

WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

TODAY	Kevin & Shannon Lindquist & Family
MONDAY	Larry & Karen Lindquist
TUESDAY	Mark & Jacky Lindquist
WEDNESDAY	Willard & Bonnie Lindquist
THURSDAY	Marilyn Lungstrom
FRIDAY	Barry & Deidre Lynch & Family
SATURDAY	Charles & Marilyn Magnuson
MISSIONARY:	Francisco & Stephanie Martins Ramos
MINISTRY:	Ministry through the Arts; Christian Formation; Outreach
ASSIGNMENT:	France, 1996-Present

Communion Preparers Jerry & Cindy Finsaas

Seedlings (Children's Church)

February 3rd Lindsey & Addilyn Nelson
February 10th Tim & Barb Swanson

Greeters

February 3rd Josh & Jennifer Nelson
February 10th Chris & Nikki Hofstad

Nursery

February 3rd 9:00am - Jennifer Nelson & Donna Hacker
10:30am - Ashley Hanson, Rachel Westby & Jade Lindquist
February 10th 9:00am - Louise & Nikki Hofstad
10:30am - Judy Swenson and Lindsey & Addilyn Nelson

Recap of last week:

General Fund Offering: 1/27—\$6,652

(Weekly General Fund Budget Needs for 2019)—\$6,986

Building Fund: 1/27—\$160

Sunday Worship Attendance: 10:30 am—198

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about our church family, check out our church webpage at <http://nlcovchurch.org/>.



Welcome to Evangelical Covenant Church



Sunday, February 3, 2019

Sunday School (All Ages) 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:30 AM

Nursery (Children up thru Age 2) &
Seedlings (Ages 3 – 1st Grade)

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WELCOME

● ● ● OUR MISSION ● ● ●


**Loving Jesus, Loving Others Like Jesus and
Sharing Jesus Wherever We Go**

Verse for Reflection

Ephesians 1:15 (NASB)

"For this reason, I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints..."

We are glad you joined us at NLECC and pray you enter into the Lord's presence while you listen for His Word as we worship together.

 Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with Family Promise this past week!

Today, February 3rd is our Communion Sunday. We will take our Galatians 6:2 offering, which is used to encourage those within our fellowship with financial needs.



As a family, we wish to thank all of you for your cards, calls, memorials, visits and all of the expressions of sympathy during Clayton's illness and passing.

Clayton was truly a special man. He was humble, kind, gentle, loving and a great example of faithfulness to God during his life.

Pastor Kevin was enormously helpful during a time we were unfamiliar with. Thank you sound technicians, pianist, custodians, serving committee, ushers and anyone behind the scenes we may be unaware of.

You comforted us when we needed it most and we cannot express our gratitude adequately. So just simply "THANK YOU" for all you have done!

Clayton Larson's Family—Joyce, Jeff, Kendra, Aaron, Nicole, Jill, Scott, Matthew, Ali, David and Adeline

Weekly Schedule February 3rd—February 10th

Sunday - February 3rd

9:00am - Sunday School (All Ages)

10:30am - Worship Service

Monday - February 4th

6:30pm - Women's Bible Study @ JoAnn Nelson's home

Tuesday - February 5th

10:00am - Mission Links

12:30pm - Women's Ministries Board Meeting

6:00pm - Tuesday's Table @ Our Lady of the Lakes, BBB speaker on financial fraud to follow

Wednesday - February 6th

6:30am - Men's Fellowship Brkfst

9:30am - Women's Bible Study

5:30pm - Supper

6:00pm - Inquirers Membership Class

Wednesday - Feb. 6th (cont'd)

6:00pm - Awana

6:00pm - Jr High Youth Group

6:30pm - Sr High Youth Group

Friday - February 8th

9:00pm - Youth Third Half (after b-ball game) at Peace Lutheran

Next Sunday - February 10th

Women's Ministry Sunday

9:00am - Sunday School (All Ages)

10:30am - Worship Service

11:45am - F3—Fellowship, Food & Friends (includes mini-session re: communion w/kids & baptism to follow with Pastor Kevin)

5:00pm - Youth Talent Show Fundraiser (meal, art show & talent show)

Service Opportunity - An **adult or teen volunteer** (teen with adult present) **is needed** to provide on-site childcare for a small group meeting at the church on **Thursday, February 14th and Thursday, February 28th from 6:30-7:30pm**. Please contact Rachel Westby if interested in helping at 320-212-1838.

Women's Ministries - Do you have a heart to help with serving events (on a Committee w/others on rotating basis) like Pot Luck meals etc.? If so, we need to hear from you! Please see Judy Kulset or Sherry Olson for more details. There will be a **Women's Ministries Board Meeting this Tuesday, February 5th at 12:30pm** following Mission Links. Next Sunday is Women's Ministry Sunday with cookies during the fellowship time.

February Council Meeting

The February Council meeting has been rescheduled to **Thursday, February 21st at 8pm** due to Valentine's Day.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

For Adults of any age:

Barry Lynch is teaching a class on **“Experiencing God”**. The heart of eternal life and the heart of Experiencing God is for you to know God and to know His Son Jesus Christ whom He has sent. It is through our relationship with Christ that God reveals His will and purpose for your life. He invites us to join Him where He is already at work. The key to experiencing God is obedience. Are you ready for the adjustments? Join us in the large side of the Fellowship Hall.

For Younger Adults:

Starting today, February 3rd, a **Sunday School class for Younger Adults** will begin, with topics ranging from marriage, parenting, managing finances and others relevant to this season of life. All young adults/ couples are welcome. The class will meet from 9am-10:15am and will include light breakfast items. The class will primarily be facilitated by Mitch and Sara Barber, but will include other speakers and panel discussions. We hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gary Johnson from the Better Business Bureau will present a program and provide resources to protect against financial fraud on **Tuesday, February 5th at 6:30pm at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church** after Tuesday’s Table. Anyone is welcome to attend.

The **NL-S Annual ECFE Chili Supper** will be held at Prairie Meadows Learning Center on **Thursday, February 7th from 4:30-7pm**. See community bulletin board for more information.

On **Friday, February 8th from 11-1:30pm, Habitat for Humanity** will hold their **7th Annual Souper Bowl fundraiser meal** at First Presbyterian Church (312 6th St SW) in Willmar. Please see community bulletin board for more information.

On **Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 2-4pm**, St. Luke’s Lutheran Church (201 Ida St E) in Garfield, MN will host **Psychotherapist & School Counselor Tom Kersting, author of “Disconnected”**. Tickets are \$10 and only 400 are available. Please call (320) 834-2285 for ticket info. Come and learn how to reconnect our digitally distracted kids. Please see the community bulletin board or www.stlukeschurchgarfield.org for more information.

COMING THIS MONTH



Special Valentine’s Day
“Young Adults - Couples Night Out”
Friday, February 15th from 6:30-8:30pm



Join us for a night of friends and fellowship at Les and Kathy Graham’s...highlighted by a winter sleigh ride. Childcare will be available (UPON REQUEST) at the church from 6:30-8:30pm. Donations for childcare will help support youth mission trip.
RSVP NO LATER THAN Wednesday, February 13th.

6th Annual NL Covenant Church Women's Retreat



Friday evening through Saturday,
February 22-23 at the home
of Kathy Graham.
(Come and go as you are able throughout the weekend, with overnight option)

This 24-hour retreat is designed for ECC adult women of ALL ages to fellowship together and enjoy time set aside for visiting and working on personal projects, as well as a 2-session speaker/study, and optional organized activities as well.

The cost is minimal, with scholarship funds available as well. Plan to spend all or any of the designated time with us! There is a brochure with the specific schedule, activities, and a registration form available today in your church mailbox, at the welcome desk, or on the church website, www.nlcovchurch.org.

RSVP DUE Sunday, February 17th. Please contact Paula Holmen (320-894-7019) or Kathy Graham (320-262-6043) with questions.

Ephesians Series: **'Who Am I IN CHRIST'**
 Sermon: **'Finding Myself in Who He Is'** Part 3
 Ephesians 1:15-23 (NASB)

I AM a ¹Saint, a ²Believer, ³IN Christ, ⁴Blessed, ⁵Chosen, ⁶Adopted
 [Child (Son or Daughter) of God], ⁷Drenched in Grace, ⁸Redeemed,
⁹Forgiven, ¹⁰Saved & ¹¹Secure!!

The word '_____' is indeed a _____ here in Ephesians, used _____ times in all. Eph. 1:15 (NASB) ¹⁵For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints

It is Paul's noun of _____ for the people of God in _____ of his letters. Yet the term '_____' only appears _____ times in all of our New Testament and _____ in Paul's writings.

'_____' has been reserved for only the _____ Christians!

The pro_____ is we are tying it to per_____ but we are tripping up on WHO's per_____.

Paul _____ly and _____ally calls us saints because of what God has _____ FOR us and is _____ IN US! Here is what verse 3 of chapter 1 again says... "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has** blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." I AM (_____) because HE HAS _____ it or _____ it. _____ YOU!

Paul is de_____ us from all sort of di_____ and dy_____ to show us 'This is _____ we are!'

_____/THE _____ LIST (see above) GOD HAS DONE!

One of the reasons for writing this letter IS TO RE_____ those saints (and us saints) to live a life _____ of their/our calling.

If we don't know _____ we are and we struggle with an _____ crisis. That is going to eventually _____, or in the least, _____ our growth and discipleship.

Paul wants us to see ourselves as _____/_____s and then to live into who we are IN Him!

Three circles of I _____:



My I _____ S _____ Spot!!

Vss 16-17 Praying for our brothers and sister is meant to be done _____ly through prayer in _____, praying in small _____, prayer _____ along with our _____/_____/_____. See 2 Thess. 1:11-12; Colossians 1:3-5 & 2 Timothy 1:3

CHILDREN

**February VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY (Afterschool Celebration)
 on Monday, February 11th from 3:30-6:00pm**

Cost is \$3 per person. Ride bus #8 from school (bring your teacher a parent note) or have your parent drop you off. Ages K-6th grade! Bring a friend or two! Our party will include an afterschool snack, games, craft project, a movie and supper. Questions? Contact Paula at 354-2446 or obby@tds.net.

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People from all walks of life are invited and encouraged to join us! We'll have something for everybody, and the show will be family friendly for those with small children. Save the date!



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