

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

Spring descended on western Alaska about a month early this year...and we are all most appreciative. With spring comes the Lutheran Conference, this year held in the village of Shishmaref on the northwest coast of the Seward Peninsula. A few weeks later we



Dennis Weidler

were able to attend the Covenant Church Spring Conference in Scammon Bay on the west coast of the

Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta.

Scammon is a little out of the way, but only 184 air miles from Nome. Thanks to the MARC mission plane, we cut our travel time and travel expenses to a third of traveling on commercial aircraft.

Spring also brings fishing reports and those are all well under way. From Herring to the Fall Salmon runs, we partner with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to keep our listeners up-to-date on subsistence, commercial and sport fishing in western Alaska.

We are preparing for the arrival of the first summer work teams. June 8th sees Community Covenant in Eagle River, Alaska. The Lutheran and Nazarene Churches have graciously opened their doors to help us with housing this year...or we could have been reduced to pitching tents on the beach. 



The Scammon Bay Choir Performs.

Scammon Bay Hosts Spring State Conference.

The Annual Meeting of the Alaska Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church was held May 5th through the 8th in beautiful Scammon Bay. I was privileged to attend and broadcast the evening services. The theme for this first meeting as the newly formed Alaska Conference was Make and Deepen Disciples. We were encouraged through various speakers to not only share the Good News of the Gospel with others, but to take to the time to pour into the lives of those around us, encouraging, teaching, and modeling the Christian life.

As I thought about this, I was reminded that KICY does this each and every day. We are in the business of making and deepening disciples of Christ. It is, of course, over the airwaves and not in person, but it is amazing how close people feel to those at the station, and the relationships that develop even through the

radio. Through our solid Biblical teaching programs, CareForce prayer ministry, and uplifting Gospel music we are encouraging, teaching, and modeling what it means to follow Jesus.

So many times over the course of the weekend I was stopped by folks who thanked me for the ministry of KICY. Many villages have no pastor and KICY is their link to Christian teaching. Almost daily we receive prayer requests from people, and it is a privilege to not only share those requests with the pastors who pray during CareForce, but to pray with people right over the phone. Being in Scammon Bay with listeners from all over Western Alaska, it was good to put names and faces to the voices who call in those requests, or messages for the Ptarmigan Telegraph. Even

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KICY Launches App.

Effective May 15th, both KICY AM-

850 and KICY FM-100.3 have launched apps for both iPhone and Android smartphone operating systems.

From the App, you can stream the audio from

the respective station, make a Prayer Request to air on the daily CareForce program, make a donation through Covenant Giving and even give us a call.

To locate the App, you can access the Apps link on the iPhone screen and search for KICY. You will be directed to both Apps. For Android phones, go to Google Play Apps and, again, search for KICY. Both Apps will be presented. You can

download either or both to your smartphone and even your iPad.

Developing the App was actually the easiest part of the process. Since Patty had the only Mac based laptop at the station, she volunteered to download the newest operating



The streaming link on the iPhone.

system (required) and take on the task of jumping through the myriad hoops of gaining acceptance by the iTunes folks to allow them to launch the App on our behalf. The Android process was considerably easier, but still came with a steep learning curve.

We encourage you to take advantage of the App and use it. We also hope to upgrade the audio quality as the fiber-optic network makes its way slowly to Nome by the summer of 2017. ■

--Scammon Bay continued

though weather prevented the people from Mekoryuk from attending, Friday evening we received word they had gathered together and were experiencing the conference and singing right along with us as they listened to KICY's

broadcast. The FM station even has a following in Scammon Bay, which was surprising to me as the signal

should only reach about a third of the way to the village.

It was truly a joy to spend time with the people of Scammon Bay and those visiting from all over Alaska for the conference. A huge thank you, too, for the gracious and generous hospitality shown throughout the weekend. I had an opportunity to sample foods I had only heard about.



The Shaktoolik Team Sings.

What a blessing to see the light of Jesus shining through the people of Scammon Bay. And what a privilege it is to have a small part in the making and deepening

of disciples in Western Alaska.

--Patty Burchell ■

A Prayer Request.

For each of our staff members.

George Bard

Patty Burchell

Ian Coglan

Luda Kinok

Bertha Koweluk

Lon Swanson

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

Arctic Broadcasting Association held their semi-annual meeting here in Nome on April 30th.

It was obviously 'bring a friend to Nome' weekend as Michael Coglan brought his wife Laura, Ron Persson brought his son-in-law, Jake Petty and Pete Colan brought along Chris, his Associate Youth Pastor from Tucson.

At the meeting, Sister Olson was elected President, Michael Coglan, Vice President, Pete Colan, Treasurer and Fredrik Wall as Secretary.

For a complete listing of all ABA members, you can go to the kicy.org website and click on the ABA link on the right side.

The next meeting will be held in Anchorage in early November. ■

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. For full details and an updated schedule, be sure to check out our home page at www.kicy.org.

Currently, we have four dinners scheduled for the upcoming Fall Salmon Tour coming up in October. This tour now stretches from California to New Jersey to Wisconsin. The tour has also been expanded from one week to two. If your church lies anywhere along that route, and you'd like to host a salmon dinner, please let me know.

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
The Fall Tour

Saturday, October 1, 2016
*First United Methodist Church
Ventura, California*

Saturday, October 8th, 2016
*Trinity Covenant Church
Livingston, New Jersey*

Monday, October 10th, 2016
*Hope Covenant Church
Indianapolis, Indiana*

Saturday, October 15th, 2016
*Bethesda Lutheran Brethren Church
Eau Claire, Wisconsin*

Help Wanted.

If you can help us with a donation for our tower replacement project, we all would very much appreciate it. This is an ambitious project, but a critical one to the longterm success of this unique broadcast ministry.

As you can see, donations have begun to arrive in our Post Office Box. Thank you!

\$240,000.00	
\$120,000.00	
\$17,507.74	

Memorials

In April and May we received memorials in the name of:

- Tom & Annie Dotomain
- Edward Lattimore, Jr.
- Merlin Gustafson
- Scott Patrick
- Paul Fondell
- Ernie Hansen
- Jan Bondurant Schlarb

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-May Income-

\$24,075.46

-May Budget-

\$37,293.97

-May Expenses-

\$28,787.94

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.



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Nome Public Schools Superintendant Drops By The Studio Weekly.

We are so thankful for the school Superintendent, Shawn Arnold, and his weekly visits to our studios. He uses his air-time every Thursday morning to bring our listeners up to date on what's happening throughout Nome Public Schools. Depending on the program scheduling, he may begin on KICY AM-850 or ICY 100.3 FM. When he has finished on one station, he'll walk across the hall...and then he gets to do it all again.

In a program we call In Focus, Program Director, Patty Burchell handles the interviewing responsibilities.

The Superintendent discusses the entire range of school activities from where the basketball or volleyball teams are traveling for

the weekend to the recent "Kindergarten Roundup" held at the Elementary School, to the band or choir programs or the Lego Robotics Team and their competition in Anchorage.

The community is also relieved that the school board has voted to renew his contract for two more years. That alone is an important part of stabilizing the educational environment here in Nome.

There will be a brief hiatus of his visits over the summer, but we look forward to his return to the studio with the new school year in the fall. ■



Superintendant Arnold on a Thursday Morning.