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EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Peace is probably one of the most underrated words in scripture. For many, when they think of the word, they think of things being calm, quiet, tranquil, or serene. While there is some sense of these meanings in scripture, the Hebrew word, “shalom” speaks of a state of perfect harmony and wholeness which begins with our relationship with God our creator and then extends to our relationships with others, our environment, and our self. Shalom describes the way things were before sin came into the world.

Of course, when sin came, the shalom was broken. It is easy to see the evidence of this all around us. There are the numerous wars, mass shootings and countless acts of domestic violence. There are natural disasters that bear witness to the broken harmony of the world around us. And even within ourselves there is much brokenness caused by cancer, auto-immune diseases and mental health issues.

Thankfully, it is God’s desire to redeem, renew and bring shalom to the world again. The Old Testament points to this being fulfilled in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. One example of this is in Isaiah 9, where it foretells that Jesus will be the “Prince of Peace.” In the New Testament, Paul writes that we have “peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 5:1) and in 2 Corinthians 5:17-19, that God reconciles us to him through Jesus. That peace and reconciliation opens up a future of living in harmony with God, others and self in heaven as well as a present reality of peace that is found through faith in Jesus Christ. Being able to live in that peace is part of the reality and blessing of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and it is part of the ministry and message of the church.

Let us embrace this ministry in our lives and share God’s message of Shalom with the world around us.

God Bless!

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.

October Ministry Volunteers

Scripture Readers

5 Diane Gustafson
12 Alaina Kief
19 Kathryn Sawyer
26 Janet Loschen

Ushers

5 Jesse Balk, Ahlden Harms
12 Matt & Amy Jones, Diane Gustafson
19 Roger Gustafson, Jeff Shaffer
26 Glen Foss, Melanie Harms

There will be a community prayer meeting at the Church of Christ on Wednesday, October 8 at 7pm. All are welcome to attend!



Saturday, October 11 there will be a Men's Breakfast at the Church of Christ at 8am. This will be in place of our regular Men's Bible Study.



Paxton
Accolade on Pells
Betty Lesus

*Remember our
homebound
members*



Youth Group will meet
Sunday, October 19
for Costume Bingo at
Accolade on Pells.
Time still to be
determined.

Thank you for all of the donations that have been received so far! We would still like to collect more personal care items- such as combs or brushes, toothbrushes, washcloths, band aids, flashlights, nail clippers and nail files.

We will also have shoeboxes available in the Narthex for you to fill one on your own. Please remember to include a “wow” item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items. Don’t forget to also include a personal note and photo-sometimes these are the child’s favorite things to receive!

We will be collecting donations and boxes through Sunday, November 16th .



OCTOBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Greg Kingston
Maisy Johnson
- 5 Beau Glazik
- 7 Kathryn Sawyer
Elizabeth Sawyer
Abby Balk
- 10 Vickie Swan
- 11 Matthew Glazik
Braden Mutchmore
- 14 Harper Toohill
Sawyer Toohill
Paisley Toohill
- 19 Maurie Saldeen
Meghan Lottinville
- 22 Emily Kief
- 23 Dane Elson
- 24 Jessica Moline
- 26 Devin Waterstradt
- 30 Norah Moore
- 31 Joe Sawyer



- 7 Frank & Lisa Brocato
- 10 Ron & Barb Hilligoss
- 19 Tim & Jessica Abrahamson
- 22 Andy & Torrie Jones
- 28 Gene & Shannon May
- 30 Derek & Holly Busboom

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