

The Salem News

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No Sunday School during the month of August
10:30am-Worship Service

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Loving God; Loving Others

Keep On Keeping On!

Most of us have heard this phrase through the years. So what does it mean? The expression “**KEEP ON KEEPING ON**” often means to persist in one’s efforts, persevere in the face of discouragement or misfortune, hang in there, don’t quit, and keep on going. That is what the early church did. That is what we are to do.

Those are good words. ***Salem Church, Keep on Keeping On!***

- Keep on preaching Christ and Him Crucified.
- Keep on being joyful ,
- Keep on praying without ceasing,
- Keep on giving thanks in all circumstances
- Keep on loving one another
- Keep on encouraging one another
- Keep on building up each other
- Keep on forgiving one another
- Keep on carrying each other’s burdens
- Keep on honoring one another
- Keep on submitting to **one another** out of reverence for Christ

We could add more to the list. Church, we pray that you continue to be the church that God has called you to be. Continue to live in the expectant hope of Christ’s return. Continue to help the hurting and the lost to be found in Christ Jesus. Continue to love your neighbor. ***Keep on Keeping on!***

As the Apostle Paul wrote, “*So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.*” 1 Corinthians 10:31.

Connie and I are grateful for our years with all of you. May you know His grace, His peace, and His presence in all ways for all of your days.

And remember, God is good. God is faithful. You can trust Him! The journey continues.

With Christ’s love and gratitude,

Pastor Mike & Connie McCain

Interim, Pastor Rich Theilen

Even though he was born and has lived much of his life in the Twin Cities, Pastor Rich Theilen's roots run deep in this part of Minnesota. Three of his four grandparents were born in Kandiyohi County, and much of his extended family has lived in and around the Willmar area.

Rich grew up at a Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, but was first connected to the Covenant as a student at Minnehaha Academy. After high school, Rich attended St. Olaf College and graduated with a degree in Economics. After a number of years in the oil and chemical packaging industry, Rich returned to school and graduated from Bethel Theological Seminary. He is now in the final phase of completing a Doctor of Ministry in Missional Leadership at Sioux Falls Seminary. As a pastor, he has served Evangelical Covenant churches in Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, and British Columbia, Canada.



In addition to his role as a pastor, he has served in a variety of professional and community leadership roles, including the Minnehaha Academy Board of Education. He presently serves on the Committee on Ministerial Standing for the Northwest Conference which works with and interviews candidates for ordination and licensing in the Evangelical Covenant Church. He also teaches systematic theology at Solid Rock School of Discipleship.

His wife, Cheryl, is a native of Wooster, Ohio, and grew up attending a Covenant Church. She serves as director of administration for the Northwest Conference. Their daughter, Kristin, graduated last December from North Park University with degrees in history and education and is pursuing a career in secondary education in the Chicago area.

In their "free time" they enjoy spending time at their farms in Southwest Minnesota, attending theater and other events, visiting family and friends, and playing with their dog, Katie. They have also been able to travel extensively throughout North America and Europe and are looking forward to a return visit to Sweden later this year.

(Interim, Pastor Rich Theilen will be starting at Salem on Tuesday, September 5th and will be at Salem, Sunday-Wednesday's.)

African Children's Choir

Come join the Grammy-nominated **African Children's Choir** as they perform in our community during their US Tour. The Choir will be performing at First Covenant Church, on **Sunday, August 20th** at 6:30 PM. Come and experience a performance that shows the beauty, dignity and potential of each African child! Admission will be FREE for all ages; a free-will offering will follow the Choir's concert.

The African Children's Choir melts the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances. The program features well-loved children's songs, traditional Spirituals and rhythmic Gospel favorites. Nearly every performance is concluded with a thunderous standing ovation! In spite of the tragedy that has marred their young lives, the children are radiant with hope, musically gifted and always wonderfully entertaining.

The free-will offering will help support the Music for Life Institute. The African Children's Choir has been Music for Life's major international program during its 30-year history. Music for Life Institute (MFLI) has relief and development programs in seven African countries. MFLI has currently educated over 52,000 children and hundreds of thousands of lives have been impacted by Music for Life Institute's international relief and development programs.



MISSION MOMENTS

By Kent Syverson



From *Day 41: A Publication of 40 Days For Life*: **MEET A MIRACLE. How one family overcame pressure from the world and received a miracle in return.** In

2011, Rosa was pregnant, but it wouldn't be a normal pregnancy. The doctor advised her to have an abortion, because the baby would be severely handicapped. In addition to this, Rosa was also diagnosed with diabetes.

Rosa went to another doctor for a second opinion, and he referred her to Planned Parenthood. When she arrived there, she was grief-stricken. Then she met Alejandra Baker, a leader for Orange 40 Days for Life. She offered Rosa a third opinion. She said, "I told Rosa at that moment as parents we seek medical help to heal and treat our children's sicknesses, but we never seek medical help to kill our children." Rosa gave birth to a girl, but she was without legs and had a cleft palate that required several surgeries. "But Rosa fell in love with her immediately." The girl was named Milagros, which is Spanish for Miracle. When Milagros was in kindergarten, she took the bus to school every day. "And she's a reminder that the prayers of a 40 Days for Life volunteer save more than babies." Please pray for them.

From *A June Update from Franklin Graham*: **A 9,000-Mile Rescue Mission.** Injured Schoolchildren from Tanzania Flown to U.S. Congressman Steve King of Iowa had contacted Graham about a horrible school bus crash in Tanzania, and if Samaritan's Purse could help with the medical evacuation. They contacted Dr. Steven Meyer, an orthopedic surgeon, who had a team of missionaries who helped rescue three children. Sadly, 32 other children, two teachers and the driver were killed. He made arrangements to transport the children to a hospital in Sioux City, Iowa, where they could get the needed treatment. But how to transport them? Samaritan's Purse had a refurbished DC-8 cargo plane, so the children, their mothers and medical attendants took off from Tanzania. They arrived in Charlotte, North Carolina, just 20 hours later, and spent the night at Carolinas Medical Center. From there they boarded medical transport planes for the trip to Sioux City. "All three children had traumatic injuries and multiple broken bones, but Dr. Meyer is confident that they all will recover fully." He said, "It's been a ray of light in this tragic event. God gave us a tremendous opportunity to share Jesus' love and to help them understand what the Gospel really means." Please pray for them.



A letter from *Food For the Poor, Inc.*: ". . . I thought that he was going to die. . ." Little Osmany is just five months old and weighs only ten pounds. He was born in the Caribbean. His parents want him to grow up strong, but like so many in that part of the world, he was born into poverty. He suffers from malnutrition. "**Because he is not getting enough food, Osmany's immune system is compromised and he is frequently sick.**" He and his mother, Margine, live in Nicaragua. They live in a small, damp, clay-walled house. All they have for furniture are a chair, a small bed and a wood table. They do have a Bible, which is always open to Psalm 91. "Those words encourage people, they encourage us," Margine said. She believes that God will protect them. Please pray for them.

Psalm 91:4b says, "*God's faithfulness is a protecting shield.*"

Salem's Email Prayer Chain

If you're not already receiving Salem's email prayer request & latest information but would like to, please email Bernadette at salemcovenant@mvtwireless.com



A Reminder to Visit Salem's Website!

Salem website is: salemcovpennock.org. Check it out for all the happenings at Salem and Sunday sermon videos, bulletins & newsletters! It is revised weekly!

Remember to Pray & Visit our Nursing Home, Home Bound & Loved Ones

Bethesda Grand

Josie Tollefsrud - #206

Bethesda Pleasant View Living

Maybelle Broberg - #103

Copperleaf Senior

Liz Rundquist - #206

Praying for our Covenant National Missionaries

August 6 Max & Colleen Nahnychuk-Years of service: 2017-Fundraising. Community Development.

August 13 Richard & Elizabeth Santana-Years of service: 2017-Present. Mission Team Facilitation, Merge.

August 20 Steven & Barbara Swanson-95-Present. Mosaics Project; Justice; Christian Formation; Evangelism.

August 27 Philip & Stephanie Volland - Years of service: 2016-Present. Evangelism & Discipleship.

August 2017 Family Prayer List

- 1 Kara Rothers, Heather, Bethany & Sara
- 2 Liz Rundquist
- 3 Chad Sandvig
- 4 Marvin & Barb Sandvig
- 5 Don & Martha Schemmel
- 6 Mason Schemmel
- 7 Pat & Glennys Schemmel
- 8 Russell Schemmel
- 9 Jake & Alli Stricherz
- 10 Brian & Kelly Sweere, Levi, Logan & Lexi
- 11 Kent Syverson
- 12 Mark & Denise Te Brake, Allegra & Chandler
- 13 Nathan & Kari Thompson, Landon & Lexie
- 14 Gerry & Joann Tofte
- 15 Whitney Tofte
- 16 Dan Toledo
- 17 Steve & Jan Toledo
- 18 Aaron & Rachel Tollefsrud, Grace & Jonah
- 19 Josie Tollefsrud
- 20 Lee & Stephanie Tollefsrud, Kylee, Kody & Kayla
- 21 Ryan Tollefsrud, Owen
- 22 Ben & Anna Zieske
- 23 Don & Carmen Van Zee
- 24 Charlene Zwart
- 25 Andy Akerson
- 26 Brady Akerson
- 27 Brent & Melissa Akerson
- 28 Ron Aleshire, Rose, Ruth & Rachel
- 29 Jim & Carol Arends
- 30 Scott & Christy Arends, Aric
- 31 Nick & Abbie Ardoff



Happy August Anniversary!

- 1st Tim & Cindy Johnson- 31yrs
- 1st Todd & Erica Johnson-19yrs
- 1st Jordan & Ceena Johnson – 2yrs
- 6th Ralph & Jean Halverson-57yrs
- 6th Bob & Bernadette Fuchs-40
- 11th Brian & Kelly Sweere-16yrs
- 15th Gerald & Lynette Braun-42yrs
- 25th Brant & Samantha Beckman-6yrs
- 26th Alan & Jill Carlson-24yrs
- 26th Chad & Rochelle Kallstrom-22yrs
- 28th Vernice & Grace Johnson-68yrs



August Birthdays

- 1 Grace Johnson
- 2 Mark Danielson
- 4 Doug Martin
- 6 Kayla Tollefsrud
- 7 Gretchen Carlson
- 9 Rose Aleshire
- 10 Eric Peterson
- 10 Tia Johnson
- 10 Chandler TeBrake
- 14 Hunter Kallstrom
- 18 Kelsey Lamecker
- 18 Peter Dischinger
- 20 Maclynn Beckman
- 24 Joyce Beckman
- 25 Kylee Tollefsrud
- 30 Ron Roepke
- 30 Kara Rothers
- 30 Leah Beckman
- 31 Erica Johnson

August Servers

No August 2017 Coffee Servers Needed



August 2017 Greeters – Anyone wanting to be a “Greeter” or have changes made for the months of Sept-Dec. please let Bernadette know.

- 6 Bob & Bernadette Fuchs
- 13 John & Lucinda Kluver
- 20 Derrick & Kyle Broberg & Kevin Fuchs
- 27 Ron Aleshire & Girls



August 2017 Nursery

- 6 Ron & Karen Johnson
- 13 Duane & Brianna Holmgren
- 20 David & Angie Beyerl
- 27 Todd & Erica Johnson



August 2017 Ushers

*Troy Johnson, Aaron Tollefsrud, Mason Schemmel, Herb Beckman, Craig Johnson, Larry Johnson, Adam Dickman & Marv Sandvig. *Denotes head usher

August Coming Events

Tuesday, August 1

2:30-6pm - Kerkhoven Farmers' Market at Pillsbury Pool shelter, Food & Fellowship will be served by Justin Johnson & the Kerkhoven legion baseball team. The Kandiyohi Dairy princesses will be giving a demonstration for the day.

Wednesday, August 2

2-7pm – Kerkhoven Community Blood Drive at the Civic Center. Please call Cathie Kallstrom at 264-1307 or online at www.redcrossblood.org. To make an appointment, enter Sponsor Code: Kerkhoven. Please bring a photo ID or Donor Card.

Thursday, August 3- Saturday, August 5

MUUUCE (Most Unbelievable, Ultimate, Urban Camping Experience) at Crossroads Covenant Church in Woodbury, for 6th-9th grade. Attending are: Teagan & Luke Froehlich, Emma Holmgren & her cousin Liv Aasen, Kylee Tollefsrud, Carter Peterson, Caleb Peterson & his friend Devin Haakenson, and Jaron Furney. Chaperones are: Pastor Andy League, Leah Beckman & Katelyn Friedlein.

Saturday, August 5

11am - Pennock Fun Days Parade. Contact Taya Broberg at 320-368-0801 to ride on Salem's float!
5pm - Bob & Bernadette Fuchs reserve fellowship hall & activity center.

Sunday, August 6

No Summer Sunday School in August

9:15am – Adult choir practice for 2pm program

10:30am – Worship/Communion

Noon – Catered dinner in honor of Pastor Mike & Connie's retirement

2pm - Pastor Mike & Connie's retirement program, with adult choir singing. Coffee and dessert to follow.



Tuesday, August 8

2:30-6pm - Kerkhoven Farmers' Market at Pillsbury Pool shelter. Food and Fellowship will be served by the Kerkhoven Fire Department Auxiliary. Coffee will be ready by 2:30. Swift County Sheriff John Holtz will be talking about scams and home safety at 3:15. He will also have a video.

6:30pm – “Women Ministries Bonfire” at Dorothy Broberg's. Please bring your own hot dogs, a dish to share & lawn chair. Beverage will be provided.



Thursday, August 10 - Bernadette will be out of the office

Friday, August 11

11:15am - Heart Association (7th – 12th gr.) meet at Salem for lunch. Following lunch we will go to the “Willmar Food Shelf” for a day of service to work in the warehouse to help unpack boxes & set up food donations. Returning to Salem by 5pm.

Saturday, August 12

6-8pm - There will be a “Neighborhood Pulled Pork Supper” at Salem's picnic shelter. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. *There will be games & fellowship in the park. Invite your neighbors & come for fun!*



Sunday, August 13

11:30am – Sunday School teachers training, with lunch being provided.

5:30pm – Hoaglund/Friedlein Small Group Bible Study at Bruce & Patti Hoaglund's. Please bring a dish to share. Dessert & beverage will be provided.

Wednesday, August 16

6:30pm- Heart Association (7th-12th gr.) Dodgeball Tournament at Salem

Sunday, August 20

4:30-7:30pm – Family & Children, “S'mores & Games” at Salem! In Case of inclement weather, games will be played inside.

Wednesday, August 23

6pm – Confirmation picnic with students, parents (along with siblings) & mentors in Salem's picnic shelter. Burgers and Brats will be provided, everyone please bring a picnic food or dessert to share.

Women Ministries Mystery Trip

Saturday, July 8, 2017

Ten ladies departed from Salem at 8am & returned at 2:30pm from a mystery trip to Twin Brooks, South Dakota! They had coffee at the Benson Bakery; toured "Countryside Covenant Church" in Labolt, S.D., stopped at historical church near Labolt, SD & then had a very good lunch at, "The Bird Feeder" restaurant in Twin Brooks, S.D.!

Front row: Jan Toledo, Joyce Beckman, Kara Rothers, Jean Halverson, Julie Beckman & Paula Broberg
Back row: Dorothy Broberg, Patti Hoaglund, Mariann Holmgren & Melanie Dickman



September is Meals on Wheel for Salem!



There's a sign up on the bulletin board if you can help drive. Meals are dropped off at the Kerkhoven Lutheran Church at 10:45am by the doors closest to the fellowship hall under a pew that is in the hallway. The empty bags are returned back to the church when done delivering.

Looking Ahead To September!

Friday, September 1 - Monday, September 4

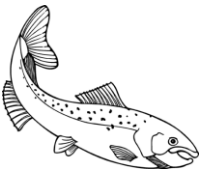
"Lake Beauty Bible Camp Labor Day Weekend Family Camp!" With guest speaker **Todd Slechta** Castle Rock CO. Todd was born and raised on the southwest side of Chicago and is a long time Cubs and Bears fan. He is currently VP of Operations for PeopleCare Health Services, a statewide Colorado company providing in-home health services, especially to those with special needs in rural and remote areas. Previously, Todd has served as a K-8 Principal in the Denver metro area, as well as Executive Director for Covenant Bible College in Alberta, Canada (a 10 year stint that included oversight for the start up of CBC Ecuador). At CBC Canada, Todd taught Old and New Testament, bringing both a respect and passion for the Hebraic roots of the Christian faith and seeking to demonstrate how renewed understanding and appreciation by Christians can only enrich their journey of faith. Todd, his wife Sheryl, and two daughters, are members of Castle Rock Covenant Church.



KICY Alaskan Salmon Bake Fundraiser Dinner

Patty Burchell, General Manager of KICY Christian Radio-Nome, Alaska will be hosting an "Alaskan Salmon Bake Fundraiser Dinner" for the radio station at First Covenant of Willmar, on Tuesday, September 26th at 6pm. Dinner is free, but a free will offering will be taken for the radio station.

More in formation to come!



Since KICY Radio first signed-on Easter Sunday, April 17 of 1960, KICY Radio has continued to broadcast the good news of Jesus Christ throughout Western Alaska and the Russian Far East. They have increased power to 50,000 watts, 24 hours a day which allows KICY AM 850 the opportunity to send the gospel into some places where other forms of media are not readily available. They operate two distinct radio stations, KICY AM-850 & ICY 100.3 FM. While the AM station broadcasts at 50,000 watts and can be heard throughout the entire region, the FM station is programmed for and serves the City of Nome and surrounding communities. KICY Radio official website address is www.kicy.org