

### **Procedures for Attending Sunday Services**

1. If you are not feeling well or experiencing symptoms for COVID-19, please stay at home. If you have been exposed to COVID-19 within the past 14 days, please stay home.
2. Please review the health screening checklist posted on the entry door before entering the building.
3. Please have your face masks on and maintain proper social distancing.
4. Once you are seated, feel free to talk with others while in your seat but please refrain from wandering while in the auditorium.
5. Please access the hand sanitizer before exiting and deposit your mask (if you borrowed one) in the zip lock bag in the proper receptacle.
6. While visiting outside, please observe proper social distancing.

#### **Additional Notes:**

1. Please remember that this situation is temporary. Therefore, let's be sensitive to our friends and neighbors and help one another as we worship together.
2. The nursery and child care are not available at this time.
3. Please refrain from wandering around inside the building.



# *Winthrop Evangelical Covenant Church*

**May 2, 2021**

*- To Love God and Make Him Known -*

Prelude:

Call To Worship:

Opening Hymn: # 318 “We Come, O Christ, To You”

Welcome and Announcements:

Songs of Praise:

Pastoral Prayer:

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 13:1-5

Message: **Are You Ready for the Test?** Rev. Gary Gilkinson

**Communion:**

Closing Hymn: “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

Benediction:



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### Leadership Team Members

Darren McKinney, Chair  
 Marlys Woods, Vice Chair  
 Delaine Elseth, Financial Officer  
 Becky Baker, Secretary  
 Phil Konsor  
 Bob Gnekow

### 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

## Finances

The approved budget for 2021 is \$161,981.60

When divided evenly, each month has a financial goal of \$13,498.47 Designated offerings and expenses are not reflected in the approved budget or in the values below. If you have any questions, please see a member of the leadership team.

**March General Income** \$10,475.00  
**March General Expense** \$9,680.95  
**YTD Income ( as of the end of March is )** \$35,785.00  
**YTD Expense (as of the end of March is )** \$30,982.01

## Prayer Points

### Home

**Please Pray For:** Comfort and peace for the family of Kendall Busch , **Jerry Meuleners** at home recovering from eye surgery, **Pastor Gary’s mother and father** who are recovering from Covid-19, **Audra**, Gary and Judy Schafer’s daughter, for chemo treatments **Darwyn**, cousin to Delaine Elseth, in treatment for lung cancer, **Harlan**, cousin to Greg Elseth, in treatment following an amputation, **Nikki**, friend of Marlys Woods, suffering from severe pain and emotional illness, **Sue Meuleners** preparing for heart valve surgery. **Melanie**, friend and coworker of Becky Baker, recovering from Covid-19. Also a friend of Becky, **Lora and husband Ron**. Ron is at Abbott with diabetes and many other surrounding issues, **George Gerold’s parents, Heidi Gerold’s uncle, David** in Hospital with Covid-19 and please also pray for her cousin **Amy and 4 children** who just lost their husband and father to Covid –19.

**Those in need of health and strength:** Jim and Sharon Kendall and Alex Fenske.  
**College Student of the Week:** Matthew Henderson at Stanford University in Stanford, CA

### Country

**Let us pray for:** Patience and respect for each other as we work out our political differences peacefully.  
 Patience as we live through further Covid-19 restrictions. Courage and health as we begin receiving vaccinations for this virus.

### World

**Our Missionaries:** Darlene and Jeff Anderson in MENA(Middle East|North Africa) serving as regional coordinators for MENA  
 See the Serve Globally Calendar page 6 for more details.

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