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A Cup of Coffee with Pastor Seth...

Fall is my favorite season. I love the colors of the changing leaves, I love the food and hot apple cider associated with fall, and the sweater weather temperature is ideal to me. Fall represents change. Change can be difficult, but change can also be really good. It signals a new season of life.

Some things have to die in order for new things to come to life. Consider some of these Bible verses.

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? - Isaiah 43.19a

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. - 2 Corinthians 5.17

If you are holding onto things that belong to your old self (that is, who you were before you knew Christ), maybe you need to make some changes to embrace the new identity you now have in Christ. What kind of changes could you make that would help you become more like Christ? Perhaps it has to do with shifting your priorities or how you devote your time and other resources. What things need to die in order for new things to come to life? Fall can be a good time to turn a new leaf. Thankfully, we can count on one thing that will never change.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. - Hebrews 13.8

Mercy, peace & love be yours in abundance.
-Pastor Seth



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Youth & Young Adults

We've been kicking off various youth ministries this September including our Sunday morning Confirmation class at 9:30-10:15am, our Sunday evening "Going Deeper" Bible study at 7-8pm, our Wednesday night youth group from 6-8pm, and lots of other events/activities to reach out to youth in the community.

I have felt very blessed to be helped this year by some awesome youth leaders as we lead the youth through the Gospels harmoniously. Simply meaning, this year we are covering Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John chronologically and in a way where we don't read the same thing twice, but make sure to not miss anything that is covered in one of the Gospels. After working through the entirety of the Old Testament last year, I'm really excited to show the youth how this large buildup of the failures of humanity to be in relationship with Thee Holy God are going to be resolved by the promised Messiah!

9 The True Light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. 12 But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1.9-14

The young adults crew is just starting to study through the books of Titus, Philemon, and Jude. We're one week in, but had a great discussion of Titus chapter 1. We are also blessed to be able to serve together at Community Cafe every month, and we'll also be volunteering at the upcoming benefit for the Mills family.

For our personal update, Rachel and I are getting the house prepped for our little dude who should be making his arrival into the world in

the next couple months! We are continually excited for what our gracious God has in store for our household family, our church family, and for the community of International Falls.

Grace be with you,
Marco



Leadership Team Contact Information

If you have a question or concern, please reach out to one of the following Leadership Team contacts:

- David Hebig • Chair • 218.349.9756
- Andy Hedlund • Vice-Chair • 612.710.3058
- Austin Homkes • Financial Officer • 989.948.8966
- Dave Herrly • Personnel Officer • 218.417.0913
- Jerry Nyborg • Properties Officer • 218.324.3705
- Tom Clarity • Administrative Officer • 218.417.0517



Leadership Team Update

I am amazed at how fast the summer went by and am now looking forward to fall. It's such a fun time to be outside in God's creation. Many of us enjoy the lack of bugs and the opportunity to hunt both small and large game animals. Please be safe and teach younger people how to respectfully enjoy these opportunities as well.

Our September leadership team meeting focused on the finances of the church, including starting to work on the 2023 budget. As we discussed at the congregational meeting in July, total giving has decreased over the last two years and our expenses year-to-date have exceed the amount given. We are striving to resolve the deficit spending situation with the least impact on the ministries of the church. We understand there will be some unfavorable impact, but are working to have the least amount of negative impact. Please pray that God will give us wisdom and discernment as we go through this process. One of the changes we can implement immediately, is to reduce our copier and postage expenses. Therefore, we will discontinue printing and mailing this newsletter. We will instead utilize electronic distribution via email and will continue to post it on our website. We hope that some of the cost saving changes are temporary but are confident that God has everything under control and we continue to seek his guidance. We are exactly where we should be when we are in His will.

As always, please talk with a LT member to share your thoughts, ideas and concerns. We value your input as we serve together.

David Hebig
218-349-9756



- **Trunk or Treat** – October 31 from 5:30-7pm; Prince and Princess theme.
 - **Home for the Holidays Parade** – November 25 at 6pm We will need people to design the float, help decorate it, ride on it, and walk, passing out cards for Christmas Eve in the Barn.
 - **Christmas Eve in the Barn** – December 24 at the Mann farm. We will need help setting up and decorating, serving snacks, parking, and helping where needed.
- With each of these opportunities to serve our community, we will need people to help them succeed. Please sign up!



In October, three Covenant missionaries will be coming to share their ministries with us! There will be more information in the bulletin about these visits.

- **October 9** - Steve and Barb Swanson, from Sweden, will share during the morning service.



- **October 26 & 27** - Peter Kim, from Taiwan, and James Tang, from South Sudan & Ethiopia, will be sharing during Covenant Kids and Young Adults.



With each of these visits, we need a family to host them, and others to have them over for a meal or take them out. Please let Lynn Peterson know if you can help, 218-324-0508.



Christmas Eve in the Barn

4:30pm • Christmas Story & Carols

5-7pm • Free Sleigh Rides
Bonfire & Hot Cocoa

Mann's Farm • 4157 Hwy 332

We are once again planning on celebrating the story of Christmas with our community at the Mann Farm, 4157 Hwy 332, on Christmas Eve. Come at 4:30pm to sing carols, hear the Christmas story and connect with other families. Following there will be free sleigh rides, bonfires to warm yourself by and hot cocoa available.

This is open to the community – please invite your neighbors & friends to join you!





**October Birthdays
& Anniversaries**

Oct 2 - Nancy Johnson
Oct 3 - Emma Franklin
Oct 4 -- David Griffith
-- Paul & Chelsea Peterson
Oct 5 -- Mark Rooney
Oct 7 -- Jim Bissonnette
-- Todd & Rosa Christianson

Oct 9 -- Jillian Bilben
Oct 10 -- Dick Frederick
-- Victoria Galusha
-- Dick Lorette
Oct 11 -- Jim Hummel
Oct 12 -- Luke Zika
Oct 13 -- Ariana Vacura
Oct 18 -- Barb Herrly

-- Jim Lyman
Oct 19 -- Doug Galusha
-- Dawnelle Meyers
-- Eric & Connie Todd
Oct 22 -- Jennifer Holm
Oct 25 -- Shelby Layman
-- Nick Steines
-- Jerry & Kimberly Dawn Nyborg
Oct 26 -- Bill Maruk
-- Eric & Stacy Hall
Oct 27 -- Barb Cassibo
-- Tom Holm Sr.
Oct 28 -- Peggy Ridgeway
Oct 29 -- Adam & Danni Aili
--Gary & Terri Anderson



Trunk or Treat

1631 1st Ave E

5:30-7pm
October 31

We are holding a 'Prince & Princesses' themed Trunk or Treat event in the parking lot on October 31 from 5:30-7pm. We are looking for...

- families who are interested in decorating their vehicle trunk and passing out treats to those from the community who come
- we need lots of large bags of candy; please place them in the tote in the lobby.

Please contact Lynn Peterson at 324.0508 with any questions or to let her know that you will decorate your vehicle.

Changes to the Newsletter

The newsletter will become a once/quarter newsletter sent out via an email. There will be printed copies available in the lobby for those who wish.

Please send an email to the church at ecc@ifallscovenant.org with your current email address to make sure we don't miss you in future mailings.



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS PARADE

November 25 • 6pm

The theme for this year's Home for the Holidays Parade is 'The Christmas Story'. We need many people to participate in a variety of ways. If you would like to get involved, we are looking for individuals to:

- Design the float
 - Decorate the float
 - Individuals to ride on the float
 - Individuals to walk in the parade to hand out invitations to the Christmas Eve in the Barn event at Mann's Farm.
 - Help disassembling the float
- If you can help or have any questions, please contact Lynn Peterson at 324.0508.



They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

Psalm 1.3 NLT