

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

The entire staff is breathing a collective sigh of relief that the first quarter is behind us which included the Iditarod and non-stop basketball coverage. Now, we can return to 'normal', whatever that is.

Actually, we have two more events this Spring with the Lutheran Conference being

held in the village of Shishmaref and the Covenant Conference in the village of Scammon Bay.



Dennis Weidler

Lon can easily fly to Shishmaref on Bering Air, but Patty will have to arrange a charter using Missionary Aviation Repair Center (MARC), based in Soldotna. You simply can't get there from here without an expensive trip to Anchorage, back out to Bethel and then a smaller plane out to Scammon Bay.

It is fun to travel to regional villages, broadcast the services and also record the music and messages each evening. There's always lots of great fellowship and lots of great food. These trips also allow staff to connect one-on-one with listeners. It's fun to see the faces of villagers as they make the connection between the person and the voice they hear every day on the radio.

This year, there are no conflicting dates between the Lutheran and Covenant Conferences, so we can easily cover both events. ■



Dallas Seavey crossing under the Iditarod arch.

Dallas Seavey Wins Iditarod...Again.

In a record 8 days, 11 hours, 20 minutes and 16 seconds, Dallas Seavey became the champion of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race for the fourth time. It was a hard, fast trail this year, and it should be noted that Mitch Seavey, Dallas' dad, came in second with a time that also beat the previous record. And, for the second year in a row, son and father finished one - two.

Bringing up the rear and winning the Red Lantern Award was Mary Helwig, a former Covenant youth worker in Unalakleet who is now studying to be a veterinary technician.

As is always the case, there was a large crowd on the street at 2:00 a.m. Tuesday to welcome the winner, and again at midnight almost five days later to cheer in the last finisher.

I was privileged to fly out to Unalakleet the weekend the mushers passed through that village and brought back a few interviews. We

also covered the finishes of the Top 17 teams live on both stations. During the week our morning shows included live interviews with some of the community events sponsors. And of course, the final Sunday of the race is Iditarod Sunday at the Covenant Church. This year, DeeDee Jonrowe shared her testimony of God's grace and strength throughout a year filled with tragedy and sorrow.

The Covenant service is broadcast at 5 p.m. Sundays on KICY AM-850. We are indeed privileged that through the Iditarod events we can connect with the community, and as people tune in to those special reports, we can connect the community with the Good News of the Gospel.

-- Patty Burchell ■

New Solar Powered Radios Have Arrived.

Thanks to a recent donation from Grace Covenant in Tucson, Arizona, KICY has been able to purchase more solar powered radios.

Over the past several years, we have given away our first shipment of 1,500 radios to listeners in

Russia and throughout western Alaska.

The new radios are more compact, fitting easily into pockets designed for today's smartphones. They are also more sensitive. One thing our entire staff enjoys...they come fully as-

sembled.

A few weeks ago, news of the arrival of the radios caught the attention of the local elder care facility called Quayanna Care. They asked for a dozen radios for their patients. We were delighted to be able to supply them.



The new, slim, trim solar powered radios.

In addition to the solar powered radios, KICY has expanded the 'prize closet' to include t-shirts, ball caps and coffee mugs. These are the prizes we offer to those winning Bible Trivia on Wednesday mornings and The Riddle Machine on Friday mornings. ■

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

Uncle Dan Drops By The Studios To Visit.

“You look like Abraham Lincoln”. Those were the words from his four year old daughter as she lay in a hospital bed, that put Chet Damron on a different life path. Chet, also known as Uncle Dan from the weekly children's series, Your Story Hour, was in Nome for the Seventh Day Adventist ‘Campmeeting’ last month. Uncle Dan took time from his

busy schedule to stop by the studios for a few on-air interviews. He was also invited to perform his Abe Lincoln at the Nome Schools and spoke at the Nome Covenant Church Sunday morning.



Uncle Dan, his wife, Pastor Ringering and Patty Burchell.

week. Your Story Hour airs at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons.

It's always fun to have ‘celebrities’ stop by and share their faith on-air. Thanks to Pastor Ringering for sharing Chet and his wife with us for a few hours that

We have wrapped-up taking reservations for summer work teams for 2016. All are posted on the KICY web site. Now's the time to look at the summer of 2017.

There is also a listing of projects we hope to wrap-up this summer. Most involve painting and light carpentry work. Okay, yes there is some hanging and mudding of drywall but there isn't much of that to finish up.

So there is some inside work and quite a few outside projects. The Kalamazoo Team from our home church in Michigan scheduled their week in Nome to coincide with the Midnight Sun Festival. They didn't want to miss the Polar Bear Swim or the Bank Robbery. All in good fun.

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

\$14,117.74

Memorials

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

Tom & Annie Dotomain

Edward Lattimore, Jr.

Polly Hunter

Helen Johnson

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-March Income-

\$34,618.85

-March Budget-

\$36,315.10

-March Expenses-

\$27,046.72

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*



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We are trying to reduce our printing and postage costs, but still want to offer the convenience of direct home delivery to those who prefer it.

Over the past several years. our e-mail listing has blossomed, and we can send those out directly

from our desktop.


If you are no longer interested in hearing from us six times a

label.

More and more of us rely on the simplicity of sending and receiving critical information by means of e-mail or other electronic services.

In fact, the Call Letter is always available on the KICY website a few weeks before it appears in your mailbox. Simply go to www.kicy.org and click on Call Letter. You will also see we have been able to expand the Call

Letter archives and there are

many newsletters from our past now available on the site. It's fun to look back and see where we've been. 



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