

Minnesota Valley Action Council (MVAC) is having its 2nd Annual Backpack Community Fair in August. This is a county-wide event, serving families through Sibley County. The goal they are hoping each church will make is:

Grades PreK-6: a variety of 20 backpacks (unused with tags, can be colorful, cartoons, etc.); and

Grades 7-12: a variety of 10 backpacks (unused with tags, preference gender neutral colors).

If you are able to help MVAC, please bring your backpacks to church no later than April 28th.

Today we have the privilege of sharing in the baptism of Mariah June Anderson, daughter of John and Rebecca (Wilmot) Anderson. The mirror is in recognition of Mariah June's Baptism. We pray you come to know Jesus in a personal relationship with Him, knowing you are made in His image; chosen, treasured, and holy through Him. "May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face towards you and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26

Love,

Grandpa Jim & Grandma Debbie

There will be an opportunity next Sunday, April 21st, for you to have your blood pressure checked if you desire. Debbie will be available in the library from 8:30-9:15 a.m. and again from 12:00 noon-12:30 p.m.

There will be a brief Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 28th, to approve Julia Dahlke and Delaine Elseth as delegates for Gather 2024.

Advanced Scripture Reading for next week:

Acts 4:32-37; 1 Corinthians 1:1-13; Galatians 3:26-4:7

A nursery is provided during the service in the lower level for those with children *up to four years of age*.

Finances

The approved budget for 2024 was **\$173,665.44**

Designated offerings and expenses are not reflected in the approved budget .

March General Income \$14,084.00

March General Expense \$12,499.21

YTD Income (as of the end of February) \$38,872.00

YTD Expense (as of the end of February) \$39,276.39



Winthrop Evangelical Covenant Church

April 14, 2024

~To Love God and Make Him Known ~

Prelude

Call To Worship

Opening Hymn: #585 “God, Creator of Your People”

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory

Songs of Praise

Baptism of Mariah June Anderson

Scripture Reading: Psalm 133

Message: “The Wider Kingdom” Rev. Gary Gilkinson

Closing Hymn: #593 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

Benediction

Prayer Points

Home

Please Pray for:

- Jean Fenske’s grandson, Alex Fenske, as some spots have been found in the original brain cancer site that have enlarged. He will be starting a new cancer treatment that is less aggressive than chemo.
- Judy Brown’s daughter, Jill.
- Heidi Gerold had surgery this past week.
- Rex Lind is recovering from his third open heart surgery.
- Healing for Keira Sandberg as she is dealing with health issues.
- College Student: Aaron Elseth attends Bethel University in St. Paul.

World Bible Society of Jordan

When Pastor tells us (frequently!) to keep our noses in the book, he doesn’t mean a good library book. He means the Book, the good Book, the Bible which speaks of God’s amazing love for us. We are so privileged to be able to put our noses in the Word of God, and we sometimes take that for granted.

The country of Jordan, right in the middle of the Middle East, is not an easy place to share OR to get a Bible. Christians now make up just two percent of the Muslim dominated area, and many denominations all work together to share the gospel through the Bible Society of Jordan. Even though they are restricted, they try to break down taboos around Christianity by attending book fairs where they can interact with people from all backgrounds and present God’s word in Arabic, often the first time Jordanians have seen this evidence that the Bible is for them too!

During covid lockdown, Bible teams delivered food and Bibles to households. They also increased the use of social media to make connections across the country and provide support for mothers and trauma healing, (and there is trauma as people have fled war torn countries, and in refugee camps) reaching out to displaced people from Syria, Iraq, and other areas, besides locals who need healing through God’s word. The Bible Society in Jordan is made up of 115 volunteers, and they are not deterred by opposition. Challenges force them to depend on God. And God is moving in Jordan!

Please pray for these dedicated people and for the people they bring God’s word and his love to. And may we also dedicate ourselves to God’s word and the people he loves dearly.

“But the word of God continued to spread and flourish.” Acts 12:24

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SERMON NOTES

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II. Its Comparisons (vv 2-3)

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