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LIVING WATERS COVENANT CHURCH

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Pastor's Corner

This last June I was in Omaha for denominational meetings. One of the highlights of the week was our hotel being across the street from the stadium hosting the NCAA College Men's World Series. While I was unfortunately unable to get a ticket to a game, the excitement in the neighborhood was infectious.

After long meetings each day, many of us would join boisterous fans to watch the games on a large screen somewhere. Part of the excitement this particular year was that the University of Michigan was in the final match up against the latest college baseball powerhouse Vanderbilt. Although Michigan ultimately came up short, they surprised many that they had lasted that long. Why? Because as a Big Ten school they were from a northern climate and everyone knows that northern teams can't compete in a warm weather sport.

One of my favorite Bible Stories is the story of the powerful faith of a Roman Centurion. This can be found in Matthew 8:5-13 or Luke 7:1-10. In this encounter the Roman foreigner sends to Jesus asking him if he could heal a beloved servant. Jesus begins to go to the Centurion's house, but the Centurion, knowing Jewish laws insists that Jesus doesn't need to even be present to exert his power and authority. Jesus is stunned. He turns to the gathered crowd around him and says, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." He then heals the servant from afar.

Do we ever act with this kind of faith? No one believed a cold weather school like Michigan could get to the World Series and no one believed a non-Jewish Roman could have such faith.

Let us as a church trust Christ with such a faith that we might even dare to stun Jesus if not, at least, ourselves.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Summer Worship Schedule

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:30 A.M.

Coffee Fellowship

**We will follow this
schedule through
Sunday, September 1st**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		2019		1 5:00-5:30 Prayer Time	2	3
4 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Coffee Fellowship Jon & Melanie Loy	5	6 12:00-12:30 Prayer Time Sarah Milbrandt	7 Buoy Lia Marc & Judy Gustafson	8 5:00-5:30 Prayer Time	9 Jim & Loretta Shows	10 Eric & Vickie Anderson
11 9:30 Worship with 10:30 Coffee Fellowship Gene & Lil Foth	12 Kim & Sarah Milbrandt	13 12:00-12:30 Prayer Time 3:45 Formation Meeting 7:00 Lead Team Meeting	14	15 5:00-5:30 Prayer Time Brian & Michelle Ling	16 Alex Ling Colin & Gretchen O'Donnell	17 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Range Time - Watch for details</div> John & Emily Buarapha
18 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Fellowship	19	20 12:00-12:30 Prayer Time Kevin & Erika Miller	21	22 5:00-5:30 Prayer Time Tom & Deb Martin	23	24 Frank & Anne Breuker Jon Loy
25 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Fellowship	26 Terri Paine	27 12:00-12:30 Prayer Time Sam Martin	28	29 5:00-5:30 Prayer Time Darla Vanden Berg	30 Ted & Sarah Martin	31

SERVING YOU IN AUGUST

SCRIPTURE READERS:

4 Deb Olsen
11 Tom Ahlberg
18 Carol Christopherson
25 Dale Martin

GREETERS:

4 Frank & Anne Breuker
Howard Rachuy
11 Chad & Katie Kremer
Gene & Lil Foth
18 Tom & Sharon Klucking
Duane & Molly Fenske
25 Dan & Kris Fischer
Kevin & Nancy Flynn

SOUND SYSTEM:

4 Jerry Luinenburg
11 Ron Hyvari
18 Dave Bos
25 Jeff Ling

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

4 Joel & Deb Joens
11 Duane & Molly Fenske
18 Jeff Ling
25 Dale & Shirley Martin

USHERS:

Dale & Shirley Martin
Dean & Carol Christopherson

COMMUNION SERVERS (August 4th):

Jeff Ling
Tom Ahlberg
Deb Olsen
Shirley Martin

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



Lake Beauty Bible Camp

JUNIOR HIGH CAMP JULY 8-13

Alli Fellows, Lucy O'Donnell, Sadie Nickel



SENIOR HIGH CAMP JULY 28- August 2

Katie O'Donnell, Sam Fellows, Bryce Olsen

Congratulations

CHRISTIAN AND HANNAH BOS



Wed at *Living Waters* church June 29

QUINN (Bos) AND PETER OLSON



WED ON JULY 6 AT MAPLE GROVE COVENANT CHURCH



PAULINE NICKEL

Pauline Nickel, age 92, passed away on Monday, July 22, 2019 at the Ecumen Meadows. Memorial services were held on Monday, July 29, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the *Living Waters* Covenant Church

I'm thankful to live in a day when the Bible is so accessible. Like you, I try to enjoy it daily. If you were unable to hear Pastor John expound on the word last Sunday, log into the *Living Waters* website and watch the Sunday message!

OLYMPIC HOPEFUL'S **RUNNING FOR THE PRIZE**

Living Waters VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 15-17, 6 to 8 PM

It took a lot of planning and thanks to the organizers, **Kris Stewart, Gretchen O'Donnell, Sarah Martin and Debra Olsen**. According to Deb there were between 41 to 45 kids each night. **Paul Olsen** told the mission story with rapt attention from all the kids! **John and Kris** did a skit each night with the help of music director, **Melanie Loy**, with additional help from **Theodore Stewart and Sam Martin**



Melanie said, "I loved my time with all of the kids to share music and actions with them at VBS to learn 4 new songs. *"I Will Fight This Fight", "Jump Into The Light", "Running For The Prize" and "Walk Like Jesus"* were the 4 songs we practiced. I think they really sparkled on *"Jump Into The Light"* because of the energy they used to jump up and down and the actions they used to shine their lights for Jesus!"



Michelle Ling said "Time flies when over 40 children are busy making their crafts! The children were split into 2 groups, older and younger. Each group had 30 minutes of craft time. The first evening beaded safety pins and shrinky dinks (a shrinkable plastic) were made. These could be shared

and worn. The children were encouraged to tell others outside of VBS about what they learned about God. The second evening a white canvas block with stickers that showed either a trophy with the word 'winner' underneath it, a cross with All for Him letters, or a running shoe were given to paint on. Then the stickers were removed and it showed the words and symbols in white yet. This represented the theme of VBS 'Running for the Prize'. The third evening the story was about Paul in prison and that he was chained up. So bracelets were made to represent the shackles. Multicolored rubber band bracelets were designed and many of the children knew how to make them so they taught the others. For the younger children beaded bracelets were made instead. **Sarah Martin** had all the crafts set up for all the craft time helpers, which included **Deb Olsen, Melissa Fellows; Michelle Ling, Susan Collin and Molly Fenske**. They really were having fun with all the crafts. They were eager, willing and worked well with each other." Activities were directed by **Sam and Alli Fellows, Katie & Lucy O'Donnell, Bryce Olsen and Tad Stewart**. Kitchen workers included **Gretchen O'Donnell, Kolette Eggink, Chad & Nick Griffith, and Naomi Bach**. Naomi said, "This was our first year volunteering with VBS and we really enjoyed getting to know people from the congregation a little better. The kitchen ladies did a great job organizing and it was a smooth process." Gretchen agreed in saying "I had fantastic help in the kitchen and couldn't have done it without the other workers. Also, it was very fun to see the children respond and participate in the activities. I especially loved seeing them do the actions for the songs. They seemed to listen well and know the answers when quizzed about the Bible stories. Group leaders were **Kayla & Vickie Anderson and Teresa Williams**. Teresa said, "I am not sure if there was one or two certain things I could pinpoint as favorite. There were smiles and excitement in all the activities, for both boys and girls. I worked with the older group but I found so much joy watching my grandkids when we did share time together...a week later they still bring up tidbits of VBS...example, just today Drae mentioned Sam Martin drove his car instead of walking...what a cheater...lol **It was a great time!**" Vickie Anderson said, "Most interesting time during VBS was the conversations I had with the children at meals, their family stories."

WILL BRANDNER



DOES LOCAL MISSION WORK WITH



You may have seen signs like this around town and neighboring towns which indicated which work group was working on that home. Will was on Workgroup #48. There were approximately 400 kids in Worthington for the week of July 7 to 13, 2019. Will is pictured here with the local group of eager teenagers!



Two years ago Will joined the American Lutheran Church on a mission trip to Chillicothe, Ohio to help residents make much needed repairs that they might be unable to accomplish on their own. Will said, "When I heard it (Group Mission Trips) was coming to Worthington, I thought it would be a good chance to help right here in my own community. The favorite part of these two trips has been meeting new people in my work group and helping others. This year my group members came from Wisconsin, Colorado, and Illinois. During this recent mission week,

my work assignment was in Lakefield. My group painted two bedrooms, part of the kitchen and the living room. We also cleaned his garage.

A typical workday started with breakfast at our "hotel" which was Worthington High School. Each youth group was assigned different classrooms for their



sleeping quarters. I actually had permission to "sleep in class!" After breakfast we had a morning program. Then we headed out to our work sites. During our lunch break we would also have devotions. Our work day usually ended around 3:30. Our evenings included some free time, supper, and an evening program to wrap up the day. When we completed our work at the Lakefield residence, we were moved to a home in Worthington. Our task was to begin a siding project on the north side of their house."



Picture on the left shows Will and teammate installing the siding.

Will commented that this week was a GREAT EXPERIENCE to help people from my own area and to grow in my faith.



Ecumen Meadows

RECOGNIZES OUR OWN MEMBERS IN THEIR FACEBOOK Saturday spotlight

SPOTLIGHT SATURDAY July 6- ARNOLD SEXE

Arnold's story begins in Hills, MN where he was born and raised. He attended a country school which was located 1 mile from the Iowa border and 1 mile from the South Dakota border. After graduating from Beaver Creek high school, he attended his freshman year at Worthington Junior College and then enlisted in the Navy. As part of the V-12 Officer Candidate Program, Arnold was sent to school at the University of Minnesota and then to Columbia University in NYC where he graduated in 1944 as an ensign. After completing his time in the service, Arnold earned his teaching degree at Mankato State University.

While Arnold was in the service, he went to the South Pacific with the Amphibious Navy. His fleet was responsible for unloading troops and tanks onto the beach. They loaded the cargo ships that brought in all the supplies that the troops needed. He said they worked 24 hours a day and he was the officer in charge of the ship. Just before WW2 ended, the U.S. was planning to invade Japan. Arnold's ship carried 80 tons of ammo, so he was very relieved that there was no invasion. Arnold was released from service in 1945.

Arnold finished his schooling and came to Worthington to teach in 1946 where he taught science and math at the Junior High School until he retired in 1987. He was also the Audio-Visual Director for the entire school district for 37 years. Arnold said that people often ask him how he could stand those junior high kids and his answer is always "I loved them." All these years later, Arnold is still reaping the rewards of his chosen career path as he is frequently stopped by people while he's out & about who tell him that he was their teacher and what they remember about his class. Actually, not only did he teach several members of the Meadows staff, but Ecumen Meadows resident Glen Karsten is also a former student of Arnold's.

Shortly after moving to Worthington, Arnold became friends with a fellow teacher who was married to a nurse. The teacher's wife worked with a nurse named Elna who, like Arnold, was single. The couple decided to play matchmaker and thought that Arnold & Elna should meet, so Arnold went to the Worthington Clinic to get a shot. Elna was his nurse and the rest is history. Elna and Arnold were blessed with 2 sons and now have 2 granddaughters. The couple will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary in October.

Along with teaching, Arnold also served his community as chairman of the Golden K (which at the time had 125 members and was the largest in 3 states), as secretary and treasurer of the Worthington Amateur Radio Club of which he was a member for over 30 years and as a faithful member of the First Covenant Church.



SPOTLIGHT SATURDAY June 29- LINDY ROOS

Lindy was born and raised in Marshalltown, Iowa. After graduating from high school, she left home to attend nursing school in Rochester. The United States was at war at the time so the government paid for her education. The war had ended by the time Lindy graduated from nursing school but if it had not, she would have had to join the service. Before she could receive her diploma, Lindy was required to perform 3 months of rural nursing. She was assigned to work in Worthington. At the time, the hospital was located in a big house in downtown.

It was while she was completing her 3-month rural nursing stint that Lindy met the love of her life, Bob Roos. They met at the Welcome Inn, an eatery that was on Main Street (10th Avenue). Lindy was there having coffee with her nursing friends and Bob was there doing the same with his Daily Globe work friends. After her 3 months were complete, Lindy returned to Rochester. Bob missed her and convinced her to find work in Worthington so they could be together. Lindy took a nursing job at the Worthington Hospital and began a lifelong career she absolutely loved. Soon after, she and Bob married and started a family. Lindy and Bob had 6 children together. Bob passed away last year. Lindy has 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren with number 20 due to arrive in July!

Lindy keeps very busy and is always on the go. She gets together for lunch every single Thursday with a group of retired nurse friends and has done so for many, many years. Lindy is a very creative woman who sings, quilts and does needlepoint. Her apartment is filled with her beautiful handiwork. Lindy is also a member of the Meadows Choir.





The Lead Team will meet
on Tuesday, August 13th
at 7:00 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
The Adult Bible Study will not
meet in August.
They will resume again
in September.

NURSERY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

For the foreseeable future, there will
no longer be a staffed nursery on
Sunday mornings. If parents feel
they need to take their children out
of worship, there will be a toy box of
quiet toys in the lobby.

RANGE TIME

Saturday, August 17th

Watch for more details.

FORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, August 13th at 3:45 P.M.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Through Sunday, September 1st

9:30 A.M.—Worship

10:30 A.M.—Coffee Fellowship



**FAREWAY & HY-VEE
GROCERY CARDS
AVAILABLE!!!**
Don't forget to pick yours up on
Sunday mornings, contact
Howard Rachuy
or stop in the office during the week.



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.**



CHURCH'S WEBSITE
Check out the website at
www.livingwaterscovenant.com
You will find the bulletin,
newsletter,
and much more there.

CURRENT NEEDS FOR LOVE INC
Watch the bulletin boards by
the office and by the Jerusalem
Room for their current needs.



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

Like us on Facebook and
follow all the news!

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

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



Check out the brochures on the
table in the narthex about
upcoming events.
Also check out their website at:



DEVOTIONAL BOOKS
**Copies of Covenant Home Altar
are available.**
**Pick up a copy on the
table in the narthex.**



Living Waters Covenant Church is
offering the option of giving your
offering online. If interested go to
<https://livingwaterscovenant.com>
and click on the GIVE tab where 4
options for online giving are listed.

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

"Pray Worthington"
Tuesdays at noon at the Love INC office



GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them.

The group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

Tuesdays 2:00-3:30 P.M.

September 3rd—November 26th

First Lutheran Church

1200 4th Avenue, Worthington

Call First Lutheran to register 507-376-6148

(Join any time)

We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Call us today.



MK5K Run & Family Fun Walk

Wednesday, August 7th @ 7:00
P.M.

Nobles County Fairgrounds



Plans are underway for another exciting 5K Run & Family Fun Walk benefiting our local Southwest Crisis Center and the Mary Kay Foundation, both of which are 501(3)c. Proceeds will help provide housing and support for individuals and children who are experiencing domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking. We anticipate an even greater participation than before due to the date/time change along with the family-friendly 2-mile walk. To participate in the 5K Run or 2 mile Family Fun Walk, register online at the Southwest Crisis Center's website www.mnswcc.org For more information or to volunteer contact the Southwest Crisis Center at 507-376-4311.