

# The Salem News

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The Newsletter of Salem Covenant Church

## Out for the Season

Like me, I am sure that many of you were completely amazed when Tiger Woods won his 14<sup>th</sup> major golf championship in winning the 2008 U.S. Open. Rocco Mediate and Tiger battled for 72 holes—and the score was tied. The battled for another 18 holes and the score was still tied! The stress and strain of the contest began to show, especially for Tiger. He was playing with a torn ACL and a double stress fracture in his leg-against doctor's orders!

Yet on the 91<sup>st</sup> hole in a sudden death playoff, Tiger persevered and emerged the victor, even though he won another major golf championship, the damage to his knee and leg was severe enough to cause him to be “out for the rest of the season.”

Perseverance and persistence may have paid off for Tiger in this instance, but at the same time it may have life long consequences.

What about you? Are you so competitive, so persistent, and so willing to persevere that you may cause damage to yourself or those around you? Are we so driven by the “trophy” that we forget to keep the main thing the main thing?

Jesus said, “come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

Like Tiger, it's ok to persevere, persist, and endure. But it is not ok to keep pressing until you fall apart! Take a break and come apart with the Lord before you literally come apart! In this way, you will avoid being “out for the season.”

On the journey with you,

*Pastor Mike*

## MISSION MOMENTS

By Kent Syverson

The Missions Committee met with Jerry and Vicky Love on Wednesday, June 4, during VBS. They retired from mission work last year after thirty years of church planting in Mexico. Among other things, they talked about training young people for the ministry. They said that in some places, when missionaries were ready to leave, they were replaced with other missionaries.



Now the trend is to train young people from that country for the ministry. In the past, they were sent to the United States for their training. While they were there, they became "Americanized", so when they returned, they had unrealistic expectations. Now there is a seminary in Mexico. It's not centrally located; instead, it moves from location to location, so they can keep it local. Jerry said that they knew nine young people who started the program, and all nine of them have completed it.

Please pray for Elli Johnson. Her diabetes is now causing her to lose her eyesight.

Daryl and Joan Evans have sent more information about their Bible Studies By Mail program. Micah 6:8 says, "He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"

One inmate requested Spanish materials for his wife, and additional material for his children. Another person (not an inmate) expressed thanks for prayer during surgery in May. Recovery is slow, but progressing nicely. Another inmate is studying the Love, Dating and Marriage course. He has learned about the importance of waiting until marriage.

### Remember to Pray & Visit our Nursing Home, Home Bound & Love Ones

#### **Bethesda Pleasant View**

Mildred Carlson

#### **Bethesda Pleasant View Asst. Living**

Pearl Forsell

Gilma Olson

#### **Bethesda Pleasant View Memory Care Unit**

Adele Broberg

Hilde Haglund

Dolores Peterson

#### **Centennial Square**

Josie Tollefsrud

#### **Rice Care Center**

Lorraine Broberg

Ruby Peterson

#### **Home**

Wally Haglund

Violet Larson

Morris & Lorraine Watkins

#### **Cardinal Apartments**

Verne Broberg

Linnea Hagman

## **Praying for our Covenant National Missionaries**

- July 6<sup>th</sup> The Fulani – The Fulani are the largest nomadic culture people in the world. About 25 million Fulani are spread across 19 countries from Senegal to Sudan. Only about .01 % of these basically Muslim people are known to be Christian. Most have no known witness of the good news of Jesus Christ. Regional coordinators for Africa are Peter & Cindy Ekstrand.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> Mark & Clementa Frederiksen – *Short Term Missionaries, Veterinary Medicine, Community Development Central Asia, 2005*
- July 20<sup>th</sup> Asia – Pray that through the many & diverse Covenant churches & ministries in Asia individuals, families, & communities will experience the transforming power of gospel & the kingdom of God will become increasingly visible in this part of the world. Regional coordinators for Asia are David & Ronna Husby.
- July 27<sup>th</sup> Peter & Anna Kim – *Project Missionaries, Community Development, East Asia, 2004.*

## **Please pray for our Family Missionaries from Salem**

- July 6<sup>th</sup> - Kreig & Karen Eckund, Kaitlyn, Kaleb - *Mercy Ships, Van, TX.* Kreig is the grandson of the late Kermit Holmgren.
- July 13<sup>th</sup> - Jon & Pam Egeler, Jesse & Stephanie - *President/CEO Mission Safety International, Elizabeth, TN.* Pam is the grand niece of Woodrow & Veda Erickson.
- July 20<sup>th</sup> - Keith & Willette Ericson, Pam (Egeler) & Steve – *Teacher at Moody Missionary Aviation, Johnson City, TN.* Keith is the nephew of Woodrow & Veda Ericson
- July 27<sup>th</sup> - Woodrow & Veda Ericson, Marshall, MN – *Ministers to a retirement home.*

## July Morning Coffee Servers

July 6<sup>th</sup> – John & Lucinda Kluver

July 13<sup>th</sup> – Jim & Kara Rothers

July 20<sup>th</sup> – Don & Martha Schemmel

July 27 – NO coffee servers because of Kerkhoven's Town & Country Days



### July 2008 Prayer List

- 1 Gordy & Deb Lindblad
- 2 Mike & Karen Lindquist, Jacob
- 3 Ryan & Rachel Luft, Madelynn
- 4 Mike & Connie McCain, Lori
- 5 Sharon Melin
- 6 Joe & Deanne Nett, Tony
- 7 Gilma Olson
- 8 Eric & Becky Peterson, Caleb, Quin
- 9 Dolores Peterson
- 10 Ruby Peterson
- 11 Dorothy Riley
- 12 Dwayne & Barb Riley, Lisa
- 13 Dan & Sue Roepke
- 14 Ron & Gail Roepke, Andrew & James
- 15 Jim & Kara Rothers, Kelsey, Austin, Heather, Bethany & Sara
- 16 Marvin & Barb Sandvig, Chad
- 17 Don & Martha Schemmel, Russell, Mason
- 18 Pat & Glennys Schemmel
- 19 Orrian & Arlene Syverson, Kent
- 20 Brian & Kelly Sweere, Levi, Logan & Lexi
- 21 Gerry & Joann Tofte, Nikki & Jaden
- 22 Mitch & Dori Tofte, Whitney
- 23 Tyson & Charity Tofte, Carson
- 24 Steve & Jan Toledo, Daniel, Marie, Rachel & Leah
- 25 Aaron & Ryan Tollefsrud
- 26 Josie Tollefsrud
- 27 Lee & Stephanie Tollefsrud, Kylee & Kody
- 28 Arlyn & Nora Torkelson
- 29 Don & Carmen Van Zee
- 30 Morse & Lorraine Watkins
- 31 Brent & Melissa Akerson, Andrew & Brady

### July 2008 Greeters

- 6 Ardell & Katie Broberg
- 13 Bruce & Patti Hoaglund
- 20 Vernice & Grace Johnson
- 27 John & Lucinda Kluver

### July 2008 Nursery

- 6 Dori & Whitney Tofte
- 13 Craig & Renee Johnson
- 20 Ron & Karen Johnson
- 27 Tom & Darcy Froehlich

### July 2008 Ushers

\*Larry Johnson, Warren Johnson, Todd Johnson, Howard Carlson, Dan Roepke, Randy Broberg, David Kluver, Andrew Akerson, Jonah Johnson & Tayler Carlson

\*Denotes head usher

July



Birthdays

- 3 George Carter
- 3 Collin Johnson
- 6 Terri Carlson
- 6 Paul Beckman
- 9 David Kluver
- 10 Ginny Johnson
- 11 Mitch Tofte
- 12 Taya Broberg
- 15 David Beyerl
- 18 Pat Carlson
- 20 Connie McCain
- 21 Gail Roepke
- 21 Issac Froehlich
- 22 Martha Schemmel
- 23 Larry Johnson
- 24 Doris Broberg
- 24 Erin Johnson
- 25 Travis Carlson
- 27 Verne Broberg
- 27 Emma Holmgren
- 29 Ralph Halverson
- 31 Blake Johnson



### July Coming Events

*July is Salem's month to deliver Meals on Wheels in Kerkhoven. Please sign up on east bulletin board if you can help.*

Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:30pm Adult Summer Bible Study

Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Family Camp at Lake Beauty

Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm Deacon Meeting  
7:30pm Adult Summer Bible Study

Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm "Saints & Sinners" concert a southern gospel men's quartet from Norfolk, NE (John Skogstoe, son of Ed & Adeline is one of the four quartet!) will be performing at Kerkhoven Lutheran Church to help celebrate their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A free will offering will be taken. An ice cream social will follow.



Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm United Summer Concert at Willmar Free Church with the *Haining Family* in concert. Bring your lawn chairs.

Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> – **6:30pm** Wednesday in the park! Bring meat to grill, dish to pass & lawn chairs!

Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – Salem's Adult Fellowship (60 & Over) Noon dinner at First Covenant Church, Willmar. Please sign up on the east bulletin board if you plan to attend.

Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm United Summer Concert at First Baptist Church, Willmar with the *Chosen Ones* in concert. Bring your lawn chairs.

Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00pm CE Board Meeting - 7:30pm Adult Summer Bible Study

Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> - Sunday July, 27<sup>th</sup> – Kerkhoven Town & Country Days

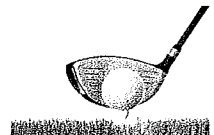
Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am Community Worship Service at Pillsbury Park in Kerkhoven for Town & Country Days.

*Super High, grades 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> depart for L.B.B.C. Will return Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.*  
2:00-6:30pm Youth For Christ is sponsoring a golf event fundraiser. It will be held at Eagle Creek Golf Club, Willmar. All ages welcome: parent/child, grandparent/child, mentor/child etc. Registration fee is \$85/team (2)non-member; \$50/team (2)members. Includes: Cart, Green Fees, Prizes, and Picnic at conclusion of event. Register at the Eagle Pro Shop or

by emailing Youth For Christ: [tom@yfcminnesota.com](mailto:tom@yfcminnesota.com) or call Youth For Christ at 235-0119.

6:00pm United Summer Concert at First Covenant Church, Willmar with the *Faithful Men Quartet* in concert. Bring your lawn chairs.

Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm Adult Summer Bible Study



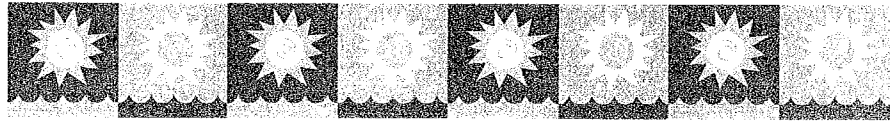


**The mission of Lake Beauty Bible Camp**  
 To encourage youth, families and friends of member churches to discover a life changing relationship with Jesus Christ through high quality Christian camp experiences that consistently proclaim Jesus and reflect His love.

**A Word Of Thanks from Brian Alnes . . .**

These past few months have been busy preparing for summer and connecting with churches. It is hard to believe it has been a year since we arrived at LBBC. I am thrilled and humbled by the outpouring of support that has come these past few months. Over **2000 hours** of talented and gifted labor have been donated since April 8th. God knew what He was doing when He laid on Angela Jurisch's heart the theme idea of "Under Construction" 2 years ago! **Thank you** to all who have come to labor in love with Lake Beauty. Thanks in advance to those coming during the summer months to help enhance both the program and the facilities. If you would like to volunteer in some way, just give me a call or send an email. We would love to have you come along side this summer at Lake Beauty.

**Brian Alnes, LBBC Executive Director**



**Top 5 Needs List for LBBC**  
 We are looking for some very specific things right now (not necessarily in order):

1. A/V Equipment: CD player for sound system, Wireless Mics, Lights for Chapel Stage.
2. Dependable used car that gets good gas mileage. We have driven almost 20,000 on vehicles (January-May).
3. Bobcat or skid steer. To help with current and upcoming facility projects.
4. Snow Plow Truck: to assist our tractor snow blower in several key areas. Thinking ahead to next winter!
5. Friends of Lake Beauty that sell products & services that we purchase elsewhere right now. If we know who you are, we would love to send our business to you!

**2008 Workday Report**

We are thanking God for the over 100 volunteers and staff families that turned out for our Annual Spring Workday May 10! Much was accomplished in the 3 hours before the rain began to fall—and the work continued even in the rain for many of the groups at work. Each year we present our Gold, Silver and Bronze Hammer Awards to churches based on 3 categories. Here are our 2008 winners:

**Gold Hammer** (Best Turnout)  
 Grace Covenant, Little Falls MN  
 19 volunteers!

**Silver Hammer** (Farthest Distance)  
 Prairieview Covenant, New Richmond, WI  
 149 miles one way!

**Bronze Hammer** (Best % of Membership)  
 Braham Covenant, Braham MN  
 11% of membership represented!

Thank you ALL for your gifts of time and service!



**Summer Camp Is Here!**

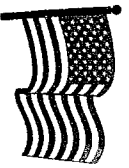


**Family Camps at LBBC**  
**Memorial Day Family Camp**—242 attended enjoying a great time together. Jeff Mazzariello did a fabulous job of sharing God's Word daily.  
**4th of July Family Camp**—Over 330 pre-registered and looking forward to a wonderful weekend. Tony Deach is our Guest Speaker. BBQ and Fireworks are on Saturday, July 5.  
**Labor Day Family Camp**—Anticipating what God has in store as Mark Stromberg comes to share. Aug 29-Sep 1. Space still available!

**Contact Information**  
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SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |    | 1<br>6-8pm Ladies Bible Study at Kerk Free Church              | 2<br>7:30pm Adult Summer Bible Study                             | 3  | 4 <sup>th</sup> of July!<br><del>NO</del> Church League Softball                            | 5  |
| 6<br>9 am Coffee Time<br>9:30 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Worship/Communion Family Time                                                                                                                                         | 7  | 8<br>6-8pm Ladies Bible Study at Kerk Free Church              | 9<br>6:30pm Deacon Meeting<br>7:30pm Adult Summer Bible Study    | 10 | 11<br>A Team 8:15pm Red<br>B Team 8:15pm Green                                              | 12 |
| 13<br>9 am Coffee time<br>9:30 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Morning Worship<br>6pm <i>Haining Family</i> @Free Church, Willmar                                                                                                   | 14 | 15 Ruth Circle<br>6-8pm Ladies Bible Study at Kerk Free Church | 16<br>6:30pm Wednesday in the park grill out!                    | 17 | 18 Noon Adult Fellowship at 1 <sup>st</sup> Cov<br>A Team 7:15pm Red<br>B Team 6:15pm Green | 19 |
| 20<br>9 am Coffee time<br>9:30 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Morning Worship<br>6pm <i>Chosen Ones</i> @1st Baptist Church, Willmar                                                                                               | 21 | 22<br>6-8pm Ladies Bible Study at Kerk Free Church             | 23<br>7:00pm CE Board Meeting<br>7:30pm Adult Summer Bible Study | 24 | 25<br>A Team 6:15pm Red<br>B Team 7:15pm Green                                              | 26 |
| 27<br>10:00am Kerk Town & Country Days Community Worship Service at Pillsbury Park.<br>Super High depart for L.B.B.C. Grades 8th & 9 <sup>th</sup><br>6pm <i>Faithful Men Quartet</i> @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Covenant Church, Willmar | 28 | 29<br>6-8pm Ladies Bible Study at Kerk Free Church             | 30<br>7:30pm Adult Summer Bible Study                            | 31 |                                                                                             |    |

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