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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 A.M. Worship

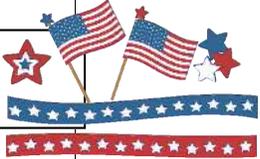
10:30 A.M.

Coffee Fellowship

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Colin & Gretchen O'Donnell, Jeff Ling along with John and Kris attended Gather 2018 in Minneapolis. Here are the highlights:

1. There were 856 credentialed delegates representing 369 churches. Total registered conference attendance, including general conferees, was 1,159, representing 386 churches.
2. 16 churches were received into membership, representing combined approximate attendance of 2,839.
3. 14 churches were removed from the membership roster.
4. Average weekend worship attendance on any given Sunday was estimated at 223,000.
5. About 33% of all ECC congregations are now among populations of color or intentionally multiethnic, making ECC one of the most diverse denominations.
6. Delegates elected John Wenrich to serve as president of the ECC. He was installed during the Friday evening worship service.
7. Delegates approved the call of Mary Surrige to serve as president of North Park University. She was installed during the Friday evening worship service.
8. The ECC ended the 2017 fiscal year with an operating surplus of approximately \$53,000. Expenses were held to roughly \$770,000 or 4.6% under budget. Covenant churches gave a total of \$10.7 million to ECC mission and ministry for a 0.5% increase in local church giving. Individual gifts provided more than \$6.6 million to base mission activity as well as an array of designated ministries to mark a 3.5% increase in direct donor support.
9. The Covenant Annual Meeting approved a 2019 Mission and Ministry budget of \$25.8 million. Paul Hawkinson, executive director of finance, noted that 100% of all ECC mission support is funded by external revenue, which means 100% church giving goes directly to the mission priorities.
10. The report of the President and video archives of all Gather '18 proceeding will be located at gather.covchurch.org.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Coffee Fellowship	2 "Arts in the Park" Meeting 3:30 P.M. Erika Miller	3 6:00 Lead Team	4 Independence Day  Dave Bos Nicholas Paine			7 Robert & Robin Redman Katie Kremer
8 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Fellowship Susan Middagh	9 Nicholas & Terri Paine	10	11 5:15 Formation Meeting	12	13 John Kremer	14 Nancy Flynn
15 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Fellowship	16 Paul & Deb Olsen	17 Bob & Suzy Brandner	18	19 Ryan Middagh	20	21
22 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Fellowship	23	24	25	26 "Arts in the Park" 10:00 A.M. Summer Event at Pirate's Cove Miniature Golf 7:00 P.M. Nyowal Lia	27	28
29 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Fellowship John Stewart Richard & Bethani Fellows	30	31 Kolette Eggink	<div data-bbox="704 952 1487 1086" data-label="Complex-Block">  <h1 style="margin: 0;">JULY 2018</h1> </div>			

SERVING YOU IN JULY

SCRIPTURE READERS:

- 1 Deb Joens
- 8 Tad Stewart
- 15 Ron Hyvari
- 22 Marc Gustafson
- 29 Brian Ling

WORSHIP NURSERY:

- 1 Paul & Deb Olsen
- 8 Richard & Bethani Fellows
- 15 Chad & Katie Kremer
- 22 Robert & Robin Redman
- 29 Susan Collin & Kadence Hyvari

SOUND SYSTEM:

- 1 Jeff Ling
- 8 Jerry Luinenburg
- 15 Tom Ahlberg
- 22 Dave Bos
- 29 Jeff Ling

USHERS:

- Duane & Molly Fenske
- Dan & Kris Fischer

GREETERS:

- 1 Doug & Marcia Anton
Charles & Phyllis Middagh
- 8 Bud & Pauline Nickel
Paul & Deb Olsen
- 15 Richard & Bethani Fellows
Jude & Mavis Gravenhof
- 22 Chad & Katie Kremer
Brian & Michelle Ling
- 29 Tom & Deb Martin
Frank & Anne Breuker

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

- 1 John & Emily Buarapha
- 8 Leroy & Kolette Eggink
- 15 Tom & Sharon Klucking
- 22 Richard & Bethani Fellows
- 29 Paul & Deb Olsen

COMMUNION SERVERS (July 1st):

- Jude Gravenhof
- Dale Martin
- Deb Olsen
- Tom Ahlberg

**If you cannot serve on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement or call the church office at 376-5109.*



AREA NEWS AND OUR VIEWS

JULY 2018

By Gene Foth

JULY IS ICE CREAM MONTH

in 1984, President Ronald Reagan designated July as **National Ice Cream Month** and the third Sunday of the month of July (*July 15, 2018*) as **National Ice Cream Day**. He recognized ice cream as a fun and nutritious food that is enjoyed by over 90 percent of the nation's population. In the proclamation, President Reagan called for all people of the United States to observe these events with "appropriate ceremonies and activities." About 10.3% of all milk produced by U S Dairy farmers is used to produce ice cream. **Thank you God for Dairy Farmers like the Christophersons and Egginks and their cows that produce that delicious milk and cream for ice cream!!** Did you know that cows (herds) are mentioned 19 times in the Bible. For example [Isaiah 11:7](#) Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together...., Or [Job 21:10](#) "His ox mates without fail; His cow calves and does not abort. Or milk is mentioned 96 times in the Bible, [Job 10:10](#) Did you not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese? Etc. and Etc.

Area makers of ice cream are: **SCHWAN'S ICE CREAM**



On Tuesday, March 18, 1952, a 23-year-old Marvin Schwan packed his beat-up 1946 Dodge panel van with 14 gallons of his family's signature **ice cream** and delivered it to rural families in western Minnesota. At the end of that historic trip, all 14 gallons were sold and the Schwan's home-delivery business was born.

Today, Schwan's Company is a multibillion-dollar private company with more than 12,000 employees who are passionate about bringing quality foods to millions of people every day. Based in Marshall, MN, the company sells **ICE CREAM** and a full line of frozen foods on its traditional delivery trucks, in grocery-store freezers and in the food-service industry.



BLUE BUNNY ICE CREAM



In 1913 Fred H. Wells, LeMars, IA, pays \$250 to a local dairy farmer for a horse, delivery wagon, a few cans and jars, and the goodwill of the business. His investment covered the milk distribution route and guaranteed Wells a source of raw milk from a herd of just 15 milk cows. (A drop in the bucket compared to now!) Today they produce **150 million gallons of ice cream** annually and sold through local grocery stores

BREYERS

A Rich History: In 1866, as America recovered from the Civil War, William A. Breyer of Philadelphia hand-cranked his first gallon of ice cream. It was a special ice cream consisting of rich cream, pure cane sugar, **fresh fruits, nuts and other flavors** – some of the very same ingredients used today. He sold it to his neighbors with the promise that his ice cream was made with the finest ingredients. Word spread quickly, and Breyers® Ice Cream was soon declared Philadelphia's best.



TOM AHLBERG

Infinite Campus Administrator School District 518



Hello, my name is Tom Ahlberg. You probably know me while in church but let me tell you about who I am outside of church. I have worked for the School since 1998 as one of the technology support people. There are 6 full time employees in our department, 5 women and me. Quite a work environment. Prior to working for the School I was a self-employed Crop Consultant for 20+ years. My main job at school is working with the student information system. This is how we track attendance, grades, health, discipline, addresses and contact information. When I came to work my boss, Amy Ernst asked me 2 questions, Are you trainable and can you lift heavy things? I am not sure the answer today would be the same as 20 years ago Many people ask me, when they discover I work in education, I suppose you enjoy having the summer free? Well that is hardly the case. During the summertime we are busy preparing for the next school year. Our district is a one to one district, each student has their own computer or iPad, and we have to maintain nearly 3000 student devices along with the computers and iPads that staff use. That adds another 500 devices to the inventory. During the summer months we replace old devices, upgrade the existing ones, reassign devices to incoming kindergarten students, rewire parts of buildings, add TV monitors and projectors along with other tasks. Here is a picture of our "Job Wall" for the summer and a small portion of student iPads.



When I do get free time in the summer I like to spend my time traveling on my motorcycle. Thanks to Paul Olsen I currently ride a Honda Goldwing. It is Paul's fault because several years ago my friend Lona and I were going to Mankato for a 4th of July party and he asked me if I wanted to ride his Goldwing. A word of warning to all, never ride a Goldwing unless you are willing to buy one. I have owned many cycles over the years but nothing compares to the comfort of a Goldwing. I have taken many trips out west over the years and one big trip out east. The trip out east was a result of the volcano in Iceland. I was going over to Europe on a Vision Trip with the Covenant church. I was to visit the missionaries in Belgium, Czech Republic, France, and finally Spain. While flying from Sioux Falls to Minneapolis Francisco Ramos called me to tell me I wasn't coming. I said sure I am, he then told me all air travel was cancelled in Europe because of the ash. When I got off the plane I checked in at the counter to get a flight back to Sioux Falls and the attendants thought I was crazy. They knew nothing about the volcanic eruption taking place.

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TOM AHLBERG CONTINUED

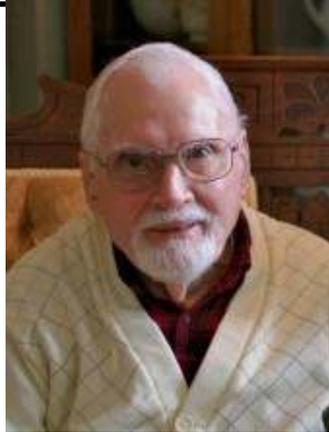
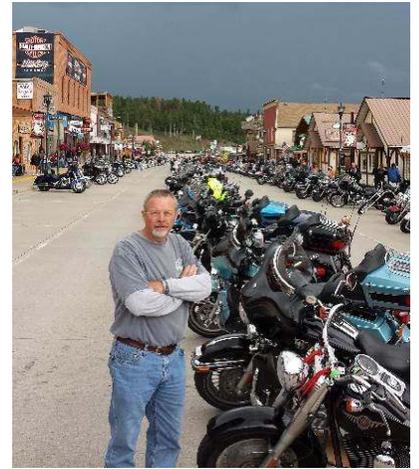
By default I got on my cycle and rode the Blue Ridge parkway in North Carolina. That was a great ride in spite of getting rained on 9 of 12 days. Most of my travels have been west. I have ridden in every state west of the Mississippi. It is hard to choose the best ride. The big sweeping curves on HWY 141 south of Grand Junction are great as was the Grand Canyon and Death Valley.



The Redwoods of California were awesome and the Coastline of Oregon is picture perfect. Most of the time a motorcycle rider wants the feel of leaning into a banked turn and many roads in the mountains give you just that.

Almost every year I like to head to Sturgis for the annual motorcycle rally. I don't go for the entertainment and if you know me it isn't the nightlife that calls me. It is the sheer number of motorcycles you encounter and the great riding in the Black Hills. There is a lot out there to see and enjoy in this world. Take the time to enjoy this wonderful creation. I think one of the worst things to be said on your

deathbed is "I wish I had...." I remember Jerry Gardner telling me when he was nearing the end of his life, he said "Tom, I have had a great life and I have no regrets". This was coming from a man who had 2 unsigned contracts to pitch for the St. Louis Cardinals and the Pittsburgh Pirates, what a life!



ROBERT "BOB" ROOS

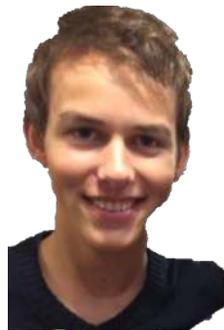
Went to be with the Lord early in the morning of June 19, 2018, at the Sanford Hospice Cottage in Worthington. Bob had a real compassion for his Lord and he showed it in his Salesmanship, with his family and the church! He was proud of his service to the USA Navy and was part of the Blue Jacket Choir. The couple moved from their private home to Ecumen Meadows in 2017, where they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in January 2018. (His wife Lindy had her birthday on the day of his death) Memorial services were held on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at the First Covenant Church in Worthington, MN, with Pastor John Stewart officiating. Private family burial was held in the Worthington Cemetery.

ADDRESS CHANGE

To keep your Church Directory up to date, immediately make the following correction....



NICKEL, BUD & PAULINE
1801 COLLEGEWAY APT 336
WORTHINGTON MN 56187-3075
PHONE 507-360-5817



JOHN MARTIN

Graduated from University of Minnesota this year with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. He will be going to Kent State in Kent, Ohio, pursuing a PhD in Clinical Psychology. John wants to do

research in and work with the elderly in the area of memory loss-dementia and Alzheimer's disease.



TIM MIDDAGH

The Globe PHOTOGRAPHER

Tim said, "As a kid, my mother, Phyllis, had cameras and I was fascinated with the mechanical buttons and optics. As I got old enough, say 9 or 10 she would let me take photos. In 4-H, I did photo projects and in high school they had a photography class where we did black & white film developing and print photos.

After high school I would shoot at family get togethers, vacations and family life. When the digital cameras got affordable it took it up a notch! I would enter photos at the Nobles County Fair and had some grand champion prizes. When the Daily Globe lost Brian KJorthals due to illness, a class mate that worked there knew I would be able to help out. That is when my hobby went Professional! Funny thing is I used to go out and take photos to relax and I still do, which is kind of hard to explain." Tim, in cooperation with Doug Wolter and Adam Watts from the Globe, garnered two awards for their work recently in producing *The Drill*, a weekly online video featuring a local athlete.

They earned first place in Best Use of Multimedia, and second place in Best Use of Video, both in the class for weeklies over 2,500 circulation. The judge wrote: "Easily the best multimedia project I saw. The videos are professionally produced, and they don't feel like they were added to other content just to say that there's multimedia attached to it. Well done." You will see Tim inside or outdoors, summer or winter, sporting and community events... doing what he likes to do-**photography!**



Photos left to right . Blue Mound buffalo, King Turkey Day Race, disasters , Donkey Basket ball, Winter Fest Deep Freeze Dip, Trojan sports, Spomer classics, Air show and area farmers, and the . Photos courtesy of The Globe and Tim Middagh

Tim also said he enjoys **restoring old photographs** and hunting for old negatives and photographs in second hand stores and Ebay auctions. Favorite subjects are pre 1940's farm life, automobiles and military years. It seems like in every batch of images there are some exceptional art photos of history.

His **HOBBIES** went from HO scale trains, to every 1/72 scale plastic model airplane kits made, to TV repair. He said "I learned a lot making Model Kits and put the skills to work doing AUTO RESTORATION as a

sideline. I have done 25+ cars. Oldest was a 1929 Model A truck, a 1959 Cadillac, 4 Camaros (1975-1979), a 1972 Duster 340, 5 Firebirds (1968-1979), 5 Chevrolet Impala (1962-1990) 3 Chevrolet pickups (1968-79), a 1966 Ford F-600, 3 Ford F-150 pickups (1977-92), 2 Ford Mustangs, (1966 & 77), a Ford LTD II, a 1970 Pontiac Bonneville, a 1965 Oldsmobile 98, a 1969 Oldsmobile 442, a 2002 Chrysler Town & Country, a 1979 Chevy Van, a 1977 Ford Grenada, 3 Pontiac GTO (1966-67), and a 1974 Ventura."



Netzke Show Cattle Presents:

SHOW FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Jans Family

Fulda, MN

Our June Show Family of the Month recipient is the Jans Family from Fulda, Minnesota. Paul and Mary Jans were blessed with three boys, Kyle, who is married to Jenna, Adam "Red", and Jarred. The Jans Family started showing in 2000 and will end their 4-H showing career in August when Jarred shows at his last Minnesota State Fair for 4-H. Paul and Mary have five grandchildren that love helping Jarred with the show animals and around the farm; the three oldest grandchildren will be Cloverbuds in 4-H next year, so the family's next generation will continue showing cattle. The family has shown several memorable animals throughout the years, but for various reasons, the one that stands out the most is the steer that was named Reserve Champion Simmental Steer at the 2015 Minnesota State Fair. The Jans Family really made showing a family affair with the brother goal of having a champion after Jarred was successful at the Minnesota State Fair. The brothers worked together for years breeding, fitting and feeding to get to that point. The family's favorite show is the Minnesota State Fair because they get to see so many of their good friends for five days, while helping and watching each other show on a less hurried show schedule. They also value the friendships and experiences they've had during their time at 4-H and open shows. In addition to showing cattle, the Jans Family kept busy as all three of the boys played football and basketball, were active in FFA, as well as dairy handlers at the regional and state FFA contests during high school. Plus, Kyle and Jarred were in choir as well. At the Murray County Fair, the Jans Family has also shown pigs, while Red and Jarred showed Holstein Feeder Calves for 2 years to promote a new class, and all three boys competed in Premier Showmanship. Family time is important to the Jans', as they attend church together, and enjoy sitting and talking together in the evenings when all the work on the farm is done.

Jarred, the youngest son, recently completed his first year at Minnesota West in Worthington where he is studying Ag Production. In the Fall, he will return to complete his degree. After graduation he plans to farm, raise more cattle, show at open and junior shows, and help his nieces and nephews throughout their 4-H career. Jarred just completed a five-year program where he was awarded five bred heifers through the Rolling Hills Bank Heifer Program.

We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the Jans Family throughout the years. We appreciate their trust in our program at Netzke Show Cattle and Netzke Show Feeds, LLC. We look forward to watching Jarred show in his last Minnesota State Fair 4-H Show. Good luck to Jarred and the entire Jans' Family in their upcoming summer show season!



**Reserve Champion Simmental Steer at the
2015 Minnesota State Fair shown by the Jans Family**

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in Lambertson, Minnesota, monthly newsletter.



With Jarred Jans



The Lead Team will meet
 Tuesday, July 3rd
 7:00 P.M.
 at the church.

Bring money to contribute for pizza supper.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Through Sunday, September 2nd

9:30 A.M.—Worship

10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship

WE NEED YOU

To help plan an “arts in the park”
 event for preschool and
 elementary aged children.

If interested in being a part of the
 planning, come to the meeting on
 Monday, July 2nd at 3:30 P.M.

The event is planned for Thursday,
 July 26th at 10:00
 A.M. at the church.



Thank you.

NEEDED:

Our Love INC Gap Ministry is in
 need of dish and laundry soap.

Thank you for your help
 with this ministry.

FORMATION MEETING

Wednesday, July 11th
 5:15 P.M.

JOIN THE FUN!!!

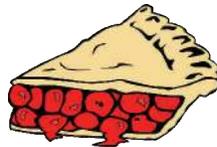
EVERYONE is invited
 to a summer event at
 Pirate’s Cove
 Miniature Golf in
 Arnold’s Park on
 Thursday, July 26th at 7:00 P.M.



Please RSVP by Monday, July 23rd.
 If you would like to carpool,
 meet at church at 6:00 P.M.

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, August 1st
 at 6:30 P.M. will be the
 2nd annual “Pie in the Park” event.



Invite your friends and neighbors to
 Chautauqua Park for pie and ice cream;
 sign up to provide food or help serve and
 come enjoy a beautiful evening
 of dessert and music in the park.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study class will not
 be meeting for the summer months;
 they will resume in September.

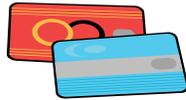
First Covenant Church is offering the
 option of Giving your offering online.

If interested, go to
firstcovenantworthington.org,
 click on the “ministries” tab and
 choose “giving” from the list
 of ministries.

If you have any questions, please
 contact John or Kris Stewart.

**FAREWAY & HY-VEE
GROCERY CARDS
AVAILABLE!!!**

Don't forget to pick yours up on Sunday mornings, contact Howard Rachuy or Dean Christopherson or stop in the office during the week.



CHURCH'S WEBSITE

Check out the website at www.firstcovenantworthington.org
You will find the bulletin, newsletter, Sunny Days calendars and much more there.

FACEBOOK

Did you know that First Covenant Church has a Facebook page?

Like us on Facebook and follow all the news!

FYI

Any money that is still being donated to the Building Fund will go toward building up the Contingency Fund.



DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

Copies of Covenant Home Altar are available.

Pick up a copy on the table in the narthex.



TRIP

(Tuition Reduced Incentive Program)
Support Sunny Days Preschool with your purchase of TRIP. Slips listing the participating businesses are available in the office or at Main Street Kids.

Soles4Souls

Village Northwest is collecting new and gently used shoes providing work opportunities for 180 people with a disability. Shoes will be shipped for distribution domestically and internationally to individuals that do not have proper footwear.

Bring your shoes and place them in the collection box in the narthex.



CURRENT NEEDS FOR LOVE INC

Watch the bulletin boards by the office and by the Jerusalem Room for their current needs.

"Pray Worthington"

Tuesdays at noon at the Love INC office



Check out the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall for posters with announcements of things that are happening around the area.



Check out the brochures on the table in the narthex about upcoming events.

Also check out their website at: www.lbbc.com