

### **Fleece Fun**

Question: What's warm and snuggly and made with love? Answer: The fleece blankets we make for our graduating high school seniors! The women of church gather to make these tie blankets, and we pray for these kids and ask God to keep His watch care over them as they spread their wings. This year we have three great graduates—Eden Messerli, Jacob Redman, and Keira Sandberg. So all you ladies, please join us this Thursday, May 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. for some Fleece Fun!!!

Daniel and Kristen Morgenstern are hosting an Open House at the Kokesch home on Wednesday, May 28th, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Please stop in, say hi and enjoy some tasty treats.

### **Volunteers Needed**

We have several volunteer opportunities for folks to help out in the many ministries of our church including sanctuary décor, scripture readers and our Fellowship Time hosts for the summer months. Please take a minute to look at the sign up sheets and fill in where you are able.

We're looking for two delegates to represent our church at Gather 2025, the Covenant Church Annual Meeting, in Orlando, Florida, June 25-28th. You can attend either in person or online. If this is something you're interested in, please talk to Pastor Gary or a member of the Leadership Team.

Ladies, we have hugged and prayed for Heidi's mom Jennifer as she battles cancer. She is now having on-going treatments for spinal and brain cancer and has moved to assisted living in the cities to be closer to treatment at Methodist. Let's shower her with all our love and prayers and maybe a bit of chocolate, snacks, lotion, and mom coloring books to help her pass the time. Thanks sweet sisters!

### **Advanced Scripture Reading for next week:**

- Daniel 2; Matthew 16:24-27; John 14:1-6

#### **Finances**

The approved budget for 2025 was **\$180,598.40**

Designated offerings and expenses are not reflected in the approved budget. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Leadership Team.

**April General Income** \$11,911.00

**April General Expense** \$12,991.40

**YTD Income (as of the end of April)** \$49,603.00

**YTD Expense (as of the end of April)** \$60,154.57



## *Winthrop Evangelical Covenant Church*

**May 18, 2025**

*~To Love God and Make Him Known~*

## Prayer Points

Prelude

Call To Worship

Opening Hymn: #113 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory

Songs of Praise

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: Daniel 1

Message: “Personal Purity Pays” Rev. Gilkinson

Closing Hymn: #375 “Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”

Benediction

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### Leadership Team Members

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Sondra Redman, Financial Officer

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Travis Dahlke

Judy Schafer

### Ministry Team Members

Worship Ministries

Bix Baker, Outreach Ministries

Dan & Tiffany Messerli, Education Mins.

Dale & Betty Boyum, Properties and Fac.

Greg & Kay Linsmeier, Care Ministries

### Home

#### Please Pray for:

- Heidi Gerold’s mom as she transitions to another level in the nursing home.
- College Student: Aaron Elseth attends Bethel University in St. Paul.
- Family: Erik & Teri Ahlstrand
- Government Leaders: Governor Tim Walz and Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan

### World Kristen & Daniel are Stateside!

There will be a belated Mother’s Day celebration in the Kokesch household as daughter Kristen and son-in-law Daniel return stateside for home leave after over a year in Thailand. They’ll be home May 25 for two months before Kristen returns as a counselor to Grace International School, and Daniel returns to his work with Free Burma Rangers. Our church joins them with prayer and financial support as they minister to students, staff, and the Burmese people who are in dire times.

\*Kristen & Daniel have enjoyed a bit of quietude around Easter and were able to celebrate the Passover meal together, which was a time of reflection on the routines and traditions, such as Christmas and Easter, that serve to point us to God. We can also look at how our ordinary earthly relationships, with spouses and friends and family, give us a taste of the beauty and enduring love of Christ for each of us, and for the church. We can even get a glimpse of what the relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit looks like as we consider the love we have for those around us in our limited way.

\*Please join the Morgensterns at an open house at the home of Pam & Dennis Kokesch on Wednesday, May 28, 4-7 pm. Let’s keep this precious couple in our prayers as they connect with family and friends stateside, that they can rest and be restored. Pray too that they can communicate clearly the work they do in Thailand, and the needs they have there as they share the love of Christ with those around them.

**“And now dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are worthy of praise.... Then the God of peace will be with you.” Philippians 4: 8-9**

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