

June 2024



# The Messenger

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## Seeking God's Best this Summer and Beyond - Pastor Mike Mirakian

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Our ministry season tends to run from fall through spring, with quieter weeks during the summer. While we continue to gather each Sunday for worship and care for each other faithfully year-round, summer's less busy schedule gives us an opportunity for more time in prayer and reflection over the things that matter to God.

So, let me invite you to add some important items to your prayer list this summer:

**Pray for our newly elected Leadership Team**, including Keith, Colleen, Sue, Ron and Jeanine. Ask God to give them energy and time to serve the needs of our church. Effective church leaders listen to God's voice and have hearts willing to trust and serve others in the congregation. Pray for wisdom and clear leading for decisions that need to be made to keep our ministries running smoothly and fruitfully.

**Pray for gifted people to serve in our church.** We depend on many people doing lots of jobs at Broadway, from care-givers, musicians and teachers to administrators, accountants and property managers. Ask God to give strength to those who currently serve and to raise up others who are willing to put their gifts to work in our ministries. (Thank you to all who faithfully keep our church going with your hard work and dedication.)

**Pray for the continued financial stability of our church.** God has blessed Broadway abundantly over the years with consistent and generous giving. We have weathered hard economic times, including the pandemic years, and have been able to sustain our ministries and care well for our property. Pray that God would meet the needs of our members so we can generously and cheerfully meet the needs of our church.

**Pray for unity and peace in our church through the election season.** Many congregations have been torn apart by politics and social issues in recent years, some even choosing to close their doors in the wake of hurtful divisions. Broadway has largely avoided these tensions and has shown an ability to listen graciously to one another and to set aside differences for the sake of maintaining unity. Ask God to hold us together in love and to protect us from divisive attitudes and harmful words.

**Pray for the Covenant Annual Meeting** later this month in Cincinnati. This year's meeting should be largely free from the controversy and conflict of recent years, but we still depend on God's provision and blessing. Ask our Lord to give wisdom to Covenant leaders and to bind us together in faith and commitment to our shared mission. Pray for those being ordained and for those sent on the mission field. Pray that the good news of Jesus will remain at the center of everything the Covenant does.

**Pray for our sister churches in northern Illinois**, including Vida Eterna. We are not alone in ministry and are blessed to have strong connections with local Covenant churches. Ask God to meet their needs and keep them focused on the mission of sharing Jesus' love and message with our community. May each of our churches be a light to those around us, and may we see the fruit of our shared ministry.



## Birthdays

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- 1 Steve Abrahamson
- 2 Kathy Loven
- 4 Brianna Haase
- 5 Jeff Peterson
- 7 Janel Mamer
- 8 Mike Pasch
- 9 Aina Hitchcock  
Jim Page
- 13 Laura Schweitzer
- 14 Mary Beth Jones
- 15 Tim Gill  
Brad Johnson
- 16 Larry Franzen
- 23 Cathy Alexander
- 26 Patti Franzen
- 30 Shazma Jones



## Anniversaries

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- 8 Dick & Paula Rasanen
- 11 Doug & Kristi Swanson
- 16 Danny & Mary Beth Jones
- 17 Beth & Mike Pasch
- 19 Mike & Laura Mirakian
- 24 Derek & Christina Melin
- 28 Royce & Beth Cates
- 29 Bruce & Michele Johnson  
Robert & Arlene Schweiger

## Graduates 2024

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Name	Degree	Future Plans
Emma Jacobson Granddaughter of Dan and Aina Hitchcock	Minnetonka High School, MN	Attend University of MN to study Psychology
Alex (AJ) Jacobson Grandson of Dan and Aina Hitchcock	Minnesota State Tech. College	Pursue career as electrician
April Parker	Masters in Christian Apologetics Biola University	

## Serving in June

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### Counters:

Jim Page & Carolyn Augenson

### Head Usher:

Gene & Colleen Felts

## Remember in Prayer

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**Covenant Annual Meeting** June 26-29.

## 60 Plus

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Join 60 Plus for lunch on Tuesday, June 18th, 11:30 at the Smokin Coop (2022 US-20 Bus., Belvidere, IL). Please call Sue at church (815)399-9296 or Karen Holmertz with your reservation by Sunday, June 16th and let her know if you need a ride. Remember to invite others to join us.

## Leadership Team Update

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- Pastor Mike will be preaching from Colossians in June. He will also be on vacation June 14-21.
- Carolyn Augenson will serve as Financial Secretary and Sylvia Bowman will serve as Church Historian.
- We are waiting to hear about the schedule for the west parking lot paving and for the electrical work that needs to be done.
- At the Congregational Meeting on May 19 the following members of the Leadership Team were elected:
  - ◇ Chair – Keith Holmertz                      Third Term
  - ◇ Vice Chair – Colleen Felts                      Second Term
  - ◇ Treasurer – Sue Warren                      Second Term
  - ◇ Secretary – Ron Burwell                      Second Term
  - ◇ At Large Member – Jeanine Heck                      Second Term

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16 10:15 Worship 11:45 Vida Eterna	17 Messenger news due in the office	18 8:30 Morning Prayer  6:30 Rfd City Storm Damage mtg	19  7:30 VE prayer & worship	20	21	22  10:00 Prepare lunches for Habitat
23 10:15 Worship 11:45 Vida Eterna	24	25 8:30 Morning Prayer	26  7:30 VE prayer & worship	27	28	29
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## Mission Report

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As we move towards summer, please pray for our Covenant camps: **Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point**. Also please pray for **The Pregnancy Care Center**.

**Covenant Harbor** has been a place of refuge, refreshment, encouragement and of course fun for 75 years. Located on 52 acres on the north shore of Geneva Lake, they have established a long tradition of personal, caring service to individuals, churches, schools and non-profit organizations. They have both winter and summer youth camps where they serve thousands of kids from all over the United States. Each camp is dedicated to reaching people for Christ and encouraging students to love others. They are open year-round for weekend, mid-week and week-long camps, conferences, and retreats." For more information see [covenantharbor.org](http://covenantharbor.org).

**Covenant Point** is in Iron River Michigan. "Their programs seek to create a unique experience of Christ-centered community for every camper. Covenant Point offers a variety of programs including classic residential larger-group mainland camps, small group back country trips and medium-sized rustic island camps. For more information see [cpbc.com](http://cpbc.com).

**The Pregnancy Care Center** offers free pregnancy test, ultrasound, STI testing, parenting classes and other resources for anyone experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Everything is free and confidential, and they provide a safe place to process options and make an informed decision. PCC's mission is to overcome barriers that prevent women facing an unplanned pregnancy from getting the support they need. Their Mobile Medical Unit makes their service more accessible to those who have trouble making it to the center." For more information see [thepregnancycenter.org](http://thepregnancycenter.org). There currently are baby bottles available to be filled with cash or checks. Please return them back to the church by Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>.