

Our church is hosting the last Lenten Luncheon this week, Wednesday, March 20th, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Please join us!

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily for display in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please fill out the insert and return it to the church office with payment TODAY. Questions, please talk to Pam K.

We will be having our Easter Sunday Breakfast on March 31st, serving is from 8:00-9:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes if you are able to help provide food.

**Passion Week Services:**

- ⇒ Our Maundy Thursday Service will be Thursday, March 28th, at 7:00 p.m.
- ⇒ The Community Wide Good Friday “Tenebrae” Service will be on Friday, March 29th, at 7:00 p.m. at Faith United Church.
- ⇒ Our Easter Sunday Worship Service will be held at our regular time on March 31st. We will not be having Sunday School.

We’re looking for Delegates for two of the Evangelical Covenant Church’s upcoming meetings:

- The Northwest Conference Annual Meeting is being held April 25-27 at Redeemer Covenant Church in Brooklyn Park. We have room for one more delegate.
- Gather 2024 is June 26-29 in Covington, KY. We can send two delegates.

Please talk to Pastor Gary or Eric Sandberg if you’re interested in attending either of these.

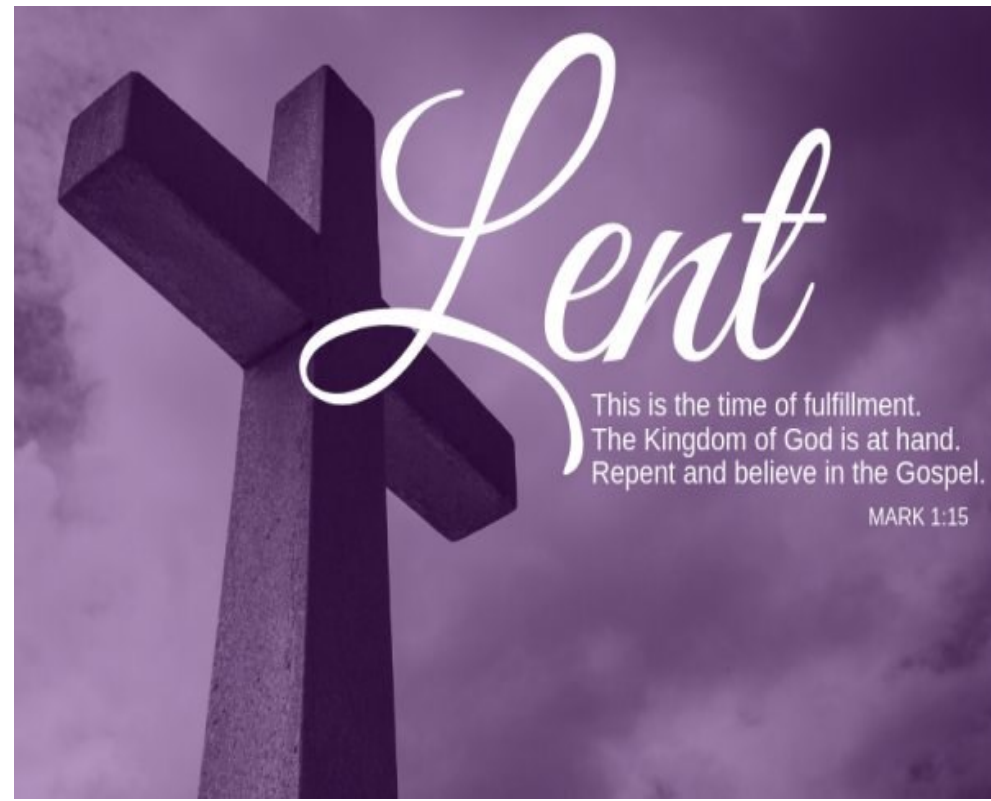
**Advanced Scripture Reading for next week:**

Isaiah 53:4-6; Matthew 11:25-30; 27:32-44;  
Mark 8:34-38; 15:21-32; Acts 6:8-15;  
Romans 8:31-39

**Finances**

The approved budget for 2024 was **\$173,665.44**  
Designated offerings and expenses are not reflected in the approved budget or in the values below.

**February General Income** \$13,344.00  
**February General Expense** \$13,108.74  
**YTD Income (as of the end of February)** \$24,788.00  
**YTD Expense (as of the end of February)** \$26,777.18



# *Winthrop Evangelical Covenant Church*

**March 17, 2024**

*~To Love God and Make Him Known ~*

Prelude

Call To Worship

Opening Hymn: #296 “All Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory

Songs of Praise

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:31-43; 54-62

Message: “Keeping Warm at the Enemy’s Fire” Rev. Gary Gilkinson

Closing Hymn: #580 “God Bless Your Church with Strength!”

Benediction

**Pastor:** Rev. Gary Gilkinson

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## Leadership Team Members

Eric Sandberg, Chair  
Jim Wilmot, Vice Chair  
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

# Prayer Points

## Home

### Please Pray for:

- Heidi Gerold’s mom, Jennifer, continues with health issues.
- Donovan Steele is being treated for congestive heart failure.
- Steve & Natalie Butler and family as they prepare for their move to Texas.
- Barb Peik continues to deal with health concerns.
- College Student: Aaron Elseth attends Bethel University in St. Paul.

## World Middle East & North Africa or MENA

Please pray for our Covenanters in global service in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). The MENA region is made up of the countries of the Arab League, plus Iran, Turkey, and Israel. Due to issues of security within this region, the names of Covenanters in Global Service are not listed, but God knows who they are!

Pray also for the following areas of ministry focus in this region:

\*Intercultural Engagement

\*Reconciliation, Peace, Safety, and Flourishing

\*Refugees and Displaced People

\*Religious Persecution

Now more than ever, this area needs our prayers!

**“Brothers & sisters, pray for us.” 1Thessalonians 5:25**



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