

# COVENANT HIGHLIGHTS



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## PASTORS CORNER

Mark 6:1-6

*"<sup>1</sup> Jesus left that part of the country and returned with his disciples to Nazareth, his hometown. <sup>2</sup> The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?" <sup>3</sup> Then they scoffed, "He's just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us." They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him.*

*<sup>4</sup> Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family." <sup>5</sup> And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them.*

*<sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief."*

The people from Jesus' hometown were offended at him when he performed miracles and taught with wisdom and authority. They could not fathom that God could powerfully use someone who had grown up in their town. Their unbelief limited what God could do among them.

We must remember the warning from Hebrews 3:12-13:

*"<sup>12</sup> Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. God can use whoever he wants, whenever he wants. May we not limit God through unbelief and hardness of heart."*

Pastor Dan

### OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE AT UNITED COVENANT CHURCH

Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am  
Bring a chair!

If it's raining we'll meet indoors.

## CREW (Christians Ready Equipped & Willing)



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

**Luke 21:29-33 He told them this parable:**

**"Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."**

It's hard to believe next week is our end of year party already! It's been such an amazing year for CREW, and there is plenty to look forward to this summer!

There are many opportunities to sign up to help with upcoming events, so be on the lookout for more emails and announcements about what is coming up! Please take some time to consider signing up to help with Hope Alive, Brat Stand Fundraiser, Vacation Bible School, Clear Lake Days Pie Stand, and Polk County Fair Parking. **Sign up sheets are in the foyer at church and there are many spots left to fill and we really need everyone's help!**

**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**

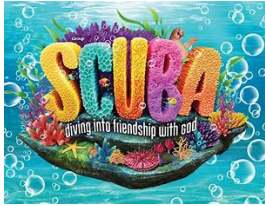
## SUMMER SCHEDULE

- May 29 - End Of Year Party!
- June 4 - Hope Alive @ Michael Park in Amery
- June 8 - Brat Stand Fundraiser @ BP in Clayton
- June 9-14 - Junior High @ Lake Beauty Bible Camp
- June 17-20 - Vacation Bible School
- June 27-30 - Clear Lake Days
- July 3 - Tubing Day on Apple River
- July 15-19 - Chicago Mission Trip
- July 25-28 - Polk County Fair (Parking)
- July 28 - Aug 2 - Senior High @ Lake Beauty Bible Camp
- Aug 2-4 - OneFest
- Aug 8-10 - MUUUCE
- Aug 14 - Lake Day @ Mohrlands
- Aug 28 - Hangout @ Carlsons

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Clear Lake Community  
Vacation Bible School

June 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm-8:00 pm  
at United Covenant  
Church



Dive Below the Surface to

Build a Strong Faith

Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!



VBS is for children ages 4-years-old through children who have just completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade!

Register your children, visit [unitedcovchurch.org](http://unitedcovchurch.org) or scan the QR code!

VBS is sponsored by the following area churches:  
First Lutheran, United Methodist, United Covenant

MUUUCE

MUUUCE ("The Most Unbelievable, Ultimate, Urban, Camping Experience.") is three days of fun, worship, old and new friends, and learning about Jesus.



**WHO:** Jr. High  
**WHEN:** August 8-10, 2024  
**WHERE:** Buffalo Covenant Church, MN  
**COST:** \$135 per person

Students, if you are planning to go—see Josh for registration paperwork. **Must be registered by June 30<sup>th</sup>!** You don't want to miss it!

More details to be announced!

POLK COUNTY FAIR



Mark your calendars:  
2024 Polk County Fair:

Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.  
United Covenant Church is providing the parking and ticketing crews again this year. Stay tuned for more information on how to help! Sign-up now!

FAMILY FUN FEST

HOPE aLIVE

ALL AGES WELCOME  
FREE FOOD  
FREE MUSIC  
FREE GAMES

**JUNE 4**  
MICHAEL PARK, AMERY, WI  
5 PM TO 8:30 PM

**SPONSORED BY**

CLEAR LAKE DAYS

Clear Lake Heritage Days  
June 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>

Food & Fun for all ages!



It's almost that time of year! Look for signup sheets in the foyer to work in the pie stand and to bring pies!

KAYAK/CANOEOING FOR COUPLES

Couple building/encouragement/refresher



There is an opportunity this summer for married couple or engaged couples to join with others for a time of

encouragement together. It is an opportunity for up to two couples on each date. We would like to limit day trips to two couples to maximize the effectiveness of communication during the trip. This is just a day trip with locations either in the Red Cedar River or the Apple River. These rivers are suitable for people of any experience level, even no experience.

The following dates are available, see sign up central to sign up (subject to be rescheduled due to weather)!

- June 15<sup>th</sup>
- July 20<sup>th</sup>
- Aug 17<sup>th</sup>
- Sept 21<sup>st</sup>

## CHURCH SALE



*This year our Church Garage Sale will be held in August. We will start taking donations AFTER Vacation Bible School is completed (Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>). Thank you!*

## OPTIONS ON 8

Options on 8, a Pregnancy Resource Center located in St Croix Falls, is beginning their Baby Bottle Campaign on Mother's Day - Fill a bottle—change a life! The Baby Bottle campaign for Options on 8 helps women facing unplanned pregnancy to find the hope and support they need to welcome their babies into the world.



It's easy to participate! Just pick up a bottle in the foyer, and fill it with coins, cash, or a check over the coming weeks. Bring it back to the church on Father's Day, June 16th, and know that your giving is making a positive difference for the women and children of our community.

## EVANGELICAL COVENANT ANNUAL MEETING

The Covenant Annual Meeting Is the Highest Legislative Body in The Evangelical Covenant Church.



Every congregation is entitled to representation as we worship God and celebrate what God has done. We gather to discern future direction, select leaders, consecrate global personnel, credential and ordain clergy, and encourage one another to greater discipleship.

**If you are interested in being a delegate for the annual meeting (June 26-29 in Cincinnati, OH) please see Pastor Dan for more information. There are virtual options for being part of the meeting—or even a hybrid option. We can have 3 delegates for the meeting.**

## 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!

## DAWN LITTLE - CUBA MISSION TRIP

Hello,

Father God keeps providing all we need in such creative ways. One way is that our mission trip to Cuba with Filter of Hope is fully funded - through generous gifts from families & friends in various places! (And one from overseas!) Thank you!



We leave June 8th! There are 19 of us - 9 adults and 10 children ages 9, 9, 10 (Tessa), 11, 12 (Heidi), 12, 14, 15, 16 and 18.

Will you pray for us?

- That the fruit of this trip is that people have clean water and have hearts cleaned by Jesus, that God's life-giving purposes are accomplished.
- The details of the mission will come together in a way that glorifies God.
- God will be preparing the hearts of those our group will be sharing to hear grace and the truth of the Gospel.
- We will walk by faith and be empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- That our team will have supernatural love and unity.
- For the children to feel loved by God and their parents, to process the experience through the lens of hope, and to step into specific ways that open up for them to participate.
- God will lead us in our transition back to the US, as there could be weariness and many mixed emotions.



People who have recently gone to Cuba explained that it is hard for citizens to get some basic supplies. What if we fill this suitcase with toothbrushes, bandaids, underwear & socks?!

If you would like to contribute in this practical way: You can mail supplies to our home (address below) by June 1<sup>st</sup> or Venmo me (@Dawn-Little-4) and I'll purchase supplies at a local discount store (and text you the receipt).

Another practical opportunity! Some missionaries I am connected with are returning to the US for their full honeymoon year and need two cars - to borrow or buy. They need one car this month, and the second starting in mid-June. This would be until October 2025. Please let me know if you can help or have leads.

Peace be with you, Dawn Little

**You can access United Covenant Church online in many ways:**



**Website:** [www.unitedcovchurch.org](http://www.unitedcovchurch.org)

**facebook**



**YouTube**

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Men's opportunities for Bible Study during the week:

- **8:00 a.m.** on Saturday mornings at Clear Lake Park
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at **8:00 a.m.** Men's Breakfast at church (bring a dish to share!)
- **6:30 p.m.** on Thursday Nights at church



## PRAYER TIME

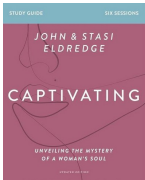
**Prayer Time - Tuesdays 8:00 a.m. at church**  
Everyone is invited and welcome to come. Prayer cards are prayed over during these meetings. Please write your prayers (with or without your name) on the prayer cards provided in the chairs. Place them in the offering box in the sanctuary.

## WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

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

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>:**

"Captivating, Unveiling The Mystery of a Woman's Soul" by John & Stasi Eldredge



*Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart for it is the wellspring of life"*

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

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study is working through Season 2:

Ray Vander Laan showed us how discipleship training related directly to the metaphor of the "shepherd".

Discipleship training included the training to be a better disciple and training to make disciples.

This Bible study meets in the upstairs, east classroom at church each Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. **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!

Mission Stitchers is looking for new cotton-blend fabric for making pillowcases for local organization's needs. T-Shirts and Fabric donations are always needed and welcomed!

## LEADERSHIP MEETING

**Leadership Team Minutes  
May 6, 2024**

Present: Pastor Dan Pearson, Terry Silverberg, Brenda Cogbill, Lucas Carlson, Burt Beebe, Tim Jurisch, Jacob Peterson. On the phone: Josh Williamson, Emily Johnson, and Cindee McBride.

Leadership Team except Josh, Emily and Cindee toured a church in Cumberland before the team meeting. The meeting started at 7:11 pm. Emily shared a devotional about vision on Proverbs 29:18. God plants a seed, and we pray. There are stages to a vision coming to fruition. Lucas opened the meeting in prayer.

Meeting minutes and agenda were reviewed. Tim motioned to accept, Terry seconded, motion passed.

Youth Report by Josh. The youth are full speed into the end of year. Bringing in Pizza for the year end party. Had a meeting at Cindy and Jim's to reflect on the year and think through any improvements for the next year. Working on policy and procedures and hope to bring a draft to the leadership team for next month. This summer there is a mission's trip to Chicago. Estimated cost is \$450/person. There was discussion about fund raising.

Financial Reports were reviewed. Terry motioned to accept; Brenda seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business. Ridgeview update: Things are going well. A tractor was purchased to help with snow removal. Church insurance update tabled until next meeting.

New Business. Lucas briefed on meeting with two consultants regarding building. One group is a design and/or general contractor. The other group is design only. They are both going to present proposals.

The devotion next month will be by Jacob. Next meeting is scheduled for June 10- at 6 pm

The meeting closed in prayer at 8:22 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!

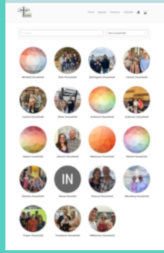
## RIGHT NOW MEDIA

**rightnow MEDIA.** We're excited to share that our church has access to an extensive, new video library called RightNow Media! can the QR Code to get access—or go to our website and click the RightNow Media link!



# Church Center

Our New Church Directory



We've begun our online directory! Download "Church Center" and get started!

Email Susie [unitedcovchurch@cltcomm.net](mailto:unitedcovchurch@cltcomm.net) to get your invite!

## Upcoming Dates to Know:

June 4<sup>th</sup>: Hope Alive, Amery

June 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>: Jr High Camp at LBBC

June 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>: Vacation Bible School

June 23<sup>rd</sup>: Outdoor Worship Service at church

June 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>: Trailblazer Camp at LBBC

June 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>: Clear Lake Days Food Stand

June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>: Family Camp at LBBC

July 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>: Frontier Kids at LBBC

July 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>: Chicago Mission Trip

July 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>: Polk County Fair

July 28<sup>th</sup>-August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Senior High Camp at LBBC

August 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>: OneFest

August 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>: MUUUCE

August 11<sup>th</sup>: Church at the Park (Chalet)

*\*\*All dates are subject to change\*\**



**LAKE BEAUTY**  
BIBLE CAMP

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

## Mark your Calendars! 2024 Camp Dates:

Jr. High Camp: June 9<sup>th</sup>- June 14<sup>th</sup>

Trailblazer Camp: June 23<sup>rd</sup>- June 27<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> of July Family Camp: June 28<sup>th</sup>- July 1<sup>st</sup>

Frontier Kids: July 3<sup>rd</sup>- July 5<sup>th</sup>

Senior High Camp: July 28<sup>th</sup>- August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Labor Day Family Camp: August 30<sup>th</sup>- September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Senior Adult Day: September 10<sup>th</sup>

Women's Retreat: September 27<sup>th</sup>- September 29<sup>th</sup>

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

**2024 Theme:** The Greatest Show

"God's Wonderful Purpose Revealed"

**Theme Verse:** <sup>22</sup> "As surely as my new heavens and earth will remain, so will you always be my people, with a name that will never disappear," says the LORD. <sup>23</sup> "All humanity will come to worship me from week to week and from month to month." Isaiah 66:22-23 NLT

