



June/July 2025

# The Messenger

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## Celebrating Our Shared Covenant Ministry- Pastor Mike Mirakian

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We are not alone in ministry. Broadway serves the Rockford community alongside dozens of other faithful, Christ-honoring congregations, including several Covenant churches in northern Illinois. Through our denomination, we are also connected to ministries across the nation and around the world.

At the end of June, delegates will meet in Orlando for Gather, the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church, where we will celebrate 140 years of shared ministry and mission. It will be my honor to represent Broadway at this important gathering.

Central Florida in the middle of summer promises plenty of heat and humidity, while joining brothers and sisters from across the Covenant promises spiritual encouragement and joy. The Annual Meeting will be a reminder for me, for our church and for all those who attend that we are not alone in ministry. We share a common mission and faith. We join together to serve Jesus and worship in His name.

One highlight of this year's meeting will be hearing from church leaders from around the world. In celebration of the Covenant's 140th anniversary, heads of Covenant ministries beyond North America will update us on what God is doing in their home countries. These international ministries are the fruit of more than a century of Covenant mission work, and many now stand on their own as flourishing churches.

We will also carry out the joyful and worthy business of the church. The agenda will include ordaining pastors and commissioning mission workers. Each year, delegates to the Annual Meeting vote to extend life-long credentials to men and women called by God to serve the Covenant in local churches and mission settings. It is always a joy to celebrate with those set apart for vocational ministry.

Every year, we welcome congregations into the Covenant family, some joining from other denominations and some as new church plants. At the same time, we will pray over churches that have concluded their ministry with the Covenant.

The Annual Meeting is also a time to approve budgets, to elect denominational leaders, to recognize those who serve in special ways and to report on fruitful work supported by the shared resources of the Covenant. In each of these ways, we see God's hand at work in the ministry and administration of the church.

Through it all, we rejoice in God's gracious and wise provision for the Covenant and each congregation in our fellowship. We are held together by our mutual commitment to the mission Jesus gave us, going into all the world to make disciples in His name. The mission has guided the Covenant for 140 years and will continue to push us forward in ministry.

Each evening during Gather, we will worship and hear God's word proclaimed under the theme "Follow Me." These times of worship will be streamed live through the Covenant website ([www.covchurch.org](http://www.covchurch.org)). You can get a taste of what is happening at the Annual Meeting and hear updates from ministry leaders.

Please join me in praying for Covenant leaders and our sister churches. God continues to move powerfully in His church, and we rejoice that we are not alone in ministry. May the name of Jesus be proclaimed boldly at Broadway, in Covenant churches across our nation and in Christ-honoring ministries throughout the world.



## June 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
25	Erin Clark
26	Patti Franzen
	Brad Gasmund
30	Shazma Jones



## June Anniversaries

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8	Dick & Paula Rasanen
11	Doug & Kristi Swanson
16	Danny & Mary Beth

## Serving in June

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### Counters:

Jim Page, Carolyn Augenson

### Head Usher:

Gene & Colleen Felts

## Remember in Prayer

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**Emmy Miller** with health issues.  
**Ron Carlson** recovering from knee surgery.

## June 60 Plus

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Join 60 Plus for lunch on Tuesday, June 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Smokin Coop, 2022 US Bus 20, Belvidere, IL. Please call the church office 815-399-9296 or Karen with your reservation by Sunday, June 15 and let her know if you need a ride. Remember to invite others to join us. 60 Plus will not meet in July or August.

## Leadership Team Update

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The Leadership Team has recommended that the Missions, Outreach and Evangelism team be given an additional \$3000 from our surplus to be distributed among our various budgeted ministries.

## Pastor's Bible Study

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Thank you to everyone who attended Pastor's Bible Study this year. We enjoyed meaningful conversations and filled our hearts with God's truth from Luke and Acts. PBS will resume in September.

## June Mission Update

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In June, please pray for Covenant Harbor, Covenant Point, and Pregnancy Care Center. "Covenant Harbor has been a place of refuge, refreshment, encouragement, transformation, and of course fun for 75 years. God continues to change lives through Covenant Harbor. The camp changes the lives of guests of all ages, saves marriages, encourages churches and ultimately be a place where people have accepted Christ. They have summer camps for grades 1-12. They also have winter camps that provide high-quality large group teaching and worship as well as small group time for leaders and students." For more information see [covenant-harbor.org](http://covenant-harbor.org).

"Covenant Point's programs seek to create unique experiences of Christ-centered community for every camper, encouraging in their next step of faith. They offer a variety of programs, including classic residential large-group mainland camps, small group back country trips and medium-sized rustic island camps. Covenant Point also provides accommodations to groups seeking a retreat or conference site, or wilderness trip outfitting and guiding into the Upper Peninsula's surrounding wilderness areas. Covenant Point values stillness and silliness, deep discipleship, wilderness and adventure, space to lead and excellent care." For more information see [cpbc.com](http://cpbc.com).

"The Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford provides pregnancy and sexual health services, resources, referrals, and education to women, men, and families at no cost.

They believe each individual has the right to get information from a resource that will not profit from their reproductive health choices. No matter what circumstances bring women through their doors, they want to empower support and equip them to live their best lives. They also have a mobile medical unit to make their services more accessible to those who might have trouble making it to the center." For more information see [thepregrencyarecenter.org](http://thepregrencyarecenter.org). For those who have taken the baby bottles for donations please return them to the church by June 15.

# June

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1  MOE Team meeting after morning worship service.	2	3 8:30 Morning Prayer	4  7:30 VE prayer & worship	5	6	7
8 10:15 Worship 11:45 Vida Eterna	9	10 8:30 Morning Prayer	11  7:30 VE prayer & worship	12	13	14
15 10:15 Worship 11:45 Vida Eterna Father's Day	16	17 8:30 Morning Prayer 11:30 60 Plus	18  7:30 VE prayer & worship	19	20	21
22 10:15 Worship 11:45 Vida Eterna	23	24 8:30 Morning Prayer	25  7:30 VE prayer & worship	26 Covenant Annual Meeting	27 Covenant Annual Meeting	28 Covenant Annual Meeting
29 10:15 Worship 11:45 Vida Eterna	30					

# July

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4 Fourth of July	5
6 10:15 Worship 11:45 Vida Eterna	7	8 8:30 Morning Prayer  6:30 Rolling Green Meeting	9  7:30 VE prayer & worship	10	11	12
13 10:15 Worship 11:45 Vida Eterna  4:30 Rockford Rescue Mission Service Project	14	15 8:30 Morning Prayer	16  7:30 VE prayer & worship	17	18	19
20 10:15 Worship 11:45 Vida Eterna	21	22 8:30 Morning Prayer	23  7:30 VE prayer & worship	24	25	26
27  10:15 Worship 11:45 Vida Eterna	28	29 8:30 Morning Prayer	30  7:30 VE prayer & worship	31		



## July Birthdays

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1	Candice McCulloch
4	Charmel Jacobs
5	Gladys Anderson
6	Jonathan Brown Laura Mirakian
7	Arlene Schweiger
8	Megan Woodrow
11	Tom Heck
12	Jasmine Gasmund
13	Judi Papka
16	Beth Plomos
17	Joan Boettcher
22	Kimberly Haase
25	Nancy Rainwater
26	Linnea Holmertz Wayne Augenson
28	Dillon Melin
31	Pam Zollar



## July Anniversaries

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23	Philip & Kathy Adams
24	Gerald & Christine Bauer

## Serving in July

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### Counters:

Jon Brown, Bob Schweiger

### Head Usher:

Jon Brown

## Thank You

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Thank you so much for the cards, prayers and phone calls. You mean so much to me. I thank God for you.

Theresa Gregorcy and family

## An Opportunity to Serve

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Once again The Mission, Outreach and Evangelism Team has volunteered to help out with the Sunday evening chapel at the Rockford Rescue Mission. The chapel is JULY 13 and six volunteers are needed to set up and serve the evening meal after the chapel service. Volunteers need to be at the Rescue Mission from 4:30-6:00 p.m. on that Sunday. If you have questions and/or are willing to help out on Sunday, JULY 13, call or text Barb Burwell at (717) 503-7398.

## July Mission Update

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In July, please pray for The Haven Network and Peter and Anna. "The Haven Network is an independent Christian Ministry offering life-affirming services, providing emotional, spiritual and practical support for families who have experienced the death of a baby through miscarriage, still birth, ectopic pregnancy, SIDS, early infant death and families who are facing a terminal diagnosis of their pre-born or newborn baby. They strive to help parents build memories of their precious little one, enabling them to remember this difficult time with comfort, knowing they did the best for their baby and entire family. The Haven network offers their services at no cost and supports the families for as long as they need them". For more information see [thehavennetwork.org](http://thehavennetwork.org).

Peter and Anna are currently serving in Asia. Peter is counseling men. These men have a desire to change, and Peter sees God working in their lives. Peter believes that as a church we are a place of healing and hope. Anna works as a nurse in a clinic for women. They are asking for prayers as they prepare to come back to the United States this summer. Especially pray for their children as the younger ones have not been here in five years.

## Leadership Team

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### Officers:

Chair: Keith Holmertz (4<sup>th</sup> term)

Vice-Chair: Colleen Felts (3<sup>rd</sup> term)

Secretary: Rose Peterson (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Treasurer: Sue Warren (3<sup>rd</sup> term)

### Non-Officers:

Jon Brown (1<sup>st</sup> term)

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