

# *The Covenant Chronicle*

*August 2025*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In our fast paced and ever changing world, it is becoming harder and harder to discern what it means to be a “Christian”. There are countless congregations and denominations which offer different views on what it means. In addition, the internet, politics and countless others groups have their own opinions, applying pressure and adding to the confusion. With all these varying ideas, it can cloud our understanding.

In many ways, I think the best answer is the simplest, that is to be a Christian is to be Christ-like.

The word, “Christian” means “little Christ” or “little anointed ones” and from its first use in Acts 11, it was about reflecting Christ. It was about mirroring his grace, forgiveness, and acceptance. The outsiders were welcomed to the table. The leaders were to be servants. The social, financial and economical structures that often divided people, no longer mattered. The only thing that mattered was their relationship with Jesus.

Too often I think that we lose sight of this. That the only thing that really matters is our relationship with Jesus. By dwelling deeply in this, we become more like Him, taking on His person inside and out. Of course, being in God’s word is very important for this as well as spending time in prayer, serving others and being united with other Christians in worship.

Blessings,

Pastor Keith

## *Mission Statement*

*We, the Evangelical Covenant Church of Paxton, Illinois, will seek to bring the people of our community and throughout the world to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ because God calls us to do so. In all we do we will serve Christ through individual talents working together to nurture each other in the faith and in Christian love.*



- 1 Stella Kleinsteinber
- 6 Logan Loschen  
Hadley Gerdes
- 9 Don Jones
- 11 Mike Johnson  
Chris Bock
- 17 David Durham  
Grant Kleinsteinber
- 20 Alaina Kief
- 22 Kaden Buchanan
- 24 Tami Vest  
Katelynn Balk
- 26 Rod Plackett  
Gene May
- 28 Merrily Griffin
- 30 Holly Busboom
- 31 Darrell Busboom

- 9 John & Lynette Reppert - 50th
- 10 Greg & Carrie Kingston
- 13 Michael & Meghan Lottinville
- 17 Bob & Janet Thompson



Betty Rasmus will be celebrating her 100th birthday on August 12. She is currently living at the Villas of Hollybrook in Rantoul. If you are able to send her a card to wish

her a happy birthday she would greatly appreciate it!

Betty Rasmus  
The Villas of Hollybrook  
722 Stone Bridge Dr. Apt. 44  
Rantoul, IL 61866

## August Ministry Volunteers

### Scripture Readers

- 3 Grace McCoy
- 10 Joe Sawyer
- 17 Tanner Jones
- 24 Hillary Sawyer
- 31 Ryder Jones

### Ushers

- 3 Glen Foss, Melanie Harms
- 10 Jesse Balk, Ahlden Harms
- 17 Matt & Amy Jones, Diane Gustafson
- 24 Roger Gustafson, Jeff Shaffer
- 31 Glen Foss, Melanie Harms



CHURCH  
IN THE  
PARK

Church in the Park is scheduled for Sunday, August 10 at 10am. There will be some chairs available but you are welcome to bring your own lawn chairs. After the service we will have a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish based on the breakdown below:

If your last name begins with letter:

A-G please bring a main dish  
H-N please bring a side or a salad  
O-Z please bring a dessert

Paxton  
Accolade on Pells  
Betty Lesus



Remember  
Our Homebound Members





**This water bucket is located in the narthex to collect funds for the Covenant Kids Congo water project. As a church, we donated \$10,000 for this project. In addition, we will be collecting donations from the congregation that will be matched up to \$10,000.**



**For the month of August we will be collecting school supplies for Operation Christmas Child.**

**Acceptable items would be things such as pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, crayons, markers, small notebooks, scissors, rulers and calculators. Please be sure that it will fit inside a shoebox.**

**If you are unsure if an item is acceptable to send, Samaritan's Purse has a gift search tool on their website that can help.**

**Thank you to everyone that has donated already!**



**Sunday School classes will begin again next month! If your child will be 3yrs old on or before September 7 they**

**are eligible to attend Sunday School. Please contact the church office or the Sunday School Superintendent, Nikki Foss for more information on registration and classes.**

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