



“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:12)

The main purpose of Daylight Saving Time is to make better use of daylight. We change our clocks during the summer months to move an hour of daylight from the morning to the evening so we can be more productive. Daylights Saving Time is an attempt to make the best use of our time and of our day.

Whether you think Daylights Savings Time is a good use of daylight or not, the motive behind it is good. Making good use of our days is something God calls us to do throughout the Bible.

In Ephesians 5:15-16 God says, “Be very careful, then, how you live - not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” God is calling us here to make good use of our time. This passage tells us that a wise person takes every chance to live for God and give Him glory.

One easy way to use our time wisely - to make the most of every opportunity - is to always be ready to tell others what God has done for you. It doesn't have to be a long testimony. In fact, usually, the shorter the better. Something like, "I'm thankful that God gave me the strength to get through that problem." Or, "I didn't know what to do, and so I prayed, and God showed me what to do."

If you make the most of even those little opportunities in life, you will be living like a wise person even if you catnap through my sermon March 8th.

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Adult Forum

March 1, 9:30 a.m.
Adults meet in the
Sanctuary

New Adult Sunday School classes
will be introduced

Results

January 26, 2020
Congregational Meeting



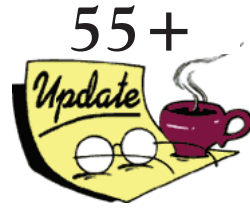
Kade Blanchat was accepted as a new member. Kendal & Caelan Peterson were affirmed as our delegates to the Midwest Conference Annual Meeting. New Nominating Committee members are Steve Bowersox and Brad Carlson.

Board Bits

From Monday, February 3, Meeting

- David Johnsen was approved to fill the vacancy on the CE Board.

55+ Noon Potluck Sunday, March 22 12:00



Does it seem like forever since we've had a potluck? It has been!! Plan on staying for the meal after church March 22.

Make your favorite recipe to share or . . .

If you don't cook, let Scott's do it for you! Here's a list of possibilities, any of which would be most welcome.

Jar of Pickles or Fried Chicken
Bag of Salad and/or salad Dressing
Ham Salad and a loaf of Bread
Vegetables packaged with vegetable dip
Potato Chips or box of Crackers
Package of sliced Cheese
Ice Cream or prepared Pie
Cinnamon Rolls

If you remember, please bring your own table service. It makes clean-up much simpler; however, if someone should forget, we'll cover for you!

Looking ahead: April Noon Another
Potluck!

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Planning Meeting - 10:00
Thursday, March 19
Room 117

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

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

Thanks!



Daylight Savings
Begins March 8

Spring Ahead

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This Is Sunday Night For March

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| 1st | The Station, 8:00 in the Library |
| 15th | The Station, 8:00 in the Library |
| 29th | Confirmation Celebration, 6:30 |

Missions Reports

From Julie McLaughlin

I've spent about 5 weeks in Kona, which if you know me, you know that's a pretty long time. There have been key meetings, planning for the future, sushi nights with friends, and lots of Monopoly Deal.

Now, it's time to get ready to travel again. My first stop is New Zealand for some meetings for m/v YWAM KOHA. Next stop will be Solomon Islands. I'm not sure how long it will take, but will be working on the finalizing of our invitation from the Government. Please pray for safety on my trip and provision for all my flights. I'm booked as far as Auckland.

I was able to make it back to Kona for remembering the loss of our friend, Aaron Bremner. We were able to have his family out with us and it was a special time together.

One of my jobs is the Advance work for our vessels that are taking medical care and the Gospel out to the islands of the Pacific. We partner with the local authorities to do this, and much of this work is what I do.

This was my first Christmas in Kansas in about 8 years. I crocheted my rocket scientist brother a Saturn 5 rocket while I was traveling and got to give it to him.

Missions Interest Group
Tuesday, March 17
2:00 p.m.
Church Library
Marilyn Hett
Hostess & Devotions



Pray for Missions

From Paul & Sheryl Noren

We are in Cameroon now and have just enjoyed celebrating Christmas with Ron, and Janet Z. along with other friends. These days with Ron and Janet have been a blessing. We have been able to step away from our Congo ministries, talk with friends, worship in English, and catch up on rest, and computer work. Our plan is to after the New Year take off east towards CAR to visit Gamboula and check up on the ministries on going there after Roy and Aleta, (They are in South Africa) and to visit our dear Fulani friends here in Cameroon. We will be staying in their village to encourage, work, share and do

some teaching. We go in anticipation of seeing how God has used these believers to reach out to other Fulani and Muslims in the area. Each year as we visit, we are amazed at their commitment to reach their own people and to educate their children in God's word as well as allow the children to attend public schools. These friends are often daily facing some sort of persecution but at the same time gaining respect and a chance to share as they live surrounded by non-believers. The gardens that Paul encouraged the believers to start with including the non-Christians has been a success to build the gap between the Jesus followers and non-believers. I hope to do some health and family classes to the group. What is exciting is that the fathers come as well as the mothers so there is no need for the women to have to go home and explain to their husbands what we are talking about. The men seem just as concerned as how to raise healthy Jesus believing children.



Summer is coming!

Summer Sunday School recruitment will be happening before we know it!

Please be covering our children's Sunday School classes in prayer--all year--but especially now as I am preparing to find teachers and helpers for our Summer quarter.

The summer quarter runs June 7 through August 30. I always ask our current teachers and helpers first, but most are ready for a change or a summer break themselves.

If you would like to volunteer as a teacher or helper over the summer, please let me know!

If your schedule is a bit crazy over the summer, but you'd still like to help, consider being a substitute teacher/helper.

I'm available to visit with you concerning all things Sunday School! Call/text 785-906-0480. Face to face is good too--especially over coffee. ;)

Diane Reece



Sunday, March 1 & 15 @ 8:00 p.m.

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



Junior and Senior High Camp
Covenant Cedars, Nebraska

Junior High Camp July 5-10
For those entering grades 7 and 8 (fall 2020)
Cost: \$375 (\$340 if registered by April 1)
Senior High Camp July 12-17
For those entering grades 9-12 (fall 2020)
Cost: \$370 (\$335 if registered by April 1)

Registration forms are on the Information Table. Direct questions to Jim Christopher, Camp Coordinator 785-668-2477. Please turn your registration and deposit into the office so we can plan for transportation needs.

Trailblazer and Explorer
Rock Springs, Junction City

Grades 3-4 (fall 2020) July 6-9
Grades 5-6 (fall 2020) July 6-10

Registration forms will be available soon. Check the Information Table. The registration fee includes transportation. If you have questions please contact Kathy Peterson or the church office.



Leadership Team: Suzanna Swenson, Abby Hinman, Marla Peterson,
Micki Swenson, Kristen Carlson, Elizabeth Butterfield, BrookeAnna Peterson

Ladies and...well, ladies! The women's ministry team is hard at work preparing for a year of fellowship, rest, and spiritual growth. We're going to kick off spring with a Spiritual Birthday Bash on March 26 at 7:00pm. We'll meet at Kris Carlson's house (124 S Pine) for some coffee and cake. Come meet with other women as we share and celebrate where our walks with the Lord began.



Mark your calendars in April for a group hike on the 18th and our ever popular Salad Supper on the 28th (details to come). Now would be a good time to start planning ahead for our Women's Retreat on September 18-20 in Rock Springs. It's going to be a fun year!



Imagery in The St. Matthew Passion

On Sunday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m., a presentation of Imagery in The St. Matthew Passion by J. S. Bach will be given in Salina at 1st Covenant Church, 2625 East Magnolia. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall which is just inside the main 8-door entrance on the east side. Visual and audio examples developed by Ruth Ann Leaf provide some tools to assist in the understanding and appreciation of this great work.

Taken directly out of Matthew 26 and 27, the Passion begins two days before Passover and concludes with Jesus' burial on Good Friday. It incorporates Scripture word-for-word, hymns (chorales), and special music (arias and choruses) to tell the Story. The presentation March 8 provides insight into some of the hidden devices that Bach used masterfully to craft the Message.

The St. Matthew Passion has been called one of western civilization's incomparable masterpieces. The musical complexity and deep spirituality of Bach's genius exert a profound impact on performers and audience alike. As a community we are greatly enriched by having it presented each year on Good Friday on the Bethany College campus in Presser Hall.



From Joan Norden

Thank you so very much for helping me move. I know it was a huge job, struggling with all the heavy things. I'm very grateful! I was deeply moved by this act of kindness. I believe God places people in our lives for all kinds of reasons. It was also to show me that good people still exist in our world, as well as restoring my faith. I'm hoping and praying this is where I belong. I think your church is amazing. Never seen so many Sunday school classes, very nice. I'm very excited about learning more about your church family. Thank you for welcoming in your church.



March

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| 1st | Matthew 4: 1-11 |
| 8th | John 3: 1-17, Matthew 17: 1-9 |
| 15th | John 4: 5-42 |
| 22nd | John 9: 1-41 |
| 29th | John 11: 1-45 |



Please note the following changes on your church directory:

- Johannsen, Joshua & Christine, 735 E Kansas, McPherson, married January 18
- Ebling, Kent, deceased 2-15-20

Newsletter Deadline
Monday, March 16



There will be no HIS Kids or Youth Group on March 18 due to Spring Break, and April 8 due to Holy Week.



MARCH 2020

PRAYER CALENDAR

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Moms In Touch: Call Julie Waugh (227-4470) for times/locations.

Men’s Prayer Group Saturday mornings at 7:00 in the Library.

Prayer Chain: To add urgent requests to the prayer chain or to participate, call the church office during the day (227-2447) or e-mail office@lindsborgcov.org. If you need it sent after hours text or call Kristen Carlson (227-5554). The Prayer Chain is intended for urgent prayer requests only. If a request is received that is not urgent it will be printed in the next weeks bulletin.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
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CHURCH BOARD
Pray for church board meeting
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STAFF
Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper, Pastor Jeremy Elseth, Kristen Carlson, Caren Ebling, Keith Swenson
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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
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BETHANY HOME MINISTRY
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CAREGIVERS
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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 Grimmert, Levi Grimmert, Kiara Heizelman, Matthew Krehbiel, Madelyn Mauk, Samuel Peterson, Corbin Pywell, Chloe Willis, Micah Willis
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS
2 YRS - KINDERGARTEN
Rachelle Grimmert, Monica Olsen, Pam Bowersox, Lynette DeVore, Mary Pywell, Fannie Olsen, Hannah Kummer, Bruce Peterson, Ruth Houghton, Nancy Walker
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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
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COVENANT WOMEN MINISTRIES
Leadership Committee: Suzanna Swenson, Abby Hinman, Marla Peterson, Micki Swenson, Kristen Carlson, Elizabeth Butterfield, BrookeAnna Peterson
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WEEKDAY CHURCH SCHOOL
Eileen Patrick & Stacey Lott, coordinators, and all their teachers
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C.E. BOARD
Fannie Olsen, Kurt Krehbiel, Kristi Peterson, Kathy Peterson, Kathy Tolbert
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DIACONATE
Nick Blanchat, Neill Walker, Suzanna Swenson, David Peterson, Russ Weibert, Diane Reece, Willard Keding, Faye Terry, Barb Wilson
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MEN’S MINISTRY / MEN’S ENCOUNTER

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THE STATION
Kendal & Caelan Peterson, Leaders
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CHILDREN’S MINISTRY
Nursery & Children’s Church teachers & helpers, Kristen Carlson, Nursery Coordinator
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MISSIONS INTEREST GROUP
Co-Chairmen Dolores Stevens & Kathy Lindgren, Secretary/Treasurer Mary Ann Johnson
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WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE
Pastor Jeff, Pastor Darrell, Melinda Hansen, Caren Ebling, Judy Pilewski, Lisa Smith, Vivian Blanchat, Fannie Olsen
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55+ MINISTRY
Debbie Johnson, Ruth Ann Leaf, Coordinators
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WORSHIP LEADERS
Pastor Jeff, Pastor Darrell, Melinda Hansen, Cheryl Spare, Caren Ebling, Keith Swenson, Greg Peterson, Elijah Waugh, Micah Waugh, Children’s Choir - Chris Rocco, Amanda Houghton
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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
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MIDWEST CONFERENCE STAFF
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OUR COUNTRY AND ITS LEADERS
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SMALL GROUP LEADERS
Willard Keding, Pastor Darrell, Harris Terry, Pastor Jeff, Dolores Stevens, Keith Swenson, Pete Duerksen, Roy Rogers, Jerry Cooper
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HIS KIDS STAFF
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, 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
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Pastor Jeff Waugh, Pastor Darrell Cooper, Pastor Jeremy Elseth, Craig Lofton, Suzanna Swenson, Steve Hansen, Fannie Olsen
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TRUSTEE BOARD
Craig Lofton, Jim Christopher, Steve Hansen, Brad Pywell, Chad Sauvage, Dave Schrag
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS
GRADES 7-12
Martha Roberts, Brian & Michelle Adolf, Chad Sauvage, Steve Hansen, Pastor Jeremy, Jodi Duncan, Shelly Carlson
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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
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STEPMC
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MISSIONARIES
Paul & Sheryl Noren, C.A.R. and Congo Cheryl Anderson Clark, Christian Ed., Ecuador Steve & Barbara Swanson, Mosaics Project, Sweden Dale Lusk, Covenant Merge Ministries Roy & Joi Christians, Andrea Cooper, Bob & Carolyn Easley, Julie McLaughlin, Kara Peterson, Sarah Shultz

