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A Word From the Pastor

A couple of weeks ago we had an interesting dialogue pertaining to a community event being held on a pagan holiday – and in God’s sense of humor, the event was changed from Halloween to All Saints Day because the local high school had a football home playoff game.

But the conversation was telling in that a number of people passionately told of their desire to see our church find ways to get more ‘out in the community.’ As I stated during our “Talk Back” Sunday conversation, the pastors at this church aren’t going to determine this congregation’s ministry agenda – you are. And it was encouraging to note that the community event in the public square would get the church’s support, along with a mission trip to Louisville, KY next summer and a soup supper next week (Nov. 5). We’re hoping to also provide a meal at the Swede Haven neighborhood later in November and I’m confident our Outreach team will think up a few more options for us to move from within the church’s walls out onto the highways and byways of Polk County and beyond.

The fact is, we’re part of a denomination, the Evangelical Covenant Church, that is all about getting out in the community and perhaps it’s worth some newsletter space to alert you to some of the ways the ECC does this around the world. Last week, we received a ministry report that highlighted some of those interesting ventures.

ECC president John Wenrich made a trip to Congo recently and discovered that a water project sponsored through our SERVE GLOBALLY ministry arm is providing needed drinking water to some 57,000 people in the city of Gemena, where medical mission ministries have gone on for decades (a similar initiative is being formed for Yemen, via the ECC’s Covenant World Relief). There is also a new maternity ward at one hospital, along with added training that has aided hospitals in two other sites. A new venture to help people in Congo is the Karawa Coffee Project, which helps train 1,400 coffee producers in agronomy and business practices while providing seed and plant transferring to bolster the coffee production process. It was John’s first trip to our Africa mission outpost and he was amazed by the work going on in the Covenant Church in Congo, which has more people worshiping on a Sunday than our North American churches. Moreover, 176 indigenous churches have been started in the African country of Mozambique and another 50 tribal churches have

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NOVEMBER SERMON TEXTS

Continuing Sermon Series:

“Philippians”

Nov 3—Phil 4:1-9—Peace & Unity
Nov 10—Phil 4:10-23—Stewardship
Nov 17—Acts 20:1-6—Philippians
Recap
Nov 24—Jer 23:1-6—God the Shepherd



been planted within the low caste systems of Asia, many in India.

The India church plants are particularly compelling, given that in many situations the churches are ministering within a poor and abusive system that seemingly gives people no way out of their situation. The Hindustani Covenant Church has done Human Trafficking ministries of justice and mercy, for example, with people ministering to the children of prostitutes and bringing them to a saving relationship with Jesus while providing saving practical helps to women needing to leave highly dangerous professions. Some of this information was given to Pastor Mary by Boaz Johnson, who taught a group of ministers at a retreat last month and told of his own childhood in India and some of the amazing redemptive ways ministry is occurring in India. The LOVE MERCY DO JUSTICE arm of the ECC is helping with similar types of ministry closer to home via an Advocacy for Victims of Abuse (AVA) program in North America. Training is being given and AVA teams created for local churches to help in their own communities as they deal with a problem far more wide-spread than meets the eye.

Another unique form of advocacy is being provided through one of our denominational schools, North Park Theological Seminary. A certification program has been formulated to allow 38 prisoners at Stateville Correctional Center, located a couple of hours from Chicago, to receive theological training. Last year, Christian recording artist Lauren Daigle performed there after hearing about some of the educational work done there and that provided a little needed publicity, but the ministry has had impact inside the walls and outside because prisoners are taking some of the Master of Christian Ministry courses with non-incarcerated students in a cohort that engages them in dialogue together.

These are only a few of the projects and ministries going on throughout the ECC, but clearly the intent to impact various corners of the world is being seen in practical ways; your support of the ECC and our Midwest Conference helps us to continue those good works and we're grateful for your giving.

Let's continue to find ways to impact our community as we celebrate the larger work of the ECC.

IN CHRIST,

Pastors Craig and Mary



Covenant World Relief Sunday



**CWR SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 24**

November 24 is CWR Sunday. For more than 60 years, CWR has been the ECC's response to human suffering and injustice in the world. CWR works through local partners around the world to strengthen communities and empower local leaders to make an impact in the everyday lives of the most vulnerable people around the world. If you would like to start a "Can for Change" we will have can labels and lids in the foyer for you to take and start collecting change to bring in on November 24 for Covenant World Relief. You can also give a gift online at covchurch.org/cwr/give. We will be highlighting various ministries of CWR throughout November.

CHURCH FAMILY



Cindy Orsborn	Nov 1	Lori Willhoft	Nov 11
Austyn Ostrom	Nov 2	Wesley Larson	Nov 13
Mabel Jones	Nov 3	Susan Hanson	Nov 19
Blaire Nuttelman	Nov 3	Jan Randell	Nov 21
Dan Nielsen	Nov 5	Kaleena Nuttelman	Nov 26
Nikki Rystrom	Nov 8	Herb Hanson	Nov 27
Abby Jones	Nov 10	Ken Everingham	Nov 28
Leighton Nuttelman	Nov 10	Joyce Lucas	Nov 29
Johanna Nielsen	Nov 11	Bob Orsborn	Nov 29
Braylyn Rystrom	Nov 11	Nichole Hathaway	Nov 30



Craig & Mary Pinley Nov 18



DATES TO REMEMBER:



Fri-Sun, Nov 1-3: Junior High Retreat at Covenant Cedars.

On-site registration is at 7, Evening session starts at 9.

Sun, Nov 3: Mission Trip Meeting

12:00 noon—we will have a brief meeting to discuss dates for our mission trip to Louisville next summer and get an idea of who is interested in going.



Sun, Nov 3: Elevate Youth Group

Junior and Senior High youth group will be meeting the first Sunday of each month. 6 pm at church!

Tues, Nov 5: Annual Soup Supper

4:30—7:00 pm. If you are interested in

helping set up, serve, provide desserts or money donations, or clean up there are still spots available.



Mon, Nov 11: Celebration Banquet for Living Water Rescue Mission. At Holthus Center in York. We are invited to celebrate the work of Jesus Christ through the mission with a great meal, music, and amazing testimonies of transformed lives. Call 402-362-0127 to sponsor a table for \$125 or to make reservations. *(Reservations are free)*



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NOVEMBER MINISTRY PARTNERS

Sunday, Nov 3

Nursery: TBD

Greeters: Kent & Cheryl Erickson

Coffee Time: TBD

Scripture: Dennis Nuttelman

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy
Kohen Hier

Sunday, Nov 10

Nursery: TBD

Greeters: Bob & Eleanor Greenwall

Coffee Time: TBD

Scripture: Dianne Nielsen

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy
Dennis Nuttelman

Sunday, Nov 17

Nursery: TBD

Greeters: Ken & Pat Everingham

Coffee Time: Kent & Cheryl Erickson

Scripture: Neeli Noyd

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy
Kohen Hier

Thursday, Nov 21

Rescue Mission Meal: Neeli Noyd and
Eleanor Greenwall

Sunday, Nov 24

Nursery: TBD

Greeters: Doug & Cindi Purdue

Coffee Time: TBD

Scripture: Bob Orsborn

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy
James Hennessy

IMPORTANT DATES...

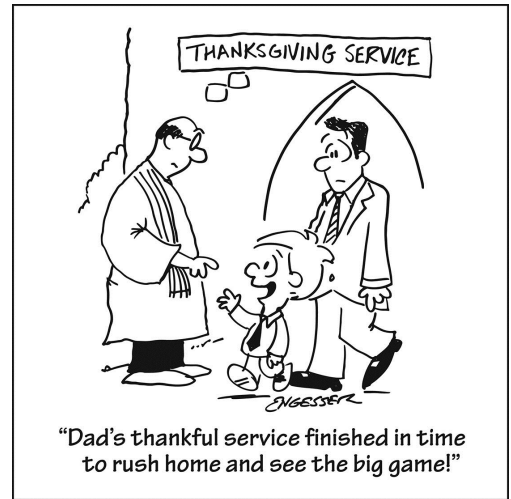


Fri-Sun, Nov 15-17: Senior High Retreat at Covenant Cedars. Registrations due by Nov 6 (will not receive t-shirt). Cost: \$95

Sun, Nov 17: Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner.

Right after Worship. Bring your favorite fall faire to share.

We Gather Together



Thurs, November 21—Rescue Mission Meal—5:30 pm

Sun, Nov 24—Hanging of the Greens

Right after worship. We will share a soup meal.

Tues, Nov 26—Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. At our church.



Living Water Rescue Mission:

Thanksgiving Basket Items Needed: The rescue mission is assembling Thanksgiving baskets for those in need. If you would like to donate the items needed for a basket here is a list of items needed: *turkey, aluminum roasting pan, 5 lbs potatoes, 2 cans sweet potatoes, 2 cans of corn or beans, 1 box of dressing, 1 can turkey gravy, 1 can cranberry sauce, 1 can pumpkin pie filling and a pie crust, and a card from you or your family (no address).* If you would prefer to give money for the Mission to purchase all of these items the cost is approximately \$50. Items can be brought to the mission from Nov 17-24.



FINANCIAL UPDATE:

2019 Budget Summary

(1/1/2019 through 9/30/2019)

Income:	\$69,929.79
Budget:	\$95,657.97
Difference:	(\$25,728.18)
Budgeted Exp:	\$95,657.97
Actual Exp:	\$86,051.95
Difference:	\$9,606.02

FINANCIAL REPORT



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

www.stromsburgcov.org and click on ONLINE GIVING.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sundays: 8:45 Worship Practice 8:45 Youth Class 9:30 Kids & Adult Class 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship 12:00 Confirmation		Tuesdays: 6:30 pm—BSF 7:00 pm—Prayer	Wednesdays: 9 am—Moms in Prayer 10 am—Ladies' Coffee 6 pm—Kids' Club 7:30 pm—Worship Team Practice	Thursdays: 9:30 am—BSF (Free Church)	1  Middle School Retreat—Covenant Cedars	2  Youth Retreat—Covenant Cedars
3 Communion Sunday 12 pm—Mission Trip Meeting NO Confirmation 6 pm—ELEVATE youth		5  4:30—7 pm	6	7	8	9
10 12 pm—Lead Team Meeting	11 Living Water Rescue Mission 	12	13	14	15	16  High School Retreat—Covenant Cedars
17 Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner 12 noon High School Retreat	18 We Gather Together 	19	20 Last Kids' Club of the Year	21 Rescue Mission Meal 5:30 pm 	22	23
24 	25 	26 Thanksgiving Worship Service 7:00 pm 	27 No Kids' Club	28 	29	30 Stromsburg Tree Lighting 

