child's uniqueness
- a student learn a new Bible truth
- a struggling student reach her potential
- provide a child's "safe place"
- make learning fun

And, most importantly, you gave a child a hug! God is at work in McAllen!

It has been a fun year to watch God at work at Taylor Christian School!

The children are learning and growing in spiritual knowledge and character.

YOU MADE THAT HAPPEN!

This work couldn't happen without you!!

THANK YOU!



From Paul Carlson Partnership

There's a new opportunity in Congo to address poverty: the Karawa Coffee Project. This new economic development initiative seeks to revitalize the coffee industry in northwest Congo with goals to:

- reduce extreme poverty
- enhance food security
- build the local economy, and
- develop effective agricultural practices.



Pray for Missions

A triad partnership has been formed: the Covenant Church of Congo (CEUM), Café Africa DRC, and Paul Carlson Partnership. With

the help of a very generous donor to kick-start the project, the Karawa Coffee Project officially launched in December 2017.

Coffee production and export used to be a major cash crop in Congo before civil wars and coffee wilt disease destroyed the economy and many farms. What once was a source of income that many families relied upon, became only a memory. By training and equipping people to cultivate and export coffee, the local economy can be revitalized, increasing the livelihoods of thousands of families in the area.

The entire project is designed to be owned by farmers (the coffee producers). 1,400 producers signed up and have been receiving agricultural training to properly grow and nurture the disease-resistant seedlings into healthy Robusta coffee plants. Keeping management and profits within the associations, Paul Carlson Partnership is working with our partners to create a coffee producing and exporting enterprise that will endure through generations. In the words of our Congolese partners, "With coffee, we can build a better life today and a bright future for our children."

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Joe Bowden	15 Lane Schrag	Ethan Grimmett
LoRita Doherty	16 Kean Anderson	Araya Baldwin-Turner
Nicole Nichols	Harris and Faye Terry	25 Wyatt Johnson
3 Drew & Charity Porter	Janna Weldy	26 Kiara Heizelman
Barbara Boca Swanson	17 Miriam Crockett	Judy Pilewski
5 David Johnsen	Jerry Cooper	27 Tracie Elvin
Edragene Hart	Mary Mattson	Rooney Nichols (Brenton)
7 Lynette De Vore	19 Caren Ebling	28 Amenda Huse
Chloe Willis	Kaylee Hansen	29 Mark and Nancy Galloway
8 Sandra Brunsell	21 Ben and Savannah Carlson	Jeff and Deb Garretson
Robert Holloway	Jarold Lindholm	30 Warren Hett
Anna Shultz	Lukas Spare	31 Lisa Christopher
Dale Tolbert	22 Jeff Waugh	
9 Sandy Lloyd	23 Todd Butterfield	
11 Amelia Hinman	24 Greg & BrookeAnna Peterson	
Melinda Hansen		
14 Kara Peterson		

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

Thanks!



Daylight Savings
Begins March 10

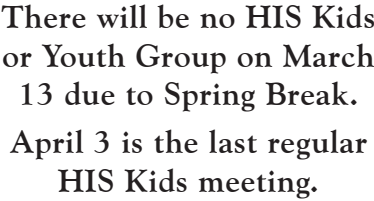
Spring Ahead

This Is Sunday Night

For March, 6:30

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| 10th | The Station, 8:00 p.m. |
| 24th | <i>Hospitality Night</i> (no service planned at church, but you are encouraged to use this evening for your own hospitality ministry) |
| 31st | Praise & Prayer Fellowship
The Station, 8:00 p.m. |

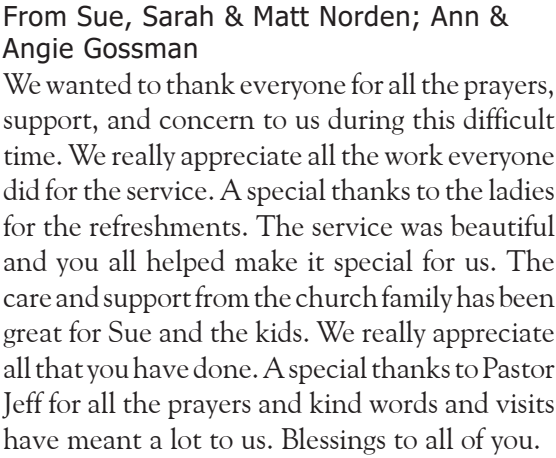
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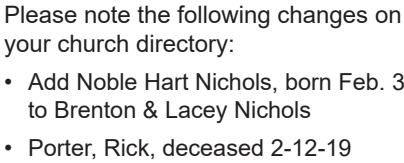
Dave Ramsey's
"Life, Money & Hope"
Sunday, March 17th
2 p.m.
Church Library

Is God concerned about your financial situation? What does the Bible have to say about debt? What is the most important thing to know about money?

In the three 30-minute sessions of this “money marathon,” Dave Ramsey, a personal money management expert, popular radio and television personality, and the best-selling author of *Financial Peace* and *The Total Money Makeover*, looks to Scripture as he discloses several critical issues about your personal finances.



To Our Coffee Ladies: Amy, Kim & Tracy
We so appreciate that you come early every
Sunday to make coffee for us! Thank you!



Newsletter Deadline

March 18

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 9:30 Adult Forum 10:55 Worship 12:00 55+ Potluck 6:30 Sr Hi Youth	4 7:00 Ind. Boards 8:15 Church Bd	5 	6 9:45 Women's Bible 5:00 Children's Chr 6:00 Supper 6:30 HIS Kids 6:30 Jr Hi Youth 6:30 Bible Study 7:45 Sanctuary Chr	7 2:30 Bethany Hm Coffee	1 	2 7:00 Men's Prayer 9 7:00 Men's Prayer
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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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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper, Pastor Jeremy Elseth, Daniel Rauchholz, Keith Swenson, Sharon Vajgrt, Vince Rocco
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C.E. BOARD
Keith Swenson, Nancy Bolden, Kristi Peterson, Sharon Vajgrt, Fannie Olsen, Kurt Krehbiel, Matt Ahlenius

TRUSTEE BOARD
Daniel Rauchholz, Craig Lofton, Jim Christopher, Steve Hansen, Brad Pywell, Chad Sauvage
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS
2 YRS - KINDERGARTEN
Lynette DeVore, Mary Pywell, Joe Vajgrt, Bruce Peterson, Ruth Houghton, Nancy Walker
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JR/SR HIGH YOUTH GROUPS
Pastor Jeremy & Jaime Elseth, Karen Blanchat, Jodi Duncan, Olivia Garretson, Breanna Call, Steve Hansen, Brian Eyer, Greg & BrookeAnna Peterson, Nathan Peterson, Ashley Losey, Meagan De Vore, Caleb Shaw
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CHURCH BOARD
Pray for church board meeting
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COVENANT WOMEN MINISTRIES
Leadership Committee: Treasurer Pam Kellogg, Debbie Johnson, Ruth Ann Leaf, Suzanna Swenson, Lori Shultz, Abby Hinman, Marla Peterson, Micki Swenson

MEN’S MINISTRY
Brian Bowman, Coordinator
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STAFF
Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper, Pastor Jeremy Elseth, Kristen Carlson, Caren Ebling, Keith Swenson
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55+ MINISTRY
Debbie Johnson, Ruth Ann Leaf, Coordinators
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS
GRADES 1-6
Suzanna Swenson, Kristi Peterson, Keith Swenson, Josh Johannsen, Kelly White, Edragene Hart, Kathy Cooper, Stacey Lott, Cheryl Spare, Jody Heizelman
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CONFIRMATION CLASS
Maggy Adolf, Ki Blanchat, Immanuel Cooper, Hope Duncan, Jordyn Elseth, Brayden Eyer, Isaac Garretson, Samuel Peterson, Chloe Willis Kade Blanchat, Karlee Bowles, Kellen Johnson, Isaac Nichols, Lena Rauchholz
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THE STATION
Kendal & Caelan Peterson, Leaders

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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
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WORSHIP LEADERS
Pastor Jeff, Pastor Darrell, Melinda Hansen, Cheryl Spare, Caren Ebling, Keith Swenson, Greg Peterson, Elijah Waugh, Micah Waugh, Jim Tillberg, Children’s Choir - Chris Rocco, Amanda Houghton
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HIS KIDS PROGRAM
Pastor Jeff, Kristen Carlson, Jodi Duncan, Barb Wilson, Tracy Repp, Jennifer Tillberg, Sharon Harrell, Mike & LoRita Doherty, Debbie Johnson, Russ & Jamie Weibert, Martha Hett, Jacob Rathlef, Howard Reece, Joseph Carbonneau, Warren Hett, Elijah Waugh, Adam Tillberg, Veronika Huse, Sarah Carlson, Ed & Jane Radatz, Mikaela Carlson, Kristi Peterson, Chris & Sarah Lohrey, Pam Kellogg, Joe & Sharon Vajgrt, Julie Waugh, Vivian Blanchat, Kathy Peterson, Christine & Amanda Shaw
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BETHANY HOME MINISTRY
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CHILDREN’S MINISTRY
Nursery & Children’s Church teachers & helpers, Kristen Carlson, Nursery Coordinator
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS
GRADES 7-12
Marla Peterson, Diane Reece, Jodi Duncan, Pastor Jeremy & Jaime Elseth, Ashley Losey
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MIDWEST CONFERENCE STAFF
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DIACONATE
Judy Pilewski, Reva Esh, Vince Rocco, Nick Blanchat, Bob Armbruster, Neill Walker, Suzanna Swenson, David Peterson, Russ Weibert, Diane Reece
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MISSIONS INTEREST GROUP
Co-Chairmen Dolores Stevens & Kathy Lindgren, Secretary/Treasurer Mary Ann Johnson
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WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE
Pastor Jeff, Pastor Darrell, Melinda Hansen, Caren Ebling, Judy Pilewski, Sharon Schrag, Vivian Blanchat
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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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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
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STUDENT MINISTRIES COMMITTEE
Pastor Jeremy, Marla Peterson, Tracy Repp, Clark Shultz
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STEP MC
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WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL
Eileen Patrick & Mary Patrick, coordinators, and all their teachers
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SMALL GROUP LEADERS
Willard Keding, Pastor Darrell, Harris Terry, Pastor Jeff, Lori Shultz, Dolores Stevens, Micki Swenson, Keith Swenson, Pete Duerksen, Jerry Cooper, Roy Rogers
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SCRIPTURE READERS/USHERS
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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

