

May 2019

Life Together

Lindsborg Covenant Church

Message from Pastor Darrell

What if I told you that I had invented a time machine, and I offered to let you use it. There are two restrictions: 1. You can only go backwards to visit the past, and 2. You can only visit biblical events. Would you take the trip? If so, which Bible event would you choose? What story in Scripture would you most like to observe or experience for yourself?

Well, of course, I have no such machine, but you do - sort of. You have a tool, often under used and underdeveloped, that can take you there. It is called your imagination. Many of us as Christians get a little nervous when it comes to using our imaginations. After all, it seems a bit subjective. Perhaps we are afraid of wandering too far and becoming untethered from the Scriptures. Of course, that can happen, but our imagination is still a good gift from God, and I think He wants us to use them. There are few things as potent as a sanctified imagination.

One of my favorite ways of studying the Bible makes heavy use of the imagination. It is very simple. Just imagine that you are in the story yourself. For example, try this with the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal in 1 Kings 18. That would have been a very dramatic encounter to see. Try reading through that chapter, slowly and meditatively. Pick

one of the characters and try to imagine what it would have been like to be there and experience that event from their perspective.

Perhaps you will be Ahab, watching with fear and fascination as your prophets are humiliated and then executed. How does that make you feel? Angry? Afraid?

Or maybe you will be one of the prophets, dancing and shouting and even cutting yourself, desperately trying to get Baal's attention. Imagine how the hope and confidence you feel in the morning fades into exhaustion in the afternoon as you suffer from fatigue and blood loss. And perhaps by evening you have sunk into a pit of despair.

You could be just a spectator in the crowd, watching the showdown take place. What is it like to hear hundreds of Baal's prophets chanting their prayers and calling on him to send fire? Which side are you rooting for? Do you feel sorry for the pathetic prophets as Baal seems to have forsaken them? Are you squeamish? Do the self-inflicted wounds and the flow of blood make you shudder? Do you think that Elijah is a fool to drench his sacrifice in water, making it very difficult to catch

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▶ Pastor Darrell (cont)

fire? How do you feel when Elijah wastes hundreds of gallons of precious water, some of the last drops left after three years of drought? What is it like to see a huge ball of fire fall from the sky? How loud does it roar? Can you feel the heat, even when standing at a safe distance? Can you smell the meat roasting on the altar? Can you see the expressions on the faces of the false prophets? Are they shocked? Dismayed? Afraid? Do you stay and watch the execution of the false prophets? Do you participate? Were you ever tempted to worship Baal before? What do you think of him now?

There are not a lot of rules for this approach, but there are a lot of questions. Ask yourself, "What do I see, hear, smell, taste, feel?" Try to immerse yourself deeply into the story as a single character and experience the whole thing from their vantage point. Then switch characters and do it again to try to gain yet another perspective. You might be surprised what you can learn about God, about life, and even about yourself. I "imagine" that you will find this exercise both fun and fruitful.

Board Bits

From Monday, April 1, Meeting

- ▶ Diane Reece has accepted the position of Children's Sunday School Superintendent. Hannah Kummer will coordinate the supplies.
- ▶ New HIS Kids Coordinator is Stacey Lott. Pastor Jeff and Kristen Carlson will continue to work with her.

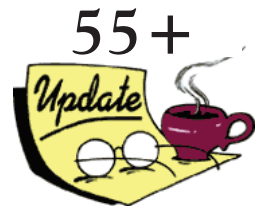
Game Night

Sunday, May 26, 6:30

Our Game Night will be held in the **Multipurpose Room** this time, at 6:30.

Boggle, Cribbage, and a Bean Bag tournament (aka Corn Hole) will be offered. You are welcome to bring your favorite board game.

Everyone is asked to bring a snack to share—potluck snacks. Beverages and table ware will be provided.



Day Trip to Pawhuska, Oklahoma

Thursday, May 16, is the date, and **8 a.m. to 8 p.m.** is the time! We will gather in the church parking lot (south of the building) and car pool to Pawhuska. Lunch at the Pioneer Woman Mercantile costs between \$10 and \$15. Our main destination is the Mercantile. If time permits, we will visit the Immaculate Conception Cathedral and Swinging Bridge.

Sign-up sheet and yellow trip details are located at the Information Table. If you would be willing to drive, please so indicate on the sign-up.

Looking ahead to June:

Noon Potluck June 9: This is our annual New Member potluck to welcome members affirmed at the April congregational meeting.

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Planning Meeting - 10:00

Thursday, May 9

Room 117

Vacation Bible School

June 17 - 21



Be praying about how you can help and what kids you can invite! VBS will be co-directed by Abby Hinman and Anna Shultz.

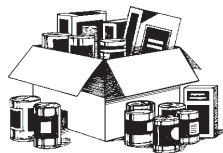
Food Bank

During the months of May and June, the Lindsborg churches collect food items to replenish supplies of the McPherson County Food Bank. Any of the following listed items are welcome:

- Baby Food (jars), Peanut Butter
- Toothpaste, Shampoo, etc.
- Dry Cereal, Macaroni and Cheese, Saltine Crackers
- Canned Fruit, Soup, and Vegetables

Designated boxes are located at the south parking lot entrance under the Information Table for our contributions.

If you wish to give monetary gift, please leave a check at the church office payable to McPherson County Food Bank.



Covenant Kids Camp

Registrations and \$50 deposits are due in the church office by June 1! Balances due can be contributed to the Camp Registration Fund at your convenience.

Trailblazer Camp (going into 3rd and 4th Grade) July 8-11 (Monday-Thursday). See registration form for prices.

Explorer Camp (going into 5th and 6th Grade) July 8-12 (Monday-Friday). See registration form for prices.

Registration forms can be found on the Information Table. Questions? Contact the church office (227-2447).



Covenant Cedars Camp

Junior High Camp... June 23-28
Senior High Camp .. June 7-12

Time to register! The early bird deadline ends on June 1.

Please submit registration and \$75 deposit to Camp Coordinator Jim Christopher or leave in the church office as soon as possible. The total cost is now \$350 (after early bird deadline it is \$370). You may pay the balance to the *Camp Registration Fund* at your convenience. Make checks payable to *Evangelical Covenant Church* with a memo, *Camp Registration* and the camper's name.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jim Christopher (668-2477), or the church office (227-2447).



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

Shenanigans Painting Party!

May 28, 7-9 p.m.

Choose from a wide variety of signs to paint. They have anything from Bible verses, inspirational quotes, sports themes, and much more! Registration is required. You will choose you painting when your register and it will tell you the cost. There is a link on the Covenant Women's Facebook page that will have instructions on how to register. Registration closes at midnight on May 22.

Hiking and Smores at Coronado Heights!

June 8, 6-8 p.m.

Bring a water bottle and some hiking shoes. After we walk the trails, we will have a time of fellowship and smores will be provided!

Pool and Patio Party in July and August

Dates and more information to come!

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Women's Prayer Gathering

Please join us to start our day with prayer and fellowship Wednesday, May 15, 6:00 a.m. in the Hospitality Room.

Praise & Prayer Fellowship

May 26, 5:30 p.m.



May we gather together, all ages, to sing praises to Jesus our Savior, listen to His word, and pray in His name. Bring your family, bring your friends - - be sure to come meet Jesus for an hour of a summer Sunday night. A light supper will be served at 5:30. May we recall the words of Psalm 150:6, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord."

More New Books in the Library!



An interesting-looking book on the parable of the sower: *Rocks, Dirty Birds, and Briars: Sowing Truth in a Time of Lies* by Franklin Graham.

And last of this list, but certainly not least in the hands of a reader, *A King in Disguise: A Parable of God's Love* by Todd Hafer. From the cover: "Drawn from Soren Kierkegaard's parable of a prince who gave up everything for his beloved, this beautiful romance portrays God's desire for us to respond freely to His love-struck longing for us."

Give yourself a gift for Spring and check out a book to read! OR...read a book to someone you love as you share time together.



Summer Special Music:

“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord”

For those interested in providing a “musical offering” during summer worship services.

Please sign up at the Information Table.

Contact Melinda Hansen if questions, 785-668-2465.



In connection with the National Day of Prayer, May 2, our church is going to hold a 12 hour prayer vigil from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on that day. In addition to praying for our country and its leaders, we are going to be praying for the ministries and concerns of our church (Alpha this fall, leadership recruitment, finances, etc...).

The prayer vigil will be held in the sanctuary. At the beginning of each hour, starting at 7 a.m., we will have a new prayer leader guiding those who come to pray for that hour through a prayer list.

Please consider joining us and investing an hour as we call out to the Lord on behalf of our church and our country.



Men's Ministry by Brian Bowman

We have been asked once again to support the Elmwood Cemetery by trimming on Tuesday May 21 with a rain date if needed on the 23rd. Willard Keding and Roy Rogers continue having Bible study at 7:00 Saturday mornings in the church library. In addition, the men gather on Tuesday nights in the youth room in the evening at 7:00. The next Men's Encounter is May 31-June 2. It will be held at the Webster Conference Center in Salina, KS. If you are interested in deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ, please consider Encounter—details can be found on the website: <http://www.encounterthecross.com/men>

*Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith;
be courageous; be strong.*
-- 1 Corinthians 16:13 (NIV)

Blessings to all... HE IS RISEN!!

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



Missions Reports

From Julie McLaughlin

Many of you might know I had a nasty infection in my leg this past week. A nice little trip to the hospital and some intravenous injections of antibiotics has it looking much better. I was happy it's healing up because I have been teaching this week on our first ever YWAM Port Moresby/YWAM Liberty DTS.

I'm teaching on the Ship's history which ties into hearing the voice of God and also surrendering to Jesus. Teaching is always something that I enjoy doing so I'm grateful to have the opportunity. I think that the students got a lot out of it and they are off to a good start.

They are starting on land and then will move on board our ship in May.

We have just received a gift of a new ship for New Zealand. She's a cargo/supply vessel that has been servicing Pitcairn Island. She's a beauty and there's a team there beginning to get her ready for service. She's likely to be based out of NZ long term going out to the Pacific.

Many of you know I've been tinkering with some painting and such. My work will be exhibited at the studio in Greensburg Kansas starting May 19th with a launch and going to the end of July.



From Andrea Cooper

I stepped onto the grounds of the Texas Mexico Border Ministries in October 2016, not really knowing what to expect. The only known thing was that I would be the teacher for the four second graders at Taylor Christian School (TCS).

Together, we learned a lot and had many good times. I watched each student grow physically, spiritually, and academically.

The fall of 2017, brought many changes to our little school. One such change had me stepping into the role of 3rd and 4th grade teacher.

Once again, I had no idea what to

expect or what was around the next bend in the road. My journey that year brought me through many up-hills, steep cliffs, and rocky terrain, and the Lord took every step with me. He brought me safely to the other side with my feet placed in lush green pasture.

Next month finishes up my second-year teaching 3rd and 4th grade. I feel grateful and blessed to be on this path with 10 awesome students. We have had a fun year and I am sad to see it come to an end.

God is now placing before me a new bend in the road. So, I ask for your prayers as I step yet again into another new role at TCS. I am going to be the TCS principal. I am excited for this new opportunity. It will come with its challenges and again I know my Lord will take the journey with me.



Pray for Missions

Missions Interest Group

Tuesday
May 21
2:00 p.m.

Church Library

Marilyn Hett
Hostess
TBA
Devotions

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1

Robert and Cathy Ahlstedt
Julie Diederich
Brad Vickrey
Brad and Marlene Vickrey
Rodger Bokma
- 2

Jenna Willis
Bruce Spare
Joe Vajgrt
- 4

Dave and Jodi Duncan
Pam Bowersox
Kathy Peterson
Elijah Waugh
Spencer Yenni
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Jim and Lisa Christopher
Debbie Johnson
- 7

Courtney Bowles
Cheryll Clark (Ecuador)
Pete and Carol Duerksen
Dick Wilson
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Dale and Sara Lusk
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Drew Porter
Juliet Porter
Marjorie St. Peter
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Jim Christopher
Brent Heizelman
Ken Kejr
- 13

Duane Johnson
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Cathy Ahlstedt
Gracia Peterson
Pat Weibert
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Olivia Garretson
Rachelle Grimmett
Isaac Nichols
Charlie Carlson
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Meredith Galloway
Sarah Lohrey
Larry and Kelly White
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Jim and Janna Weldy
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Delores Burch
JoMae Shaw
- 20

Joe and Sharon Vajgrt
Chad Sauvage
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Kate Cooper
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Margaret Ray
Abner and Brenda Vickrey
Carolyn Yoder
- 23

Marion Eklund
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Brooklynn Power
Kelly Sauvage
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Lois & Jim Baker
Alan & Mikaela Carlson
Cody & Kalli Weibert
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Tony and Sunny Shultz
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Scott Achenbach
Mike and Patti Johnson
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Bruce & Kristi Peterson
Craig and Holly Lofton
Jim and Jennifer Tillberg
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Jersey Elseth
Jerry and Kathy Cooper
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Al & Margaret Ray
Carla Christians
David Grimmett
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Charity Porter

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

Thanks!



This Is Sunday Night
For May

- 19th

Hospitality Night (no service planned at church, but you are encouraged to use this evening for your own hospitality ministry)
- 26th

5:30 - Praise & Prayer Fellowship - Library

6:30 - 55+ Game Night - Multipurpose Room

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Mark Your Calendars

Photography for our next photo directory will be the week of August 20-24 so mark your calendars now. Shooting will be from 2-9 Tuesday through Friday and 10-5 on Saturday. As always, there will be no obligation or pressure to purchase but you will be given that opportunity.



The Bulletin Board

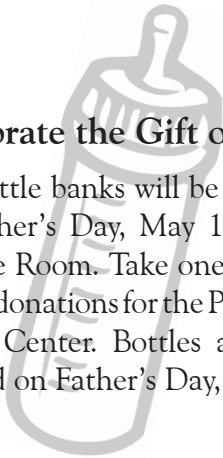
Please let the office know of any changes in your contact information. Phone numbers, address and email address.

Newsletter Deadline
May 13



From Jim & Joyce Huber
Thank you for the wooden tray you gave us for our 50th wedding anniversary. God bless you all.

From Mike & LoRita Doherty
Thank you to our family and friends for making our 50th anniversary such a wonderful day. We want to thank our church family for the special tray marking the day.



Celebrate the Gift of Life!

Baby bottle banks will be available on Mother's Day, May 12, in the Heritage Room. Take one home to fill with donations for the Pregnancy Service Center. Bottles are to be returned on Father's Day, June 16.



We are looking for children's Sunday School teachers for the summer! If you are interested please talk to Diane Reece, 906-0480.

Would you be willing to teach or facilitate an adult Sunday school class beginning in June? Contact Lori Shultz for more information.

Did you miss this sermon or lose your insert? There’s some helpful information here.

Three Steps to Studying the Scriptures

1 - Observation - What does the passage say?

- A. Ask the 5 “W” Questions:
 - Who are the people in the passage? Who is speaking?
 - What is happening in the passage?
 - When in time do these events occur (time of day, time of year & in history)
 - Where is the story taking place?
 - Why is something being said? Why will this happen? Why to these people?
- B. Keep your eyes open for:
 - Key words or phrases (ie, action words and adjectives)
 - Repeated words (many times the main point of a passage, 1 Cor. 13)
 - Contrasts/Comparisons (Mt. 5:21-22)
 - Cause & Effect (Mt. 25:21)
 - “If, then” statements (2 Chronicles 7:14)
 - Transitional Words: “and, but, or, yet, therefore, now, then, in order that, so that, because”

2 - Interpretation - What does the passage mean?

Goal of Interpretation: discover the main idea (thought) of the passage

Tools to use in the Interpretation step:

- Use your observations from step 1
- Define words
- Use cross references (compare Scripture with Scripture)
- Consider the context of the verse/passage

Write the meaning of the passage in one sentence

3 - Application -What am I going to do about what the passage says and means?

Four application questions to ask and answer:

- 1 - How does the truth revealed in this passage affect my relationship with God?
- 2 - How does the truth revealed in this passage affect my relationship with others?
- 3 - How does the truth revealed in this passage affect me?
- 4 - How does the truth revealed in this passage affect my response to the enemy?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 2019						
5 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship	6 7:00 Ind. Boards 8:15 Church Board	7	1 9:45 Women's Bible Fellowship 6:30 Jr Hi Youth 6:30 Bible Study 7:40 Sanctuary Chr	2 National Day of Prayer 7:00 -7:00 Prayer Vigil 2:30 Bethany Home Coffee 7 Breathle Bible Study	3	4 7:00 Men's Prayer
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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.

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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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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper, Pastor Jeremy Elseth, Daniel Rauchholz, Keith Swenson, Sharon Vajgrt, Vince Rocco
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CAREGIVERS
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C.E. BOARD
Keith Swenson, Nancy Bolden, Kristi Peterson, Sharon Vajgrt, Fannie Olsen, Kurt Krehbiel, Matt Ahlenius
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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
Don Blanchat, Alan Carlson, Pastor Darrell & Kate Cooper, Steve Borell, Neill Walker, Ben Call, Conley Nichols, Pete Duerksen, Micki Swenson
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CHURCH BOARD
Pray for church board meeting
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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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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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SCRIPTURE READERS/USHERS
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OUR GRADUATES
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SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMIN.
Children’s Sunday School Superintendent Diane Reece; Attendance Secretary Howard Reece; Adult Sunday School Coordinator, Lori Shultz; Curriculum Coordinators Cheryl Spare, Shelly Carlson, Martha Roberts
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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
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MIDWEST CONFERENCE STAFF
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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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BETHANY HOME MINISTRY
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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
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CHILDREN’S MINISTRY
Nursery & Children’s Church teachers & helpers, Kristen Carlson, Nursery Coordinator
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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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STEPMC
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MISSIONS INTEREST GROUP
Co-Chairmen Dolores Stevens & Kathy Lindgren, Secretary/Treasurer Mary Ann Johnson
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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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TRUSTEE BOARD
Daniel Rauchholz, Craig Lofton, Jim Christopher, Steve Hansen, Brad Pywell, Chad Sauvage
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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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MEN’S MINISTRY
Brian Bowman, 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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OUR COUNTRY AND ITS LEADERS
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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

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING
Directors Abby Hinman & Anna Shultz
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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, Kendal & Caelan Peterson, Cheryl Spare, Jody Heizelman
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PREPARATIONS FOR UPCOMING CAMPS AND MISSION TRIP

LET THE WORDS OF
MY MOUTH
—AND THE—
MEDITATION OF
MY HEART
BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU,
O LORD,
MY ROCK
—AND—
MY REDEEMER.
P S A L M 1 9 : 1 4 , N R S V