

**Lenten Luncheons** are taking place Wednesdays during Lent from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. for anyone who wants to join us. See dates and locations below:

- March 22nd Peace Lutheran Church
- March 29th Evangelical Covenant Church

**We are looking for Conference Delegates for our two Annual meetings:**

- ◆ The Northwest Conference Annual Meeting will be held at the Bemidji Covenant Church April 28-29. Our church can send three delegates.
- ◆ Gather 2023, the Covenant Annual Meeting, will be in Garden Grove, California, June 28-July 1. We can send two delegates.

Both of these have a Hybrid option as well. If you're interested in attending either of these, please contact Pastor Gary, Eric Sandberg or the church office.

**VBS:** We are looking for someone who has a love for the children of our church and community that would be willing to plan our VBS program this year. If interested, please talk to Pastor Gary or contact the Church Office.

The Leadership Team would like to form a committee for the renovation of the church kitchen. If this is something you'd be interested in helping with, please talk to Dale or Betty Boyum.

**Advanced scripture reading for next week:**

- ⇒ Matthew 1:18-25; 28:16-20;
- ⇒ John 1:14-18;
- ⇒ Acts 2:40-47; 4:23-31;
- ⇒ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; 12:12-31; 15:1-11;
- ⇒ Ephesians 4:7-16;
- ⇒ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;
- ⇒ 2 Timothy 4:1-5;
- ⇒ Hebrews 10:19-25; and
- ⇒ 1 Peter 2:18-25.

**Finances**

The approved budget for 2023 is \$176,655.12  
Designated offerings and expenses are not reflected in the approved budget. If you have any questions, please see a member of the leadership team.

**February Income** \$12,315.24  
**February General Expense** \$7,130.84  
**YTD Income as of the end of February is** \$24,682.24  
**YTD Expense as of the end of February is** \$23,235.53

The Thrivent account has been closed out.



# *Winthrop Evangelical Covenant Church*

**March 19, 2023**

*~To Love God and Make Him Known ~*

Prelude

Call To Worship

Opening Hymn: #10 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Welcome and Announcements

Songs of Praise

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:35-38

Message: “Seeing the Community Through the Eyes of Christ”  
Dr. Glenn Daman

Closing Hymn: #664 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Benediction

## Prayer Points

### Home

#### Please Pray For:

- **ECC President Tammy Swanson-Draheim** has called us to prayer for Covenant churches and the Annual Meeting in June.
- Joanne Redman’s friend, **Evie**, who is waiting for a kidney transplant.
- **Ted Oman** who is at Oak Hills in New Ulm for rehabilitation.
- **Barb Peik** continues her cancer treatments.
- **Alice Heisel** continues to work through health concerns.
- **College Student:** Aaron Elseth is attending Bethel University.

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

- Judy (Becky Baker’s friend)
- Allen (Gary Schafer’s cousin)
- Alex Fenske
- Darwyn (Delaine Elseth’s cousin)
- Harlan (Greg Elseth’s cousin)

### World Barb & Steve Swanson, Sweden

After a “restful” home assignment back here in the states, filled with cross-country visits to supporting churches, going from sea to shing sea, sharing ministry needs and praises, all in a very busy seven months, Barb & Steve Swanson have returned to Malmo, Sweden, to resume ministry there. Sensing the need to have a shorter time away from their Swedish colleagues and refugee friends, Barb and Steve are excited to be back in Malmo, with their ministry partner, Wesleykyrkan.

\*Praise that new-comers Eric & Bonnie Sparrman have received work permits to join Serve Globally in Sweden, and are looking for housing.

\*Pray for outreach events, like neighborhood taco nights, prayer meetings and an outdoor Easter service in downtown Malmo.

\*Pray for refugees and immigrants as they integrate into Swedish culture and make connections with Jesus followers.

\*Pray for revival among the Swedes!

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### Leadership Team Members

Eric Sandberg, Chair  
 Marlys Woods, Vice Chair  
 Greg Linsmeier, Financial Officer  
 Phil Konsor, Secretary  
 Sondra Redman  
 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

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