



# Connection

*Mission Covenant Church*

*March 2021*

## **“Follow God’s Example”**

Ephesians 5:1-2 instructs us to “Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

The NASB version of the Bible in Ephesians 5:1 tells us to “Be imitators of God.” Think about that for a moment. This means imitating God’s example: following it to the letter, doing exactly what God does. We are to think what God thinks, do what God does, say what God says, care the way God cares. We are to imitate our heavenly Father just like children imitate their earthly parents. We are given the opportunity to grow up in our faith so that we look, act and sound like God.

In these verses, God is saying to His children, “I want you to continually shape your life in such a way that you are just like me”—so much so that you will actually resemble me in your attitudes, actions, appearance and communication. You should actually sound like me, talk like me, act like me, and think like me, more and more.

In these challenging times we find ourselves living in with all the political, racial, and social unrest, do you find yourselves imitating God in all your interactions with people? In all of your posts on social media? In your responses to the Covid-19 pandemic? How about all the demonstrations and protests on our city streets: are you hostile and judgmental toward these persons or are you trying to understand their grievances?

God’s invitation to us in these trying times, as the church, is for us to live a life of Love! Would people say of us that we are loving or opinionated? Loving or judgmental? Loving or arrogant? Loving or prideful? Loving or selfish?

Jesus said in John 13:35, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” This is the example we should all follow!

In Christ’s Love,  
Pastor Darrell L. Nelson

## The Armies of the Five Battles...(Really?? Another Lord of the Rings reference??)

I'm sorry, I can't help it. They're just such good movies! In the third and final adventures of the Hobbit, we come to the "Battle of the Five Armies." After Smaug is defeated, the **Dwarves** return and retake their mountain fortress. The world of **Men** has been gravely wounded and seeks assistance/recompense from the Dwarves and their vast recaptured wealth. Meanwhile the **Elves** have come to reclaim their treasures lost to Smaug, but the Dwarves stand in their way. Then, whilst the nations of the world fight against each other for power, preference and wealth, the real enemy amasses **two armies of Orcs** (evil brood of Sauron, who is a type of Satan) that descend suddenly on the entire group and now they (Men, Dwarves and Elves) must join forces to defeat the true enemy of evil together, or the world will be lost to evil!

It seems that in our world today, we spend too much time and effort struggling against each other when we should be fighting together against the father of lies (Satan and his demon Orcs)! Imagine what would happen if the world of humankind could come together and agree that God is God and we are all made in His image and are to be brothers and sisters, not enemies!? But sin-man's desire to be his own god and set his own rules-sin destroys the peace among us. In our (the worlds) selfishness, we focus on conquering rather than on surrendering. And the only way we can truly conquer is to surrender our hearts and lives to the King of Kings, King Jesus!

So instead of singling out Five Armies, how about we consider five battles to pray about together and consider our part in the needed healing and reconciliation?

### The Wars of the Nations

It is no surprise to God, and shouldn't be to us, that the Nations go to war! Jesus told His disciples that in the end days, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom (Matthew 24:7). But in the meantime, we also know God said all nations would be blessed through Abrahams Seed, the Messiah (Genesis 18:17-19)! God has a redemptive plan for all the nations, for those who will hear His voice:

- *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age"* (Mat 28:18-20).

The Gospel is the only path to peace for the nations!

### The Conflict of politics

Even inside our own nation we war against each other. The Red and Blue may have never been more divided in our nations' history than we are today! I believe there is only one truth that can unite us now, and His name is Jesus! And Jesus said;

- *"So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."* (Mat 22:21)
- *"My Kingdom is not of this world..."* (John 18:36)

The Psalmist wrote:

- *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..."* (Psalm 33:12)
- *"Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. (Psa 146:3)*

Paul wrote:

- *"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—<sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all people" (1 Timothy 2:1-6).*
- *"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, (Philippians 3:20)*

And:

- *Romans 13:1-7; Proverbs 14:34; Titus 3:9; Acts 5:29; Matthew 6:24;*
- *"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14)*

## The Battle of Racism

When we are all created equal, created in the Image of God (all of us together are the image of God, the Imago Dei) we should find strength in our diversity. Too often yet there is misunderstanding, tension, pain, conflict and injustice. We, the Church of Jesus Christ, must reflect God's love for the entire world (all the Ethnos) by living out His love in that way every day!

- *"...for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:27-28)*
- *"...**whoever** drinks the water I give them will never thirst" (John 4:14-Jesus talks to a Samaritan woman; consider also Luke 10:25-37 The Good Samaritan)*
- *"I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right" (Acts 10:34-35).*
- *"All nations will come and worship before You!" (Revelation 5:9; 7:9; 15:3-4 ).*

## The Fight for my soul (and yours, and theirs)

Our sinful nature, our flesh, leads us daily to the trough of self-fulfillment. It cries out to be god, to sit on the throne of our hearts. Yet the One and Only God, Jesus, calls out to us to let Him be on that throne. He reveals to us the Truth and the Life and the Way because that is what He is! And so there is a fight in our being; the flesh and the Spirit.

- *"So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:21-25)*
- *"Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul" (1 Peter 2:11).*
- *"The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:56-57).*
- *"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10)*

## The Combat of life

Some days it seems like grenades are being tossed all around us. There are so many things we just cannot control that bring pain, suffering, hardship and grief. Life sickness, loss of a loved one, Covid 19, political unrest, racial unrest, family unrest, work unrest... Where can we find rest??

- *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)*
- *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30)*

The Wars of the Nations: Make missions a priority for you and your family. Make disciples, teach them, and remember God is with us wherever we are!

The Conflict of politics: Put your trust in Jesus, the True King! Pray for our leaders and live a godly life. Name and confess the sins of our nation and seek God's face for mercy and healing.

The Battle of Racism: See everyone! See them through Jesus eyes! Pray and live for healing and reconciliation! Confess sin and take God's path to peace- Forgiveness!

The Fight for your soul: Give Jesus Christ full reign of your life! Give the throne back to Him, and daily surrender to His leading! Set your mind on things above...take every thought captive...confess your sin and receive God's forgiveness and healing!

The Combat of life: Partake of the Bread of Life; Walk in the Light of the world; Enter through the Gate; follow the Good Shepherd; believe in the Resurrection and the Life; place all of your hope in the Way, the Truth and the Life; and cling to the Vine for all your worth!! We can overcome in Christ, the Great I Am!

Bananas for Victory in Jesus, Pastor Carey



**MISSION KIDZ!**

**Mission Statement: "Partnering with families to help children discover Jesus and learn how to live for Him"**

### **Meet Itza!**

**Deyling, our World Vision child we have been sponsoring since 2012, has graduated from the World Vision program! Our children are collecting an offering to support our new World Vision Sponsored child from Nicaragua, Itza Jahaira Rivera Mercado.**

**Yearly Goal: \$500**

**Offering total so far for 2021: \$46.00**

**World Vision is a global Christian humanitarian organization. They partner with children, their families, and communities to help them reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. Jesus' love is always at the center of their mission.**

### **March Bible Lessons**

**The Last Supper**

**Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection**

**The Emmaus Disciples**

**Jesus Appeared to the Disciples**

World Vision



**Mission Kidz! is a ministry for children 6 weeks through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.**

Mission Kidz! will continue to be dismissed during the 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services for children ages 2 years old through the 4th grade. Our Large Group Leader will be meeting the children by the MMC doors to walk them down to the classrooms.

A nursery is provided during the 10:00 a.m. service for children ages 0-2. During the other services, parents are welcome to bring and watch their own children. Video of the services will be livestreamed into the Mom's room.

### **Prayer Request**

**As we begin a longer stretch of resurrection lessons leading up to Easter in April, pray that each child both on-line and in-person will understand and embrace the gift of salvation that Jesus, our living Savior, offers.**

# Financial Update

General Fund Actual Income through **Jan:** \$51,224  
General Fund Budgeted Income through **Jan:** \$57,351

General Fund Actual Expenses through **Jan:** \$38,340  
General Fund Budgeted Expenses through **Jan:** \$43,113

General Fund Actual Surplus through **Jan:** \$12,884  
General Fund Budgeted Surplus through **Jan:** \$14,238

Missions Fund Actual Income through **Jan:** \$5,549  
Missions Fund Budgeted Income through **Jan:** \$8,633



All men are invited to join us for an hour of Bible study and Christ-centered fellowship every Wednesday from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



## Adult Bible Class

Want to learn more?

Join us every other Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for our adult **Quest** Class taught by Pastor James.

Sign up by calling the Church Office.



### Wednesdays

Confirmation Classes: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

### Sundays

Confirmation Classes: 10:00 a.m.

### Youth Group, Wednesdays

Elevate, Grades 6-8: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Vertical, Grades 9-12: 6:15-8:15 p.m.



## Sally Richards Memorial Scholarship

Sally was a missionary with the Evangelical Covenant Church to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Zaire), where she worked as an accountant for a mission hospital. She also loved music and played trumpet in several bands. This Scholarship is set up by her family in her memory. The goal is to further the Lord's work, especially in overseas or cross-cultural missions. Applications and more information are in the Church office. The deadline for applying for this scholarship is April 1.



**Good News Club** is meeting again on **Wednesdays** from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the **Library** at Northwestern

Elementary School. Parents: **MAKE SURE** you have a note for your child's teacher that says they are to stay for Good News Club **EVERY** Wednesday. Children that don't have notes will not be allowed to stay, and no phone calls home can be made. We are looking forward to sharing Wednesdays with your child! Contact Jennifer Vik at 218-340-9059 if you have questions.

## March Sermon Schedule

March 7: "The Resurrection and The Life"  
*John 11:24-26*

March 14: "The Way, The Truth and The Life"  
*John 14:1-6*

March 21: "The Vine"  
*John 15:1-17*

March 25: "A Heart of Love"  
*John 3:16 (Palm Sunday)*

Live Stream Online and In Person

## MISSION KIDZ!

During the 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. service Mission Kidz! is offered for ages 2-4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Nursery is staffed for the 10:00 a.m. Service.



**Did you miss Mission Kidz!?**  
**No Worries...**

**A recorded session of Mission Kidz! is available online each week.**

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



## Easter Flowers to Honor and Remember



We are offering the opportunity for you to honor or remember a loved one by purchasing a plant that will be on display in the Multi-Ministry Center or Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Pick up an order form at the church entrances; you may drop off your completed order form at the church office before Friday, March 5.



## If: Table Via Zoom

Join us the first and third Mondays of the month from

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will have four questions for conversation, and no prep is necessary. The last session will be May 17. For questions and sign-up, contact Tracy Gaffke.

[TLGaffke@gmail.com](mailto:TLGaffke@gmail.com) | 218-640-0381

Join us for **PICKLEBALL** at Mission Covenant Church. This is an extension of our SAM Ministry, but all adults are invited to play. We have the equipment – so come out, join the fun and bring a friend!

We will play Monday & Wednesday  
from 9:00-11:00 a.m.



PRAYER  
REQUEST

The Search Committee for our Associate Pastor of Worship has started meeting to begin the process of finding our new Associate Pastor.

Please be in prayer with us as we are on this journey together.



The Women Ministries Board has elected to move Renewal in Alexandria Minnesota to March 25-26, 2022 instead of 2021.

## Sermon on the Mount

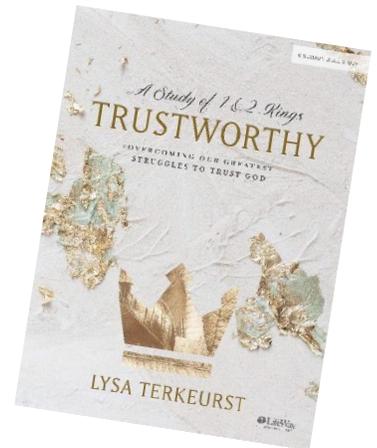
Morning Break  
**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesdays through March 9  
10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Watch Online: [missioncovenantchurch.org/events](https://missioncovenantchurch.org/events)  
Facebook Live  
or Join In-Person

WHAT'S  
NEXT?

Starting  
March 30



*A Study of 1 & 2 Kings*  
**TRUSTWORTHY**  
LYSA TERKEURST

Did you know we have 4 assistive listening devices available in the Sanctuary for use during worship services, Bible studies, concerts, meetings, etc. The headsets are first come first serve. Stop by the sound booth table for assistance.



GOOD  
FRIDAY



Easter Sunday

April 4

8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.

Good Friday  
April 2, 7:00 p.m.

HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

Save the Date

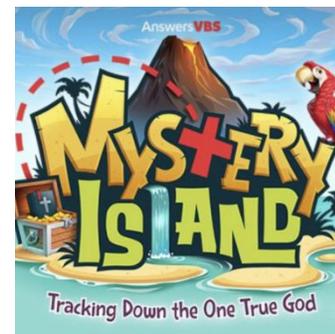


Family Camp

Covenant Park Bible Camp

July 30- August 1, 2021

Save the Date



Vacation Bible School

June 14 - 18, 2021



Camp Dates for 2021:

- June 27-July 1: Trailblazer (grades 4-6)
- July 7-9: Mini Camp (grades 2-4)
- July 11-16: JH/SH (grades 7-Grad)
- July 7,8,9: Day Camp (grades 1-3)
- July 18-23: JH (grades 7-9)
- July 25-30: SH (grades 10-Grad)
- August 2-4: Adventure Camp (grades 4-6)
- August 9-13: Backpacking Trip (grades 7-Grad)

CPBC Registration open!  
Early Bird discounts through May 1

Coupon Codes

- POP100 (\$100 off full-week camps)
- POPDAY (\$15 off day camp)
- POPMINI (\$50 off mini camp)
- POPADV (\$50 off adventure camp)

Other Covenant Park Activities:

- May 6-8: Men's Retreat
- May 17-23: Quilter's and Crafter's Retreat
- July 30-Aug 1: Mission Covenant Family Camp
- September 11-13: Women's Retreat

# MISSIONS

*Please be aware that mission giving is running behind budget this year. To date, we are running almost a full month behind (almost \$7,000). Also please keep our missionaries in your prayers. Your amazing support is appreciated and needed.*

We support two missionaries that had quite the run at getting their work permits renewed during the pandemic. They had to leave and get permits mailed to them and they were lost in the US mail. Even though, here are praise reports related to the pandemic and what God is doing. They shared:

*In these days/weeks/months and now a year of living in a pandemic, we have been reminded of so many things. Can we list a few for you?*

*~God's faithfulness! He has given us new residency and work permits for 2 years*

*~God's provision! Every time we needed a place to stay, or a car to drive, or cheap airfare to get back home to Malmö, God was there to give us what we needed...when we needed it, which sometimes, of course, didn't exactly match our timetable. And God keeps smiling!*

*~God's protection! We are thankful to be in our 60's and still corona virus free.*

*~God's amazing love for us!*

How cool is that!

Dan Diamon



March 7: Kaela Stano from Covenant Park Bible Camp will be here to share about the upcoming camp season!



## Introducing our new Site Associate!

“Hi, my name is Christina Wahlen and I’m thrilled to join Envision Twin Cities! My husband and I served with the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Mongolia for 9 years and have now transitioned back to Minnesota for a new season. In Mongolia, we saw God use English as a Second Language classes to meet a felt need, develop intentional relationships, and live out the Gospel. I look forward to coming alongside, equipping and being a resource for churches who desire to use English classes to reach out to their surrounding communities. God has also given me a heart to see the next generation of ministry leaders invested in and walking in the greater freedom He has for them. It is a great privilege to mentor and pour into these future leaders!”

Christina officially started her role on February 1! Welcome to the team!!



## February Update



## Introducing our New Intern!

Annie Mills started her internship on January 12. Annie is a Sophomore at the University of Northwestern St. Paul. She is from Great Bend, Kansas. She will be with us until May. Annie’s main ministry focus will be helping Somali children and youth with their homework. We are excited to have Annie on the Envision Twin Cities team!



**Prayer Request:** In this season, we are feeling the burdened and more intensely aware of the fact that we need to be covered in prayer. This month, we broke our prayer request into the major categories that are weighing on us mentally, spiritually, and emotionally. We are so thankful for you and your prayers in this season!

### Personal Needs:

- Please pray for our (Kirsten & I's) spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical health as we are processing grief, loss of ministry and separation from our children and grandchildren. Please pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen us.
- Pray that our financial needs will continue to be met. Pray that our faith will stay strong.

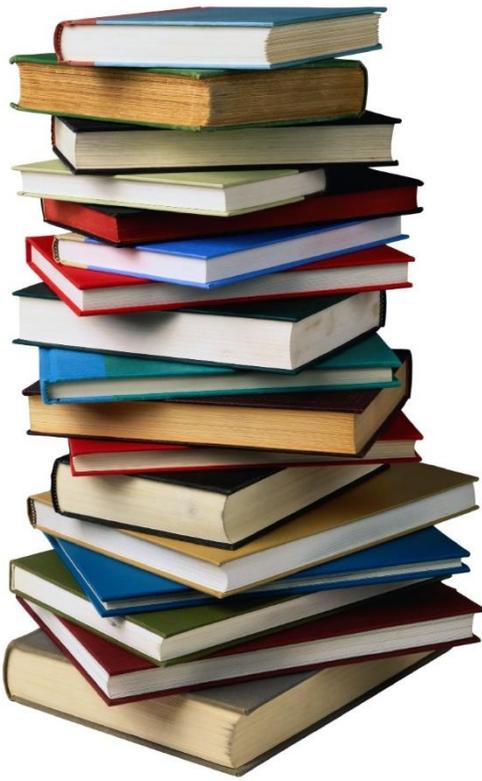
### Staff Needs:

- Pray for Christina as she has begun her ministry as Site Associate. Pray that the Lord will guide her and use her for His Glory. Pray that the Lord will provide more partners to support her.
- Pray for Annie our intern. Pray for safety and for meaningful ministry.
- Pray that the Lord will bless and use Andrew and Emma as they serve Him in the Seward neighborhood of Minneapolis.
- Pray that the Lord will bless and use Spencer and Candi as they serve Him in the Midway neighborhood of St. Paul.

### Program Needs:

- Please pray for more volunteers to help Somali children and youth with their homework. Please pray for the Lord to guide and use each tutor. Pray that our partnership with “The Youth and Family Circle” will be impactful and lasting.
- Pray that the Lord will use us to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of Somalis who live in the Afton View Apartments in St. Paul. Pray that friendships will be built with those we are serving. Pray for wisdom as we discern how to help in a way that empowers those we are serving.
- Pray for ways to connect with the basketball players from our weekly basketball outreach. Pray for wisdom as we make decisions about programs that are shut down because of Covid-19.
- Pray that the Lord will give us more ministry partners. Pray for us to grow in our influence and reach.

**Thank you for your prayer support!**



# LIBRARY

Of course, church is about learning more about our Savior. The library offers children's books, nonfiction books, devotionals and fiction. With our sermon series and the approach of Easter in mind, here are some suggestions for your reading enjoyment:

Jesus' Seven Last Words by Warren W. Wiersbe

Jesus the One and Only by Beth Moore

The Passion of Jesus Christ by John Piper

The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancey

Jesus by Walter Wangerin (a fiction book)

The Max Lucado section has multiple Easter season books.

A series of Alice In Bibleland books are available on the bottom shelf of the picture book browser bin with many stories about Jesus.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

To see the full NWC Calendar, visit [northwestconference.org](http://northwestconference.org)

**March 17, 2021**

**NWC Webinar on the ECC Resolution on the Doctrine of Discovery - Virtual**

**March 25, 2021**

**Annual Meeting (Women Ministries) - Virtual**

**April 23-24 2021**

**Northwest Conference Annual Meeting - Virtual**

**June 19-26, 2021**

**Adventures in Leadership - Grand Marais, MN**

**Connection Events**

**Church Planter's Connection - March 9, May 11**

**Children & Family Ministry Connection - Feb. 18, March 18, April 15**

**Youth Pastor's Connection - Feb. 18, March 18, April 15, May 20**

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# Sharing One's Surplus

## Saturday, March 13



We will continue our SOS Foodshare distribution the same as we have the past 3 months with **ONLINE PURCHASES- see link below** and it will be a **DRIVE THRU ONLY service**, where guests will stay in their vehicles and shares will be brought out and loaded into your vehicle by our volunteers.

This process will be as follows:

- **DRIVE THRU ONLY** format so **PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLES.**
- You will be directed where to line up your vehicle.
- Please **ONLY** arrive 10 mins before your online registration time slot.
- Registration will begin at 10:00am and will end when all shares have been distributed.
- While you are waiting in line, our volunteers will come to your vehicle to confirm your online registration and put a 1/2 or full sign under your windshield wiper.
- When prompted you will pull your vehicle up the side church doors and volunteers will bring your share(s) to your car and load it into your vehicle.
- PLEASE HAVE **YOUR TRUNK EMPTY AND READY TO RECEIVE THE BOXES** CONTAINING YOUR SHARE. Some things may be boxed, but you should also have an extra empty tub or two in your trunk.
- **THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL NOT BE OPEN**, however, you may use the restroom.

In light of the current situation, we will be carrying out this distribution with considerably fewer volunteers. Please be patient with this process as we strive to follow CDC guidelines while we help our community to stretch their food budget during this critical time. We are hopeful that with a little patience and understanding we can make this a safe and successful distribution for those that participate.

***Link for online purchases which will only stay open until 12pm Friday!***

<https://eventsframe.com/e/tZ94lrs7C/mission-covenant-church-sos-food-share/>

Blessings,

Your SOS Foodshare Volunteers

Dear Church Family,

Several months ago, the Church Council approved the creation of an electronic directory for our parishioners. The new electronic directory is hosted by, “The Instant Church Directory Online.” This program allows us to access our churches directory online via phone app and home computers. We can also print hard copies for those who would so desire. The site is secure, password protected, and only authorized directory participants of Mission Covenant Church can access it. You can share as little or much information as you want about yourself/family.

**Information you can share;**

**Name(s)**

**Home address**

**Email address**

**Phone number**

**Photo** (you will need to email photo the Church office)

**Birth and anniversary dates**



The advantage of an electronic directory is you can update your information instantly. If something changes it can be updated quickly so the directory stays current.

We understand that some people may want to be included in the directory and others are not interested. So, we are asking that you let the church office know your participation preference & information from above that you want shared. Please contact us via email at, [info@missioncovenantchurch.org](mailto:info@missioncovenantchurch.org) or call the office 715-364-2738

The administrative team is working hard to be accurate with all the information entered into the directory, but it will require you in phase two of this rollout, to check **your profile** for accuracy and make necessary updates.

**What is next??** Please contact church office with your participation preference and the information you would like shared in the directory as listed above in bold.

Thank you, MCC Electronic Directory Team





## How to Avoid Vaccine Scams

Staying safe and avoiding scams is especially important at this time as scam artists are taking advantage of the Coronavirus and finding new ways to deceive people. The Federal Trade Commission offers these tips to help you avoid vaccine-related fraud.

### **1- Only talk with a trusted source for information.**

Check with state or local health departments to learn when and how to get the COVID-19 vaccine. You can also talk with your health care provider or pharmacist.

### **2- Do not pay to sign up for the vaccine.**

Anyone who asks for a payment to put you on a list, make an appointment for you, or reserve a spot in line is a scammer.

### **3- Ignore sales ads for the COVID-19 vaccine.**

You cannot buy it – anywhere. The vaccine is only available at federal- and state-approved locations.

### **4- Watch for unexpected or unusual texts and emails.**

If you get a text or email, call your health care provider or pharmacist directly to make sure they sent it to you. Do not click on links in text or email messages – especially messages you didn't expect.

### **5- Do not share your personal, financial, or health information.**

No one from a vaccine distribution site, health care provider's office, pharmacy, insurance company or Medicare, will call, text, or email you asking for your Social Security, credit card number, or bank account number to sign you up to get the vaccine.

Remember, scammers are trying to take advantage of people any way they can. For more helpful tips and to stay up to date on trending scams, check out the Federal Trade Commission website at [ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov).

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MARCH 2021



# COVENANT PARK BIBLE CAMP

WHERE FRIEND MEETS FRIEND AND BOTH MEET GOD



## PRAYER REQUESTS

-Construction on the Lakeside Lodge, volunteer help to be provided to finish the bathroom wall tiling, fireplace stone and kitchen.

-God's continued provision for the ongoing ministry at Covenant Park

-Program planning, staff and volunteer recruiting for 2021

## He's Always Been Faithful!

Over \$444,000 raised for the Lakeside Lodge over 1.5 years! What a testimony to God's provision in doing more than we could have asked or imagined. Uncertainty that we may be taking on more than what was feasible loomed as we made the decision to launch this project and along with it a huge fundraising effort. However, we knew this was a critical step for camp's future and felt God's leading to move forward.

Now not even 2 years later, Covenant Park leadership is thrilled to announce the official opening of the Lakeside Lodge, June 1. Bookings for year round guest groups and retreats is now open for the 2021-22 season as well! Whether it is a church leadership retreat, small group getaway or family celebration, Covenant Park is available 4-seasons of the year to host your group!

We invite you to join us at this year's Open House, June 26, for a tour of the new facility!



## SUMMER CAMP

Registration is now open for summer camp! Plus new for 2021-TUBING for Trailblazer, Junior and Senior High Camps. We are so excited to have you back in 2021!

See [covenantpark.org](http://covenantpark.org) for dates and details.



## SAVE THE DATES WORK DAYS 2021

May 1 & 22, 2021  
9am-3pm  
Lunch Provided.

Come help us get camp ready for summer!



## SPRING RETREATS

MEN'S WORK AND WORSHIP  
May 6-8, 2021

QUILTER'S AND CRAFTER'S  
May 17-23, 2021

Find More Information at  
[covenantpark.org/events](http://covenantpark.org/events)

# CAMP IS HIRING GUEST GROUP HOSTS!

Guest Group Rentals have become a large part of our ministry at CPBC! We are looking for staff to host these groups this summer.

Duties include, but are not limited to, helping to run activities such as climbing wall and zipline, being available to groups on site as needs arise, assisting head cook with meals as needed, supervising weekend staff and volunteers, and some housekeeping.

Onsite housing provided during working hours. Paid by-weekly on a per weekend basis.

Typical schedule is Friday afternoon-Sunday afternoon. Ideally staff would be scheduled on a rotating basis for every second or third weekend. Position is seasonal, June-August.

Must be 18 or older. Hospitality or camp experience preferred.

Call or email Kaela ([kaela@covenantpark.org](mailto:kaela@covenantpark.org) 218-389-6398) for more information.



SUN --	MON Mar 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
	<p>Kern, Tyler &amp; Ana</p> <p>Stroede, Kendie</p> <p>Thompson, Cavin</p> <p>Thompson, Chad &amp; Micl</p>			<p>Berggren, Robert</p> <p>Stack, Janice</p> <p>Weyandt, Andres</p>		<p>Navarro, Rena</p>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>Donohoo, Eliza Jane</p>	<p>Csomos, Joe</p> <p>Holly, Keith</p> <p>Johnson, Dianah</p>	<p>Schafter, Phillip</p> <p>Soyring, Jerry &amp; Linda</p>	<p>Burfield, Tom</p> <p>Trautt, Patrick</p>	<p>Deatherage, Jason &amp; Ra</p> <p>Wolden, Laura</p>	<p>Hill, Dennis &amp; Arlene</p>	<p>Anttila, Spencer</p>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	<p>Hansen, Kensey</p>	<p>Kern, Tyler</p> <p>Wennersten, Emma</p>	<p>Risley, Roger &amp; Mary</p> <p>Stauty, Brian</p>	<p>Holsclaw, Shane</p>	<p>Holly, Lenore</p>	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<p>Teal, Ryan</p>	<p>Landwehr, Charlie</p>	<p>Anttila, Rachel</p> <p>Dalbec, Janet</p> <p>Taylor, Katie</p>	<p>Johnson, Caitlin</p> <p>Johnson, Connor</p> <p>Lundberg, Dorothy</p>			<p>Burke, Mike</p> <p>Lindsey, Julie</p>
28	29	30	31	<h2>BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARYS</h2>		
<p>Baumgardner, Jayne</p> <p>Rusboldt, Deb</p>	<p>Weyandt, Kadi</p>	<p>Johnson, Mary</p> <p>Nelson, Warren</p>	<p>Trebilcock, Cindy</p>			

# MARCH: MINISTRY CALENDAR

Ministry Calendar

Mar 2021 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
28	1 9am - Pickle ball, MMC	2 10am - Womens Bible	3 7:30am - Men's Bible 9am - Pickleball, MMC 3:30pm - Elevate, Youth 3:30pm - Confirmation, CE 6:15pm - Vertical, Youth 6:30pm - Quest Adult Bible	4 6pm - Worship Practice,	5	6	
7 8:30am - Contemporary 8:30am - Mission Kidz!, CE 10am - Contemporary 10am - Confirmation, MMC 11am - Traditional	8 9am - Pickle ball, MMC 6:30pm - Elder Board	9 10am - Womens Bible 7pm - Council Meeting, CE	10 7:30am - Men's Bible 9am - Pickleball, MMC 3:30pm - Elevate, Youth 3:30pm - Confirmation, CE 6:15pm - Vertical, Youth	11 6pm - Worship Practice,	12 	13 9:30am - SOS Food Share,	
14 8:30am - Contemporary 8:30am - Mission Kidz!, CE 10am - Contemporary 11am - Traditional	15 9am - Pickle ball, MMC	16	17 7:30am - Men's Bible 9am - Pickleball, MMC	18 6pm - Worship Practice,	19	20 9am - Rural Care & Share	
<b>Daylight Savings</b>	<b>Maple School District Spring Break 14-19</b>						
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