

Covenant Church Newsletter
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A Christ centered covenant community;

Loving God,

Loving People.

Making Disciples

February 2021

Pastor's Ponderings

What's NOT Happening

The optimistic plans we made last summer called for us to have a dry run of a Newcomers and Neighbors Club Orientation Meeting this month. The idea was that our church family would show up, the Newcomers and Neighbors Club Board would run through what we would eventually do when launching the Club into the larger Casa Grande community, and then we would enroll everyone in the church as members. But of course, Mr. COVID said differently, so stay tuned and we'll hopefully be able to do that sooner than later 😊. In the meantime, please continue to pray for this outreach!

What IS Happening

There will be an Annual Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, February 7th. This should be a fairly brief meeting, during which we will hear a report from the Nominating Team, review the Annual Reports, and get an overview of the 2021 church budget. That same Sunday, *during* church, we will dedicate our pledges for 2021. *You do not have to make a pledge*, and you are invited to simply dedicate your service to God as part of that service.

What WILL Happen

There are a lot of questions surrounding this year. Not only COVID, but political and economic changes, continued racial challenges, and a host of other uncertainties hang in the air. What is unchanged, of course, is that Jesus is Sovereign Lord, and He is the same, yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We have HOPE, and we have PEACE, because we trust in Him. This is our treasure, our security, and our assurance of being able to

face whatever may befall. And so, fear not, this too will pass! What will happen is that our community of faith will continue to gather for worship, and continue to care for one another and for our community through it all.

In Christ,

Brant

FROM THE CLERK

Pledge/commitment cards for 2021 have been available at worship the last few Sundays and at the end of the January and February newsletters. We will have a time of commitment and bringing forward our cards during our worship service on February 7. **Our yearly congregational meeting will also be on February 7 immediately following worship.** We will be sharing Annual Reports and the 2021 budget adopted by the Session. If you cannot be there in person, you can mail your pledge (before February 7 if possible so it can be placed in the commitment basket). If you will be mailing it, you may want to mark the envelop "2021 pledge card" so that it will only be opened by the appropriate person.

Because of Covid restrictions, we will not be having an Ash Wednesday Service this year. Sunday worship will continue with masks and social distancing. Elder Rex Little has started a new monthly adult Sunday School series. A "new member" class was held in January and Lisa Koster has been accepted as our newest Covenant Partner. We also welcome Lisa in helping to lead worship by being a new member of Covenant's Praise Team!

Men's Bible Study

The Men of the church meet each Thursday at 11:30am, all men are welcome, and you can bring a sack lunch if you like. Wearing a mask is optional. If you would like to be part of the Bible study, please call Brant for more information (520-876- 2888 or 480-458-7628).

Neighborhood Help Team

The Neighborhood Help Team is continuing a service for those who could use a little bit of help. We would like to help you in replacing A/C filters or with some landscape trimming on the 4th Saturday of each month. Contact Nelson Moore in person or call him @ 520-483-0461.

Covid-19 Vaccine

Gary Schmadeke says if you are having difficulty getting appointments for the shots an article in the Republic, January 19, says people can sign up for February COVID-19 shots beginning at 9:00 am today: podvaccine.azdhs.gov or by calling 844-542-8201.

February Calendar

- 7 Communion
- 7 Dedication of pledges during service.
- 7 Annual Congregational Meeting after service.
- 10 Prayers at flagpole, McCartney Ranch Elementary, Wed., February 10 at 9:00am.
- 10 Prayer Night, Wednesday, February 10, 6:30pm at Carol & Wiley's.
- 11 Worship Team, Thursday, February 11 at 1:00pm.
- 18 Session Meeting, Thursday, February 18 at 6:00pm.
- 24 Prayer Night, Wednesday, February 24, 6:30pm at Carol & Wiley's.

February Birthdays

- 2 Clayton Koster
- 14 Janine Little
- 16 Nelson Moore
- 17 Chris Sandblast
- 18 Barbara Dorsey
- 18 Evan Kirkbride

February Anniversaries

- 21 Len & Pauline Johnson

**COVENANT CHURCH
2021 Commitment**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

In grateful recognition that all our time, treasures and abilities come from God, I/we gladly join my/our Covenant Partners in the support of Christ's church and her mission in the world.

\$ _____ per week per month annually

(please circle one)

Signature/s _____ Date _____
