

## Prayers and Inspiration

As president, George Washington spent time on his knees in prayer twice a day. At 4:00 each morning and again at 9:00 each evening, he would go to his library, fall on his knees before a chair and pray before an open Bible.

### Prayers for Ourselves and Each Other:

- If God has blessed you with more resources than you need, be grateful, and ready to share with those in need.
- Pray for the Pastoral Search Committee that they sense the Lord's direction as they evaluate responses to the Pastoral Search Surveys.
- Pray for Pastors Jacob Gerber and Bob Call as they minister to us.
- Give thanks for our staff (Ashley Ehrich; Sandy Blum; Joy Walton; JoRenae Tupper; Sara Voss) and pray for Sandy as she goes to Israel Feb. 27—Mar. 9.
- Pray for the Concrete for Christ trip (Feb. 24—Mar. 4), for adequate finances, safety, accomplishment of projects, and spiritual enrichment for all involved.

### Prayers for Our People:

- Health Concerns— Dorothy Nelson; Stephanie Mattison's grandmother; Diane Masterson's sister/Joel Johnson's mother, Sharon Johnson; Angie Johnson's father, Jim Stout; Gary Erlandson; Marianna Ostrand's brother-in-law, Rod Card; Bevan Flynn's grandfather, Louis Dye; Shauna Randall's brother Jared Cunningham; Christina Paulson's grandfather Ken Braymen; Kim Crook's sister-in-law Mary Robison; Bruce Rowe's sister Sue Bozivich; Rick Patronskey; Mike Davidson's brother Ron; Dotty Reier; Seral Johnson
- Long Term Care Needs— LeRoy Oakeson; Don Ganow; Wayne Bellinger; Romelle Johnson; June Johnson

### Prayers for Comfort in Time of Sorrow:

- LeRoy Oakeson and family in the loss of his wife, Betty.

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## First Evangelical Covenant Church Feb. 19, 2012 10:30 a.m.

### **Songs of Renewal**

"10,000 Reasons" Songbook #48  
"All Who are Thirsty" Songbook #12

### **Foster Care Closet**

Leigh Esau

### **Congregational Prayer**

Bruce Rowe

### **Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory: "As the Deer" - Hymn #2  
"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN."

(children ages 3 thru 2nd gd. are excused for Children's Worship)

### **Choir Anthem**

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

### **Message**

"Worship in Spirit and Truth"

John 4:1-42

Pastor Jacob Gerber

### **Hymn of Comfort**

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" Hymn #325

**We welcome you to our Church Family!** We are a group of people of all ages and from all walks of life who have heard God's call through Jesus Christ to serve Him and serve each other. **We worship together** to celebrate our salvation in Jesus, our joy in God's presence, the fellowship we have in the Holy Spirit, and to listen as He speaks to us through His Word. **We are a part of the Evangelical Covenant Church**, which began in the great spiritual revival of the 19th century. **We believe in new life** that comes through a personal relationship with Christ. **We believe in the Bible as the Word of God** and the only true basis for faith, doctrine and practice.

- Childcare is provided for children up to the age of three.
- Children's Worship (ages 3 thru 2nd gd.) is provided during the school year in Room 118; children can be picked up there.
- Restrooms are located on the east side on the main level, tucked in behind our parlor kitchen.
- Hearing-assistance devices are available. Please ask an usher.

**The season of Lent** begins this Wed., Feb. 22nd. Come and worship with the FECC family at our Ash Wednesday Service that evening at 7:00 p.m. All other activities are cancelled (except for Worship Band practice at 5:30 p.m.).

**The spring Inspiration Art Gallery** begins on Sunday, Mar. 4th. We invite artists, photographers, and those skilled in sculpture, needlework, quilting, pottery, writing, poetry, calligraphy, computer art, etc to participate. Perhaps you have art or craft work done by a relative or friend that could be shared. Artwork can be turned in NEXT Sunday, Feb. 26, before or after the worship service. Applications are available in the gallery, or you may contact the director, Stuart Westburg (402-489-9105, [sjwestburg@aol.com](mailto:sjwestburg@aol.com)).

**Email changes for 2012 Directory:**

1. Rod & Sue Ahlberg—add email: [rasa33@neb.rr.com](mailto:rasa33@neb.rr.com)
2. Syl & In Luhring—add home email: [sylina1@windstream.net](mailto:sylina1@windstream.net)
3. Ray & Diane Solee—change email to: [raysolee@live.com](mailto:raysolee@live.com)

**Pastoral Search Committee Update:**

The Committee did not meet last week (due to Valentines Day). Please continue to pray for the Committee and their work, especially as they begin to process survey results.

**Feb. 19th thru Feb. 26th**

**SUNDAY, Feb. 19th**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
2:00 p.m. revival  
4:00 p.m. Financial Peace class

**MONDAY, Feb. 20th**

**PRESIDENTS DAY**  
[no elementary]

3:30 p.m. Middle School Girls Bible Study @ Sherri's

**TUESDAY, Feb. 21st**

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in library  
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Search meeting in library  
7:00 p.m. Sr. High Bible Study @ Staswick's

**WEDNESDAY, Feb. 22nd**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
5:30 p.m. Worship Band practice  
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service

**THURSDAY, Feb. 23rd**

**FRIDAY, Feb. 24th**

7:00 p.m. Fourth Friday Fellowship

**SATURDAY, Feb. 25th**

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study/Breakfast @ St. E's

**SUNDAY, Feb. 26th**

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**Sunday School Hour Nursery today:** Moriah Reinwald

**Worship Hour Nursery today:** infant—Kayla Johnson; Taylor Byers  
toddler—Stephanie M., Julie Anderson

**Sunday School Hour Nursery next week:** Christina Paulson

**Worship Hour Nursery next week:** infant—Chad & Megan Shoemaker  
toddler—Angie J.; Diane Masterson

**February Greeters:** Thurston & Marcie Baker; Deb Haas

**February Youth Ushers:** Amber Carlson; DeAnna Masterson

**Pastoral Search Surveys** are due today. If you forgot to get yours done, Brian Carlson will have his laptop available today after church for people to use to submit their answers online.

**March Bridge Reminder:** Any items that need to be in the next newsletter are due tomorrow (or Wed. the 22nd at the very latest).

**Fourth Friday Fellowship:** A fun night for the whole family is coming up this Friday evening in the parlor. Bring your favorite board/card games and some yummy snacks to share. Any questions, contact Jennifer Flynn at 402-310-5186.

**Mark your calendars:**

- Sunday, Mar. 4—Potato Bar: the delicious annual Potato Bar is back! Plan to stay after worship for a yummy lunch of baked potatoes with all the toppings. Proceeds from this go to help our kids head to Covenant Cedars Bible Camp this summer. KIDS: remember to sign up out on the parlor table what you are going to bring for the Potato Bar.
- Tues thru Thurs, Mar. 13-15: revival cabin out at Mahoney.\*
- Weekend of Mar. 17-18: Jumpstart out at Covenant Cedars for 6th thru 12th graders. A weekend full of fun activities, plus a big concert on Saturday night.\*
- Weekend of Mar. 23-25: FECC Sr. High youth are joining the Oakland Covenant youth on a mission trip to MN.\*
- Weekend of Mar. 23-25: All 3rd-5th graders are invited to Big Gum Juice out at Covenant Cedars this weekend.\*

\*Registration forms, etc. will be mailed out soon.

<b>Financial Update (as of 2/10/12):</b>			
<u>General Fund:</u>		<u>Building Fund:</u>	
Beginning Bal.	\$ 19,015.87	Beginning Bal.	\$ 21,375.69
Receipts	15,875.00	Receipts	6,236.40
Expenses	- 14,903.75	Expenses	- 11,776.00
Ending Balance	\$ + 19,987.12	Ending Balance	\$ + 15,836.09