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Sunday Worship Service:  
9:00 AM

Sunday School—All Ages  
Returns in the Fall

Childcare birth through  
4 years of age  
Lower Hallway—

Service is broadcast on local  
radio station WZOE 1490  
AM at 10:30 AM  
***Celebrating over 48 Years  
on the Radio***

***Join Us for  
Worship***

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (just WEEKS away)



***Camp Edge***  
***June 21-25, 2008***  
***For ages 5 to those  
entering 5th grade.***

It's not too late to sign up...this year's theme, **Camp Edge**, will help kids build lasting relationships with each other; and more importantly, with Jesus Christ.

The camp's opening day is Sunday, June 21 and it runs through Thursday, June 25; everyday, 5:45 PM to 8:15 PM with the following schedule of events:

5:20—5:45 PM Optional Meal for Students & Staff

5:45—8:00 VBS including Bible lessons, recreation, crafts, & snacks. At the end of each day, all classes come together for a time of singing and skits.

Meal donation is suggested at \$1.00/day.

Camp EDGE CD's are available for \$4.00. Each CD includes 10 songs and 5 computer games.

### **VBS Wish List of Needs**

#### **Prayer**

**Volunteers** are needed to help during mealtime.

**Donations** (\$\$) are needed for supplies and meals.

#### **Other areas of need include:**

**Crew Leaders, Craft Team, Recreation Team, Drama Team, Music Team, Mission Team, Decorations, and Closing Program.**

To volunteer or ask questions, contact Barb Wright at  
815-447-2227 or [wright90@frontiernet.net](mailto:wright90@frontiernet.net)

## Pastor's Message

### *A Word from your Interim Pastor:*

It is with joy, humility, and gratitude that I began my “second tour” as your interim pastor. Five years separated these two “tours.” While much is the same as it was five years ago, much also has changed. All of us are five year older. That has its own challenges for some. There are new members and new faces which is an indication of some of the blessing of God over the last five years. The young people I had in confirmation five years ago are graduated or are now graduating. Change has certainly come to the Evangelical Covenant Church of Princeton.

There is, however, one that that has not changed. The Good News in Jesus Christ is still proclaimed from the pulpit and has been for over 140 years. And I am privileged to once again preach the same old gospel, which is ever new, from the pulpit. I am also given the responsibility and honor of providing the pastoral leadership and care for this body of Christ. Please know that I am always available to you whatever your need.

I ask for your prayers and support as we go through this interim period together to the praise and glory of God. Let us keep before this promise from our God:

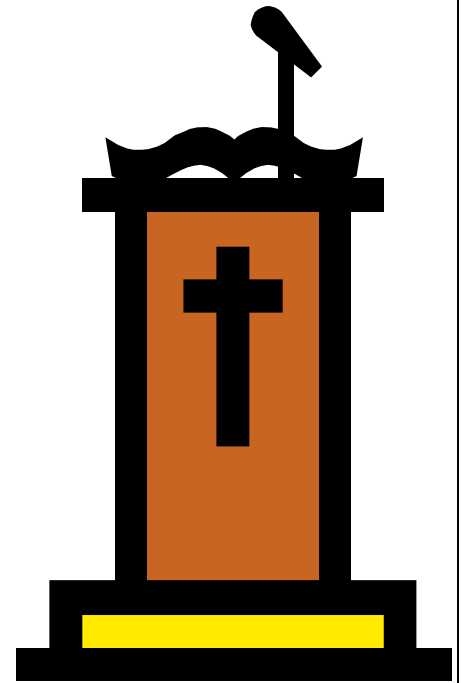
*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

Jeremiah 29:11

Yours in Christ -

*Pastor Bernie Windmiller*

Interim Pastor



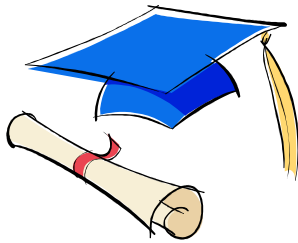
# Youth Announcements



All youth are invited to an "end-of-the-year" cookout at City County Park on Sunday, May 31st at 5:00 pm. We will be playing games and such so come join us!

Parents & Volunteers: If you are able to donate hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, drinks, chips, desserts, etc. please contact Julie ASAP.

All youth are invited to play games at Greenfield on Sunday, June 14th at 3:30pm. We will meet at the church beforehand. Join us...the more, the merrier!



Graduation Recognition will be Sunday, June 7th.

Donations are needed for the youth room: pop and non-perishables snacks (chips, crackers, cookies, etc).

## YOUNG ADULTS:

The "Above Main" for 18 and out of high school aged young adults has new hours. It will now be open Friday and Saturday nights from 8:00pm—midnight. Friday nights are "open jam" nights with free nachos and popcorn.

The **Young Adult Small Group** will be starting up now that our traveling college friends are back in town. We will be meeting on Wednesday nights at Julie's at 8:00 pm.

## June Birthdays

- June 7: Erika Sorenson  
Morgan Young
- June 11: Natalie Pennock
- June 14: Kolton Reeverts
- June 26: Madalyn Robbins



**June Birthdays**

- 1. Karen Glover  
Dean Rowe  
Andrew Russell
- 6. Barb Wright
- 9. Tom Marquis
- 11. Cathy Losey  
Lynda Smith
- 12. Lori Schultz
- 15. Ruth Rapp
- 19. Eunice McCaulay
- 21. Nancy Fandel
- 23. Beth Peacock
- 26. Stephen Joe Peterson
- 27. Carl Ellberg, Jr.  
Kay Dever
- 28. Nicole Rinker



**ATTENDANCE:**

	9:00	SS
May 3	274 (Confirmation/New Members)	
May 10	202 (Pastor Chuck's farewell)	
May 17	146	71 Last SS
May 24	152	

**1st Sunday of the Month**—The Emergency Fund offering will be taken. The Emergency Fund is used for special needs as they arise—especially for members and friends within our church family and community.

All donations for the Food Pantry may be left in the baskets located at the back door & Vestry hall.

**June Schedules**

**HOSPITALITY HOSTS**  
Youth & Young Adult Commission

**PRESCHOOL NURSERY SCHEDULE—9:00 AM**

- June 7: Nicole Wheeler & Family
- June 14: Lori & Hailey Schultz
- June 21: Gretchen Bauer Family
- June 28: Roseberg Family

**USHERS**  
Kenton Glover, Troy Pennock, Vincent Pennock, & Clement Weborg

**GREETERS**  
June 7: High School Graduates  
June 14: Tim & Judy Harris  
June 21: Bob & Barb Jesse  
June 28: Kevin, Karen, & Kenton Glover

**SCRIPTURE READERS—9:00 AM**

- June 7: Molly Stephens
- June 14: Linnea Stephens
- June 21: Paul Stephens
- June 28: Walt Elwell

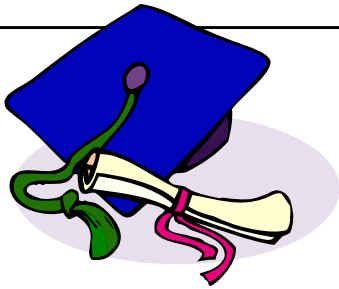
**AUDIO SCHEDULE**  
Kris Gould & Josh Gould

**General Fund Update—**

Giving through 4/30/09: \$81,796  
Budget through 4/30/09: \$104,322  
Shortfall: - \$22,526

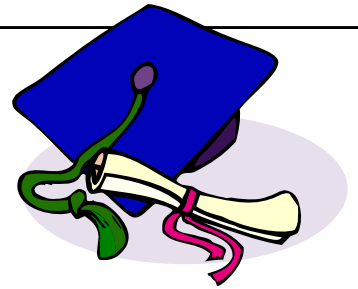
Budget for 2009: \$299,132





**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!**

**YOUR CHURCH FAMILY  
IS VERY PROUD OF ALL OF YOU**



**JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

**Logan Jr. High:**

Cody Burrows  
Amber Gray  
Austin Hellman  
Josh Kieffer  
Kathryn Krieger  
Lexi Marselle  
Hunter Schultz  
Aubrey Smith  
Linnea Stephens

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL**

Kendra Blckett  
Zachary Marquis  
Aaron Quanstrom  
Kolton Reevrts  
Garrett Youngrenn

**BUREAU VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

Jacob Bence  
Nate Swanson

**St. GEORGES INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL-Spain**

Efy Restrepo (son of Eugenio & Pia Restrepo)

***Members and Friends of the Church are invited to  
Graduation Open Houses honoring:***

***Saturday, June 6:***

**Aaron Quanstrom** – Noon—4:00 p.m. at the home of Randy & Laurie Quanstrom—  
325 Sunset Court, Princeton

**Garrett Youngren**—1:00—4:00 p.m. at the home of Les & Kim Youngren -  
2325 Timber Ridge Drive, Princeton

**Zachary Marquis** – 4:00—7:00 PM at the home of Tom & Ronda Marquis –  
1418 S. Church St., Princeton

***Sunday, June 7:***

**Kolton Reevrts**—4:00—8:00 p.m. at the home of Allan & Keryl Reevrts—  
404 Bryant Circle Drive, Princeton

**Illinois State University:**

Brandon Nyman—son of Todd & Diane Nyman  
Bachelor's Degree in Parks & Recreation Management

**Missouri Science & Technology:**

Benjamin Marti—son of Andrew & Jill Marti  
Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Engineering

**North Park University:**

Paulina Restrepo—daughter of Eugenio & Pia Restrepo  
Bachelor's Degree in Communication

**Parkland College:**

Jordan (Baker) Marquis—wife of Alex Marquis  
Associate Degree in Respiratory Therapy

**University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign:**

Alex Marquis—son of Tom & Ronda Marquis & husband of Jordan Marquis  
Bachelor's Degree in LAS, Psychology (Liberal Arts & Sciences)  
David Stickel—son of Lynn & Jenny Stickel  
Bachelor's Degree in Biology  
Matt Schafer  
Bachelor's Degree in Media Studies

**University of Illinois, Chicago:**

Jason Wallis—son of Scott & Mary Wallis  
Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with Applied Concentration

**Saint Xavier University:**

Emily Ellberg—daughter of Dan & Paula Ellberg  
Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology

**Tyndale University College, Toronto, Ontario:**

Joel Eaton—husband of Danielle Eaton  
Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies (Youth Ministry)

**Tyndale University Seminary, Toronto, Ontario:**

Danielle (Purl) Eaton—daughter of Steve & Donna Purl & wife of Joel Eaton  
Masters of Divinity in Youth & Family Ministry

The Living Water Via de Cristo Community gives thanks to God and your congregation for graciously allowing use of your church building for the purpose of team building and fellowship that inspires and encourages leadership in our churches.

*The Living Water Via de Cristo Secretariat*

Dear ECC,

Thank you so much for the Confirmation Bible. It's an awesome Bible that will last me for years. Thank you so much for supporting me. I have the best church family anyone could ask for.

*Kathryn Krieger*

Dear Members & Friends of ECC Princeton,

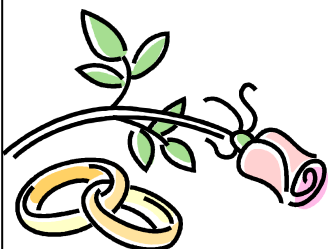
Thanks to each and all of you who blessed us with your thoughtful and generous good-bye gifts as we depart for a new adventure in pastoral ministry. We will cherish the pictures and palms, the statue and quilts, the cards and prayers, and hugs and tears—all sincere expressions of our common love for Christ and each other. May our love for Christ and His saints past, present, and yet to be unit us in spirit and purpose until we meet again.

With heartfelt gratitude for your kindness, generosity, and partnership in the Gospel!

*Pastor Chuck & Jan Wahlstrom*

## **Wedding Congratulations to:**

John Donofrio and Katie Losey who were united in marriage on Saturday, May 23, 2009 at the church. Katie is the daughter of Allen & Cathie Losey and the granddaughter of Bill & Betty Ann Losey. We rejoice in God's promises to John & Katie!



## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:**

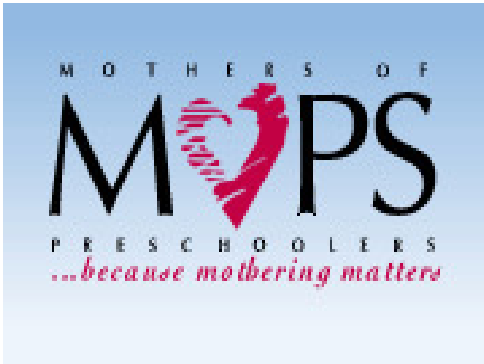
**Randy and Laurie Quanstrom** who will celebrate their **25th** wedding anniversary on June 2nd.

On Sunday, May 3rd, three individuals joined our ECC Family. They are:

**Marian Ackerman**  
**Kelly Degutis**  
**Ryan Degutis**

***Congratulations & Welcome to ECC!***

## Announcements



Our next MOPS meeting is **Tuesday, June 2** from 6-8 PM in the church vestry. Childcare is available.

We are still selling **SCRIP gift cards**. If you need any, please contact Sarah Aley. Thank you to those who regularly save their Sunday coupons. Please continue to put them in the MOPS mailbox by the church office when you are finished with your coupons. Thank you!

If you have any questions about MOPS, please contact Sarah Aley at 879-8080

### ***Kid's Kamp is Koming***

- Who:** Kid's Kamp is for students entering 1st through 8th Grade
- What:** Kid's Kamp is a day camp that offers daily activities, field trips, swim days, weekly trips to the library, and crafts
- When:** Kid's Kamp starts June 8th and ends August ???  
Monday—Friday, 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM
- Where:** Located at 24 N. Main—Princeton, Evangelical Covenant Church
- Contact:** If you are interested in learning more about Kid's Kamp or enrolling your child, contact the Church Office at 815-875-2124 or Tricia Musselman at [triciamusselman@yahoo.com](mailto:triciamusselman@yahoo.com)

### ***Church Directory Update -***

The CARE Commission will be working on new church directory in July. We are planning to take digital photos of ECC members and friends after church services each Sunday in July in order to put out a new pictorial/information directory ourselves. We hope to keep the process as simple and inexpensive as possible. More information will be forthcoming in June explaining the process in greater detail.

### ***Spiritual Gifts & Talents Update -***

The Spiritual Gifts and Talents Committee is informing the congregation of the upcoming resignation of Carolyn Schafer as Church Treasurer on July 31, 2009. Carolyn has provided ECC with 11 years of faithful service.

Gary Campbell has agreed to take the position of Church Treasurer. Bob Roseberg has agreed to take the Financial Secretary position that Gary has held for the past 6 years.

Church Council has recommended this change and the congregation will be voting on Council's recommendation at the quarterly business meeting in July.

### ***Need More Quiet Time?***

A time to be alone with God. A time for prayer, reflection, and preparation for what lies ahead. No matter who you are or where you find yourself in your spiritual journey, it is important to be in regular touch with God and with others. Subscribe today to the Covenant Home Alter (a quarterly devotional guide). A one-year subscription is only \$15.00 with an extra issue free. Offer good thru June 30, 2009. To order, visit [www.covenantbookstore.com](http://www.covenantbookstore.com) or call 773-907-3323

## A Tribute to Fathers

A father loves his children, just as they are.  
He cares enough to give the very best—himself.  
When they're in trouble, he's there to help.  
When they need wisdom, he offers counsel.  
When they have successes, he rejoices with them.  
When they make mistakes, he forgives.  
He recognizes his strength comes not from human  
sources, but from Heaven's grace.



*A father has compassion on his children.*  
PSALM 103:13 (NIV)

*~ HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE DAD'S ~*



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