



# Covenant

Patience Is A Virtue. Or so my grandmother used to tell me, particularly when I was waiting in line. I'm not sure why, at age six, I was supposed to care about virtues, but she told me all the same. And I have to admit, patience has gotten the better of me lately as well. Having recently ordered something from an online shopping site, I found myself checking the online tracking number a few times a day – as though that would bring it to my doorstep any faster.

Patience is a problem for many of us, and the world we live in seems geared to ruin our patience. But patience is important in our world, and in our faith. Look at the patriarchs – Abram waits for decades for the promise of God to be fulfilled. Noah waits for the flood waters to recede. Joseph waits in the prison for salvation. Even the whole people of God wait – in Egypt for freedom, in exile for a return, in Judea for a Messiah. Patience is very much a part of our biblical witness. God works on God's own schedule, and will not be rushed.

So this summer, maybe it's time to work on patience, and flex some patience muscles that our world tells us not to. In building patience we can refocus our hopes and expectations, moving to ponder on God's plans for the whole world, instead of when our package will get here. Remember that time waiting is not time wasted, and spend some time this summer learning patience. I hope that we can rest in God's time instead of our own this summer.

Pastor Joshua



3<sup>rd</sup> Treva Buller  
 8<sup>th</sup> Jamison Brown  
 9<sup>th</sup> Trae Bitterman  
 11<sup>th</sup> Sharon Whipple  
 13<sup>th</sup> Amy Sluss  
 14<sup>th</sup> Kim Jeffords  
 17<sup>th</sup> Floyd Ingold  
 18<sup>th</sup> David Windmeier  
 19<sup>th</sup> Peggy Ingold  
 20<sup>th</sup> Laramie Evans  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Lil Prince  
 Fletcher McKee  
 28<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Walters  
 Norm Erickson  
 29<sup>th</sup> Steve Seim  
 30<sup>th</sup> Pat Morrison

#### MISSION STATEMENT

We covenant ourselves to gather around Word and  
 Sacrament for mutual support and strength in Christ, that  
 by God's grace we:  
 Proclaim the gospel of the Kingdom  
 Nurture the community through Christian Education  
 Provide settings for Christian fellowship, and  
 Equip the membership to be Christ's servant people within  
 God's world.



2<sup>nd</sup> Stu & Reva Hammersmark  
 \*61 years  
 5<sup>th</sup> CA & Connie Thomas  
 \*43 years  
 11<sup>th</sup> Jack & Verna Hilderbrand  
 \*69 years  
 24<sup>th</sup> Terry & Cheryl Meier  
 \*57 years  
 30<sup>th</sup> Myron & Gail Mattern  
 \*36 years

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#### Office Hours:

Pastor Bruns—Mon - Thurs.: 9 am - 12 pm  
 Office: M - F: 9 am - 12: pm  
 Sunday Worship: 9:00 am Sunday  
 Sunday School: 10:00 am Sunday  
 Adult Bible Study: 4:00 pm Thursday  
 Adult Book Study: 10:30 am Sunday

## Notes from Church Council

You will be noticing a lot of changes in our church building this month! Fisher Roofing will be replacing the roof on our buildings damaged by hail. Our trustees will be replacing the water damaged tiles in the sanctuary and hopefully mounting the projectors we will be using. The roof will be paid for by our insurance. The windows in the old fellowship room, the library and the nursery are going to be replaced by the Gill Window Company. Funds we have from Thrivent Financial will be used to pay for this much needed project.

Outside, Gail Thompson has donated small peony trees to further beautify the landscaping around our main building. The Prayer Garden is summer ready and during the summer those who wish to help maintain it are going to meet the third Tuesday morning of each month. Even if you are unable to do gardening work, come and enjoy our beautiful space and we'll have lunch afterwards (come as you are!) to celebrate that month's birthdays.

We have a new committee charged to develop a long term Gift Policy. Tina Kvitek, of the ELCA in Denver, will be facilitating this effort. She will help to develop a "Covenant" plan to focus and guide our actions. It will be a policy that is transparent and creates consistent results. She will train the people to make it happen. The congregation will participate in defining what our needs, wants and goals might be. In the end, it will clearly state how we will use gifts, give examples of how gifts are shared and increase confidence in givers that the gifts will be used wisely. We currently have nearly \$6000 in a Memorial Savings account and we really want to spend it wisely.

As a council we are working on a project to make our church more receptive to potential members in our community as well as to the needs of our current members. Pastor Joshua is guiding us with materials from the class he attended in Arizona in January.

Joan McKee, Council President

	<b>ELDER</b>		<b>ASSISTANT</b>		<b>GREETERS</b>
<b>6-2</b>	Jim Lockwood	<b>6-2</b>	Rena Kittelson	<b>6-2</b>	Hollee Bosch
<b>6-9</b>	Joel McKee	<b>6-9</b>	Jim Lockwood	<b>6-9</b>	Nadine Morris
<b>6-16</b>	Rena Kittelson	<b>6-16</b>	Joel McKee	<b>6-16</b>	Cindy Anderson & Sarah Laney
<b>6-23</b>	Tandi Wise	<b>6-23</b>	Rick Robbins	<b>6-23</b>	The Ehde's
<b>6-30</b>	Rick Robbins	<b>6-30</b>	Tandi Wise	<b>6-30</b>	The McKee's
	<b>ACOLYTE</b>		<b>READER</b>		<b>USHERS</b>
<b>6-2</b>	Sarah Laney	<b>6-2</b>	Hollee Bosch	<b>6-2</b>	The Bosch's
<b>6-9</b>	Fletcher McKee	<b>6-9</b>	Nancy Lubeck	<b>6-9</b>	The Catchpoles
<b>6-16</b>	Eleni McKee	<b>6-16</b>	Jeff or Shari Brown	<b>6-16</b>	The Brown's
<b>6-23</b>	Raegan Ehde	<b>6-23</b>	Jennifer Bruns	<b>6-23</b>	The Ehde's
<b>6-30</b>	Hudsen Ehde	<b>6-30</b>	Larry McKee	<b>6-30</b>	The McKee's
	<b>MUSICIAN</b>		<b>ALTAR CARE</b>		<b>VISITATION</b>
<b>6-2</b>	Mary Seim	<b>6-2</b>	Rena Kittelson	<b>6-2</b>	Stu Hammersmark
<b>6-9</b>	Mary Seim	<b>6-9</b>	Marge Scholten	<b>6-9</b>	Rich Bohm
<b>6-16</b>	Nancy Schumann	<b>6-16</b>	Hollee Bosch	<b>6-16</b>	Rick Robbins
<b>6-23</b>	Gwen Seidel	<b>6-23</b>	Judy Windmeier	<b>6-23</b>	Nadine Morris
<b>6-30</b>	Praise Band	<b>6-30</b>	Gail Thompson	<b>6-30</b>	Lloyd Koerwitz
	<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>				
<b>6-2</b>	The Bosch's	<b>6-30</b>	The McKee's		
<b>6-9</b>	Nadine Morris				
<b>6-16</b>	Cindy Anderson				
<b>6-26</b>	Confirmation Cake				

# JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1  MEN'S BREAKFAST AT TASTY TREATS 7:30 AM
2  TAIZE 7:00 PM	3	4  PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	5  BIBLE STUDY 2:00 PM	6	7  I25 RUMMAGE SALE NOON-5:00 PM	8  I25 RUMMAGE SALE 8:00 AM-?
9  TAIZE 7:00 PM	10	11  PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	12  BIBLE STUDY 2:00 PM	13  COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM	14	15
16  FATHER'S DAY      TAIZE 7:00 PM	17	18  WELCA BIRTHDAY LUNCH 11:30 AM @ TASTY TREATS  PRAISE BAND 5:30 PM  WORSHIP COMMITTEE 6:30 PM	19  BIBLE STUDY 2:00 PM	20	21	22
23  TAIZE 7:00 PM	24	25  PRAISE BAND 6:00 PM	26  BIBLE STUDY 2:00 pm	27	28	29  JOURNEY OF HOPE
30  PRAISE BAND IN THE PRAYER GARDEN  6:30 PM MUSIC & FELLOWSHIP @ UCC						