

# The Spotlight

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## Getting to Know Our Church Family



At 97 years of age, Evelyn Callies has the honor of being the oldest member of our Salem Road Church family.

Evelyn Olson was born on October 9, 1911, the daughter of John and Inger Olson in Winnebago County, Iowa. Soon after she moved with her family to their home near Woden, Iowa. When Evelyn was two years old, her mother, Inger, aunts and cousins took her to Norway.

Evelyn attended country school through the eighth grade and high school in Buffalo Center, graduating in 1929. She went on to Waldorf College for a year and then began teaching in rural schools from 1930-1939.

Evelyn and Frank Callies were married on May 15, 1940 at her family home. In 1954 they purchased their own farm near Forest City, Iowa.

Two daughters were born to Frank and Evelyn, Pamela and Kandyce. Pam

married Bob Tryggestad. Some may remember them when they attended Salem Road in the 90's. Bob is semi-retired from Mayo Clinic. They have a home in the country near La Crosse. They have two sons and a grandson.

Kandyce married Alan Kuns and they had two daughters. Alan died suddenly and unexpectedly in their home near Austin the night before a planned celebration for Evelyn's 90th birthday. Kandyce lives and works in Austin.

Evelyn's husband, Frank, died on April 14, 1973. The next month they would have celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary.

Evelyn continued to live on the family farm until 1982 when she sold the farm and moved to Rochester. She built a townhome where she still lives by herself with the help of her family.

Evelyn was baptized, confirmed, and active in the Lutheran Church. After coming to faith in Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord, Evelyn came to Rochester seeking a Bible believing church. After attending several churches, Evelyn heard about SRCC. After hearing the true Biblical message from Pastor Ken Larson and his visit the next day, Evelyn knew she found her church home. She became a member on January 23, 1985.

# Women's Ministry Update

This last week in my devotional time I have been learning about discouragement. Charles Stanley, in the "*In Touch*" magazine sates that "discouragement is one of Satan's most effective weapons". Satan knows that if he can destroy our courage, we will be ineffective in accomplishing anything for Christ. He then describes three different actions that often come with discouragement: 1) a divided mind - our thinking is just slightly kinked (twisted) ever so slightly, that we start believing the deceptions of discouragement. 2) blaming others - seeing the one who disappointed you as the one who caused your troubles. 3) anger - bitterness may develop into a spirit of vengeance and retaliation. If there is no resolution to anger, it can mutate into depression (which can be displayed as a critical and self-hating spirit.) Resentment acts like a cancer that slowly spreads and destroys your entire life. Don't allow disappointments to eat away at your relationships and productivity. Psalms 40:2 is our reminder that the Lord can lift us out of the "miry clay" and "set our feet upon a rock making our footsteps firm".

The word discouragement comes from "courage" - Webster's meaning for courage is: "mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty." Many times God reminds us to "be of good courage", "be courageous". In our study of Esther, Beth Moore explained the idea of what it means to "take courage". This "taking" is indicating that we "do it," that we grab a hold of it. But we can not do it on our

own!! We need God. But, you MUST reach out! Take courage ladies - Take it!! God is not finished with us yet!

There has been much prayer put into this year's planning for Women's Ministry.

Our first priority is studying God's Word together. This fall we are changing this approach just a bit. We are planning to have a women's study during the Sunday School hour. This will be focused on learning how "Biblical Womanhood" is defined. A few of us went to the True Woman conference last fall, and the Lord has placed upon our hearts the desire to share this powerful study with the ladies at SRCC. Via DVD, we are able to take you there to be a part of this great awakening. It is our prayer that this different approach will also unify us gals in our study of God's word. Hopefully, Sunday morning will allow those unable to attend during the week to participate. We are planning to resume the typical Tuesday morning & evening studies in January 2010 with a study by Nancy Leigh DeMoss entitled "*Seeking Him*". It is currently available at a sale price of \$12.99 (reg \$18.99) at Revive Our Hearts website: [www.ReviveOurHearts.com](http://www.ReviveOurHearts.com) or 866-842-8381. Information on a group rate will be coming soon.

Second, we are looking at fun fellowship at our "Fall Thing" (as apposed to the Spring Fling). We will be crafting fall decorations for our homes. Watch for details to come.

Third, our influence as praying women - moms, grandmoms, aunts, spiritual moms - In celebration of the 25th Anniversary of *Moms In Touch International*,

# Covenant Annual Meeting Review

The theme "*Living Our Affirmations: The Necessity of the New Birth*" was evident throughout the 124th annual meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church on June 25-27 in Portland, Oregon.

John Teter, pastor of Fountain of Life Covenant Church in Long Beach, California, delivered the devotional message before each business session, emphasizing "zoe life," a transforming experience only found through faith in Jesus Christ.

Teter introduced "How the New Birth Begins" by recounting how Nicodemus, a learned and respected man, discreetly visited Jesus after dark, probably because he feared damage to his reputation if he met with him openly.

Teter followed with "Witness to the New Birth" by contrasting how Jesus asked the Samaritan woman at the well, someone trapped in the lowest rungs of society, for a drink of water and offering her the water of life in return. Noting how the woman returned to her village and implored everyone to come meet

Jesus, Teter reiterated the greatest exhortation of the Bible: "Do not be afraid."

"The new birth always builds community," Teter said. "You share the Gospel. They hear the Gospel. And fruit happens."

Here's the evidence:

- o Attendance in Covenant churches grew 6 percent in 2008.
- o The Covenant has grown 53 percent during the past decade.
- o The Covenant has increased 90 percent during the past 17 years.
- o Ethnic churches, those made up predominately of members of non-European descent, grew from 81 to 186 from 1996 to 2008, representing 23 percent of all Covenant congregations.

Comprehensive coverage of the 2009 annual meeting and progress of the Covenant's continuing ministries can be found at [www.covchurch.org](http://www.covchurch.org).

The next annual meeting will be much closer to home on June 24-27, 2010, in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dwight Boyum

## Women's Ministry Update (continued from previous page)

our church will be hosting a worldwide day (morning) of extraordinary prayer for children and schools on Saturday, November 14, 2009. "*Arise! Cry Out!*" The website is at [www.momsintouch.org](http://www.momsintouch.org) Please register your attendance online, this is a free event.

Now, the real battle cry of my heart is that we, together, would be willing to "take courage" and learn what it means to view womanhood from a biblical perspective. You know, to have a biblical world

view - is to be able to see the world through biblical standards - so to have a biblical view of womanhood - is to see ourselves through the Bible's perspective - How God views us!! At the True Woman Conference, John Piper said "*What is the ultimate meaning of true womanhood? It is this: True womanhood is a distinctive calling of God to display the glory of His Son in ways that would not be displayed if there were no womanhood.*"

Jeanette Lorang

# All Church Picnic

Join us for a great time together on August 2 after our worship service for a delicious picnic lunch of BBQ pork sandwiches, beans, chips, and homemade pies. Please bring a salad to pass. You may also bring lawn chairs and lawn games. Planned activities include a fun tug of war.

# VBS African Safari



Our VBS prayer safari is almost here! VBS will run August 9th - Thursday, August 13th, 6-8 pm each night. We will be having a dinner on Thursday night from 5:15 to 5:45, and everyone from church is invited to attend. Registration forms for the dinner are due by August 2nd, but please come even if you forget to turn yours in.

We will also be making instruments to use during the music portion of VBS. We will have the kids go to the Fireside Room immediately following church (and just before the picnic) on Sunday, August 2nd to make the instruments. Thank you to all who contributed recyclables to our cause! Children of all ages are welcome to attend this, even if they are too young or old for VBS.

Please contact Donia Robinson at [gtrobinsons@gmail.com](mailto:gtrobinsons@gmail.com) with any questions. See you at VBS!



- 2 - Brad Lorang
- 3 - Wendy Engstler
- 7 - Linda Lewis
- 8 - Mark Evinger
- 14 - Jerry Huebner
- 17 - Connie Reinhart
- 18 - Donia Robinson
- 20 - Dave Capps
- 23 - Daphne Roberts
- 25 - Kate Robinson
- 26 - Lillian Lorang
- 26 - Kunle Roberts
- 27 - Anne Johnson
- 28 - David Iott

## August Anniversaries

- 6 - Lewis & Rosebud Roberts
- 14 - Howard & Shirley Heikes
- 18 - Steve & Linda Lewis
- 23 - Dwight & Judy Boyum
- 29 - Marty & Lou Ellen Wolfe

## Set Up

- 2 - Lewis
- 9 - Iott
- 16 - J. Johnson
- 23 -
- 30 - Huebner

## Greeters

- 2 - Heikes
- 9 - Lewis
- 16 - Bjaastad
- 23 - Driscoll
- 30 - Roberts

## Ushers

- Reimer
- Engstler
- Therneau
- Hanson
- Boyum

## Nursery

- Robinson
- Roberts
- Reimer
- Ouverson
- Lucas

# CHIC 2009: Undone



Our CHIC students: Tim, Lillian, Alexa, Miranda, Shaylan, and Tiffany

The high school youth spent a week in Knoxville, Tennessee at the University of Tennessee, for the Covenant Church Conference. Two points were stressed this past week at CHIC: find the dream inside of you and always be yourself. We learned that the way most of us perceive ourselves is not how God sees us and that we need to get rid of our negative images of ourselves so we can have a better relationship with God. We learned that we need to find our dream and act on it because God had put this dream into us when we were knit together in our mother's womb. We also learned that the best way to show our faith was through love, and mostly to be ourselves and never cover our true identities. I think as a group what was the hardest thing for us is that we need to tear down the walls we have built up. It is hard to be your true self in high school as many times we put on pretend faces instead of being ourselves. If people don't accept

you it doesn't matter because you only need God in your life.

We all did not expect everything that came our way. It was a week of fun, and learning about ourselves, our faith, and people around us. The speakers we had were incredible. Though our group did not all agree on who was the best we were able to learn a lot from each of them. For example, we learned about what was going on in our world such as human trafficking and slavery that still exists today. CHIC as a whole wrote over 5,000 letters to senators to try and stop this from happening in the U.S. and countries all around world. Also, we packaged 427,896 meals to be sent to an area where people are starving. Besides learning more of what it means to be a Christian, we put to work what it means to be a Christian.

The week was full of powerful messages and fun! I think the hardest thing about CHIC is trying to explain one of the best weeks of your life to someone who has never gone! It is so hard to capture the feeling that you get. I hope this gives you a glimpse into what we as youth experienced while at CHIC.

Miranda Wolfe

