

July 2019 Life Together

Lindsborg Covenant Church

Message from Pastor Jeremy

"Oh, the places they will go!"

Having served in youth ministry for 20 years, one of the joys, and unpredictable elements is, 'where will my students end up.' I refer to "my students' to include the former athletes I have coached, as well as youth leaders. I have served in ministry and coached in places, including; Saskatchewan, Washington, Minnesota, California and finally, here in little Sweden.

My biggest joy comes from witnessing what I humbly taught students, and seeing them passing God's truth on to others. I love that I get to see former students at denominational gatherings like Kara, Amy, Christian, Kara M., Nicholas & Drew who are now leading others. I kicked Drew out of youth group one time and he is now a youth pastor in rural Alaska. Maybe I should kick out more students! Also, this job sometimes makes me feel old. When at Bluewater Camp in MN, I saw the kid who almost drove me out of ministry, now counseling others.

Then the random places that students have ended up. There is Dr. Phil where Jessica was on for talking about "Internet Bullying". Then there was Tara who was on "The Bachelor". Tara got one rose before heartbreak. As I watched her cry and say "No wants want to be with me", I was sad. I reached out and told her I care about you, like I would if she was still on a basketball team at Mt. Si or going to youth group at Cascade Covenant. Tara didn't get the final rose on the show, but she "Lit the lamp" by marrying a gentleman who plays for the Boston Bruins.

YouTube is where two of my current leaders took a creative twist with farming terms and parodies. I prefer the Peterson Farm Brothers' version of "I Am Farming and I Grow It" over "I Am Sexy and I Know It". Thanks to the Peterson Farm Brothers and over 80 million views later they are still on the farming circuit speaking. Greg, Nathan and Kendal are incredible leaders here at Lindsborg Covenant. Greg gave a Ted talk on farming so they passed me on the public speaking circuit years ago.

When I coached basketball at Walnut Creek Intermediate the most recognized player ended up being Sabrina. Sabrina practiced with the boys because her twin Eddy was on the team. They were basically peanut butter and jelly. She was good enough to play with the boys. I asked the school if she could play. This might have been my best scouting report in my high profile basketball career, but they said no. By the way, I am

Pastor Jeremy (cont)

glad they didn't have good video cameras back in 1993 for my high school career or my junior varsity Briercrest prestigious career of 2 years. She went onto win the MVP at the McDonald's All American game and be the NCAA all-time leader in triple doubles. Just to compare I had one double double (turnovers and fouls) at Briercrest when we played the high school. She plays for the Oregon Ducks and will most likely be the #1 pick in the WNBA draft in 2020. Needless to say, she passed me too when she was in the 9th grade or 8th grade, it does not matter.

There is also the painful side to ministry, like seeing students serve time, divorces, making the news, addictions getting the best of them and suicide. The last time I saw Josh was on the side of the road at Linwood getting in a police car. He ran away from youth group one night. I was going to physically carry him back to church to give him a ride. We are wrestling on the side of the road, and someone stopped to help, and Josh says I am trying to kidnap him, and this goes from crazy to "I can't make this up". Josh got a ride in the police car home and I was not charged with kidnapping. this time. He went onto struggle, and I am surprised he actually lived through it all. Josh finally found God. God is the only one who could have spared him. Today Josh started his own business. I celebrate that he has been clean for two years! He is still working on his relationship with God.

So the point I want to leave you with is this; as a youth worker you have no idea who is in your youth group. The places they will go are exciting and scary. I hope to be a small footnote in the story, where most students will forget my name 5 years after graduation. My prayer and hope is that they don't forget the name of Jesus. I know the names, faces, and most of the stories but God knows where they are going. So love them the best you can with the time you have because you never know when one of them will show up at your door, on TV, send you a text, or cry after not getting a rose. And you never know which student will lead you, or someday be your pastor!

The wiser, older version of Jeremy won't chase kids down and tackle them. And there is the fact that I can't run as fast. But I am still in the ministry of reaching students with an endless pursuit towards a God that loves them recklessly!

Congregational Meeting Sunday, July 28, 1 p.m.

The Second-Quarter Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, July 28, 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.

Svensk Hyllningsfest

Our church has been asked again toprovide tearings for the Svensk Hyllningsfest smorgasbord,

Friday, October 18. Look for a sign-up sheet on the Information Table coming soon.



Potluck Picnic and Baptismal Service

August 4 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.



Praise & Prayer Fellowship July 28, 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. Special Praise and Prayer Fellowship, Keith Swenson will share Growth Points.

Camp Departure & Returns

Senior High at Covenant Cedars

Leave Sunday, July 7, at 11 a.m. Bring sack lunch or money for lunch stop at Concordia. We will arrive at Covenant Cedars between 3 and 4 p.m.

Return on Friday, July 12, around 5 p.m.

Explorers/Trailblazers at Rock Springs

Both Leave Tuesday, July 8, at 12:00 p.m. from church parking lot.

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

Explorers return Friday, July 12, 11:30 - noon.

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



RENEW - REFRESH - RESTORE

When was the last time you were able to take advantage of intentional space created for you to simply sit and spend time with Jesus? We all need and even crave time with our Savior. Take a moment to catch your breath, and return to the feet of Jesus to be restored, renewed and refreshed at retreat 2019.

As we retreat together, we will be reminded of our first and greatest love by spending time worshipping Him and studying His Word.

Guiding us on our journey are five incredibly gifted women, who will call us to a deeper relationship with the Lord as we seek Him.

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS

Jael Boeschling - Malinda Just Alexia Lang - Cheryl Meakins Patty Thompson Covenant Women Ministries will be serving the noon meal on July 28 before the quarterly business meeting. It is a fundraiser for women going to fall retreat but anyone is welcome to help with the meal.

Please sign up at the Information Table or notify Kristen Carlson if you are willing to help or if you plan to attend retreat! Brochures for fall retreat are on the Information Table. Early registration deadline is August 1. Questions? Ask Marla Peterson or Kristen. Thanks!

Would You Like to be a Grand Pal?

Soderstrom Elementary is looking for adults who are willing to make a difference in a kindergartner and/or 1st grader's life by reading to a small group of 2-3 students every Monday during their lunch time. You don't have to be a grandparent to be "grand." Retired? Not retired? If you have 30 minutes to spare each week we would love to have you be a part of this program. You can choose to read to kindergartners, first graders or if you have time, you can be a Grand Pal for both grades.

When: 11:00-11:30 (Kindergarten), 11:35-12:05 (1st grade) every Monday beginning September 9. When we don't have school on Monday, we have Grand Pals on Friday.

If you are not available every week, not a problem. We would still like to have you!

Please contact Tammy Cook at 227-2945, 227-5000 or email at tcook@smokyvalley.org

ECC Men's Ministry

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

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

Big thanks to all the men who knocked out the Elmwood Cemetery trimming for Memorial Day. The next Men's Encounter is September 6-8. 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. Willard Keding and Roy Rogers continue having bible study at 7:00 Saturday mornings in the church library.

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. -- James 1:19-20 (NIV)

Blessings to all ...

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

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.

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Tim Shaw, Guest Speaker Sunday, July 7, 6:30

"Where in the world is Qatar"? Tim Shaw will speak about his experiences as a falcon veterinarian in the Middle East. We will meet in the Church Library at 6:30.

Desserts are needed. Sign-up sheet is at the Information Table.

Road Trips Planned

- The Hutchinson Salt Mine Saturday, August 31
- Concordia Saturday, October 12

Planning Meeting - 10:00, Thursday, June 27, Room 117

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.

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Missions Reports

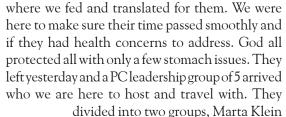
From Paul & Sheryl Noren

Paul and I returned to our Congo home in mid March after our 5 months in Cameroon. Since we returned we have only spent about 10 days in our home. With Peter and Cindy Ekstrand, and Tim and Helen still in the states for medical reasons, Paul and I have been busy with many

responsibilities beyond our own. We had an Emergency medical team here from PCP to do another block of teaching. I always especially like this group visit as we return to the Loko mission and hospital where we lived for over 20 years. It a small team that I enjoy translating and teaching with a small group of 4 nurses and 3 doctors to

better triage and treat patients. This year when we finished at Loko we traveled to a Karawa mission where we now live and work and helped one of the first group of doctors and nurses teach the first set of Medical emergency training at Karawa. Next spring they will return to teach the next level of training at Loko. After this team left Paul and I travel to again to meet with church leaders and visiting missionary David Stockamp to plan for the huge joint Free church and Covenant Pastor's Conference where there were around 4,000 Pastors and wives in attendance. We returned home after being home another 10 days for three days to do a little of our work before returning to Gemena for a week long conference which was a amazing! Beautiful singing, fellowship, teaching and witnessing God's love and faithfulness.

Next we help host a 10 person group of North Park seminary students and professors. Most of their time was spent in classes at the university seminary and staying the homes of their fellow Congolese students and professors. When they were not in the homes they stayed on the mission



with one group and Paul and I with the second. We will return to Karawa with our group for the week tomorrow and Marta and her group will join us in Karawa on Wed. Evening.

We have been extremely busy and as much as we can enjoy our visitors and helping them we look forward

to returning home to get back to our ministries full time until we have another two medical team and Serve Global leaders coming in August and Sept.

Please pray for us to be able to continue to have the strength, patience and wisdom of God to serve well.

PS. Marta has returned, Tim and Helen Smith returned about 10 days ago and later this week Peter and Cindy Ekstrand. Big answers to our prayers. Thank you for your prayers.

Missions Interest Group

Tuesday, July 16 2:00 p.m.

Church Library

Kathy Lindgren, Hostess Doris Swenson, Devotions

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Norman and Kathy Peterson

21 Erik and Amanda Peterson

Russ and Jamie Weibert

20 Jennifer Huffman

Magnus Peterson

Gracie Lott

23 Donna Elvin

24 Craig Olsen

25 Colt Ahlenius

Janet Bowden

Tyler Yelton

- 1 Mark and Susan Goss
- 2 Robert Ahlstedt Stephen Peterson
- Kajsa Peterson 3 Sam Diederich
- Jeremy & Jaime Elseth 5 Trae Yelton
- Chris & Dolores Stevens
- 6 Cynthia Power
- 8 LindaMay Rogers9 Kendal Peterson
- Chris Rocco 10 Laura Peterson
- 13 Fannie Olsen Cameron Rodgers
- 14 Tate Nurnberg Neill Walker
- 15 Karen Blanchat David and Marla Peterson
- Vince Rocco 16 Brad Pywell
- 10 Brad Pywe
- 17 Deb Fricke Janice Loring Rande Repp Mary Frye
- 18 Al Ray Bret Sauvage
- 19 Malina Anderson Sarah Shultz

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- 26 Danielle Rodgers
 - Clarence Davis
- 27 Stone Nichols Kathy Cooper
- 28 Justin and Rachelle Grimmett Evan Potter
 - Jeff and Julie Waugh
- 29 Brian and Dana Bowman Nancy Galloway
- 30 Amanda Schwindt
- 31 Jeff Garretson
 - Richard Schmidt

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



This Is Sunday Night For July

- 7th 55+ Tim Shaw, Speaker, 6:30
- 21st *Hospitality Night* (no service planned at church, but you are encouraged to use this evening for your own hospitality ministry)
- 28th Praise & Prayer Fellowship, 5:30





From Edson, Miss Cooper's Student

Thank you for helping Ms. Cooper (Andrea) be a part of Taylor Christian School. She is a very kind and funny teacher! Thank you!

From Jerry & Kathy Cooper

We want to thank you for all your kindness in attending our 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration at the church, and the cards given in recognition of our anniversary. We thank the Lord for all He has given us through the years, and what you have shared with us as a church family!!

Summer Lunch Program Through August 14

The Free Summer Lunch Program will continue through August 14. 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. This program is sponsored by the USDA which is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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. We will start making appointments the end of July. As always, there will be no

will be given that opportunity.

Bulletin Board

obligation or pressure to purchase but you

Please let the office know of any changes to your contact information.

Note the following changes on your church directory:

• Hart, Edragene, use 227-4250

Newsletter Deadline July 15

The Alpha Course

The Alpha Course is a practical introduction to the Christian faith. For some people, it's a first ever introduction to the person of Jesus. For others, it's a great review of those all-important basics of the faith.

It's also a great opportunity to invite a friend, a neighbor or co-worker to come along and join you for the course. Pray for who you will invite.

Tuesday Nights, September 3-November 19, 2019 When:

Where: Lindsborg Covenant Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	We dne sday	Thursday	Frid ay	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	9
		5:30 Faith Works Min 7:00 Women's Bible Study 8:00 Station Bible Study	6:30 Bible Study	Office Closed	Open for Garage Sale Donations	7:00 Men's Prayer 7:00 Garage Sale
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July 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.

PASTOR DARRELL & FAMILY as they leave on sabbatical

C.E. BOARD

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

STAFF

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

- OUR COUNTRY AND ITS LEADERS
- 5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper, Pastor Jeremy Elseth, Craig Lofton, Daniel Rauchholz, Sharon Vajgrt, Vince Rocco
 - YOUTH FUNDRAISER Preparations for Missions Trip
- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES Don Blanchat, Alan Carlson, Pastor Darrell & Kate Cooper, Steve Borell, Neill Walker, Kurt Krehbiel, Micki Swenson
- **CHURCH BOARD** Pray for church board meeting

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

- COVENANT CEDARS & KIDS CAMP Drivers, campers, directors, counselors, safety throughout, life-long decisions to follow Christ
- 10 COVENANT WOMEN MINISTRIES Leadership Committee: Suzanna Swenson, Treasurer Pam Kellogg, Debbie Johnson, Abby Hinman, Marla Peterson, Micki Swenson
- 11 55+ MINISTRY Debbie Johnson, Ruth Ann Leaf, Coordinators
 - **DIACONATE** Reva Esh, Vince Rocco, Nick Blanchat, Neill Walker, Suzanna Swenson, David Peterson, Russ Weibert, Diane Reece
- 13 MEN'S MINISTRY Brian Bowman, Coordinator
 - SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS 2 YRS - KINDERGARTEN Hannah & Hank Kummer, Lynette DeVore, Mary Pywell, Amanda Houghton, Joe Vajgrt, Bruce Peterson, Craig & Fannie Olsen

- 15 SCRIPTURE READERS/USHERS
- 16 MISSIONS INTEREST GROUP Co-Chairmen Dolores Stevens & Kathy Lindgren, Secretary/Treasurer Mary Ann Johnson
- 17 WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE Pastor Jeff, Pastor Darrell, Melinda Hansen, Caren Ebling, Judy Pilewski, Sharon Schrag, Vivian Blanchat
- 18 BETHANY HOME MINISTRY
- 19 MIDWEST CONFERENCE STAFF
- 20 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Nursery & Children's Church teachers & helpers, Kristen Carlson, Nursery Coordinator
- 21 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

22 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

23 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

- 24 CAREGIVERS
- 25 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

- 26 TRUSTEE BOARD Daniel Rauchholz, Craig Lofton, Jim Christopher, Steve Hansen, Brad Pywell, Chad Sauvage
- 27 SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS GRADES 7-12 Jodi Duncan, Chad Sauvage, Vivian Blanchat Pastor Jeremy & Jaime Elseth, Shelly Carlson, Clark Shultz

- 28 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING God's vision, our obedience
- 29 ALPHA COURSE PREPARATIONS Deepening faith and outreach for Christ
 - 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
- 31 STEPMC

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Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. James 4:10