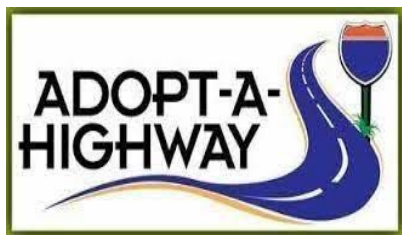


There will be a brief Congregational Meeting today to approve Delaine Elseth and Julia Dahlke as delegates for Gather 2024.

Our next Community Breakfast will be May 4, serving is from 8:00-9:30 a.m. Volunteers to help with this outreach ministry are welcome.



Our Adopt-A-Highway Ditch Cleaning is on Saturday, May 4, 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.

**Ladies!** Let's celebrate Eme McKinney's graduation with some Fleece Fun! Join us Monday, May 6th, at 6:30 p.m. at church to make a fun fleece blanket for Eme and cover her with our love and prayers.

There is a box available on the table in the back of the sanctuary this morning for our monthly Benevolence Offering.

**Advanced Scripture Reading for next week:**

1 Peter 3:8-12

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 28, 2024

*~To Love God and Make Him Known~*

# Prayer Points

Prelude

Call To Worship

Opening Hymn: #56 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory

Songs of Praise

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-25

Message: “A Call to Love One Another” Rev. Gary Gilkinson

Closing Hymn: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Benediction

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Eric Sandberg, Chair

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Greg Linsmeier, Financial Officer

Sondra Redman, Secretary

Breeze McKinney

Judy Schafer

## Ministry Team Members

June Oman, Worship Ministries

Bix Baker, Outreach Ministries

Dan & Tiffany Messerli, Education Mins.

Dale & Betty Boyum, Properties and Fac.

Chuck & Barb Peik, Care Ministries

## Home

**Please Pray for:**

- Alicia Rathman who is going through cancer treatments.
- Jean Fenske’s grandson, Alex Fenske - 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.
- Healing for Keira Sandberg as she is dealing with health issues.
- College Student: Aaron Elseth attends Bethel University in St. Paul.

## World Gary & Mary Lou Sander, Columbia

Gary & Mary Lou Sander live & minister in Columbia, the country, not the university, so they should be safe! They live in the northwest city of Medellin but travel to four other regional conferences as they participate in discipleship and mentoring. By listening, hearing, observing, and following God, they walk alongside the Columbia Covenant Church or Pacto ministries.

And they have traveled far and wide to be with people. That’s because they have learned that going where people are, and being in their space, is important in making a connection and in deepening a relationship. It also leads to some great adventures as they travel by bus, motorcycle, big and small planes, boat, jeep, on foot and by car, all to get to where others feel comfortable, where they can share in the lives of others. It means getting at their level and being willing to wait and listen and keep listening until what needs to be shared has been shared.

Gary & Mary Lou are praising God for good medical exams, and good health. They also praise God for the support and prayers of friends and family as they minister in a far away place. They ask for prayer for their upcoming mentoring gatherings in each of the regional conferences as they focus on living the teachings of Jesus in the parables.

They treasure the chance to share life together, “ giving glimpses of God’s shalom, love, inclusion, unity, justice, and liberty – when heaven comes together with earth, and all seems right and good and just, at least for a little while. Let’s all keep finding the Christ between us.”

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