

JANUARY 2026

The Covenant Chronicle

Annual Meeting Part 2

Annual Meeting Part 2 will be held on Sunday, January 11 at 1pm. There will be a lunch served in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship service and the meeting will follow.

Prayer Meeting

There will be a prayer meeting in the Fireside Room at 7pm on Wednesday, January 7

Men's Breakfast

There will be a Men's Breakfast at the Church of Christ on Saturday, January 10 at 7:30am.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recently, I was reflecting on Christmases of the past. Like you, I have had many great memories of family gatherings, vacations, and opening presents on Christmas morning. One particular memory was of a phone call I answered on a Christmas morning. The phone rang around ten and I was the first one to answer it. On the other end of the line, there was this very excited voice and for about 10 minutes straight, there was non-stop talking about a new Christmas present, a brand new Super 8 movie camera. When it finally paused, I asked, "Who is this?" The answer came, "It's Roger, your neighbor."

Thinking about Roger's excitement of 50 years ago challenges me. He had such a need to share with me about the gift that he had received that he couldn't wait to tell me about it. And when he got on the phone he couldn't stop talking about it. I wonder how much greater would be our witness if we had this kind of joy and excitement in sharing Jesus with others. Unfortunately, much of that excitement fades as the years pass. We forget the joy we had at first.

My hope for the new year is that we can have that joy and excitement in our lives. That we would want to share the wonder of God's gift of love, grace and forgiveness. It is available for all of us. The more and more that we let Him into our daily lives, the more and more the wonder of His hope and peace will fill us and spread to the world around us.

May God bless you with joy, peace and love this new year!

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.

January Ministry Volunteers

Ushers

4 Matt & Amy Jones, Diane Gustafson

11 Roger Gustafson, Jeff Shaffer

18 Glen Foss, Melanie Harms

25 Jesse Balk, Ahlden Harms

Scripture Readers

If you would like to be added to the Scripture Reader schedule or added as a substitute please contact Tonya Durham.

4 Willow Jones

11 Janet Loschen

18 Joe Sawyer

25 Tanner Jones

If you have a prayer request, please send it to our prayer chain email at paxcovprayer@gmail.com. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain so you can pray for others, please contact Linda Kellerhals or send a request to be added to paxcovprayer@gmail.com

E-mail Prayer Chain



At Home
Betty Lesus



4 Janet Thompson
(90th birthday)
6 Alex Jones
Nadine Surey
7 Trevor Masterson
Mason Stone
9 Myndie Glazik
13 Roger Gustafson
18 Travis Glazik
20 Torrie Jones
24 Kameron Kief
26 Owen Nelson
30 Melanie Harms
Ron Hilligoss

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Start
the new year
with prayer