

PASS IT ON!

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1. Jackie Stahl
3. Roberta Oleson
4. Henry Wiens
6. Loren Lorang
7. Larry McCurdy
14. Glenis Lindwurm
15. Ginny Thompson
17. David Landmark
24. Kali Peterson
29. Tim Peterson

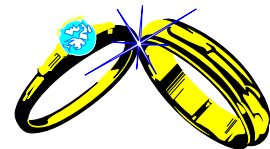


MAY BIRTHDAYS

3. Robin Kahler
3. Daniel Welton
4. Nicole Alberts
9. Daniel Miller
9. Zachary Lorang
12. Dave Helmick
14. Tonya Lumphrey
17. John Peterson
24. David Lumphrey
28. Vaughnda Lumphrey

Happy Anniversary

April anniversaries:
04/03 Ron & Pat Hollins
04/05 Dave & Lisa Helmick
04/09 Harold & Shirley Sizemore
04/20 Jim & Theresa Graeve
04/23 Pat & Karen Lund
(Please let me know of any May anniversaries. Thanks. Russ)



This Month . . .

- 04/19 – church work day
- 04/20 – board meetings
- 04/25 – Conference annual meeting worship service

Coming Events . . .

- 05/18 – quarterly congregational meeting
- 06/01 – church picnic at Cooper Farm
- 08/17 – quarterly congregational meeting

SHAVINGS FROM THE BOARD

- It may be possible to acquire a used handicap chair lift and get it installed.
- Vern will take over the janitorial duties. (Shirlee, who has done our cleaning for several years, was recently murdered.)
- Don't forget about the "church work day". There are a number of tasks that need to be completed.

RUSS' RAMBLINGS – Who Are We

Organizations – and churches – take on specific personalities which may change over time. What is the personality of our congregation? What are the significant traits that may attract others? How are we serving God? What is our outreach? We are an important people, but maybe we need to stop and think about who we are and especially where we are going.

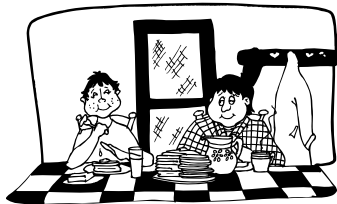
Dot and I started to attend in the early 1970s. I remember three traits that especially stood out.

1. The people were very friendly. They welcomed us as though we were their son and daughter. Denise was an instant "hit" with the youth. (Erika was not. In fact, she was not even born yet!)
2. Missionaries were very important. The financial support may have been less than it is now, but we knew who they were and what they were doing. We knew the birthdays of their family members and sent cards every year. One of the two families was the Rojas, Andy and Marie. They were pioneers in outreach into Mexico, long ago retired.
3. Education was strongly supported. There were classes for each age group. A few years later, when I was teaching the adult class, I knew there would be at least 10 in class each week and often 15 or 20.

(If you are interested in the beginnings of our congregation back in the late 1940s, talk to a charter member.)

EASTER BREAKFAST ☺

This was very successful. Over 50 people were served and \$255 was raised to help with the expense of attending summer camps. Thank you to all who helped and donated. A special, large thank you to Dot who did all the planning and cooking. She used up an entire bag of pancake flour!



[200804 Conference Annual Meeting Worship Service](#)

All are welcome – and encouraged – to attend this part of the Conference annual meeting. It will be at Community Covenant Church on April 25. See the invitation [on my web space](#) or on the bulletin board.

MISSIONS CORNER

Marks — See Dave & Wendy's current newsletter on the bulletin board, or [follow the link to my web space](#)

Christian Radio For Russia – New Life Radio

Nothing new this month. Their February newsletter is still [available on my web space](#) or on the bulletin board.

Ekstrands — Nothing new this month. You can still see Pete and Cindy's February letter on the bulletin board or [follow the link to my web space](#).

Ecuador Floods

The following is from an email I received from the Marks. There are also some very interesting photos on the version I stored on [my web space](#). RDW

Dave & Wendy Mark

"Ecuador has experienced severe flooding placing the country in a very similar situation that New Orleans experienced after Hurricane Katrina. There are over 300,000 people whose homes have been destroyed in parts of Ecuador, particularly the coastal area in the provinces of Manabi and Guayas. Ecuador has requested international aid to help with relief efforts. These refugees are facing hunger, respiratory and gastrointestinal problems, skin disease and the loss of all they own.

The Executive Council of the Covenant Church in Ecuador is calling all Ecuadorian Covenant churches to gather food and medicine for the four Covenant churches affected by these floods in San Nicolas, Milagro, Mejia, and Chilintomo. The Council is also asking for aid from Covenant churches in Sweden and the U.S. in order to begin an operation of food distribution in the four churches already mentioned. The goal is to assist 300 families in each of the churches and as many as four times that number in their communities. Covenant missionaries are part of the medical team who will distribute medicine and give basic care as well as in distribution efforts.

If you would like to contribute to help meet this need, please send donations to
Covenant World Relief
The Evangelical Covenant Church
5101 North Francisco Avenue
Chicago, IL 60625

Please designate your gift clearly as: "For Ecuador Emergency Relief"

Whether you are able to contribute or not, please pray for your Ecuadorian sisters and brothers and their neighbors in their time of need.

Thank you,