

# November 2019

# Life Together

# Lindsborg Covenant Church

# Message from Pastor Darrell

For centuries now, beginning perhaps with St. Augustine in the fourth century, Christian theologians and teachers have asserted that there is a mother sin that gives birth to all our other sins: pride. Pride was the very first sin and the downfall of Lucifer (see Isaiah 14:12-14). Pride was also the very first human sin and the downfall of Adam and Eve (see Gen 3:4-6). And with a little careful reflection it is not hard to see how pride lay beneath and behind most of the sin stories in the Bible.

Pride is the root of our problem. But what is it, exactly? Well, in essence, pride is a preoccupation with self. I think about myself. I talk about myself. I defend myself, promote myself, and generally engage in activities that have various degrees of self-interest. It can manifest itself either as rank arrogance ("I am always the smartest person in the room.") or low self-esteem ("I am a pathetic excuse for a human being."), but either way, if I am preoccupied with myself, I am caught in the trap of pride.

How do we extricate ourselves from this trap? What is the antidote? If I try to think "humble thoughts" about myself, I will either succeed or fail. If I succeed, I may become proud of my humility. If I fail, I may berate myself for my miserable

condition. Either way, I am still consumed with me. If anything, trying to be humble only exacerbates my pride.

So what are we to do? I want to suggest an antidote that might at first seem odd, if not counter intuitive: thanksgiving. I am not talking about the holiday, because ironically, we have somehow managed to turn the fourth Thursday in November (and the following Friday) into a frenzy of preoccupation with self. I am talking about expressing our gratitude to God.

Our culture tends to think about giving thanks as a way of being polite. When the nice lady at the bank gives our child a piece of candy we prompt them to say, "Thank you." When Aunt Jane gives our children hand-knit sweaters for Christmas, we make them sit down and write thank-you notes. Giving thanks is a courtesy in our culture, a way of being polite. And indeed, isn't it much more pleasant to serve a grateful person than an entitled and selfish one? But what if giving thanks is more important, and more powerful, than that.

The Bible makes a big deal about being thankful to God. I counted nearly 150 references to it

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# Sunday, December 15, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas is coming!

Children K-6th grade are invited to be a part of this year's Christmas program, Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Practices for grades 2-6 will be:
Wednesday, November 27, 6:30 p.m.
December 4 at 6:30 p.m.
Practices for grades K-6 will be:
Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 14, 6:00 p.m.

Watch for more details to come!



#### I AM...

3rd The Way, The Truth, and the Life John 14: 1-14

10th *The Door* John 10 : 1-10

17th The Good Shepherd John 10: 11-18

24th The Resurrection & Life John 11: 17-27

#### ▶ Pastor Darrell (cont)

throughout Scripture. But I think God is after more than civility, politeness, or even kindness. I think He is after our purity. I think gratitude is an antidote for pride.

Consider this: when we stop to think about specific ways God has blessed us, and then we express our gratitude to Him for those things, it not only reminds us that we are not the author of our own life or the source of our own blessings, but it pulls us out of ourselves. Our focus shifts from me to He. (I know, that is grammatically incorrect, but it rhymes.)

Humility is a fruit of the Spirit, so we cannot make ourselves humble by direct effort. But we can cultivate humility by practicing gratitude. When we say "Thanks" to God we begin to drain the swamp of pride in our hearts. We shift our attention away from ourselves to our Creator. Now we are gazing on the One who is good, pleasing, and perfect. And the longer we look at Him, and the more we adore and delight in Him, the more like Him we become. And in this way, gratitude becomes an indirect antidote to pride.

So, perhaps thanksgiving is underrated. Instead of thinking of it as a courtesy, maybe we should think of it as a cleansing agent, powerful enough to purge us of the mother of all other sins. Doesn't that lend a little more substance to the phrase "Happy Thanksgiving!"?

# **Board Bits**

### From Monday, October 7, Meeting

- ▶ Some painting and repairs will soon be done on the sanctuary building and bell tower.
- ► The past few months the Board has been doing some analysis on our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

# Thanksgiving

# Church Family Thanksgiving Worship and Dinner

e invite you to stay for the Thanksgiving
Dinner and fellowship with our church
family at noon in the Multipurpose Room. We
will have a combined morning worship service at 10:55
which will have special emphasis on thanksgiving to God
as we bring our offerings for Covenant World Relief.

What's Provided: The catered meal will include turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, rolls and butter. Table service is also provided.

**Please bring:** We ask that you bring a generous portion of salad or dessert based on the first letter of your last name.

# Sunday, November 24

9:30.....Sunday School

10:55 .....Combined Worship

Noon.....Thanksgiving
Dinner

L - Z .... Dessert A - K ..... Salad

Note: We encourage all guests who attend church on this Sunday to stay for dinner even if they have not planned to stay or have not brought anything to share. As you make plans for this dinner, please keep in mind that we are sharing our food and hospitality with extra guests as well as our own families. Your generosity is appreciated. We have special seating arrangements for those who may need help. There is plenty of seating. There will be an opportunity to contribute towards the meal to defray catering costs.

# Community Worship Service, Sunday, November 24, 7:00 p.m.

he annual Community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by T.A.C.O.L. (The Associated Churches of Lindsborg) will be held at our church, Sunday evening, November 24, at 7 p.m. An offering will be taken to help support the Christmas Food Basket project. Refreshments will be served following the service.



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

# Offerfest Family Game Night

Sunday, November 3, 6:30 p.m.

Offerfest Family Game Night is November 3rd from 6:30-8! The whole family is invited. Sign up at the information table to bring a gift basket for a silent auction, a purse for Mt. Hope Sanctuary, and/or a dessert to share.

If you would like to bring a gently used or new purse, we encourage families to fill it with small items (kleenex, gum, gift cards, chap-stick, pens,etc).

If you would like to donate a themed gift basket for the silent auction, you can drop it off in the C.E. room by Sunday, November 3 (by 12pm). Ideas for the gifts baskets will be on the information table.

# Thanksgiving Meal Hospitality



When it comes to meals, Thanksgiving is a rich time to be with family and friends. The food is always good and the fellowship is refreshing. Our church family meal is November 24th.

Please consider serving. This is the biggest meal we serve. We will need at least 25 helpers. We will staff both the multipurpose room and the library.

A sign up sheet will be in hospitality room starting November 3rd.

Please consider serving! Thank you, Carolyn Kejr 785-212-0492

# **Painting Party**

Thursday, November 14, 6:30 p.m.

Shenanigans Painting event on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6:30 pm! You choose a custom wood design and a template will be made for you. This is great for all skill levels! Paint something for yourself or get a head start on Christmas gifts!

You must choose your design and register to attend. Find the registration form on the Covenant Women Facebook page. We will also have a sign up table in the Foyer on November 3 between church services. Come check out some of the designs and register for this fun event! Questions contact Abby Hinman at abbylhinman@gmail. com or (785) 212-0702.

# Heart to Heart

Mentoring Ministry

The mentoring ministry, Heart to Heart, is off to a great start! We have 21 people paired and 3 more waiting for partners! Let Suzanna Swenson or a Covenant Women's team member know if you would like to join.

Mentorship Ministry Christmas Tea, December 1. Contact Suzanna Swenson for details. (785-212-9074)

### St. Lucia Brunch

Saturday, December 7, 9:00 a.m.

Mark your calendars to start your Christmas season with a festive St. Lucia brunch.



Thanksgiving is right around the corner and what better way to pregame the Thanksgiving feast than to join our pastors on November 8 for Pastor Appreciation at the Kansas Buffet Company in Salina, KS! We will be hosting our pastors and continue this fine tradition. Those that would like to carpool will depart from the church by 5:30 p.m. and others will meet at the restaurant by 6:00, if you are late no biggie. Come when you can. The Kansas Buffet Company address is 2351 S 9th Salina, KS 67401.

There are two upcoming Men's Encounters; November 8-10 and January 30 through February 1. 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. In addition, Willard Keding and Roy Rogers continue having Bible study at 7:00 Saturday mornings in the church library.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with Joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with Thanksgiving and His Courts with Praise; give thanks to Him and Praise His Name. For the LORD is good and His Love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

-- Psalm 100:1-5 (NIV)

Blessings to all...

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



### A College Aged Community of Lindsborg

November 10, Meal at 7:30, then a study of *I Am* the Way, The Truth, and The Life.

All college aged kids are invited to come.

# HIS Kids November

November

HIS Kids will meet the first three Wednesdays in

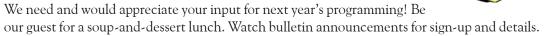
November, with the 20th being the final meeting before Thanksgiving and Christmas break. Sessions will resume January 8.



### 2 Events!

# **Annual Planning**

Sunday, November 7, 12:00



Note: The Committee provides all the food; therefore, it is imperative for you to sign up at the Information Table so we'll know you're coming. We don't want anyone to go away hungry! Even if you always attend, please sign up anyway.

Have you wondered, "Where is this famous 'Information Table' located"?

The Information Table is located at the southeast building entrance, coming from the parking lot.

# Speaker John Waage

Sunday, November 17, 3:00 - Note!

John Waage is senior editor with CBN News and has worked at the Christian Broadcasting Network for most of the last 40 years. His specialty is covering Israel and the Middle East as well as US and Israeli elections. His work has taken him to 34 countries and all 50 US states. Today he lives in Lindsborg and works part-time with CBN News.

Desserts are needed. Please sign up at the Information Table if you can provide one of these items.

## Looking ahead to December:

For the Gift Exchange, we encourage people to shop at the TACOL Thrift Store (509 E. Swensson). Limit: \$2 gift. Wrapping paper should be newspaper or paper bag.

#### **Next Month:**

- Chili and Gift Exchange Sunday Noon, December 8, 12:00
- TACOL Christmas Box Wrapping Monday, December 10, 12:00

Planning Meeting - 10:00 Thursday, November 7 Room 117

### Christmas Charities

### Angel Tree Gift Tree for Children

Residents of Lindsborg will have an opportunity to help local children celebrate Christmas. Angel tags with information about these children's needs are placed on trees in the local banks and will be available starting November 20. Simply pick an angel tag from the tree, write your name on a card

at the bank, purchase a new gift (at least \$20), wrap the present, and return the gift to the bank where you originally picked the angel tag. Gifts **must** be returned by Friday, December 6.



Bethany Home is asking for Christmas gifts again this year. The Christmas party will be held Thursday, December 12. They would like each church to donate 20 gifts and 10 dozen cookies. They do not want us to wrap the gifts. There is a sign up sheet on the Information Table along with a list of suggested gifts. We would like the gifts by November 24. The cookies can be brought either to the church or directly to Bethany Home. If you bring to Bethany Home, please put them on the table in the kitchen south of the Activity Room. The kitchen is on the east side of the hall. Thank you all so much for all of the help you give Bethany Home. They truly appreciate it. If you have any questions, you can call Carol Duerksen at 227-2113.

### **Community Christmas Baskets**

Members of the community are collecting nonperishable foods and paper products. The Covenant Church has been asked to be responsible for canned meat, (chicken, tuna, chili, stew) hamburger helper, children's tooth past and brushes, shampoo, deodorant, peanut butter, cereal, all sizes children's socks. There is a collection box at the Information Table for our contributions. Deadline is December 9.

Monetary donations are welcome also. Checks may be made payable to TACOL with a memo "Christmas Baskets" and left in the church office.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

It's that time of year again! Shoeboxes are available in the Hospitality Room and need to be returned to the church

by Saturday, November 16. Information regarding a possible packing party will be shared soon. Donations for postage are also welcome.

If you are personally packing your own box/boxes and wish to track their destination, please do the following. Each shoebox needs a \$9 donation to provide for collecting, processing, shipping and other project costs. If you make this donation online, you can follow your box and receive a tracking label. Attach the label to the shoebox and use the look-up tool to find out the country where your box will be delivered with the message of Christ's love.

Thank you for your participation in helping those in need and sharing the hope of the Gospel!

# November Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Jesse Diederich (in memory)
- 2 Marla Peterson
- 4 Brian Adolf
- 5 Kandis Crawford BrookeAnna Peterson Julie McLaughlin
- 6 Kent Ebling Steven and Barbara Boca Swanson
- 7 Martha Hett
- 8 Michelle Adolf Lois Baker Jody Heizelman Lacey Nichols
- 10 Judah Cooper Dave Duncan Kalli Weibert
- 11 Samantha Schwindt
- 13 Samuel Peterson Copper Nichols
- 14 Jim Huber
  Brett Nurnberg
- 15 Greg Power
  Matt & Carrie Ahlenius
- 16 Susan Achenbach Meagan De Vore
- 17 Kelli Bowles
- 18 David and Kim Yenni Eisley Nichols Porter Rathlef
- 19 Dee Johnson

- 20 Aspen Baldwin-Turner
- 21 Penny Rauchholz Julie Waugh
- 22 Darrell Cooper Philip & Abby Hinman Elsie Potter Sarah Repp
- 23 Erik Peterson
- 25 Christian Hansen Ben Weldy
- 26 John and Reva Esh Corynn Heizelman Warren & Marilyn Hett

- 27 Mark and Stacey Lott John Van Der Wege
- 28 John Reece Kathy Tolbert
- 29 Avery Ahlstedt Anastasia Cooper
- 29 Bill Nelson
- 30 Patrick Crawford Walden Peterson

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

Thanks!



# This Is Sunday Night

For November, 6:30

- 3rd Offerfest Family Game Night
- 10th The Station (7:00)
- 17th Praise & Prayer Fellowship
- 24th TACOL Thanksgiving Service, here at 7:00

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# From Covenant Kids Camp, Pastor Dwight Diller

On behalf of our Covenant Kids Camp committee, I want to thank you for your continued financial support and prayers for our week of camp at Rock Springs. We appreciate your generosity. Your giving helps keep the cost lower for the camper families. God bless you!

# Missions Interest Group

Tuesday, November 19 2:00 p.m.

Church Library

Dolores Stevens, Hostess Kathy Lindgren, Devotions

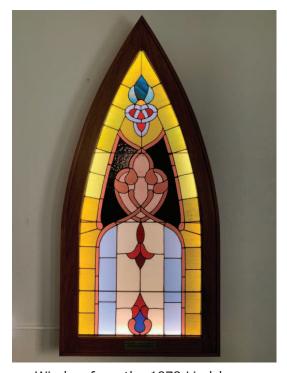


Please join us for a bridal shower honoring Christine Shaw, bride-to-be of Joshua Johannsen.

Saturday, December 14,

9:00 a.m.
in the Church Library

They are registered at Lowe's & Cooks Nook in McPherson



Window from the 1878 Lindsborg
Covenant "Onion Dome" Church
Window donated by Jim & Sheila Malm &
Anton Pearson
Restored with memorial funds in memory of
Gretchen Peterson
Frame & light box by Craig Olsen
Dedicated to the Glory of God
October 20, 2019



Please note the following changes on your church directory:

• Roberts, Ralph & Martha, 402 S Main, Lindsborg

Please keep us updated with changes in your contact information.

Newsletter Deadline Wednesday, November 13

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nove	No ve m be r 2019	2019			1	2 7:00 Men's Prayer Set Clocks Backl
3 8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship 6:30 Offerfest Family Game Night	4 7:00 Ind. Boards 8:15 Church Bd	5 6:00 Alpha	6 9:15 Women's Bible 5:00 Children's Choir 6:00 Supper 6:15 Jr Hi Youth 6:30 HIS Kids 6:30 Bible Study 7:40 Sanctuary Chr 7:45 Sr High Youth	7 10:00 55+ Planning 2:30 Bethany Hm Coffee	8	9 7:00 Men's Prayer 9:00 Confirmation
8:00 Worship 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Worship 12:00 55+ Annual Planning 7:00 The Station	11 Newsletter Deadline	12 6:00 Alpha	13 5:00 Children's Choir 6:00 Supper 6:15 Jr Hi Youth 6:30 HIS Kids 6:30 Bible Study 7:40 Sanctuary Chr 7:45 Sr High Youth	14 2:30 Bethany Hm Coffee 6:30 CWM Painting Party	15	16 7:00 Men's Prayer
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24 9:30 Bible Classes 10:55 Combined Worship 12:00 Dinner 7:00 TACOL Service	25	26	27 6:30 Christmas Prog Practice	28 Happy Thanksgiving!	29	30 7:00 Men's Prayer



# NOVEMBER 2019 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.

#### ALPHA COURSE

Deepening faith and outreach for Christ

#### 2 CAREGIVERS

#### 3 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

#### 4 HIS KIDS STAFF

Emily Power, Ed & Jane Radatz, John & Reva Esh, BrookeAnna Peterson, Kristi Peterson, Hannah Kummer, Julie Waugh, Pam Kellogg, Vivian Blanchat, Sarah Lohrey, Pastor Jeff Waugh, Calvin Carlson, Dana Bowman, Mikaela Carlson, Sharon Vajgrt, Nancy Bolden, Jacob Rathlef, Martha Hett, Kalli Weibert, Eli & Veronika Waugh, Stacey Lott, Kristen Carlson, Kate Cooper, Barb Wilson, Pat Weibert, Russ & Jamie Weibert, Mike & LoRita Doherty, Heidi Loomis, Delores Stevens, Sharon Harrell, Caren Ebling, Jennifer Ebling, Tracy Repp

#### 5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper, Pastor Jeremy Elseth, Craig Lofton, Daniel Rauchholz, Sharon Vaigrt, Vince Rocco

#### 6 DIACONATE

Reva Esh, Vince Rocco, Nick Blanchat, Neill Walker, Suzanna Swenson, David Peterson, Russ Weibert, Diane Reece

#### 7 CHURCH BOARD

Pray for church board meeting

#### 8 MEN'S MINISTRY / MEN'S ENCOUNTER

#### 9 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

#### 10 MIDWEST CONFERENCE STAFF

#### 11 JR & SR HIGH YOUTH GROUPS

Pastor Jeremy & Jaime Elseth, Olivia Garretson, Breanna Call, Jodi Duncan, Karen Blanchat, Brian Bowman, Brian Eyer, Steve Hansen, Luke Garretson, Caleb Shaw, Nate & Elizabeth Butterfield, Nathan Peterson, Ashley Losey

#### 12 55+ MINISTRY

Debbie Johnson, Ruth Ann Leaf, Coordinators

#### 13 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Kepple Adolf, Maggie Adolf, Jamie Bean, Katja Blanchat, Ki Blanchat, Immanuel Cooper, Raina Decker, Hope Duncan, Jordyn Elseth, Brayden Eyer, Isaac Garretson, Keziah Grimmett, Levi Grimmett, Kiara Heizelman, Matthew Krehbiel, Madelyn Mauk, Samuel Peterson, Corbin Pywell, Chloe Willis, Micah Willis

#### 14 SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS GRADES 7-12

Martha Roberts, Brian & Michelle Adolf, Chad Sauvage, Steve Hansen, Pastor Jeremy, Clark Shultz

#### 15 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery & Children's Church teachers & helpers, Kristen Carlson, Nursery Coordinator

#### 16 STAFF

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

#### 17 MISSIONS INTEREST GROUP

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

#### 18 WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

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

#### 19 BETHANY HOME MINISTRY

#### 20 MISSIONARIES

Paul & Sheryl Noren, C.A.R. and Congo Cheryll Anderson Clark, Christian Ed., Ecuador Steve & Barbara Swanson, Mosaics Project, Sweden Dale Lusk, Covenant Merge Ministries Roy & Joi Christians, Andrea Cooper, Bob & Carolyn Easley, Julie McLaughlin, Kara Peterson, Sarah Shultz

#### 21 OUR COUNTRY AND ITS LEADERS

#### 22 COVENANT WOMEN MINISTRIES

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

#### 23 STEPMC

#### 24 SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS 2 YRS - KINDERGARTEN

Rachelle Grimmett, Lynette De Vore, Mary Pywell, Fannie Olsen, Hannah Kimmer, Bruce Peterson, Ruth Houghton, Nancy Walker

# 25 SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS GRADES 1-6

Kathy Peterson, Kristi Peterson, Keith Swenson, Joshua Johannsen, Marla Peterson, Jeff Garretson, Kathy Cooper, Stacey Lott, Kendal & Caelan Peterson, Cheryl Spare Amanda Houghton

#### 26 WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

#### 27 TRUSTEE BOARD

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

#### C.E. BOARD

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

#### 28 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

#### 29 SMALL GROUP LEADERS

Willard Keding, Pastor Darrell, Harris Terry, Pastor Jeff, Lori Shultz, Dolores Stevens, Keith Swenson, Pete Duerksen, Roy Rogers, Jerry Cooper

#### 30 THE STATION

Kendal & Caelan Peterson, Leaders

