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"How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity!"
Psalm 133:1

As the page on my calendar turns to November, I am amazed at how quickly the year has passed by. While it sounds a bit cliché, it feels as though only a few days ago we were enjoying the warm days of summer, watching the boats on the lake, seeing the fields flourish, and thoughts of cold weather were far from our minds. But Fall is here, and once again it is time to pull out the warm clothes, clean up our yards, gather in the crops, and gather together with family for Thanksgiving.

Gather will be the theme of our worship services for the next few weeks leading to the Harvest Festival. As we give thanks to God for gathering in the crops and gathering together our families, we also want to look at how God, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit gathers himself, and how God gathers each of us as his individual children to himself, and finally how God gathers the church. For what purpose are we gathered? For ourselves? For each other? For those outside the church? Yes, to all of it. As we continue to live into our mission statement, "Encouraging the journey to Christ AND nurturing the walk with Christ," we pray that as a church and as individual believers, we will indeed help gather those who don't know Jesus to him, and as we meet together as believers, that we will be nurtured in our walk with him.

So we invite you to gather together in worship as the body of Christ – to be nurtured, to nurture others and to invite others to be gathered to Jesus as well.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Sunday School

10:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship

10:30 A.M. Worship

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

6:45 P.M. Youth Groups

& Confirmation

*Check calendar for
specific dates

7:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>NOVEMBER 2017</div>			1 6:45 Youth Groups Kindergarten-12th 7:00 Adult Bible Study Kelsey Fellows	2	3	4 Dean & Carol Christopheron
5 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship with Communion Mary Jans Kayla Anderson	6	7 7:30 Lead Team Jonah Miller Saravia	8 6:45 Youth Group High School 6:45 Confirmation 7:00 Adult Bible Study	9 Anne Breuker	10	11
12 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship 11:45 Town Hall Meeting	13 Drae Buarapha	14	15 6:45 Youth Groups Kindergarten-12th OCC "Packing Party" 7:00 Adult Bible Study	16	17	18
19 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship Harvest Festival 6:30 Supper 7:15 Worship	20	21 Clarice Gehl Katelyn Middagh	22 No Wednesday Night Activities Tom Middagh Frenchie Reasonover	23 Thanksgiving	24 Colin O'Donnell Teresa Williams Sharon Klucking	25 Craig Anton
26 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Worship Duane & Molly Fenske	27	28 Renee Middagh	29 6:45 Youth Groups Kindergarten -12th 7:00 Adult Bible Study Kim Milbrandt	30		

SERVING YOU IN NOVEMBER

SCRIPTURE READERS:

5 Jerry Luinenburg
12 Dale Martin
19 Leroy Eggink
26 Clarice Gehl

WORSHIP NURSERY:

5 John & Emily Buarapha
12 Chad & Katie Kremer
19 Colin & Gretchen O'Donnell
26 Chad & Jeani Harms

SOUND SYSTEM:

5 Jeff Ling
12 Dean Christopherson
19 Jerry Luinenburg
26 Tom Ahlberg

USHERS:

Jude & Mavis Gravenhof
Dale & Shirley Martin

GREETERS:

5 Ted & Sarah Martin
Gene & Lil Foth
12 Colin & Gretchen O'Donnell
Walter & Clarice Gehl
19 Arnold & Elna Sexe
Leroy & Kolette Eggink
26 Curt & Teresa Williams
Chad & Katie Kremer

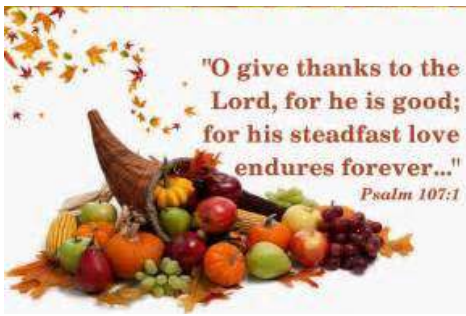
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

5 Jeff Ling
12 Joel & Deb Joens
19 Paul & Deb Olsen
26 Dean & Carol Christopherson

COMMUNION SERVERS November 5th):

Ted Martin
Dale Martin
Michelle Ling
Deb Olsen

**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

NOVEMBER 2017

by Gene Foth

LOCAL YOUTH GROUP SPONSORS AREA 507 YOUTH RALLY

220 youth attended and 55 Pizzas were served. John Nau led the youth in "Meet us at the Pole" type event. Many youth participated in prayer!



SAM FELLOWS



Hockey jersey #35 is now hanging with the **Colorado Springs Tigers AAA team.**

Sam said, "If I have a good season I will be able to move to the NHL league. Scouts are already watching every game I play."

Sam is taking his education two days in a classroom and



3 days on line. Most of his travels with the team are by Southwest Airlines. On Dec. 8 he will be playing against his rivals....Sioux Falls Stampede and an all star tournament in Blaine, Minnesota In January. A Championship game in Troy Michigan in February are just a few on his busy schedule. Photos courtesy of CS Tigers Facebook.



ERIK NICKOLAS PAINE

BORN OCT. 9, 2017

WEIGHING 8 LBS. 14 OZ

CONGRATULATIONS

NICKCOLAS & TERRI PAINE

CLARICE & WALTER GEHL



On their way home from Hot Springs CO they attended the **Custer State Park annual Buffalo roundup** on September 29, 2017. They felt the thunder as they watched the cowboys roundup and drive the herd of approximately 1,300 to the corral pens.

Why are the bison rounded up?

The Buffalo Roundup is part of Custer State Park's management plan to maintain a healthy balance between the number of bison and the available rangeland forage. The park can only sustain a certain number of bison, based on the condition of the grassland and how much food is available. The Buffalo Roundup also allows for some of the animals to be sorted out of the herd, approximately 200 are to be sold, vaccinate the new herd. It takes about four days to complete the roundup.

If you would like to raise a buffalo in your back yard or on your farm contact Walter and Clarice!!!!



AN ARM CHAIR CHAT WITH HAROLD WASS

AGE 104

At age 104, Harold is the oldest member of First Covenant Church. Harold was born at the Manson Hospital, 11th Street, Worthington. After country school he went to the Worthington High School and his class had 65 students. Their graduation ceremony was at the Presbyterian Church and their Junior/Senior banquet was held in the Masonic Temple.



Harold played in the Band. Pictured here in his band uniform and instrument! The band won two State Championships. .

Harold said, "He was baptized as an infant into the Covenant Church...then called the Swedish Mission Church." Here is Harold with his siblings..... all ready to go to church. Pictured are Clarence Wass, Marian Weigenant, and Harold.

Notice their knickerbockers worn at that time! (Pauline Nickel is the daughter of Mabel Soderholm, Harold's older sister) Harold said, "At one time all six Wass' and their spouses attended the Covenant church." Harold speaks fluent Swedish and said the Beacon Class in church had 30 members and were very active in the church.



Harold Married Thelma in the parsonage of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in Adrian. They were blessed with two daughters and a son. Daughter Nancy Flynn is a member here. Patricia lives in Laurens, IA and Tom lives in Sioux Falls, SD



They farmed 4 miles North of Bigelow together with his brother, Clarence. They farmed 500 acres with horses and a small John Deere tractor with a two bottom plow. They used 8 horses on two cultivators. It wasn't until Harold was 30 years old before they had running water on the farm. Harold said they had 300 feeder cattle which they bought in the west and fed out on their farm, plus 300 to 400 head of hogs and about 200 chickens. They butchered 1 steer and 2 hogs each year for their food supply. They were on the farm for 42 years before moving into town. After retirement they traveled 125,000 miles to all states except Alaska.



His Dad's car was a Hudson Super 6. They only drove it in the summer time and in the winter time they still used the horse and sleigh to go to church and town. Harold's first car was an old Model T.

When asked what some of the big changes were in his lifetime Harold mentioned the telephone. He said, "We had the wall phone and you turned the crank on the side of the box to make a call. Their number was 1 long ring and 2 short rings. His parents ring was 1 long, 1 short and 1 long." Today the phone has evolved into the hand held "smart phone". Television was another big change in his life. There are over 200 new inventions in his life time such as the pop up toaster, Electric Razor, Electric power drill, Kodak digital cameras, the coat zipper, Television in 2004, Radio tuners, Aerosol cans, power steering, hearing aids, and many more!



Harold thinks things in the world will not change for the better until Christ Comes!



COVENANT CHURCH YOUTH TRAVEL WITH TROJAN MARCHING BAND!

The following Covenant Church youth will be traveling to California with the WHS Trojan Band November 21-28, 2017, to march in the 86th annual **Hollywood Christmas Parade**....(Please pray for safe travels and a healthy tour, thank you, Jon).....

Ethan Hyvari, Katie O'Donnell, Will Brandner, Sam Martin, Andrew Olsen, Tad Stewart, and Ian O'Donnell. (Not pictured is Bryce Olsen)

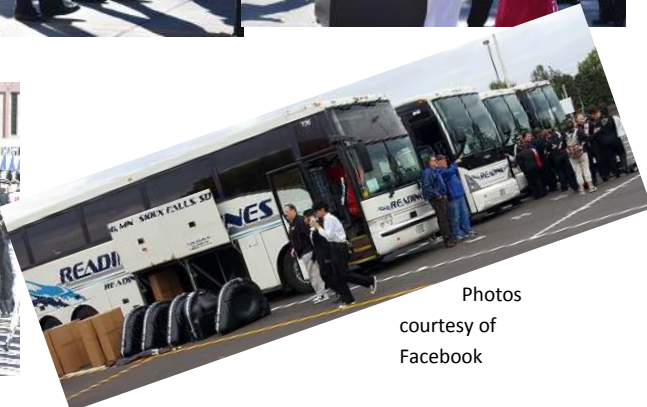
The Award winning 'Spirit of Worthington' Trojan Marching Band is directed by Jon Loy.





THE SPIRIT OF WORTHINGTON TROJAN MARCHING BAND

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF JON LOY



Photos
courtesy of
Facebook



The Lead Team will meet
Tuesday, November 7th
7:30 P.M.
at the church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

Town Hall Meeting for the
congregation immediately
following worship

YOUTH GROUP SCHEUDLE

November 1st at 6:45 P.M.
Kindergarten-12th grade

November 8th at 6:45 P.M.
High School

November 15th at 6:45 P.M.
Kindergarten—12th grade

November 22nd
NO Youth Groups

November 29th at 6:45 P.M.
Kindergarten—12th grade

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 19th

Soup supper at 6:30 P.M.

Worship at 7:15 P.M.
followed by pie dessert

A sign up will be available in the
narthex if you would like to
contribute to the meal.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Wednesday, November 15th
at 6:45 p.m.

Donated items can be brought to
the church to be packed or bring
items and be a part of the “packing
party”; parents, please come
with your students and share
in this important ministry.



Sunday, November 12th

Erik Carlson from Covenant Trust
Company will be visiting to share
during worship about this ministry.
He will also be meeting with the
Adult Sunday School classes—
coffee and treats will be served;
please plan to attend.

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

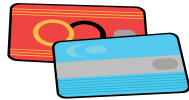
If interested, go to
firstcovenantworthington.org,
click on the “ministries” tab and
choose “giving” from the list of
ministries. If you have any
questions, please
contact John or Kris Stewart.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 8th
at 6:45 P.M.

**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.lbcc.com



SUNNY DAYS PRESCHOOL NEWS

October was a busy month. We are getting in the groove of things!

We took a field trip to the apple orchard. The kids were able to pick out a mini pumpkin. We looked at God's beautiful creation when we were on the bus ride. We had a joyful time!

We learned many things about pumpkins this month.

We are learning more letters. They all know their colors so well.

Miss Jen

