

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 16th, as the Gilkinson's host an Open House beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Our Adopt-A-Highway ditch cleaning is on Saturday, May 17th, at 9:00 a.m. We have two miles of ditch cleaning to do. Participants need to be 12 years of age and older to help. Come prepared with gloves and work boots or leather footwear.

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 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, chat with them and enjoy some tasty treats. They're looking forward to seeing as many people as they can while home!

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.

Advanced Scripture Reading for next week:

- Daniel 1
- Matthew 7:7-12

A nursery is provided during the service in the lower level for those with children *up to four years of age*. To allow families with little ones time to worship together during the service, please have your children stay with you and go down during the last worship song.



Winthrop Evangelical Covenant Church

May 11, 2025

~To Love God and Make Him Known~

Prayer Points

Prelude

Call To Worship

Opening Hymn: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory/Special Music

Songs of Praise

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 47:1-12

Message: “Come Drink From God’s Fountain” Rev. Gilkinson

Closing Hymn: #87 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Benediction

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Dale & Betty Boyum, Properties and Fac.

Greg & Kay Linsmeier, Care Ministries

Home

Please Pray for:

- College Student: Rebecca Redman will be graduating from the University of Northwestern in St. Paul on Saturday, May 17th. Congratulations Rebecca!
- Family: Rose Adema
- Government Leaders: House of Representatives: Tom Emmer and Pete Stauber

World Make Your Life A Bestseller

As we honor the sweet moms in our life today, let me tell you about the recent **KJLY Day for Women Conference** attended by several of our own sweet church women! We came, 750 women strong, to listen, to learn, to laugh, and to love, as best-selling author Karen Kingsbury told us very personal stories from her life **to help us make our life a best seller.**

She said that as we write the stories of our lives, remember to love well, as Jesus did. Think about the characters in your story - not all of them are easy to love. (AMEN??!!) Think of how Jesus prioritized loving others, especially the problem people in his life, (his disciples by turns, the masses who coveted his touch, the Pharisees who coveted his power, his own family, and all of us yet to come with our arrogance and issues) and wasn’t just about fulfilling his heavenly agenda. Karen Kingsbury told us of her very angry brother that she talked to about Jesus over and over again, and who finally came to know the Lord just before he died! Don’t give up on praying for and loving these hard-to-reach people. And remember, God loves us too, with all our flaws! He hasn’t given up on us, and he sees us as enough, covered by grace!

Remember the power that forgiveness brings us as we forgive AND accept forgiveness. Almost every person in the room raised their hand when Karen asked if we have gone through hard things. Use the bad things that happen to bring about good in our lives, and in the lives of others. Remember that the smile or kind word or extra love we show to others means so much to this hurting world.

Besides caring when we cry, Jesus loves to see us laugh. We laughed till we cried as the **Looney Lutherans** loosened us up with their laudable humor as they donned cowboy hats and Holstein cow aprons to stomp and sing and bring us the gift of laughter! We know that this is the best medicine! Yehaw, Ooftah!!

Karen also told us we need to LOOK for God’s miracles, they’re all around us, in the clouds, in conversations, and in the compassionate care of our loving and powerful creator God.

“Love is patient, love is kind. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” 1 Corinthians 13: 4, 7

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