

LBBC Youth Winter Camp is February 5th and 6th for students currently in grades 3-5. Each registered student will receive a \$25 Kwik Trip Gift card. See full camp details at <https://www.lbbc.com/trailblazers-retreat>. See Sondra Redman for details regarding Kwik Trip gift cards or if you have any questions.

UPDATE: If you're looking for the 2022 Covenant Home Altar, they're on their way and will be here soon! In the meantime, if you have access to a computer you can find it online at covenantcompanion.com/home-altar/ Thank you for your patience!

SAVE THE DATE! Our Annual Meeting will be held on *Sunday, January 30, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.*

We are going to start taking a Benevolence Offering again on the fourth Sunday of each month. There will be a second offering plate set up in the back of the church for you to use.

Do you need more music in your life? You can listen to some of the songs we sing on Sunday mornings all week long on Spotify! If you don't already have it, download the Spotify app on your phone or go to www.spotify.com and create a FREE account. Then search for the playlists *Win Cov Worship* to listen and sing along! (Questions? Ask Delaine.)

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.

December General Income \$11,460.00

December General Expense \$13,870.74

YTD Income (as of the end of December is) \$139,807.61

YTD Expense (as of the end of December is) \$134,587.49



Winthrop Evangelical Covenant Church

January 16, 2022

- To Love God and Make Him Known -

Prelude:

Call To Worship:

Opening Hymn: #72 "To God Be the Glory"

Welcome and Announcements:

Songs of Praise:

Pastoral Prayer:

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Message: "The Temptation to Religious Mysticism"
Pastor Gilkinson

Closing Hymn: #379 "Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult"

Benediction:



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Becky Baker, Secretary
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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:

- The family of **Brian Alnes** who recently passed away. His Memorial Service will be held on January 22nd.
- The **Busch family** who's son-in-law passed away.
- **Barb Peik** as her chemo treatments continue.
- **George, Katie and Valerie Gerold** who haven't been feeling well this week.
- **Ted Oman** continues to deal with health struggles.
- **Bernie Boyum** who is recuperating at home.
- **College Student of the Week:** Jenna Kavan who is attending Nova Academy in Mankato.

Those in need of health and strength:

- Alex Fenske
- Sue Meuleners
- Darwyn (Delaine Elseth's cousin)
- Harlan (Greg Elseth's cousin)

World

Donald & Lillian Dwight hail from California but have been serving in Taiwan and the Philippines for many years. They partner with the Chinese Evangelical Covenant Church which focuses on Church planting, evangelism and trying to reach the Chinese. Taiwan is an island to the east of the mainland coast of China, and north of the Philippines. They are looking forward to spending more time with Filipino migrant workers and traveling to the Philippines to encourage Covenant pastors there. Pray for Yang Yong Ming, Covenant Church president and for Taiwan Covenant congregations, as they, like us, reach out to share the good news of Jesus with their friends and neighbors, including 500,000 migrant workers from around Asia working in Taiwan.



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Greeters		
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Sound Booth	Eric Sandberg	Aaron Elseth
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Nursery	Mary Kavan and Claire Messerli	Rose Adema and Asher McKinney
Fellowship	June Oman	
Count Team	Jan. Eric Sandberg and Erik Ahlstrand	Feb.
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We should take care lest we be _____ beyond the legitimate expressions of the mystical element of _____ into the foggy area called mysticism.

II. Mysticism's Exaggeration of the Mystical (Php 2:1-4)

Several religions focus almost _____ on mysticism.

Whenever disciples of Christ allow the _____ mystical element in their faith to _____ their faith, they have probably succumbed to the temptation to mysticism.

III. Mysticism's Lonely Experience with God (Lk 10:30-33)

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