



Connection

Mission Covenant Church

June 2022

THANK YOU, MISSION COVENANT CHURCH

I have heard those words repeated over and over again these past six months as well as thank you Pastor Darrell for your faithful service. This of course is regarding my role on the Board of Ordered Ministry for the Evangelical Covenant Church which is winding down at the end of June 2022. I will be concluding my service to our denomination in this role at Kansas City, Missouri at our denomination's annual meeting called "Gather," the third full week of June.

The President of our denomination, Dr. John Wenrich, has expressed his appreciation for our church's sacrifice on behalf of the Evangelical Covenant Church. Our Northwest Conference Superintendent Reverend Mark Stromberg as well as our newly elected Superintendent Pastor Kara Stromberg have as well along with the rest of the N.W.C. staff. They have all done this on numerous occasions as they know the tremendous gift of time this is to our denomination as it is the hardest working board in the entire E.C.C. On average during this five-year term, I would spend 30-35 days per year traveling to meetings, preparing for them and in meetings themselves. This year alone, in the first six months, I will reach the thirty-day mark.

This past Sunday, Reverend Mark Hovestol, a retired Covenant Pastor, was passing through the area so chose to worship with us at our 11:00 a.m. service. He as well thanked our church and me for my service to our denomination at this very important time in our denomination's history. This is a common refrain I have heard from E.C.C. pastors as I travel to local, conference and denominational ministerial meetings. People are appreciative of Mission Covenant Church going the extra mile for our denomination and for my leadership in this process.

I must say that I am grateful that my term is coming to a close because of all the extra work and stress this has added to my life and ministry. The time commitment at times has been overwhelming. However, there is a part of me that will miss this leadership role in a big way because of the incredible people I have been able to serve alongside. Gifted leaders from all kinds of different backgrounds. Men and women of many different ethnicities that make up our denominations mosaic of churches and perspectives. I have learned so much from all of these great pastors and leaders. In many respects it feels like a small slice of heaven with representation from people from many different tongues and tribes; Asian, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Hispanic, Central and South American, African American as well as First Nations people. The breadth of wisdom and insight as well as the high capacity for discernment in the room are things I will always remember with appreciation.

Unfortunately, Mission Covenant Church doesn't always hear directly from all these sources of gratitude, but I do, which is why I felt the need to share all of this with you. It reminds me of the gratitude that Paul, Silas, and Timothy had for the church in Thessalonica as expressed in I Thessalonians 1:2-3.

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you very much, Mission Covenant Church!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Darrell L. Nelson

Discouragement and Self-pity

Discouragement is something that we as humans face on a consistent basis in finances, family, work, and more. Discouragement in and of itself is not necessarily a bad thing, but the tendency is to take discouragement a step further by living in self-pity. Self-pity is a dangerous place to live your life. Self-pity says, “It’s everyone else’s fault” and “I am all alone, no one understands or sees my pain” and “no one else has pain like my pain, mine is the worst”. Self-pity is fertile soil for the enemy to grow destruction in your life. This is not to say that we can’t or shouldn’t feel bad for ourselves and our circumstances at times, but we need to be very careful that we don’t allow Satan to get a foothold in our life because more often than not his work produces bitterness, anxiety, broken relationships, chronic depression and so much more. Self-pity consumes your mind with one thing...yourself. Living in a place of self-centeredness does not produce righteousness nor love for God. We see this in the life of King Saul who tried to hunt down and kill David because of the self-pity he had. We also see self-pity in King Ahab who coveted a vineyard, but Naboth refused his purchase offer, so the king went and sulked in his palace (1 Kings 21:4) until his wicked wife Jezebel made plans to have Naboth killed to acquire the vineyard. When we live in self-pity, we are elevating ourselves as most important and we are then capable of committing sins we never thought we would do. Self-pity justifies every attitude and action in our life. It also expresses to God that we are not content in our circumstance. Paul tells us that he has “learned to be content whatever the circumstance” (Phil 4:11). The key Paul learned is that he can be content because of the strength God gives him (v.13). Your life circumstances might be worse now than ever before. Maybe you have been mistreated, lied to, gossiped about, alienated from family, without work, unable to pay the bills or more. It could be easy to slip into self-pity and be justified in your feelings of pity, but God is calling you to contentment! Maybe there is a spiritual victory in you that needs to take place more than you winning an argument or battle. Don’t let your trust in God’s plan be shaken. Circumstances may be discouraging, but that is all the more reason to trust God and not give in to self-pity!

In Christ,
Pastor Nathan Nelson





MISSION KIDZ!

"Partnering with families to help children discover Jesus and learn how to live for Him"

June Bible Lessons

Preschool

Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar
Money in a Fish
The Foolish Farmer
The Lost Son

Elementary

God's Family Grows
A Lame Man Walks Again
Saul Meets Jesus
God's Message for Peter

Spread the Word!



**Vacation Bible School
Son Harvest County Fair
June 13-17, 2022**

Prayer Request

Please pray for lots of children to be invited to VBS, for the volunteer positions to get filled, and for God to work in the hearts of all who attend.

**Mission Kidz! is a ministry
for children 6 weeks
through 4th grade.**

For parents' convenience, video of the services is livestreamed into the Moms' Room, located in a separate room in the nursery. Nursery children (Ages 6 weeks-36 months) can be checked in before or during the service. Preschool (3- and 4-year-olds) and Elementary (5-year-old through 4th Grade) are dismissed during the service. If you have any questions or would like to serve in this important ministry, please see Cindy Nelson, Michelle Kephart, or Kris Westerlund.

(Check out our Facebook page!)



Our children are collecting an offering to support our World

Vision Sponsored child from Nicaragua, Itza Jahaira Rivera Mercado. We were able to send \$100 to Samaritan's Purse with the extra money we received in 2021!

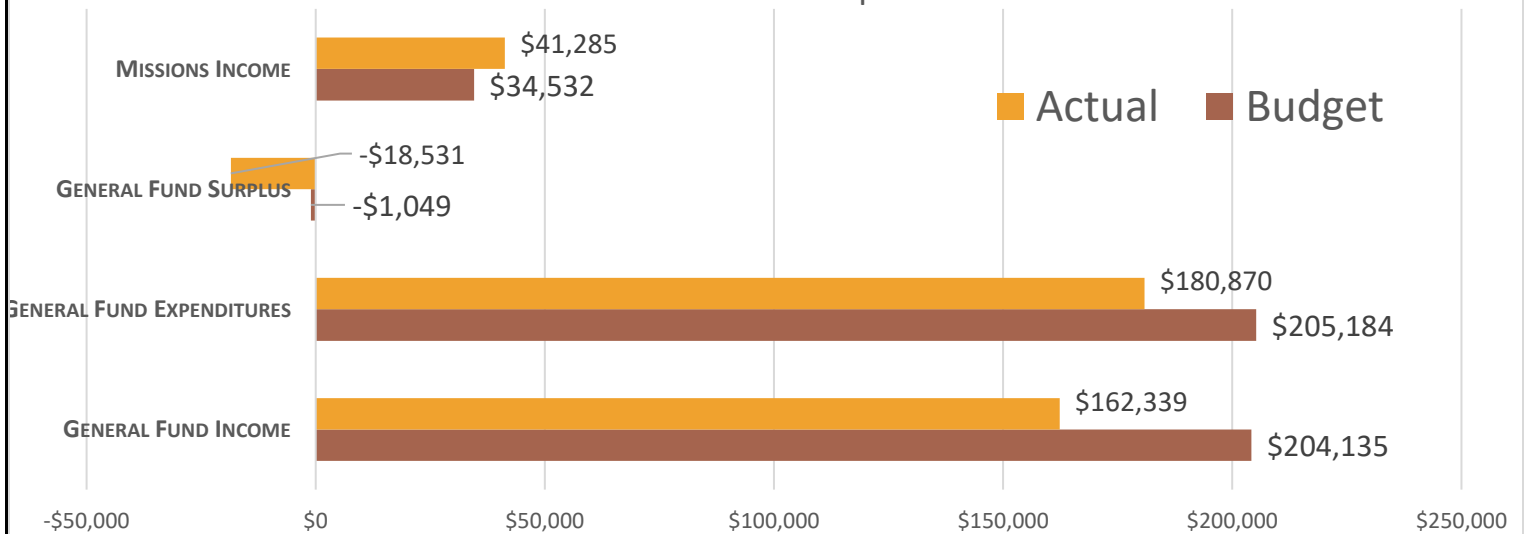


Yearly Goal: \$500

Offering total so far for 2022: \$224

We had a wonderful school year in Mission Kidz! Thank you, Parents, for the major role you play in ministering both to the kids in your own home as well as the kids in our community!

March Financial Update



A Sunday conversation group led by Zach Crosby. The group is open to everyone.

The group meets on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sundays
6:30 p.m.**



All men are invited to join us for an hour of Bible study and Christ-centered fellowship every Wednesday from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

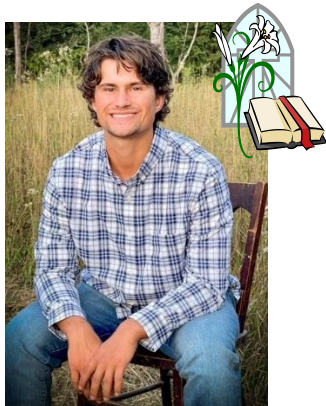
Join us for **PICKLEBALL** at Mission Covenant Church. In June we will try to play on the outdoor courts in Lake Nebagamon. In case of inclement weather, we will meet at church. This is an extension of our SAM Ministry, but all adults are invited to play. We have the equipment – so come out, join the fun and bring a friend!



**Monday & Wednesday
from 9:00-11:00 a.m.**



- STEP #1:** Ask the church office to activate your profile
STEP #2: **CREATE LOGIN** Go to Mission Covenant Church Website and click [on the Instant Church Directroy Logo](#)
STEP #3: After you have confirmed your email address find your name and edit any information on your profile.
STEP #4: Submit a picture to the office or upload your own.
Thank you for helping us create an updated directory!



Congratulations to Kole Paulsen for being awarded this year's Sally Richards Memorial Scholarship



Vacation Bible School! June 13-17, 2022

Adult and Youth volunteers needed!



June Sermon Schedule "Wisdom and Love"

June 5:	"Dysfunctional Love"	Proverbs 21:17
June 12:	"Love and Open Doors"	Proverbs 29:3
June 19:	Dan Diamon/Shaffers	
June 26:	Pastor Nathan Nelson	

Live Stream Online and In Person

Congratulations to Christian & Meghan Kroll on the birth of their Son, *Caiden Andrew*, born on April 10.

He weighed 9bs 13oz. and was 21 inches long.

Congratulations to the grandparents, Ron & Jennifer Kroll



**June 1
Last day of
Youth Group**



We are spring cleaning.
All Lost and Found
items left in the MMC
coat room will be taken to
Goodwill after **June 2**;
check for any missing
items!

Men's Ministry Golf Outing

Join us at Northern Pines Golf Course, Iron River, on June 11. Registration, coffee, and treats at 7:00 a.m. will be followed by a Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. The cost of \$40 includes golfing with cart, followed by lunch that includes steak, baked potato, and baked beans.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center by June 5.

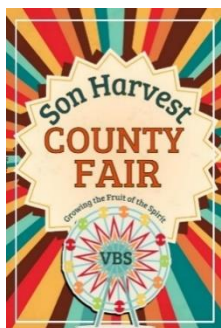
If you have questions, please call Virgil Nelson at 715-364-2274.

Missions Café



Enjoy a meal while supporting summer youth trips

Vacation Bible School! June 13-17, 2022



Adult and Youth volunteers needed!

Registration is open for kids entering 4K-5th Grade!

Sign-up up for both on the church website or at the Vacation Bible School bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Senior Adult Picnic

Thursday, June 23

Arrive at 11:30 – Lunch at noon

Jack and Dorothy Lundberg's
11467 East Wangerin Road, Lake Nebagamon

(Maps are provided at the Welcome Center)

Fish for frying, brats and hot dogs will be provided. Sign up at the Information Table for a side dish/dessert to share.

Bring jackets, lawn chairs, sunscreen, etc. There will be a devotional time and pontoon rides on the lake.

Questions?

Call Jack or Dorothy at 715-374-2519

We will also be having a fishing outing from 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in providing a boat and/or participating in the outing, sign up at the Information Table as well.



Women's Craft Day

Saturday, June 18,
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bring your crafts, knitting, scrapbooking, etc. to work on while spending time with other women. Bring your own sack lunch! This is an open-house style event; come and go as you can throughout the day. Call Annie at 218-721-8048 with any questions.

Save the date: July 16





We need van drivers for camp transportation.
Please contact church office with your availability.

Coupon Codes

POP100 (\$100 off full-week camps)
POPDAY (\$15 off day camp)
POP50 (\$50 off mini & adventure camp)

Camp Dates for 2022:

July 6-8:	Mini Camp (grades 2-4)
July 6,7,8	Day Camp (grades 1-3)
July 10-14:	Trailblazer (grades 4-6)
July 17-22:	JH Camp (grades 7-9)
July 24-29:	SH Camp (grades 10-Grad)
August 1-3:	Adventure Camp (grades 4-6)
August 8-12:	Backpacking Trip (grades 7-Grad)

Other Covenant Park Activities:



June 25:
Camp Open House



July 29-31:
Mission Covenant
Family Camp

PLEASE NOTE:

JH/SH camp from June 26-July 1 had to be canceled due to low attendance.

Other dates available:

JH CAMP: July 17-22

SH CAMP: July 24-29

**Please be in
prayer for our
campers & staff
this
Camping season!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Anniversary & Birthday Calender			1 Moss, Hazel Smith, Richard	2 Crozier, Wayne & Ruth Diamon, Cam Johnson, Shelley	3 Beede, Warren Hursh, Sylvester Kephart, Michelle Kruit, Lynn	4 Carlson, Brian Jamison, Marcia
			5 Coleman, Robert & Karen Kruit, Peter VanAernum, Rylan VanAernum, Scott Woodbury, Nancy	6 Hill, Dennis Jersett, Jody	7 Hildreth, Chad & Misty	8 
12 Wolden, Caleb & Laura	13 Hildreth, Chloe Lubbers, Ramsey Martens, Tim & Janet Monson, Bailey	14 Hursh, Vince & Shannon Vandermeiden, Grace	15 Gant, Daniel & Bethany	16 Smith, Peggy	17 Deterling, John & Shirley Diamon, Dan	18 Gill, Bryan & Sherry Golly, Bill & Peggy Gunderson, Ron & Luci Hinkel, Rhonda Nelson, Judy Youngstrand, Faythe
19	20 Lubbers, Rick & Leah Olson, John Puttonen, Curt & Shelaine	21 Youngstrand, Lisa	22 Landwehr, Adam & Becky Moores, John & Ginna Moores, Nick Sorenson, Scott	23 Anderson, Kraig Bender, Dan & Wendy Gant, Isaiah Hill, Wade Johnson, Abby	24	25 Anderson, Don & Lorene Green, Jim & Kathy Staffrude, Paul
26 Gant, Joshua Gunderson, Ron Hudacek, Dave Vik, Pastor Hans & Dorothy	27 Wisted, David	28 Anderson, Tebogo Bourque, Becky Greatsinger, Jay & Jen Korhonen, David Korhonen, David & Kathy Lind, Brady and Leigh Wisted, Isaiah	29 Ahlberg, Nate & Katie Gant, Josiah Kern, Hazel	30 Gant, Brian & June		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>June</div>			<div>1</div> <div>7:30am - Men's Bible Study, F.</div> <div>9am - Pickleball, MMC</div> <div>3:30pm - Youth Group Elevate,</div> <div>6:15pm - Youth Group, Vertical,</div> <div>6:30pm - Pastoral Search</div>	<div>2</div> <div>6pm - Worship Practice, MMC</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
						
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