



# Covenant Highlights

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### PASTORS CORNER

On Sunday, October 13, we will begin to offer two worship services every Sunday. The first one will be at 8:30 a.m. and the second will be at 10:45 a.m. Sunday School will be in between the two services at 9:45 a.m. This will be a big change for our church. It is something that we have been praying about for a long time. Why are we doing this? We have been becoming more and more crowded in our sanctuary for a while now. In order to facilitate more growth, we need to open up more space. Having two services is the only way we can do that at this time.

We have hired an architectural and consulting firm named Station 19. Station 19 is going to help us get a vision for how we can maximize the use of our current building. They may also give us some ideas on possible expansion of our facility.

As we move forward, we are praying for the Lord's guidance. We are praying Galatians 5:25, *"<sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."*

I am confident that the Lord will help us to do exactly what we need to do, exactly when we need to do it.

I also want to invite you to the conference that our church is hosting on October 25-26. We are inviting Michael Miller and Michael Rowntree of the Remnant Radio Network to United Covenant. We are honored that these wonderful ministers of the Gospel will come to teach us from God's Word on healing and deliverance. The Remnant Radio Network is intent on being faithful to the Bible and stewarding the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They have a beautifully balanced approach to faithfully teaching correct theology and practice.

The price for the conference is \$21 and it includes two meals. There will be a free will offering taken for the ministers as they do not charge a fee for their ministry! You can sign up online on our website or talk to Susie or myself.

Pray that God will continue to bless and use our church to expand the Kingdom of God!  
Pastor Dan



## NEW SERVICE TIMES

Starting October 13th

**8:30 AM WORSHIP**  
**9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**10:45 AM WORSHIP**

### DISCOVERY CLASS



If you are interested in learning more about United Covenant Church or are interested in exploring church membership, there will be a 2 week class during

Sunday School on October 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. See Pastor Dan for more information.

### WOMEN'S POTLUCK BREAKFAST



**WHAT:** Ladies Potluck Breakfast  
**DATE:** October 5, 2024  
**TIME:** 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
**WHERE:** United Covenant Fellowship Hall

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**  
Devotional, Prayer  
Food to share  
Chat groups  
What is there just for women in this church?  
A 'Save the Date' with Special Speaker

**NOTE:** There will be a table set with 'Thistle Farms' products. These products help Covenant Women Ministries support 'Love, Mercy Do Justice'. This is an opportunity to purchase a gift for someone or yourself! (Bring cash or check)  
**We will have the following Thistle Farm products for sale:**

Celebration Candles	\$22	Hand Lotion	\$15
Body Scrub	\$20	Body Butter	\$18
Hand Soap	\$14	Body Wash	\$14
Lip Balm	\$4		

## CREW (Christians Ready Equipped & Willing)



CREW is our Jr & Sr High Students (gr 7-12).

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to**

**you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.**

How does the truth that God bought you with a high price change how you live? Does it change how you view yourself? You are precious and loved by God, and your value and identity comes from Him, not by how you feel or how the people around you view you. When we accept that we do not belong to ourselves, we can find peace, hope and joy that we belong to the creator of the universe! Now we must honor God with our bodies, and we must go and share the hope we have with others!

### Upcoming Fall Events Highlights

**Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>: Youth Volunteer Day 9:00-11:00 am**

**Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>: Underground Church 6:00-9:00 pm**

**Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Youth Serving Wednesday Night Meal 5:30 pm**

**Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Youth Fall Retreat at LBBC**

**Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>: Youth Volunteer Day 9:00-11:00 am**

**Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>: No CREW (Community Thanksgiving Service)**



Exciting news!! Fall Youth Retreat at Lake Beauty Bible Camp is back!! Kids in grades 6-12 are

welcome to join us for an epic weekend! Come play games, dance in chapel, be encouraged by our speaker, and reconnect with your camp friends! It's a weekend you won't want to miss! **Please see Josh Williamson for registration packets for both youth and leaders.** Cost is \$130 per youth and \$65 per adult leader. United Covenant Church is responsible for having one adult per six youth based on gender, so if you are interested in going as a leader, please let Josh Williamson know right away. If you are interested in scholarships, please talk to Josh Williamson about availability. For more information see [www.lbbc.com](http://www.lbbc.com).



The High School Sunday School class has jumped into the theme of "Got Questions" by discussing topics such as "What does the Bible say about piercings?" and "What is the unforgivable sin?" and "Why did God harden Pharaoh's heart?" The youth are encouraged to submit questions to Josh Williamson related to the Bible, Christianity and any other theological questions they might be wrestling with and we will dive into those issues and discuss this year. Please discuss with your youth and encourage them to bring forward any questions they would like to study in Sunday School.



On Wednesday nights at CREW, we are journeying through the Alpha Youth Series! It is important that youth have a solid understanding of the basics of Christianity and salvation. This is a great series for new and young

believers as well as a great refresher for anyone who is more mature in their faith.



If you are aware of any needs that the youth could help out with, we are looking to plan ahead for possible upcoming service project ideas. This is a great opportunity to show the love of Jesus with our neighbors and our community, and it blesses the youth to serve and for them to see the amazing impact they are able to have on others. Please talk to Josh Williamson with any suggestions you have.

**Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. 1 Peter 3:15**

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



This fall our church will be participating in Operation Christmas Child. Our church goal is 100 boxes. Each box could impact up to 10 people, meaning that if we pack 100 boxes, 1000 people could learn about Jesus!

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way.



**Join us for a  
Chili Cook Off Competition  
Fundraiser  
for Operation Christmas Child!  
Friday Evening, November 15<sup>th</sup> at  
United Covenant Church  
Plan to bring your family's  
completed boxes & donate**

**toward this awesome mission!** Stay tuned for more details!

## WORD & SPIRIT CONFERENCE



Join us for the Word & Spirit conference this October, where we'll explore the biblical foundations of healing and deliverance ministry.

This conference is designed to equip believers to understand and pursue the power of the Holy Spirit while staying grounded in the truth of God's Word, avoiding the pitfalls of misuse and abuse.

Come with an open heart and leave equipped and sent out to continue the ministry of Jesus in your everyday life! Whether you're new to these topics or seeking to deepen your understanding, this conference will equip you to walk in a greater dependence on the power of The Holy Spirit while remaining anchored in the Word of God. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tickets are \$21 each – seating is limited, register now!

<https://unitedcovchurch.churchcenter.com/calendar/event/165388210>

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends at United Covenant Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of USD 476.00 on 8/25/2024. Your support helps us bring God's love through Tutapona's forgiveness-focused, mental health support services to people who have had to fled their homes, lost loved ones, and had to start over because of armed conflict.



We know hope is real and together, we can help people overcome grief, fear, and hardship to begin life anew, testifying about the positive change that has begun in their life because of the support they received. Tutapona means, we will be healed! Without you, none of this would be possible!

Having access to mental health support is important for everyone, but people who have been exposed to war and violence are at a much higher risk of developing serious mental health conditions, committing suicide, and experiencing ongoing domestic violence. Children who experience trauma and adversity in their childhoods and do not process that positively will be impacted by those experiences for the rest of their lives.

Your gift helps us continue to build and encourage strong children, families and communities within refugee settlements in East Africa, the Middle East and Eastern Europe. We are so grateful for your partnership! Together, we will be healed!

Sincerely,  
Carl Gaede, Chief Executive Officer, [Info@tutapona.com](mailto:Info@tutapona.com)

To United Covenant Church Families,  
Thank you all for supporting my confirmation journey! I appreciate all of your kind gifts, wishes and prayers! God Bless You All!  
From, Nathan Springett

Thank you far all of your kind wishes, gifts and prayers for my Graduation!  
Joel Springett

Dear United Covenant Church,  
Thank you so much for all your prayers and donations! Working with CYIA has changed my life so much. I've gotten to get closer to God and I've gotten a taste of mission work, which I've been interested in for the longest time. My life will never be the same. I've learned lots and God has shown me so many things. Again, thank you for your prayers, I couldn't have done it without prayer, because prayer is important and powerful.  
God Bless,  
Esther Dietrich



## ALPHA WEEKEND



As part of our Wednesday Night Alpha program, we will have an "Alpha Weekend" on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. More details TBA.

The Alpha Weekend is an opportunity for guests to have the unhurried time, space, and environment needed to process and reflect on what they have been learning.

## COMMON GROUND



Common Ground will be having a Cookout on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 pm at Josh & Emily Johnson's home: 502 20th Street, Clayton, WI;

*This is a young adult group for ages 18-35ish. See Emily Johnson 262-949-5052 with any questions!*



For more information or to register go to [www.lbbc.com](http://www.lbbc.com)

### Mark your Calendars! 2024 Camp Dates:

**Fall Youth Retreat:** October 25<sup>th</sup>- October 27<sup>th</sup>

**Fall Quilt & Craft Retreats:** November 7<sup>th</sup> - November 11<sup>th</sup>  
November 14<sup>th</sup>-November 18<sup>th</sup>

**Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner:** December 7<sup>th</sup>

**Young Adult Retreat:** December 28<sup>th</sup> - December 30<sup>th</sup>

**Marriage Retreat:** February 14<sup>th</sup> - February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### DELEGATES NEEDED

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of Lake Beauty Covenant Bible Camp will be held Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our church is looking for up to 3 delegates to send to the meeting. Please see Pastor Dan if you're interested in attending as a delegate.

## PRAYER TIME

### Prayer Time - Tuesdays 8:00 a.m. at church

Everyone is invited and welcome to come. Prayer cards are prayed over during these meetings.

Please write your prayers (with or without your name) on the prayer cards provided in the chairs. Place them in the offering box in the sanctuary.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Men's opportunities for Bible Study during the week:

- **7:00 a.m.** on Saturday mornings at Jason Sigsworth's garage
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at **7:00 a.m.** Men's Breakfast at church (bring a dish to share!)
- **6:30 p.m.** on Thursday Nights at church

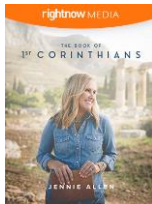


## WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

**Monday Night Women's Bible Study will meet:  
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**October 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>:**

We are doing a study of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians. In this 12-part series, author and speaker Jennie Allen walks into the messy lives of the Corinthians and takes us through Paul's words to the conflicted church. We'll see how the truth of the gospel and the Spirit of God can empower us to choose to follow Jesus every day of our lives."



All ladies are invited as we learn more and grow deeper in love with our Lord.

We meet in the East Classroom at church

## WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world."  
Hebrews 1:1-2



We are working through: "Better-A Study of Hebrews" by Jen Wilkin. This 10-session study is a verse-by-verse study of Hebrews, exploring through Paul's letters how Scripture points to Christ as the new-better covenant for us to have access to God!

This Bible study meets in the upstairs, east classroom at church each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Study books are available! **All ladies are invited and welcome to come anytime!**

## MISSION STITCHERS



*Mission Stitchers meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at church at 9:00 am.* Join us to cut, sew, match up fabrics or just for fellowship!

T-Shirts and Fabric donations are always needed and welcomed!

## ZOOM DAILY PRAYER MEETINGS



**Morning Zoom Prayer group** meets on Zoom Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and

Friday mornings from 7:00 am to 7:10 am.

We would love to have you join us! If you would like to join, please contact Sarah Enslin at 612-723-2714 to get the zoom link!

Mark your calendars!

## Christmas Dessert Theater

Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm



## HEARING LOOP

We have a Hearing Loop in our sanctuary! A hearing loop shuts out the distractions so that users can hear the sounds they want directly through their hearing aids. We also have headphones available for use- pick one up at the Connections Table!



### Upcoming Dates to Know:

October 5<sup>th</sup> Ladies Potluck Breakfast

October 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Discovery Class

October 19<sup>th</sup> CREW Underground Church

October 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Word & Spirit Conference

October 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Jr/Sr High Retreat at LBBC

November 2<sup>nd</sup> "Alpha Weekend"

November 15<sup>th</sup> Chili Cook Off fundraiser

November 20<sup>th</sup> Last Night of Wednesday Night

Programming until January

November 27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Eve Service at First Lutheran

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dessert Theater

December 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday School Christmas Program

**\*\*Dates subject to change\*\***

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United Covenant Church online:  
Website: [www.unitedcovchurch.org](http://www.unitedcovchurch.org)



## LEADERSHIP MEETING

### September 3, 2024: Leadership Teams Notes

The leadership team met September 3 to review the Station 19 contract received post congregational approval to move forward. Present at the meeting were: Terry Silverberg, Pastor Dan Pearson, Brenda Cogbill, Lucas Carlson, Susie Thayer, Emily Johnson and Cindee McBride. Tim Jurisch (not present) provided comments to Lucas prior to the meeting. Lucas called the meeting to order. Pastor prayed. Terry led walking us through the contract. There is a correction to our understanding—Workshop 4 is \$6000.00 not \$8000.00. The schematic design is \$8,000.00. Emily motioned to accept Tim's review. Brenda seconded. Motion to accept Tim's review passed. Lucas motioned to accept the contract. Emily seconded. Motion carried. There was further discussion about pre-work which Susie will complete and submit by 9/9.

### September 9, 2024: Leadership Team Notes

**Present:** Terry Silverberg, Pastor Dan Pearson, Brenda Cogbill, Lucas Carlson, Jacob Peterson, Susie Thayer, Matt Thayer, Burt Beebe, Tim Jurisch and Cindee McBride.

**Call to Order, Devotions and Prayer.** Lucas called the meeting to order. Brenda led devotions from the Purpose Drive Life referencing James 3:18; Acts 2:42 focused on developing community and that only the Holy Spirit can cultivate true community. True community takes honesty, humility, courtesy. Brenda prayed.

**Agenda and last month's meeting minutes.** Terry motioned to accept; Emily seconded. Motion passed with no objections.

**Youth Report** (reproduced here) was submitted via email by youth pastor Josh Williamson. Emily motioned to accept. Burt seconded. Motion passed.

From Josh via email: I am very excited to kick off our new school year with Sunday School and CREW on Wednesday nights. Please be in prayer specifically for two things.

First, on Wednesday nights we are going through the Alpha youth series and I am already aware of some friends that have been invited that do not know Jesus. Please be praying for our youth to continue inviting their friends that they might learn about the love of Jesus and start a relationship with Him.

Second, our Sunday School class is going to be discussing and studying what the Bible teaches related to questions submitted by our youth. Our first week someone suggested we study "what is the unforgivable sin?" I am excited to see what other questions the youth submit throughout the year. Please be praying that our discussions and studies are God honoring and life giving.

Also, I am looking for more suggestions for our youth volunteer days if anyone knows of any needs in our community. A name was given to me recently of someone who really could use some help around their yard, and so I

was able to reach out to them and asked if we could bless them in this way and it took them by surprise, but they were happy to accept the offer. In October, I am hoping to complete the renovation of the community church sign on highway 63.

I have also recently met with some of the area churches and youth pastors and on October 19th we will be coordinating an Underground Church event in Clayton with five other area churches. We have invited Noah Burnett from Stumbling Saints to join us for a time of worship as well. It's expected to be the largest Underground Church event we've ever had in our area!

**Financial report for August.** It was brought forward that Pastor's health insurance has sent a notification of change. Cindee will review and bring changes to the leadership meeting next month. There was also a review of designated funds and a discussion about having emergency funds—said items to be discussed during the 2025 budgeting meeting. Motion by Cindee to accept. Seconded by Emily. Motion passed with no objections.

### **Old Business.**

- Food Trailer usage. Amery FFA has not responded to our follow-up. It was determined that the trailer is not licensed. Tim will follow-up about getting the trailer licensed.

- Alpha groups are starting on Wednesdays. There are 60 people signed up.

- Two Services planning: there were 251 people in service 9/8/24. The question was raised: do we need to start a second service earlier? The leadership team prayed about this and confirmed after the meeting via email/text communication that the church should move forward with two services in order to honor what God is doing.

- Station 19 Update; the contract is signed. A schedule for Workshop 1 was reviewed.

### **New Business**

- Homeschool Club inquired if they could again meet at the church this year on Fridays. Emily motioned to pass. Tim seconded. Motion carried.

- Community Sign. A quote was reviewed. Tim motioned to utilize what the youth raised plus \$110 rounding up to \$500. Jacob seconded. Motion passed. Josh will follow up with other churches.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 14th at 6 pm. Jacob will lead devotions and prayer.

**Adjournment:** Burt motioned to adjourn. Cindee seconded. Motion carried.

## Church Mailbox

Have you checked your church mailbox recently?

Would you like a church mailbox?



Contact the church office if you'd like a mailbox!