

June 2019

Life Together

Lindsborg Covenant Church

Message from Pastor Jeff

Once upon a time there were two men in a wood-chopping contest. They were tasked with chopping down as many trees in the forest as they could from sun-up to sun-down. The winner would be rewarded with both fame and fortune.

From morning till noon, both men steadily chopped and chopped. By noon they were neck and neck, but then one man took a break and stopped chopping. The other man saw this and thought to himself: "The lazy fool, he's probably taking a break for lunch. He's given me a chance to get ahead of him and I will without a doubt win this contest!"

A while later the man got back to work. As the day continued he chopped more trees than his hard-working (and hungry) competitor and by mid-afternoon he had taken a clear lead.

When sundown came, the man who had taken the break at noon had chopped almost twice as many trees as the other man, who was drenched in sweat, hungry and exhausted.

"How did you beat me?" he asked puzzled. "You were lazier than I and even took a break for lunch!"

"Ah," said the other man, "I did take a break, but it was during that break, that I sharpened my axe."

The moral of the story: Taking time out to sharpen your axe brings great reward.

When you give us pastors sabbatical leave, you are heeding the moral of this story and allowing us to "sharpen our axe" so we can be effective for ministry by giving us time to refresh, renew, recharge. In the course of a day, a pastor can deal with death, deep spiritual issues, great encouragement, petty criticisms, tragedies, illnesses, and celebrations of birth. The emotional roller coaster is draining. Pastoral burnout is high. I have heard that in 10 years, half of seminary graduates are no longer in ministry. This statistic was true for my graduating class at North Park Seminary.

Ten years ago, you, as a church blessed the pastoral staff with sabbatical leave: a three month rest from pastoral duties so we can study and rest. Pastor Darrell will be taking his sabbatical break for the months of July through September.

You will see him and his family around town during this break. Don't be afraid to greet him, and visit with him. But if you have ministry questions or concerns during these 3 months, please bring them to Pastor Jeremy or myself.

You are such a nurturing church that blesses and cares for your pastors. Thank you for giving us the chance to sharpen our axes!

Board Bits

From Monday, May 6, Meeting

- Don Blanchat has accepted the position of Adult Sunday School Superintendant.
- We are behind on giving for budget.

Adult Forum

June 3, 9:30 a.m.

Adult Class Introduction

Alpha

Vacation Bible School

June 17 - 21

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.



Registration forms and sign-up for helpers is in the Hospitality Room. Stop by and see how you can get involved. VBS will be co-directed by Abby Hinman and Anna Shultz.

*The first
Vacation Bible
School (VBS) at
our church was
held in 1933.*

DID YOU KNOW?

Celebrate the Gift of Life!

Pregnancy Service Center

Baby bottle banks are still available 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.

Other things that can be donated to PSC:

Similac Advance Formula or equivalent

Diaper wipes in individual packages

Small baby toys, teething rings, rattles

New baby clothing sizes 0-2T, esp. boys

Receiving blankets, quilts & blankets

Baby socks and booties of all sizes

Diapers of all sizes

What to Expect When You Are Expecting books

Baby wash, shampoo, lotions, all sizes

Baby care items

New diaper bags

Stuffed animals new and soft

Batteries size: AA, AAA, C, D

Toilet paper, paper-ware, office supplies

Bumbo seats, Boppy pillows, personal baby carriers

Strollers, Activity bounce seats

Used Pack N' Plays and bassinets with hardware

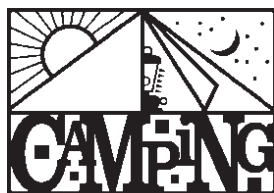
Covenant Kids Camp

Registrations and \$50 deposits are due now! Balances due can be contributed to the Camp Registration Fund at your convenience.

Trailblazer Camp (going into 3rd and 4th Grade) July 9-12 (Monday-Thursday). See registration form for prices.

Explorer Camp (going into 5th and 6th Grade) July 9-13 (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 .. July 7-12

Time to register! 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 \$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, contact Jim Christopher (668-2477), or the church office (227-2447).

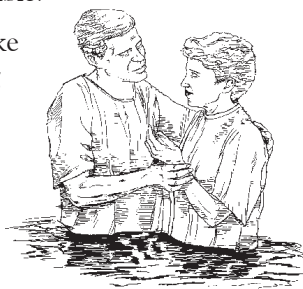
Baptismal Service

Sunday, August 4, 5:30 p.m.

If you would like to be baptized at our annual baptismal service, please contact one of the pastors as soon as possible.

The service will take place at the Lindsborg swimming pool on Sunday, August 4.

- 5:30 p.m. Pot-luck Picnic
- 7:00 p.m. Baptismal Service
- 7:30 - 9:00 Free Swimming



Summer Lunch Program

May 22 - August 14

The Free Summer Lunch Program will start Wednesday, May 22 for the 2019 summer season. 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 14th except on Memorial Day. This program is sponsored by the USDA which is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Our church is responsible for volunteers two weeks this summer. If you'd like to help, contact Pastor Jeremy or Pastor Jeff.



Leadership Team: Suzanna Swenson, Abby Hinman, Marla Peterson, Pam Kellogg, Debbie Johnson, Micki Swenson

We have lost a few members on our Covenant Women Board and we are looking for other women who would like to serve in this way! If you are interested in learning more, please come to our June 6th meeting from 7-8 in the library! We will have snacks and drinks! If you have questions, please contact Suzanna Swenson!

Come hike with us at Coronado Heights on June 8th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.! Bring a water bottle and a good pair of shoes! Supplies for S'mores will be provided!

Christian Fiction Book Club on June 29th at 9:00 a.m.. We are reading, *Captivating Lady Charlotte* by Carolyn Miller. Contact Judy Pilewski or Pam Kellogg for more information.

Food Bank

Through June

Continuing through June, the Lindsborg churches collect food items to replenish supplies of the McPherson County Food Bank.

Any of the following listed items are welcome:

- nonperishable foods
- paper goods
- hygiene items

Designated boxes are located under the Information Table by the south parking lot door for our contributions.

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



Women Ministries Retreat is a special weekend of worship and spiritual renewal. It is designed to be a restful, uplifting, & spirit led time away from the ordinary, filled with great friends and a relaxing atmosphere.

During this beautiful weekend away, take the opportunity to (re)connect with friends! Together, enjoy activities including: horseback riding, archery, climb the rock wall or challenge your friends at the trap shoot. You can also join the Painting Party, make a sugar scrub or some bath jellies, hike the nature trails, play disc golf or just rest and relax!

Registration forms will be available on the Information Table or online at womenministriesretreat.com. The Early Bird deadline is July 1. If you are interested in going and have questions, contact Marla Peterson or Suzanna Swenson.



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.

Church Building Use

There is always a lot of activity in our church during the summer months. If you'd like to use the church building for an event or activity, please check with Kristen in the office first to make sure it is available. You will need to fill out a Building Use Request form. You're welcome to play in the gym, but if it is set up or something is going on in the church, please come back another time. Please make sure you clean everything up when you're done, take your food from the fridge and shut off all the lights that you turned on. We're blessed to have such a great facility. Let's do our best to take care of it!



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.

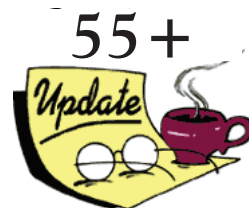


55+ Noon Potluck

Sunday, June 9, 12:00

We have guests! New church members and their families are invited to join us for our potluck on Sunday, June 9, following the morning worship service. We will be meeting in the Multipurpose Room.

Please bring some **extra** food as they will be our guests. It is always a joy to welcome old and new friends in Christ.



Road Trips Planned

- Hutchinson Salt Mine - Saturday, August 31
- Concordia - Saturday, October 12
- Abilene Seeley Mansion - December (date TBA)

Looking ahead -

"Where in the world is Qatar"?

Come Sunday, July 7, at 6:30 to hear Tim Shaw speak about his experiences as a falcon veterinarian in the Middle East.

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Planning Meetings - 10:00

Thursday, June 6

Thursday, June 27

Room 117

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."



Father - Son Ping Pong Extravaganza

Friday, June 21, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

This will be a fun evening with ping pong, free throw shooting contest, and board games. Bring \$5 for pizza.

RSVP to Pastor Jeremy (785-202-1226)

2019 Church Softball League Schedule

Come cheer on our church softball team All games will be played at Wall Park (500 S. Maxwell) on Hess & Lehmberg Field

Monday, June 3, 6:30 p.m. @Hess

Monday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. @ Lehmberg

Monday, June 17, 6:30 p.m. @ Hess

Monday, June 24, 6:30 p.m. @ Hess

Monday, July 1, 7:30 p.m. @ Hess

Monday, July 8, 7:30 p.m. @ Hess



Communion Facts:

- 1869 the first communion service was held at the home of C.R. Carlson
- 1915 individual communion cups were purchased
- 1920 in solidarity with the Prohibition Movement, the church started serving grape juice instead of wine

DID YOU KNOW?

Missions Reports

From Christian Radio for Russia- Sponsor of the New Life Satellite Network—Moscow, Russia
Russia’s Sovereign Internet Law passes and may impact NLR operations.

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS of protection that this law would not hinder NLR’s domestic and global Internet radio at www.NLRadio.net nor force a shutdown of our signal sent outside of Russia’s borders to our Hot-bird satellite uplink site in Israel that delivers our satellite radio broadcasts to 40 nations.

CRFR has contingency plans in place should this event occur. In April 2019, CRFR met with representatives from JEWS FOR JESUS (JFJ) in Tel Aviv to present a strategy for introducing young Slavic immigrants to NLR’s broadcasts via satellite and Internet radio. There are over 2 million Russian-speakers living in Israel and the opportunity to work with the Messianic Jewish community presents a tremendous outreach potential that we trust will bear fruit in the future. NLR can broadcast new programming from JFJ Slavic partners in Israel to target youth tuned into us globally!

“New Life Radio, we love you very much! Thank you very much for your work. The Living Father speaks through you! You have a lot of listeners here in Kamchatka! Alexander (note: Kamchatka is 8 time zones to the east of Moscow)



Pray for Missions

From Paul & Sheryl Noren
In the past few months we planted out about an acre of a wild species of coffee native to our forests here. This species has some potential as a new special niche crop. I think the coffee from it is quite good. It has a bit of a chocolate flavor.

We were also able to plant 1.25 acres of new pine-apple plants. We would have liked to plant more than that but needed to be careful with our spending. Last year’s plants are looking good now and are setting on fruit for the new season.

I have been working with a fish-culture project at Karawa that is going well. Thanks to Covenant missionary, Randy Bevis, we have some new highly selected Tilapia that are responding to the feed we are making in an amazing way. Even Randy was amazed at the growth rates and said it was impossible to get that kind of growth with what we were feeding the fish. Until... I told him about supplementing termites three times a day in addition to the other food. Anyway, our fish weights were two weeks ahead of the commercial Tilapia feeding chart that I am following. That was on Sept. 23rd, at three months from hatching. They already looked like the six-month old Tilapia we have locally.

We started a new mushroom growing experiment at Loko just before we left for Cameroon. Mushrooms are very much a part of the diet around here. Producing them may prove to be something some people could do to help their income. It’s an experiment, so, we will have to report on that later.

We are also working on several other projects that I hope to report on at another time. These include Vanilla, a palm species that produces “olive oil”, Black pepper, and tea, to mention a few.

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 1 Darrell and Kate Cooper | 17 Kristen Carlson | 23 Peter Garretson |
| Carrol and Ruth Houghton | Jason De Vore | 24 Rodger & Amy Bokma |
| Kurt and Sara Krehbiel | Daniel Rauchholz | Luke Garretson |
| 2 Candi Davis | Payden Schrag | 25 Brent and Jody Heizelman |
| Lois Spitznagel | Ross Schrag | David and Sandy Lloyd |
| 3 Diane Reece | 18 Kinsley Carlson | Craig and Fannie Olsen |
| Pammy Reiswig | Brenjamen Call | 26 Calvin Carlson |
| 5 Calvin and Shelly Carlson | 19 Hannah Kummer | Brenton and Lacey Nichols |
| 6 Ernie and Julie Diederich | Suzanna Swenson | 27 Drew Smith |
| 7 Merissa Anderson | Rachel Yenni | Jay Writer |
| John Esh | 20 Scott & Rachel Anderson | 28 Paige Droge |
| Ken and Carolyn Kejr | Leon Cummings | 29 Richard Johannsen |
| Jo Ann Mattison | 21 Don & Vivian Blanchat | 30 Amanda Houghton |
| 8 Ron & Sue Dahlsten | Elaine Schmidt | Conley and Nicole Nichols |
| 10 Taran Johnsen | 22 Glen and Ann Heikes | Sherry Standley |
| Stacey Lott | Kathy McCord | |
| 11 Brad & Mary Pywell | Chase Pywell | |
| Howard Reece | Feenix Vest | |
| 13 Micah Waugh | | |
| 14 Duane & Dee Johnson | | |
| Robert and Mary Ann Johnson | | |
| Vince and Nancy Montoy | | |
| Mary Pywell | | |
| Jason & Kim Rodgers | | |
| 16 Kathryn Frantz | | |
| Steve Hansen | | |
| Bill & Lynda Linder | | |
| Ralph and Martha Roberts | | |

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

Thanks!



This Is Sunday Night
For June

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| 23rd | Hospitality Night (no service planned at church, but you are encouraged to use this evening for your own hospitality ministry) |
| 30th | Praise & Prayer Fellowship, 5:30 |

Missions Interest Group

Tuesday, June 18, 2:00 p.m.

Church Library

Darleen Power, Hostess

Kathy Lindgren, Devotions

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THANKS

From The Family of Irvin Myers
Thank you to our dear church family who has cared for us in so many ways. A special thank you to Pastor Jeff, Pastor Darrell, Ruth Peterson, the ushers, technical personnel, the Reeces, the church ladies for our special meal, and our friends for your contributions in so many ways to make the Memorial Celebration of Life service for Irvin such a blessing for so many.

From Tiffany, Paul Carlson Partnership
I am so grateful for your prayers and support for Paul Carlson Partnership but especially for your love for the people of Congo. God bless you,

The Bulletin Board

Please note the following change on your church directory:

- Bookless, Myrt, add her cell # 227-5031

Members and Friends
Telephone Directory
As of June 2019

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, e-mail or address please let the office know.

Newsletter Deadline
Monday, June 17



Please Join us for a Bridal Shower
for
Veronika Huse

Saturday, June 22 at 2:00 pm

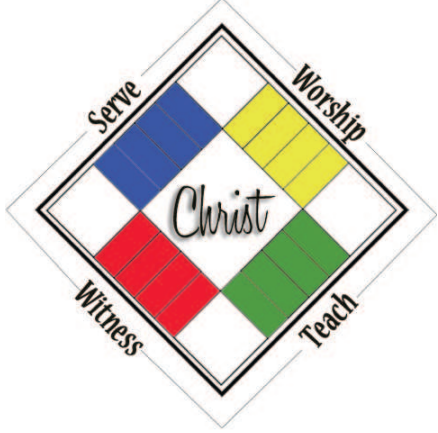
102 S. Washington St.
Lindsborg, Kansas 67456

It's a tea party, so bring
a tea cup if you have one!



The congregation is invited to
celebrate the
50th Anniversary of
Jerry & Kathy Cooper
at a reception on June 8
from 2:00 - 4:00 in the
church Multi-purpose Room.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship	3 7:00 Ind Boards 8:15 Church Board	4	5 6:30 Adult Bible Study	6 10:00 55+ Planning 2:30 Bethany Hm Coffee	7	1 7:00 am Men's Prayer 8 7:00 am Men's Prayer 2-5 Cooper 50 th Reception 6:00 CWM Hike
9 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship 12:00 55+ Potluck	10	11	12 6:30 Adult Bible Study	13 2:30 Bethany Hm Coffee	14	15 7:00 am Men's Prayer
16 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship	17 9-11:30 VBS Newsletter Deadline	18 9-11:30 VBS 2:00 Missions Interest Group	19 9-11:30 VBS 1:00 Worship & Music 6:30 Adult Bible Study	20 9-11:30 VBS 2:30 Bethany Hm Coffee	21 9-11:30 VBS 6:00 Guys Night Ping Pong	22 7:00 am Men's Prayer 2:00 Huse Wedding Shower
23 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship Hospitality Night	24	25	26 6:30 Adult Bible Study	27 10:00 55+ Planning 2:30 Bethany Hm Coffee	28	29 7:00 am Men's Prayer
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JUNE 2019
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
- C.E. BOARD**
Keith Swenson, Nancy Bolden, Kristi Peterson, Sharon Vajgrt, Fannie Olsen, Kurt Krehbiel, Matt Ahlenius
- 2
- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**
Don Blanchat, Alan Carlson, Pastor Darrell & Kate Cooper, Steve Borell, Neill Walker, Ben Call, Pete Duerksen, Micki Swenson
- 3
- CHURCH BOARD**
Pray for church board meeting
- 4
- DIACONATE**
Judy Pilewski, Reva Esh, Vince Rocco, Nick Blanchat, Bob Armbruster, Neill Walker, Suzanna Swenson, David Peterson, Russ Weibert, Diane Reece
- 5
- STAFF**
Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper, Pastor Jeremy Elseth, Kristen Carlson, Caren Ebling, Keith Swenson
- 6
- 55+ MINISTRY**
Debbie Johnson, Ruth Ann Leaf, Coordinators
- 7
- DISCIPLERS**
- 8
- SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS**
2 YRS - KINDERGARTEN
Hannah & Hank Kummer, Lynette DeVore, Mary Pywell, Amanda Houghton, Joe Vajgrt, Bruce Peterson, Craig & Fannie Olsen
- 9
- 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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- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**
- 11
- COVENANT WOMEN MINISTRIES**
Leadership Committee: Suzanna Swenson, Treasurer Pam Kellogg, Debbie Johnson, Abby Hinman, Marla Peterson, Micki Swenson
- 12
- MIDWEST CONFERENCE STAFF**
- 13
- 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, Sarah Shultz
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- MEN’S MINISTRY**
Brian Bowman, Coordinator
- 16
- CHILDREN’S MINISTRY**
Nursery & Children's Church teachers & helpers, Kristen Carlson, Nursery Coordinator
- 17
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
Directors Abby Hinman, Anna Shultz and VBS staff—health, wisdom, and strength; children's hearts—ready for God’s Word
- 18
- MISSIONS INTEREST GROUP**
Co-Chairmen Dolores Stevens & Kathy Lindgren, Secretary/Treasurer Mary Ann Johnson
- 19
- WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE**
Pastor Jeff, Pastor Darrell, Melinda Hansen, Caren Ebling, Judy Pilewski, Sharon Schrag, Vivian Blanchat
- 20
- OUR COUNTRY AND ITS LEADERS**
- 21
- 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
- 22
- SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS**
GRADES 1-6
Marla Peterson, Kristi Peterson, Keith Swenson, Josh Johannsen, Kathy Cooper, Stacey Lott, Kendal & Caelan Peterson, Cheryl Spare, Jody Heizelman
- 23
- COVENANT CEDARS CAMP**
Drivers, Junior High campers, directors, counselors, safety, soft hearts for God
- 24
- STEPMC**
- 25
- TRUSTEE BOARD**
Daniel Rauchholz, Craig Lofton, Jim Christopher, Steve Hansen, Brad Pywell, Chad Sauvage

- 26
- CAREGIVERS**
- 27
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper, Pastor Jeremy Elseth, Daniel Rauchholz, Keith Swenson, Sharon Vajgrt, Vince Rocco
- 28
- COVENANT ANNUAL MEETING**
Delegates Brian & Dana Bowman, Pastor Jeremy & Jaime Elseth
- 29
- SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS**
GRADES 7-12
Jodi Duncan, Chad Sauvage, Vivian Blanchat Pastor Jeremy & Jaime Elseth, Shelly Carlson, Clark Shultz
- 30
- SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMIN.**
Children's Sunday School Superintendent Diane Reece; Attendance Secretary Howard Reece; Adult Sunday School Coordinator, Don Blanchat; Curriculum Coordinators Cheryl Spare, Shelly Carlson, Martha Roberts

