

September 2019



The Messenger

New Beginnings this Fall - Pastor Mike Mirakian

What an exciting time it will be this fall at Broadway! First, we will celebrate the birth of a new Covenant church plant right here at Broadway on September 1. Then, we will kick-off the new ministry season, with Sunday School and other weekly activities resuming after Labor Day. And we have invited church friends and family to our Homecoming Celebration on September 22. God is at work among us, and we will be blessed by all that He accomplishes in our midst.

Church Plant Celebration

At the end of July, the Central Conference announced they had accepted Broadway's offer to host the Latina church plant. Mario and Patty Torres are moving into one of our rental homes as they transition to Rockford, and they have already begun building relationships within our church and into the surrounding community.

We will host a Church Plant Celebration after worship on Sunday, September 1. The other Rockford-area Covenant churches will join us for lunch, and conference superintendent Danny Martinez will lead the celebration. This day will mark the birth of a new church. Please join me in praying for the Torres family and for their ministry to our Spanish-speaking neighbors.

Please also pray for the Torres' sons, Mario (Jr.) and Jonathan, as they settle into Rockford and join their parents in this new adventure. Mario is a sophomore in college, transferring this year from Moody to Judson University. Jonathan is a freshman in high school. We look forward to getting to know the Torres family and helping them establish their new church.

Immerse: Kingdoms

This fall, we will resume Immerse, the Bible reading program we started last year. The adult Sunday School class and the Wednesday evening discussion group will read through *Immerse: Kingdoms*, which includes several Old Testament historical books beginning with Joshua and continuing through 2 Kings. Last year, we read the entire New Testament and the first five books of the OT. Reading large sections of scripture and gathering for discussion each week has been a tremendous blessing for everyone who has participated.

Even if you missed the first year of Immerse, please consider joining us this fall. Books are available in the adult classroom for \$10. If you prefer to listen on your mobile device, a free podcast version is available. The Sunday School class begins September 8 at 9:00 a.m., and the Wednesday group begins September 11 at 6:30 p.m. Please complete the first section of reading before the first class.

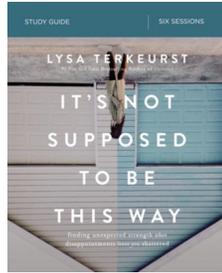
Homecoming Celebration

We are also excited about the Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, September 22. Invitations have already started going out to former church members and friends, inviting them to join us for worship followed by our church picnic at Olson Swedish Heritage Park (7901 Harlem Rd. in Caledonia).

Broadway has touched many lives through the years, and we would like to reconnect with people who may have moved on to another place of worship or left the Rockford area. The Homecoming Celebration will be a time to see old friends, share stories and give thanks for the ways God has used Broadway to share the love and message of Jesus through the years. If you would like to invite a family member or friend who used to attend Broadway, printed invitations are available in the office and outside the sanctuary.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship will resume on September 10, 2019 at 9:30 AM in the adult Sunday school classroom. This fall we will start by studying Lysa TerKeurst's ***It's Not Supposed To Be This Way***. All women in the church are invited, so please consider joining us for a good time of fellowship and study.



Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study will resume Thursday, September 5 at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Mike leads this weekly gathering that includes fellowship, prayer, discussion of current events and an in-depth study of God's word. This fall, the men will study the Gospel of Luke. No Bible study experience needed, and you won't be put on the spot to read out loud. But you will grow closer to the Lord and to other men at Broadway!

Immerse: Kingdoms

This fall, we will continue reading through the Bible with Immerse: Kingdoms, taking us from Joshua through 2 Kings. Discussion groups meet during Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., beginning September 8, and on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning September 11. Books and reading schedules are available now in the adult classroom and cost \$10. A free audio podcast version is also available. Please complete the first reading assignment before the first class.

Broadway Homecoming Celebration and Picnic

Sunday September 22, 2019, we will be having a Broadway Homecoming Celebration during the worship service and will continue on to the church picnic. We are extending invitations to former members and visitors to join us in a time of fellowship and reuniting with friends from Broadway's past. Please pick up flyers at the information table to hand out to family members and friends who previously attended BCC. We are looking forward to a memorable Sunday that you will not want to miss!
Thanks, The Homecoming Committee

Our annual church picnic will be held at Roland and Gladys Olson Swedish Heritage Park which is located at 7901 Harlem Rd., at noon or following the morning service. Take Perryville Rd. north to Harlem Rd., and turn east on Harlem. The park is across from Rock Cut State Park Pierce Lake entrance. You will see the pavilion and playground area right away.



There is a sign up sheet available in the northeast entrance now though Wednesday, September 18th. Please indicate the number of people from your family who will be attending, or as always you can indicate on the communication card or call the church office. If you need a ride, we will be happy to find one for you. Meat, drinks and table service will be provided. Kubb, bocce ball and horseshoes will be available to use. You are asked to bring a lawn chair or a blanket and a dish to pass. If your last name begins with A-N please bring a side dish or salad, and if your last name begins with O-Z bring a dessert. We look forward to seeing you there to share food and fellowship.
Please call Laura Price at 815-494-3311 with questions.

September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 10:15 Worship	2  Office closed	3 8:30 Morning Prayer	4	5 10:30 Men's Bible Study	6	7
8 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	9	10 8:30 Morning Prayer 9:30 Women's Fellowship 6:30 Leadership Team Mtg.	11 6:30 Immerse Kingdoms	12 10:30 Men's Bible Study	13	14
15 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	16	17 8:30 Morning Prayer 9:30 Women's Fellowship	18 11:30 60 Plus at Capri 6:30 Immerse Kingdoms	19 10:30 Men's Bible Study	20	21 9:30 Julie's Project at First Covenant
22 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Homecoming Picnic	23 Messenger news due in office	24 8:30 Morning Prayer 9:30 Women's Fellowship	25 6:30 Immerse Kingdoms	26 10:30 Men's Bible Study	27	28 9:00 Hike for Life at Midway Village
29 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	30					



Birthdays

- 5 Arline Gredenius
Bob Rehnberg
- 6 Franklin Gannon
- 10 Kathy Almond
Skylar Retzlaff
- 11 Rikki Bickford
- 12 Anders Gredenius
- 13 Perry Gregorcy
Destiny Kingambo
- 14 Marcia Johnson
Malin Grey Holmertz
- 16 Ron Miller
Linda Evans
- 17 Don Leather
- 19 Chris James
- 21 Bob Schweiger
Erica Schweiger
Krista Starr
- 23 Louise Peterson
- 24 Jean Drews
Annette Retzlaff
- 25 Kevin McCulloch
Rhyelle Wimbush
- 30 Abby Chapetta
Lily Chapetta



Anniversaries

- 2 Doug & Joan Boettcher
Randall & Laura Ann Price
- 4 Ryan and Kara Woodrow
- 8 Dan & Laura Schweitzer
- 11 Robert & Barbara Rehnberg
- 14 Emily & Brian Lorbach
- 15 James & Jill Page
- 16 Wayne & Carolyn Augenson
- 17 Karl & Crystal Burdick
- 26 Maynard & Barbara Carlson
- 27 Keith & Kathy Holmertz

Serving in September

Head Usher:

Keith Holmertz

Counters:

Gene Felts & Sue Warren

Nursery Workers:

- 9/1 Colleen & Gene Felts
- 9/8 Laura & Noelle Mirakian
- 9/15 Colleen & Gene Felts
- 9/22 Colleen & Gene Felts
- 9/29 Kathy Holmertz & Jon Brown

Coffee Schedule:

- 9/1 John & Kathy Loven
- 9/8 Marcia Johnson
- 9/15 Ryan and Kara Woodrow
- 9/22 Dave & Karen Holmertz
- 9/29 Amy Breese and Aidan



Remember in Prayer

- Kay Forsen** with a broken ankle from a car accident.
- Sylvia Bowman** recovering from surgery.
- The family of Audrey Jacobson** who passed away.
- Ethel Johnson** with health issues.
- Doug Boettcher** at Fairhaven receiving hospice.
- Patti Franzen** recovering from eye surgery.

Thank You

Thank you for the cards, phone calls and flowers from Broadway church. I appreciate all the prayers and concerns before and after surgery. Thank you all so much. Patti Franzen

60 Plus Lunches Are Back

Everyone who is 60 and older is welcome to join us Wednesday, September 18th, 11:30 at the Capri, 313 East State Street. Invite others to join us and make your reservation with Darlene 815-398-3902 by September 15th. Also let her know if you need a ride. This month we are meeting on Wednesday because they are closed on Tuesday.



COVENANT YOUTH OF ALASKA

This month we are praying for **Byron and Sue Bruckner and Covenant Youth of Alaska (CYAK)**. Byron is the executive director of CYAK. He was born in Nome and grew up in Alaska. CYAK oversees and coordinates youth and young adult ministries for the Alaska Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church. CYAK's vision is "to see vibrant and healthy communities reflecting the gospel of Christ and led by people God has transformed." A few months ago, Pastor Adam Londen of Bethel Covenant Church had a vision of using a food truck as an outreach to the homeless population and to the unchurched youth. "During the summer the food truck would be a youth program that provides intentional discipleship and jobs for youth while connecting those youth with church members. During the rest of the year, the food truck would provide employment for low income individuals especially those living in the homeless shelter." When a food truck became available CYAK was invited into partnership to help raise funds for the purchase. "This summer CYAK interns have been working to start up the food truck, in addition to creating a space in the church for youth to come, feel safe and be engaged." The truck has been open a few days a week for 3-4 hours at a time. Already the truck has provided employment for one low-income individual and one youth. Please pray that this ministry will connect youth to the church and that through this they may know the love of Christ deeper. Also pray for the CYAK staff as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

Peter and Anna:

Praise for their summer camp.

Pray for work permits and residency visa's to be renewed and for a local project hat has been struggling- for enduring faith, trust in God and spiritual growth for staff.

Alaska Christian College:

Praise for summer ambassador students who worked with volunteers from the lower 48 states offering Alaskan hospitality and sharing their stories
Pray for students, faculty and staff as they start a new school year.

We are so excited to host the church plant. Welcome to the Torres family. Thank you to all who helped clean, paint and repair the house they are moving into. As the fall activities start, please pray that God will use these activities to build up our congregation and to reach those we invite to come. We are so blessed. Please call any of the LT members if you have any questions. John Loven, Theresa Gregorcy, Toni Cooper, Ken Yarwood, Dave Holmertz, Kim Schweitzer, Kathi Engstrom or Colleen Felts.

Julie's Project - 2019

We continue to work on the blankets for "The Joy in Christ" Toy Distribution Ministry for the Belvidere community held in December. We are more than half way to our goal of 67 blankets. Your help is needed to tie blankets, no experience required. We meet in the Fellowship Hall of First Covenant Church at 9:30 am and usually finish before noon. Our next date is Saturday, **September 21**. Park at the west end of the church and come in the kitchen door. Coffee and snacks provided.



Hike for Life 2019



Join our team at the Pregnancy Care Center Hike for Life at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Midway Village Walking Path. Walk the path, learn more about PCC and help support this important ministry.

You can register for \$25 or donate online at www.thepregnancycarecenter.org. When registering, please indicate that you attend Broadway and want to be part of our Team for the event. If you need help registering, talk with Pastor Mike.

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