

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.

Our Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday, *January 30, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.*

We are going to begin 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.

**Ladies:** Please join us for **ESCAPE BY CHOCOLATE!!** Come *Tuesday, February 15, at 6:30 p.m.* when we'll enjoy a cozy chocolate filled evening. Teens welcome as well! It is our heart's desire to love God more.



Pastor Gary and Pam will be at the Midwinter Conference next week. Pastor Gary can be reached by phone if you need to contact him. Leave a message and he will get back to you when he is able.

There will not be Lifetree Café this week. It is being postponed until next week, February 2nd.

The 2022 Covenant Home Altar has arrived and is located next to the bulletins on the back table.

### **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 23, 2022**

*- To Love God and Make Him Known -*

Prelude:

Call To Worship:

Opening Hymn: #608 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Welcome and Announcements:

Songs of Praise:

Pastoral Prayer:

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:1-6

Message: “**The Temptation of Pessimism**”  
Pastor Gilkinson

Closing Hymn: #612 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

Benediction:



**Office:** 507-647-5777  
**Pastor's Cell:** 507-995-7471  
**Website:** [www.wincov.org](http://www.wincov.org)  
**Email:** wincov@gmail.com  
**Mailing Address:** Winthrop Evangelical  
Covenant Church  
P.O. Box 486  
107 W. Third Street  
Winthrop MN 55396

### Leadership Team Members

Eric Sandberg, Chair  
Marlys Woods, Vice Chair  
Delaine Elseth, Financial Officer  
Becky Baker, Secretary  
Phil Konsor  
Greg Linsmeier

### 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:**

- Joanne Redman’s brother, **Gene**, who is recovering from a stroke.
- **Barb Peik** as her chemo treatments continue.
- **Ted Oman** continues to deal with health struggles.
- **Bernie Boyum** is continuing to recover at home. Her eating is much improved, but her speech rehab could be a long process.
- **College Student of the Week:** Breeze McKinney who is at the College of the Ozarks in Missouri.

#### **Those in need of health and strength:**

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

### World

Please pray for Kristi & Christopher Johnson as they minister in the beautiful country of Thailand, located on the southeastern part of Asia. Thailand is predominately Thai Buddhist: a mixture of Buddhism, Hinduism, animism, and ancestor worship. Respect for one’s superiors and hospitality are a big part of Thai culture.

Also keep Diana & Timothy Keener, and their four sons in your prayers as they work with Church Planting; Congregational Vitality; and Leadership Development in Montreal, which is the largest city in the Province of Quebec, Canada. Many cultures come together in Montreal, an island on the St. Lawrence River, with French as its main language. The Keeners partner with St. Peter’s Anglican Church, Serve Globally & the Covenant Church of Canada.

**Please be in prayer** for the Parsonage Committee as they seek God’s wisdom in making decisions regarding the property next to the church.



## Sunday Servants

Service	January 23	January 30
<b>Piano/Organ</b>	Joanne Redman	June Oman
<b>Greeters</b>	Gerold Family	
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Eric Sandberg	JoAnn Ruff
<b>Sound Booth</b>	Aaron Elseth	Aaron Elseth
<b>Clothes Closet</b>	01/29 Bix & Becky Baker, Rose Adema	2/5 Barb Peik, Judy Schafer
<b>Nursery</b>	Rose Adema and Asher McKinney	Pam Gilkinson, Keira Sandberg and Eden Messerli
<b>Snacks</b>	Judy Schafer	Becky Baker
<b>Count Team</b>	<b>Jan.</b> Eric Sandberg and Erik Ahlstrand	<b>Feb.</b>
<b>Sanctuary Floral</b>	<b>Jan.</b> JoAnn Ruff	<b>Feb.</b> June Oman

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sun. Jan. 23</b>	9:30 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Connection Groups/Sunday School
<b>Wed. Jan. 26</b>	9:00 am	Ladies' Prayer Meeting
	6:00 pm	Awana
<b>Sat. Jan. 29</b>	9:00 am	Clothes Closet
<b>Sun. Jan. 30</b>	9:30 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Annual Meeting

## Sunday Servants

Service	January 23	January 30
<b>Piano/Organ</b>	Joanne Redman	June Oman
<b>Greeters</b>	Gerold Family	
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Eric Sandberg	JoAnn Ruff
<b>Sound Booth</b>	Aaron Elseth	Aaron Elseth
<b>Clothes Closet</b>	01/29 Bix & Becky Baker, Rose Adema	2/5 Barb Peik, Judy Schafer
<b>Nursery</b>	Rose Adema and Asher McKinney	Pam Gilkinson, Keira Sandberg and Eden Messerli
<b>Snacks</b>	Judy Schafer	Becky Baker
<b>Count Team</b>	<b>Jan.</b> Eric Sandberg and Erik Ahlstrand	<b>Feb.</b>
<b>Sanctuary Floral</b>	<b>Jan.</b> JoAnn Ruff	<b>Feb.</b> June Oman

## Weekly Calendar

<b>Sun. Jan. 23</b>	9:30 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Connection Groups/Sunday School
<b>Wed. Jan. 26</b>	9:00 am	Ladies' Prayer Meeting
	6:00 pm	Awana
<b>Sat. Jan. 29</b>	9:00 am	Clothes Closet
<b>Sun. Jan. 30</b>	9:30 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Annual Meeting

## SERMON NOTES

### The Temptation of Pessimism

#### I. Pessimism and Optimism (Eph 6:10-13)

Somewhere between optimism and pessimism one must \_\_\_\_\_ a place to stand.

#### II. When Pessimism is Religious (Mt 11:2-3)

Religious pessimism results from \_\_\_\_\_ and disappointed religious expectations.

We must realize that we are not \_\_\_\_\_ for the entire course of history nor for the response of others.

#### III. Pessimism's Bad Memory (Mt 11:4-5)

History is filled with incidents in which God \_\_\_\_\_ to redeem people who were otherwise hopeless.

#### IV. Pessimism's Nearsightedness (Mt 11:6)

Human life is never determined \_\_\_\_\_ by the past or the present; we look forward to hope.

#### V. Pessimism's Fear (2Ti 1:7)

Pessimism is a state of inaction in which one has lost \_\_\_\_\_ and therefore does not expect improvement.

#### VI. Pessimism's Resignation (He 11:1-2)

Pessimists convince themselves that they can face the \_\_\_\_\_ only with an attitude of resignation.

## SERMON NOTES

### The Temptation of Pessimism

#### I. Pessimism and Optimism (Eph 6:10-13)

Somewhere between optimism and pessimism one must \_\_\_\_\_ a place to stand.

#### II. When Pessimism is Religious (Mt 11:2-3)

Religious pessimism results from \_\_\_\_\_ and disappointed religious expectations.

We must realize that we are not \_\_\_\_\_ for the entire course of history nor for the response of others.

#### III. Pessimism's Bad Memory (Mt 11:4-5)

History is filled with incidents in which God \_\_\_\_\_ to redeem people who were otherwise hopeless.

#### IV. Pessimism's Nearsightedness (Mt 11:6)

Human life is never determined \_\_\_\_\_ by the past or the present; we look forward to hope.

#### V. Pessimism's Fear (2Ti 1:7)

Pessimism is a state of inaction in which one has lost \_\_\_\_\_ and therefore does not expect improvement.

#### VI. Pessimism's Resignation (He 11:1-2)

Pessimists convince themselves that they can face the \_\_\_\_\_ only with an attitude of resignation.