

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

With the end of both Iditarod and the basketball season, it feels more and more like spring. Even before Daylight Saving Time, the length of the day was growing nicely on both ends. Already it is light until nearly 11 p.m.

Our Iditarod coverage featured the Nome Covenant Pastor for Family Life, Nate Hobbs and his brother Daniel. They were studying up on Iditarod



Dennis Weidler

lore for weeks before the event and it sounded first rate. KICY staffer, Ian Coglean joined them on the scaffolding to call the action. We made good use of our three announcer headsets. Volunteers Lon Swanson and George Bard tracked the winning teams in from Farley's Camp about five miles out of Nome. Former volunteer and Arctic Broadcasting Board member, Patty Burchell provided daily 'analysis of the Last Great Race' which we incorporated into our daily race updates.

And, in the middle of a it all, we aired the State Basketball Championships from Anchorage. Both boys and girls teams from nearby villages made it all the way to the tournament, though none claimed the final victory.

The end of winter is a *very* busy time. I am so thankful to work with such devoted volunteers. ■



Lon Swanson and former ECCAK Field Director, Rodney Sawyer had a chance to reconnect at the Elim Conference.

## Alaska Churches Vote To Become A Conference.

The Alaska Statewide Covenant Church Conference was held in the Village of Elim this year from March 26th through the 29th. It was a time to reconnect with our church family and consider an exciting and challenging opportunity. There was a proposal to create a new Conference in the Covenant Church from what was a mission field known as ECCAK or the Evangelical Covenant Church of Alaska.

The result was a vote by the delegates to move forward and request to the church denomination that Alaska become its own Conference with a Superintendent instead of a Field Director. This was an historical, landmark decision.

In attendance at the conference were former Field Director, Paul Wilson who is now Superintendent of the Pacific Southwest Conference and

Former Field Director, Rodney Sawyer who now lives in Texas and is still involved in Covenant Pastoral leadership. It was wonderful to welcome these two former Alaskan church leaders back to Alaska and the village of Elim.

Alaska has grown from being part of World Missions through the transition into Church Growth and Evangelism, and now with an equal stake in the growth of the denomination we know as the Evangelical Covenant Church.

Next, this Alaska Conference approval will need to be presented to and ratified by the Covenant Annual Conference this summer in Kansas City, Missouri.

If all proceeds apace, Alaska will be honored to have Curtis Ivanoff as our first Superintendent. ■

## Dallas Seavey Wins Iditarod... Again.

This was a nearly snow-free winter for the City of Anchorage. That presented a few logistical problems for the Iditarod race committee. Several weeks before the March 7th start, they moved the official race start from Willow to

Fairbanks, some 300 miles to the north. The ceremonial start was still held on 4th Avenue in Anchorage, but the mushers and dog teams were all driven up the Parks Highway to Fairbanks and the shore of the Chena River.

The trail headed south to Nenana then northwest to Manley Hot Springs and east to Tanana, Ruby and Galena. Here, the route took a decided jog to the north and the Village of Huslia, known as the hometown of the Huslia Hustler, George Atkla who had passed away just a few weeks earlier.

The trail was good, but -50 temperatures in the interior took their toll on mushers and dogs alike.

Then the weather warmed up a bit as the teams approached the village of Unalakleet and the coast. However, that means a change from the cold but sunny and calm conditions found in the interior.

Wind driven snow drifted over trails. Nome's Aaron Burmeister was in the lead and his team

ended up breaking trails for the teams to follow, plowing through three foot drifts. But conditions were still better

than last year when teams were mushing over rocks and into trees.

Dallas Seavey followed Burmeister across Norton Bay from Shaktoolik to Koyuk. It appeared his race

strategy was to look at this long distance race as more of a series of sprints.

The Seavey team was stopping, resting and snacking after relatively short runs of 20 to 30 miles. Then, the pace was quite fast when they finished their rest. His team always looked happy and enthusiastic. That was the plan that paid off big time for Seavey.

In second place this year was Mitch Seavey, Dallas' Dad. This is the first known father/son first place/second place finish in the record books. Behind Mitch, in third place was local musher, Aaron Burmeister. He and the two Seaveys kept swapping positions all the up the trail from Huslia.

The Weidlers usually host the Smyth family of mushers. Bud was in the first Iditarod in 1973 and two sons, Cim and Ramey and their wives and children are usually camped out in our little one bedroom basement apartment. This year, neither brother competed, but Ramey's wife, Becca Moore brought 9 happy dogs into Nome on Saturday evening. It was a joyful homecoming. ■



*Dallas Seavey and his lead dog.*

## A Prayer Request. For each of our staff members.

**George Bard**

**Ian Coglan**

**Luda Kinok**

**Josie Stiles**

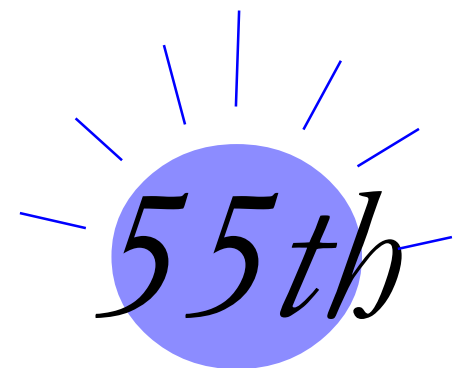
**Lon Swanson**

**Rolland Trowbridge**

**Candace Weidler**

**Dennis Weidler**

**Frances Whitmore**



## Anniversary

Celebrating 55 Years of Service  
to Western Alaska & The Russian  
Far East.

It is hard to believe it has been  
5 years since the big 50th  
Anniversary Dinner here in Nome.  
How time flies!

# KICY Will Cook Wild Alaskan Salmon For You.

It's time again to share the idea of your church hosting a KICY wild Alaska Salmon Fundraising Dinner.

Next up is the 'fall salmon tour' in early October. With the Triplex project in the final construction stages, summer travel would be a little too difficult.

As you can see on the chart to the right, there are three dinners already scheduled. If your church is near any of those locations on dates between the established dates, we can bring free silver salmon to your church as well.

We are also scheduling around the Midwinter Conference in 2016. Feel free to talk with any of the pastors where we have had the honor of preparing a wild Alaskan Salmon dinner. The salmon is free but the memories are priceless. We love to ship in Nome-caught salmon, cook it up and share the vision of KICY. Can we count on your church to host *salmon-chanted evening*? ■



## Upcoming Dinners Calendar

### October 3

*Kalamazoo Covenant Church  
Kalamazoo, Michigan*

### October 10

*Trinity Covenant Church  
Livingston, New Jersey*

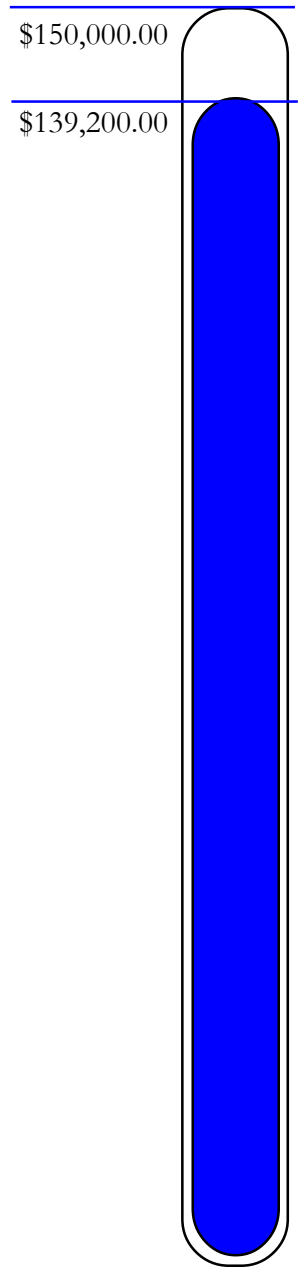
### October 18

*Community Covenant Church  
Eagle River, Alaska*

## Can You Help?

We are getting closer and closer to wrapping up the Triplex Apartment project. The electric has been installed. The plumbing is in. The interior walls are all framed in. The boiler and heating system are being installed. We are ready to finish the insulation and begin the drywall installation.

We hope to order appliances to arrive on the first barge. This is where you can help. We will need three of everything; refrigerators, washers, dryers and ranges.



## Memorials

In February and March we received memorials in the name of:

- Tom & Annie Dotomain**
- Edward Lattimore, Jr.**
- Ken Kroeker**
- Steve Kroeker**
- Louis Roth**
- Warren I. Baumgartner**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-March Income-

**\$26,360.01**

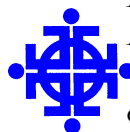
-March Budget-

**\$32,673.31**

-March Expenses-

**\$27,225.99**

*Includes Sales & Programs but  
not designated funds.*



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## Still Openings For Work Teams This Summer.

The Triplex stands poised to be completed this summer and renters are waiting to move in. But we still need work teams to wrap up the project.

Most of the remaining work involves painting, placing carpet tiles, installing countertops and appliances and interior trim work.

We have all the materials on-site including the kitchen and bath cabinetry and all the flooring, including vinyl for the kitchens and bathrooms and carpet for everywhere else. We chose carpet tiles as they are much easier

to install than broadloom and require fewer installer skills.

We have already placed the boxes and run coaxial cable for

television and high speed internet as well as CAT6 cable if tenants would like land-line phone service or perhaps DSL for their internet.

Wrapping up this project sooner rather than later will allow us to meet our ever increasing electrical expenses. It seems no matter what we do to try to keep our energy costs down, the local utilities find ways to increase our rates.

Pray for a successful completion of the Triplex project by August 1st. With your help, we can do it. ■



*Pastor Michael Coglan, Ron Reckrodt and John Tissell teamed up to install insulation...even under the building.*