

Community Breakfast September 7th

Our next Community Breakfast is Saturday, September 7th at 8:00 a.m. Contact Judy Schafer if you're interested in helping.

Fall Ministry Opportunities

School is right around the corner, for some it's already begun, and along with that our fall programs will be starting up. Awana and Sunday School are both looking for volunteers. Talk to JoAnn Ruff or Delaine Elseth if you're interested in helping out.

Lunch and Prayer Service

The Winthrop Area Ministerial Association will be holding a monthly Community Wide Ecumenical Luncheon and Prayer Service the second Wednesday of the month, from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. beginning September 11th. These are free to attend and all are welcome. A free will offering will be taken. The schedule is as follows:

- ⇒ September 11th Apostolic Christian Fellowship Center
- ⇒ October 9th Evangelical Covenant Church
- ⇒ November 13th Faith United Church
- ⇒ December 11th St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church
- ⇒ January 8th Peace Lutheran Church
- ⇒ February 12th First Lutheran Church

Advanced Scripture Reading for next week:

- ◆ Acts 17:22-34

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.



Finances

The approved budget for 2024 was **\$173,665.44**. Designated offerings and expenses are not reflected in the approved budget. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Leadership Team.

July General Income \$14,557.00
July General Expense \$18,391.50
YTD Income (as of the end of July) \$91,169.24
YTD Expense (as of the end of July) \$93,838.19



Winthrop Evangelical

Covenant Church

September 1, 2024

~To Love God and Make Him Known~

Prayer Points

Prelude

Call To Worship

Opening Hymn: #271 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory

Songs of Praise

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Message: “Be Aware of the Flaws on Your Side” Rev. Gilkinson

Communion

Closing Hymn: #405 “Jesus, Be My Guide and Teacher”

Benediction

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June Oman, Worship Ministries

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Dan & Tiffany Messerli, Education Mins.

Dale & Betty Boyum, Properties and Fac.

Chuck & Barb Peik, Care Ministries

Home

Please Pray for:

- Our students, teachers, staff and administration as they begin a new school year.
- Bernie Boyum is extremely frail and down to under 95 lbs.
- This Week’s Family: Greg and Delaine Elseth

World Let’s Sneak a Peak at Mozambique

The beautiful country of Mozambique, located on the southeastern coast of Africa, has an ugly side. In the north there are violent militants fighting violent government forces over mineral and natural gas rights, with Islamic jihadists jumping in, with over 60% of its people living in poverty and 38% of children under 5 stunted, and millions of its people being displaced by fighting and weather disasters like the recent cyclone destruction.

*Besides these intense physical issues, there is spiritual darkness among the people of Mozambique, where there are many unreached people groups, despite the Christian presence, (predominantly Catholicism), as well as Animalistic beliefs, Islam, and Atheism.

***Alex & Melanie Viana**, Covenant Global Personnel in Mozambique, were drawn there by a vision Melanie had of them physically standing in sub-Saharan Africa, sharing God’s love there. One way of doing this is through the Melanie Centers, orphanages established to care for Aids orphans and others in need.

*Please join them in praying for:

*October begins a **Year of Jubilee for Mozambican** churches, beginning with fasting, prayer, confession, and celebration of the generosity and forgiveness of God. Many struggle with deeply held sins of witchcraft and ancestor worship. Pray for spiritual breakthroughs and a true year of generosity and forgiveness.

*The **Mozambiquans currently suffering from a food crisis** due to large shifts in weather patterns making farming yields small. They ask for wisdom in helping thousands with immediate food assistance as well as longer self-sufficient assistance.

* Sons **Josh & Joey, both 16**, that God will bless their friendships.

*For **spiritual protection & safety as they serve God in a spiritually dark place!**

“Pay attention to the word of God, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.” 2Peter 1:19

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