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NWC Annual Meeting to be hosted by Roseville Covenant

Roseville Covenant Church welcomes this year's Northwest Conference delegates! We are honored to be hosting the Annual Meeting of the Northwest Conference and pleased to welcome you to our home.

It was 50 years ago that a few families began meeting together to explore the possibility of a Covenant church in this area. As with all Covenant church plants, the Northwest Conference was an integral part of the formation and continuity of the congregation. The help of the staff and the fellowship of sister churches have been crucial at many points along the way. From its birth, Christian education (particularly to children and youth), missions and creative, dynamic worship have been priorities of RCC.

The building we will meet in April 20-22 is less than 10 years old – the first worship service in this building was Easter Sunday, 1997. Resurrection Sunday that year held special meaning for the congregation. In addition to several months without a building, the congregation had suffered

a spiritual and leadership crisis shortly before. There was significant question about the viability of the congregation even a short time before that service on Easter. In many ways, Roseville Covenant Church had its own resurrection on that day.

The city of Roseville is the only Twin Cities suburb to border both Minneapolis and St Paul. A convenient 10 minute drive to either downtown offers many cultural and recreational opportunities. Home to Rosedale Shopping Center, the Guidant John Rose Oval (the largest outdoor refrigerated skating facility in the world), the first Dairy Queen and the first Target store, we are a community rich in history and variety.

We are confident you will find Roseville Covenant Church and the greater Roseville community to be friendly, helpful and glad to welcome you. Enjoy your time here!

In shared mission,

Rev. Rick Carlson, Lead Pastor
Roseville Covenant Church

Hispanic pastor plants Spanish-speaking Covenant church

As pastor of the Northwest Conference's new Hispanic Church plant, (Nueva Vida Covenant Church, Monticello, MN), Javier Carrillo comes uniquely qualified.

Born in Mexico, Javier grew up in a home where the Christian faith was not taught. Moving to California at 16, he found the Lord in an unusual place. He discovered the gospel of John, written in Spanish, in a garbage can. He had attended an evangelical church only twice in Mexico, but with that framework and after two months of reading the tract of John with a prayer at the back, he decided he needed to give his life to Jesus.

He tried to find a Spanish-speaking church in California, but didn't have success. He returned to Mexico where he found a church that helped him grow in his faith. Javier knew God had called him, and because of the way he found Jesus, he knew that it wasn't through a church or organization, but Jesus himself.

"There was something within me that couldn't say no (to God)," Javier explained. "I felt God calling me, and I said, 'I'm here—even if it's a small thing, I'll do it.'" And over the last several years, Javier has felt God's call to pastoral ministry.



Nueva Vida worship team at the Feb. 11 preview service.

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Before becoming a pastor, Javier and his wife Connie attended CHET (Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos) together—the Hispanic Center for Theological Studies (<http://www.chet.org/english.cfm>), graduating in 1994. Connie, who was also from Mexico, had grown up in a Christian home and had always felt the call to serve God. She had been to a Bible institute in California and traveled back to Mexico on several mission trips in her youth. After they met and married, they had three children, Michelle, 12, Immanuel, 7 and Joel, 11 months.

Though Javier respected missionaries greatly, he had never imagined himself as one. But he and Connie found themselves on the mission field of Argentina with their family from 1999-2004. After their time in South America, they returned to the U.S. and attended North Park Seminary.



Nueva Vida friends enjoy fellowship time.

to the assessment for church planters and found out about the plans for a Hispanic church plant in Monticello. They passed the assessment test, and then were told about the planting of another church in Detroit. They went to Detroit, but Javier didn't feel God was calling him there at this time. He e-mailed Mark Stromberg at the Northwest Conference telling him he'd go to Monticello the following Monday.

But then another challenge was laid in their path. The Carrillos' home church in California called and asked Javier to interview for a position there. Now they had three options. "I prayed, asking God to lead us," Javier recalled. "I'm sure with all my heart that I should be here (in Monticello)."

The Carrillos packed their belongings and moved to Minnesota the week before Christmas, 2005. Already they have a core group of 17 adults. Plans are for three monthly preview services, the first of which was Saturday, February 11 at 6 pm at Monticello Covenant Church. After the three months they will begin meeting weekly.

"My dream is to start more Hispanic churches, to have Monticello be the model, and to bring people to Monticello from 10-30 miles around," Javier said. "Then I would like to see where the other Covenant churches are located, and if there is a Hispanic community, then we can share, start a ministry in their community." Javier's hope is

that this will be the first Hispanic church of many. "I think we can do it. I want to start with a good beginning, with strong leadership."

The Hispanic community in the Monticello area is growing rapidly. Wright County has the fastest growing population in Minnesota, and especially among those who speak Spanish as their first language. Part of the church plant's ministry is to first and second generation Hispanics—to those who live in a dual culture and who are bi-lingual.

The second generation—mainly children—are able to attend Wednesday night events at the Monticello Covenant English speaking church, one of the many benefits to partnering with an existing church and sharing facilities and other resources. Most of the children can speak English well so they are comfortable in this environment.

The Hispanic church plant has had some meetings in the fall, and there are a variety of ages and occupations in the church. Many are seasonal workers during harvest time. One of the members of the English-speaking church has a green house from February to November and has many Latinos working for him. "We want to engage some of these people," Javier said. "Some people come and go back, but there are others who decide to stay (year round in Minnesota)."

A large percentage of the Latinos attending the church are from Mexico, but there are also people from Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Honduras and even Texas. In their meetings in the fall, about 35 attended including children.

Javier asks for one thing—prayer. "This is a new thing for the (Northwest) conference, for Monticello Covenant Church, who is hosting us, and for us. Prayers are very, very important."

Laotian Covenant raises funds for school

Plans are underway to raise funds for the building of a new school in Laos. In 2003 the people of the village of Sackmuangneu, Laos agreed to donate the money to build this new school, which is 8 meters by 42 meters, with six classrooms and one office. The floor has been constructed with support stakes, and bricks for the walls have been made.

In order to complete the work, the Laotian Covenant Church of Brooklyn Center, MN is seeking to raise about \$12,000 to help with costs for roof frames, doors, bricks for walls, steel for roof frames, an entrance door and cement for the floor.

If you are interested in helping with this important work, please contact Soudinh Penkhay at the Laotian Covenant Church, 763-535-6305 or e-mail him at bcc@pclink.com. Thank you for your generosity!

Sankofa Journey to offer travel, racial reconciliation opportunities

Desiring to move forward in your journey toward racial righteousness but confused about where to start? Have you considered a Sankofa Journey? The Department of Christian Formation has received multiple requests from educators to provide a Sankofa opportunity during the summer months. In summer 2006, we will sponsor a Sankofa Journey, open to anyone. The dates are **August 10-13, 2006**.

An information flyer has been mailed to all Covenant churches and our website will provide you with additional need-to-know info at: <http://www.covchurch.org/cov/formation/sankofa.html>. There you will find a link to a downloadable (PDF format) version of the flyer/registration form. Registration and deposit **deadline** is **March 31, 2006** or while space is still available.

Space is limited, and seats will only be guaranteed with a \$50 non-refundable deposit. Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Grab your cross-racial partner and contact Linda McIntosh at Linda.mcintosh@covchurch.org or 773-583-0220, ext. 511. If you cannot find a cross-racial partner, let us know, and we'll do our best to assist you.

Vitons leaving AC/CWC after two decades

After 20-plus years of faithful ministry, Russ and Kathleen Viton are stepping down as co-managers of Adventurous Christians/Covenant Wilderness Center. This Northwest Conference camp has been a strategic ministry resource for many of our churches. Perhaps your youth group or leadership team has used the camp as a base for a canoe trip or winter adventure.

Twenty years is a significant time of ministry. We are so grateful to the Vitons for their service. They will complete their time of service on April 15, 2006.

Matt and Sally Goodman have agreed to serve as interim managers and are already planning summer programs. Have you thought about scheduling time at AC this summer?

Pray also about the process of recruiting new leadership for this important ministry.

We wanted you to be aware of this change and encourage you to express your thanks to Russ and Kathleen for their faithful years of ministry.

--Jim Fretheim, Superintendent

—Troy Lucht, NWC Executive Board Chair

Faithful servants at Roseau Covenant

“God is love,” penned John in a summary of John 3:16 in his first epistle. Almost as good is the fact that this love is a transferable life-trait which can be spied out among God’s people in the church.

One of the observable outbreaks of this love is faithfulness. Psalm 33:4 says of God, “. . . He is faithful in all he does.” I Corinthians 4:2 reads, “Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.” On January 25, 2006 we celebrated proof of this principle during our annual meeting at Roseau Covenant Church.

Stepping down, but not away from faithfulness, was our church chairman, Don Kofsted, after 29 years of service in this position. It was

Don and his wife, Elna, who picked my wife and me up at the airport when we came to Roseau to candidate 18 years ago. Also asking for a breather that night were Duane Carlson, completing 25 years on the trustee board, 12 of those years as treasurer, and the last several years as chairman of the trustees; and Glen Johnson, completing 15 years as a trustee including 12 of those years as treasurer.

Needless to say there was a formal (as formal as we get anyway!) celebration after the meeting. Over cake and coffee the thrice echoed assurance could be heard at the tables: “Just because I’m stepping down from the position doesn’t mean I’m leaving the church. I’ll be on hand to assist the new officers (and treasurer) and help in any way I can.”

Longevity can certainly be an expression of faithfulness, and in our church a platform for stability. We are grateful for the years of loving service given by these men with their wives by their sides. We are also grateful for each of the newly elected servants, for they represent a collective affirmation of their own faithfulness. The faithfulness goes on. Praise be unto God!

Pastor Joe Elick, Roseau Covenant Church

Notes From The Parish Nurse Commission

By Joan Erickson

- A letter recently sent to all pastors of Northwest Conference churches requested information about existing parish nurse programs in their churches and offered help in starting this ministry to those without this program. An easy-to-complete survey was included and will be used to update Conference records on these programs. If you received a letter or survey please complete and return it as soon as possible!
- PN Commission members will be at the Conference Annual Meeting at Roseville Covenant Church in April providing information and answering your questions about parish nursing.
- **DID YOU KNOW** that the new Brookdale Library in Brooklyn Center, MN, has a section of resource material available to parish nurses? This section of the library, named the Annette Toft Langdon Faith and Community Nursing Collection, was recently dedicated to Annette Langdon. She is the parish nurse and director of health and caring ministries at Calvary Lutheran Church in Golden Valley and an adjunct faculty instructor for the Parish Nurse Center at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN. These resources are great and accessible via the internet through the Hennepin County Library system.



Calendar

March 31-April 1 Missions Outreach Venture and Experience (M.O.V.E.) (**Registration deadline: March 17, 2006**)

April 4 First Covenant, Minneapolis, MN
Leadership Forum with Gary Walter
Redeemer Covenant, Brooklyn Park
9:30 am—2:30 pm

April 21-22 Northwest Conference Annual Meeting
Roseville Covenant Church, Roseville, MN

May 15-17 Youth Pastor’s Retreat at Adventurous Christians

May 21 HELP Offering Sunday

June 1
June 14-17

June 17-24

July 16-21

August 17-19

CHIC busing—final payment due
Covenant Annual Meeting
Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI
Adventures in Leadership (A.I.L.)
Adventurous Christians/Covenant
Wilderness Center (**Registration
Deadline April 7, 2006**)

Covenant High In Christ (CHIC) University
of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Most Unbelievable Ultimate Urban Camping
Escape (M.U.U.C.E.)

Covenant Retirement Communities News

Covenanters invited to Covenant Village of Golden Valley seminars

Northwest Conference Covenanters are invited to attend upcoming seminars at Covenant Village of Golden Valley, 5800 St. Croix Ave., Golden Valley, MN. The continuing care retirement community hosts the program series as a service to the local community.

You're welcome to stay for refreshments and a tour of Covenant Village of Golden Valley. The seminars are free, but reservations are requested, as space is limited. Please call the marketing department by the day before the seminar to reserve your place, (763) 546-6125.

The Importance of Meaning in Our Lives

April 18 • 1:30 p.m.

Little Brothers—Friends of the Elderly is a national, non-profit, volunteer-based organization committed to relieving isolation and loneliness among the elderly. Speaker Barb Vallecillo will describe what the organization does in the Twin Cities and how you can help or receive help in dealing with some of your own issues or concerns.

A Beginner's Guide to Genealogy

May 15 • 1:30 p.m.

Darlene Joyce, a representative from the Minnesota Genealogical Society, will discuss how to explore your family's lineage, including how to get started on your research and how to work smarter, not harder.

A Reminder:

The Evangelical Covenant Church would like to receive nominations for an outstanding lay leader in the denomination. The selected nominee will be awarded the TW Anderson Award, named for the only "lay" president of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

Nomination forms were recently e-mailed to churches. Please send them back to The Theodore W. Anderson Award Committee, ECC, 5101 N Francisco Ave., Chicago IL 60625 or fax 773-784-4366. You can also e-mail forms or ask for forms from Tricia De Kok at tricia.dekok@covchurch.org. Thank you!

Cook Evangelical Covenant undertakes 40 Days of Community

Members of the Evangelical Covenant Church of Cook, Minnesota read The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren as they undertook the "40 Days of Purpose" several years ago. Now, in the midst of "40 Days of Community," they are experiencing diverse growth.

Each week Pastor Reuben Rosnau's Sunday morning sermon presents, and small groups meet to discuss, the 40 Days of Community topic. Using a personal guidebook and journal, called Better Together, by Pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church, members and friends of the Cook Evangelical Covenant Church are experiencing God in a deeper way, strengthening their understanding, and reaching out to the Cook area community to make a difference.

Methamphetamine and alcohol use devastatingly affects young and old, users and their relatives. One of the first gifts of service the church will give to the Cook community in the coming weeks is a support group for addicts. Cook's Evangelical Covenant Church seeks to provide a safe, confidential place for users and their families to meet, and obtain help using proven methods of intervention and family support. Church members will provide refreshments ahead of time, then leave before the support group arrives to assure privacy. They will also pray for successful recoveries for the group.

To help couples and families, a Valentines Day concert and supper was presented on Feb. 12th. The regional ensemble "Second Chance" was hired to provide an afternoon concert in the sanctuary, followed by a catered dinner in Fellowship Hall. Because night vision becomes limited with age, the church's many elderly members appreciate special events that take place before dark.

Another gift to newcomers and current members alike will be a new loose leaf style ring-bound church directory, with a separate page for each family that shows a family photo, contact information, meaningful remembrance dates, spiritual gifts, career and hobby information as well. Newcomers can easily be added to keep the Directory current and alphabetically organized. This will be a very practical aid to assimilate new members.

Covenant churches on the Iron Range gathered in December to share ideas and strategic plans for outreach. As a result, the Cook church helped advertise for another Covenant church offering a marriage retreat. More cooperative events are planned to leverage the talents and resources of the regional churches.

We continue to publish local newspaper articles inviting the public to join us in the 40 Day adventure, and avail themselves of the other gifts of community service. Members of our small groups are deepening their love for one another, growing in knowledge of Scripture, experiencing *koinonios* as they bond and share both their heartaches and joys, and applying their new understanding to love their neighbors.

- Linda M. Freeman

Covenant Women Ministries: Celebrating 90 Years

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday dear Women Ministries, Happy Birthday to you!!! 90 years old and still going strong: her hair is gray with age and wisdom but also red and brown and black and blonde. Her vision is strong and focused. Her energy is tireless. Her desire to reach out to the world around her is passionate. Her love for women and children in need is unwavering. Her hope for the future is inspiring. Her determination to advance God's kingdom is continuous. She will "excel still more." (1 Thess 4:1) You can celebrate at your local church with balloons and other party favors available through Covenant Resource Center (1-800-338-IDEA).

We will be celebrating at the Annual Meeting at Roseville Covenant Church on April 21. Reverend Kris Causton, Covenant Pastor and Bethel University Professor, will be encouraging us as we move ahead. This is also the 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the Covenant so we will honor our women clergy. Come and hear about opportunities to serve, get an update of Friendship Place (the new enabling residence in Lino Lakes), learn of ECC Women Ministries projects and vote on the new constitution. Be part of history and the future.

Change is happening so fast in Women Ministries it is hard to keep up—maybe almost impossible. But in this instance, change is for the good and not just for the sake of doing things differently. In January 26 women from all over the United States were trained as Ministry Coaches for Women Ministries. These highly gifted women have hearts for women in the local church and have been called to serve them as a coach—to come alongside for a year to equip and encourage them in building up their ministries. Wendy Anderson, Excelsior Covenant and Heidi Broberg, Willmar Covenant, were trained from the Northwest Conference. There have already been several requests for their help from pastors who heard about the training while at the Midwinter Conference. I am still available to come and do leadership training, too. That means that there are three of us who are available to the local church. How can we help? God's kingdom will surely be advanced!!

I am excited to be involved with Women Ministries in the 90th year and be part of the vision to bring us into the next 90 years. Get into the celebration. Go online to learn more at www.covchurch.org/cov/women and www.nwc-cov.org link to Women Ministries. See you in April!
—Toni Schwabe, NWC Women Ministries, director

Leadership Forum

Over 100 pastors, staff and lay persons attended the latest Leadership Forum of the Northwest Conference, "The Peaceable Congregation: Managing Conflict in our Lives and in the Church" on January 20. Susan Beaumont of the Alban Institute presented the workshop which participants found helpful and practical.

Five objectives were discussed at the forum. Those in attendance discovered how to 1) examine their "gut" theology about conflict, differentiating between functional and dysfunctional conflict, 2) understand how conflict escalates, 3) identify their own preferred styles for managing conflict, 4) learn five methods for approaching conflict and when to apply each one, and 5) practice the art of collaborative conflict resolution.

Rev. Beaumont presented five conflict transformation strategies: Avoidance, Accommodation, Compromise, Competition, and Collaboration. Each participant was given a written exercise to determine his or her style of conflict management. After breaking into groups with those who shared the same style, discussion was held to determine why individuals held to their particular style, and what were the benefits and detriments of each.

Collaboration was presented as the best method of solving problems—which was defined as "a process in which conflict partners seek to satisfy the underlying needs (not wants) of all team members." Beaumont stressed hearing from all parties involved and getting at the true needs of each individual rather than just what each person wanted from a given situation. Biblical teaching and illustrations, handouts, small and large group discussion and other exercises helped the audience with a difficult topic.

Mark your calendars!

The next Northwest Conference Leadership Forum is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 4, 2006**. Gary Walter, Executive Minister for the Department of Church Growth and Evangelism will be presenting "New Life for Your Congregation." It will be held at Redeemer Covenant Church, Brooklyn Park, MN from 9:30-2:30 (www.redeemercov.org Phone: 763-561-8769). The seminar is free and lunch is also provided.

Gary is an outstanding speaker who knows and loves the ministry of the local church. He and his department are committed to the revitalization of our congregations. He will bring a fresh word of encouragement to you and your congregation.

Please RSVP to the Northwest Conference office (*not Redeemer*) at 612-721-4893 or 1-800-756-6692 **no later than Tuesday, March 28, 2006**. You can call the NWC office for further information or also visit our website at www.nwc-cov.org.

If you want to plan into the next calendar year, mark Saturday, January 20, 2007 for the Leadership Forum "A Christian Vision of Faith." Dr. Cornelius Plantinga, president, Calvin Seminary will be the presenter. He was the Bible teacher at the 2005 Mid-Winter Conference. An outstanding scholar and teacher, he has authored several books including, [Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin](#) (1995), [Engaging God's World: A Christian Vision of Faith](#) (2002) and [Discerning the Spirits: A Guide To Thinking About Christian Worship](#) (2003). The time and location of this event will be announced.



Susan Beaumont (seated, left) chatted with pastors and church leaders during the lunch break of the Northwest Conference recent Leadership Forum on Conflict Management.

CHIC leaders request Covenant pray-ers to join them in Tennessee

By Karen Hinz and Martha Swanson

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.

— Jeremiah 29:12

What do a retired missionary, a stay-at-home mom from Wisconsin, a pastor from California, and a grandparent from the Midwest all have in common? They are all planning to attend CHIC '06 "No Ordinary Day" — our denomination's national event for high school students. None of them are youth workers. None have high school-age children. None are in high school themselves. So why would they be at a high school event? Because they are committed to Jesus and they believe in the power of prayer.

Does praying for a week sound inviting or boring? What if you were to join with dozens of others who are in the same ministry: focused, committed, and sincere intercessory prayer? What if you could be part of a Prayer Team at this high-energy conference with 7,000 attendees?

All effective ministry happens on the heels of heartfelt prayer. What might God do next summer with thousands of young people? The CHIC '06 Prayer Team is being gathered from every corner of the nation. People who feel called to prayer are being sought for this team. If you are an intercessor — whether you are 19 or 82 — please prayerfully consider this invitation.

The work is more demanding than might be imagined. It is not a bunch of people sitting in a circle in a darkened room. Imagine, instead, a group spread out across the campus, leading small prayer events, praying with leaders, receiving written and called-in prayer requests, maintaining "set-aside" places for prayer, responding to crisis moments, listening for the Spirit, and discerning needs. Imagine people outside the auditorium during an evening session praying with kids who are rebelling against the structure of CHIC. Imagine praying with and for each speaker and musician. The team takes turns maintaining a presence in a prayer room throughout each day, and often long into the night. They walk the grounds and pray over the different venues. They are easily identifiable by bold T-shirts, and often stopped and asked for prayer "on the spot" on any given topic. Past prayer team members report having prayed over crisis and joys, having hair-raising spiritual encounters in the process, but also experiencing the tender care and fellowship of other team members. Team leaders Martha Swanson and Karen Hinz will gladly adjust your assignments to match your abilities.

There has been a prayer team at each of the last three CHIC events, growing to 30 people in 2003. There is no upper limit for this team. An abundance of committed intercessors would be wonderful! Is God calling you to support the ministry of CHIC '06 in this way? Pray about it.

CHIC '06 will be July 16-21 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Prayer team members attend as CHIC staff, and must go through the application process. If you are interested in joining the Prayer Team, please contact Carla Erickson in the office of Church Growth and Evangelism. (773-907-3352 or carla.erickson@covchurch.org)

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Covenant Enabling Residence: "Friendship Place"

You are invited to an evening dessert program hosted by Bloomington Covenant Church on Saturday March 18th at 7:00 p.m. to receive information about the developing ministry and to raise funds for the construction and start up of Friendship Place.

Friendship Place will be the third Covenant Enabling Residence in Minnesota, along with Our Place and North Place in Duluth. It will be a duplex building that provides supportive living in Christ-centered homes for a total of eight developmentally delayed adults, to be built on land in Lino Lakes donated by Rice Creek Covenant Church. This developing ministry is a partnership including a growing number of Covenant churches of the Northwest Conference, Northwest Conference Covenant Women's Ministries, and students at Minnehaha Academy. The intent is to show the love of Christ in a concrete way to our community and to families and individuals with needs for a supportive Christian home.

To build and start up Friendship Place, we must raise \$300,000. Through the generous support of individuals and churches, and a matching grant provided by Covenant Ministries of Benevolence, we have already raised over \$110,000. Thanks to all of you who have contributed! We will work energetically together to reach the financial goal, so that Friendship Place can be built in the near future.

This is an exciting ministry in which we, the church of Christ, have the opportunity to meet the needs of vulnerable people in our community. **Please join with us! Come to Bloomington Covenant Church on Saturday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m.** to enjoy some dessert, to learn more about Covenant Enabling Residences and Friendship Place, and to offer financial and prayer support for this ministry.

Please contact Sharon Penner, Chair of the Friendship Place Committee, at 763-786-7789 for more information about this program or about how you can contribute to the development of Friendship Place.

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