



"Transitions"

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Change can be scary. It seems, especially in this world of constant change, that you just get used to doing things one way and then something out of your control changes how you were doing it. This is true in society at large and also in the church. It can be uncomfortable.

God is doing something new here at Stromsburg Covenant. If you were part of the semi-annual meeting on July 24 you heard about the pastoral reconfiguring we are going to be experiencing going forward.

For a long time Craig and I (*and others that know him and have observed his ministerial gifts*) have felt that God was calling him into ministry to seniors—either through retirement home chaplaincy or hospice chaplaincy. In the past year Craig has been looking for a part-time hospice chaplaincy that would enable him to dip his feet into that ministry while still following his call to ministry here at Stromsburg Covenant. We were thinking future.

He had been in contact with Aaron Phillips, who is the director of Hospice for Aseracare in York, to just keep his ears open for any per diem hospice chaplaincy jobs nearby.

In June he ran into Aaron at the concession stand at a Burg ball game and Aaron told him that their current full-time hospice chaplain had given notice and they were going to be hiring someone. His comment was "I think this is providential." We did too and felt Craig needed to apply—to see if this was a door God was opening. Within a week he was offered the position. At this time we were leaving for the Annual Gathering for the Covenant at the end of June and we decided to spend that time away seeking God and seeking wise counsel from others in ministry to see if this was where God was leading us.

The Annual Gathering was what we needed to listen for God's voice and his will for not only us but for you—

our church. I sensed a renewing of my call as a pastor to you—to be more than the worship planner, organizer, office manager and occasional preacher that I am now. I'm still not completely sure what that means but God has been showing me little by little. (He knows that if he put it all out there in front of me all at once I'd be tempted to run away.)

"Courage, dear heart." It's a quote from Aslan, the lion in the CS Lewis Narnia Chronicles. He's my favorite fictional character of all time because he is a picture of Jesus to me. He is telling Lucy Pevensy to have courage to do the hard things, the seeming impossible things—even though she's just a little girl—because he is with her. I have a pendant of a lion with this quote on it hanging around my neck most of the time—just to remind me to find my strength and courage in Jesus—the Lion of Judah—and not to try to come up with it myself.

We decided that Craig would accept the Hospice Chaplaincy call and begin August 1. I decided that instead of running away I would rush headlong into whatever God was calling me to do for you—his church.

When we came back from the Annual Gathering we met right away with Dennis Nuttelman and Ryan Cooper—our chair and vice-chair, to hash out what this might mean for us going forward.

This is what we came up with and then we sought and were granted the lead team's approval. Then we brought it to the congregation last week and were overwhelmed with your approval and support.

For the next six months Pastor Craig will continue to be our visitation pastor and preach once a month. Pastor Mary will continue to be the administrative and worship pastor and will preach twice a month. Ryan Cooper has agreed to preach once a month and continue his valuable leadership in our worship arts ministries. During this six months we will be evaluating how things are going—what seems to be working and what doesn't.

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What's Happening in August?

Sunday, August 7, 2022: Communion Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks



Friday, August 12, 2022: First Day of School

Sunday, August 14, 2022:

12:15 pm—Lead Team Meeting

Thursday, August 18, 2022:

5:30 pm—Rescue Mission Meal



Saturday, August 27, 2022

11:30 am—Ladies' Salad Luncheon (*all women and girls are invited*) at Connie Nuttelman's house, 805 E 8th St, Stromsburg, NE 68666

- ◇ Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall
- ◇ Bring a favorite salad to share



I want to thank everyone for attending the Semi-Annual business meeting we had on July 24th after church. We had some very good discussions, and our Lead Team will begin to focus on this discussion going forward. We are excited about the next six months and the transition of our Spiritual Leadership and the new season going forward. I'm asking to communicate with our Lead Team and our Pastoral Relation team. (*Contact information is on page 4*)

Blessings, Dennis Nuttelman, Lead Team Chair

Financial Update: 2022 Budget Summary (1/1/22 through 6/30/22)

Needed Income:	\$ 77,225.50
Actual Income:	<u>\$ 48,665.70</u>
Difference:	(\$ 28,559.80)
Budgeted Exp:	\$ 77,225.50
Actual Exp:	<u>\$ 67,298.85</u>
Under Budget:	\$ 9,926.65



Ministry Teams

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Coming Down the Pike:



With the rearranging and changing going on with pastoral staff and our new preaching team we decided to focus on certain themes coming up. Here is a taste of what you can expect in the fall:

TRANSITIONS: "Didn't See That Coming." Our preaching and worship will be focused on transition and change through August 28.

TABLE: In September we will begin an intentional focus on table fellowship and growing closer in community. This will begin with **Brunch at Buckley** on Sunday, September 11 and go through our Serve Sunday on October 30.

Be watching for more information in your bulletins, emails and Facebook.



Sara Noble	Aug 6
Doug Perdue	Aug 7
Jerry Rystrom	Aug 8
Eleanor Greenwall	Aug 12
Mary Wadell	Aug 16
Connie Nuttelman	Aug 18
Parker Lovgren	Aug 20
Doug Johnson	Aug 25
Pat Everingham	Aug 28
Austin Platt	Aug 28



Doug & Julie Lamoree	Aug 6
Bob & Cindy Orsborn	Aug 13
Chris & Wendy Ziemba	Aug 18
Bob & Jodi Johnson	Aug 24

ONLINE GIVING: To make a one-time or scheduled reoccurring gift to our church, please visit:

www.stromsburgcov.org and click on ONLINE GIVING.



Prayer Concerns? Please contact Connie Nuttelman to have a request go out on the prayer chain or to be included in the bulletin. Connie's number is 402-366-9045 or you can send an email to prayerchain@stromsburgcov.org.



Ministry Partners:

Sunday, Aug 7, 2022

Greeters: Ken & Pat Everingham

Fellowship: Pat Everingham

Scripture: Sue Rosenbaum

Pianist: Sue Rosenbaum

Worship Team: Craig & Mary Pinley, Sara Noble

Audio/Visual: Ellie Pinley, Jodi Johnson

Sunday, Aug 14, 2022

Greeters: Charles & Neeli Noyd

Fellowship: Open

Scripture: Sunni Cooper

Pianist/Worship Leader: Ryan Cooper

Worship Team: Craig & Mary Pinley, Dianne Nielsen, Neeli Noyd

Audio/Visual: Ellie Pinley, Sara Noble

Thursday, Aug 18, 2022

Rescue Mission Meal: TBA

Sunday, Aug 21, 2022

Greeters: Gaylen & Jeannie Ahlquist

Fellowship: Lori Rystrom

Scripture: Pat Everingham

Pianist/Worship Leader: Ryan Cooper

Worship Team: Craig & Mary Pinley, Dianne Nielsen, Neeli Noyd

Audio/Visual: Ellie Pinley, Sara Noble

Sunday, Aug 28, 2022

Greeters: Dennis & Connie Nuttelman

Fellowship: Open

Scripture: Dennis Nuttelman

Pianist: Sue Rosenbaum

Worship Team: Craig & Mary Pinley, Sara Noble

Audio/Visual: Ellie Pinley, Jodi Johnson





Transitions.....(Continued)

As we dive into this new paradigm we ask you all to be in prayer for Pastor Craig and I, for Ryan, for the Lead Team, the Mutual Ministry Committee, for the church as a whole, and for how God is asking **you** to be a part of this transition. We **trust** in God, we **love** his church, and we take the mission of the church seriously. We are to be a light to the nations and we all need to prayerfully consider what this means for each one of us as well as for us corporately.

We look forward to continuing to serve you and serve **with** you in the next season of our church's life. If you have any questions please feel free to ask any of us. Some answers will be "we *don't know yet.*" And for someone who likes to have things figured out *I know* that is a hard place to rest. But we are trusting for God to lead us where he is working and we ask you to do the same even though we don't yet know what that looks like.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastors Mary and Craig

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Mutual Ministry Committee

What is a Mutual Ministry Committee??? The Mutual Ministry Committee is responsible for the care and encouragement for the pastors, ministry staff, and their families. They receive the perspectives and concerns of each pastor and ministry staff member relative to the congregation and ministry. They communicate the perspectives and concerns of the congregation to each pastor and ministry staff member relative to that person's ministry. They are also responsible for a periodic review of personal and church goals.

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AUGUST 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sundays: 9:15 Worship Team 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship	1	2	3	4 National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day 	5	6
7 Communion Sunday  Blessing of the Backpacks	8	9	10	11 	12 	13
14 12:15 Lead Team Mtg	15	16	17	18 5:30 pm Rescue Mission Meal 	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 11:30 Ladies' Salad Luncheon 
28	29	30	31	Coming up: Sept 11, 2022: Brunch at Buckley with Swede Haven residents 