

The Covenant Echo

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Lake Norden, South Dakota

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Mission Statement

We are a church committed to serving Jesus Christ as Lord. We welcome people of all ages and needs. Our desire is to be obedient to God's word through prayer, worship, evangelism, and teaching. As believers, we seek to follow Christ's example in our lives for the glory of God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

AUGUST

- 4 John Larson
- 7 Sara Poppen
- 12 Gerald Anderson
- 14 Clair Jacobson
- 20 Michael Runia
- 28 Ryan Tulson
- 31 Shasta Sattler
- 31 Jevi Turrill

SEPTEMBER

- 13 Tayler Smith
- 18 Candace Johnson
- 19 Dylan Ruotsalainen
- 19 Trevor Thue
- 21 Rachael Hoyer

OCTOBER

- 4 Dale Geranen
- 6 Wanda Drake
- 9 Gail Monteith
- 11 Zack Ruotsalainen
- 13 Ruby Skoglund
- 16 Therese Geranen
- 18 David Anderson
- 19 Doug Strande
- 22 Zoey Ruotsalainen
- 24 Debbi Pagel
- 24 Denise Reitsma

NOVEMBER

- 5 Ann Hilton
- 7 Brittany Geranen
- 8 Steve Geranen
- 11 Bob Severson
- 16 Tulson Bearden
- 17 Helen Hoglund
- 20 Julie Severson
- 21 Clark Hilton
- 21 Audrey Marx
- 28 Janet Johnson
- 29 Arlyce Jacobson
- 29 Cathy Squashingroff

FAMILY NIGHT PLUS+

Kickoff on September 22nd
@ 6pm with Pizza, Dessert and
games for the whole family!
See U there!

FALL SCHEDULE

Sunday School (6th-Adult)
@ 9:15am
(Child Care provided)
Fellowship @ 10am
Worship @ 10:30am
Children Church @ 10:45am

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 26th @ 6pm
Celebration Band in concert
Homemade pie following concert.
Bring a friend!

TABLE

Together And Blessed – Let's Eat!!



TABLE is every Monday evening
from 5-7 at the Trinity Lutheran
Church. Everyone is welcome to
attend! There is no cost for the meal,
but a freewill offering is appreciated.

TABLE is a ministry of the
Lake Norden
Ministerial Association

Cookie Connection



“Taste and see that the LORD is
good; Blessed is the man who
takes refuge in Him.”
Psalm 34:8

Do you know anyone that
would appreciate visitors and
HOMEMADE COOKIES?

If you know of anyone that is
new to the community, has just
been in the hospital, is
homebound, or in any situation
where they would welcome a
visit,

Let the Cookie Connection
know by contacting either the
Covenant Church
at 785-3829 or
Janet Johnson at 785-3636

MEN, R U HUNGRY?

Tuesday's at 7:30am
Warren Vendt's
Call 785-3180 for
Breakfast Reservations.
Come join the fun and start your
day with a Double Blessing!

Reminder: 1st Sunday of each
month = Bring Food Pantry
items and offering for the
Benevolence Fund.

The Pastor's CORNER

Jesus asked his disciples: Who do the crowds say that I am? They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.” There were many ideas floating around at that time about Jesus as there are in our day. He asked his disciples, who do you say that I am? That question has eternal significance for all of us. How would you answer Jesus?

Peter, I believe is answering for the 12 when he says, “You are the Christ of God”. I can imagine that the 12 had many discussions over the weeks and months since Jesus had called them to follow him. Who is this one who calms the wind and the waves, who is this who heals the lame, casts out demons, and raises the dead? He is a man but he is much more, he is God! Can a man do the things he has done?

Peter answers saying he is the Christ. He is the ‘anointed one’. This is another way of saying, Jesus, you are the one the Old Testament said would come to establish an everlasting kingdom, you are the one Isaiah spoke of saying, ‘the government will be on his shoulders, he will be called, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.’ Peter was saying, Jesus you are the Messiah who will crush the head of the serpent, Gen.3:15.

Who is He? Scripture tells us in Hebrews 1:3, “The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word”. In Colossians 1:15, “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

In John 1:1:1, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made”.

And in Philippians 2:5, “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness”.

Who is He? He is God who died on the cross, a sacrifice for our sin.



4th of July Community Service

The 4th of July usually finds the community gathered at the Beach in Lake Norden but flooding caused services to be moved to the baseball diamond at Memorial Park. It was threatening to rain as we arrived Sunday morning but as our VBS children sang their songs the clouds parted and the sun came through. Pastor Warren Vendt shared the message while pastor's Gene Peterson and Joe Turrill assisted.

COVENANT WOMEN NEWS

HARVEST FESTIVAL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2010 At 6:00 pm

When God gave the law to his people he said in Exodus 23:16
“... You must bring to me the first of your crops and celebrate the ingathering at the end of the Harvest Season.”

We are honored to have the “Celebration” Singers and Band from Watertown, SD with us to partake and celebrate God’s bountiful blessings to all of us. This evening of music will include the voices of our Children, and a Women’s trio joining the band.

A Harvest Offering will be given to the ministry of the Michael Jarrett family who are missionaries to the Ukraine, Romania, Mongolia, Cameroon and to the deaf: See www.dothemission.com

There will be a time of fellowship around the table with homemade pie, coffee and juice. Invite your family and friends to help us enjoy and share Jesus with our community. There is so much for us to thank God for.

The Christmas Food Boxes will be prepared again this year. Any donations of food or money need to given to Clarice Logan by Dec 5th. 785-3233

COOKIE CONNECTION

Thanks to those who furnished cookies for the Cookie Connection. We brought cookies to several families during the summer. Let us know if you know of someone who would like a plate of cookies. Janet.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

We sent 7 kids to summer camp this summer. All 7 were paid for through fund raising that the families did. They all enjoyed the camp and had a good experience.

The last week of June was our VBS with a High Seas theme focusing on the word of God. We had between 30 and 35 kids this year. All went well and the kids seemed to have a great time.

Coming into fall the C.E. Board had discussed the possibility of a 9:30 Sunday School for the kids this year but decided to stay with the Children's Church format and time of 10:30. We will be splitting the children into two classes this year and child care will be provided for anyone who needs it during the 9:15 adult Sunday school time. We will begin on Sept. 12. Josh Pagel will be presented his third grade Bible also on that day.

Family Night is going to start up again on Sept. 22 with a pizza party kick off. We are going to start our dinners thirty minutes later this year so we will begin at 6:00 pm instead of 5:30 pm. Pastor Joe's Bible Study this year will be on the DVD series "That the World May Know" by Focus on the Family. This is the same series he did two years ago, but different faith lessons. The children's program will run the same as last year with the older children studying the book of John. We are still looking for curriculum for the younger kids.

The C.E. Board has made up posters to show the ministries that we have available for people to serve in. They will be hung on the back wall. Right now we have two done but we have about four more to make. We are hoping this will get people involved and let them see where they are needed.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

The trustees have met only once since our last report. The lawn has been very well maintained this summer. We had a clean-up night this summer pulling weeds and trimming the bushes. Another workday is scheduled for Saturday, September 25th. We are planning on filling the cracks in the parking lot before it gets cold. A new computer has been installed in the sound booth.

Submitted by Al Johnson, Chairman

Treasurer's report:

Budget year to date Sept 1 \$53,846

Offerings year to date Sept 1 \$45,665

Shortfall year to date Sept 1 \$ 8,181

Current checking account balance \$ 3,474

John Larson

DEACON BOARD DOINGS

We changed our time of the Sunday morning church service to 9:00 a.m. for the summer months. We do not have Sunday School during the summer months. We are looking forward to our fall schedule. Our Sunday morning services will begin with Sunday School at 9:15, fellowship time at 10:00 and the morning service at 10:30.

We will be having Wednesday night Family night time with a meal at 6:00 and meeting time for all ages after the meal. Our Sunday morning 9:00 service has been very well attended during the summer.

The women of the church were busy with the BBQ, Rummage Sale, Tour D'kota Bike ride and church dinners to help raise money for the Camp fund. We raised enough money to pay the total bill for the campers.

Our congregation has enjoyed the new church directory which Vanessa Hoyer and others put together this summer. Also a big thank you to Vanessa for putting together the Power Point for Sunday morning with all the beautiful backgrounds she uses for each song.

We have enjoyed our new members and many visitors during the summer.
Janet Johnson, Secretary.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

We need to update our mailing list. Those who *desire to have a hard copy* of the newsletter sent to you by US mail, please let us know. You may email aljan35@itctel.com or gmonteith3@gmail.com. You may also send a note to LN Covenant Church, Box 15 901 Dakota Street, Lake Norden, SD 57248. Any address changes or corrections, please inform Gail Monteith. Those of you who *have only email and do not have access to the Internet* may request a copy of the newsletter sent to you via email. This newsletter is available online at the church website at www.lncovchurch.com. To access, click on the Newsletter tab under the Home page. Thank you!



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