



Hope Covenant Church

336 Fourth Avenue South
St. Cloud, MN 56301
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Building HOPE and Friendship

Celebration of Worship
December 7, 1997
8:15AM & 10:45 AM

Ministers: The Congregation
Equippers: Robert Anderson, Senior Pastor 202-8584
Terry Johnson, Associate Pastor 253-9303
Nick Yaksich, Youth Pastor 202-8501
Lee Severson, Lay Minister of Visitation, 252-6711
Kathy Armbrust, Christian Education Coordinator, 259-6706

CARE IN THE FAMILY

NURSERY STAFF THIS WEEK:

EARLY WORSHIP: Hansen/Gleason
SECOND SERVICE: Dahlgren/Danzeisen

NURSERY STAFF NEXT WEEK:

EARLY WORSHIP: Theis/Leigh
SECOND SERVICE: Oslover/Gordon/Moore

CHILDREN'S CHURCH STAFF:

FIRST SUNDAY: Bob & Cindy Koubsky
SECOND SUNDAY: Sheila Nelson/Norma Morton
THIRD SUNDAY: Woody Sankey
FOURTH SUNDAY: Elaine Hick/June Johnson
FIFTH SUNDAY: Tracy Eriksson

USHERS THIS WEEK:

EARLY WORSHIP: Geurkink/Forsell
SECOND WORSHIP: Slaney/D. & S. Johnson

USHERS NEXT WEEK:

EARLY WORSHIP: S. Johnson/L. Johnson
B. Currier/R. Rueter
SECOND SERVICE: Reep/Sellnow

ADULT WINTER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

"Love Our God With All Your Mind" John Engberg
(Room 103)

Men's Bible Study Bob Slaney
(Room 102)

"The Mind of Christ" Pastor Terry Johnson
(Room F5)

Women's Topical Study Nancy Fitch
(Conference Room)

"Be Attitudes " Ken Johnson
(Fellowship Hall)

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Today	8:15AM	Early Worship, Nursery
	9:30AM	Sunday School
	10:45AM	Second Worship, Nursery, Children's Church
	NOON	Fellowship Dinner
Monday	7:00PM	Worship Ministry Team Mtg.
Tuesday	8:45AM	Staff Meeting
	9:00AM	Women's Prayer Hour
	7:00PM	Elders Meeting
Wednesday	6:15AM	Men's Prayer & Bible Study
	6:30PM	Adventure Club
		Jr./Sr. Confirmation
		Choir
		Youth Small Groups
		Prayer Hour
Thursday	7:00PM	SCCS Christmas Program
Fri.-Sun.		Christmas Dinners at LBBC
Saturday	9:30-11:00AM	SS Christmas Program
		Practice
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LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 20	8:00AM	Men's Breakfast
Dec. 21	9:30AM	Sunday School
	10:45AM	Single Worship Service - Choir Cantata
Dec. 24	5:00PM	Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 27	NOON	Community Meal
Dec. 28		NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
	10:45	Single Worship Service
Dec. 31	10:00PM-7:00AM	Youth New Years Eve

Welcome! If you are visiting our church for the first time, we extend you a special greeting! We invite you to enter into our worship wholeheartedly. Sing out! Listen intently to God's word! Be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit! And after the service, give us a chance to talk with you at the Coffee Hour in the Welcome Center and to invite you back.

- Accompanist: Dawn Kraayenbrink
- Call to Worship: Isaiah 57:15
Pastor: For this is what the high and lofty One says ~ he who lives forever, whose name is holy:
All: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite".
- Worship in Song:
 No: 140 "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"
 No: 190 "Christmas Has Its Cradle"
- Worship in Scripture: Psalm 51:1-17 (p. 562)
 Luke 3:1-20 (pg. 1016)
- Worship in Giving:
 Special Music: Choir
Children will be dismissed for Children's Church
- Celebration of the Lord's Supper
- Worship in the Word: Pastor Terry
 Title: "Repent ~ The Kingdom of God is Here"
 Text: II Corinthians 7:8-11
- Benediction Response:
 No: 183 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

All who wish to receive Christ as Savior and Lord, those who would like to renew their relationship with Him, or those who have a concern for which they would like prayer, are invited to share their need with a pastor or elder. For ten minutes following each service there will be a pastor or elder available for prayer in the Prayer Room, located outside the forward right exit of the Sanctuary.

Special days this week include birthdays Monday for Phil Rockensock; Tuesday for Heather Nelson; Wednesday for Barb Kaasa, John Reep; Saturday for Bev Kluball, Dave Peterson. There are Wedding Anniversaries Monday for Jack & Laraine Forsell, Tuesday for Gary & Linda Ziebarth. *Blessings!*

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER

MISSIONS: *Another of our supported missions concerns, the Youth With a Mission (YWAM) base in Surigao, Philippines, involved in evangelism outreach.*

AREA CHURCH: *Communion Life Fellowship, St. Cloud*
UNREACHED PEOPLES: *Pray for the 1,700,000 Kirgiz in Russia who usually work in lower level jobs. Pray that opportunities would open for them to educate their children and open their minds to Christianity.*

CHURCH FAMILIES: *Dick & Bev Mowe, Melanie; Chris & Pam Mrozek; Mark & Sheila Nelson, Jordan, Alexis, Tiffany; Marty & Deb Neu, Tony, Kenton, Aimee Jo; Hahn Nguyen; Neil & Sherry Olmscheid, Cory, David; Keith & Jan Olson, Jacob, Andrea*

GROWTH AND GIVING REPORT FOR PRAYER AND ACTION

	LAST WEEK	NOV. AVG.	YTD. AVG.
<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	330	329	303
	LAST WEEK	YTD	% OF GOAL
<u>GIVEN TO GOD:</u>	\$4,339	\$234,188	↓92%

OUR WEEKLY MISSION PLAN: \$5,276 \$253,248



Pray that this project will open new doors for evangelism in the countries where shoe boxes will be distributed. Some of these countries are Bosnia, Croatia, Romania, Russia, Kenya, Jordan, and Thailand.

When we pray for someone regularly, the Lord opens up opportunities for us to care for them and to nurture a sincere relationship with them in which He can make Himself known in love. "Bringing My World to Christ" helps us focus in our prayer.

Children and young people under Sr. High age will be asked to sit with their parents during the Celebration of the Lord's Supper. This is to encourage participation in family units, whether or not those children are allowed yet to partake in communion by their parents. Parents, be sure to speak with your children about the meaning of this act of worship, even if they do not yet participate.

A BIG THANK YOU to Julie Johnson for answering the office telephones Tuesday morning during the staff meeting!

THE MISSION OF HOPE COVENANT CHURCH
 To glorify God in a loving community, visibly committed to "the priesthood of all believers" and graciously energized by:

- Hearing God's Word
- Obedying His Spirit
- Praying in Jesus' name
- Evangelizing family, friends and neighbors

HOTSHEET



December 7, 1997

REMINDER: PLEASE JOIN US TODAY, FOLLOWING THE SECOND SERVICE FOR OUR MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP DINNER. HELP US JOIN IN CELEBRATION OF THE RECENT MARRIAGE OF ERIC AND NORITA SCHMITZ ON AUGUST 31, 1997 AT GEREJA BAPTIS INDONESIA KEBAYORAN CABANG CILANDAK, JAKARTA INDONESIA!

- **PARENTS!** Please have your children attend Sunday School opening exercises so they can learn the songs for our Christmas program next week. Thank you!



- **TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE** for the Adult Fellowship Dinner with a Masters Touch Concert on December 13th! A catered dinner of ham and chicken will be available. You are asked to bring either an appetizer or dessert.
- **PLEASE RETURN TO BEV SELLNOW** all unsold blue coupon books and money **TODAY**. All returned books and money **must** be in an envelope and include your name and amount! Thank you.
- **DO YOU PERSONALLY KNOW A STORY ABOUT A COVENANT MISSIONARY?** If so, please contact the Missions Committee so we can share these stories!
- **LONG/SHORT TERM MISSIONARY HELP NEEDED** to teach conversational English in Japan ~ or an elementary school teacher for missionary children in Thailand. If you are interested in either one of these exciting opportunities, please contact Lois Weeks at 240-9437.
- **PARENTS AND YOUTH:** Sunday mornings are designed for worship, spiritual growth and fellowship. Families are very important to us here at Hope Covenant, and our desire is to see the family grow strong in Christ! As we gather together on Sunday mornings for worship it is our prayer that we are providing an atmosphere where we can all worship God freely. With this in mind we are asking families to either sit together during worship, or if the youth sit separately, that they would sit toward the front of the sanctuary to better be a part of the worship experience. Please remember that we are gathering together as the Body of Christ and we need to respect all those around us in their worship experience. Thank you for your help and cooperation. God bless!
- **THE STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM** would like to remind everyone to show their gratitude to our pastors (Bob, Terry & Nick) and to the staff (Kathy, Pam, & Loisanne) over the Christmas holidays by monetary or other remembrances.

SEE OVER FOR MORE HOTSHEET NEWS

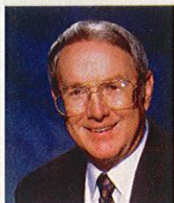
MORE HOTSHEET NEWS



Sunday School Christmas Program

*The Sunday School Christmas Program is scheduled for **Sunday, December 14th at 6 p.m.** with a fellowship time immediately following the program downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Children age three through grade 6 need to be here at the church at 5:30 p.m. to prepare. We are also asking each family to contribute one or two dozen cookies for our fellowship time. These treats may be brought to the kitchen before the program. **Everyone is welcome!***

- **ST. CLOUD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** will be on December 11th at 7:00PM. The 5th grade class will be performing a play called the Silent Night. The 6-8th grades will be playing hand and other bells. 4th grade students will read about the travel of Mary & Joseph to Bethlehem. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring a friend!
- **COPIES OF THE NEWCOMERS VIDEOS MAY NOW BE PURCHASED FOR \$7.00 EACH IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.** Remember that the proceeds from the sale of the first 50 videos will be donated to our Benevolent Fund!
- **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for your financial support for our short term mission trip to a Jamaican orphanage for boys this coming February. We will be part of a team of 22 people that will do work projects and also focus on developing friendships and sharing God's Word with the children and staff. Please check the missions bulletin board outside the kitchen/fellowship area for a list of items needed for the orphanage. A donation box is located to the right of the mailboxes. We will pack our personal things in a carry-on so all donations can go in the check-in bags. Sunday, January 11th will be the last day to donate. We would appreciate your prayers.
Jenn & Deb Brumbaugh
- **DEAR WOMEN OF HOPE:** Thank you very much for the lovely tea given to me on November 15th. I have felt very welcomed and appreciate all the ways in which you have extended love and friendship to me. I have been truly blessed!
Love in Christ, Robin Anderson
- **A BIG THANK YOU** to the anonymous giver of a gift certificate to my family. It is greatly appreciated at this holiday season!
A Grateful Mom



Dr. James Dobson

SOLID ANSWERS

Q. What is the most important period in the spiritual training of young children?

A. Each is important, but I believe the fifth year is often the most critical. Up to that time, children believe in God because their parents say it is the right thing to do. They accept the reality of Christ like they would a story about Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny—uncritically and innocently. At about five or six years of age, however, they begin to think more about what they have been told. Some kids come to a fork in the road about that time. Either they begin to internalize what they've been taught and make it their own or else the Bible stories become like fables that don't exist in the real world. It is a time for careful instruction

at home and in church.

I certainly don't mean to imply that parents should wait until their children are five or six to begin spiritual training. Nor are subsequent years insignificant. But I am convinced that our most diligent efforts within the family and our best teachers in Sunday school ought to be assigned to the child of five or six years. There will be crucial crossroads after that, but this one is vital.

Q. What does a woman want most from her husband in the fifth, sixth, and seventh decades of her life?

A. She wants and needs the same assurance of love and respect that she desired when she was younger. This is the beauty of committed love—that which is avowed to be a lifelong devotion. A man and woman can face the good and bad times together as friends and allies. By contrast, the youthful advocate of "sexual freedom" and noninvolve-

ment will enter the latter years of life with nothing to remember but a series of exploitations and broken relationships. That short-range philosophy, which gets so much publicity today, has a predictable dead end down the road. Committed love is expensive, I admit, but it yields the highest returns on the investment at maturity.

These questions and answers are from the book *Solid Answers*, published by Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. Dr. Dobson is president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. His daily radio program is heard on more than 1,400 radio stations in the U.S. and Canada. If you would like a copy of the radio broadcast listing or the monthly *Focus on the Family* magazine (both are distributed free of charge), write to Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, CO 80995 or Focus on the Family Canada, Box 9800, Vancouver, BC V6B 4G3.

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Christmas Memories

Without a doubt, Christmas is a great time for memories. Some of my happiest memories have been rooted in the Christmas season. I remember the year my father went to the bank and bought 20 new, crisp one-dollar bills back in the days when a dollar would buy a meal. Attaching a Merry Christmas note to each dollar, he handed them out: one apiece to the newsboy, the shoe-shine man, the postman, and 17 others. He was merely thanking them for being his friends.

Another memory is about an incident that occurred many years later. My wife, two children, and I had boarded a plane for Kansas City to spend the holidays with my parents. When I stepped off the plane and into the terminal, I instantly caught sight of my six-foot-four-inch father towering over the crowd. There was a twinkle in his eyes and a smile on his face, and Mom, of course, was aglow with excitement. Her family had come home for Christmas. I can still see that scene in my mind today. Now those good people are gone, and only the memory lingers on.

During the Christmas season I hope your own times of excitement and sharing and fellowship will leave you with a special gift—memories that will last a lifetime.

Little Boy Blue

There's a classic poem by Eugene Field called "Little Boy Blue" that my father used to quote to me. Even as a child, it made me cry, but the words took on a greater significance when I became a father.

*The little toy dog is covered with dust,
But sturdy and staunch he stands;
And the little toy soldier is red with rust,
And the musket moulds in his hands.
Time was when the little toy dog was new,
And the soldier was passing fair;
And that was the time when our Little Boy Blue
Kissed them and put them there.*



*"Now, don't you go till I come," he said,
"And don't you make any noise!"
So, toddling off to his trundle bed,
He dreamt of the pretty toys;
And, as he was dreaming, an angel song
Awakened our Little Boy Blue.
Oh! the years are many, the years are long,
But the little toy friends are true!*

*Aye, faithful to Little Boy Blue they stand,
Each in the same old place
Awaiting the touch of a little hand,
The smile of a little face;
And the wonder, as waiting the long years
through*

*In the dust of that little chair,
What has become of our Little Boy Blue,
Since he kissed them and put them there?*

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This poem is dedicated to those mothers and fathers who have lost a child in recent years. My prayers are with you.

When Honesty Is Cruel

Communication is the foundation for a healthy relationship—nothing should be withheld from the marital partner. There is wisdom in that advice, provided it is applied with common sense.

Couples who communicate openly have a much better chance of succeeding in marriage. But any good idea can be misused—at which point the effect becomes negative. For example, it may be honest for a man to tell his wife that he doesn't like her hairstyle or the way she cooks. It may be honest for a woman to dump her anger on her husband and berate him for his shortcomings. But honesty that does not have the best interest of the other person at heart is really a cruel form of selfishness. This is especially true when the other person can't help the characteristics that are being criticized.

Some couples, in their determination to share every thought and opinion, systematically destroy the sweet spark of romance that once drew them together. No longer is there any sense of mystique in the relationship. They've unraveled the romantic allure that made them love one another in the first place.

I'm not suggesting that husbands and wives begin to deceive each other. I am recommending, however, that they leave something to be discovered along the way and occasionally let their anger and frustration cool down just a bit before dumping it on an unsuspecting partner in the name of honesty.

The bottom line? Let love be your guide.

"How may I become a Christian?"

Realize that:

1) **Man is sinful and separated from God.**

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

2) **Sin has a penalty which must be paid.**

"For the wages of sin is death . . ." Romans 6:23

" . . . man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment." Hebrews 9:27

3) **Jesus Christ has paid the penalty for sin.**

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"God made Christ who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." II Corinthians 5:21

4) **God offers a tremendous plan for your life.**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Jesus said, ". . . I have come that they may have

life, and have it to the full." John 10:10

5) **Salvation is a free gift.**

" . . . but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

"It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8, 9

6) **It takes a commitment from you.**

"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act." Psalm 37:5

7) **You can have assurance of salvation.**

Jesus said, "He who believes has everlasting life." John 6:47

" . . . God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God, does not have life." I John 5:11, 12

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, I confess before you that I am a sinner, separated from you and your plan for my life. I now, on the basis of your work on the cross for me, ask you to forgive my sin and to take control of my life. I trust you to do for me what I could never do for myself. By your grace make me your faithful disciple to my life's end. Amen. (If you have made this commitment, tell another Christian about it today, who can support you in prayer.)

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Welcome to Worship at the Covenant Church!

Sunday, October 21, 1990, 9:30am

Ministers: The Congregation

Equipper: Pastor Richard G. Mylander, 252-1188

As one local expression of the Family of God, we exist to continue the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Since we are gathered here to worship the Lord God of the universe, let's prepare ourselves reverently, quietly and prayerfully before the service begins. Consider the words from Proverbs 10:6,7

"Blessings crown the head of the righteous, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked. The memory of the righteous will be a blessing, but the name of the wicked will rot."

Our Hymns Today Will be Announced

Accompanist: Jan Hubert
Assisting the Church Family in their Worship Ken Johnson

We are very glad to have with us today the Youth for Christ musical ministry "Ark." They will be doing programs at our area schools this coming week for Youth for Christ Week. It is our joy to have them share in our service, along with Central Minnesota YFC Director Tom Burton, and we will have opportunity to dedicate their ministry to our area young people to God in prayer. Welcome!

Please stay following the service for a time of fellowship over coffee.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Tonight, Covenant Home Fellowships
Monday, 7:00pm Sr. High Youth Group
Tuesday, 6:30pm Stewardship Ministry Team meeting
6:30pm Ministry Teams meet
7:30pm Church Council meets
Wednesday, 6:30pm AWANA (for ages 3 thru 6th grade)
6:30pm Choir, Nursery,
6:30pm Jr. High Youth Group
6:30pm Family Issues Study: Dr. James Dobson's Focus on the Family Series, "Childraising: Shaping the will Without Breaking the Spirit"
8:00pm Inquirer's Fellowship begins
Thursday, 6:30pm Ministry Team Appreciation Dinner, here
Friday, 7:30pm Hayride, Bonfire for Sr. High Youth, meet at church, \$2.00 per person
Friday-Saturday, Minnehaha Quilt Show
Friday-Sunday, Fall Phenomenon, Jr. High
Sunday, 9:00am Sunday School (classes for all ages)
10:30am Worship Service, Children's Worship, Nursery
Evening Covenant Home Fellowships

LOOKING AHEAD

- OCT. 30 Women's Bible Study, 9:30am
Elders meet, 7pm
NOV. 1 Stewardship Ministry Team Training Seminar, 6:30pm
2-3 Sr. Confirmation Retreat #1
3 Covenant Women Prayer Partner Brunch, 10:30am
4 Youth Fundraiser, SLOPPY JOE Dinner, noon
5 Concert of Prayer, here
9-10 Youth to Dawson McAllister
10 Elders meet, 7:30am
11 Thanksgiving Festival of Praise, here, 6:30pm
12 Covenant Women Craft and Fellowship, 7pm, here
13 Youth Ministry Team meeting, 7pm
14 Sunday School Ministry Team meeting, 5:30pm
14-16 Quilter's Retreat, Phase I at Lake Beauty
16-18 Quilter's Retreat, Phase II at Lake Beauty
17 Sr. Confirmation, 3pm

When they say ... "your claim that a fetus is a human being is a religious belief, don't force your religion on me"...you say.... a description of the beginning of human life can be found in any embryology textbook, mine is a position based on scientific facts of biology.

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Sunday worship celebrations are designed to help us know God's presence, and to address the needs of newcomer and regular alike through a mixture of traditional and contemporary worship styles. Today's theme, considering the character of the Lord, will be communicated through song and spoken Word, inspiration and challenge. Whether you have come to investigate the claims of Jesus Christ or to strengthen your Christian faith, welcome to the Covenant Church! Let's prepare ourselves quietly and prayerfully before the service begins. Consider the words from Psalm 11:7

"For the LORD is righteous, he loves justice;
upright men will see his face."

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Helping Lead the Congregation's Worship: Pastor Chris
Accompanist: Julie Johnson
Sharing Testimony in Song: The Choir

Bringing the Word of God: Pastor Mylander
Title: "What's In a Name, Part 2: El Shaddai,
The Battle Belongs to the Lord"
Text: Genesis 17:1-8

Please stay for a time of fellowship after
worship during a coffee hour.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Tonight, Covenant Home Fellowships
Tuesday, 9:30am Women's Bible Study at Rita Ryker's home,
224 18th Ave N, St. Cloud
Tuesday-Thursday, Quilters Retreat at LBBC
Wednesday, 5:15pm Worship Leading Team Practice
6:15pm Jr. and Sr. High Youth Groups
6:30pm Adventure Club
6:30pm Choir, nursery
6:30pm Midweek Prayer Meeting
Thursday, 7:00pm Special Congregational Meeting
Friday, 4:00pm Dawson McAllister, meet here at 4pm
Friday-Sunday, Quilters Retreat at LBBC
Saturday, 8:00am Men's Breakfast
Sunday, 8:00am Early Worship, Nursery
9:15am Sunday School, Classes for everyone
10:30am Late Worship, Nursery, Children's Church
Evening Covenant Home Fellowships

LOOKING AHEAD

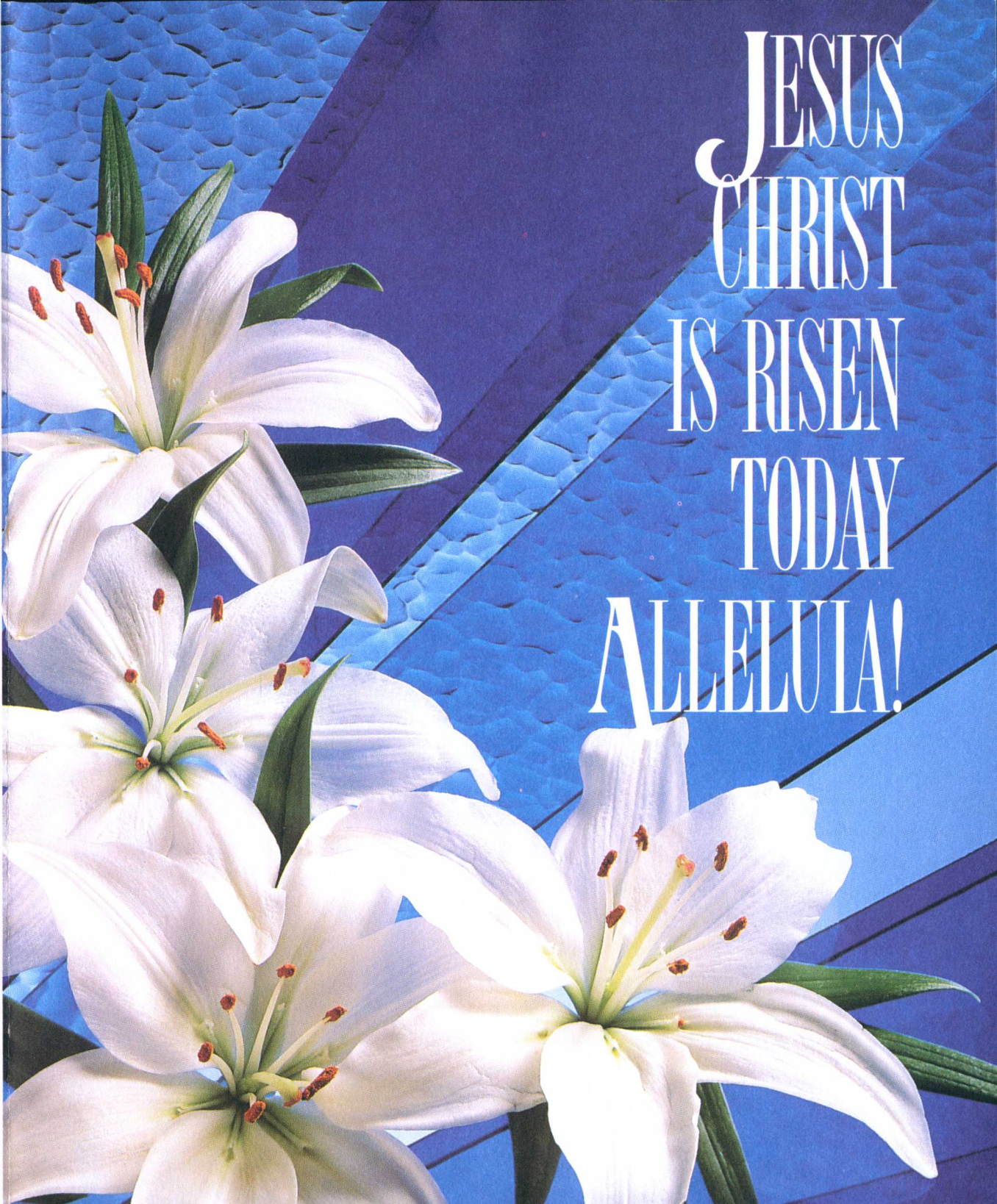
NOV. 24 Elders, 7pm
25 Thanksgiving Service, 6:30pm
2 Sunday School Ministry Team, 5:30pm
5 Sunday School Program Practice, 9:30-11:30am
Covenant Women Christmas Party, here, 6:30pm
7 Concert of Prayer, 7pm
8 Youth Ministry Team, 7pm
12 Elders, 7:30am
Sunday School Program Practice, 9:30-11:30am
Adult Fellowship Progressive Dinner, 6pm
13 Sunday School Program, 5pm (NOTE TIME CHANGE)
15 Ministry Teams, 6:30pm
Church Council, 7:30pm

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER

MISSIONS: The Covenant Department of Church Growth and Evangelism, equipping new and established churches for outreach.

UNREACHED PEOPLES: Pray for the 105,000 Chinese in the United Kingdom. Many of them work long hours and thus are not available to go to church on Sunday. Pray that the Christians in the U.K. will think of unique ways of doing evangelism among the Chinese.

AREA CHURCH: Alliance, Sauk Rapids, Rev. Dean E. Morin
CHURCH FAMILIES: John & Raquel Reep, Carolyn, Nathan; John & Joanne Reinhart, Jenni, Jeff, Jerisa, Jason; Ross & Mary Rieke, Joshua, Amy, Kelsey; Denny & Jean Robinson. Bethany. Cody



JESUS
CHRIST
IS RISEN
TODAY
ALLELUIA!

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Welcome to Worship at Hope Covenant Church!

Sunday, April 3, 1994, 10:30am

Ministers: The Congregation

Equippers: Richard G. Mylander, Senior Pastor, 252-1188

Chris Peterson, Assistant & Youth Pastor, 253-5076

Lee Severson, Lay Minister of Visitation, 252-6711

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...guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.

Our Hymns Today will be announced.

Accompanist: Julie Johnson

Sharing Testimony in Song: The Choir

Bringing the Word of God: Pastor Rick Mylander

Title: "The Lord's Prayer and Ours, #7:
The Kingdom, The Power, The Glory"

Text: Mathew 6:13

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Today		BLESSED EASTER
Monday	7:00pm	Womens' Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday	6:00pm	Children's Choir
	6:30pm	Jr/Sr High Youth Group
	6:30pm	Choir
	6:30pm	Adventure Club
	8:00pm	Prayer Meeting
Thursday	7:00pm	Youth Bible Study (at McDunns' home)
Fri.-Sun.		Spring Quilters Retreat, LBBC
Saturday	1-3:00pm	Inquirers' Fellowship Class
Sunday	8:00 &	Worship, Master's Touch to sing
	10:30am	at both services
	9:15am	Sunday School, classes for all
	Evening	Covenant Home Fellowships

LOOKING AHEAD

Apr	12	Youth for Christ Banquet, 7:00pm
	15	EWOK (Evening Without Kids), 6:30pm
	15/16	Sr Confirmation Retreat
	16	Men's Breakfast
	18	Women of Hope Shower, 7:00pm
	19	Ministry Teams, 6:00pm
		Congregation Meeting, 7:00pm
	22-24	Mother/Daughter Retreat, Lake Beauty Bible Camp
	26	Women of Hope District Meeting, 6:00pm
	27	Pastoral Relations Committee, 8pm
	30	Women of Hope Mother/Daughter Banquet, 7:00pm

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER

MISSIONS: The African missions fields we support through our Covenant denominational giving in Zaire and Central African Republic; the Covenant Department of World Missions which oversees these.

UNREACHED PEOPLES: Pray for the 1,700,000 Kirgiz in Russia who usually work in lower level jobs. Pray that opportunities would open for them to educate their children and open their minds to Christianity.

AREA CHURCH: Communion Life Fellowship, St. Cloud; Pastor Harold Wiehoff

CHURCH FAMILIES: Scot & Gretchen Hutton, Andrew, Hannah, Spencer, Elsie; John & Nona Huyler, Melissa; David & Alvina Johnson, Tressa, Amanda; Ken & Julie Johnson; Steve & Deb Johnson, Tharen, Anders, Lars, Maisa; Terry & June Johnson, Eric, Corey, Abby, Arielle; Twila Johnson; Barb Kaasa, Joshua, Rebecca, Rachel.

Directions to the Watkins' are as follows: go out South River Road (County Rd. 8) towards Clear Lake from the SE side. Within about five miles you'll see a green sign indicating the River Haven addition on the right. Turn in there and the Watkins' are fire number 1267. The fellowship will begin at 8:00 p.m., but come when you can and leave as you have to. All adults are more than welcome!

Pastor Rick, Gail and Kate are visiting family this post-Christmas weekend in Chicago and Rockford. Should a pastoral need arise contact Phil Thompson of the Deacon Board (253-5043).

Covenant Home Altars for the new quarter (Jan.-March) have been received and may be picked up in the narthex. This is a quality, brief daily devotional guide, and we all need to spend daily time in God's Word. Take one home.

Drop a note to Paul and Peggy Anderson this week...it's their anniversary today (401 E. 153rd, Burnsville 55337)! Lots of birthdays this week, too: Pam Murphy (today), Denise Breckenridge and Jill Watkins (both Monday), Joy Wolhart (Tuesday), and Ron Hubert (Friday). May God bless your days!

A big thank you to MaryJo Anderson for sewing as temporary church office secretary while the position was waiting to be filled. She has served very faithfully. Roxie Fast is our new secretary.

I will tell of the loving kindnesses of God. I will praise him for all he has done: I will rejoice in his great goodness to Israel, which he has granted in accordance with his mercy and love. He said, "They are my very own; surely they will not be false again." And he became their Savior. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and he personally saved them. In his love and pity he redeemed them and lifted them up and carried them through all the years.

—Isaiah 63:7-9 Living Bible

ABOUT THE COVER:
One big word, LOVE, written in the frost on a window. It sums up all of the gospel into one simple statement. For all of God's redemption, we can say nothing greater than this... LOVE.



...he redeems them

Evangelical Covenant Church
3320 Maine Prairie Road
Pastor Rick Bylander
Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday in Christmastide

St. Cloud, Minnesota
Church 251-7238
Home 252-1138
December 28, 1980

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Prelude (As we gather in the sanctuary, be silent and
reverent as we prepare our hearts for worship.)
Scripture for Personal Meditation and Prayer
"Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!"
II Corinthians 9:15
Call to Worship

"We Are Come Into This House"
(see inside cover of hymnal)

... IN THE SPIRIT OF WORSHIP ...

*Invocation
*Hymn No. 26 "To God Be The Glory"
*Welcome From the People
Sharing the Life of the Congregation
Special Music Nancy Haarstad
Congregational Prayer

... TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD ...

Hymn No. 247 "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"
Sermon Pastor Wayne Hall

... AND RESPOND IN FAITH ...

Offertory
We Respond to God with our Giving
*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
*Hymn No. 465 "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
*Benediction
Postlude

A warm thanks to Pastor Wayne Hall for preaching
this morning, and for his continued ministry among
us.

This Week in Our Church...

No evening service tonight!

Wednesday 8:00 p.m. Adult New Year Fellowship at
the Watkins' (see directions below);
Watchnight Communion Service at 11:30 p.m.
7:30 a.m. Church Intercessory Prayer
Group

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Interdenominational Intercessory
Prayer Group

Sunday

11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class
9:30 Sunday School Staff Prayer
9:45 Sunday School, classes for all
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Dedication of
new church board and recognition of
existing board members; celebration of
Lord's Supper
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Family Missions Vespers

CHURCH NOTES

Looking Ahead

Jan. 5-9 Prayer Week; prayer meetings in homes
Jan. 9 Covenant Women Missions Work Day, 10:00 a.m.
Jan. 15 Sunday School Staff Training, 7-9 p.m.
Jan. 22 Mid-Year Confirmand-Counselor Friend Party
Jan. 29 Church Board Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

Don't forget to check the bulletin board on your way
out for Christmas greetings to our church family.
Greetings are there from Pastor Rick and his family,
from former pastor Dave Erickson's family, from Carl
and Ida Olson--members of our church living at a
Covenant retirement center in Illinois, from the Our
Saviour's Lutheran congregation--our sister fellowship
with whom our facilities are shared, and from the
King's Academy--the Christian elementary school with
whom our facilities are shared.

*You are a chosen race, a
royal priesthood . . . a
people belonging to God,
that you may declare the
praises of Him who
called you out of darkness
into His wonderful light.*

1 Peter 2:9

*The Evangelical Covenant Church
3320 Maine Prairie Road
St. Cloud, Minnesota
Phone 251-7238*

Welcome to Worship at the Covenant Church!
Sunday, April 16, 1989 8:15 and 10:45am
Ministers: The Congregation
Assistants: Pastor Richard G. Mylander, 252-1188
Intern Associate Pastor James Bruckner, 259-6949

As one local expression of the Family of God, we exist to continue the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Since we are gathered here to worship the Lord God of the universe, let's prepare ourselves reverently, quietly and prayerfully before the service begins. Consider the words from Psalm 141:1,2.

"O Lord, I call to you; come quickly to me. Hear my voice when I call to you. May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice."

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pastor: Lord Jesus, when you rode into Jerusalem, the people openly demonstrated their support.

People: *"Save us now!" they shouted. That's what "Hosanna" means.*

Pastor: We also openly declare our allegiance to you as king.

People: *However, our loyalty is not just for a few days. We want to learn to look at this community through your eyes.*

Pastor: As you risked your life to put into operation your plan of action,

People: *May we also be courageous in following through on our plan for making this a better place.*

Our Hymns Today Are:

No. 36

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

No. 359

"O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink"

Sharing Testimony in Song:

The Choir

From the Word of God

Matthew 5:13-16

"Salt or Silt?"

Pastor Mylander

Celebrating the Presentation to the Lord of Micki Jo Sundheim (1st Service).

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Please stay following the service for a time of fellowship over coffee.

All who wish to receive Christ as Savior and Lord, those who would like to

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

<u>Tonight,</u>		Covenant Home Fellowships
<u>Monday,</u>	<u>7:00pm</u>	Meeting at City Hall regarding alteration of roadways and new assessments in church area; any willing to attend, please see Pastor Rick immediately!
	<u>7:00pm</u>	Baby Shower for Schultz' baby, all are welcome!
<u>Tuesday,</u>	<u>9:30am</u>	Women's Bible Study at Bev Kluball's home.
	<u>6:30pm</u>	Ministry Teams meet
	<u>7:30pm</u>	Council Meets
<u>Wednesday,</u>	<u>6:30pm</u>	Adventure Prayer/Share in Pastor's study.
	<u>6:30pm</u>	AWANA Children's Ministry for age 3 thru grade 6
	<u>6:30pm</u>	Midweek Bible Study, Adult Choir, Nursery
	<u>7:00pm</u>	Jr. and Sr. High Youth Groups meet
	<u>8:00pm</u>	Inquirer's Fellowship begins
<u>Friday-Saturday</u>		Father/Son Retreat at Lake Beauty Bible Camp
<u>Saturday,</u>	<u>9:30am</u>	Confirmation Class
<u>Sunday,</u>	<u>8:15am</u>	Early Service, Nursery
	<u>9:30am</u>	Adventure Prayer/Share in Pastor's Study
	<u>9:30am</u>	Sunday School, classes for all ages
	<u>10:45am</u>	Late Service, Children's Church, Nursery
	<u>Evening</u>	Covenant Home Fellowships

LOOKING AHEAD

APRIL	25	Special Congregational Meeting, 7:30pm
	26	Confirmation Make-up, 6:30pm
	28-29	NWC Annual Meeting at Cottage Grove
MAY	1	Concert of Prayer
	5	Habitat Street Sleep Fundraiser
	6	Elders meet, 7am-noon
	6	AWANA OLYMPICS
	6	Mother/Daughter Banquet, 5:00pm
	9	Ladies' Night Out, 7pm
	12	Adult Fellowship, Scavenger Hunt
	13	Lake Beauty Bible Camp "Workday"
	13	Matriculation Bon-fire for Confirmation Class
	16	Ministry Teams meet, 6:30; Council meets, 7:30pm
	19	Sr. High "Senior Party"
	19-20	Covenant Women's Garage Sale
	20	Youth Brat Sale at Coborns
AUGUST	14-18	Looking way ahead mark your calendar for VBS!!!!

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER

MISSIONS--The evangelistic ministry of our Lake Beauty Covenant Bible Camp near Long Prairie.

UNREACHED PEOPLES--Pray for the 6,000,000 Tartars of the Soviet Union where many seem to be Muslims, but in reality are searching for a deeper meaning for their lives. Pray for those who are seeking for truth.

AREA CHURCH--Reiverside Presbyterian, Sartell; Rev. Robert A. Springer

CHURCH FAMILIES--Ellis & Barb Scheevel, Nicholas, Christopher, Samuel; Steve & Pam Schirmers, Angela, Jessica, James, Lydia; Sheldon & Tammie Schmiess; Erik & Karl Schmitz; Julian & Sharon Schreifels, Paul, Pat, Ann Schroeder

SPECIAL NEEDS--Urgent prayer request just received from missionaries Jerry & Vicky Love. They are having difficulty finding housing in Monterrey, Mexico and need to do so by the end of April.

CHURCH NOTES

As a follow-up to the March 21 Congregational Meeting, at which discussion took place and decision made to create an Expansion Committee for our church facility, a Special Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for April 25th at 7:30pm. This meeting will be given to the appointment of such a committee, as well as continued discussion and a time of prayer regarding our church family's future needs. Please consider attending.



Today begins our third week of Adventuring--"50 Days for Christ to Visit My Community."

Adventurers: This week you should concentrate on representing Christ's interests in your community by working on the assignment outlined on page 21 of the adult Adventure journal. Reflecting on Christ's perspective, you need to list three positive aspects of your community and three areas that need improvement.

The People of the Evangelical Covenant Church Affirm as Central to Life:

- the Lordship of the risen Christ
- the necessity of new birth in Him
- the second coming of Christ in glory
- the spiritual unity of all believers
- the giftedness of every believer for ministry
- Christ's command to evangelize the world

Campus Crusade for Christ and Intervarsity Christian Fellowship are sponsoring an evangelistic presentation by entertainer Andre Kole, this Tuesday at 7pm. Kole makes it clear that he is not a 'magician' but rather an illusionist, and presents clearly the claims of Jesus Christ, 'Who was no illusion.' For ticket info, see the number on the enclosed insert.

WANTED: Womeone who will be able to be our main prayer vine activator, making about ten quick calls to activate all the various vines. Interested in being a key person in our church praying? Contact Pastor Rick or Kathy Crabtree.

Father/Son's are you interested in attending the upcoming Father/Son Retreat April 21-23 at Lake Beauty Bible Camp? If so, please pick up a brochure on the table in the entryway.

ACTION ALERT--As you may know, a hearing has been scheduled by the U.S. Supreme Court for Friday, April 21, 1989 to review the Missouri case, Webster v. Reproductive Health Services. As concerned Christians, it is important for us to be heard. We don't want to be the "silent majority" any longer. The pro-choice side is very vocal with their opinions. It's time for us--as pro-life citizens--to voice our opinion, as well. Focus on the Family's, Dr. James Dobson and Gary Bauer, President of the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C. have made an appeal for a letter-writing campaign to the Supreme Court Justices. They and the Beream League recommend that you write a personal letter to one or all of the Supreme Court Justices about your heart-felt convictions regarding abortion. Please consider involving yourself in this. A document entitled "Action Alert" on the bulletin board in the entryway will aid you in this crucial exercise of your civic rights and duty. Please read it, use it and continue to earnestly pray for the reversal of the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision for God's glory and for the lives of the unborn babies.

For Prayer and Action:

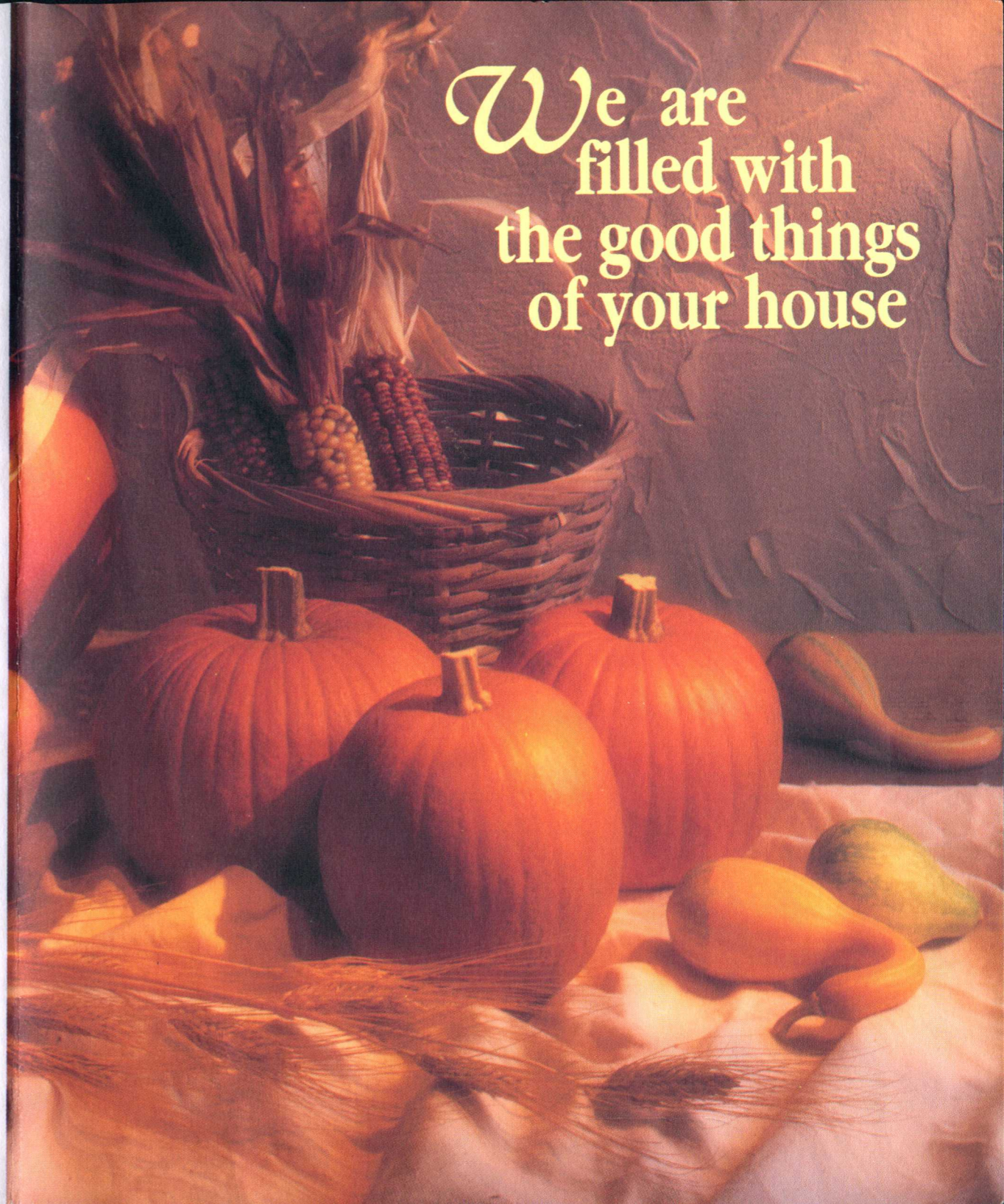
--needed each week to meet budgeted ministry/mission commitments: \$ 2,388
--received last week: \$ 1,994

Church cleaning this week:	Mylander/Schmitz
Early Service Nursery care next Sunday:	Sandy Babick/Renae Struck
Late Service Nursery care next Sunday:	Lentner/Moffett
Nursery Assistant next Sunday:	Megan Dopkins
4 & 5 year old Children's Church minister:	Jan Olson
6 & 7 year old Children's Church minister:	Steve & Bev Sellnow
Greeters for the month of April are:	Steve & Bev Sellnow

THANKS TO ALL!!

Special days this week include a birthday Tuesday for Joe Bukovich, Thursday

We are
filled with
the good things
of your house



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*"I will exalt you, O Lord,
 for you lifted me out of thee depths
 and did not let my enemies gloat over me."*

Our Hymns Today

No: 621 "Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

No: 531 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

Accompanist:

Julie Johnson

Testimony in Song:

Adult Choir

Bringing the Word of God:

LeRoy Carlson, North Park College

Title: "Love God, & Do What You Want"

Text: I John 4:7-10, 19-21

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Today	Evening	Covenant Home Fellowship Groups
Monday	6:30pm	Jr. Confirmation
Wednesday	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Service
Thursday	THANKSGIVING DAY!!	
Saturday	3:00-5:00pm	Inquirer's Fellowship Class
Sunday	8:00am	Early Worship Service, Nursery
	9:15am	Sunday School, Classes for All
	10:30am	Second Worship Service, Nursery, Children's Worship
	Evening	Covenant Home Fellowship Groups

LOOKING AHEAD

November	28	Women's Bible Study - Virginia Leih teaching
	29	Elders Meeting
	30	'Moms Reaching Moms', 9:30-11:00am - church
December	30	Pastoral Relations Committee, 8:00pm
	2 / 3	Sr. High Confirmation Retreat
	3	Inquirer's Fellowship Class, 3:00-5:00pm
	9	'Women of Hope' Christmas Party, 6:30-8:30pm
		Old Fashioned Christmas Dinner at Lake Beauty Bible Camp, 6:30-10:30pm
	10	Sunday School Christmas Program Practice, 9:00-11:00am
	Adult Fellowship Progressive Dinner	
	11	Sunday School Christmas Program, 6:00pm

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER

MISSIONS: The Covenant Department of Church Growth and Evangelism we support, equipping new and established churches for outreach.

UNREACHED PEOPLES: Pray for the 2,100,000 Wolof of Senegambia where the majority have never heard the Gospel. Pray for the "other means" used to proclaim the Gospel -- radio from ELWA, Liberian, Gospel Recording discs and cassettes, literature etc.

AREA CHURCH: Redeemer Lutheran, St. Cloud; Pastor Wayne Ahrens, Pastor Tom Christopher

CHURCH FAMILIES: Michel & Pat Schneider, Stephen, Melissa, Samantha, Christopher; Joseph & Samar Schoenecker; Paul Schultz, Meredith; Jason & Tammy Schwartz; Steve & Bev Sellnow, Kristin, Nathan, Jonathan, Kelsey

DON'T FORGET TO ADD COVENANT WORLD RELIEF TO YOUR CHRISTMAS GIVING LIST! "3 Things People Want to Know About CWR, #3: What is the Administrative Cost?" In 1983, the total ... In 1983 the total cost for world relief administration was 15%. This covers both: Promotion (publicity, visual aids, postage, etc.) and Administration (staff time, office equipment, etc.)

In the funds that Covenant World Relief channels through the World Relief Corporation for designated projects, no additional administrative cost factor is added. Consequently, every dollar allocated in this way goes for the specific relief project.

Don't forget to check your mailboxes. This means you!!!

Our missions prayer focus today is the Covenant's Department of World Mission, administrating our seven fields of work: Colombia, Ecuador, Japan, Mexico, Taiwan, Thailand, and Zaire. The department's executive secretary is Rev. Raymond Dahlberg.

Church cleaning this week is in the hands of the Boland and Debros families. Nursery care next Sunday will be by the Murphy's with the toddlers and Jan Olson with the infants, Tim Watkins assisting. The Childrens Church minister will be Bob Dopkins. Thank you all! Special days this week include Shirley Guzy's birthday today, Noah Dopkins' on Monday (along with a Gisi anniversary), Jody Fitch's on Tuesday, and Mary Rieke's and Nora Leih's on Wednesday. Blessing!

ABOUT THE COVER:

Christ, our king is celebrated with banners of royal purple. The palm branch reminds us of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, but the message "Follow Me" tells us he wants to have a triumphal entry into our hearts.



Evangelical Covenant Church

3320 Maine Prairie Road

St. Cloud, Minnesota

Ministers to Each Other and the World - The Congregation

Minister to the Ministers - Pastor Rick Mylander, home phone 252-1188

November 25, 1984

Sunday Worship 10:30

Church phone 251-7238

We exist as one local expression of the family of God, to continue the life and ministry of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we gather in the sanctuary, let us be silent before God, in preparation for worship. The scripture for our preparatory meditation and prayer is Psalm 70:4 --

"May all who seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee!
May those who love thy salvation say evermore,
"God is great!""

OUR HYMNS TODAY ARE:

NO. 619 "SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST"
NO. 440 "OPEN MY EYES THAT I MAY SEE"
NO. 385 "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"

Sharing from God's Word

Randall Olson

We are happy to welcome today Mideast missionaries Randy and Rochelle Olson. Randy is a member of our church family and has served two terms on the mission field in Pakistan. Please greet them and one another during the office fellowship time after the service.

Those who wish to receive Christ as Savior and Lord, those who would like to renew their relationship with Him, or those who have a concern they'd like prayer for, are invited to share their need with the Pastor or an elder. Following the service this morning there will be an elder available for prayer in the Pastor's study.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . .

Tonight	Covenant Home Fellowships (Neighborhood Support/Prayer Groups)
Wednesday	6:15pm Confirmation Class
	6:30pm Family Night Ministries; activities & studies for all ages
	8:00pm Pastoral Relations Committee meets at parsonage; if you have a covenant, criticism, or suggestion you would like shared at that meeting contact Rick Beckman, Nancy Haarstad, Ken Johnson or Pastor Rick
Thursday	6:30am Men's Fellowship and Prayer Breakfast
Sunday	9:15am Sunday School for class of all ages
	10:30am Sunday Worship, Childrens Church; Nursery provided
	Evening Covenant Home Fellowship (Support Groups)

Looking Ahead:

- December 4 Covenant Women's Christmas Dinner, 6:30pm; quest-Don and Vicky Owen purchase \$2.50 Tickets from Marla Beckman, Cheyl Larson or Gail Mylander, and bring a salad or bread to share
- 4 Elders meet, 7:00pm
- 5 Congregational Annual Meeting, 6:30pm
- 7 Covenant Women Missions Workday, 10:00
- 8 Christian Educator's Staff Prayer, 10:00am
- 14 Women's Christmas Coffee 10:00 am at Sandy Andersons home
- 15 Christmas Program Rehearsal for children, 1:15pm
- 15 Christmas Family Fellowship, trip to Shakinah; 3:00pm; limited to 75 persons
- 16 Christmas Open House at the Mylanders, 3-6:30pm
- 16 All Church Christmas Program, 7:00pm

For Prayer and Action:

-needed each week to meet budgeted ministry expense	\$1518.
-received last Sunday morning	\$2220.
-received two weeks ago	\$1139.

A 1974 Ford Maverick has been donated to the church and is being made available for purchase by church members and friends. Though it is estimated to be worth between \$400-800, closed bids with any offer will be received and may be placed in stewardship chairman Don Sankey's mailbox by December 2nd. Need will be strongly taken into consideration as the sale is decided upon. The vehicle has about 80,000 miles, automatic transmission, air conditioning, and is a four-door.

Weekly Prayer Corner:

MISSIONS -- our young men currently in ministry and missions training at North Park Theological Seminary, Scott (and Betsy) Bartley and Tim Johnson

UNREACHED PEOPLES -- the 90,000 Muslim North Africans residing in Belgium; very few Belgian churches have developed a concern for evangelizing this group

AREA CHURCH -- Holy Cross Lutheran, and its pastor Rev. David Strohschein

CHURCH FAMILIES -- George and Virginia, Nora Leih; Lindsey and Ginger, Courtney, Katie, Karley Lentner; Rory and Marcia, Abby and Nate Lewandowski; Bill and Yvonne, and Matt Lunser; Tim and JoAnne, Damion McDunn

Last Sunday a new Covenant church was born, this one in the Twin Cities suburb of Eagan. Thanks are extended to us in that our giving through the Covenant Department of Church Growth and Evangelism help make this possible. Greetings have been sent.

Please consider signing the abortion petition on the bulletin board in the entryway. Also check there for a greeting letter from the Aasengs. Check the new issue of Christian Reader Magazine on the information table as well. It features interviews with evangelist Luis Palau, and Chicago Bear receiver Willie Gault.

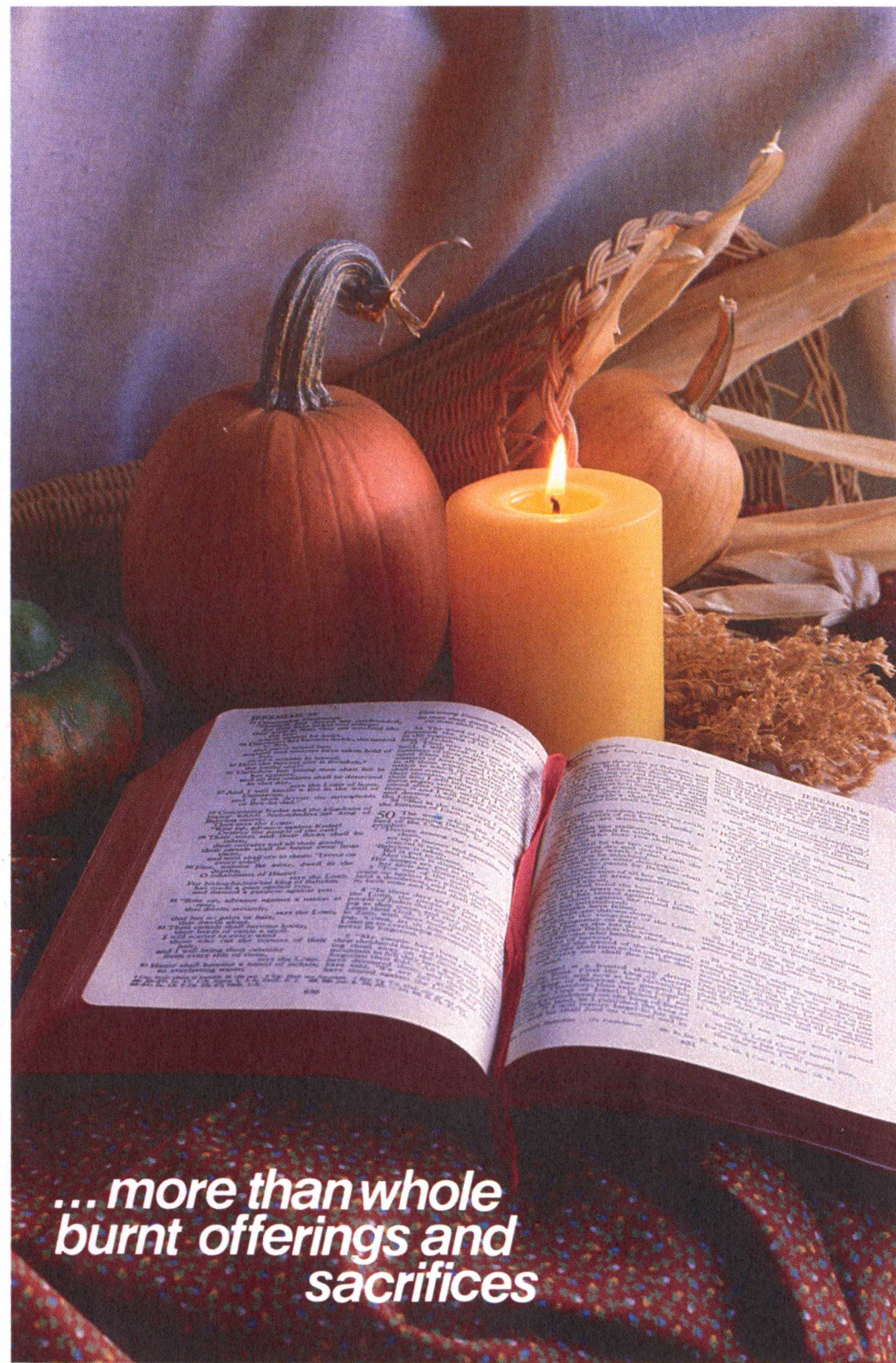
Please check your mailboxes today, as they have been filled.

Church cleaning this week is in the hands of the Dopkins and Ericksson families. Nursery care next Sunday will be by the Huttons with the infants and Beckmans with the toddlers, Jill Watkins assisting as needed. The Children's Church minister will be Pam Rockensock. Thanks!

Special days this week include Tom Schulte's birthday today, missionary Jerry Love's birthday on Monday as well as Nathan Lewandowski and Ruth Kacera Duane Anderson's on Tuesday, and Bob Dopkins' on Saturday. Blessings on you all!

ABOUT THE COVER:

What is better than burnt offerings and sacrifices? It is to love the Lord and to act out his word toward our neighbors. Religious acts, apart from our daily way of living, do nothing for the Lord or ourselves.



... more than whole
burnt offerings and
sacrifices

Evangelical Covenant Church
3320 Maine Prairie Road
St. Cloud, MN 56301

November 17, 1985
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Church phone 251-7238

Ministers to Each Other and the World - The Congregation
Minister to the Ministers - Pastor Rick Mylander, Home phone

*We exist as one local expression of the family of God, to continue
life and ministry of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

As we gather in the sanctuary, let us be silent before God, in preparation for worship. The scripture for our preparatory meditation and prayer is Psalm 92:12, 13 --

"The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the Lord, they flourish in the courts of our God."

OUR HYMNS TODAY ARE:

NO. 1	"SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE"
NO. 622	"THANKS TO GOD FOR MY REDEEMER"

Giving Testimony in Song

The Choir

Sharing from the Word of God

John Peterson, Director
Area Youth for Christ

Pastor Mylander and Cail are in Jerusalem, Israel today and will return home later this week. Pray for their traveling safety. If there is a pastoral concern in the days ahead, please contact elder chairman Lee Severson at 252-6711. Welcome this morning to Youth for Christ director John Peterson, who will share from God's Word.

Please stay following the service for a time of fellowship over coffee.

Those who have a concern they'd like prayer for, are invited to share their need with the Pastor or elder. Following the service this morning there will be an elder available for prayer in the Pastor's study.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY...

TONIGHT Covenant Home Fellowship (Neighborhood Prayer/Care Group)
WEDNESDAY 6:30pm Wednesday Family Night; club groups for children through seventh grade, Bible study or choir for adult.
FRIDAY-SUNDAY Singles Retreat at Covenant Pines Bible Camp, MacGregor, MN ;
SUNDAY 9:15am Sunday School, with classes for all ages; nursery provided.
10:30am Sunday Worship, and Children's Church
Evening Covenant Home Fellowships (Neighborhood Prayer/Care Group)

CHURCH NOTES...

Looking Ahead:

November 9 Council meets, 7p.m., preceded by intercessory prayer at 6pm.
24 Harvest Festival of Praise, featuring the gospel quartet 'Travelers' and a pie fellowship hour afterwards.
28 Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner??
December 3 Elders meet, 7 p.m.
6 Covenant Women Missions Workday
8 Following Sunday Worship, we will have a potluck and our Annual Congregational Meeting.

For Prayer and Action:

-- needed each week to meet budgeted ministry expenses	\$1714.00
-- received last week	1810.00

DON'T FORGET A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR WORLD RELIEF! There are some creative options for you or your family's participation in our Covenant World Relief emphasis, the offering of which is to be received on December 22. Maybe you don't need them, but you could... fast one day or one meal per week and contribute the savings ... serve one subsistence meal of rice per week and contribute the savings... match your Thanksgiving meal expenses with your offering... count the cans of soup used over the next seven weeks and give an equal amount. However you participate, don't necessarily choose the least expensive of the above or other options; choose and participate as it would be most meaningful.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Today Evening Covenant Home Fellowships
Monday 6:30PM Jr. Confirmation
Wednesday 9:30-11:00AM 'Moms Reaching Moms'
Room #206, Church

6:00PM Kid's Choir
6:30PM Adult Choir

6:30-7:45PM Adventure Club

6:30-7:45PM Youth Meet at Church

7:30PM Prayer Ministry

Thursday 12:00PM Retirees Lunch at Mylanders

Friday 12:10pm Shared Downtown Good

Peace United Ch. of Christ
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Friday Service, ~~Grace United~~
~~Methodist~~, Pastor Rick speaking

1:00PM Shared Good Friday Service

First Baptist

8:00AM Men's Breakfast, Church

Saturday 8:00AM **EASTER SUNDAY**

6:29AM Easter Sunrise Service, North Star Cemetery

9:00-10:00AM Pancake Breakfast

10:30AM Single Worship Service,



Hope Covenant Church

336 South
St. Cloud,
(612) 251-

*Building HOPE and Friendship
in Jesus Christ*

Celebration of Worship

April 9, 1995 * 8:00AM & 10:30

We would like to welcome friends today from the St. Cloud International Baptist Church and their pastor, Rev. Okyong Kim. This church fellowship has been sharing this facility with Bethlehem Lutheran, and desires to continue that relationship with Hope Covenant. Welcome!

Please consider the following in quiet preparation for worship: Psalm 32:6

"Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him."

Our Hymns Today

No. 178 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

No. 198 "On a Hill Far Away"

Accompanist:

Jan Hubert

Testimony in Song:

Cheryl Larson

Greeting and Scripture:

Rev Okyong Kim

Bringing the Message:

Pastor Mylander

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:9-20

Title: "Evangelism and Self-Sacrifice"

All who wish to receive Christ as Savior and Lord, those who would like to renew their relationship with Him, or those who have a concern for which they would like prayer are invited to share their need with a pastor or an elder. Following the second service there will be an elder available for prayer in the prayer room, located outside the forward right exit from the Sanctuary. Also join us following that service today for a time of fellowship in the Welcome Center.

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER

MISSIONS: The Covenant Department of Church Growth and Evangelism we support, equipping new and established churches for outreach.

UNREACHED PEOPLES: Pray for the 312,000 Dogon in Mali. Among them polygamy is practiced and divorce is relatively easy to obtain. Pray that the Dogon Christians will provide a good witness for Christian family life.

AREA CHURCH: Salvation Army, St. Cloud

CHURCH FAMILIES: Rick & Gail Mylander, Kate, Sarah, Maren, Jarrett; Joel Nelson, Laura, Jacob, Annie; Mark & Sheila Nelson, Jordan, Alexis; Marty & Debbie Neu, Kenton, Aimee Jo; Tony Neu; Hanh Nguyen

GROWTH AND GIVING REPORT FOR PRAYER AND ACTION

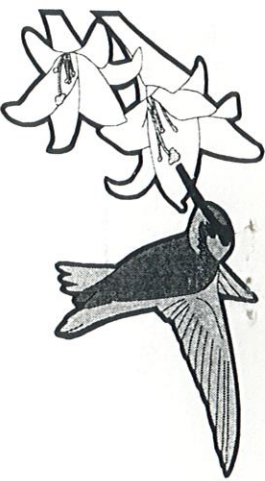
ATTENDANCE	LAST WEEK	MAR AVG.	YTD AVG
	372	362	337
FINANCES	LAST WEEK	YTD	% OF GOAL
GIVEN TO GOD	\$4,862	\$49,269	91.3%
OUR WEEKLY			
MISSION PLAN	\$3,856	\$53,984	

Special days this week includes birthdays Helen Bauer, Josiah Emerson; Wednesday Heysse, James Schimmers, Ryan Larson; Friday Severson, Roger Eriksson, Mark Abrant Kamphenkel; Saturday for Seth Bjorklum Anniversaries are Today for Bob & J. Wednesday for Keith & Beth Krueger, Thursday & Nancy Fitch, and Friday for Darrell & K Blessings!

...Just a reminder for all who use the sanctuary rooms, nurseries, etc. on weekdays (that's remember to turn off all lights and shut all leaving.

Please heed the signs in the back of the regarding the reservation of those seats for young children. Certain rows are reserved for children to have some freedom to move with other worshipers. If you do not have your please allow this space to be used by those most. Thank you!

Covenant Home Altars for the new quarter have been received and are available free for the table in the front entryway and on the welcome center. These are quality devotiona



EASTER LILIES IN THE
SANCTUARY THIS MORNING

GIVEN BY

Pam Benson
Bjorklund Family

Gail Currier
DeRose Family

Dennis & Sue Johnson

June Johnson

Ron Johnson

Dean & Paula Kirkeby

Klubball Family

Koubsky Family

Weeks Family

Krueger Family

Virginia Leih

Loisanne Louviere

Tim & JoAnn McDunn

Priscilla Mohrenweiser

Bob Moore

Norma Morton

Milke & Johanna Oslover

Lloyd K. Sankey

Pam Schimmers, Lila Donlin,

Chris Mrozek

Sohlstrom Family

Eric & Jennifer Wallin

Jim Weeks

IN MEMORY OF

Doug Benson

Glen & Margaret Schneider

Danielle Schlauderoff, Gerri Dunn

Dick Mason

Art & Evelyn Kurtz, Evelyn DeRose

Willard Lind

Marie Schroeder, Sherry Ziebarth

Alonzo & Roma Peeke

Gary Bogart

Family Members

Grandparents

Dorothy Kronholm

Ramona Bergstrom, Mitchell Krueger

George G. T. Leih, M.D.

Rev. & Mrs. Leo W. Kirley, Patricia Adamson

Betsy Roller, Virginia McDunn, Art

Sandy Anderson

Robert Moore, Sr.

Elmer A. Martell

Anthony George Oslover,

Don M. Alexis M.D., Emily Ann Alexis

Doug Benson

Robert Mrozek

Thomas McDonnell, Joel McDonnell,

Karl Sohlstrom, Lyle Sohlstrom

Dr. Owen Wallin, Viggo Miller

Dorothy Kronholm

“The Lord liveth . . .
and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.”

2 SAMUEL 22:47



Sunday, April 5, 9:30AM
Ministers: The Congregation
Equippers: Robert Anderson, Senior Pastor, 202-8584
Terry Johnson, Associate Pastor, 253-9303
Nick Yaksich, Youth Pastor, 202-8501
Lee Severson, Lay Minister of Visitation, 252-6711
Kathy Armbrust, CEC, 259-6706

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EASTER SUNDAY

PRELUDE Jan Wilde DeLovely

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He has made us Easter people by raising Jesus from the dead.
Rejoice, then, even in your distress.
He has called us from darkness into light.
Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

WORSHIP IN SONG

Hymn #258 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”
Hymn #251 “Easter Song”
Hymn #252 “He’s Alive”

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

WORSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson (pg 782) Jeremiah 31:1-6
New Testament Lesson (pg 1167) Colossians 3:1-4
Scripture Reader Linda Abramson

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Special Music Choir

HYMN #245 “Low in the Grave He Lay”

(No Children’s Church today)

WORSHIP IN THE WORD

Sermon Pastor Robert Anderson
“Celebrate Life!”
Matthew 28:1-10

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn #253 “He Lives”
POSTLUDE Jan Wilde DeLovely

Welcome to all who have come to worship this morning. It is good to come together into the presence of God as a family of faith, that we might honor and praise our Savior and Lord. We hope that all will experience His presence and power in our midst, and the unity of spirit in this church family. If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are especially glad that you have come, and hope that you will be able to join us again soon. If there are any ways that our staff can be of assistance to you today or throughout the week, please contact the church office at 251-7238.
We would appreciate your taking a moment to sign your name in the friendship pads, and then passing them along. Pastor Bob

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Thanks to our brass band accompaniment this morning: Bob Anderson, Lowell Larson, John & Carolyn Reep, Joe Rueter.


HOTSHEET



April 12, 1998

- **JOIN US TODAY AND CELEBRATE!** The youth of Hope Covenant are once again sponsoring the annual Easter breakfast. If you have attended before you know we have **great food and fellowship**. Money raised from this fund-raiser will help our youth go to summer camp, help finance our mission trip to Seattle this summer, and help with other activities we have during the year. The cost for adults will be \$4.00, children ages 2-10 is \$2.00, children under 2 are free, and the maximum per family is \$15.00. The Youth Ministry Team would like to thank you in advance for your support!



- **THIS COMING SATURDAY IS SPRUCE UP DAY FOR SPRING (S.U.D.S.) AT THE CHURCH!** Please join us from 8:00AM to 3:00PM ~ see the pink notice in your mailbox today for further information and sign-up in the Welcome Center today!!
- **MEN'S SOFTBALL PRACTICE** at Whitney Park THIS SATURDAY ~ 10:00AM. Questions ~ call Steve Schirmers at 252-8908.
- **SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK** include birthdays today for Susan Heysse, Ryan Larson, James Schirmers; Tuesday for Christa Kamphenkel, Anna Rueter, Mark Abramson, Roger Eriksson, Lee Severson; Wednesday for Austin Leigh, Seth Bjorklund; Thursday for Shandel Olson, Spencer Brown; Saturday for Rhonda Dahlgren. There are Wedding Anniversaries today for Keith & Beth Krueger; Monday for Ray & Nancy Fitch; Tuesday for Darrell & Kim Goodsen; Saturday for Dennis & Sue Johnson. *Blessings!*
- **SPRING FEVER HAS STRUCK US ALL** and to help ease the pain the youth at Hope Covenant are having a Silent/Live auction on May 3rd after church. Some items up for the highest bidder are handmade quilts, youth services (like baby-sitting, lawn work, general labor, etc.), food items, and this year we will have a car available. This has traditionally been a highlight in our church so we hope you can participate and support our youth! All items will go on display NEXT SUNDAY April 19th.
- **SILENT/LIVE AUCTION ITEMS ARE STILL NEEDED** for our youth fund-raiser. If you have a talent, item, ability, or anything that could be auctioned off (except your children or dirty laundry), please contact Pastor Nick or bring it to the church by THIS WEDNESDAY. Thank you!
- **THE WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM** is looking for a person to schedule scripture readers for the Sunday morning services and is also looking for additional scripture readers for the services. In addition they need a special music coordinator and people to help prepare the communion elements each month beginning May 1st. If you can assist in any of these opportunities please contact Dawn Kraayenbrink ASAP. (259-6249)
-  **HAVE YOU EVER FELT YOUR PRAYERS WERE NOT GETTING PAST THE CEILING?** Do you want to know how to pray more effectively for your family ~ your friends? Lord, Teach Me To Pray In 28 Days will encourage us with "transforming and "freeing" truths together!! Class starts April 15th and ends May 13th. Call June Johnson at 654-6792 or 253-9303 to sign up.
- **THE WOMEN OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH** wish to invite the women of our congregation to attend a Women's Day on Saturday April 18th. It's a day designed for women of all ages and high school girls to come together for a time of fellowship and growth. The guest speaker, Bev Wenshau is a wife, mother, business woman and runner who has experienced the Boston Marathon and Sea of Galilee Marathon in Israel. For more information see the poster and brochures by the Welcome Center or call the Calvary Baptist Church office at 656-9724.
- **YOUNG COUPLES CLUB:** Come and Play the "Married for Awhile Game" THIS Saturday, April 18th, 6:00PM at church. Pizza and Pop ~ \$5.00 per couple. Child care will be provided. Sign-up in the Welcome Center by *this Wednesday* or call Paul & Michelle Schreifels at 558-1453.

SEE OVER FOR MORE HOTSHEET NEWS

MORE HOTSHEET NEWS

- **DON'T WAIT TOO LONG!!** Make your hotel reservations soon for the Women of Faith Conference to be held at the Target Center on October 2nd and 3rd. Everyone is responsible for making their own reservations. And questions call Cindy Koubsky at 252-3842. The reservation number is 1-888-806-4951.
- **WE ARE LOOKING FOR A LOVING PERSON TO WATCH OUR DAUGHTER IN THEIR HOME ~ CAN YOU HELP?** Hours are from 3:30-9:00PM. Hourly rates are negotiable. If you, or someone you know is willing to help please give Tamarah Gehlen a call at 203-7294. Thank you!
- **COULD YOU HELP US ON WEDNESDAY NITE?** Our pre-school Adventureland is becoming too large for one person to take care of. If you could help from 6:30-7:45PM on Wednesday evenings from April 15 through May 13 our little ones will be overjoyed! (and Janel will be able to relax a bit!) Please talk to Mark Heysse (251-0031), Janel Weisen (363-1210) or Kathy Armbrust (259-6706).
- **WOMEN OF HOPE:**
 - 1) A special invitation has been extended to all of us to attend a Spring Meeting of the area Covenant churches on April 14, 6:00PM, at Thomastown Covenant Church in Staples. See the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center for more details. We will carpool (half the fun is getting there!)
 - 2) Also all women are invited to attend the Northwest Conference meeting of Covenant Women on April 24th in Forest Lake. See the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center for more details.
- **SALT ~ A CHRIST CENTERED NON-DENOMINATION CHRISTIAN SINGLES GROUP** reaching 20-30 year old singles in our community invites you to join them for a get together to enjoy sand volley ball, football and other activities next Sunday, April 19th, 3:00PM, at Val Smith Park in Sartell (County Road 29 off Highway 15). Contact Kela at 203-8612 if you have questions.
- **THE JUNIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM AT ST. CLOUD HOSPITAL** is now accepting applications for their June 8 orientation. Any teenager between the ages of 14-18 who would like to discover the rewards of volunteering in a medical setting, may call 255-5638 to receive application information. The program requests a letter of application and two letters of reference from someone other than a relative. Applications must be received by May 15. Please address applications to: Junior Volunteer Program, St. Cloud Hospital, 1406 6th Ave. N, St. Cloud, MN 56303.



SERMON OUTLINE
April 12, 1998
Text: Matthew 28:1-10
Title: "Celebrate Life!"
Pastor Robert Anderson

Easter Sunday is a time for celebration! We remember and celebrate the resurrection of Christ, the keeping of promises, the defeat of sin's power, and the hope of eternal life. It is only fitting that we celebrate not only on this day, but on each Sunday when we come to worship, and on each day we live. For we live only by the grace of God, and we move toward the future guided by His loving hand. The good news that Christ is risen, means that our perspective on life can be one of celebration no matter what goes on around us, for it is God who is in control.

I. The Celebration of Life

- A. It is actually counter-cultural
- B. It needs to be "from the heart"
- C. God celebrates creation

II. The Biblical Record of Celebration

- A. The evidence from Moses to Jesus
- B. God's grace is seen in our celebration

III. Resurrection of Jesus Christ

- A. How does this "fact of faith" find expression in our lives?
- B. A celebration that transcends one day's observance
- C. Power over sin and death

Laos:

PRAISE GOD FOR the continuing spiritual growth of our two families of new believers.

- good health for our colleagues.
- a five year extension for the Nam Tha Holistic Development Project.

PRAY FOR other families to come to know Christ as Savior and join with our new believers.

- good results for the new project proposal to the Lao government, "Friend of the Upland Farmer," a venture to grow and export cardamom. This would enable us to be in the country long term and work primarily with one ethnic group.



planting corn and raising

TODAY IN LATIN AMERICA

Ecuador:

PRAISE THE LORD FOR the 33rd National Youth Convention, Feb. 21-23, with 320 present and for the work of youth president, Anibal Nicolalde and his committee. Praise the Lord for nine representatives from different Covenant youth groups in Colombia that attended as well.

- the three students from SIPEE, the Covenant seminary in Quito, who are currently involved in an internship program with Covenant missionary Baxter Swenson at Hospital Vozandes.
- the School of Prayer with Lon Allison for five nights in March. Pastors, leaders and seminary students from different parts of Ecuador were present and blessed.
- ten Christian Education Consultants in Ecuador.

PRAY FOR wisdom to know which churches to select for the Consultant Ministry.

- the completion of the new Covenant Ministries Building.



The newly elected board of the Federation of Evangelical Covenant Churches of Colombia. President, Beatriz Arguello, fourth from the left (Colombia)

Colombia:

PRAISE GOD that the Covenant Church of Colombia now has a national church organization. It is the "Fraternidad de Iglesias del Pacto Evangelico de Colombia: (FIPEC) "The Brotherhood of Colombian Evangelical Covenant Churches." December 8, 1997, FIPEC was voted into existence.

PRAY FOR the newly elected President of FIPEC, Mrs. Beatriz Arguello V., as she has the responsibility to bring the new Colombian Covenant Church into official existence and gain recognition with the Colombian government.

- the entire FIPEC board as they move to unify the churches and lead them toward their goal of "planting a Covenant Church in all Colombian territory and through the church's social ministries to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to many people."

Mexico:

PRAISE GOD FOR a growing women's Bible study and a new one in another area of Monterrey at the initiative of women from the Comunidad de Paz church.

- the arrival of new missionaries to Mexico, Tom and Dena Luchsinger and their children, Kristen and Andrew.
- Margarita Medina and Marisol Martinez who have been accepted as short-term missionary candidates with The Fellowship of Latin American Covenant Churches (CIPE) and are preparing for service in

Spain. Pray for them and their fund raising.

➤ Pastor Ignacio Arista, from Ixtepec, and his wife who have decided to take on the responsibility to Santa Maria Guienagati where two families want to hear more about the Lord. They go once a month to evangelize, knock on doors and begin Bible studies. They will also be helping the church in Laxivisa on Saturdays before going on to Santa Maria. This is part of Goal 2000 and the desire of the Oaxaca church to "each one plant one".

➤ the Talpan church and its commitment to San Andres where the church is situated. There are now tutoring programs for children, couples' seminars, a medical clinic and family counseling opportunities. Two weddings of folks long together by common-law union, but now ready to stand by their commitment to each other before the Lord, resulted in several people from the community hearing the Gospel.

PRAY FOR the new board of officers for the Central District Women.

- new Bible studies begun on the north side of Mexico City with the goal to plant a new church in the next few years. Pray for Kent and Gulnara Leander, (short-term missionaries), and Tom and Janice Kelly as they work with Covenant churches on this project.
- the churches in the Central District as they face conflicts within their membership, confront sin in the lives of some leaders, and as they reach into other communities with Bible studies and evangelistic events.

PRAISE THE LORD FOR the five short-term missionaries going out with the Fellowship of Latin American Covenant Churches (CIPE) to Argentina, Chile and Spain. Pray for this new venture.

CAREER MISSIONARIES NEEDED for evangelism, discipleship and church planting in Congo, Fulani ministries, Colombia and Mexico. Development workers for Mexico, Laos and Thailand. Licensed and experienced school teacher for Japan.

Update on Covenant World Missions

TODAY

Easter 1998

Pass the Flame

A PASSION FOR LOST PEOPLE.



THANK YOU for your Easter gifts! They will go toward sending new missionaries to Germany and Mexico and recruiting missionaries for the great needs on our fields.

Department of World Mission 5101 North Francisco, Chicago, Illinois 60625-3611
Tel. (773)784-3000 E-mail 73063.2013@compuserve.com

TODAY IN EUROPE

Germany:

PRAISE THE LORD in Halle—that Katrin, a German language teacher, gave her heart to the Lord! That the church building project is moving along well.

➤ in Berlin - for the new pastor of the Mitte/Friedrichshain fellowship, the first German pastor to follow our Covenant missionaries.



Christmas Eve service at still-under-construction church in Halle, Germany

➤ in Alt-Glienicke for the first ecumenical family worship/outreach with 120 in attendance!

PRAY FOR the struggles with the building permit secretary in Halle—that we can settle our complaints outside of court. An April leadership retreat: for personal renewal and commitment to the Halle fellowship.

➤ a fruitful ministry in Berlin-Mitte for pastor Rolf Cyrus.

➤ the Hottmanns, co-workers in Berlin Alt-Glienicke, during the Fauss' three month home assignment—that the ministry would continue to flourish under their care.

Spain:

PRAISE GOD FOR the two women who are planning to go as short term missionaries from Mexico. The Fellowship of Latin American Covenant Churches (CIPE) is planning to send them to work with Rob and Nancy Reed in La Vera.

➤ Covi, who has moved from being interested in the Lord, to deciding to follow Jesus, and finally to be baptized. Also for Jorge, a young man who moved to La Vera from Madrid. His enthusiasm and desire to serve are an encouragement.

➤ a great church retreat in Malaga. Eugenio and Pia helped lead the

retreat where church members measured their spiritual health, were refreshed, and caught a renewed vision for ministry.

➤ a new women's group in Malaga with regular attendance of 7-8 people which a new believer is attending.



Jorge with Rob and Nancy in Jarandilla, Spain

PRAY FOR one healthy cell group to be formed in La Vera that would serve as a base and model for future cell groups.

➤ Rob and Nancy's adjustment to life in rural Spain after having lived in cities all their lives.

➤ the possibility of ministry among former drug addicts and marginalized people seeking to live and work in community in La Vera.

➤ a 16-year-old girl who tried to take her life. Eugenio is providing counseling for her.

➤ health for the Restrepo family. Family members have been sick with colds and even pneumonia.

France:

PRAISE THE LORD FOR good dialogue for Cathy Choi with her French pastor about her future role in the French church.

➤ progress in the language, especially in



Christmas program, Pessac, France

leading a discussion on how to respond to non-Christians.

➤ the Covenant European Team Retreat as a catalyst of ideas for encouraging the French church towards church planting.

➤ new contacts with French and international students from the University of Bordeaux, located near the church. This is the largest university in Europe with 60,000 students.

➤ spiritual growth and development in young adults in Bordeaux: a weekend retreat on sharing the Gospel, a series of Bible studies on topics related to living out their faith, and for the 40 who attended a special dinner for friends from outside the church.

➤ God's blessing on the men's discipleship



Weekend retreat, Chateau Peyrequilhot, France

group started last fall which has served to strengthen relationships in the congregation.

PRAY FOR Cathy Choi to be able to work with a new fellowship group in the western suburbs of Paris.

➤ the lack of financial resources in the French church that is a barrier to church planting initiatives.

➤ good preparation and contacts with non-Christians during a soccer tournament planned for the summer during the World Cup.

➤ wisdom and guidance as the church council in Bordeaux makes decisions concerning new ministries and work projects.

➤ a special blessing on relationships with unbelievers.

TODAY IN ASIA

Russia:

PRAISE THE LORD there are 18 students at St. James Bible School this year. Praise Him also for the teachers and Covenant pastors who have been able to come for two-week sessions.

➤ that HCJB World Radio and the Covenant have launched a Christian radio consortium for Russia and the other former Soviet states. The goal is to provide Christian programming 24 hours a day across the country. Dan Johnson is organizing this cooperative project.

PRAY FOR visas and travel arrangements for the teachers for St. James Bible School. The new law has caused some visas to be denied.

➤ the director of the Bible School, Leonid Regheta.

Japan:

PRAISE THE LORD FOR two high school students that accepted the Lord at high school outreach meetings at the Odawara Christian Center sponsored by Hi-ba (High School Born-Againers). Pray for their growth.

➤ the thirteen Japanese women who have signed up to attend Triennial in August. Pray for the plans.

➤ the women who are attending discipleship classes at the Isesaki Covenant Church.

➤ wonderful Christmas worship in Isesaki with 35 in attendance. Also for 120 children and 50 parents at a special Christmas outreach program in Yoshioka.



Children at a Christmas party (Japan)

PRAY FOR the two lay training classes at the Odawara Christian Center (OCC) beginning in April.

➤ two or three short-term missionary candidates to teach English. No special training is required. They can also help with the evangelism/outreach program. Contact Barbara Johnson in the World Mission office.

Taiwan:

PRAISE GOD FOR the continued interest of the young Chinese couples attending the monthly marriage discussion. Half of the 20 are not Christians.

➤ the growth of those attending the Filipino Fellowship meeting at the Fengyuan Church.

➤ the dedication, January 11, of the new Covenant church in Manila, the Philippines, started by one of the former members of the Fengyuan Filipino Fellowship. There are now sister churches and congregations with ties to the Taiwan Covenant Church in Korea, New Zealand and Los Angeles, CA.



Dedication of Jesus Evangelical Covenant Church in Manila, Philippines

PRAY FOR Lillian Dwight who has returned to language school to finish the two-year course.

➤ Don Dwight to continue to have a positive impact on students' lives at Morrison Academy in Taichung where he is Athletic Director.

➤ more of the Chinese churches to have a burden for reaching Filipino and Thai overseas contract workers in Taiwan.

CARE IN THE FAMILY

USHERS THIS WEEK: 1st Service – Lloyd & Steve Johnson
 2nd Service – Don & Eunice Sankey
 Greg & Julie Ellis

USHERS NEXT WEEK: 1st Service – Carlson
 2nd Service – Koubsky/Reep

NURSERY THIS WEEK: 1st Service – Joann McDunn, Janelle Larson
 2nd Service – Angie & Jessie Schirmers
 Lydia Schirmers, Anna Krueger

NURSERY NEXT WEEK: 1st Service – McDunn/Larson
 2nd Service – Schirmers/Krueger

CHILDRENS CHURCH THIS WEEK: John & Sandra Theis
 CHILDRENS CHURCH NEXT WEEK: Chris & Jen Monroe

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 1999-2000

#206	Nursery	J. McDunn, L. Leigh, B. Krueger
#208	3 & 4 Year Olds	Jean Hansen
#210	5 Year Olds & Kind.	Cheryl Larson
#207	1 st Grade	Penny Goetz
#209	2 nd Grade	Kathy Armbrust
#107	3 rd Grade	Tracy & Lindsey Eriksson
#110B	4 th Grade	Deb Brumbaugh
#108A	5 th Grade	Joy Anderson, Bev Sellnow
#108B	6 th Grade	Lila Donlin, Sue Heysse
#106	7 th & 8 th Grade	Nancy Haarstad
#105	9 th & 10 th Grade	Keith Krueger, Scott Bjorklund
#104	11 th & 12 th Grade	John Reep, Gordon Bye

ADULT CLASSES

#103	See Through the Scriptures	Pastor Bob Anderson
#F-1	The Parables of Jesus	Darrell Armbrust
#102	Double Bind	Bob Slaney
#F-3	Wake-Up Call	Barb Scheevel
Conf. Rm.	Women's Topical Study	Nancy Fitch

CHURCH FAMILIES REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Roger & Tracy Eriksson, Briana, Lindsey, Kirsten; Tom Erlandson; Ray & Nancy Fitch; Jack & Laraine Forsell, Jeremy; Dick & Ellen Geurkink, Bill; Mavis Giessinger, Vickie Gleason; Bill & Penny Goetz, Lucas, Danielle; Rob & Dana Gotz, Caleb; Vicki Gravley; Dana & Heather Groethe, James, Heidi; John & Nancy Haarstad, Chris; Jean Hansen

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

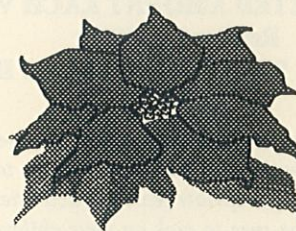
Sunday – 5	8:15AM	Worship Service, Nursery
	9:30AM	Sunday School
	10:45AM	Worship Service, Nursery, Children's Church
Tuesday – 7	9:30AM	Staff Meeting
	7:30PM	Woman to Woman – Anderson's
Wed. – 8	1:00PM	Worship Planning Meeting
	6:15PM	Confirmation/Choir
	7:15PM	Odyssey (Week 2)
		Prayer Hour
		W.I.T.S.
		Youth Group
Thurs. – 9		Cookie Bake & Take
	7:00PM	Alpha Leadership Training
Sat. – 11	9:30AM	Practice for Children's Program

LOOKING AHEAD

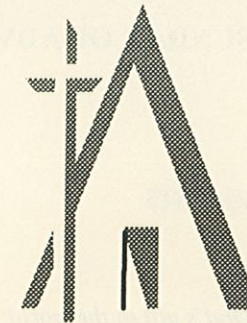
Dec. 12	5:30PM	Children's Christmas Program
Dec. 24	5:30PM	Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 25	6:30AM	Julotta Service

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: Monday for Janet Albrecht, Ralph Kluball, Lois Weeks, Jamie Kraayenbrink, Thursday for Luann Martin, Friday for Barb Kaasa, John Reep. Anniversary on Wednesday for Jack & Laraine Forsell, Thursday for Gary & Linda Ziebarth. *Blessings!*



Please see the insert regarding purchasing poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas holiday.



HOPE COVENANT CHURCH

336 Fourth Avenue South
 St. Cloud, MN 56301
 (320) 251-7238 phone
 (320) 253-6045 fax

"GROWING TOGETHER"

Celebration of Worship
 December 5, 1999
 8:15 & 10:45 AM

Ministers: The Congregation
 Equippers: Robert Anderson, Senior Pastor 202-8584
 Bill Dornbush, Associate Pastor 203-9288
 Brad Martin, Youth Pastor 253-1795
 Kathy Armbrust, C.E.C. 259-6706

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE

Gail Mossman

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign and pass the friendship pads)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ shall come, God's gift to the world;

That the desperate should find hope,

That the persecuted should find peace,

That the lonely should find joy.

All: O Christ of the world, your time is now! We wait, we watch, we wonder! Come Lord Jesus

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

1st Service

Bev & Dick Mowe

2nd Service

Steve & Julie Ringsmuth

WORSHIP IN MUSIC

Praise Band

WORSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson (Pg. 714)

Isaiah 40:1-8

New Testament Lesson (Pg. 1128)

I Corinthians 1:3-9

Reader: 1st Service

Bev Mowe

2nd Service

Steve Ringsmuth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Special Music

Choir

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN OF PREPARATION

#772 "We Wait for a Great and Glorious Day" v. 1, 2, 4
(Children 4 yrs. - 1st grade dismissed for Children's Church during 2nd service)

WORSHIP IN WORD

Sermon

Pastor Bob Anderson

"READY OR NOT..."

Luke 21:25-36

SHARING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

Affirmation of Faith #871

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WELCOME!

To all who have come to worship this morning! It is good to come together into the presence of God as a family of faith, that we might honor and praise our Savior and Lord. We hope that all will experience His presence and power in our midst, and the unity of spirit in this church family. If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are especially glad that you have come, and hope that you will be able to join us again soon. If there are any ways that our staff can be of assistance to you today or throughout the week, please contact the church office at 251-7238.

Pastor Bob

All who wish to receive Christ as Savior and Lord, those who would like to renew their relationship with Him, or those who have a concern for which they would like prayer, are invited to share their need with a pastor or elder. For ten minutes following the service there will be a pastor or elder available for prayer in the Prayer Room, located outside the forward right exit of the Sanctuary.

THE PURPOSE OF HOPE COVENANT

"To grow together as a community of faith, as we glorify God in our worship, bring people to faith in Christ, develop mature disciples and equip them to serve in Christ's name, that God's love may be proclaimed and His grace made visible."

OFFERINGS - BUDGETED AMOUNT EACH WEEK: \$6,305.00
Received 11/28/99 \$3,637.00
BUDGETED INCOME RECEIVED YEAR TO DATE 86%

Children's church is a ministry offered to children age 4 through 1st grade during the sermon in the worship service. They may go to room #207 where an adult will lead them in age-appropriate learning activities for the remainder of the worship hour. Please be sure to pick up your children promptly following the service.

We welcome in a special way the members of Centro Cristiano del Pacto Church who will be worshipping with us.

- **MISSIONS TEAM MEETING** - The Missions Team will meet on Thursday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Greg Carlson's home.
- **STEPHEN MINISTERS INSIGHT:** Who will know...about my problem if I talk to a Stephen Minister? This is a question many people ask. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. No one knows what is talked about in a caring relationship except for the person him- or herself and the Stephen Minister. If you have a burden you need to share, perhaps a Stephen Minister can help. Please contact Pastor Bob Anderson, Gail Mossman or Tim McDunn.
- **COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS DINNER** - The College Ministry Team is planning a Christmas progressive dinner for young adults on Saturday, December 18. If you would like to help out in any way (cook, serve, set-up, etc.) please contact Stef (240-9051) or Barb (252-4456).
- **STRING PLAYERS WANTED** - String players are wanted for the Sunday, December 26th worship service. Please call Lois Weeks at 240-9437 this week. Thank you!
- **YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY** - We will be having our Christmas party on the 17th of December. The party starts at 7:30 p.m. and will end around 10:00 p.m. It will be held at Keith Krueger's house located at 3218 Cooper Ave S., St. Cloud. Please bring a bottle of Soda or a bag of chips and an inexpensive gag gift. This is a no frills party for the purpose of just hanging out, playing games and having some fun. Bring a friend!
- **MILLENNIUM MADNESS** - Lake Beauty present "Millennium Madness." This is a senior high retreat starting at 6:00 p.m. on December 31st and ending at 12:00 p.m. January 2, 2000. Sounds like a blast. Registration is \$59 per person and must be in by December 23, 1999. For more detailed information and registration forms, please see Brad.
- **FOOD! FOOD! FOOD!** In our congregation, as in many others, much of our communal life revolves around food. Food is life, it is pleasure, it is a symbol of abundance and thanksgiving. Food doesn't make the rounds as evenly as it should however, and this year our Stephen's Ministers would like to help remedy that by bringing food baskets to those in need. You can help by bringing all kinds of food next Sunday and placing it in the box located in the welcome center. The Stephen's ministers will then distribute these gifts on Monday evening, December 13. Your donation of food or cash will help a lot, and be much appreciated. Thanks for your help.
- Prayers and Sympathy to the Toole family on the death of Julie's dad.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Winter 1999-2000



classes begin Sunday, December 12th at 9:30 a.m.

"See Through the Scriptures" - led by Pastor Bob Anderson
Room 103

See Through the Scriptures is a brief survey course that will take you on a guided tour of the Biblical narrative and its major themes. You'll see the "big picture" from Creation to Christ with the help of a variety of teaching aids as well as discussion. This is a class for all who would like to better understand how the Bible flows and fits together from beginning to end.

The Parables of Jesus - led by Darrell Armbrust
Room F-1

Jesus' parables are timeless and powerful. Their characters are memorable: the Good Samaritan, the shepherd who searches for the lost sheep, the noble man who invites society's outcasts to his banquet after the elite turn him down. This study will offer insights and illustrations explaining eleven parables Jesus told on His way from Galilee to His death in Jerusalem.

Double Bind: Escaping the Contradictory Demands of Manhood - led by Bob Slaney
Room 102 (continued)

"Be a company man and a great provider...but invest time into your family.

Be aggressive, take charge...yet sensitive, caring, considerate.

Be transparent, in touch with your feelings...but remember, real men are rugged."

If the paradoxes of manhood are tearing you in two, Dr. Rodney L. Cooper's book, Double Bind, shows you a better way - one that will help you reassemble the pieces of your life into God's design for manhood and set you on a course of freedom, purpose and peace.

Women's Topical Study - led by Nancy Fitch
Conference Room

Each week various topics relevant to women's lives will be discussed.

Wake-Up Call! - led by Barb Scheevel
Room F-3

A time of fellowship and study for young adults - pursuing, identifying and embracing our call to be disciples (through the study of Romans)

Please feel free to join any Sunday School class even though you may not have been able to participate previously. All of the classes listed are open to anyone who's interested.

WHY ATTEND ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL?

1. It is another opportunity to grow in our Christian walk.
2. We are examples to our children that growing in our faith is important to us.
3. It's a wonderful opportunity to get to know fellow Hope Covenanters better.
4. It is a time of preparation as we ready ourselves to worship.
5. We can build friendships through the study of God's Word.

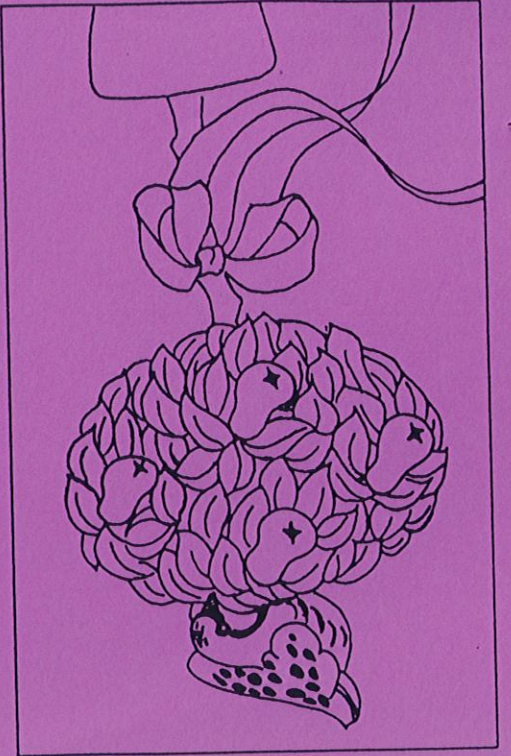
If you've never experienced adult Sunday School, give it a try. If you've been away for a while, try it again. And if you've enjoyed the sweet fellowship and spiritual challenges of Sunday School year after year, encourage others to plug in.

Winter quarter classes begin Sunday Dec. 12th at 9:30 a.m. At this time we have five classes to offer adults during this hour. Please consider attending one of the following classes:

See Through the Scriptures	led by Pastor Bob Anderson
The Parables of Jesus	led by Darrell Armbrust
Double Bind (men's study)	led by Bob Slaney
Wake-Up Call! (college/young adult)	led by Barb Scheevel
Women's Topical Study	led by Nancy Fitch

*Come expecting God to use this time to make a difference in you or through you.
He WILL, YOU KNOW!*

***DON'T SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO SUNDAY SCHOOL -
BRING THEM!***



"The REAL 12 Days of Christmas". Discover the history behind this beloved carol, as well as the Christian symbolism of each of the gifts. Then, following the program, come down to the Fellowship Hall to share in a time of food and fellowship as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday School children present
in the church sanctuary as the

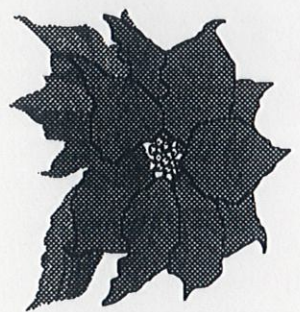
Sunday December 12th at 5:30 p.m.

Come join us on

"...Three French hens, two turtledoves,
and a partridge in a pear tree...". Is
"The 12 Days of Christmas" just a
charming English folk tune or do the
lyrics offer a deeper, more spiritual
meaning?

Sunday School Christmas program
Sunday, December 12th at 5:30 p.m.

The REAL 12 Days of Christmas



Would you like to order a Poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. You may pick up the Poinsettias after the Julotta Service on Christmas morning.

Poinsettias will need to be paid for at the time of placing the order. Please make checks payable to Hope Covenant Church, write in the memo line ~ Poinsettia, and place in the offering plates by December 12.

Yes, I would be interested in ordering _____
Poinsettia plants at \$6.50 each, in memory of _____

For a total of \$ _____ My payment is attached.

Signed _____

DON'T FORGET TO ADD COVENANT WORLD RELIEF TO YOUR CHRISTMAS GIVING LIST! The national World Relief Corporation has been blessed and privileged, as a small part of its ministry and resource use, to participate in the resettlement of over 40,000 refugees in the U.S. Upwards of 25% of these refugees have come to embrace the Christian faith since entering this country. WRC did not do this alone, but with the help of thousands of Christians who werewilling to sponsor in response to the words of Christ in Matt: 25, to feed the hungry, care for the sick, and take in the stranger. The Covenant has been a major placer itself. Hundreds of thousands of refugees still need help. Can we help, not only in considering sponsoring ourselves, but also in participating in Covenant World Relief? The offering will be gratefully presented the Lord on December 18th; put World Relief on your Christmas gift list.

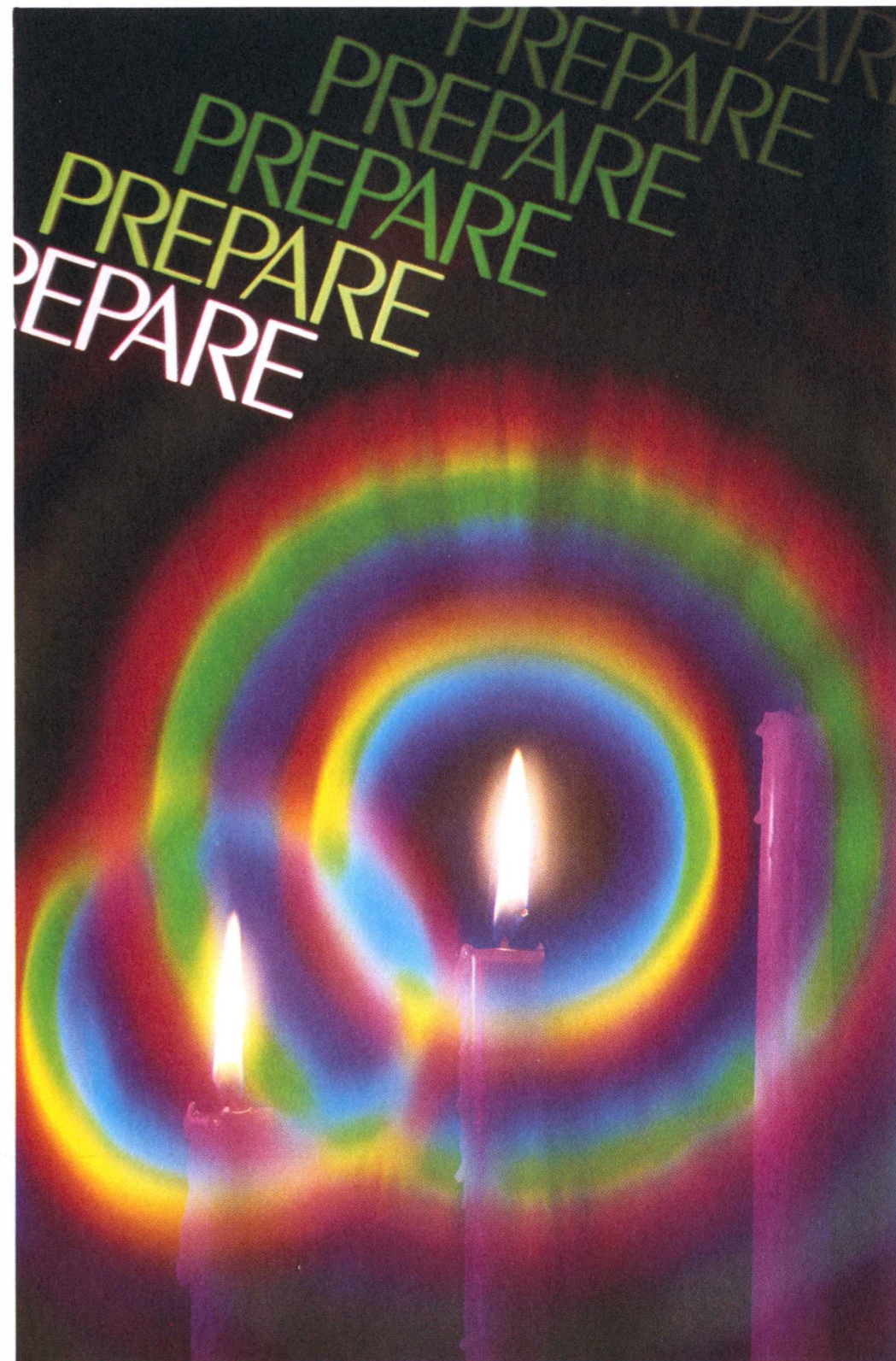
Our missions prayer focus today is the ministry of Intersarsity Christian Fellowship and Campus Crusade for Christ on our local college campuses. These organizations' respective directors are Rick Mattson and Randy Pierfelice.

Church cleaning this week is in the hands of Deb Berry and the Fast. Nursery ministry next Sunday will be by the Sands with the toddlers and the Lowell Larsons with the infants, Michelle Witzman assisting. Thank you all!

Special days this week include Bev Kluball's birthday on Thursday, Jan Hubert's on Friday and Chrissie Sohlstrom's on Saturday, as well as both the Breckenridge's nad Sands' anniversary on Friday. Blessings!

ABOUT THE COVER:

The light increases as we prepare for the coming of Christ. We light our trees, our homes and our main streets. The second candle of Advent reminds us we should also light the way into our hearts for the coming of our Lord.



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3320 Maine Prairie Road
St. Cloud, Minnesota

Ministers to Each Other and the World - The Congregation
Minister to the Ministers - Pastor Rick Mylander, home phone 252-1188
We exist as one local expression of the family of God, to continue the life and ministry of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

December 9, 1984
Sunday Worship 10:30
Church phone 251-7238

As we gather in the sanctuary, let us be silent before God, in preparation for worship. The scripture for our preparatory meditation and prayer is Psalm 71:14,15--

"But I will hope continually, and will praise thee more and more. My mouth will tell of thy righteous acts. of thy deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge."

OUR HYMNS TODAY ARE:

NO. 132	"GOD REST YOU MERRY GENTLEMEN"
NO. 148	"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"
NO. 152	"SILENT NIGHT"

Sharing Testimony in Song The Choir and
Karen Witzman

From the Word of God
"A Restoration of Peace"

Please stay following the service for a time of fellowship over coffee.

Those who wish to receive Christ as Savior and Lord, those who would like to renew their relationship with Him, or those who have a concern they'd like prayer for, are invited to share their need with the be an elder available for prayer in the Pastor's study.

This Week in Our Church Family ...

Tonight Covenant Home Fellowships (Neighborhood Prayer/support Groups)
Wednesday 6:15pm Confirmation
 6:30pm Family Night Ministries; activities & studies for all ages
Thursday 6:30am Men's Fellowship and Prayer Breakfast
Friday 10:00am Women's Christmas Coffee in the Fireside Room, a chance for our new and not-so-new ladies to get to know one another.
Saturday 1:15pm Christmas Program Rehearsal; all Sunday School Children are asked to be here
 3:00pm Christmas Family Fellowship to Shakinah, space limited to 75 persons; sign up today on the bulletin board; back to church following for hot chocolate and cookies
Sunday 9:15am Sunday School for classes of all ages
 10:30am Sunday Worship, Childrens Church; Nursery provided; reception of new members
 3:00-6:30pm Christmas Open House at the Mylanders, 4814 Sweetaire
 7:00pm All Church Christmas Program

Church Notes ...

Looking Ahead:
December 23 World Relief Offering received at morning worship
 25 Christmas Day 'Julotta' Worship, 6:30; light potluck Scandinavian breakfast to follow
 26 Confirmation, 6pm; NO FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES
 31 Adult New Year's Eve Fellowship, home to be announced.

For Prayer and Action:

--needed weekly to meet budgeted ministry expenses	\$1518.00
--received last Sunday	1956.00
--received two weeks ago	653.00

Just a reminder... Two of the new Northwest Covenant Conference history books entitled A Precious Heritage were picked up from the entryway without being paid for. If you took one intending to pay for it later and have forgotten to do so, please give the \$5.00 to office secretary Betty Boland. Thanks!
The First Presbyterian Church invites us to their annual Christmas Pageant, held December 17-21 at 6:00, 7:15 and 8:30pm. Reservations are requested, and are free at the church or Dayton's.

"How may I become a Christian?"

Realize that:

1) Man is sinful and separated from God.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

2) Sin has a penalty which must be paid.

"For the wages of sin is death . . ." Romans 6:23
". . . man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment." Hebrews 9:27

3) Jesus Christ has paid the penalty for sin.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8
"God made Christ who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." II Corinthians 5:21

4) God offers a tremendous plan for your life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16
Jesus said, ". . . I have come that they may have

life, and have it to the full." John 10:10

5) Salvation is a free gift.

". . . but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23
"It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8, 9

6) It takes a commitment from you.

"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act." Psalm 37:5

7) You can have assurance of salvation.

Jesus said, "He who believes has everlasting life." John 6:47
". . . God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God, does not have life." I John 5:11, 12

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, I confess before you that I am a sinner, separated from you and your plan for my life. I now, on the basis of your work on the cross for me, ask you to forgive my sin and to take control of my life. I trust you to do for me what I could never do for myself. By your grace make me your faithful disciple to my life's end. Amen. (If you have made this commitment, tell another Christian about it today, who can support you in prayer.)

The People of the Evangelical Covenant Church Affirm as Central to Life:

- the Lordship of the risen Christ
- the necessity of new birth in Him
- the second coming of Christ in glory
- the authority of the Word of God
- a conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit
- the spiritual unity of all believers
- the giftedness of every believer for ministry
- Christ's command to evangelize the world
- a commitment to family life
- the reality of Freedom in Christ

Go into all the world and share the Good News . . . Mark 16:15

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Sunday Worship, December 6, 1987, 10:30am
Pastors to Each Other and the World - The Congregation
Pastors to the Pastors - Rev. Richard G. Mylander, 252-1188
Rev. Dean R. Nelson, Intern Associate, 259-6708

We exist as one local expression of the Family of God, to continue the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

As we gather in the sanctuary, be silent before God in preparation for worship. The scripture for our preparatory meditation and prayer is Isaiah 40:5 --

"And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

OUR HYMNS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE BRASS BAND

Sharing Testimony in Song

JR & SR HIGH GIRLS

From the Word of God

Luke 14:16-24

"Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?"

Pastor Mylander

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Please stay following the service for a time of fellowship over coffee.

All who wish to receive Christ as Savior and Lord, those who would like to renew their relationship with Him, or those who have concern they'd like prayer for, are invited to share their need with the Pastor or an Elder. Following the service there will be an Elder available for prayer in the Pastor's study

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER:

MISSIONS -- Pray for our Covenant Dept of World Mission, overseeing our 7 foreign fields; Colombia, Ecuador, Japan, Mexico, Taiwan, Thailand, and Zaire; Rev. Ray Dahlberg is its administrator

UNREACHED PEOPLES -- The 700,000 Hindu Meitei peoples of India; a number of people groups around the Meitei have become Christian but this group has been very resistant; pray for a softening of heart

AREA CHURCH -- St. Joseph's Catholic, Waite Park

CHURCH FAMILIES -- Shirley Guzy, Bryon, Barb, Garry, Wayne; John & Nancy Haarstad, Chris, Doug; Rick & Sandy Hainlen, Meagan; Russ & Melodie Hall; Clara Hansen

SPECIAL NEEDS -- Four new Covenant churches in November must be a record! Pray for the newly established Methow Valley Covenant Church of Twisp, Washington which began services last Sunday

Please check your mailboxes. New ones have been added, and all have been stuffed!

CHURCH NOTES ...

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Today, Noon Potluck Dinner; 1pm Church Annual Business Meeting; 3pm (approx) Church Christmas decorating; Tonight Covenant Home Fellowships
Tuesday, 9am Mom's Morning Out, free childcare, fellowship and enrichment opportunities
Wednesday, 6pm Confirmation; 6:30pm AWANA Children's Ministry, Age 3-Gr 6; Adult Bible Study & Adult Choir; 7pm Sr High meets
Saturday, 9:30am Christmas Program Rehearsal
Sunday, 9:15am Sunday School, classes for all ages; 10:30am Worship & Children's Church; Christmas Contata to be presented; 4pm Sunday School Christmas program, with dinner to be served following

LOOKING AHEAD:

Dec 18 Jr High Christmas Party, 4:30pm
18 Sr High Christmas Party, 7pm
20 Pastors' Christmas Open House @ Mylanders, shared by both our pastors' families, 2-5:30pm
23 Christmas Caroling Outing, 7:45pm
25 Christmas Julotta Worship, 6:30pm, see insert
27 Sunday School Christmas Breakfast, 9:15am

Children and young people under Sr High age will be asked to sit with their parents during the Celebration of the LORD's Supper. This is to encourage participation in family units, whether or not those children are allowed to partake in communion by their parents

Have a prayer request? Or something else you'd like to communicate? Keep in mind the little forms available in the Friendship Registration Pads to let someone know about it. Check it out today as the pad goes by.

For Prayer and Action:

--needed each week to meet budgeted ministry/mission commitments \$2,069
--received last week \$1,028

Church cleaning this week is in the hands of The Haarstads. Nursery care next Sunday will be by Connie Webb & April Nelson with the infants and The Eriksson's with the toddlers, Linda Anderson assisting where needed. December greeters are Rick and Marla Beckman. THANK YOU ALL!

Special days this week include: a birthday today for Maren Mylander & Ralph Kluball; Tuesday for Phil Rockensock and Thursday for Barb Kaasa. Jack & Laraine Forsell have an anniversary on Tuesday. BLESSINGS TO ALL!

Some of you have brought dinner to shut-ins Harold and Belle Beeler, be advised: your dishes are in the church kitchen!

Two new adult study courses will be started next Sunday: Russ Hall will lead a class on evangelism entitled, "Needed" Stretch Bearers"; Pastor Dean will be presenting a Bible Study on the rich Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy entitled, "The Gospel According to Moses." Adults, remember: SUNDAY SCHOOL IS A GREAT FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY AND 'IT'S NOT JUST FOR KIDS ANYMORE'!"

Anyone interested in singing a Swedish number at our Christmas service? Or are you willing to open up your home for an Adult New Year Fellowship from 8pm to midnight on December 31? Check with Pastor Rick...

Easter lilies have been presented today by the following: Witzman family in memory of Denny's father, Paul; Sands family in memory of Steve's mother, Ruth; Jan Reutter in memory of her father, Bill Wolleat; Ken Johnson family in memory of Julie's mother Agnes Ruud and infant daughter Laurie Johnson; Hilda Holmgren in memory of her parents John and Ianna Holmgren; Fitch family in memory of Carri; Tracy and Roger Eriksson and Keith and Terry Olson in memory of Tracy and Terry's father, Frank Brown, Fr, and Brianna Eriksson and Elizabeth Olson in memory of their grandfather; Dopkins family in memory of Bob's mother, Harriette; Nancy Asp in memory of Tommy Neu, Jr.; plants also given by the Watkins', Mylanders, Joe Larsons, Haarstads, Beckmans, and Marie Axeen. You may pick them up after the service for personal use or distribution to shut ins, etc.

There will be a Holy Spirit Conference next weekend at First Presbyterian Church. Resource leaders include Bob Whitaker, Alan Langstaff and our own Don and Becky Hainlen. See the brochure on the bulletin board for schedule and registration information.

We are looking for an individual who would be interested in visiting an inmate at the St. Cloud Correctional Facility. Pray about this ministry, and if you are interested, please contact Pastor Rick. Remember Jesus' admonition in Matthew 25:36ff.

Our missionary prayer focus today is our own Randy Olson, now back in the States from Pakistan for his wedding and continued training. Pray for the working of his schooling, job and new family situation.

See the display in the narthex on "Bibles for the World." Pick up some Bibles and supplies to take home, perhaps to send out once a week as a family dinner-table project, or to give to Sunday School students to send out as a missions project. BFTW intends to send a Bible to every household in the world with addresses listed in foreign phonebooks (1,000,000,000 of them!) They do this by getting donors to support the printing of Bibles and materials, and then asking people like us to send them off with the packing labor, 83¢ in postage, and prayer! =

There are new mailboxes for all in our church family which will help make our communications more effective. Please check your box today and everytime you're here; they are found in the Heritage/Fireside room.

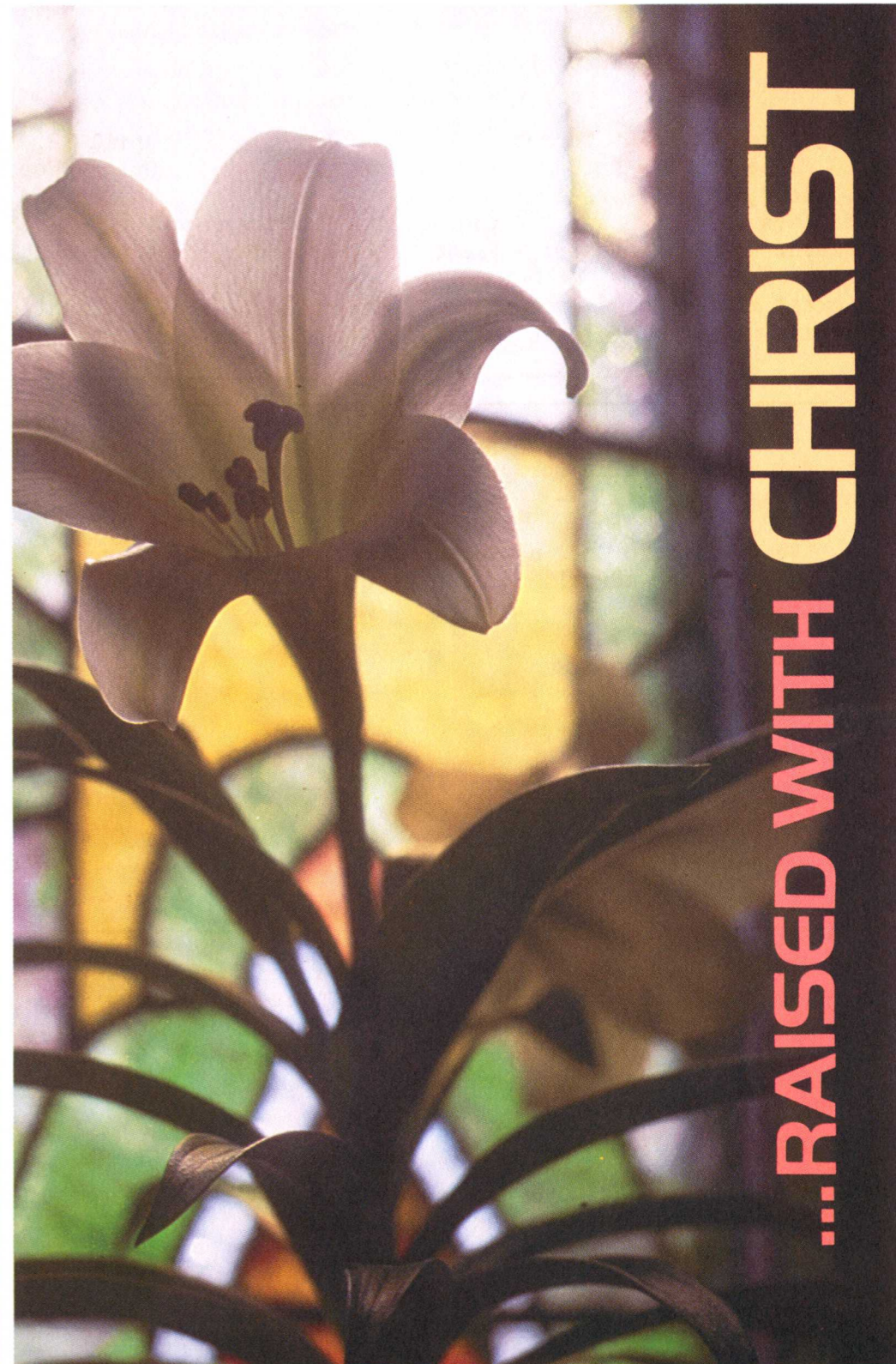
GROW WITH ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL! Sunday Mornings, 9:15 a.m.

1. "Bible Study on the Book of Hebrews" know better Him in whom you are rooted.
2. "The Ethics of Personal Health: Stewardship of Ourselves" A Christian perspective on physical, emotional and body health and well-being.

"...Grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ...(Eph.4:15)."

ABOUT THE COVER:

Raised with Christ means to be given new life! The message of Easter is one of being brought up, of growing toward the light, of blossoming. It is the story of Christ living in us and making of us all that we can possibly be; that is the resurrection plan for us.



...RAISED WITH CHRIST

Evangelical Covenant Church
3320 Maine Prairie Road
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Ministers to Each Other and the World - The Congregation
Minister to the Ministers - Pastor Rick Mylander, home phone 252-1188

April 22, 1984
Sunday Worship 10:30 at
Church phone 251-7238

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EASTER SUNDAY

As we gather in the sanctuary, let us be silent before God, in preparation for worship. The scripture for our preparatory meditation and prayer is Psalm 57:11 --

"Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let thy glory be over all the earth!"

TODAY'S HYMNS ARE:

NO. 212	"LOW IN THE GRAVE HE LAY"
NO. 171	"ONE DAY"
NO. 273	"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

Sharing Testimony in Song Today Dale Hubert

From the Word of God Matthew 27:57 - 28:10
"Rocks and Stones VII: The Rolled-Away Stone"

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This Week in Our Church Family...

Tuesday 7:30 pm Shower for Ken and Barb Wiggins at Pederson home (RSVP - 251-6828)

Wednesday 5:00 pm Confirmation Class
6:30 pm Family Night-activities for all ages
Bible Study or Choir for adults.

Thursday 6:30 am Men's Prayer and Fellowship Breakfast; Embers

Saturday 5:30 pm Adult Fellowship to North Park College Choir and Orchestra Concert at First Covenant, Minneapolis; the concert begins at 7:30, but we will meet at church to carpool and leave by 5:30.

Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School Staff Prayer time
9:15 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Sunday Worship; Children's Church; nursery provided.
Immediately After Service there will be a brief Congregational Meeting to vote on new member applicants

Afternoon Rochelle Harrington/Randy Olson Wedding Shower here

Church Notes...

Looking Ahead:

May 1 Elder Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
4 Covenant Women Missions Workday, 10:00 a.m.
4 Covenant Women Mother/Daughter Banquet
5 Church Workday, Spring Cleaning; 10:00 a.m.
6 During Sunday School Hour, Lake Beauty Covenant Bible Camp Rally
13 Lake Beauty Night, Campfire and Hot Dog Roast, Pre-registration (discount if by May 15); 6:30 p.m.
14 Church Council Meets, 7:00 p.m.
15 VBS Staff Orientation (VBS Dates -- JUNE 18-22!!)
19 Teen Garage Sale at Thorpe Home; CHIC fundraiser

Special days this week include an anniversary for Shirley and Gregg Guzy on Friday; and birthdays for Lani Kluball and Suzie Sands today, Joshua Rieke on Wednesday, Jack Forsell on Thursday, and Kim Fitch on Friday.

Church cleaning this week is in the hands of Tree Sand and Steve and Suzie Sands. Nursery care next Sunday will be done by the Moffetts with the toddlers and the Riekes with the infants, with Shelley Witzman assisting. Thanks!

For Prayer and Action:

--needed each week to meet budget ministry expenses	\$1518.00
--received last week	\$2950.00 PTL!
--received two weeks ago	\$1100.00

We had another record-breaking attendance last Sunday--198! Praise the Lord!!

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Jesus said, ". . . I have come that they may have

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". . . but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

"It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8, 9

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". . . God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God, does not have life." I John 5:11, 12

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, I confess before you that I am a sinner, separated from you and your plan for my life. I now, on the basis of your work on the cross for me, ask you to forgive my sin and to take control of my life. I trust you to do for me what I could never do for myself. By your grace make me your faithful disciple to my life's end. Amen. (If you have made this commitment, tell another Christian about it today, who can support you in prayer.)

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Sunday Worship, December 7, 1986; 10:30 am
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We exist as one local expression of the Family of God, to continue the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we gather in the sanctuary, be silent before God in preparation for worship. The scripture for our preparatory meditation and prayer is Isaiah 7:14 --

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

OUR HYMNS TODAY WILL BE ANNOUNCED

Sharing Testimony in Song

The Choir

From the Word of God

Matthew 3:1-12

"Going All Out for the Lord"

Celebrations of the Lord's Supper, and the Baptism of Michelle Rockensock, daughter of Phil and Pam

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WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER:

MISSIONS -- The Bob and Erma Bergstrom Family, serving Christ through Covenant Missions in Zaire

UNREACHED PEOPLES -- The 100,000 Buddhist Newar peoples of Nepal

AREA CHURCH-- St. Mary's Catholic, of St. Cloud

CHURCH FAMILIES -- Tim and JoAnn, Damion McDunn; Bill and Carole, Roger, David, Stephen Miller; Priscilla Mohrenweiser; Pat and Pam, Megan Murphy; Pastor Rick, and Gail, Katrin, Sarah, Maren, Jarrett Mylander

SPECIAL NEEDS --

CHURCH NOTES

Today, Noon Potluck Dinner to follow service; 1pm, Church Annual Meeting; 3pm, (approx), decorating of sanctuary for Christmas; Evening, Covenant Home Fellowships
Tuesday, 7pm St. Cloud Christian School Christmas Program here
Wednesday, 6:15pm Confirmation; 6:30pm, AWANA Parents' Night; 6:30pm Adult Intercessory Prayer Group and Adult Choir; 7pm, Sr. High Youth Group
Saturday, 9am Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal for children age 5 thru grade 6, with Jr. High helping
Sunday 9:15am Sunday School, classes for all; 10:30am, Worship and Childrens' Church; Evening, Covenant Home Fellowships

LOOKING AHEAD:
Dec 17 AWANA Christmas Party, 6:30pm
21 All Church Family Christmas Open House at the Mylanders 3-6:30pm
23 Family Christmas Carolling Outing, 6:30pm
25 Christmas Day 'Julotta' Worship 6:30am, Watch for details
26-28 Lake Beauty College/Career Singles Retreat
29-Jan 1 Lake Beauty Sr. High Winter Weekend

Our Covenant World Relief Offering will be presented to the Lord in just two weeks, December 21. Covenant funds are at work in approximately 30 countries bringing help and hope to suffering people. Various channels, including our own Covenant missionaries, are utilized to get the funds where they are needed most. And it is always the objective of Covenant World Relief to share the Gospel while bringing physical and material help. In so doing our world relief emphasis is focused on "food for the body and food for the soul." If you've not yet received your soup can label and lid, pick one up in the entryway, and let's all INCLUDE THE WORLD ON OUR CHRISTMAS GIVING LISTS!

For Prayer and Action; monthly update:

--needed each week to meet budgeted ministry/mission commitments	\$2,054.00
--received last week	\$1,919.00
--received two weeks ago	\$ 955.00
--budgeted through the 48th week	\$96,319.00
--received through the 48th week	\$91,736.00

Church cleaning this week is in the hands of The Groethe and Guzzardo Families. Nursery care next Sunday will be by the Kay and Dana Bukovich with the infants and the Backs with the toddlers, Tressa Johnson assisting if needed. Childrens Church Ministers will be Kim Engelstad. Thank you all!

Special days this week include birthdays for Phil Rockensock on Monday, and Bev Kluball on Saturday. Anniversary for Jack and Laraine Forsell on Monday. BLESSINGS!

CHURCH NOTES

Covenant Home Altars for the new quarter (January-March) have been received and are available free for the taking on the table in the entryway. This is a quality daily devotional guide used by thousands in and out of the Covenant, which you may use as a springboard into your regular quiet time. Do consider this important aspect of your Christian growth, and use one of these guides if it would be helpful.

*Happy
New Year*

Adult New Year's Fellowship

Where? The Dopkin's home, 1215 N. 8th Avenue, Sauk Rapids
When? Saturday, New Year's Eve, December 31, 8pm-?
What? Fellowship, Fun & Games, Food; Lord's Supper
Watchnight Service at 11:30pm
How? Bring Games, Hors-d'oeures

Church cleaning this week:

Early Service Nursery care next Sunday:

Gordon & Danita Bye
Sandy Babick & Renae Struck

Late Service Nursery care next Sunday: Kris Bruckner/Connie Pelzer & Eriksson's

Nursery Assistant next Sunday:

Woody Sankey

THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!!

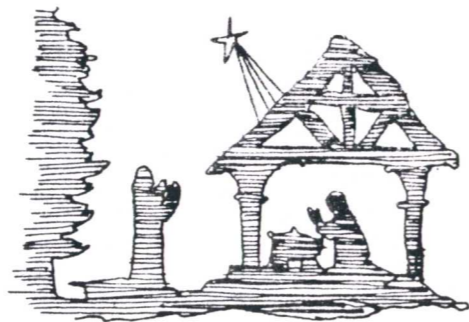
January Greeters next Sunday will be:

David & Alvina Johnson

THANKS TO ALL!!

Special days this week include a birthday today for Marj Stob; Tuesday for Elsie Hutton; Wednesday for Pam Murphy & Eunice Sankey; Thursday for Jill Watkins; and an anniversary for Ross & Mary Rieke on Thursday. BLESSINGS TO ALL!!

...She brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room at the inn...



Silent Night,
Holy Night

Welcome to Worship at the Covenant Church!
Sunday, December 25, 1988 10:00am

Ministers: The Congregation
Assistants: Pastor Richard G. Mylander, 252-1188
Intern Associate Pastor James Bruckner, 259-6949

As one local expression of the Family of God, we exist to continue the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Since we are gathered here to worship the Lord God of the universe, let's prepare ourselves reverently, quietly and prayerfully before the service begins. Consider the words from Luke 2:10,11.

"Almighty and eternal God, who so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life, we have come to your house to praise you for a gift too great for human praise. In vain we strive to speak the gratitude which still remains unspeakable, and with the heavenly hosts of Bethlehem we sing again the ancient song, praying that glory be yours in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom you are pleased, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Hymns Today Are:
No. 134
No. 171

"GENTLE MARY LAID HER CHILD"
"ONE DAY!"

Sharing Testimony in Song:

Mylander Family

From the Word of God
"Let it Begin in Me"

Luke 1:38
Pastor Mylander

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Today, BLESSED CHRISTMAS!
Thursday, 6-9pm Open House at Back home for Dean and Kathy Nelson, all welcome
Friday-Sunday Sr. High Retreat at Lake Beauty Bible Camp
Saturday, Jr. High New Year's Party
8:00pm Adult New Year Fellowship and watchnight Communion, at Dopki home (see church notes)
Sunday, 10:00am New Year's Day Worship, one service only

LOOKING AHEAD

JANUARY 9 Concert of Prayer, Good News Assemble, 7pm
10 Ladies' Night Out, 7pm (note change of Tuesday of the Month)
14 Sr. High Tubing outing
17 Ministry Teams meet at 6:30pm, Council at 7:30pm
20 Adult Fellowship Volleyball, 7pm
21 Church Council to Leadership Worship in Mpls., 7:30am-4pm
21 Jr. High Bowling outing

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER

MISSIONS--One of our supported families, the Gary and Pauline Carlsons of Japan they serve Christ through Covenant World Mission in the area of evangelism.

UNREACHED PEOPLES--330,000 Maltese, Malta where the whole Bible was only made available for the first time in 1980. Pray for the truths of God's Word to make an impact.

AREA CHURCH--Messiah Lutheran, Sartell; Rev. Kent Schnegelberger

CHURCH FAMILIES--Julie Walkin; Ron & Kathy Watkins, Jill, Tim; Dennis & Karen Witzman, Paul, Michelle; Myron & Verona Wolhart; Mrs. Elmer Youngberg

SPECIAL NEEDS--

Christ-

may the meaning of
His birth sustain us...

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood . . . a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9

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HOLY SPIRIT!

As we gather in the sanctuary, be silent before God in preparation
for worship. The scripture for our preparatory meditation and
prayer is Psalm 119:145,146 --

"I call with all my heart; answer me, O Lord,
and I will obey your decrees.
I call out to you; save me
and I will keep your statutes.

PLEASE SEE THE INSERT FOR SPECIFICS ON THE WORSHIP SERVICE LED BY
OUR YOUTH GROUPS TODAY!"

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elder available for prayer in the Pastor's study.

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER

MISSIONS -- TWO of our students winding up their seminary training
for ministry; Scott and Betsy Hartley, and Tim and Andrea Johnson,
all at North Park Seminary; Scott is bound for pastoral ministry
and Tim for the mission field

UNREACHED PEOPLES -- the 2.1 million Wolof peoples of W. Africa

AREA CHURCHES -- Seventh Day Advent, Sauk Rapids

CHURCH FAMILIES -- Dave and Ellen, Jessie, Sarah Eder; Nancy
Engstrom; Roger and Tracy Eriksson, Bria, Lindsey, Kirsten; Viola
and Roxie Fast; Ray and Nancy Fitch, Tom Kim, Angie, and Dana.

SPECIAL NEEDS -- Please make our young people and their leaders a
regular part of your prayer

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Today Please stay immediately following the service for a pan-
cake dinner sponsored by our youth groups: there will
also be a brief congregational meeting prior to dinner.

Tonight Covenant Home Fellowships

Tuesday, 9:30am Women's Bible Study at Kluball home, all women
welcome: call Nancy at 253-8119 for more info.

6:00pm Softball Practice

7:00pm Church Council meets, preceded by intercessory
prayer at 6:00pm

Wednesday, 6:00pm Confirmation

6:30pm AWANA Children's Groups for age 3 thru Grade 6;
BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER NIGHT

6:30pm Adult Bible Study, and Adult Choir: nursery
provided

7:00pm Jr. and Sr. High Youth Groups Meet

Fri-Sat Northwest Covenant Conference Annual Meeting; represent-
ing our 139 churches in this part of the country.

Sunday, 9:15am Sunday School, classes for all ages

10:30am Worship & Children's Church; District Pulpit
Exchange; Rev. Rudy King from Upsala will be
with us.

Evening Covenant Home Fellowships

LOOKING AHEAD

April 26 Ladies Night Out, 7pm
26 Elders Meet, 7pm
27 AWANA Award Night
29 Sr. High Youth Group Road Rally, 7pm

May 1 Lake Beauty Anniversary Celebration and Banquet,
leave at 2pm from church
2 Concert of Prayer, 7pm; location to be announced
4 Family Fun Night! Watch for details
7 AWANA Olympics in Minneapolis; our children will
be attending
7 Covenant Women Mother/Daughter Banquet
10 Mom's Morning Out, 9-11am
14 Sunday School Staff Picnic, 3pm at Dave and Alvina
Johnsons'

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Welcome to Worship at the Covenant Church!

Sunday, April 5, 1992, 10:30am

Ministers: The Congregation

Equippers: Pastor Richard G. Mylander, Lead Pastor, 252-1188
Lee Severson, Lay Minister of Visitation, 252-6711
Kathy Watkins, Lay Minister of Counseling, 252-9973

As one local expression of the Family of God, we exist to continue the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Sunday worship celebrations are designed to help us know God's presence, and to address the needs of newcomer and regular alike through a mixture of traditional and contemporary worship styles. Today's theme, God's design for your family, will be communicated through song and spoken Word, inspiration and challenge. Whether you have come to investigate the claims of Jesus Christ or to strengthen your Christian faith, welcome to Evangelical Covenant Church! Let's prepare ourselves quietly and prayerfully before the service begins. Consider the words from Psalm 5:4.

"You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell."

Our Hymns Today Are:

No. 305, "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"

No. 307, "Kind and Merciful God"

Accompanist:

Jan Hubert

Bringing Testimony in Song:

The Choir

Bringing the Word of God:

Pastor Mylander

Title: "The Family God Wants You to Be, #5: Nobody's Perfect!"

Text: Galatians 6:1-5

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Today,	NOON	"Pitch in Dinner"
Tonight,	Evening	Covenant Home Fellowships
Monday,	7:00pm	Concert of Prayer at Alliance, Sauk Rapids
	7:00pm	Sr. High Youth Group Roller Skating
Tuesday,	9:30am	Women's Bible Study at Kluball's
Wednesday,	6:00pm	Youth Ministry Prayer Meeting, all welcome
	6:30pm	Prime Time Praise Kids Klubs
		Adult Choir
		Jr. High Youth Group
	7:45pm	Midweek Prayer Meeting
Thursday,	7:00pm	Covenant Women "Ladies Night Out"
Saturday,	7:30am	Elders
	9:45am	Jr. Confirmation Class
Sunday,	9:00am	Sunday School (for all ages)
	10:30am	Worship, Children's Worship, Nursery
	Evening	Covenant Home Fellowships

LOOKING AHEAD

APRIL	14	Covenant Women Dist. Mtg in Brainerd, 6:30pm anyone going contact Cheryl Larson for a ride Youth Ministry Team, 7pm
	15	Retirees Lenten dinner at Mylander home, noon
	17	Shared Good Friday Service, 1pm
	18	Men's Breakfast, 8am
	19	Sunrise Service, Dawn; NO SUNDAY SCHOOL; Easter Worship Service, 10:30am
	21	Ministry Teams, 6:30pm Church Council, 7:30pm

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER

MISSIONS: The church equipping ministry of our Northwest Conference of Covenant Churches, serving our 135 fellowships in Minnesota, the Eastern Dakotas, and Western Wisconsin.

UNREACHED PEOPLES: Pray for the 500,000 Meos of Rajasthan, India who practice a mixture of Muslim and Hindu religious patterns. There is much confusion, pray for enlightenment.

AREA CHURCH: Green Pastures Christian Center, St. Cloud; Pastor Michael Jackson

CHURCH FAMILIES: Virginia Leih; Ginger Lentner, Courtney, Katie Carley; Jerry & Vicky Love (Missionaries); Bill & Yvonne Lunser, Matt; Tim & JoAnn McDunn, Damion

FOR PRAYER AND ACTION:

--budgeted weekly ministry/mission commitments:	\$ 3,045
--received last week:	\$ 2,243
--to date annually, received vs. budgeted:	\$37,102/39,586
--shortfall to date:	- \$ 2,484

Please help out a very distraught area lady: we mistakenly put the wrong phone number for Priscilla Mohrenweiser in the bulletin a few weeks ago, and one dear women can't figure out why people keep calling asking for Priscilla! The correct number is 251-6693

June 6-8 will be the Annual Covenant Women Garage Sale. Please be saving items and bring them either to Cheryl Larson's or to church. This is CW's main fund-raising event, and they hope to be able to do some church wallpapering, and provide curtains for the classrooms.

Our missions prayer focus this week is one of our own members and his wife, Randy and Rochelle Olson, missionaries to Pakistan currently in the US for further training. Our 'unreached peoples' prayer, coincidentally, happens to be the Chitralis people of Pakistan; numbering 120,000 they are predominantly Muslim, though still strongly practicing animistic religion, and their is no scripture available in their Khuwar language.

Church cleaning this week is in the hands of Deb Berry and the Bolands. In the nursery next Sunday will be the Lentners with the infants, and Riekes with the toddlers, Katie Debros assisting if needed. The Children's Church minister will be Joanne Reinhart next week. Thanks! Birthdays this week include those of Dana Fitch tomorrow, Adrienne Thorpe on Tuesday, Gail Mylander on Friday, and Verona Wolhart on Saturday. Blessings!

ABOUT THE COVER:

The admonition to love one another is most appropriate for the day on which we celebrate the love which our mothers have given to us and which we give to them. It is certainly through their love that many of us have been brought into the church to know the love of Christ.



...LOVE ONE ANOTHER
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.

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"For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness."

OUR HYMNS TODAY ARE:

NO. 36
NO. 489

"JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE"
"BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS"

Sharing Testimony in Song

The Choir

From the Word of God

"Our Covenant Spiritual Heritage I:
A Family of Love and Caring"

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This Week in Our Church Family...

Tonight Covenant Home Fellowships (Neighborhood Prayer/Support Groups)
Monday Church League Softball
Wednesday 6:15pm Confirmation
6:30pm Family Night Ministries: Activities and studies for all ages, including a Bible Study for adults; nursery provided
8:00pm Pastoral Relations Committee at parsonage
Saturday 10:00am Softball Practice, Whitney Park
Sunday 9:15am Sunday School, with classes for all ages
10:30am Sunday Worship and Children's Church; nursery provided
7:00pm Lake Beauty Bible Camp night, campfire/cookout, registration for camp this summer to qualify for early discounts

CHURCH NOTES...

Looking Ahead:

May 21 Church Council, 7pm, preceded by church intercessory prayer, 6pm
25 OPERATION FRIENDSHIP!!
26 Last in the Pippert movie series, "Out of the Saltshaker"
29 Support Group Leaders and Host Debrief, 8pm

On May 15th the Pastoral Relations Committee will be meeting. If you have any concerns, suggestions, ideas, etc., you'd like shared at the meeting please contact any of its members prior to that time: Rick Beckman, Nancy Haarstad, Lee Severson or Pastor Rick.

Copies of the new Christian Reader magazine have been received and are available in the narthex; it features an interview with contemporary Christian musician Stormie Omartian, and an article on the nuclear crises.

There will be a "Night of Missions" Rally, sponsored by Youth With a Mission (YWAM) on May 24th. Set the date aside.

For Prayer and Action:

- needed each week to meet budgeted ministry expenses	\$1714.00
- received last Sunday	\$1618.00
- water assessment due 5/15	\$2326.00

Please remember our senior adult friends unable to regularly be with us: Elsie Sand at St. Benedict's Center, Elmer Youngberg at Country Manor Nursing Home, and Harold and Belle Beeler shut-in at home.

Don't forget to check your mailboxes today. They've been 'stuffed' this past week!

The New Creation Singles Fellowship will be having a Scavenger hunt this coming Saturday at 6:30pm. Call 259-0470 for information.

Whatever our chosen vocation, all believers are called of God to be ministers. This calling goes beyond how we relate to others in our churches, and includes how we relate to those in our homes and families, in our communities, and in our marketplace and daily work.

The Source of Our Calling "Now there are diversities of gifts but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to benefit all." 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

The Purpose of Our Calling "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit shall remain." John 15:16

The Manner of Our Calling "I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience for bearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:1-3

The End of Our Calling "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

1 Peter 2:9

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- the necessity of new birth in Him
- the second coming of Christ in glory
- the authority of the Word of God
- a conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit
- the spiritual unity of all believers
- the giftedness of every believer for ministry
- Christ's command to evangelize the world
- a commitment to family life
- the reality of Freedom in Christ

Computer Programmer Loan Officer Repairman Handyman
Instructor Counselor Artist Architect Receptionist Pastor
Home Economist Utility Worker Realtor Manager
Tax Preparer Seller Typist Instrument Repairman Clerk
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Foreman Clothier Mechanic Nurse Retiree Garmentmaker
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Student Marxist Musician Green Technician
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Medical Consultant Laborer Technical Drawer Distributor
Daycare Operator Retailer Animal Husbandman
Teaching Aide Baker Warehouse Worker Volunteer
Security Guard Medical Technician Attorney
Furniture Repairman Bus Driver Servicer Piano Tuner
Firefighter Drafter Gardener Veterinarian Inventory Taker
Appraiser Copier Technician Farmer Restauranteur
Contractor Photographer Construction Worker
Merchandiser Small Business Owner Plumber
Police Officer Farmer Carley Translator Homemaker
Administrator Nursing Aide Computer Technician
Consultant Piano Teacher Factory Worker Hair Stylist
Athlete Insurance Agent Truck Driver Printer Dentist

Whatever you do
in word or deed,
do all in the name
of the Lord Jesus.

Colossians 3:17

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Welcome to Worship at the Covenant Church!

Sunday, October 30, 1988

8:15 and 10:45am

Ministers: The Congregation

Assistants: Pastor Richard G. Mylander, 252-1188

Intern Associate Pastor James Bruckner, 259-6949

As one local expression of the Family of God, we exist to continue the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Since we are gathered here to worship the Lord God of the universe, let's prepare ourselves reverently, quietly and prayerfully before the service begins. Consider the words from Psalm 138:2.

"I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty God, we gather in this house of prayer to open our lives to the good news, to learn to respond to the offer of health and joy and peace and sight and freedom. Forgive us if these things do not excite us--if we have become so accustomed to sickness, blindness, slavery that we regard them as normal--and show us, in your Son Jesus Christ, what life might be, even for us, if we lived, as he did, in constant expectation of your entry into our lives.

And this we ask for his name's sake. Amen.

Our Hymns Today Are:

No. 421

"MY SOUL NOW MAGNIFIES THE LORD"

No. 485

"IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST"

Sharing Testimony in Song

The Choir

From the Word of God

Galatians 5:1-13

"Who Are We? The Covenant as Free"

Pastor Mylander

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Tonight

Tuesday, 9:30am

Covenant Home Fellowships

7:00pm

Women's Bible Study at Bev Kluball's Home

Wednesday, 6:30pm

Baby Shower for Bruckners, Rysdahls and Sellnows

6:30pm

AWANA children's ministry for age 3 thru grade 6

6:30pm

Adult Midweek Bible Study, on book of Daniel, led by Lee Severson; all welcome, nursery provided

7:00pm

Adult Choir, nursery provided

8:00pm

Jr. and Sr. High Youth Groups Meet

Friday-Saturday,

Inquirer's Class Fellowship

Saturday, 9:30am

Youth Sponsors Retreat at Lake Beauty Bible Camp

Sunday, 8:15am

Confirmation Class

9:30am

Early Service, Nursery

10:45am

Sunday School, Classes for all ages

7:00pm

Late Service, Nursery, Children's Church

'100 Talents' Service

LOOKING AHEAD

NOV. 11

Youth to Mylon Lefevre concert in Twin Cities

12-13

105th Anniversary Celebration:

Saturday, 7pm Banquet and program at Holiday Inn, Pastor David Erickson here.

Sunday, 8:15 and 10:45am, Anniversary Worship

7pm Festival of Praise Program and Pie Fellowship

15

Ministry Commissions Meet at 6:30pm, followed by Church Council, 7pm

18-19

Youth to Dawson MacAllister Conference in Twin Cities

21

Elders Meet, with new member applicants, 7pm

23

Family Thanksgiving Service, 6:30pm

29

Church Annual Meeting Night: 5:30pm-Potluck, 6:30 Annual Meeting, 8:30pm Christmas Tree and Decorating

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER

MISSIONS--The Covenant Department of World Mission and its director, Rev. Ray Dahlberg, as it oversees our very active mission fields in Zaire, Thailand, Ecuador, Columbia, Japan, Taiwan and Mexico.

UNREACHED PEOPLES--10,000 Kung Bushmen, Namibia; Pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church which is attempting to evangelize the Kung Bushmen.

AREA CHURCH--Holy Angels Catholic, St. Cloud; Rev. Lauren Germann

CHURCH FAMILIES--Joel & April Nelson, Jacob, Laura; Marty & Debbie Neu, Tony, Kent; Keith L. & Terry Olson, Elizabeth, Andrew; Keith N. & Jan Olson, Jacob, Andrea, Randy & Rochelle Olson, Lydia; Ken & Jan Panger; Ange Paul

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER:

MISSIONS -- Two of our member ministers/missionaries in training; both on their internship years from North Park Seminary in Chicago; Scott Hartley, serving two rural Covenant churches in Iowa, and Tim Johnson serving as a youth pastor in a Covenant church in Illinois.

UNREACHED PEOPLES -- The 330,000 people of the Mediterranean Island of Matta; Protestant missionaries have not been allowed to reside there, and the known evangelical or charismatic believers on this Roman Catholic Island number only in the 400's


AREA CHURCH -- Holy Spirit Catholic, St. Cloud

CHURCH FAMILIES -- Kathy Gross, Teresa, Benjamin, Sheila, L Lori; Dave and Kathy, Annie, Michael Gunderson; Shirley Guzy, Brian, Barb, Garry, Wayne; Joe and Peggy, Stacey, Annie and Joey Guzzardo; John and Nancy, Chris, Doug Haarstad

Today we begin the period of time over which we consider an offering to Covenant World Relief. This annual Thanksgiving and Christmas season effort helps us to remember to provide for the needs of those less fortunate than we. You will receive today a label and lid to place on a standard size soup can, that may be placed on your dining room table or kitchen counter as a daily reminder to adults and children alike to drop some change in it. The offering will be presented to the Lord on December 21. INCLUDE THE WORLD ON YOUR CHRISTMAS GIVING LIST!

Church cleaning this week is in the hands of The Corona and Dopkins families; Nursery care next Sunday will be by Shirley Guzy and Bev Kluball with the infants and the Bjorklunds with the toddlers, Shawn Corona assisting if needed, and the Children's Church minister will be Nancy Thomes. November greeters are Mike and Kristi Bestgen. Thank you all!

Special days this week include birthdays today for Bob Bergstrom (miss.) and Kay Bukovich; on Monday for Beda Silverness and Bill Lunser; Wednesday for Marla Beckman; Thursday for Harold Beeler; Friday for Aaron Stob and Scott Hutton on Saturday. BLESSINGS!



In
Christ
shall
all be
made
alive.

For Prayer and Action:

-- needed weekly to meet budgeted ministry/missions outreach \$1945.00
-- received last week 2289.00

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Everyone is urged to look over the pile of serving dishes on the kitchen counter, things left after church meals. All items not claimed by June 6th will be given to the Covenant Women garage sale.

Special days this week include birthdays for Amy Rieke today, Joan Sohlstrom, and Tim Johnson on Wednesday, and Mark Thomes on Thursday. Happy day in Jesus!

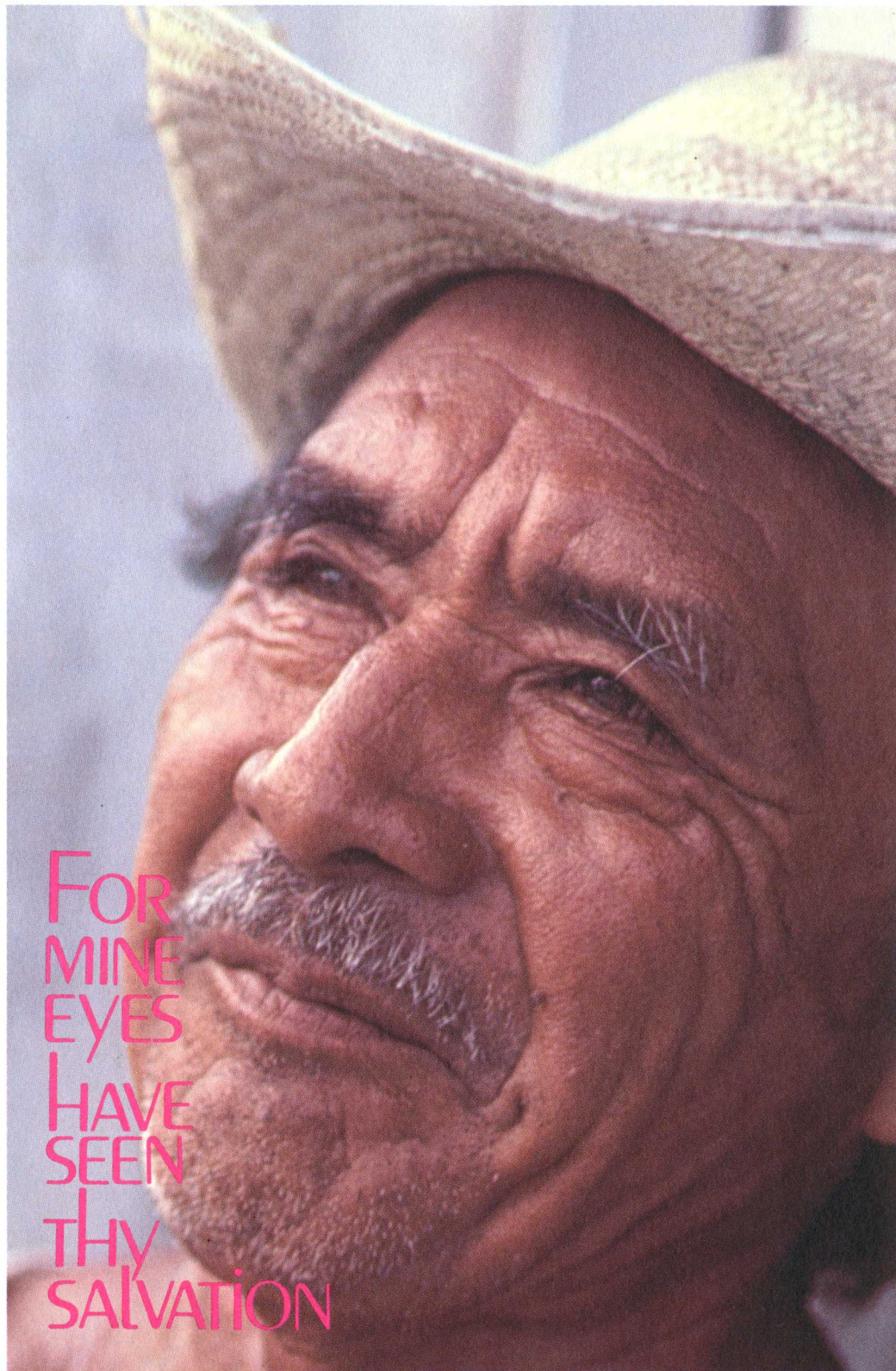
The church is looking for a new paid office secretary of about 10 hours per week. Persons with typing and administrative skills interested should contact Pastor Rick or Pat Murphy soon.

Last Sunday's attendance broke a record. The old record, set in March was 256, and the new is now 267. PTL!

Please see our recent letter from 'Conductor' Willard and Margaret Grant on the bulletin board.

ABOUT THE COVER:

The cover text is from the words of the old man Simeon, who lived to see the child Jesus. Whether wrinkled or poor or blind, God's salvation can come to us as to Simeon, and renew our lives in his grace.



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As we gather in the sanctuary, let us be silent before God, in preparation for worship. The scripture for our preparatory meditation and prayer is Psalm 96:5,6 --

"For all the gods of the peoples are idols;
but the Lord made the heavens. Honor and
majesty are before him; strength and beauty
are in his sanctuary."

OUR HYMNS TODAY ARE:

NO. 76
NO. 350

"FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH"
"BE THOU MY VISION"

Sharing Testimony in Song

Abraham Togbah
Bergstrom Family

From the Word of God

2 Samuel 23:13-17

"Two Great Temptations in Ministry"

We wish the Lord's watchful care and empowering upon those in our church family doing summer mission work: Ken and Julie Johnson leading an evangelistic bike team in Norway with Teen Missions; Nathan Hubert with a Teen Missions team in Venezuela; Jen Johnson with a Teen Missions team in Kenya; Nancy Nygaard with a Youth for Christ outreach in Puerto Rico; and Rachel Schiel, Jill Schreifels and Brad Stark at Bible camps. We also send off one of our supported missionary families, the Bergstroms, with our continued prayer, heading back to Zaire, Africa after a year of home assignment. Greet them and one another during our fellowship time after the worship service.

Don't forget the brief congregational meeting after the service today for the purpose of making formal decision on the sale of the church parsonage. Minnesota law requires four public bulletin notices before such a vote may be taken, and this requirement has been fulfilled.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY...

Tonight Covenant Home Fellowship
Tuesday 7:15pm Church League Softball vx. Bethlem Lutheran, D6
Wednesday 7:00pm "Adults Night Out" Bible Study
Friday 6:30pm Sunday School Staff Appreciation Picnic at Dave and
Alvina Johnsons; RSVP to Cheryl at 252-0069
Saturday 10:00am Softball practice, Whitney Park
Sunday 9:30am Summer Worship
Evening Covenant Home Fellowships

CHURCH NOTES...

Looking Ahead
June 3 Elders Meet
6,7 Covenant Women Garage Sale
8 All Church Picnic at Sauk Rapids Municipal Park, noon-7 p.m.
9-15 Lake Beauty Super High Bible Camp (grades 9-10)
17-22 Lake Beauty Trailblazer Bible Camp (grades 4-6)
Don't forget Vacation Bible School - age 3 - grade 3; and Day Camp - grades 4-6 coming up July 21-25; help needed -- sign up on the poster)

Weekly Prayer Corner:

MISSIONS -- our friends that we consecrate this morning for summer service: Ken and Julie, Jen Johnson; Nathen Hubert; Nancy Nygaard; Rachel Schiel; Jill Schreifels; Brad Stark

UNREACHED PEOPLES -- the 10,000 Carib peoples in Belize, Guatemala and Honduras; these tribal, spirit-worship peoples only have portions of Scripture available in their language

AREA CHURCH -- St. Augustine's Catholic, St. Cloud

CHURCH FAMILIES -- Andy and Sandy, Duane and Linda Anderson; Marie Axeen; Barry and Laura, Benjamin Back; Helen Bauer; Rick and Marla, Ben, Tom, Joe and Kersten Beckman

SPECIAL NEEDS --

"How may I become a Christian?"

Realize that:

1) **Man is sinful and separated from God.**

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

2) **Sin has a penalty which must be paid.**

"For the wages of sin is death . . ." Romans 6:23
". . . man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment." Hebrews 9:27

3) **Jesus Christ has paid the penalty for sin.**

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"God made Christ who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." II Corinthians 5:21

4) **God offers a tremendous plan for your life.**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16
Jesus said, ". . . I have come that they may have

life, and have it to the full." John 10:10

5) **Salvation is a free gift.**

". . . but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

"It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8, 9

6) **It takes a commitment from you.**

"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act." Psalm 37:5

7) **You can have assurance of salvation.**

Jesus said, "He who believes has everlasting life." John 6:47

". . . God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God, does not have life." I John 5:11, 12

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, I confess before you that I am a sinner, separated from you and your plan for my life. I now, on the basis of your work on the cross for me, ask you to forgive my sin and to take control of my life. I trust you to do for me what I could never do for myself. By your grace make me your faithful disciple to my life's end. Amen. (If you have made this commitment, tell another Christian about it today, who can support you in prayer.)

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Go into all the world and share the Good News . . . Mark 16:15

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Rev. Dean R. Nelson, Intern Associate, 259-6708

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As we gather in the sanctuary, be silent before God in preparation for worship. The scripture for our preparatory meditation and prayer is Psalm 95:1,2 --

(Pastor) "O come, let us sing to the Lord;
(Congregation) Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
(P) Let us come into His presence with Thanksgiving;
(C) Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of Praise!"

OUR HYMNS TODAY ARE:

No. 240
No. 350

"BLESSED BE THE NAME"
"BE THOU MY VISION"

Sharing Testimony in Song

Sons of Praise

From the Word of God

"A Foundation That Will Not Fail"

Matthew 7:24-29
Pastor Rick Mylander

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WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER:

MISSIONS -- Our own Randy & Rochelle Olson, missionaries among Muslims in Pakistan pray for their health, effectiveness and safety

UNREACHED PEOPLES -- The Muslim Madurese people of Indonesia; 12 million in number, these are a hot-headed people; christian numbers are very small, for persecution follows all who follow Christ

AREA CHURCH -- Green Pastures Christian Center, Pastor Mike Jackson

CHURCH FAMILIES -- Jannie Zirbes, Nathan, Katie; George & Ina Anderson; Ian & Sandy Anderson, Duane, Linda; Mark & Cindee Anderson Family; Sandy Babick, Jeremiah

SPECIAL NEEDS --

CHURCH NOTES ...

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Tonight Covenant Home Fellowships

Monday, 7pm "Ladies Night Out"

Tuesday, 9am "Mom's Morning Out", free child care, with friendship & spiritual uplift opportunities; 7pm Elders meet

Wednesday, 6pm Confirmation; 6:30pm

AWANA Children's Ministry, Age 3

thru Gr 6; Adult Bible Study &

Adult Choir; 7pm Sr High meets

Thursday, 7pm Inquirer's Fellowship

Friday, 7pm Jr High Gathering; 7:30pm

Sr High Lock-in at YMCA, meet at church

Sunday, 9:15am Sunday School, classes for

all ages; 10:30am Worship & Children's

Church; Evening Covenant Home Fellowships

LOOKING AHEAD:

Nov 4 Jr & Sr High going to the Mylon LeFever concert @ 6:45p

10 Church Council meets, preceded by Intercessory pray

11 Jr & Sr HIGH going to movie "Caught" 6pm

13-15 Lake Beauty Quilters Retreat

15 Harvest Festival of Praise 7pm



The New Creation Singles Fellowship will be sponsoring a hayride this coming Saturday at 6pm. Single and interested? Call 259-0470 for more info

Pray for about a dozen of our Jr High students up at Lake Beauty Covenant Bible Camp for a weekend retreat. They will be returning this afternoon.

Church cleaning this week is in the hands of the J. Eriksons. Nursery care next Sunday will be by the David Johnsons with the infants and The Backs with the toddlers, Doug Haarstad assisting where needed. The Children's Church ministers next week will be Gretchen Hutton and Suzie Sands. October greeters are Ken & Jan Panger, and those for November will be Denny & Karen Witzman. THANK YOU ALL!

Special days this week include: a birthday today for Joanne Reinhart; Monday for Jeffrey Reinhart; Tuesday for Steve Corona and Kathy Watkins. Anniversaries this week are for Verona & Myron Wolhart on Wednesday; Ken & Marj Stob on Thursday; and LeRoy & Lorraine Jones on Friday. BLESSINGS TO ALL!

On the lighter side ... "You know you're in trouble when the guest speaker begins with ... "you know, there are some topics that thirty minutes just can't do justice...."

Want some other Scriptures on building strong foundations, to look up later? Besides Isaiah 28:16 and Matthew 7:24, check out I Corinthians 3:11, I Timothy 6:19, II Timothy 2:19, and I Peter 2:6.

CARE IN THE FAMILY

USHERS THIS WEEK:
 EARLY WORSHIP: S. Johnson/L. Johnson/Kirkeby
 SECOND WORSHIP: Wager/McDunn/Kraayenbrink

USHERS NEXT WEEK:
 EARLY WORSHIP: Schneider/Bjorklund
 SECOND WORSHIP: Olson/Dopkins

NURSERY STAFF THIS WEEK:
 EARLY WORSHIP: Pederson/Krueger
 SECOND WORSHIP: Engberg/Wolters/Abramson

NURSERY STAFF NEXT WEEK:
 EARLY WORSHIP: Theis/Larson
 SECOND WORSHIP: Monroe/Albrecht/Bye/Reinhart

CHILDREN'S CHURCH STAFF:
 THIS WEEK: Mark & Susan Heyses
 NEXT WEEK: Mark & Sheila Nelson

CANDLE LIGHTERS:
 EARLY WORSHIP: Micah Groethe
 SECOND WORSHIP: Matt Anderson

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays today for Jamie Kraayenbrink, Janet Albrecht, Lois Weeks, Ralph Kluball; Tuesday for Jill Girtz, Phil Rockensock; Thursday for Barb Kaasa, John Reep. There are Wedding Anniversaries Tuesday for Jack & Laraine Forsell; Wednesday for Gary & Linda Ziebarth. *Blessings!*

WINTER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

THE JESUS I NEVER KNEW Darrell Armbrust & Bernie Wager
 You've known Him for years...or have you? In this fresh look at Jesus' family, teachings, miracles, death & resurrection, Phillip Yancey helps you discover a Master who is far more than you had ever imagined. Welcome Center

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: GOD OF MY FATHER (cont.) Bob Slaney
 In an age when the word "father" is often synonymous with abandonment or abuse, this book offers hope and inspiration through the spiritual wisdom gained from noted psychologist Larry Crabb's now 80 year old father. Room 102

TESTS & TRIUMPHS OF WALKING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT V. Leih
 A topical exploration of the New Testament teachings such as the fruit of the spirit, spiritual gifts, and distinguishing the Spirit's voice. Room 103

WOMEN'S TOPICAL STUDY Nancy Fitch
 Each week various topics relevant to women's lives will be discussed. Conference Room

YOUNG ADULT/COLLEGE: Barb Scheevel
 6 Dangerous Questions Room F3

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

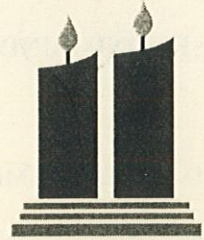
Today -6	8:15AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Early Worship, Nursery Sunday School Worship Service, Nursery Children's Church
Monday -7	6:30PM 7:00PM	Youth Adult Leaders Meeting Weigh Down Workshop
Tuesday -8	9:00AM 9:00-3:00PM 9:30AM 7:00PM	Women's Prayer Meeting 'Quilt Till You Wilt' at Lanphiers Staff Meeting Elders Meeting
Wednesday -9	6:15AM 6:00PM 6:45PM 7:00PM	Men's Prayer & Bible Study Jr./Sr. Confirmation Adventure Club Youth Groups Choir Prayer Hour
Thursday -10	6:30AM	Mission Ministry Team Meeting at Weeks Home
Friday -11	7:00PM	Hispanic Worship Service
Saturday -12	9:00-11:00AM 7:00PM	Sunday School Program Practice Focus Worship Service
Sunday -13	8:15AM 9:30AM 10:45AM 5:30PM	Worship Service, Nursery Sunday School Worship Service, Nursery, Children's Church Sunday School Christmas Program

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 15	9:00-2:00PM 7:30PM	Christmas Cookie /Candy Bake Woman to Woman
Dec. 18	12:30PM	Youth - "Prince of Egypt" movie
Dec. 20	6:00-9:00PM	Christmas Open House at Pastor Bob & Robin Anderson's home Youth Ministry Team Meeting
Dec. 21	6:30PM	Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 24	5:30PM	Julotta
Dec. 25	6:30AM	Community Meal
Dec. 26	NOON	Single Worship Service
Dec. 27	10:45AM	No Sunday School

CHURCH FAMILIES

Jeff & Wanda Borchardt, Heather, Jennifer, Travis; Don & Jan Brown, Spencer; Pat & Deb Brown, Amanda, Shannon, Jenna, Matthew; Cal & Deb Brumbaugh, Jenn, Stacey; Gordon & Danita Bye, Brittany, Westin, Danae; Greg & Stefanie Carlson; Al & Rhonda Dahlgren, Leanna, Andrew, Alex, Luke; Mark & Lisa Danzeisen, Abby, Elly



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Building HOPE and Friendship

Celebration of Worship
 December 6, 1998
 8:15AM & 10:45AM

Ministers: The Congregation
 Equippers: Robert Anderson, Senior Pastor 202-8584
 Nick Yaksich, Youth Pastor 202-8501
 Lee Severson, Lay Minister of Visitation, 252-6711
 Kathy Armbrust, Christian Education Coordinator, 259-6706



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE Julie Johnson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE 2ND ADVENT CANDLE

First Service The Morton Family
Second Service The Goetz Family

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

UNISON: For God so loved the world that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16

WORSHIP IN SONG

Worship Team

WORSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson (pg. 714) Isaiah 40:1-11
New Testament Lesson (pg. 1206) 2 Peter 3:8-14
First Service Reader Mitch Groethe
Second Service Reader Vickie Gleason

WORSHIP IN PRAYER

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Offering
Special Music Choir

HYMN #122 "O Zion, Acclaim Your Redeemer"

Children (ages 3-1st grade) will be dismissed for Children's Church

WORSHIP IN THE WORD

Sermon Pastor Robert Anderson
Title: "Good News - Strange Forms"
Text: Mark 1:1-8

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Affirmation of Faith #875

HYMN #560

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Julie Johnson



Welcome

to all who have come to worship this morning. It is good to come together into the presence of God as a family of faith, that we might honor and praise our Savior and Lord. We hope that all will experience His presence and power in our midst, and the unity of spirit in this church family. If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are especially glad that you have come, and hope that you will be able to join us again soon. If there are any ways that our staff can be of assistance to you today or throughout the week, please contact the church office at 251-7238.

Please take a moment to sign your name in the friendship pads, located in the pew racks, and pass them along. Thank you!

Pastor Bob

All who wish to receive Christ as Savior and Lord, those who would like to renew their relationship with Him, or those who have a concern for which they would like prayer, are invited to share their need with a pastor or elder. For ten minutes following the service there will be a pastor or elder available for prayer in the Prayer Room, located outside the forward right exit of the Sanctuary.

Let's Get **Acquainted!**

PLEASE JOIN US TODAY FOLLOWING SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE in the Welcome Center for coffee and refreshments!



Wedding

CONGRATULATIONS to Megan (Dopkins) and Ted Tollefson who were married here at Hope Covenant on Saturday, November 28th!



BIRTH

CONGRATULATIONS to John & Lanette Leigh on the birth of their baby boy, Colton Herbert, on December 3, 1998!

• **THERE WILL BE A BENEVOLENT OFFERING** received after the service today for several families within our own congregation. We want Christmas to be a time of joy for them, and your generosity will certainly help. Thank you!

• **PLEASE NOTE:** There is no fellowship dinner following the second service today!

• **TO GOD'S SERVANTS:** Thanks so much for the wonderful gift we received last week. The kids will now have brand new outfits for the Christmas program! Many blessings and thanks, A Mom



• **REHEARSALS FOR THE STRINGS**, who will be playing during the December 27th worship service, will be on December 9th 6:00PM or 8:00PM, on December 23 at 6:00PM and on December 27th at 9:15AM. Any questions contact Lois Weeks at 240-9437.

• **GOD BLESS YOU!** Thanks to everyone who contributed to Operation Christmas Child this year. We were able to send 29 shoe boxes as well as \$200.00 in cash donations to Samaritans Purse.



• **THE STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM** is looking for volunteers to give stewardship witness testimonies on Sunday January 17 & 24. If you are interested please contact Roger Eriksson (253-1526) or Keith Olson (743-3196). Thank you!

• **WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION** regarding a Stephens Ministry Fundraiser Banquet to be held at 7:00PM on February 6th!



• **PHOTO SIGN-UP REMINDER:** The sign-up sheets, with dates and times for family photos, are posted on the wall of the Welcome Center. Pictures will be taken after both first and second services on various Sundays. We want to get everyone's picture taken as soon as possible. Please sign up soon! December's schedule is currently posted. More dates will be made available as needed. If you have questions call Deb Brumbaugh at 240-0992.

 **Jamaica**

• Stacey and Deb Brumbaugh will be heading to Jamaica for a one week mission trip the first week in February. The team members travel with only a carry-on bag so that their suitcases can be filled with items for orphanages. A box will soon be placed in the Welcome Center for donations. Please remember them in your prayers!

Whatever our chosen vocation, all believers are called of God to be ministers. This calling goes beyond how we relate to others in our churches, and includes how we relate to those in our homes and families, communities, schools and workplace.

The Source of Our Calling "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."
1 Corinthians 12:4-7

The Purpose of Our Calling "You did not choose me, but I chose you to go and bear fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name." John 15:16

The Character of Our Calling "As a prisoner of the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:1-3

The Result of Our Calling "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." 1 Peter 2:9

The people of the Evangelical Covenant Church Affirm as Central to Life:

- the Lordship of the Risen Christ
- the necessity of the new birth in Him
- the second coming of Christ in glory
- the authority of the Word of God
- a conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit
- the spiritual unity of all believers
- the giftedness of every believer for ministry
- Christ's command to evangelize the world
- a commitment to family life
- the reality of Freedom in Christ

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Hope Covenant Church
(An Evangelical Covenant Church)
3400 West St. Germain
St. Cloud, Minnesota
Phone 251-7238

Welcome to Worship at Hope Covenant Church!
 Sunday, December 18, 1994, 8:00am & 10:30am

Ministers: The Congregation
 Equippers: Richard Mylander, Senior Pastor, 252-1188
 Chris Peterson, Assistant and Youth Pastor, 253-5076
 Lee Severson, Lay Minister of Visitation, 252-6711

As one local expression of the Family of God, we exist to continue the loving life and ministry of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Sunday worship celebrations are designed to help us know God's presence, and to address the needs of newcomer and regular attendee alike through a mixture of traditional and contemporary worship styles. Today's theme will be communicated through song and spoken Word, inspiration and challenge. Whether you have come to investigate the claims of Jesus Christ or to strengthen your Christian faith, welcome to the Covenant Church! Please consider the following in quiet preparation for worship! Psalm 30:10

*"Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me;
 O Lord, be my help."*

Our Hymns Today Will be Announced

Accompanist: Cheryl Larson
 Testimony in Song: Adult Choir,
 (Second Service) Brass Group

Bringing the Word of God: Pastor Chris Peterson
 Title: "Have You Forgotten the Change?" Text: Isaiah 9:6

All who wish to receive Christ as Savior and Lord, those who would like to renew their relationship with Him, or those who have a concern for which they would like prayer, are invited to share their need with a pastor or an elder. Following the service there will be an elder available for prayer in Pastor Mylander's study. Also join us following the second service for a coffee hour and time of fellowship.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Today	2:00-5:00pm	Annual Open House at Mylander home 2608 S. 13th Street, St. Cloud
	Evening	Covenant Home Fellowship Groups
Monday	6:30pm	Jr. Confirmation
Wednesday	6:00pm	Kid's Choir
	6:30pm	Adult Choir, Christmas caroling
	6:30pm	Adventure Club - See Special Announcement in Hotsheet
	6:30-7:45pm	Youth Christmas Party
	8:00pm	Prayer Meeting
Saturday	4:30pm	Christmas Eve Service
		MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Sunday	6:30am	Julotta Christmas Worship
	10:30am	Single Regular Sunday Worship Service, Nursery

LOOKING AHEAD

December	30/31	Sr Hi Retreat (Grades 10-12) at Lake Beauty Bible Camp
January	1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
	6/7	Sr Hi Confirmation Retreat
	8/15	Annual Prayer Week: watch for information

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER

MISSIONS: Another of our supported missionary families, and members of our church family, Rand and Rochelle Olson and children -- serving Christ under Bethany Fellowship in Muslim evangelism in Tajikistan, a former Soviet Republic.

UNREACHED PEOPLES: Pray for the 500,000 Ahl-i-haqq in Iran who are believed to be particularly open to the Gospel. Pray that the recent violent events have not closed their hearts or increased their resistance to Christianity.

AREA CHURCH: St. Anthony Catholic, St. Cloud; Rev. Robert Harren

CHURCH FAMILIES: Verlin & Linda Abramson, Daniel, Jesse Fagerland, Tom, David, Mark; Bryon & Joy Anderson; Ian & Sandy Anderson; Linda Anderson; Rob & Denise Babcock, Gaston, Dallas; Mike Batcheller

GROWTH AND GIVING UPDATE FOR PRAYER AND ACTION

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>LAST WEEK</u>	<u>NOV. AVERAGE</u>	<u>YTD AVERAGE</u>
	336	329	
<u>OFFERINGS</u>	<u>LAST WEEK</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>% OF GOAL</u>
<u>GIVEN TO GOD</u>	\$2,502	\$168,260	99.3%
<u>BUDGETED</u>	\$3,387	\$169,400	

"How may I become a Christian?"

Realize that:

1) Man is sinful and separated from God.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

2) Sin has a penalty which must be paid.

"For the wages of sin is death . . ." Romans 6:23
". . . man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment." Hebrews 9:27

3) Jesus Christ has paid the penalty for sin.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"God made Christ who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." II Corinthians 5:21

4) God offers a tremendous plan for your life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16
Jesus said, ". . . I have come that they may have

life, and have it to the full." John 10:10

5) Salvation is a free gift.

". . . but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

"It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8, 9

6) It takes a commitment from you.

"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act." Psalm 37:5

7) You can have assurance of salvation.

Jesus said, "He who believes has everlasting life." John 6:47

". . . God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God, does not have life." I John 5:11, 12

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, I confess before you that I am a sinner, separated from you and your plan for my life. I now, on the basis of your work on the cross for me, ask you to forgive my sin and to take control of my life. I trust you to do for me what I could never do for myself. By your grace make me your faithful disciple to my life's end. Amen. (If you have made this commitment, tell another Christian about it today, who can support you in prayer.)

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- Christ's command to evangelize the world
- a commitment to family life
- the reality of Freedom in Christ

Go into all the world and share the Good News . . . *Mark 16:15*

The Evangelical Covenant Church
3320 Maine Prairie Road
St. Cloud, Minnesota
Phone 251-7238

Sunday Worship, April 24, 1987 10:30 am
Pastors to Each Other and the World - The Congregation
Pastor to the Pastors - Rev. Richard G. Mylander, 252-1188

We exist as one local expression of the Family of God, to continue the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we gather in the sanctuary, be silent before God in preparation for worship. The scripture for our preparatory meditation and prayer is Psalm 116:7,8--

"Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you. For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,"

OUR HYMNS TODAY ARE:

No. 211

No. 216

"JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY"

"THINE IS THE GLORY"

Sharing Testimony in Song

Instrumental Ensemble

From the Word of God

PSALM 73

"When Honest Doubt Leads to Honest Faith"

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WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER:

MISSIONS -- The Bob and Erma Bergstrom Family, serving Christ through Covenant World Mission in Zaire

UNREACHED PEOPLES -- The 10,000 Akah peoples of Thailand; practicing ancestor worship, pray for the Thai Akah that they may in turn reach a much larger Akah group in Red China

AREA CHURCH -- Seventh Day Adventist, Sauk Rapids

CHURCH FAMILIES -- April and Joel, Jacob, Laura Nelson; Marv and Noreen, Jen, Nyssa, Sam, Ryan Noyes; Keith L. and Terry, Beth, Andrew Olson; Keith N. and Jan, Jacob, Andrea Olson; Randy and Rochelle, Lydia Olson

SPECIAL NEEDS --

CHURCH NOTES...

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Today - Lake Beauty Bible Camp Rally
Cookout and Potluck right after church

Tonight, Covenant Home Fellowships

Monday, 7pm Ladies' Night Out

Tuesday, 7pm Elders to meet

Wednesday, 5:30pm Childrens Choir;

6:15pm Confirmation; 6:30pm AWANA

Childrens Clubs for Age 3-Grade 6,

Bring a Friend! 6:30pm Adult Choir

and Adult Bible Study, nursery provided for both; 7pm, Sr High Youth

Group meets

Saturday 10am-2pm Church Work Day,

We need your help!

Sunday, 9:15am Sunday School, classes

for all; 10:30am Worship and Childrens

Church; 7pm Sunday Evening Service with

youth choir from Forest Lake Covenant

LOOKING AHEAD:

May 9 Covenant Women Mother/Daughter Banquet, 6pm

12 Church Council, 7pm, preceded by Intercessory Prayer at 6pm; Congregational Meeting, 8pm see below

15 Adult Fellowship

24 Memorial Day Weekend, worship service time changes for summer to 9:30am

Please check your mailboxes. They have been filled!

Men... interested in church league softball? Please use the form here in our bulletins and get a note today into the box by the mailboxes.

Please consider signing the petition in the entryway, which will be presented to our school board in May, opposing the dispensing of contraceptive devices and referral for abortions in our public school.

For Prayer and Action:

--needed each week to meet budgeted ministry/mission commitments	\$2,265
--received last week	\$1,346

Church cleaning this week is in the hands of The Rieke's. Nursery care next Sunday will be by the Lentners with the infants and Bjorklunds with the toddlers, Chris Haarstad assisting if needed. The Children's Church Minister will be Nancy Thomes. April greeters are Don and Enice Sankey and those for May will be Marv and Noreen Noyes. THANK YOU ALL!

Special days this week include: a birthday today for Jack Forsell; Monday for Kim Fitch; Tuesday for Laura Back; Wednesday for Doug Haarstad, Virginia Leih, Lowell Larson and Ida Youngberg; and Thursday for Belle Beeler. An anniversary Monday for Gregg and Shirley Guzy. BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL!

On May 13 at 8pm there will be a Congregational Meeting called to discuss the property adjoining the church property, which is being prepared for sale, over which we have first right of refusal or purchase.

Copies of the newly revised church constitutions are available on the table in the narthex. They replace all former versions, so if you have an old one and want it updated, help yourself.

CHURCH NOTES

Covenant Home Altars for the new quarter (January-March) have been received and are available free for the taking on the table in the entryway. This is a quality daily devotional guide used by thousands in and out of the Covenant, which you may use as a springboard into your regular quiet time. Do consider this important aspect of your Christian growth, and use one of these guides if it would be helpful.

Check out **Quigley's Village** on cable channel 10 this week -- Mondays and Thursdays at 3pm, or Tuesdays at 7:30pm. It is a Covenant-produced children's program, that our evangelism ministry team has arranged the showing for here to reach the homes of the unchurched. Please pray for its getting to the homes needed, and tell your friends about it. Pick up flyers to distribute from the information table.

Be watching for a prayer guide to be distributed January 6 for use by all in the church. The week of January 6-11 will be our Covenant-wide prayer week, where individuals and small groups may fuel the fires of intercession. Our prayers focus will be to "Bring Our World to Christ."

Remember, we have a service of healing and prayer on the first Sunday of each month at 8:15am. Any are welcome to seek prayer for healing of body, soul or spirit, and all are also welcome to come to either minister prayer or simply to use the quiet time to have private prayer here in the sanctuary with others.

Parents, just a family reminder--please be quick to bring your child out of the sanctuary or to the Heritage Room (fireside) for care if they should begin to fuss, out of sensitivity to other worshipers. Also, please have children use the restrooms before the service in order to cut down on traffic during it. Thanks so much!

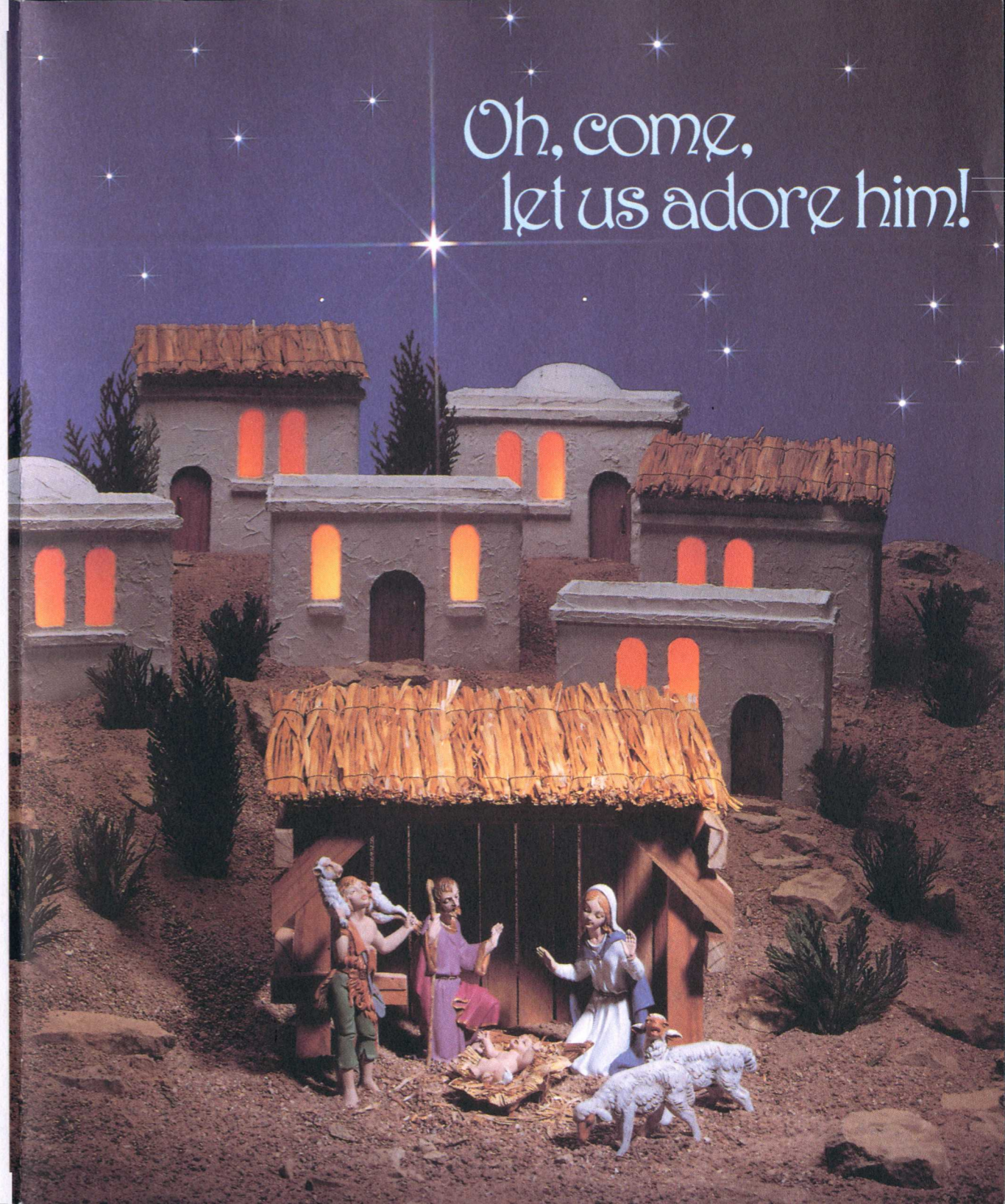
Special days this week include a birthday... Wednesday for Nathan Hubert; Thursday for Bev Mowe & Alvina Johnson; BLESSINGS TO ALL!

CARE OF THE FAMILY

Nursery care next week with the infants:	Millar's
Nursery care next week with the toddlers:	R. Struck/C. Mowe
Assistant next week:	Matt Lunser
Children's Worship leader with 3 & 4 year olds:	Beth Moffett
Children's Worship leader with 5 & 6 year olds:	John Reinhart
Greeters for December are:	Julian and Sharon Schreifels
Greeters for January will be:	David and Alvina Johnson and Steve and Pam Schirmers

BLESSINGS TO ALL!!

Oh, come,
let us adore him!



Welcome to Worship at the Covenant Church!

Sunday, December 30, 1990, 10:30am

Ministers: The Congregation

Equipper: Pastor Richard G. Mylander, 252-1188

As one local expression of the Family of God, we exist to continue the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Since we are gathered here to worship the Lord God of the universe, let's prepare ourselves reverently, quietly and prayerfully before the service begins. Consider the words from Proverbs 13:5,6.

"The righteous hate what is false, but the wicked bring shame and disgrace. Righteousness guards the man of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner."

PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

Almighty and eternal God, who so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life, we have come to your house to praise you for a gift too great for human praise. In vain we strive to speak the gratitude which still remains unspeakable, and with the heavenly hosts of Bethlehem we sing again the ancient song, praying that glory be yours in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom you are pleased, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Hymns Today Are:

- No. 136 "Good Christian Men Rejoice"
No. 140 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
No. 154 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

Accompanist: Cheryl Larson
Sharing Testimony in Song: Nancy Haarstad, Alvina Johnson, and Cheryl Larson

God's Word for us today will be shared by some of our elders

Please stay following the service for a time of fellowship over coffee.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Tuesday, 7:00pm Jr. High New Years Party at Bjorklund's
Wednesday, NO AWANA, Choir, Nursery, Jr. High Youth Group
6:30pm AWANA Leaders Meeting at JoAnn McDunn's
Sunday, 8:15am Healing and Prayer Service
9:00am Sunday School (classes for all ages)
10:30am Worship Service, Children's Worship, Nursery
Evening Covenant Home Fellowships

LOOKING AHEAD

- JAN. 7 Parents' Support Group, 7pm
Concert of Prayer, 7pm, at Sauk Rapids Alliance
8 Youth Ministry Team meeting, 7pm
9 Sunday School Ministry Team meets, 5:30pm
10 "Reading Through the Bible '91", here, 7pm
11-12 Sr. Confirmation Retreat
12 Elders meet, 7:30am
14 Covenant Women Craft and Fellowship, 7pm, here
15 Women's Bible Study at Kluball's
Stewardship Ministry Team meeting, 6:30pm
Ministry Team meetings, 6:30pm
Church Council meeting, 7:30pm
17 Youth Leaders Workshop with Nancy King "Ministering to Kids from Disrupted Families", here 7-9pm
18 Adult Fellowship, Broom Ball
19 Men's Breakfast, here, 8am
20 "What's My Gift?" Spiritual Gifts Inventory, 6:30pm
26 Conclave '91, Church Council Training Workshop
Confirmation, 3pm

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER

MISSIONS: Another of our supported missionary families, and members of our church family, Randy and Rochelle Olson, serving Christ under Bethany Fellowship in Muslim evangelism in Pakistan; currently on home assignment.

UNREACHED PEOPLES: Pray for the 4,000,000 Makua in Mozambique where many are nominally Roman Catholic, but nearly all remain basically heathen at heart. Pray that these people may be evangelized.

AREA CHURCH: Good News Assembly of God, St. Cloud; Pastor Wesley Brooks

CHURCH FAMILIES: Ginger Lentner, Courtney, Katie, Carley; Bill and Yvonne Lunser, Matt; Tim and JoAnn McDunn, Damion; John and Lynn Millar, Travis, Corey; Carole Miller, Roger, Stephen, David

FOR PRAYER AND ACTION:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include budgeted weekly ministry/mission commitments (\$2,580), received last week (1,699), and shortfall to date (-5,789).

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Today	EVENING	Covenant Home Fellowships 6:00PM College Ministry Dinner 6:30PM Adult Choir 6:30PM Adventure Club 6:30PM Youth Large Group 7:30PM Prayer Ministry 8:00PM Men's Ministry Planning & Prayer
Wednesday		Women of Hope 'A Cup of Christmas Tea' 7:00PM
Thursday		Sr. Confirmation Class 9:30AM Preservice Prayer 7:55AM First Service, Nursery 8:15AM Sunday School 9:30AM Preservice Prayer 10:25AM Worship Service, Children's 10:45AM Worship, Nurseries
Friday	EVENING	Covenant Home Fellowships
Saturday		
Sunday		

LOOKING AHEAD

- Dec. 12** Ministry Team Meetings, 6:30PM
Council Meeting, 7:30PM
Woman to Woman, 7:30PM at Oslover's
- Dec. 16** Men's Breakfast, 8:00AM
Sr. Confirmation Class, 9:30AM

Christmas Program Practice 9:30-11:30AM



Hope Covenant

Church

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*Building HOPE and Friendship
in Jesus Christ*

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Please consider the following in quiet preparation for worship: Psalm 36:7

*"How priceless is your unfailing love!
Both high and low among men find
refuge in the shadow of your wings".*

Helping Lead the Congregation's Worship: Pastor Tom

Our Hymns Today Will Be:

No. 116 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

No. 123 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

No. 118 "O Zion, Acclaim Your Redeemer"

Accompanist:

Gail Currier

Sharing Testimony in Song:

Choir

Bringing the Word of God:

Pastor Mylander

Text: Colossians 2:13-15

Special days this week include birthdays today Schneider and Anna Erikson, Monday for J Wednesday for Ralph Kluball, Lois We Mylander, Jaime Kraayenbrink, Friday for Hea Wedding Anniversaries this week are on Mon & Pam Rookensock, Tuesday for Bob & Beth Friday for Jack & Laraine Forsell... Blessings!

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER

MISSIONS: The African mission fields through our Covenant denominational giving. Central African Republic; the Covenant De World Mission which overseas these..

UNREACHED PEOPLES: Pray for the 150,000 in Burma where few are able to read. Pr sensitivity on the part of evangelists to this witnessing.

AREA CHURCH: Joy Christian Center, St. Brian Gobar

CHURCH FAMILIES: Jason & Tammy Schw & Bev Sellnow, Kristin, Nathan, Jonathan, Kel Billie Severson; Bob & Janny Slaney; G Sohlstrom, Nathan, Christina; Kristi Stang

Children and young people under Sr. High age will be asked to sit with their parents during the Celebration of the Lord's Supper. This is to encourage participation in family units, whether or not those children are allowed yet to partake in communion by their parents. Parents, be sure to speak with your children about the meaning of this act of worship, even if they do not yet participate.

Have a prayer request, idea to share, or information you need? Keep in mind the two little forms available in the pew racks to let someone know about it.

Did you miss a chance to sign up for one of our regular home fellowship groups? Did you sign up for a group but haven't heard from a leader yet? Or have you changed your mind and now would like to be involved after originally saying 'no'? If you have a 'yes' for one of these, be sure to give Pastor Rick a call.

I will make you fishers of men (Mark 1:17)." This is not quite the way Jesus meant those words, but have you remembered your can of tuna fish today?! Our collection box is in the handicap entryway at all times, but these first-of-the-month Sundays, the day we gather around the Lord's table, are good reminder days.

As we begin the Advent Season today, many in our congregation are completing the 50-Day Spiritual Adventure, "Facing Down Our Fears: Finding Courage When Anxiety Grips the Heart." Christ's life and triumph over the cross was also a triumph over all evil. With God as our protector, we can have victory over the fears of this world. This Adventure was created by the national, nondenominational, nonprofit outreach, The Chapel Ministries. Their purpose is to create church resources and broadcasts that encourage spiritual awakening among God's people. We know they'd appreciate your input on this study, so take advantage of the free book offer and return the feedback form you'll find at the end of your journal.

HOTSHEET

December 3, 1995

- * **WOMEN OF HOPE:** Invite you to 'A Cup of Christmas Tea' Thursday, December 7, 7:00PM at the church. Please RSVP by the Welcome Center!
- * **FROM "STUDENTS OF HOPE":** Kitchen helpers are needed for our next student dinner on Tuesday, December 5, at 6:00PM. If you can help for an hour or two, please contact either Megan Dopkins at 253-2156 or Trista Meils at 252-8908.
- * **YOUTH:** December 6 we are bowling from 6:30-8:00PM! Meet at SouthWay Bowl.
- * **HOPE COVENANT SWEATSHIRTS:** Support the Youth Mexico Missions Trip! Samples are in the Welcome Center on Sundays and in the church office during the week. \$10.00 from each sale goes to the Mission Trip.
- * **DON'T FORGET A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THE WORLD!** At this season of giving gifts, remember your important gift for Covenant World Relief. Use your soup can offering bank and bring them back to present to God on December 24!
- * **THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS** program practice will be Saturday December 16 from 9:30AM to 11:30AM and the program will be Sunday December 17 at 6:00PM.
- * **SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR THE REST OF '95:** Classes will meet December 3, 10, 17 & 31. No class on the 24th. New adult classes are scheduled to begin in January. Stay tuned!
- * **FINAL '96 BUDGET MEETING** for Stewardship Committee will be December 4, 7:00PM at Rick & Marla Beckman's.
- * **IMPORTANT! ADVENTURE CLUB/LAND - PLEASE NOTE!** Wednesday, December 6 will be sledding/skating at Riverside (Shelter) Park. Be there at 6:30PM. We will sled, skate, sing, and have lots of fun. If there's **NO** snow we will still meet there and play games inside the shelter.
- * **SCCF FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER** extends an invitation to all, but especially for Hope Covenant, to attend an Open House **this afternoon** from 1:00-4:00PM at their church building (our old one). Refreshments and tours will be offered.
- * **PASTOR RICK** is sharing the meditations this week on the KCFB Pastors' Devotional. It airs at about 6:55AM each weekday on the station, located at 91.5FM.

-CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

USHERS THIS WEEK: 1st Service – Lloyd & Steve Johnson
 2nd Service – Bob & Cindy Koubsky
 John & Raquel Reep

USHERS NEXT WEEK: Don & Eunice Sankey, Dick & Bill Geurkink

NURSERY THIS WEEK: 1st Service – Jan & Andrea Olson
 2nd Service – Eriksson, Lunser, Brown

NURSERY NEXT WEEK: Jean Hansen, Briana Eriksson, Amy Rieke

CHILDRENS CHURCH THIS WEEK: Mark & Sheila Nelson

CHILDRENS CHURCH NEXT WEEK: **NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

SOUND BOARD THIS WEEK: ????

SOUND BOARD NEXT WEEK: Dave Kamphenkel

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 1999-2000

#206	Nursery	Joann McDunn, Lanette Leigh, Beth Krueger
#208	3 & 4 Year Olds	Jean Hansen
#210	5 Year Olds & Kind.	Cheryl Larson
#207	1 st Grade	Penny Goetz
#209	2 nd Grade	Kathy Armbrust
#107	3 rd Grade	Tracy & Lindsey Eriksson
#110A	4 th Grade	Deb Brumbaugh
#108A	5 th Grade	Joy Anderson, Bev Sellnow
#108B	6 th Grade	Lila Donlin, Sue Heysse
#106	7 th & 8 th Grade	Nancy Haarstad
#105	9 th & 10 th Grade	Keith Krueger, Scott Bjorklund
#104	11 th & 12 th Grade	John Reep

ADULT CLASSES

#103	Praying through the Lord's Prayer	Pastor Bill
#110B	Media and Families	Bev Mowe
#F-1	Making Lent Meaningful	Pastor Bob
#102	Men in the Bible	Bob Slaney/John Reinhart
#F-3	Wake-Up Call (Young Adults)	Barb Scheevel
Conf. Rm.	Women's Topical Study	Nancy Fitch

Ministers: The Congregation
 Equippers: Robert Anderson, Senior Pastor
 Bill Dornbush, Associate Pastor
 Brad Martin, Youth Pastor
 Kathy Armbrust, C.E.C.



HOSANNA!

Sunday, April 16, 8:15 & 10:45 AM



PRELUDE	Dawn Kraayenbrink
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	
CALL TO WORSHIP	"God Is In Control"
WORSHIP IN SONG	Praise Team
WORSHIP IN SCRIPTURE	
Old Testament Lesson (pg 543)	Psalm 22:1-8
New Testament Lesson (pg 1073)	John 19:28-30
Reader – 1 st Service	Sue Johnson
2 nd Service	Julie Ellis
WORSHIP IN PRAYER	
WORSHIP IN GIVING	
Offertory	Lydia Schirmers – Special Music
Prayer of Dedication	
VIDEO CLIP	"Secret Ambition" Michael W. Smith
SERMON	Pastor Bill Dornbush "IF GOD IS IN CONTROL, WHY THIS?" Matthew 27:35-44
HYMN #224	"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE	John Theis

TODAYS PRAISE TEAM: Lowell Larson, Dawn Kraayenbrink, Mary Jo Wager, Nick Scheevel, Lois Weeks, John Reinhart, Roger Eriksson, Karen Witzman

Welcome to all who have come to worship this morning. It is good to come together into the presence of God as a family of faith, that we might honor and praise our Savior and Lord. We hope that all will experience His presence and power in our midst, and the unity of spirit in this church family. If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are especially glad that you have come, and hope that you will be able to join us again soon. If there are any ways that our staff can be of assistance to you today or throughout the week, please contact the church office at 251-7238.

Pastor Bob

PRAYER ROOM

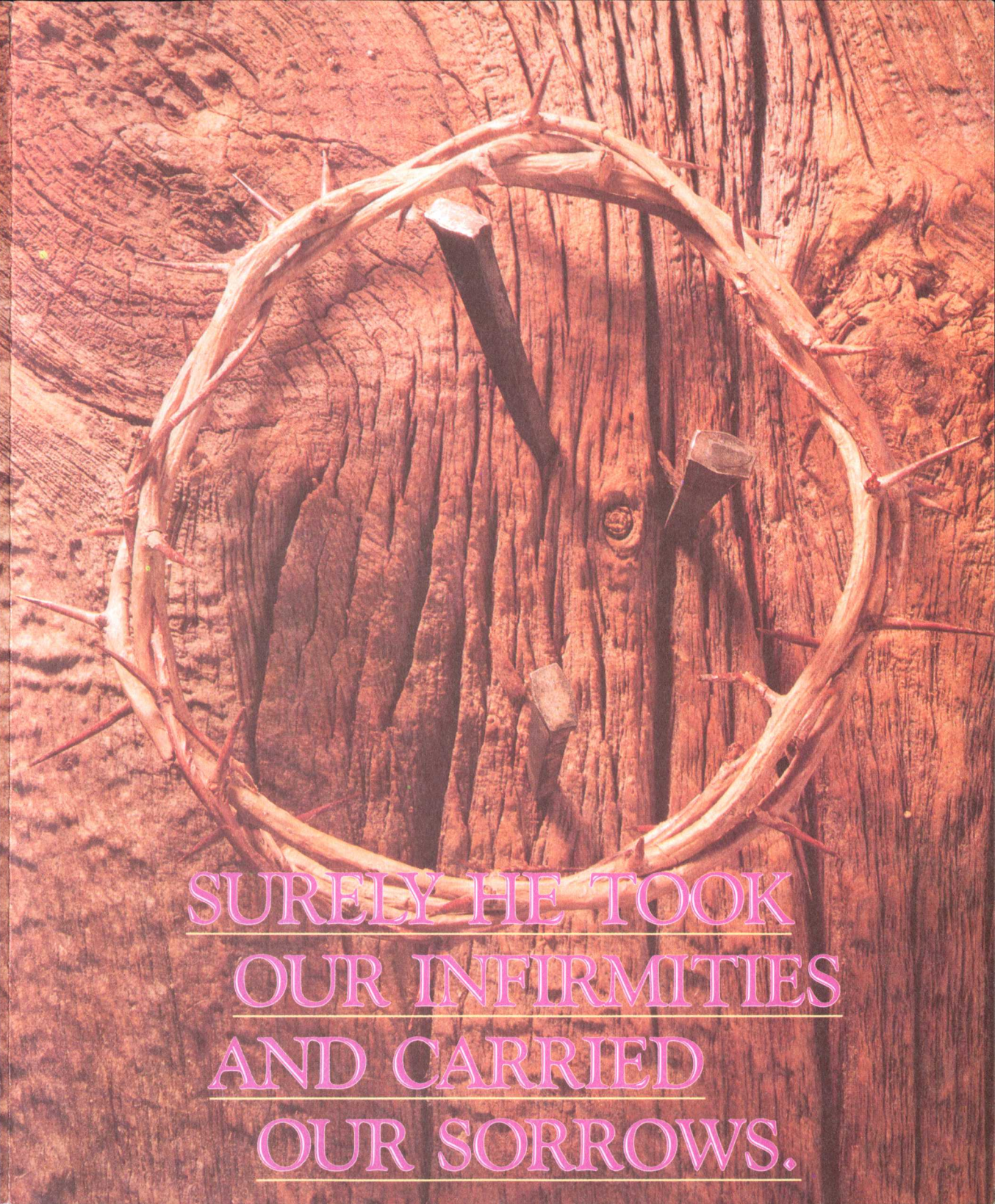
We want you to be aware that *following* each service, there will be an *elder* in the prayer room (located outside the forward right exit of the sanctuary) to talk or pray with you about anything you may have on your mind or heart. *Elders* are among the spiritual leaders of our congregation and stand ready to offer individual care.

We realize that sometimes people may also need a quiet place, or a listening ear *during* the worship service for a variety of reasons. At each service there is a *Stephen's Minister* available in the prayer room to offer assistance should you desire it. *Stephen Ministers* are trained, caring people – able to offer support to those in need.

THE PURPOSE OF HOPE COVENANT

"To grow together as a community of faith, as we glorify God in our worship, bring people to faith in Christ, develop mature disciples and equip them to serve in Christ's name, that God's love may be proclaimed and His grace made visible."

Children's church is a ministry offered to children age 4 through 1st grade during the sermon in the worship service. They may go to room #207 where an adult will lead them in age-appropriate learning activities for the remainder of the worship hour. Please be sure to pick up your children promptly following the service.



SURELY HE TOOK
OUR INFIRMITIES
AND CARRIED
OUR SORROWS.

Welcome to Worship at the Covenant Church!

Sunday, April 8, 1990

Ministers: The Congregation

Assistants: Pastor Richard G. Mylander, 252-1188

Intern Associate Pastor Dawson Lapsley, 255-5468

As one local expression of the Family of God, we exist to continue the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Since we are gathered here to worship the Lord God of the universe, let's prepare ourselves reverently, quietly and prayerfully before the service begins. Consider the words from selected Scriptures as our call to Worship:

"Your Majesty, Most High God, Creator of the ends of the earth, How great You are! O God, You are the God of salvations, To You, O LORD, belong escapes from death. I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are right, You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. Let all the peoples praise you, O God; Let all the peoples praise You."

Our Hymns Today Are:

- No. 178 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"
No. 184 "Ride On, Ride On, O Savior-King"

Sharing Testimony in Song: Pat and Paul Schreifels

God's Word For Us Today Pastor Mylander

Title: "A Create-Your-Own-God Mentality"

Text: John 12:12-19

Key Verse: "For this...the multitude went and met Him, because they heard that he had performed a sign" (John 12:18 alt)

Key Thought: Even nations benefit when the church treats Christ as King of His own terms. Be careful of limiting Him...

Please stay following the service for a time of fellowship over coffee.

All who wish to receive Christ as Savior and Lord, those who would like to renew their relationship with Him, or those who have concern they'd like prayer for, are invited to share their need with the Pastor or an elder. Following the service there will be an elder available for prayer in the Pastor's study.

Are you interested in sharing and praying with others that you might grow stronger in Christ? A group meets down the hall in room #.4, ten minutes after the close of the morning worship, for this very reason. It is their desire to make decisions in their lives based on the question "What would Jesus do?" If at any time any of you would find such a gathering helpful, do stop by for this brief 'afterglow' and check it out.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

- Tonight, Covenant Home Fellowships
Monday, 7:00pm Covenant Women's Craft and Fellowship, here, all are welcome!!!
7:30pm Sr. High Youth Group meets
Tuesday, 6:30pm Covenant Women's District Meeting, here
7:00pm Youth Ministry Team meets at Scheevel's
7-8pm Cottage Prayer Meeting for Evangelism (in conjunction with the evangelism adult education class)
Wednesday, 5:30pm Jr. Confirmation
5:30pm Sunday School Ministry Team meets
6:30pm AWANA Children's Ministry (age 3 through gr. 6); 'Mystery Nite'
6:30pm Midweek 50 Day Adventure Study & Prayer"
6:30pm Adult Choir, Nurseries provided
7:00pm Jr. High Youth Group meets
Thursday, 9:30am Women's Fellowship, here, children welcome
Noon Retirees Lenten Luncheon at Mylander's
Friday, 1:00pm Good Friday Cooperative Worship Service, at Calvary Baptist Church
Saturday, 7:30am Elders Meet
9:30am AWANA Olympic Practice until 11:30am
7:00pm Sr. High Youth "Road Rally"
Sunday, Sunrise Service at North Star Cemetery
8:30-10am Jr. High Youth Pancake Breakfast
10:30am Worship Service, Children's Church Nursery

LOOKING AHEAD

- APR. 15 Council Reports due to Lowell Larson
16 Baby Shower for Westin Bye, 6:59pm
17 Women's Bible Study, 9:30am
Stewardship Ministry Team, 6:30pm
Ministry Teams meet, 6:30pm
Council meets, 7:30pm
Cottage Prayer Meeting for Evangelism, 7-8pm
18 Inquirer's Fellowship begins, 8pm
18-20 Quilter's Retreat (Phase I)
20-22 Quilter's Retreat (Phase II)
20 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AUCTION!!!!!!!!!!!!

Go into all the
world and share the
Good News . . . *Mark 16:15*

Hope Covenant Church
3400 West St. Germain
St. Cloud, Minnesota
Phone 251-7238

(An Evangelical Covenant Church)

Welcome to Worship at Hope Covenant Church!
Sunday, September 12, 1993, 8:00 and 10:30am

Ministers: The Congregation

Equippers: Richard G. Mylander, Senior Pastor, 252-1188
Chris Peterson, Assistant & Youth Pastor, 253-5076
Lee Severson, Lay Minister of Visitation, 252-6711

As one local expression of the Family of God, we exist to
continue the loving life and ministry of Jesus Christ,
through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Sunday worship celebrations are designed to help us know God's presence, and to address the needs of newcomer and regular attender alike through a mixture of traditional and contemporary worship styles. Today's theme, living purposefully as Christians, will be communicated through song and spoken Word, inspiration and challenge. Whether you have come to investigate the claims of Jesus Christ or to strengthen your Christian faith, welcome to the Covenant Church!

Call To Worship:

Leader: "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;"

People: "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Leader: "And you who have no money, come, buy and eat!"

People: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

All: "Christ, you are our example. May your yoke upon us lead to the rest you promise.

(from Isa.55:1 and Matt.11:28-29)

Our Hymns Today Are:

No. 350, "Be Thou My Vision"

No. 531, "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

Accompanist:

Gail Currier

Sharing Testimony in Song:

Rick Beckman

Bringing the Word of God:

Pastor Rick

Text: 2 Timothy 2:4 Title: "Survival Skill #1: Downscaling"

All who wish to receive Christ as Savior and Lord, whose who would like to renew their relationship with Him, or those who have a concern they'd like prayer for, are invited to share their need with a pastor or an elder. Following the service there will be an elder available for prayer in Pastor Mylander's study. Also, join us following the worship service for a coffee hour and...

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Wednesday, 6:00pm Meeting for Parents of Youth Group students
6:30pm Choir
7:00pm Jr. Conf. Orientation for Parent/Students
8:00pm Nominating Committee Meeting
Friday, 6:30pm Evening Without Kids E.W.O.K. til 10pm
Friday-Sunday, Women's Retreat at Lake Beauty Bible Camp
Saturday, 8:00am Men's Breakfast
5-10pm Jr/Sr High Youth Group Kick-off, here
8:30pm Prayer Meeting
Sunday, 8:00am Worship, Nursery
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship, Nursery, Children's Worship

LOOKING AHEAD

20 Jr. Confirmation begins, 6pm
21 Ministry Teams, 6:30pm; Church Council, 7:30pm
22 Jr/Sr High Youth Groups start, 6:15pm
23 Women of Hope Shower, here, 7pm
25 CELL (Christian Education Learning Lab) Seminar, here, 9am-12pm; this year's theme is adult Christian education and ministry. All interested contact Kathy in the church office.

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER

MISSIONS: The church equipping ministry we support in our Northwest Conference of Covenant Churches, serving our 135 fellowships in Minnesota, the Eastern Dakotas, and Western Wisconsin; our superintendent, Rev. Stan Henderson
UNREACHED PEOPLES: Pray for the 800,000 University Students in France many of whom have a Catholic background, but have very little understanding of Christ or His redemptive work on the cross. Pray that the witness of believers will make this clear.
AREA CHURCH: St. Augustine Catholic, SC; Rev. Simon Bischof
CHURCH FAMILIES: Vicky Gravely; Mitch & Mary Groethe: Melody, Micah; Chris Haarstad; John & Nancy Haarstad: Doug; Clara Hansen; Jean Hansen: Tanya, Sarah; Shannon Hansen: Danielle
SPECIAL NEEDS: Pray for a new Covenant church Arbor Ridge Community Covenant in Eden Prairie, MN who are holding their first worship service this morning.

Due to the great need of volunteers for Adventure Club it will not be starting on 9-25 as stated in you newsletters. If you are interested in helping with this very important ministry please contact Pastor Chris.

The Inquirer's Fellowship originally scheduled for Sept. 18 & 25 has been changed to October 23 and 30. due to a schedule

Due to the heavy schedule for adults this Wednesday, our Fall Midweek Bible Study will begin on September 22. Pastor Rick will lead the study entitled "Majoring in the Majors: Studies in I Timothy." All are welcome!

Special days this week include birthdays today for Gary Kirkeby & Danielle Hansen; Monday for Toby Peterson; Wednesday for Abby Danzeisen; Thursday for Molly Ward; Friday for Sherry Olmscheid & Daniel Kaczor; also anniversaries today for Don & Laurie Anderson and Monday for Ken & Julie Johnson.

...Just a reminder for all who use the sanctuary or education rooms on Sundays or weekdays (that's all of us!), remember to turn off all lights and shut all windows upon leaving.

Are you remembering to pray for those you listed as people you'd like to see won to Christ during this year? Remember prayer and action toward "Bringing My World to Christ, '93." Wouldn't it be tremendous if even 10% of the 600+ names submitted found Christ?

Just for your information. Some have asked regarding the ecological propriety of our using styrofoam cups for coffee. You need to know that for months now we have been purchasing a styrofoam cup that is both biodegradable and does not release CFC's into the environment. Thought you'd like to know.

Attention adventurers! Today is Day 1 of our 50-Day Spiritual Adventure "Survival Skills for Changing Times: Purposeful Christian Living in the '90s." By Sunday, October 31 (Day 50), we hope to have developed eight specific skills that will help us minister more effectively in Christ's name to our society today.

Be sure to begin your daily entries in your Adventure Journal. Each day you'll read an assigned Scripture passage, answer related questions, and pray the Off-loading Stress Prayer found on page 9 of your journal (page 7 in the Youth Journal). A summary of the other Adventure disciplines is contained on page 14 of your journal (page 12 of the Youth Journal). During this first week of the Adventure you should also choose to complete one or more of the downscaling activities following Day 2 in your journal. They're simple-- and could be fun too!

Parents: Age-appropriate materials are available for grade-school children as well as junior and senior high school students. Be sure to take an active role in helping your younger children with their assignments.

Do You Have the **BIG** Picture?

Today our church is beginning a 50-Day Spiritual Adventure called *"SURVIVAL SKILLS FOR CHANGING TIMES: Purposeful Christian Living in the '90s."* This study will run for seven weeks (eight Sundays) and promises to be an exciting opportunity for spiritual growth. Here is an overview of the activities, or disciplines, involved in the Adventure.

To Get Started

Read pages 1-14 in your Adventure Journal (pages 1-12 in the Youth Journal and pages 1-8 in the Journal for Grades 3-6).

Daily

DISCIPLINE 1: Read the Scripture passage designated for each day, and answer the questions in the journal.

DISCIPLINE 3: Pray the Off-loading Stress Prayer, using the words on page 9 as a guide. (See page 7 in the Youth Journal and page 6 in the Journal for Grades 3-6.)

Weekly

DISCIPLINE 5: During Weeks 1-3, read three chapters a week of the book *Getting beyond "How Are You?"* This small book shows how to ask good questions. Then in Weeks 4-7, choose one person each week and have a conversation in which you ask at least one meaningful question.

Once during the Adventure

DISCIPLINE 2: In the first week of the Adventure, complete one downscaling activity, using the ideas following Day 2 in your journal. (See Day 5 in the Journal for Grades 3-6.)

DISCIPLINE 4: During the third week of the Adventure, choose one resource (such as a skill or possession) that you would like to share with someone else. Then find a person who could use what you have to offer. Your journal will give you helpful hints.

Everyone should speak this willbarn's story!

Tapes are available of last week's choir cantata for \$1.50. Please check with Pastor or Betty in the church office.

Weekly Prayer Corner:

MISSIONS -- one of our member missionaries, Randy Olson, and his wife Rochelle, preparing to return to Pakistan soon

UNREACHED PEOPLES -- the 700,000 serere peoples of Gambia and Senegal, West Africa

APEA CHURCH -- St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud

CHURCH FAMILIES -- Steve and Suzie, Matt and Luke Sands; Don and Eunice, Woody and Cindy Sankey; Ellis and Barb, Nick and Chris Scheevel; John and Roberta, Dan, Rachel and Mike Schiel; Millie Schrock

Church cleaning this week is in the hands of the Kluball and Lunser families. Nursery care next Sunday will be by the Larsons with the infants and Reinharts with the toddlers, Tim Watkins assisting if needed. Thank you!

Special days this week include Gretchen Hutton's birthday today, Marv Noyes' on Tuesday, Marj Stob's on Wednesday, Leroy Jones' on Friday, and Eunice Sankey and Pam Murphy's on Saturday. Blessings!

ABOUT THE COVER:

As we draw near to Christmas, the songs and carols of praise are heard all around us. Soon the message of the angels will tell us once more of the birth of the Christ. The praises of Elizabeth and of Mary, in their anticipation, set the tone for us. Soon all the trumpets of heaven will tell the world of God's gracious gift in Bethlehem.



PRAISE

Evangelical Covenant Church
3320 Maine Prairie Road
St. Cloud, MN 56301

December 8, 1985
Sunday worship 10:10 a.m.
Church phone 251-7238

Ministers to Each Other and the World - The Congregation
Minister to the Ministers - Pastor Rick Mylander, Home phone 252-1188

*We exist as one local expression of the family of God, to continue
life and ministry of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

As we gather in the sanctuary, let us be silent before God, in preparation for worship. The scripture for our preparatory meditation and prayer is **Luke 1:68,79** --

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people,
to give light to those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death."

OUR HYMNS TODAY ARE:

NO. 151	"OUR DAY OF JOY IS HERE AGAIN"
NO. 135	"GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"
NO. 132	"GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN!"

Sharing Testimony in Song Julie Johnson
Celebration of the Baptisms of Maren & Jarrett Mylander, & Jerisa & Jason
From the Word of God Psalm 80, Micah 5:2-4 Reinhart

"Your Restorer Draweth Nigh"

Please stay following the service for a time of fellowship over coffee.

All who wish to receive Christ as Savior and Lord, those who would like to renew their relationship with Him, or those who have a concern they'd like prayer for, are invited to share their need with the Pastor or elder. Following the service this morning there will be an elder available for prayer in the Pastor's study.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY...

Tonight 7:00pm Sunday School Christmas Program
Christmas 8:30am Julotta Worship; the warmth of a candle-lit sanctuary will be the setting for this traditional Scandinavian Service; light potluck Scandinavian breakfast to follow
Sunday 9:15am Potluck breakfast and mini-program during Sunday School Hour
10:30am Sunday Worship, and Children's Church
Evening Some Covenant Home Fellowships will meet

CHURCH NOTES...

Looking Ahead:

December 31 New Year's Eve Adult Fellowship, 8:00 p.m. - midnight
January 3 Covenant Women Missions Workday, 10:00 a.m.
7 Elders Meet
12 Sunday evening service; the Mylanders will share some slides and reflections on their Israel trip

For Prayer and Action

-- needed each week to meet budgeted ministry expenses \$1714.00
-- received last Sunday

Pick up a free copy of the Covenant Home Altar for the new quarter (January -March) on the table in the entryway. It is a quality, brief daily devotional guide which you could use as a springboard into your daily quiet time, which would be good for all of us to practice regularly.

Today we present to the Lord our Covenant World Relief offering, as we include on our Christmas giving list a gift for those in special need. The Covenant is the national leader in denominational giving per capitar to world relief, and yet the need is so very great. May it be used to the Lord's glory, and in conjunction with effective evangelism.

We've experienced two record attendance Sundays in a row. The old record, set a few weeks back, was 223; December 8 found us with 225, and last Sunday we had 240. PTL!

Signatures desired: don't forget to sign the Christmas Cards in the entryway, to our ministerial (missionary students; and consider adding your name to the abortion petition on the bulletin board.

Prayer Ministry notice: Please know that the First Sunday of each month at 8:15am we will be ministering a service of prayer and healing. If you would find prayer ministry meaningful for spiritual, physical or emotional healing, or if you would simply appreciate a time to have private prayer in the quiet sanctuary with others, this is for you. In addition to this, remember that the elders are always available for prayer after each worship service, and that they are ready at all other times (according to James 5:14) to pray with any who would call upon them.

Help needed! Please consider the sign up sheet by the nursery door for special nursery help needed this coming Tuesday evening during the Annual Meeting, and for our 4:30pm Christmas Eve Service.

Just a reminder: please heed the signs in the back of the sanctuary, regarding the reservation of those seats for families with young children. In recent weeks, some families have had to take small children and seat themselves farther forward than they are comfortable. Certain rows are reserved for parents and children to have some freedom to move without disturbing other worshippers. If you do not have young children, please allow this space to be used by those who need it most.

Just for your information. Some have asked regarding the ecological propriety of our using styrofoam cups for coffee. You need to know that for many months now we have been purchasing a styrofoam cup that is both biodegradable and does not release CFM's into the environment. Thought you'd like to know.

Last Chance! Be sure to sign the Christmas cards for our missionaries today. We will need to be sending their gifts tomorrow.

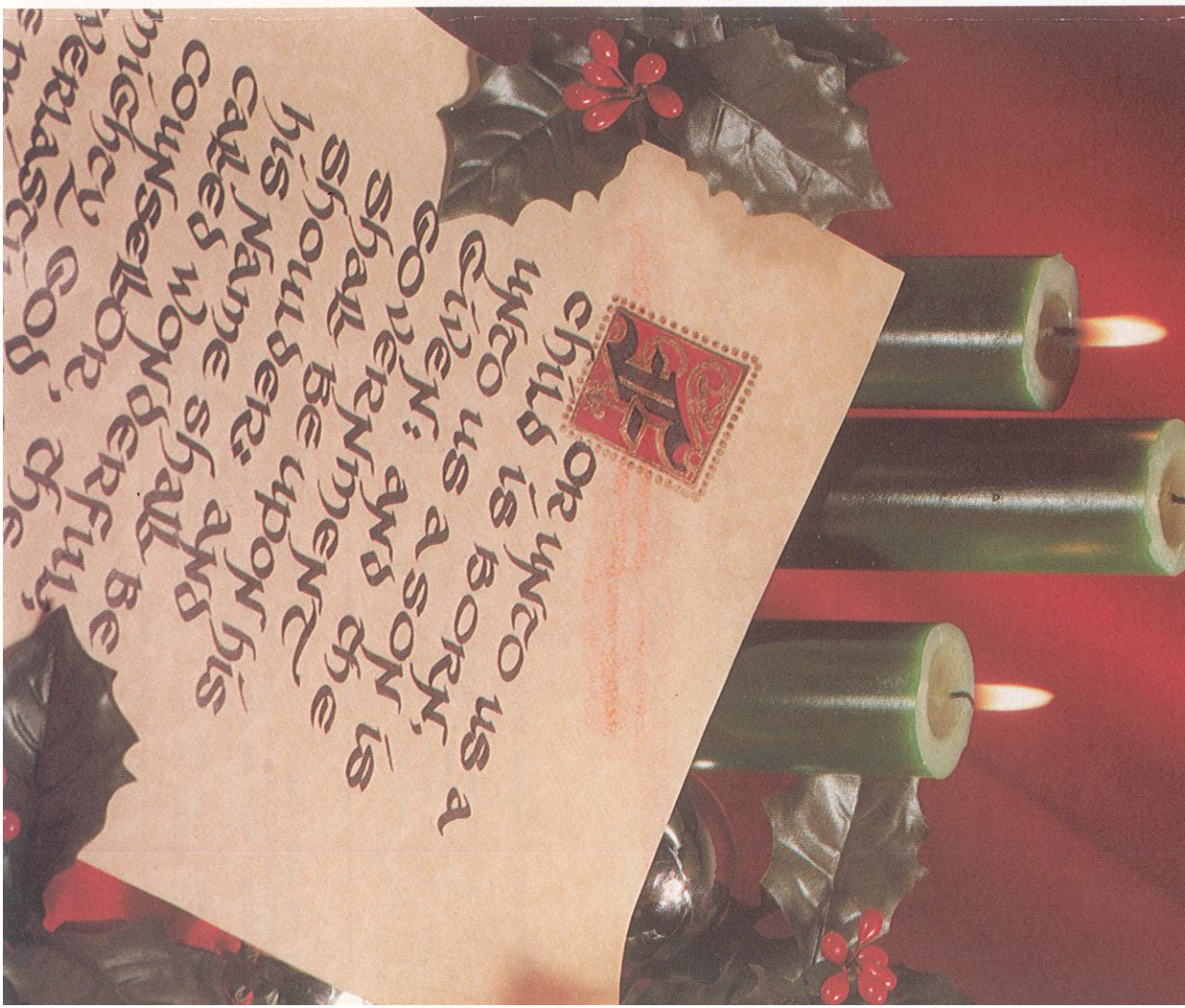
Did you know we are now taping all our worship services? Thanks to Covenant Women and Sons of Praise, who purchased a tape deck for the church. We will keep the tapes for a month and then recycle them. Check with office secretary Kathy Crabtree if you're interested in borrowing the tape.

Please be advised that at our December 12 (7pm) Annual Meeting of the Congregation we will be needing to vote on accepting a purchase agreement for the sale of a portion of our property adjoining the Pointe West Apartments. State Law requires a three Sunday verbal notice be given church members before a non-profit corporation can act on any sale of properties. The following motion will be made at our gathering that night: "Moved, that we sell a portion of our 'triangle' across Maine Prairie Road, to accommodate a 24 unit apartment building."

Church cleaning this week: Kaczor Family
 Nursery care next week with the infants: Rob Blake
 Nursery care next week with the toddlers: Jean Sander-hansen & daughters
 Nursery Assistant next week: Lisa White
 Children's Church minister with the 3 & 4 year olds: Mary Groothe
 Children's Church minister with the 5 & 6 year olds: Cindee Anderson
 Greeters for the month of December are: Ron & Kathy Watkins
 THANKS TO ALL!!!

Special days this week include birthdays today for Beth Moffett, John Reep, and
 Saturday for Tara Bjorklund; also an anniversary Friday for Gordon and
 Danita Bye. BLESSINGS TO ALL!!!

Unto us a Son is given



OR UNTO US A
 CHILD IS BORN,
 WHO US A SON,
 WHO SHOWS US A
 WAY TO GOD.
 HIS NAME SHALL
 BE CALLED
 WONDROUS,
 MICHAEL,
 GOD BLESS
 YOU.

Welcome to Worship at the Covenant Church!
 Sunday, December 10, 1989 10:30am
 Ministers: The Congregation
 Assistants: Pastor Richard G. Mylander, 252-1188
 Intern Associate Pastor Dawson Lapsley, 255-5468

As one local expression of the Family of God, we exist to continue the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Since we are gathered here to worship the Lord God of the universe, let's prepare ourselves reverently, quietly and prayerfully before the service begins. Consider the words from Psalm 147:12,13.

"Extol the Lord, O Jerusalem:
 praise your God, O Zion,
 for he strengthens the bars of your gates
 and blesses your people within you."

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

"Almighty God, who came to us long ago in the birth of Jesus Christ: Be born in us anew. Today by the power of your Holy Spirit. We offer our lives as home to you, and ask for grace and strength to live as your faithful, joyful children always. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

Our Hymns Today Are:

No. 116
 No. 123

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel!"
 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus!"

Celebration in Song of Cantata "The Promise of Christmas" by Dan Burgess
 sung by the Choir, directed by Lowell Larsson,
 narrated by Mike Moffett

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Please stay following the service for a time of fellowship over coffee.

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THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Today, 2:30-6 Christmas Pastor's Open House, at Mylanders
 Evening Covenant Home Fellowships
 Monday, 7:30pm Sr. High Youth Group meet until 9:00pm
 Tuesday, 7:00pm ANNUAL MEETING (see church notes)
 Wednesday, 5:30pm Jr. Confirmation
 6:30pm AWANA Children's Ministry, ages 3 thru grade 6
 "Animal Kingdom"
 Adult Choir, Nursery
 6:30pm Midweek Bible Study, Nursery
 7:00pm Jr. High Youth Group meets
 Friday, 6:30pm Adult Fellowship 'Taste of Tradition' (see insert)
 Saturday, 7:30pm Elders meet
 9:30am Sr. Confirmation
 9:30am Sunday School Program practice
 7:30pm Jr. and Sr. Youth Group Leaders are invited to a Christmas Party at Mike and Kristi Bestgen's
 Sunday, 9:15am Sunday School, classes for all ages
 10:30am Morning Worship Service, Children's Church, Nursery
 3:00pm Sunday School Christmas Program
 Evening Covenant Home Fellowships

LOOKING AHEAD

DEC. 18 Sr. High Youth Group, Christmas Party, 7:30pm
 19 Women's Bible Study, 9:30am
 21 Women's Fellowship, 9:30am
 21 Family Christmas Caroling, 7pm
 24 Christmas Eve Service, 4:30pm
 25 Julotta Worship, 6:30am; children welcome in pj's
 27 NO AWANA
 31 Adult Fellowship, New Year Fellowship/Communion, 8pm

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER

MISSIONS--The Covenant Department of World Mission and its director, Rev. Kay Dahlberg, as it oversees our very active mission fields in Zaire, Thailand, Ecuador, Columbia, Japan, Taiwan and Mexico.
 UNREACHED PEOPLES--Pray for the 10,000 Black Caribs in Belize who are a mix of former African slaves and Caribbean Indians. They attempt to appease local spirits and the ghosts of dead ancestors. Pray that these practices would be overcome by a compliment to Christ.

AREA CHURCH--Holy Cross Lutheran, St. Cloud; Pastor David Strohschein

CHURCH FAMILIES--Scott and Gigi Rysdahl, David, Gabriel; Mrs. Elsie Sand; Teresa Sand; Jean Sander-Hansen, Shannon, Tanya, Sarah; Steve and Suzie Sands, Matthew, Luke; Don and Eunice Sankey, Woody, Cindy

For Prayer and Action:
 --needed each week to meet budgeted ministry/mission commitments: \$2,388
 --received last week: \$2,714
 --additional world relief \$460 \$ 841

THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS 41

1. OVERTURE

2. THE PROMISE

The promise of the ages has come to live among us. The hope of all mankind is born, let the glory sound, let joy abound! The precious Lamb of glory now becomes salvation's story, and all the earth rejoices for God's plan is begun in the birth of His Son; Messiah has come! And the hosts of heaven sing the glory of God! Messiah has come, For the hope of all mankind lies sleeping in a manger in Bethlehem.

3. O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come Emmanuel, ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, Free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell Thy people save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here; And drive away the shades of night and pierce the clouds and bring us light! Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

4. THE ROYAL LINE

Adam, Noah, Abraham and David: Each an heir to the royal line; Men of God and sons of His covenant, Each a part of His grand design. Nation of promise, Line of the Lamb, Hope for the world, the family of "I Am!" Sons of God and fathers of His nation, chosen seed of the Son of man, Adam, Noah, Abraham and David: Heirs of hope by God's sov'reign plan.

5. THE LAMB OF GOD

Ev'ry good and perfect gift is from above, For the gifts the Father gives are gifts of love; The power and might of the Father of light is reflected in His faithfulness man, in joy or in pain His love remains the same, His truth will forever stand. The promise of salvation for mankind was a gift from God the Father for all time A Messiah foretold, as centuries unfold with great longing we await the holy One; And when that day is here salvation will appear, for the Lamb of God will come. And we will know the Lamb of God, the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace, Lord of Lord, the Mighty God; Wonderful Counselor, the hope for man, the Cornerstone of God's eternal plan.

6. GABRIEL (solo - Rick Mylander)

7. MY SOUL PRAISES THE LORD (solo - Cheryl Larson)

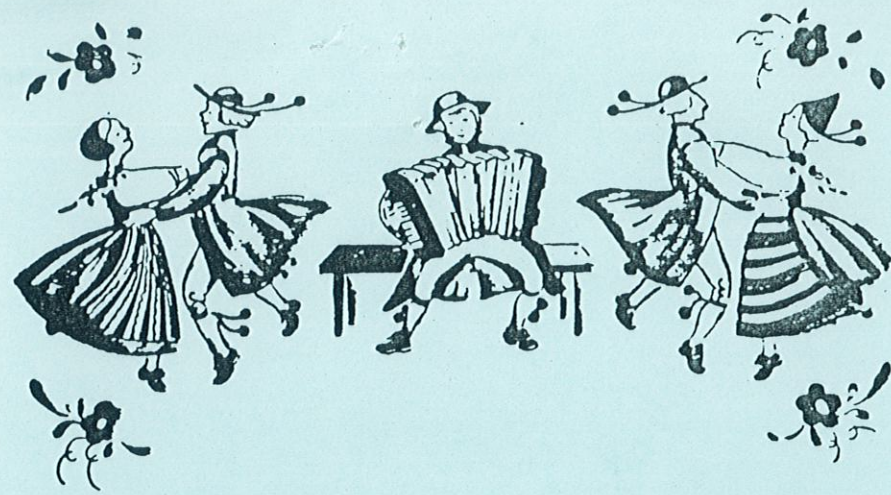
8. HE IS BORN

Alleluia! Jesus is born, sing His praise in all the earth; Alleluia! Lift up your voice and celebrate His birth. Alleluia! Jesus is born, a child ancient of Days! Alleluia! Lift up your voice, He's worthy of our praise! Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.

9. SIMEON (solo - Richard Beckman)

10. LET THIS CHILD BE BORN IN YOU (solo - Alvina Johnson)

11. FINALE



Adult Fellowship Christmas Celebration

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 6:30pm

"A Taste of Tradition!"

- * Come and share with others the traditions of your family!
- * Bring a traditional salad, appetizer or dessert.
- * Payment in advance please: \$4.00 per person - pay Dave Johnson, Steve Schirmers, Jan Olson or Jean Sander-Hansen



Welcome to Worship at Hope Covenant Church!

Sunday, December 25, 1995, 10:30am

Ministers: The Congregation

Equippers: Richard Mylander, Senior Pastor, 252-1188

Chris Peterson, Assistant and Youth Pastor, 253-5076

Lee Severson, Lay Minister of Visitation, 252-6711

As one local expression of the Family of God, we exist to continue the loving life and ministry of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Sunday worship celebrations are designed to help us know God's presence, and to address the needs of newcomer and regular attendee alike through a mixture of traditional and contemporary worship styles. Today's theme will be communicated through song and spoken Word, inspiration and challenge. Whether you have come to investigate the claims of Jesus Christ or to strengthen your Christian faith, welcome to the Covenant Church! Please consider the following in quite preparation for worship! Psalm 30:11,12

*"You turned my wailing into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent,
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever."*

Our Hymns Today Will be Announced

Accompanist:

Gail Currier

Testimony in Song: "Mary's Song"

Belinda Bjorklund

Bringing the Word of God:

Pastor Mylander

Title: "The God Who Goes Lookin'"

Text: Isaiah 62:10-12

All who wish to receive Christ as Savior and Lord, those who would like to renew their relationship with Him, or those who have a concern for which they would like prayer, are invited to share their need with a pastor or elder. Following the service there will be an elder available for prayer in Pastor Mylander's study. Also join us following the service for a coffee hour and time of fellowship.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Today

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Fri/Sat

Sr Hi Retreat (Grades 10-12) at Lake Beauty

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sunday

10:30am Single Worship Service, Nursery,
Lord's Supper

LOOKING AHEAD

January

6/7

Sr Hi Confirmation Retreat

8

Early Worship Service, 8:00am

Sunday School, Classes for all, 9:15am

Second Service, Children's Church, Nursery,
10:30am

Pitch-in Dinner, NOON

8/15

Annual Prayer Week: watch for information

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER

MISSIONS: The European mission we support in the former East Germany through our Covenant denominational giving, and the Covenant Department of World Mission which oversees these.

UNREACHED PEOPLES: Pray for the 600,000 Alawites in Syria who have distinctive religion which borrows parts from Christianity. However, their faith has a distorted view of Christianity. Pray that this distortion will be changed to the trust.

AREA CHURCHES: St. Augustine Catholic, St. Cloud; Rev. Robert Harren

CHURCH FAMILIES: Helen Bauer; Rick & Marla Beckman, Ben, Tom, Kersten, Joe; Harold Beeler; Doug & Pam Benson, Jordan

SPECIAL: Pray for church member and Campus Crusade for Christ staffer, Connie Just, who has just announced her engagement to John Engberg.

GROWTH AND GIVING UPDATE FOR PRAYER & ACTION

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>LAST WEEK</u>	<u>NOV.AVG</u>	<u>YTD AVG</u>
	326	329	311
<u>OFFERINGS</u>	<u>LAST WEEK</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>% OF GOAL</u>
<u>GIVEN TO GOD</u>	\$3,724	\$171,984	99.5%
<u>BUDGETED</u>	\$3,387	\$172,787	
<u>WORLD RELIEF, TO DATE:</u>		\$ 892.36	

Go into all the
world and share the
Good News . . .

Mark 16:15

The Evangelical Covenant Church
3320 Maine Prairie Road
St. Cloud, Minnesota
Phone 251-7238

Welcome to Worship at the Covenant Church!
Sunday, September 17, 1989 10:30am
Ministers: The Congregation
Assistants: Pastor Richard G. Mylander, 252-1188
Intern Associate Pastor Dawson Lapsley, 255-5468

As one local expression of the Family of God, we exist to continue the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Since we are gathered here to worship the Lord God of the universe, let's prepare ourselves reverently, quietly and prayerfully before the service begins. Consider the words from Psalm 95:1-7.

"Come, Let us sing for joy to the Lord; Let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation. Psalm 95:1

Our Hymns Today Are:

No. 241:

No. 454

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"
"God Gives His People Strength"

Sharing Testimony in Song

Pastor Rick and Gail Mylander

God's Word For Us

Sermon Title: "Today, If You Hear His Voice" Pastor Dawson Lapsley

Sermon Text: Hebrews 3:7-19

Sermon Theme: We may "test" God to the point of angering Him and hardening us toward Him or...

Supporting Text: Numbers 13:31-14:11

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WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER

MISSIONS--The Covenant Department of World Mission and its director, Rev. Ray Dahlberg, as it oversees our very active mission fields in Zaire, Thailand, Ecuador, Columbia, Japan, Taiwan and Mexico.

UNREACHED PEOPLES--Pray for the 300,000 Comorians of Comoros where most mission work has focused on the medical needs of the people. Pray that this demonstration of Christ's love will open the hearts of them.

AREA CHURCH--First Assembly of God, St. Cloud; Pastor John B. Krans

CHURCH FAMILIES--Barry & Laura Back, Ben, Katrina; Helen Bauer; Rick & Marla Beckman, Ben, Tom, Kersten, Joe; Harold & Belle Beeler; Deb Berry

CHURCH NOTES

You are reading this bulletin thanks to well loved and remembered former members Joe and Estelle Larson. A bequest to the church came from their estate, and congregational decision was to use it to purchase our new copy machine; as always, just as our church budget generously supports missions, decision was also made to again tithe on the amount toward a special missions need.

Greater Europe Mission (GEM) will be having an informational and inspirational breakfast at the Americana Inn next Saturday from 8-10am. Interested in what Billy Graham calls 'the greatest mission field in the world today'? Call 259-0963 for information and/or tickets.

Just a reminder: please heed the signs in the back of the sanctuary, regarding the reservation of those seats for families with young children. In recent weeks, some families have had to take small children and seat themselves farther forward than they are comfortable. Certain rows are reserved for parents and children to have some freedom to move without disturbing other worshipers. If you do not have young children, please allow this space to be used by those who need it most.

Because of space needs and our necessity of maximizing all rooms for our growing ministries, our main church library has been closed temporarily and converted to Pastor Dawson's office. Selected books and resources, as well as all audio and video tapes, have been placed on two large shelves in the church office. If your looking for the library, that's where you will temporarily find it!

Are you interested in sharing and praying with others that you might grow stronger in Christ? A group has begun to meet down the hall in room #4, ten minutes after the close of the morning worship, for this very reason. It is their desire to make decisions in their lives based on the question "What would Jesus do?" If at any time any of you would find such a gathering helpful, do stop by for this brief 'afterglow' and check it out.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

<u>Tonight,</u>	<u>5:30pm</u>	Catch-Up Sunday, Brats and Pop Dinner
	<u>6:30pm</u>	Movie, Father, Son and the 3 Mile Run.
<u>Wednesday,</u>	<u>6:30pm</u>	Midweek Bible Study and Adult Choir, Nursery provided
	<u>6:30pm</u>	AWANA Leaders Training at Schmiess', call 253-0332
	<u>8:00pm</u>	Confirmation Orientation for parents and students
<u>Thursday,</u>	<u>4:45pm</u>	Children's Ministry Team leaves for a seminar in Bloomington to return around 10:30pm
<u>Saturday,</u>	<u>7:00am</u>	Men's Golf Outing; breakfast at 7am, departure at 8am
<u>Sunday,</u>	<u>9:15am</u>	Sunday School, classes for all ages
	<u>10:30am</u>	Worship Service, Children's Church, Nursery, Celebration of the Lord's Supper

LOOKING AHEAD

<u>OCT.</u>	2	Concert of Prayer
	4	AWANA begins, JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP begins
	7	Jr. Confirmation begins. 9:30am-11am, Senior High Youth Group begins, 7pm
	10	CW District meeting at Staples, 6:30pm
	11	Pastoral Relations Committee meets at 8pm
	12	Elders meet, 6pm
	13	Moms' Morning Fellowship Group to start; call Gigi Rysdahl (259-4153) for information
	13-15	Singles Again Retreat at Lake Beauty Bible Camp
	14-15	MISSIONS CONFERENCE; Sat. 6:30pm Missions Service with Ken and Julie Johnson speaking about Philippines; International Dessert; Sunday, 10:30am Missions Service; 6:30pm Missions Service with Nancy Engstrom speaking about Poland
	17	Ministry Teams meet, 6:30pm, Council meets, 7:30pm
	21	Adult Fellowship
	27-29	Jr. High Phenomenon at Lake Beauty Bible Camp
	28	CHURCH WORKDAY, 9am-noon, breakfast included

NOTE: After the service this morning Ken and Jan Panger will have their

Coming up soon the Pastoral Relations Committee will be meeting, which exists for the purpose of maintaining good lines of communication between the congregation and pastor. If you have a concern, comment, suggestion or idea you'd like brought up at this gathering please speak with one of its members prior to the meeting: Lowell Larson, Lee Severson, Rick Beckman, Sandy Anderson, Bob Dopkins, Pastor Rick.

Covenant Home Altars for the new quarter (October-December) have been received and are available free for the taking on the table in the entryway. This is a quality daily devotional guide used by thousands in and out of the Covenant, which you may use as a springboard into your regular quiet time. Do consider this important aspect of your Christian growth, and use one of these guides if it would be helpful.

For prayer and action;

--needed each week to meet budgeted ministry/mission commitments: \$ 2,388
--received last week: \$ 2,464

Church cleaning this week is in the hands of: Fast
Nursery care next Sunday with the infants: Tara & Belinda Bjorklund
Nursery care next Sunday with the toddlers: Bye
Children's Church minister with the 3 & 4 year olds: Joanne Reinhart
Nursery Assistant next Sunday will be: Matt Lunser
Greeters for the month of September are: Keith & Jan Olson
Greeters for the month of October will be: John & Sandra Theis
THANKS TO ALL!!!

Special days this week include a birthday Tuesday for Gary Sohlstrom; Wednesday for Carole Miller; Thursday for Shelly Witzman; Friday for Jarrett Mylander; and Saturday for Lydia Schirmers. BLESSINGS TO ALL!!!

Talent Search: Positions still needed for the year in the church include an AWANA devotional leader, music leader, helpers, listeners and 'leaders in training' (call Joanne, 253-0332), Spring Quarter Adult Sunday School teacher (call Cheryl 252-0669); children's church ministers and nursery attendants (call Joanne 253-0332); and choir members (call Lowell, 252-0669).

NOTE: The church is currently seeking to fill a paid custodial position of approximately 8 hours per week. It is preferred that half the hours be worked in the beginning of the week and the other half at the end of the week. Starting salary is \$4.50 hr. If you are age 18 years or older and interested, please contact Pastor Rick immediately.

Welcome to all who have come to worship this morning. It is good to come together into the presence of God as a family of faith, that we might honor and praise our Savior and Lord. We hope that all will experience His presence and power in our midst, and the unity of spirit in this church family. If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are especially glad that you have come, and hope that you will be able to join us again soon. If there are any ways that our staff can be of assistance to you today or throughout the week, please contact the church office at 251-7238.

Please take a moment to sign your name in the friendship pads, located in the pew racks, and pass them along. Thank you!

Pastor Bob

All who wish to receive Christ as Savior and Lord, those who would like to renew their relationship with Him, or those who have a concern for which they would like prayer, are invited to share their need with a pastor or elder. For ten minutes following the service there will be a pastor or elder available for prayer in the Prayer Room, located outside the forward right exit of the Sanctuary.

Let's Get Acquainted! PLEASE JOIN US TODAY FOLLOWING SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE in the Welcome Center for coffee and refreshments!



 TODAY following the second worship service, there will be an Ecuador Mission meeting in the Adult Lounge for all those who will be going on the trip.

 PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO ADVENTURE CLUB THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 10!

 WANT TO SEE GOD ANSWER YOUR PRAYER FOR HOPE? Join us in the prayer room during Sunday School for a time of prayer focusing on Hope and it's ministries.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Sunday - 7	8:15AM	Worship Service, Nursery
	9:30AM	Sunday School
	10:45AM	Worship Service, Nursery, Children's Church
Monday - 8	4:00PM	Hispanic Worship Service
	11:00AM	Mature Women's Fellowship
	7:00PM	Weigh Down Workshop Worship Ministry Team Meeting
Tuesday - 9	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
	9:30AM	Staff Meeting
Wednesday - 10	6:15AM	Men's Bible Study
	2:00PM	Weigh Down Workshop
	6:00PM	Jr./Sr. Confirmation
	7:00PM	NO ADVENTURE CLUB Youth Groups Prayer Hour Choir Hispanic Bible Study
Thursday - 11	7:00-8:30PM	Billy Graham Faith & Witness Classes
Sunday - 14	8:15AM	Worship Service, Nursery
	9:30AM	Sunday School
	10:45AM	Worship Service, Nursery, Children's Church
	4:00PM	Hispanic Worship Service

LOOKING AHEAD

March 15	6:30PM	Youth Ministry Team Meeting
March 16	7:00PM	Elders Meeting
		S. S. Workshop
March 18	7:30PM	Woman to Woman
	7:00-8:30PM	Billy Graham Faith & Witness Classes
March 20	7:00-9:00PM	Ladies Night Out
	9:30-4:00PM	Billy Graham Youth Christian Life & Witness Classes
	7:00PM	Focus Contemporary Worship Service
March 21	6:00PM	Prayer & Praise Service

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays today for Ron Watkins; Monday for Kristen Sellnow, Meredith Kaczor, Joe Kraayenbrink; Tuesday for Julie Ellis; Wednesday for Dana Gotz, Luke Richardson, Ross Rieke. *Blessings!*



HOPE COVENANT CHURCH

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 St. Cloud, MN 56301
 (320) 251-7238 phone
 (320) 253-6045 fax

Building HOPE and Friendship

Celebration of Worship
 March 7, 1999
 8:15 & 10:45AM

Ministers: The Congregation
 Equippers: Robert Anderson, Senior Pastor 202-8584
 Nick Yaksich, Youth Pastor 202-8501
 Kathy Armbrust, Christian Education Coordinator, 259-6706

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

PRELUDE Gail Mossman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP
Hymnal #893

WORSHIP IN SONG
Worship Team

WORSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Lesson (pg. 758) Jeremiah 9:23-24
New Testament Lesson (pg. 1163) Philippians 3:7-11
First Service Reader Steve Schirmers
Second Service Reader Julie Ringsmuth

SPECIAL MUSIC Choir

WORSHIP IN PRAYER

WORSHIP IN GIVING
Offering
Special Music Brad Kampf

HYMN #411 "Along the Roads of Daily Life"
"Change My Heart, O God"
Second worship service children (ages 3-1st grade) dismissed for Children's Church

WORSHIP IN THE WORD
Sermon Pastor Bob Anderson
Title: "HOLY MATURE"
Test: Ephesians 4:13

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
Affirmation of Faith #873

CHORUS (Purple Chorus Book) "In My Life Lord"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Gail Mossman

CARE IN THE FAMILY

USHERS THIS WEEK:
EARLY WORSHIP: Bryon & Joy Anderson
SECOND WORSHIP: Sellnow/Albrecht

USHERS NEXT WEEK:
SECOND WORSHIP: Dean & Paula Kirkeby
Bye/Slaney

NURSERY STAFF THIS WEEK:
EARLY WORSHIP: Pederson/Krueger
SECOND WORSHIP: Engberg/Wolters/Abramson

NURSERY STAFF NEXT WEEK:
EARLY WORSHIP: Theis/Larson
SECOND WORSHIP: Monroe/Albrecht/Reinhart/Bye

CHILDREN'S CHURCH STAFF:
THIS WEEK: Mark & Susan Heysse
NEXT WEEK: Mark & Sheila Nelson

CHURCH FAMILIES

Bernie & Mary Jo Wager; Kelly & Leah Ward; Ron & Kathy Watkins; Jim & Lois Weeks, Nathan, Mark; Dennis & Karen Witzman; Paul Witzman; Myron Wolhart; Roger & Bonnie Wolters, Kristen, Nathan.

SPRING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

NETWORK - Understanding God's design for each individual in the church. This program helps people understand their gifts and how they can use them. Lets put the right people in the right places for the right reasons.

Paula Lanphier Room F-7

THE JESUS I NEVER KNEW (cont.) Darrell Armbrust & Bernie Wager
This class will continue its look at Jesus' family, teachings, miracles, death & resurrection, Phillip Yancey helps you discover a Master who is far more than you had ever imagined. F-1

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: *The Things That Matter Most* (cont.) Bob Slaney
We will continue studying the book by Cal Thomas which traces our current national malaise. When we finish this book a new study will begin on a topic yet to be decided. Room 102

TESTS & TRIUMPHS OF WALKING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT (cont.)
Third quarter teaching and discussion will consider the Holy Spirit as Teacher, Helper, Evangelist, and Peace Giver. Virginia Leih Room 103

WOMEN'S TOPICAL STUDY Conference Room Nancy Fitch
Each week various topics relevant to women's lives will be discussed.

YOUNG ADULT/COLLEGE: *That The World May Know* Barb Scheevel
Room F-3



- **MATURE WOMEN FELLOWSHIP GROUP** will begin meeting this Monday, March 8th, at 11:00AM in the Adult Lounge. Please bring your own sandwich - beverage and dessert will be provided. This is open to women 50+.
 - **COUNTRY AUCTION: MARCH 20 IS THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR DONATED ITEMS!** You may leave them in the church office, with Robin Anderson, Caroline Johnson or Lois Weeks. Plan now to attend this picnic style ham dinner, silent bidding, and musical entertainment on April 10th at 6:00PM. Child care will be provided for children 5 years of age and under! See poster in Welcome Center and sign-up sheet for more information.
 - **SETTING A COURSE FOR RACIAL HARMONY**, an orientation for area lay leaders and clergy, will be held Saturday, March 27, from 9:00-12:00 noon at First Presbyterian Church.
 - **RECRUITING BOYS SCOUTS!** The council recently approved to sponsor Boy Scout Troop #28 and we are looking for a representative to attend troop committee meetings and also to serve as member to the local Boy Scout Council. Contact Pastor Bob or Danita Bye.
 - **TUNE IN ON 91.5FM** Monday - Friday at 6:30PM for *Adventures in Odyssey*. On Saturday mornings you can hear the weekend addition of *Odyssey* at 9:30AM and then listen at 3:30PM for *Unshackled*.
 - **ADDRESS FOR SENDING PASTOR WES OLSON GET WELL CARDS:** Faith Evangelical Covenant Church, 4965 E. Barnes Rd., Colorado Springs, CO. 80917
- STEPHEN MINISTRY**
- **CREATIVE, COMPETENT CARING:** Have you ever had a friend who was grieving or depressed and you wished you knew what to say or do? Has anyone ever called you to talk about a problem, and you did not know how to respond? These are basic skills and insights that you can learn to care for hurting people. These skills are taught in Stephen Series training. Interested? Talk to Gail Mossman, Tim McDunn, or Pastor Bob.
 - **Directory Update** **UPDATED DIRECTORIES** have been placed in your mailboxes. If you do not have a mailbox and would like a directory you may pick up one on the table by the Welcome Center.

"HIS NAME IS JESUS!"

Handwritten musical notation on a staff with a treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: HIS name is Je - SUS, Je - SUS, Set the

Handwritten musical notation on a staff. The lyrics are: Cap-tives free. He has li-tered the bro-ken hear-ted

Handwritten musical notation on a staff. The lyrics are: O-pened wide the pri-son doors, He is a-ble to de-

Handwritten musical notation on a staff. The lyrics are: liv er ev-er more.

A few minutes later some Pharisees said to him, "Get out of here if you want to live, for King Herod is after you!" Jesus replied, "Go tell that fox that I will keep on casting out demons and doing miracles of healing today and tomorrow, and the third day I will reach my destination. Yes, today, tomorrow, and the next day! For it wouldn't do for a prophet of God to be killed except in Jerusalem! "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! The city that murders the prophets. The city that stones those sent to help her. How often I have wanted to gather your children together even as a hen protects her brood under her wings, but you wouldn't let me. And now—now your house is left desolate. And you will never again see me until you say, 'Welcome to him who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

—Luke 13:31-35 Living Bible

ABOUT THE COVER:
The text on today's cover is the testimony of the people of God. Those who march under the cross of Christ and those who come to His house know Him as the one "who comes in the name of the Lord."



Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

Evangelical Covenant Church
3320 Maine Prairie Road
Pastor Wayne W. Hall, Interim Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
The Lord's Day

St. Cloud, Minnesota
Church: 251-7258
Home: 255-4868
Worship 11:00 A.M.
March 2, 1980

"The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved. The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people. Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy." Psalm 99: 1, 2, 5

PIANO PRELUDE (beginning at 10:45)
PERSONAL PRAYER AND WORSHIP
CALL TO WORSHIP "His Name Is Jesus" (see back)
INVOCATION

*HYMN No. 18 "Now Thank We All Our God"
CHILDREN'S STORY
WELCOME FROM THE PEOPLE
THE OFFERTORY

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
*Doxology
Prayer

COMMUNION
*HYMN No. 465 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 23:23-31
MESSAGE
*HYMN No. 531 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"
BENEDICTION
* indicates Congregation standing

THIS WEEK.. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:19-20

THIS WEEK
TAKE TIME TO PRAY FOR MISSIONS

TONIGHT: 5:50 p.m. Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY: 7:00 p.m. No Bible Study & Prayer time.
Be sure to attend the Quarterly Business Meeting instead!

LOOKING AHEAD

Lake Beauty Bible Camp is bursting with excitement over the many planned activities scheduled for March and April:

March 14-16 Winter Family Retreat with Rev. Pratt and Sounds of Music
March 21-23 Couples Retreat with Dick and Barb Schitter

April 18-19 Father-Son Retreat with Fred Cox
For details and cost of these activities see brochures on the Bulletin Board in the Foyer. If you are interested in the summer schedule, see the Camp Schedules posted in the hall by the nursery and fountain.
Family Relationships Seminar will be held March 14 and 15. See brochures in the Foyer for details.

Walk Thru The Bible Seminar will be held March 22 at the First Baptist Church in St. Cloud. See Brochures in the Foyer for more information.
Joni Film was held over for a week. If you haven't seen it, it will be here until Tuesday. It's a blessing

CHURCH NOTES

COVENANT WOMEN WORK DAY will be this coming Friday at Nancy Haarstad's. Joy Boxes will be wrapped as well as other things. Call Nancy if you need a ride.
CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS are needed by the Minnehaha Academy. Please turn them into Nancy Haarstad as you collect them.
OPEN HOUSE AT BRAD AND DENICE BRECKENRIDGE'S TODAY
From 1:30-4:00 p.m. Come and "REJOICE" with them for His many BLESSINGS.
A MISSIONARY FROM JAPAN will speak at Vespers on March 9. Attending her will be Priscilla's niece Kris Johnson
A SPECIAL THANKS to the many people who planned and worked so hard to make last Sunday enjoyable to all.

Pastor Rick's ordination paper may be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.

The church is looking for a paid office secretary, app. 10 hours per week. Hours are somewhat flexible, those who are interested are asked to contact the trustees Andy Anderson, chairman.

Last weeks' Harvest Festival offering came to \$1,629.50. Many thanks to faithful givers. If you missed the offering and would like to be a part of it, see Elsie Sand.

Warmest blessings on the expanded Jim and Neda Anderson family! Stacy Lee bounced into this world late Monday morning. Praise God for His wonderful gifts!

If you've forgotten your World Relief Bank today, be sure and bring it sometime in the next couple weeks. May God bless your giving!

Happy birthday this week to Vi Como (Monday), Ellsworth Carlson, and Ralph Kluball (both Saturday)!

The Royal Line of David will be cut off, chopped down like a tree; but from the stump will grow a Shoot—yes, a new Branch from the old root. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and might; the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. His delight will be obedience to the Lord. He will not judge by appearance, false evidence, or hearsay, but will defend the poor and the exploited. He will rule against the wicked who oppress them. For he will be clothed with fairness and with truth.

In that day the wolf and the lamb will lie down together, and the leopard and goats will be at peace. Calves and fat cattle will be safe among lions, and a little child shall lead them all. The cows will graze among bears; cubs and calves will lie down together, and lions will eat grass like cows. Babies will crawl safely among poisonous snakes, and a little child who puts his hand in a nest of deadly adders will pull it out unharmed. Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for as the waters fill the sea, so shall the earth be full of the knowledge of the Lord.

In that day he who created the royal dynasty of David, will be a banner of salvation to all the world. The nations will rally to him, for the land where he lives will be a glorious place.

—Isaiah 11:1-10 Living Bible

ABOUT THE COVER:

Out of the lineage of Jesse is coming a new life . . . not just a person, but a new life for all of humankind. Jesus is that life. After these many years of waiting, He comes like the new leaves on the tree after the cold months of winter when all life seems dead and gone.



Evangelical Covenant Church
 3320 Maine Prairie Road
 Pastor Rick Mylander
 Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.
 First Sunday in Advent

cc. Cloud, Minn.
 Church: 251-7238
 Home: 251-1188
 November 30, 1980

THE CHURCH GATHER...

Prelude (As we gather in the sanctuary, be silent and reverent as we prepare our hearts for worship.)
 Scripture for Personal Meditation and Prayer
 "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." IS 60:1
 Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving No. 795

... IN THE SPIRIT OF WORSHIP...

*Hymn No. 618 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
 *Welcome From the People
 Lighting the First Advent Candle
 Sharing the Life of the Congregation
 Old Testament Scripture Lesson Jer. 23:1-6
 Special Music Choir
 Silent and Congregational Prayer

... TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD...

*Pulpit Hymn No. 203 "Were You There?"
 Sermon "He came to Die . . . " Luke 23:33-49

... AND RESPOND IN FAITH.

Offertory We Respond to God with our Giving
 *Doxology
 *Prayer of Dedication
 *Hymn No. 204 "What Mondrous Love is This"
 *Closing Prayer and Benediction
 Postlude

This week . . .
 . . . take a look at our reason for celebrating! See
 Phillipians 2:5-11

Tonight 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Family Advent Vespers I, Craft Ngt.
 Monday 7:00 p.m. Trustees meet at home of Andy Anderson
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer
 Friday 6:30 p.m. Covenant Women Christmas Party, all women welcome
 Saturday 7:30 a.m. Church Intercessory Prayer Group
 9:00 a.m. Interdenominational Intercessory Prayer Group

Next No Confirmation
 Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Staff Prayer
 9:45 a.m. Sunday Bible School, classes for all
 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship; lighting of 2nd
 Advent Candle; reception of new members
 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Family Advent Vespers II, Advent
 Communion
 Patchfinders and Trailblazers children's groups (grades K-3, 4-6) to meet

CHURCH NOTES

Looking Ahead
 Dec. 10 Potluck and Phase II Annual Meeting, 5:30p.m.
 Dec. 12 Adult Fellowship Christmas Progressive Supper
 Dec. 14 Choir Christmas Cantata, 11:00 a.m.
 Family Advent Vespers III, missions; 7:00 p.m.
 Choir Christmas Party, 8:15 p.m.
 Dec. 21 Family Advent Vespers IV, Sunday School Christmas Program, 7:00 p.m.
 Dec. 25 Christmas Morning Jullotta, 6:00 a.m.; breakfast to follow
 Dec. 31 Adult New Year Fellowship, 8:00 p.m. at the
 "Watkins"

Annual reports are due in by Tomorrow from all boards and church groups. Please submit them to the church office for typing and printing by that time.

Computer Programmer • Loan Officer • Repairman
Handyman • Instructor • Counselor • Artist • Architect
Receptionist • Pastor • Home Economist • Utility Worker
Realtor • Manager • Preparer • Teller • Typist • Clerk
Instrument Repairman • Missionary • Sound Technician
Secretary • Salesperson • Foreman • Clothier • Mechanic
Nurse • Retiree • Drafter • Garmentmaker • Doctor • Babysitter
Accountant • Bricklayer • Professor • Maintenance Worker
Florist • Youth Worker • Surveyor • Realtor • Property
Manager • Custodian • Teacher • Student • Machinist
Musician • Speech Technician • Dishwasher • Social Worker
Psychologist • Observationalist • Computer Operator • Book
keeper • Dental Worker • Dispatcher • Waitress • Waiter
Engineer • Radio Announcer • Medical Technician • Laborer
Technical Drawer • Distributor • Daycare Operator • Retailer
Animal Husbandman • Teaching Aide • Baker • Warehouse
worker • Volunteer • Security Guard • Medical Technician
Attorney • Furniture Repairman • Bus Driver • Servicer • Piano
Tuner • Firefighter • Drafter • Gardener • Veterinarian • Farmer
Inventory Taker • Appraiser • Contractor
Restaurateur • Photographer • Electrician • Dentist
Merchandiser • Small Business Owner • Police
Officer • Carrier • Translator • Administrator
Nursing Aide • Computer Technician • Consultant • Piano
Teacher • Factory Worker • Hair Stylist • Athlete • Printer •

Whatever you do
in word or deed,
do all in the name
of the Lord Jesus.

Colossians 3:17

Hope Covenant Church

(An Evangelical Covenant Church)

3400 West St. Germain

St. Cloud, Minnesota

Phone 251-7238

Welcome to Worship at Hope Covenant Church!

Sunday, May 9, 1993, 8:00 and 10:30am

Ministers: The Congregation

Equippers: Richard G. Mylander, Senior Pastor, 252-1188

Chris Peterson, Assistant & Youth Pastor, 253-5076

Lee Severson, Lay Minister of Visitation, 252-6711

As one local expression of the Family of God, we exist to
continue the loving life and ministry of Jesus Christ,
through the power of the Holy Spirit!

Sunday worship celebrations are designed to help us know God's presence, and to address the needs of newcomer and regular attender alike through a mixture of traditional and contemporary worship styles. Today's theme, the Lord in the home, will be communicated through song and spoken Word, inspiration and challenge. Whether you have come to investigate the claims of Jesus Christ or to strengthen your Christian faith, welcome to the Covenant Church! Let's prepare ourselves quietly and prayerfully before the service begins. Consider the words from Psalm 18:19.

"He brought me out into a spacious place;
he rescued me because he delighted in me."

Our Hymns Today Are:

No. 18, "Now Thank We All Our God"

No. 579, "O Happy Home Where Thou Art Loved"

Accompanist:

Gail Currier

Sharing Testimony in Song:

Kevin Olson

Bringing the Word of God:

Pastor Mylander

Title: "The Family and Murphy Brown"

Text: Psalm 127:1

All who wish to receive Christ as Savior and Lord, those who would like to renew their relationship with Him, or those who have a concern they'd like prayer for, are invited to share their need with a pastor or an elder. Following the service there will be an elder available for prayer in Pastor Mylander's study. Also, join us following the later worship service for a coffee hour and time of fellowship.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Tonight, Covenant Home Fellowships
Monday, 7:00pm Jr. High Bible Study
Tuesday, 6:15pm Men's Softball vs 1st Presbyterian, #4
Wednesday, 6:15pm Jr/Sr High Youth Groups
6:30pm Adventure Club
6:30pm Choir
7:40pm Praise Band Practice, here
Thursday, 7:00pm Sr. High Bible Study
Friday-Sunday, Father/Son Retreat at LBBC
Saturday, 8:00am Men's Breakfast
9:45am Jr. Confirmation Class
9:45am Sr. Confirmation Class, FINAL EXAM
12-2pm Jr/Sr High Football at Wilson Park
6:00pm Mother/Daughter Banquet, here
8:30pm Prayer Meeting
Sunday, 8:00am Early Worship Service
9:15am Sunday School Classes for all ages
10:30am Late Service, Nursery, Children's Church
Evening Covenant Home Fellowships

LOOKING AHEAD

MAY 18 Stewardship Ministry Team at Alvies, 5:30pm
Ministry Teams, 6:30pm
Church Council, 7:30pm
Youth Missions Team Mexico Meeting, 7:30pm
19 ADVENTURE CLUB SILLY SUPPER FOR FAMILIES
5:30-6:30, LOOK FOR POSTERS AROUND CHURCH
21 E.W.O.K., (Evening Without Kids!) 6:30-10:00pm
22 Jr. Confirmation FINAL EXAM!!, 9:45am
23 Confirmation Sunday! Single service at 10:30am
25 Elders, 7pm
28-31 Memorial Day Family Camp at LBBC

WEEKLY PRAYER CORNER

MISSIONS: Another of our supported missionary families, Ron and Emily Hartfiel and children -- serving Christ thru Covenant World Mission in Zaire, Africa.

UNREACHED PEOPLES: Pray for the 61,000 Melanau in Malaysia who are receptive to Christianity. Pray for continued openness to the Gospel.

AREA CHURCH: Holy Cross Lutheran, SC; Pastor David Strohschein

CHURCH FAMILIES: Dick & Bev Mowe: Christy, Melanie; Carmel Murphy; Pat & Pam Murphy: Megan, Emily; Pastor Rick & Gail Mylander: Kate, Sarah, Maren, Jarrett; Joel & April

Nelson: Laura, Jacob, Aunie

GROWTH AND GIVING UPDATE FOR PRAYER AND ACTION

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>LAST WEEK</u>	<u>MAY AVERAGE</u>	<u>YTD AVERAGE</u>
	273	322	306
<u>FINANCES</u>	<u>LAST WEEK</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>% OF GOAL</u>
RECEIVED	3,092	55,575	100.6%
BUDGETED WEEKLY	3,070	52,186	

Special days this week include a birthday Tuesday for Angela Kruse & an anniversary today for Scott & Gail Mossman.

CARE IN THE FAMILY FOR NEXT WEEK

EARLY SERVICE NURSERY: Rich & Nancy Sundheim
LATE SERVICE INFANT NURSERY: Joel & April Nelson
LATE SERVICE TODDLER NURSERY: Steve & Pam Schirmers
NURSERY ASSISTANT: Jessie Schirmers
COFFEE SERVERS: John & Nona Huyler
GREETERS FOR MAY: Roger & Tracy Eriksson

Some time ago our church family presented in dedication and prayer 660+ names of people we would like to see won to Christ during the coming year. It is called "Bringing My World to Christ." Are you?

Meditation Notes, Evangelical Covenant Church
(to help you carry the message into the week)

Title: "The Family and Murphy Brown" Text: Psalm 127:1
Pastor Mylander

Supporting Texts: Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 1 Peter 3:1-9

Key Thought: How is the Christian family supposed to deal with what seems to be a media assault upon it?

Introduction: The media and its influence...
(notes)

What can we do as Christian families?

- 1) Raise your families with a sense of _____:
God is _____.
- 2) Make a contest for the _____ and _____ of our children.
- 3) Don't just _____ your kids what to do; _____ them!
- 4) Stop complaining about television: _____!

(For your application thought later in the day) What are the proofs that the Lord does live in my home? Would they be proofs to someone else?