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LIVING WATERS COVENANT CHURCH

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There are many things I am admire about my in-laws, Jim and Paul Hansen and one of those things things I admire most is their ability to attract an amazing number and variety of wild birds to their backyard feeders all year long.

Bluejays, chickadees, juncos, sparrows (of course), various finches, woodpeckers, cardinals and more. Even in the winter the yard is alive with a colorful, joyful collection of our feathered friends.

Personally I've tried to simulate my in-laws success in our own yard and over the last few years I've seen a steady increase in the number of types of birds visiting my feeders. Here's several of the things I've learned that are basics :

- Put the birds first. I need to know which birds I want to attract. No matter how much I wish to see a genuine Bird of Paradise at my feeder, I won't as they just don't live in the United States. Also, I need to know which seeds will best attract what's out there.
- Be consistent. I need to change the feeders more often than I first thought. The birds reject seed that has sat too long and gotten stale.
- Be patient. When I first put out several feeders I thought the birds would show in droves. They didn't. It's been a slower process than I first imagined and there were times I thought 'Why bother?' But over time my attention to the birds' needs and continued feeding has paid off.

In many ways all of the above is like the church. We want to attract people to Jesus but there is not a quick fix way to do it. We need to be willing to get to know others' needs. We need to be willing to live a consistent life of Christian witness. And we need to trust patiently that when we put others first for Christ, God will bring people to them.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Sunday School

10:00 A.M.

Coffee Fellowship

10:30 A.M. Worship

SERVING YOU IN FEBRUARY

SCRIPTURE READERS:

3 March Gustafson
10 Ron Hyvari
17 Deb Joens
24 Tad Stewart

GREETERS:

3 Tom & Sharon Klucking
Chad & Katie Kremer
10 Clair & Diane Willemsen
Dan & Kris Fischer
17 Kevin & Nancy Flynn
Howard Rachuy
24 Walter & Clarice Gehl
Marc & Judy Gustafson

WORSHIP NURSERY:

3 Robert & Robin Redman
10 Chad & Katie Kremer
17 Susan Collin & Kadence Hyvari
24 Colin & Gretchen O'Donnell

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

3 Jeff Ling
10 Leroy & Kolette Eggink
17 Tom & Sharon Klucking
24 Gene & Lil Foth

SOUND SYSTEM:

3 Dave Bos
10 Jeff Ling
17 Jerry Luinenburg
24 Ron Hyvari

COMMUNION SERVERS (February 3rd):

Ron Hyvari
Jeff Ling
Sarah Martin
Clarice Gehl

USHERS:

Dave & Sheila Bos
Jude & Mavis Gravenhof

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



The Lead Team will meet
Tuesday, February 5th at
7:00 P.M. at the church

CONFIRMATION
Wednesday, February 13th
and
Wednesday, February 27th



WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, February 6th:

6:45 P.M. Youth Groups—students in Kindergarten through 4th #507 at St. Matthew's—students in 5th-8th grades meet at the church at 6:15 P.M.; we will return by 8:15 P.M.

7:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, February 13th:

6:45 P.M. Confirmation
7:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, February 20th:

6:45 P.M. Youth Groups
7:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, February 27th:

6:45 P.M. Confirmation
7:00 P.M. Adult Bible Study

SUNNY DAYS PRESCHOOL NEWS



Blessings to you in this bitter cold January.

We have had a fun month. We rode the bus for a field trip to Pizza Ranch; the kids love going on the bus. They got to go in the kitchen and see how everything is made from the famous chicken to the finest of pizzas. We learned how much sauce and cheese go on each one and how many pepperonis!

We are excited for February as we get to celebrate with a Valentine's party. We will be making Valentine boxes.

We are learning more letters and are over half way through the alphabet.

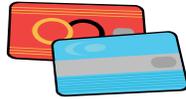
Thanks for praying for Sunny Days Preschool; it means so much!

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he grows old he will never depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

Blessings,
Ms. Jen

**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.

"Pray Worthington"

Tuesdays at noon at the Love INC office



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.

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:

Living Waters 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.

Faith at Home Connection

It is important for our kids to learn about Jesus – his love for us, ways to be a good friend, how to love him. But it is also important for our kids to learn about Jesus alongside other kids their own age and those they can look up to – it is yet another way to help encourage the journey to Christ and nurture the walk with Christ. To help in this growth, for the four weeks of February and first two weeks of March, students in preschool through middle school will meet together in the fellowship hall for Sunday school. The lessons will be based on the curriculum, “Prepared to Stand: The Armor of God for Kids,” with fun activities and games to help reinforce the lesson. We very much encourage your children to attend so they can learn about Jesus with their friends. Again, this format will be taking place February 3rd through March 10th at 9:00 a.m. Please feel free to contact someone on the Formation team if you have any questions.

