

THE COVENANT CHRONICLE

September 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As many of you know, I am a strong advocate for prayer. I believe that it is one of the most powerful things that a Christian can do. In light of this and aware of some issues in the school system, I have been praying for our school board, teachers, administrators, and students. I have also reached out to other pastors and congregations to meet together in prayer which has led to Pastor Deb Domeier and I planning a meeting for this coming Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00pm in front of the PBL High School.

With the school shooting at Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis this week, I feel even more strongly about the need to be praying, but I have also heard questions about the value of prayer. After all the students were attending Mass when the shooting started and were praying during the incident as they hid under the pews. And yet two students were killed and 18 others were wounded. For many believers and even more non-believers this raises questions about why we pray and whether it really has any impact.

In truth, we cannot quantify or qualify the impact of prayer in most situations, because we have nothing to compare it to. We have to act out of faith and trust that God is working. We do not know what would have happened if the students and others had not been praying. Likely, I think that there would have been more deaths and more wounded. And if people are praying for these kids, their families and all those who were affected by the shooting, then in time the power and grace of God will be revealed.

This brings me back to praying for our school. I want to encourage you to join pastor Deb and I and hopefully others to pray for our schools this coming Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00pm. Prayer does work and prayer makes a difference! I hope to see you there!

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.



- 2 Rick Nelson
Audrey Bloomquist
- 4 Ray Kellerhals
- 5 Alex Abrahamson
- 7 Reagan Loschen
- 11 Bria Grohler
- 13 Doug Vest
- 15 Patricia Johnson
Jena Schaumburg
- 17 Darlos Shaffer
Sandra Burklund
- 18 Craig Kief
Garret Waterstradt
- 19 Dalton Busboom
Lauren & Aubree Sawyer
- 21 Mary Jean Harrison
- 23 Cheryl Henson
- 25 Gail Ritzma
Dawn Bachtold
- 27 Lindsey Stone
- 28 James Stone
Brooke Carlson
- 30 Hayden Gerdes
Lilly Schaumburg



Fall Worship hours will begin Sunday, September 7. Sunday School classes will resume at 9:30am and the Worship service will begin at 10:45am.

Sunday School Kickoff

We will kickoff our Sunday School season on Sunday, September 7 at 9am with a breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

Following the breakfast, Sunday School classes for ages 3 to adult will meet at 9:30am.



- 3 Craig & Alaina Kief
- 6 Dave & Becky Burklund
- 10 Travis & Myndie Glazik
- 16 Mike & Merrily Griffin
- 21 Dan & Vickie Swan
- 26 Tyler & Tabitha Adkins
James & Lindsey Stone
- 28 John & Amanda Toohill
David & Dawn Bachtold

Scripture Readers

7 Myndie Glazik
14 Nikki Foss
21 Tonya Durham
28 Melanie Harms

Ushers

7 Jesse Balk, Ahlden Harms
14 Matt & Amy Jones, Diane Gustafson
21 Roger Gustafson, Jeff Shaffer
28 Glen Foss, Melanie Harms



For the month of September we will be collecting games or puzzles for OCC. Examples would be travel games, card games or mini puzzles. Just a reminder, they must be able to fit inside a shoebox. Thank you for the donations received so far.

Community Prayer Meeting

There will be a Community Prayer Meeting Wednesday, September 3 at 7pm outside the front entrance of PBL High School. It will be informal and focused on prayer for our schools and our community. All are welcome to attend.

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SEPT 7



4:00-6:00PM

THE FRINGE

849 STONE BRIDGE DR., RANTOUL
*BEHIND WALMART

***ALL YOU CAN EAT PIZZA, PRETZELS, SODA**
***UNLIMITED GOLFING**

DON'T FEEL LIKE GOLFING? JOIN US ANYWAYS! THERE IS PLENTY OF INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PATIO SEATING!

