

# The Salem News

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## **Weekly Church Schedule**

### **Sunday:**

9-9:15am-Coffee Fellowship

9:15am-Confirmation 7<sup>th</sup> grade

9:15am-Sunday School, 2 years-102!

10:30am-Worship Service

### **Wednesday:**

6pm-Supper (during the school year)

6:30-8pm-AWANA, 3yr's.-6<sup>th</sup> grade (during the school year)

6:30pm-Youth Group 7<sup>th</sup>-12 grade

7pm-Adult Bible Study

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*Loving God; Loving Others*

## Generosity!

This month's article is from our Covenant Church President Gary Walter.

If I could pronounce a single resolution for the entire Covenant it would be to make 2017 the Year of Living Generously.

Generosity reflects the character of God. Indeed, it is intrinsic to the Trinity. For God so loved the world he did what? He gave his one and only Son, Jesus. Ephesians 5 reminds us that Jesus in turn so loved the church that he gave himself up for it. Different spiritual gifts are in operation in the church, all given by the Holy Spirit as 1 Corinthians 12 tells us.

God is a giving God. Generosity helps us reflect that very character. No wonder Jesus tells us, "Freely you have received, freely give." It is the rhythm of thankful living.

Generosity carves an ever-deepening channel in our lives through which the heart of God flows to the world. For a more adventurous life with God, quicken the current by pouring out ever more of every good thing. By being generous with your time, aptitudes, affections, graciousness, forgiveness, appreciation, and helpfulness you are indeed aligned with the character of God.

I thank you and your church for the generous ways you serve your congregation, community, and beyond. And thank you for the generous ways you support the common work of both your regional conference and the Covenant. Your open-handedness reverberates throughout your region, your country, and around the world.

Generosity, by definition, is an indication of moving toward others. Maybe it is a spirit of generosity in the church that holds the greatest promise for witness to the generous love of God in these fragmented and divided times.

In Christ,



*Gary B. Walter*

## **MISSION MOMENTS**

**By Kent Syverson**

God's love is all around us! Here's proof:

A letter from *Covenant Children's Ministries* December 2016: One child involved in the Mission and Ministry Grant Program has five siblings. She used to think that as long as the family remained together, they would be all right. It didn't matter if they had to live in someone else's basement, whether they had to worry about starvation or pigging out; she felt that things would be all right. Then her Dad was deported. The kids were removed from their Mom and taken into DCFS custody. They have bounced around in foster homes. Their Dad is still gone, and last year her oldest brother was murdered. Now through the youth programming at the Covenant Church, she has been able to find peace and comfort. She said, "Though my immediate family is still split up, I know I have a second family in Campus Life. I have found a community that loves me and believes in me and will be there for me." Please pray for them.



A newsletter from *Habitat for Humanity*: **Tiny House, HUGE Impact!** The Central MN Jobs and Training Services Youthbuild program trains youth and young adults ages 16-24 who are at risk of not finishing high school or their GEDs. "**Youthbuild and Habitat for Humanity** have a long standing relationship." In July, Habitat received a tiny house that was built by them. Many of the things they used to build it were donated by the Habitat ReStore. New owners have now taken possession of the house, and Youthbuild has shared the proceeds from the sale with Habitat. Please

pray for them.

From the *Northern Light* (Alaska Christian College) Winter 2016: **Spreading Her Wings and Spreading Hope.** Dolena is Yup'ik. She is the youngest of five children. Along with her heritage, she also has a passion for aviation and the potential of Young Life ministry in rural Alaska. There are cycles of abuse within her culture, which comes with living in a remote area, and there's also emotional isolation. Dolena found hope and has plans of what to do with it. She grew up believing that only white people can accomplish goals. Abuse, suicide, Post-Traumatic Disorder and hopelessness have affected the community. When she was in sixth grade, they moved to Bethel (Pop. 6,000). It's a hub for flight travel. While in high school, she started flight training classes. She continues in training while attending ACC. She plans to get her license in January (she may already have it!). She also wants to bring Young Life to Bethel and has already spoken to churches about it. Please pray for them.

## February 2017 Family Prayer List

- 1 Charlene Zwart
- 2 Andy Akerson
- 3 Brady Akerson
- 4 Brent & Melissa Akerson
- 5 Ron Aleshire, Rose, Ruth & Rachel
- 6 Jim & Carol Arends
- 7 Scott & Christy Arends, Aric
- 8 Nick & Abbie Ardoff
- 9 Elliot & Erin Balance, Theolena (Lena) & Penelope (Poppy)
- 10 Bev Barnes
- 11 Brant & Samantha Beckman, Maclynn
- 12 Gary & Julie Beckman, Katelyn
- 13 Herb & Joyce Beckman
- 14 Marc & Leah Beckman
- 15 Paul & Kali Beckman
- 16 David & Angie Beyerl, Avery, Ella & Brienna
- 17 Gerald & Lynette Braun, Cayden
- 18 Bill & Dorothy Broberg
- 19 Maybelle Broberg
- 20 Doris Broberg
- 21 Tim Broberg
- 22 Jonathan & Taya Broberg, Gavin, Emmett, Colby & Leo
- 23 Randy & Paula Broberg, Derrick, Kyle & Preston
- 24 Ethan & Sharon Calvin
- 25 David & Dawn Capp, Hannah & Lydia
- 26 Alan & Jill Carlson
- 27 Amber Carlson
- 28 Howard & Terri Carlson, Travis



## **February Anniversaries**

4<sup>th</sup> Ben & Tia Johnson - 11yrs  
22<sup>nd</sup> Don & Carmen Van Zee - 54yrs



- 1 Carmen Van Zee
- 2 Jared Johnson
- 4 Ely Johnson
- 6 Craig Johnson
- 7 Elizabeth Johnson
- 9 Gerald Braun
- 9 Karen Johnson
- 12 Bruce Hoaglund
- 12 Don Schemmel
- 14 Marna Danielson
- 15 Randy Broberg
- 15 Bernadette Fuchs
- 16 Pastor Mike McCain
- 16 Angie Beyerl
- 18 Don Friedlein
- 18 Craig Dischinger
- 18 Stacy Gunderson
- 18 Jesse Hulscher
- 20 Rochelle Kallstrom
- 22 Pastor Andy League
- 23 Todd Johnson
- 24 Cole Froehlich
- 25 Anika Johnson
- 26 Dorothy Riley
- 26 Preston Broberg
- 28 Paula Broberg
- 28 Scott Rambow

## Feb. 2017 Greeters

- 5 Ron Aleshire & Girls
- 12 Bob & Bernadette Fuchs
- 19 John & Lucinda Kluver
- 26 Ardell & Katie Johnson



## Feb. 2017 Nursery

- 5 David & Angie Beyerl
- 12 Todd & Erica Johnson
- 19 Aaron & Rachel Tollefsrud
- 25 Ron Aleshire & Girls



## Feb. 2017 Ushers

\**Marc Beckman*, Jerome Carlson, Jon Broberg, Chad Kallstrom & Scott Rambow & Don Schemmel & Bill Broberg, \**Denotes head usher*



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## February Coming Events

### Saturday, February 4

1:30pm – Open House, “House Warming Shower” **at Salem** for Derrick, Kyle & Preston Broberg to celebrate their new home in Willmar! *There will be a short program at 1:30pm.* The brothers are registered in Derrick’s name or their mom, Paula’s at Herberger’s Home Store & Target, which you can also check online. All are invited to come, Men, Women & Families! The shower is sponsored by the Covenant Women, and Aunts and Uncles!



### Sunday, February 5

5pm - Young adults and young families Super Bowl party at Paul & Kali Beckman's home in Kerkhoven. Bring friends and a snack or drink to share. *Football watching not required*



### Friday, February 10

5:40-8pm – Salem’s AWANA Kids & their parents are invited to First Covenant in Willmar along with the New London Cov. Church. For Fun Games, Fun Teaching Time, and Fun Treats, all at no cost!



### Saturday, February 11

5:30pm – Salem’s Valentine Date Night! Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to join us for supper & celebrate marriage! A free will offering will be taken for 2018 C.H.I.C. Childcare will be provided. For more information please contact Pastor Andy at 615-439-8000.



### Sunday, February 12

Collecting, “**Covenant World Relief**” cans



11:45am – Jonathan Broberg family reserves the activity center

7pm – Prayer Week Kick-Off at Salem

### The week of February 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> is Prayer Week

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can host a Bible study in your home at 7pm on **Monday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>**, **Tues. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>**. *Wed., Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>* will be at church in the library, and a host home is needed for **Thurs., Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**. *Deacons will lead the Bible study.*



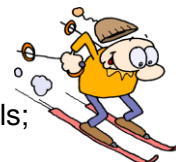
### Friday, February 17-Sunday, February 19

Lake Beauty Bible Camp – Marriage Retreat. Guest speakers will be Dan & Jill May. They minister in Willmar MN at 1st Covenant Church where Dan is currently Associate Pastor, overseeing Children’s, Discipleship and Care Ministries. They have 4 children (elementary through high school) and heart for seeing people love Jesus and grow in him. Dan and Jill will bring God’s Word and encouragement for marriages of all ages, as well as some unique experiences from the past 2 years that you will want to hear about during this year’s Marriage Retreat. The cost is \$240 per couple (\$120 per person). For more information please log onto [www.lbcb.com](http://www.lbcb.com)



### Saturday, February 18

8am – Students, families & friends of Salem & Kerk Free Church (*parents of students younger than 6<sup>th</sup> grade must attend.*) Skiing/Snowboarding at Andes Tower Hills in Kensington! Cost is \$30 & is **due by Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>** along with the student consent form. The cost does not include meals; please bring money for two meals or bagged lunch & supper. Depart at 8am from Kerk Free Church & return to Kerk at 7:30pm. For more information please see bulletin board outside Pastor Andy’s door.



### Sunday February 26

1pm - Bernadette Fuchs family reserves the activity center

## Coming in March **“March is “Food Shelf” month”!**

### **Saturday, March 4**

10am – AWANA Grand Prix open to 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders with weight limit of 5oz. Following will be an adult & alumni class, with a weight limit of 10oz. and no other rules apply! Anyone interested, please talk to Brian Friedlein or Taya Broberg. Car kit/per child is \$5 and \$10 for adult as an AWANA fundraiser.



### **Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11**

Family Promise of Kandiyohi County has been chosen to receive benefits from the “Market Under Glass Fundraiser”, which is a 2-day vintage & handmade marketplace shopping experience in the beautiful greenhouse of Stacy’s Nursery in Willmar. The greenhouse will be filled with hand-picked artisans & shops that stock a wonderful blend of treasured vintage finds, re-purposed or upcycled gems & hand-crafted wares.



### **Friday, March 17 & Saturday, March 18**

Women Ministries NW Conf. “2017 Renewal Conference” at New London Covenant Church. Theme is “Shine-Be Refreshed-Be Renewed-Be Transformed” Registration forms were put in your church mailbox, plus there are extras on the narthex table. You can register by mail or on line at: [www.wmnwc.org](http://www.wmnwc.org). The \$40 registration is due Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.



***(Ladies, just a reminder to pay your \$20 “2017 Women Ministries” dues to Julie Beckman. Please either give your dues to Julie or put them in her church mailbox. )***

### **Sunday, March 19**

11:45am – All are invited to attend Salem’s “Chili Cook-Off and Soup Fundraiser Dinner” along with the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Ping Pong Tournament! Please sign up on the bulletin board to enter both the cook-off & Ping Pong Tournament. Awards will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> winners of both events! If you have any questions please contact Pastor Andy at 615-439-8000 or [aleague@gmail.com](mailto:aleague@gmail.com).



**Remember to Pray & Visit our Home Bound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home**

Bethesda Grand

Josie Tollefsrud - #206

Lorraine Watkins - #123

Bethesda Pleasant View

Maybelle Broberg - #103

Copperleaf Senior Living

Liz Rundquist - #206

Centennial Square

Dorothy Riley - #159

**Praying for our Covenant National Missionaries**

Feb. 5 – Max McClure - Evangelism & Outreach; Youth. 2015-present.

Feb. 12 – Pia & Eugenio Restrepo– Regional Coordinators-1996-present; 1989-93.

Feb. 19 – Lori & Joshua Shinar – Community Development; Agriculture; Health-2016-present and 2012-2014.

Feb. 26 – Stephanie & Phillip Volland- Evangelism & Discipleship–2016-present.