

# Covenant Life Link

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## Message from Pastor Steve

What does *incarnation* really tell us? *Incarnation*, the coming of God to earth in human form through Jesus the Messiah, tells us more about God than it does about us. What kind of God -- all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-present Creator of the universe-- would wrap Himself in the skin of a human embryo and enter into the womb of a 14 year old girl? The obvious answer is “a loving God”, but that flows too freely from our mouths without hanging around in our brains for a while. What is so loving about becoming one of us, growing like one of us, living like one of us, suffering like one of us?

The amazing thing is not that God could do such a miraculous thing. He's God; He can do whatever He wants. The miracle is that He would choose to. God could have just come down from heaven with a blast of trumpets and proclaimed His Kingship over the earth, setting everything to rights and fulfilling Rev. 21 before it was written. He could have just taken away all sin in a flash and made us all “perfect as I am perfect.” He could have raised up a human leader and possessed him. There are numerous ways that God could have acted, and those are just the ways I can think of in my finite, human brain. So why *incarnation*?

From the beginning of time, this has been the plan. This incarnation was foretold from the first chapters of Genesis. Reading through the Old Testament we see over 300 prophecies about the coming Messiah, who would be Immanuel – God with us (Isa. 7). They gave the details about the coming of this Immanuel in surprising detail, from where and when He would be born to how he would live to how he would die and that he would rise again. God did not choose incarnation at 3:47pm on Dec. 25, 4 B.C. He chose this before there was time. But why?

Here's the answer you've been looking for: I don't know. Helpful, isn't it? I don't presume to know the mind or purposes of God, but I have a few guesses.

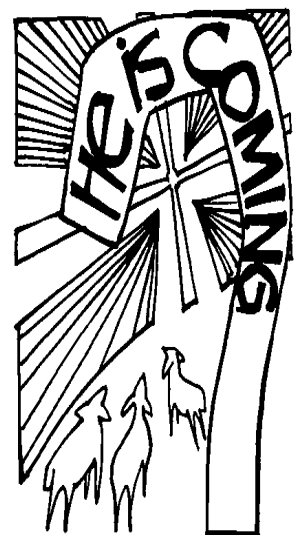
Maybe God wanted to teach us the importance of humility. “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness (*incarnation*). And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!” (Phil. 2) According to the bible, there is no greater attitude to have in life. To be willing to seek the good of others over your own is the ultimate act of humility, love and godliness.

Maybe it was to free us from the power of the devil. “Since the children (that's us) have flesh and blood, He (that's Jesus) too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.” (Heb. 2) God can't die, and that was the only way to show us that death is not the end, but a new beginning. As trite as this phrase sounds, it is one of the ultimate truths of life, and God became one of us to free us from our terror of death which permeates and in so many ways determines our lives.

Ultimately, it was to save us. “But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.” (Gal. 4) By becoming one of us and dying as one of us upon the cross, Jesus redeemed us and opened the doorway to heaven as the “firstborn from among the dead” (Col. 1). There was no other way by which we could be saved.

I said before that the incarnation teaches us more about our loving God than about ourselves. That God became the baby in the manger that we are awaiting this Advent season means that we are loved by the Creator of all things. He knows us, our every hidden thought and deed, and yet loves us so much as to become one of us, to grow, live and suffer as one of us, to teach us humility by example, to free us from our bondage to the devil and to save us from death. This Advent season, as you await our Christmas celebration, know that you are waiting for the celebration of the greatest gift of love you could ever receive. Come, Lord Jesus. Maranatha.

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH CHAIR

It has been quite a month. The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration was really a great weekend. It did not sink in to me until our celebration weekend just how fitting our theme "Remember, Rejoice, Rededicate" is. The weekend provided a chance to look back and remember our great history, rejoice with current and past member and rededicate ourselves to a bright future. A special thanks to the Anniversary Committee of Lois Miller, Noni Jones, Jo Swan, Loris Wiltberger, and Edie Wisdom for all their planning and hard work to make this such a special event.

Another highlight for me this month has been the sermon series on Stewardship. Pastor Steve has done a great job with a very challenging topic and one that we need to continue to focus on.

We had a great turnout this past Sunday at the Church Board meeting. A special thanks to Diane Kevin for providing the barbeque for the meal. Below are some highlights from the meeting:

- We will continue to have a special focus on one of five engines of the church. For 2009 the theme will be Discipleship.
- We will further discuss at the congregational meeting the idea of having "social time" after the Sunday service September-May from 12:00 – 12:30.
- The Executive Committee is in the process of asking 3-4 people to meet from January to May to discuss ways to improve our focus on Stewardship, including time, talent, and treasure. Recommendations will then be implemented by either a committee under Missions & Stewardship or a separate board. If you are interested in helping out in this area please let me know.

We reviewed the 2009 Proposed Budget. The budget committee has done a great job of balancing the requests from all the committees and I think we have a good plan in place. To meet the growing needs of our ministry, we do need a 11% increase in collections. Please pray about your role in helping us meet that goal.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please talk to me or one of the Executive Committee members.

God Bless

Joe Bothe

### COOKBOOK UPDATE

Cookbook Contributors: I just had a lengthy conversation with the cookbook publishing company. It appears that just 3 of the errors that we submitted were actually THEIR errors. These errors would be corrected IF we were to order additional copies (which at this point in time, we have no need or plan to do so). So, I will continue to keep a log of errors that are discovered. I can send them out periodically or as requested. I feel better realizing that had we even paid to get a second proof, the outcome would have been similar, as the majority of the errors were accomplished individually, as we copied our favorites from our own personal collections. In addition, I am working to get the late submitted and "lost" recipes printed in the correct format. This process has proven to be more challenging than expected, but I will get it done ASAP.

*Thanks for your patience. I hope you all are enjoying the recipe collection.*

*By the way, there are more copies available for your holiday gift-giving. I would like to suggest \$12.50 for anyone who ordered before, \$15.00 for others (as this was the price set for the anniversary dinner).*

*Happy Cooking!!!*

*Becky Sisler*

**December Birthdays**

Leslie Sander  
 (dau. of missionary)  
 Sue Lazowski  
 Jacob Howells  
 Jenn Vollstedt  
 Joshua Larson  
 Larry Schultz  
 Elizabeth Potts  
 Benjamin Woolsey  
 Jan Mize  
 Carole Minor  
 Sue Guio  
 Marla Gaertner  
 Kim Severson  
 Diane Watson  
 Mark Cordes  
 Olivia Kevin  
 Ryan Severson  
 Mary Kuryliw  
 Ainsley Preuter  
 Lynn Vogl  
 Don Code  
 Gordon Erdman

**THANK YOU NOTE**

Thank you to those who sent cards, phoned and visited after my recent surgery. Thank you to those who provided meals for my family. And most of all thank you for your prayers. What a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful church family.

Love,  
 Sue Klopfenstein

**December Anniversaries**

David & Amy Wessel  
 Gene & Sharalyn Kowitz  
 Ivan & Noni Jones  
 Don & Elizabeth Potts  
 John & Sue Guio  
 Robert & Beth Ferguson

**FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST**

We will be having a fund raising breakfast for those campers going to Covenant Harbor or Covenant Point this summer. It will be Sunday, Feb. 22 at 8:30 (before Sunday School). If you are going to camp and would like to help raise some money to go, contact Susan Kauffman no later than Jan. 15. All proceeds from the breakfast will be divided among those helping out!!

**SMORGASBORD**

Don't miss the final 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event of the year. Although Hillcrest Covenant is "not just for Swedes anymore" we still continue to host our annual Smorgasbord. Join us on Sunday, December 14, for a smorgasbord of traditional Swedish foods as well as many other favorite Hillcrest dishes. The cider will be hot and ready at 5:00 P.M., the meal will begin at 5:30 P.M.. Following the dinner we will enjoy the Christmas program in the church sanctuary and then end the evening with cookies and coffee.

The sign up sheet in the foyer includes opportunities to serve as well as to bring a couple of your favorite recipes. In order to have a place setting for everyone we ask that you sign up no later than Wednesday, December 10. Feel free to invite guests but please let us know how many to expect.

**Registration has started for the 2009 summer.**

Register early for those hard to get camps & skills! Remember when signing up for camps: Covenant Harbor goes by the age you are right now and Covenant Point goes by the grade you will be entering next fall. If you have any questions about the camps or registering, please contact Susan Kauffman. There are scholarships available through the Julie Grimm Scholarship Fund and also through each camp. The camps and our church do not want a camper to miss out on camp due to financial reasons! Contact Pastor Steve or Susan Kauffman for more info. on scholarships.

**WINTERFEST**

Registration forms have been mailed to all the 4th, 5th & 6th graders for WinterFest at Covenant Harbor. If you would like to go and did not receive one, please see Susan Kauffman. We need to know if you are going by Dec. 15 and forms and money turned in by Feb. 8. Any questions, please call Susan Kauffman. Scholarships are also available.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT by Bruce Bickner

**Facilities Usage Policy:** We recently experienced an unapproved usage of our church facility by another Christian organization. Accordingly, the Trustees wish to remind all members of the Church policy regarding usage of our facilities by outside organizations.

It is Church policy that our buildings, when not in use for church purposes, may be used for philanthropic, charitable, religious, educational, civic and other worthwhile purposes. In addition, our buildings and grounds may be used for non-profit, social, civic, recreational meetings and entertainments and other uses pertaining to the welfare of the community. In all cases such uses must be consistent with the purposes of Hillcrest Covenant.

Policies, procedures and guidelines are administered by the church secretary and a designated member of the Trustees (currently Bruce Bickner) in conjunction with the Executive Board. All requests for facility use must be sponsored (or attended) by a member of Hillcrest Covenant. Any request for use of Hillcrest Covenant facilities (other than church functions) must be submitted on a Facility Use Request form. This form may be obtained from the church office and must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event for which the request is being submitted. The designated Trustee will review and approve or deny the request within one week. No non-church function can be placed on the church calendar or held unless and until such request is approved. In cases involving use of the sanctuary, the designated Trustee is required to discuss the matter with either the pastor or the Worship and Music board and receive approval for the use of the sanctuary. The request form must designate a specific individual who is an officer or member of the applying group, which person will be responsible for the conduct of the applying group and for payment of any usage fees or damages to church property. A certificate of insurance may be required depending on the nature of the activity or the non-church group using the church premises. No approval will be given for longer than one year.

The priority for usage of church facilities is as follows:

Hillcrest Covenant activities planned by its members primarily for the congregation or for outreach (e.g. VBS and Comedy Café)

Hillcrest Covenant member-sponsored activities planned by members of the congregation, but not necessarily for the congregation or outreach (e.g. weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, funerals)

Other churches and Christian organization's activities planned by and for the participants of other Christian churches or organizations (e.g. Network of Nations)

Other entities' activities involving no specific Christian affiliation, but which do not conflict with the principles of Hillcrest Covenant (e.g. polling place for elections, youth athletic organizations)

Further details concerning the conditions under which the facilities and equipment of the church may be used can be obtained from the church office.

If the requested usage is likely to result in out of pocket expense to Hillcrest Covenant, an appropriate fee (and/or damage deposit) will be charged for the usage of our facilities.

**Outdoor Lighting:** Our present outdoor lighting is 40 years old and beginning to fail. The current system is mercury vapor based, and replacement parts are no longer available. The Trustees are therefore working with electrical equipment and installation suppliers to develop a recommendation for replacement/improvement of our outdoor lighting. Further information will be available at the annual meeting in January. Replacement is tentatively planned for late spring.

# DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Christian Ed mtg 6:30p.m.	2 Precepts Bible Study 6:30pm-8:30pm	3 Grace's Girlfriends Bible study 6:30pm  Confirmation & AWANA 6:30pm	4 Greet n Eat 6:30pm  Mission mtf 7pm	5 X4J Christmas shopping 5pm-10pm  Christmas dinner @ CHBC	6 Men's Breakfast & Bible study 7:30am  Ladies lunch @ Diane Kevin's house
7 Choir practice 9:30am Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:45	8	9 Precepts Bible study 6:30pm	10 Grace's Girlfriends Bible study 6:30pm  Confirmation & AWANA 6:30pm	11 Music/Worship mtg 7pm	12	13 Men's Breakfast & Bible study 7:30am
14 Choir practice 9:30am Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:45  Smorgasbord/ Christmas Program 5pm	15	16 Greet n Eat 6:30pm Trustees mtg 7pm	17 Grace's Girlfriends Bible study 6:30pm	18	19	20 Men's Breakfast & Bible study 7:30am
21 Choir practice 9:30am Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:45  All-church Christmas caroling	22	23	24	25 Church office closed	26 Church office closed Wedding rehearsal (Amber Cashman & Steve Remsen)	27 Cashman-Remsen Wedding 1pm
28 Choir practice 9:30am Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:45	29 Winter Day camp @ CHBC	30	31			

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### Sander Family Missionary Letter

November 2008

Dear Covenant Church Family,

First we celebrated the ordination to Word and Sacrament of Axel Arteaga in the Central Covenant Church of Monteria. Axel is the fruit of the ministry of this church. He grew into leadership as a teenager, left to be educated and equipped through seminary education in Medellin, got married and returned to Monteria to serve the regional conference and be a leader in the church. Four years after returning to Monteria Axel accepted the call to be the pastor. The service began at 8:00 am, in order to avoid the heat of the day, and the church was packed out in celebration on this Sunday recognizing the ministry of the pastors of the region and Axel's ordination. The ministry of the pastors and churches of the Covenant in this area of Colombia is truly worth recognizing, because their sacrifice and their commitment to extend God's Kingdom in an area that is not only hot in climate, but has been "hot" because of the civil unrest and upheaval that has taken place in Colombia during the past few decades. It was a great way to begin the day.

Then we left and drove four hours through the highland jungle forests, over the river and on to the Covenant Church in El Bagre, Antioquia. The President of the Colombia Covenant Church, Alvaro Escallon, the General Secretary of the Colombia Covenant Ministerium, Javier de Jesus Gomez, Pastor Manuel Castaneda and Gary were spending this Sunday together in two different Covenant churches in order to ordain both Axel Arteaga and Miguel Alcides Argumedo. The Covenant decided to celebrate the ordination of their pastors this year in the local

churches where the candidates were ministering, so that the local congregations could celebrate with them.

Miguel Argumedo is the pastor of the first Covenant Church which was planted outside of a major urban area. Fourteen years ago the Covenant was invited to go to the small, gold mining town of El Bagre, Antioquia, to search out the possibility of planting a church. Pastor Miguel lived in an impoverished, challenging neighborhood of El Bagre, but he had a definite evangelistic zeal and determination to extend the Kingdom of God through the Covenant in his town. (In fact, the first time Gary visited the church there was the only time he has had actual bodyguards around him 24/7 because of the condition of life there.) Deciding to follow God's leading and plant a Covenant Church in this area has been a blessing for El Bagre. A number of Covenant leaders have come out of the ministry of Pastor Argumedo in El Bagre over the years and the church temple is now an established place of refuge and outreach in the neighborhood. Children, adults and youth all gave testimony to the redemptive ministry of the church and of Pastor Argumedo, and his family, as a part of the ordination celebration. What a blessing to see what God had done, and was doing, in this corner of the world.

The next day we again crossed the river, got in the van, and headed home to our respective cities, having been blessed to accompany God in his expansion of his Kingdom in Colombia.

Love,  
The Sander Family

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

*“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.” Mark 15:16.*

*“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”*

**Matthew 25:40**

The Mission committee uses these Word's of Christ in determining where to distribute Hillcrest Covenant's tithe. We operate with the realization that the money we distribute is not ours, but the Lord's. We see our stewardship of the church's tithe no differently than we see our own—it was God's money first and we are only giving back to Him. We then give out what He has already given to us. The focus is always on the gospel being shared and further spread through our giving. We also are very aware that some organizations/individuals depend on their pledge partners for all their funding. Decisions are made after prayer, reflection and listening to the Holy Spirit. There is never a shortage of organizations which need our help.

For 2009, our tithe will be distributed over three areas: denomination, domestic and foreign. The **denomination** giving will go to the Central Conference, the national Church, and camp activities. The **domestic** giving will go to the Network of Nations, Hope Haven, the Salvation Army, We Care Pregnancy Center, Love INC, the Petersons, and Elim Covenant in Alaska. The **foreign** giving will go to the Restrepos in Mexico, and the Sanders in Colombia. A small portion of undesignated funding will be distributed to other charitable institutions as needs are presented.

We are also aware of and appreciate the fact that some members also contribute directly to many of these same organizations. Further opportunities for individual congregants can be found on the “Missions Opportunities” section of the church bulletin board in the narthex. Please take the time to acquaint yourself with these and prayerfully consider how you might participate in one of these ministries.

If you have questions of want to see more of the details please talk to the members of the committee.

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### Submitted by Carol Hegberg

God speaks to each of us as he makes us,  
then walks with us silently out of the night.

These are words we dimly hear:  
You, sent out beyond your recall,  
go to the limits of your longing.  
Embody me.

Flare up like flame  
and make big shadows I can move in.

Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror.  
Just keep going. No feeling is final.  
Don't let yourself lose me.  
Nearby is the country they call life.  
You will know it by its seriousness.

Give me your hand.  
~ Rainer Maria Rilke ~ *poet*

## **Smörgåsbord – Not just for Swedes anymore!**

On December 14<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Smörgåsbord. This is a tradition of Hillcrest Covenant which goes back decades. The literal translation of Smörgåsbord is “bread and butter table”. Others have taken the name to mean a table of random assortment of foods or leftovers. When I think of Smörgåsbord, I think of all the Swedish foods I grew up with, fruktsoppa (fruit soup), herrings prepared many different ways, lutfisk, assorted cheeses, köttbullar (meat balls), potatiskorv (potato sausage), bruna bönor (brown beans), limpa (Swedish rye bread), knäckebröd (flat bread), rsgrynspudding (rice pudding) lingonsylt (lingonberry relish) and creamed potatoes. For dessert there was always an assortment of cookies – spritz and pepparkakor being my favorite. We would also have ostkaka (cheese cake) topped with lingonberries.

I am sure the name Smörgåsbord means many different things to each of you, but the word translated here at Hillcrest Covenant means an evening of many good foods, prepared by all the wonderful cooks in our congregation. Yes, you will see some of the Swedish foods I have mentioned, but there will also be a wide assortment of other foods that are favorites of many of you. It promises to be a wonderful evening of eating, fellowship, and more eating. Who knows, you may even want to try some of the Swedish specialties that may be there!!

To top off the evening, a play written by our own Carol Hegberg will be performed in the sanctuary along with other special entertainment. December 14<sup>th</sup> promises to be a special evening for all of us at Hillcrest as we close out our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. If you are new to our church, this would be a perfect opportunity for you to come and spend some time getting better acquainted with your new friends at Hillcrest, enjoying a special evening together.

Joan Bickner

## **Thanksgiving Basket Update**

Salvation Army is delivering 618 baskets this year. Along with local churches, the Salvation Army purchased \$15,000 worth of food to fill baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. This means that there are over 600 families living below the poverty level in this area. (and probably more that they do not know about.)

Anyway - the Salvation Army wanted me to extend a huge thank you to, not only our church, but all the local churches.

The people at Salvation Army are amazing. When Joel and I pulled up, the amount of baskets and food being delivered was absolutely overwhelming. We were taken back looking at all of the baskets and the work that they had before them separating and organizing - not to mention delivering. Even in the chaos and work, they took time to stop and talk with us and truly extend a warm thank you.

Ok - I could go on and on (I think I just did!)

For some reason this experience just touched my heart!

Thanks! You can feel good that so many families are going to enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving meal due to your donations!

Sherri Howells

## Christian Education

### We Welcome Two New Nursery Teachers

The members of the Christian Education Board are pleased to announce that two new nursery teachers have started working in the infant and toddler room. Both teachers, Ashley Klopfenstein and Elliott Ihm, have extensive experience with children and are excited to serve Hillcrest's littlest ones. Read on to learn more!

Ashley is a third-year nursing student at NIU who began caring for infants when she was just 10 years old. Over the years, she continued to babysit often. Ashley's experience with infants and toddlers also includes working in her previous church's nursery. She has also worked with older children, and once taught the pre-school Sunday School class at the same church. As a nurse-in-training, Ashley recently completed her required mother/baby course. She found spending time with new mothers and their babies to be immensely rewarding, and soon felt called to apply for our nursery teacher position. In addition to being experienced with child care, Ashley could care for any of us, as she has been a certified EMT (emergency medical technician) since 2006.

Elliott is a very involved junior at DeKalb High School. He plays trumpet in the marching band and jazz ensemble, and is a member of the school's very successful *a capella* singing group. He is also involved in forensics and NIU's Community School of the Arts. Elliott is the eldest of four siblings, which has provided him with loads of child care experience right at home. At a minimum, there are always four kids at the Ihm table, but since Patty and Dan, Elliott's parents, also serve as DCFS foster parents, more are often gathered there. In the past few years, Elliott has cared for many foster-care children, as well as served as a babysitter for friends, neighbors, and acquaintances. As a result, he has developed a calm and soothing care-giving style. It's great to see a young man look so natural holding a baby!

Ashley and Elliott share the nursery duties, with one of them on staff each Sunday. Infants and toddlers are welcome at any time during both Sunday School and the Worship Service. Parents are always welcome, as well, and may stay in the nursery with their child or come and go as needed. If you get the chance, please stop by the infant and toddler room to meet our teachers!

### Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox mission project. We collected and delivered 77 shoeboxes to Evangelical Free Church, our local collection center. This is 20 more than last year! Beginning this week, the boxes will go to Rockford and then be on their way to children in need, in 92 countries all over the world. We also received several large checks to cover shipping costs that were not included with some of the shoeboxes. We were able to cover all of the costs for our shoeboxes and pay for 23 more to be shipped by another church or group that could not include shipping. I was so thrilled that we were able to bless another group with our donation as well as the children that will receive the shoeboxes. Before the shoeboxes are given to the children, Samaritan's Purse, the organization that promotes and supports this project, a copy of the gospel of Jesus Christ is enclosed in the shoebox in the language of that country. Please pray for the folks at the local and regional collection centers as the shoeboxes begin their journeys this week and pray for the child that will receive your shoebox. May God bless you as you have blessed others and as we enter the season of Advent, may we all remember the reason for the season and celebrate the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.

In His service,  
Debbie Reingold

## **Wanted: One “Covenant Camp Booster”**

Qualification: A Godly desire to support the Covenant camps and potential campers at Hillcrest Covenant Church

Job requirements:

- Promote Covenant camps and special events at Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point
- Promote “Camp Sunday” at Hillcrest Covenant Church

Recipient of Covenant Camp materials and communications

Supported by CE Board and Susan Kaufmann, board member for Harbor Point Ministries.

If interested in volunteering your time and talents for the benefit of our children, youth and families, please contact Beth Ferguson, Christian Formation Board Chair 815/217-0075 or [BethLFerg@dnacom.com](mailto:BethLFerg@dnacom.com)

### **Hillcrest Covenant Church Financial Report thru October 2008**

#### **Upcoming Sermons**

Dec 7	Gabriel and Mary (Luke 1:26-38; Judges 6:11-16)
Dec 14	Gabriel and Joseph (Matt. 1:18-25; Isaiah 7:10-14)
Dec 21	Gabriel and the Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20; Isa 9:1-7)
Dec 24	Christmas Eve “Singspiration”
Dec 28	The Childhood of the Messiah (Luke 2:21-52; Isa 42:1-7)

*HERE WE COME A-CAROLING!*



*WHAT: All-Church Christmas Caroling Party*

*WHERE: Hillcrest Covenant Church  
(carol to church neighbors & shut-ins)*

*WHEN: Sunday, Dec. 21  
(Time TBA)*

*WHY: Share Christ-mas joy with others!!*

*EXTRA BONUS: Hot cocoa and refreshments*



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Mon - Fri

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*Share*

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*Care*

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**Upcoming Events for Covenant Harbor Bible Camp**

**Lake Geneva**

**Cookie Workshop (Adults)**

Dec. 4 or 7, 2008

**Christmas Dinners (Adults)**

December 5 or 6, 2008

**Winter Day Camp**

December 29, 30 & 31, 2008

**Winter Fest (for 4th—6th grades)**

February 27—March 1, 2009

**Maple Fest**

March 29, 2009 (tentative)

**Moms & Daughters Weekend**

May 1-3, 2009

**Summer Wind-Up (for K-6th grades)**

May 23, 2009

If you need more information or have any questions, please contact Susan Kauffman at 815-264-7905 or call Covenant Harbor at 262-248-3600.