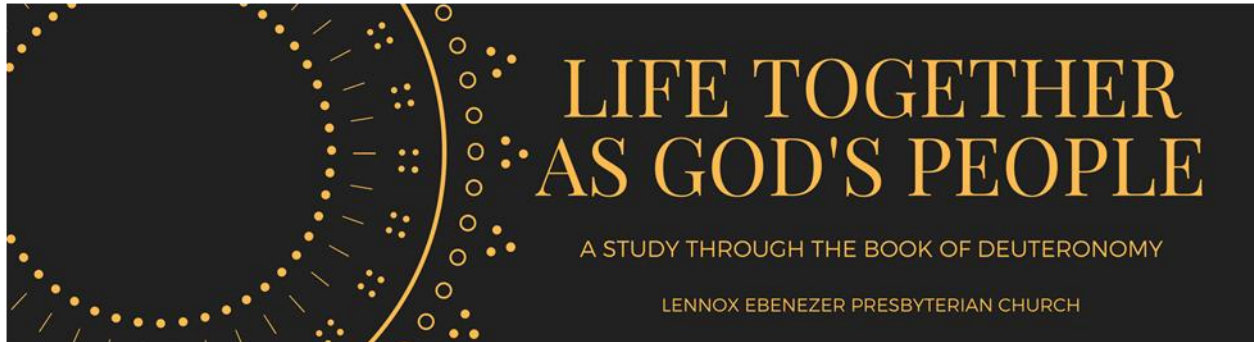




P.C.A. Witness

(Preaching Christ Always)



As they prepared to enter the Promised Land, the stories of Deuteronomy shaped Israel to be God's Chosen People, living together as a Covenant community. At the beginning of their new life together in a new land full of blessings and challenges, the people were faced with a decision: to be faithful to God or not to be faithful; to worship the one true God or to worship other gods, abandoning the life of justice and generosity that the Lord set out in His law.

In a powerful way, Deuteronomy still speaks to the Covenant community today. As we have been made a "holy nation, a people for his own possession," God's Word continues to show us how Christ stakes a claim to every part of our life together. As the Church, we enter into a new life together in a land full of blessings and challenges. Will we be faithful to God in the land of promise and trust in His ways, or will we be led astray by the ways of the world around us.

Through the months of June and July of 2018, we will engage in a new sermon series through the book of Deuteronomy each Sunday morning, that we may grow in our Life Together as God's Chosen People. Here is the schedule of sermons:

Life of Faith in the Land of Promise - Deuteronomy 1:9-18

Access Denied - Deuteronomy 3:23-29

People of God in the World - Deuteronomy 4:1-14

The Commandments of God - Deuteronomy 5:1-21

The Lesson of the Wilderness - Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Celebrating the Life - Deuteronomy 16:1-17

The Law is Rest - Deuteronomy 24:1-12

Lord, Lord - Deuteronomy 29

People of the Word - Deuteronomy 31

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June Anniversaries

- 1 Duane & Lois DeVries
Wendell & Karen Strasser
- 2 Alan & Gloria Rops
- 9 Wayne & Berdine Kock
- 11 Gary & Barb Buse,
Randy & Eldonna Hanisch
- 12 Donavon & Sandy Bruns
- 13 Ron & Betty Heibult
- 17 Larry & Lori Bunjer
- 21 Marlyn & Kathy Bunger
- 22 Alvin & Carla Haan
- 24 Billy & Laura Welch

Congratulations!

Birthdays

- 1 Haley Covais, Kelsey Newsome
- 2 Gail Carlson
- 3 Alex Buse, Emily Wipf
- 4 Jacob Carlson
- 8 Mia Cramer
- 9 Mark Van Ruler
- 10 Gloria Rops, Laurie Shaffer,
- 12 Hailey Nelson, Eden Tolliver, Camden Wulf
- 15 Larry DeVries
- 17 Jerry Carlson, Kali Wipf
- 18 Dennis Rens
- 21 Sharon Crider, Rose Haan, Delphi Klusmann
- 22 Mike Miller, Abbie Strasser
- 23 Sandy Bruns
- 24 John Pien
- 25 Pat Miller
- 26 Mina Poppens



This month we are featuring Marla Poppens who lives at 916 S Elm St in Lennox. Her family includes her mother, Arlis, and her daughter, Marissa.

Marla grew up on a local farm then lived in Murdo, Sioux Falls, and Brandon before moving back to Lennox which is "home."

Marla taught fourth grade and preschool. Since 1986 she has run an in-home day care. Her mother assists her as chief baby rocker. Her daughter, Marissa,

runs a non-profit called MStorious Miracles in Denver, CO.

Marla's favorite pastimes include reading, puzzles, and stitchery crafts.

Marla was born and raised in Ebenezer, was baptized as an infant, and took classes as a teen to join church. She states, "I have always felt I belonged in Ebenezer as part of the family of God." She has participated as a Sunday School teacher, has done various VBS jobs, has gone to church

camp as a counselor and teacher, and has done other jobs throughout the years. "I love my family at Ebenezer."

Marla further states, "My church family has always been so supportive of me. I felt it when I adopted as a single parent, they helped me raise my daughter and most recently have helped me when Marissa was diagnosed with MS. Prayers are totally amazing!"

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Adult Sunday School

Class in Adult #1:

The topics for "Dust to Glory" for June are: David, Solomon & the Temple, The Divided Kingdom, and Elijah.

Class in the library:

The summer topic for this class is "Justice in the New Testament". In June the unit is "God is Just and Merciful" looking at passages in Matthew & Luke.

S.S. offering:

This will be the last month for the current mission project. So far enough has been given

to purchase 99 Bibles for children living where Christians are persecuted. Each Bible costs \$6.00.

Women's Ministries News

- **Women's Bible study** on I Corinthians will meet on June 2nd at 8:30 am at the church. They will be studying chapter three.

- **Rachel Bible study** will meet on the 12th at 7:00 pm at the home of Kathy Bunger.

Rise With the Guys

Rise with the Guys will meet on June 2nd at 7:00 am at the

church. They will be studying Genesis 35.

Officers' Meetings

The Deacons and the Session will both meet on June 5th at 7:00 pm.

Lennox Area Church Softball Games

The schedule for the Church League Softball games was not available at the time of printing the newsletter. The first game was on May 24th. Watch the bulletin for when the games will be played. If you have questions about playing on the team, see Pat Miller.

MISSION NEWS



Ross & Ellen Errington Wycliffe Bible Translators Langley, BC Canada

Plans do change sometimes. We wrote in our recent newsletter that I (Ross) was planning to go to the Philippines on May 17 to spend time with the Manobo translators. However I needed to cancel this trip as a result of my having angioplasty to open up some heart arteries (4 stents installed). Some prayer and praise items:

* Praise God that the angioplasty was done before I had a heart attack emergency. Pray for my healing as my heart recovers.

* Pray for God's guidance as we seek to continue this translation work with His help. Pray that we'd not be discouraged with this setback.

* Pray for the Manobo translation team as they persevere in their translation work.

Chris & Josephine Hatch Serge London, England Changes

Over the past year, we have been discussing our future with our supervisor. Kaleb is finishing his junior year of high school in Chi-

cago. We have decided that it's time to take a longer HMA (Home Ministry Assignment) to be with Kaleb during his senior year and to prepare for this next stage of ministry life. To that end, we will be moving to Chicago in August for 12 to 18 months. We will be with Kaleb as he finishes up high school as well as supporting Rachel who will be graduating from university next year. I (Chris) am seeking to work on an advanced degree at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School studying the impact and opportunities of immigration on the church in the Western world.

Challenges

Serge is facing a serious challenge from the British government in regards to the visas for our team members. This is something Serge has not faced in 25 years of working in the UK. Although Josephine and I are not directly affected by this (we have permanent residency in the UK), in a worst-case scenario, two couples and 3 singles on our team could be deported. Please pray for a positive response from the British government and that we could lead

our team well during these turbulent times.

Jos and I are facing a deficit in our support account with Serge. God has provided for us to live in London for almost 13 years but it continues to stretch our faith as we always seem to be on edge financially. We will soon be facing a pay cut if the situation does not change. Please pray for our faith during this time and for new donors who would consider supporting our work in London.

Pete & Esther Errington Beyond Plano, TX

Aidan turned 18 on April 20. He recently made the big decision to attend the University of Texas at Dallas next fall.

We bought a 15 passenger van! Soon after we asked you to pray specifically for that decision, we found one for significantly less than anything we'd seen previously.

June 3-6 will be Beyond's next Candidate Conference for new workers. Pray for Erika and Pete as they prepare all the content and logistics. That same week (June 3-8) Aidan and Talea will be gone

to camp.

We're trying to line up friends to help Esther at home while the three of us are away

Bill & Susan Carr Mokahum Ministry Center Bemidji, MN

We thank God for a great year. We saw students grow in devotion to God, boldness in testimony, and knowledge of the Scriptures. I cannot remember a better year. Our 2-year discipleship curriculum was effective and the modules for next year are already on the schedule.

We are now taking training to the reservations by a small team that stays there for about a week. The team has gone to Pine Ridge, SD twice this spring.

Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters Auxiliary

Thank you to all who donated cans of soup in May. The next meeting will be June 15th at West Prairie Lutheran Church. The Love Gift is canned fruit. Please bring your donations by the 13th.

Fran Stenberg asked prayer for more staff, funds, and for people who are trying to change their lives.

PCA General Assembly

The 46th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America will be meeting June 11th - 15th in Atlanta, GA. Please pray for safety in travel to and from the meetings, for those giving reports, for the business to be conducted and the decisions to be made, and for the times of worship and fellowship. Pastor Saylor will be attending.

Bible Camp

The campers will be leaving for Camp Judson Saturday morning, June 23rd, at 9:00 am. Please meet in the church parking lot at 8:30 am to load the bus. Bring a sack lunch for your

noon meal. The campers will be back in Lennox late in the afternoon of June 29th.

If you made a deposit for your portion of the cost of camp, the balance needs to be paid **by June 15th**.

If you haven't registered for camp, but would like to go, please do so as soon as possible. There are camp brochures with registration blanks on the information center in the narthex. We currently have 25 youth registered to go.

Vacation

Bible School

If you haven't already, please register your kids for Bible School to be held July 22-26 in

the evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm. You can do that online at lennoxpca.org or pick up a form in the church narthex and turn it into the church office.

This year we have the opportunity for you to purchase a CD of VBS songs. If you are interested in buying one, there are forms located in the narthex on the table under the poster. The cost of the CD is \$6.00.

Also, we still need a few more Bible Challenge Leader volunteers to help with VBS. Please sign up on the poster board in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call Christi Saylor at 712-229-6843.

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