



September 2017

# Covenant Caller

## From the Pastor's Desk

I have to say that I thoroughly enjoyed being able to view the eclipse on Monday. And, no, I didn't go outside and stand staring at the sun. Sheesh! I think that I have more sense than that. Besides, Jo told me not to do it, so I didn't.

I did wonder if we were going to get to see any of it at all when the clouds kept forming all morning. But the time came and sun was shining and we got to experience one of the great wonders of our universe. Some people would like to believe that an eclipse such as the one we enjoyed is an indicator that the world was going to end. But, for me, I like to think of an eclipse of the magnitude that we saw is an indicator that God, in his infinite knowledge, knew exactly what he was doing when he placed the planets and stars in the heavens at the dawn of creation.

I'm sure that there are many people who believe an eclipse is just an accidental alignment of heavenly bodies that is bound to occur at some point in time, but when I think of the centuries that have passed with seasons that come and go with clock-like regularity and events like eclipses and comets passing the earth that happen more rarely, but still on a cosmic schedule, I can't help but see my Creator's handiwork on display.

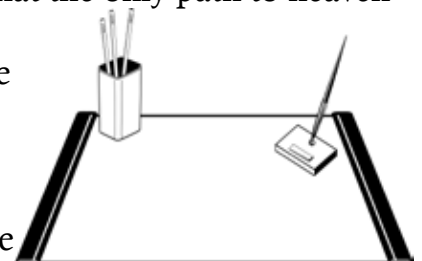
"And God said, 'Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. And God made two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night. And so to separate the light from the darkness, And God saw that it was good." Genesis 1:14-18 ESV

To know that God, in his wisdom and planning, made the provisions for events like an eclipse to happen, gives me assurance that he has made plans for each one of us. Even as minute as we might be in the expanse of the universe, God made us to be like him, made in his image. He also put into motion the plan he had for us so that we could discover just how important we are to him. He, along with Jesus who was with him at creation, knew that we would make choices that would fly in the face of his wisdom and plan. Those choices would require a way to be corrected and forgiven since they would take all of humanity down a long and dangerous path with only one outcome, death.

Jesus became the light we need to see what God's plan truly is for us. Jesus became the light that can never be eclipsed by anything, since he is the light that illuminates all our darkest thoughts, words, and actions. Jesus is the light that shines so brightly that the only path to heaven can be clearly illuminated, the path that leads right to him.

I encourage everyone who reads this to be certain that that is the path that you are on, wanting to follow it right up until the day we all stand before God's throne, so that we can hear the words of welcome and peace as we enter into our eternal home with Jesus.

Pastor Steve



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# Prayer Prompts

Here are some prayer prompts to use during  
the month of September:



On Sundays pray for the Pastor and his family

Mondays pray for teachers & students going back  
to school (elementary, Jr. & Sr. high, & college)

Tuesdays pray for Pete & Cindy Ekstrand

Wednesdays pray for the Christian Education  
Committee

Thursdays pray for continued growth in the  
youth that attended Bible Camp

Fridays pray for Women's Ministries

Saturdays pray for our country and its leaders



And whatever you ask in My name, that will I  
do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If  
you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

John 14:13-14



# Welcome Fall



**September 21, 2017  
7:00 PM**

**Hostesses:  
Joni Aronson &  
Jan Egertsen**

**Devotions:  
Sue Wenell**

**Program:  
Ebba Youngberg**

**Election of Officers & Committees**



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***September 15-17  
Fall Retreat at TLCC***

Join Covenant Women from around the state at Twin Lakes Bible Camp for the fall retreat. This will be a great weekend to get away from the responsibilities and busyness of life. Join us as we study and experience Rest through the study of scripture, the experience of worship, and through fellowship with other women. Lynn Black of McPherson, Kansas will be our guest speaker. She is a pastor's wife and mother of three.





***Registration deadline is September 5  
You may register on-line at [twinlakesbiblecamp.com](http://twinlakesbiblecamp.com)  
or fill out and mail a registration form to***

***Twin Lake Bible Camp  
7718 Twin Lakes Road  
Manson, IA 50563***



# September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Worship 11 AM Fellowship Coffee					1	2
3 4:30 pm Pleasant View Service Holy Communion	4 	5	6	7	8	9
10 Sunday School Begins	11	12	13 7:00 pm Board Mtg	14	15  Covenant Women Fall Retreat Sept 15 - 17	16
17	18 12-1 *Community Senior Potluck Lutheran Church	19	20 7:00 pm Bible Study	21 7 PM Women's Ministries Election of Offices	22	23
24	25	26	27 7:00 pm Bible Study	28	29	30

\*\*Remember dates & times may be subject to change.\*\*  
Consult the weekly bulletin for the latest information

**\*IF there is a funeral at Our Savior's on that day there will be no potluck**