

COVENANT HIGHLIGHTS

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PASTORS CORNER

Luke 17:1-3

1 Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. 2 It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. 3 So watch yourselves.

We all have some influence in the lives of people around us. The things we say and do are observed by others even when we don't realize it. We must be careful never to put a stumbling block in front of anyone else. On the contrary, may the Lord help us to live in such a way that we point others to Christ through our words and actions.

Consider the people that you may influence and pray that God will use you to point them to Jesus. May God use you in a powerful way,

Pastor Dan

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING



Stay after church on Sunday, July 14th to hear about what's happening within our church! Everyone is welcome to stay for the meeting!

MISSION TEAM TO JESUS PEOPLE, CHICAGO

The CREW Mission Team is getting ready to go to "Jesus People" in Chicago in just a couple weeks!

Be in prayer while the team prepares to go, and while they are traveling and ministering July 15-19!



(Chaperones, Josh Williamson, Erin Carlson & Mitch Binsfeld; Students, Eli Burlingame, Hendrik Carlson, Reed Carlson, Haley Pulkrabek, Anna Williamson, David Williamson)

CREW (Christians Ready Equipped & Willing)



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

Matthew 19:13-15 One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.

When you hear people describe how intense putting together a week of VBS is, you don't really know until you experience it yourself. Once it all came together, it was worth all the effort seeing little children dancing and singing and praising God, and learning about how much He loves them. We had several youth helping lead music, games, crafts and lead groups around from station to station. These youth were able to make a difference in the Kingdom! We also have youth serving at Lake Beauty Bible Camp all summer making a difference in young people's lives as well as some going through intense training with CEF to serve and lead with Good News Clubs bringing the Gospel to more children. What an amazing work God is doing through our youth! Our church is so blessed to have all of these young people stepping up and being the hands and feet of Christ!

There are still many exciting events coming up this summer, so please make sure you are marking your calendars so you don't miss out on the fun! Please take some time to consider signing up to help with 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!**

SUMMER SCHEDULE

- 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

FAMILY FUN BONFIRE & POTLUCK



Wednesday, July 17th at 6:00 p.m. there will be an All Church Family Fun Night at church! Join us in the church "backyard" for a bonfire, potluck and fun! Bring a dish to share, a lawn chair and a friend!

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The next church softball game will be on Sunday, July 21st at 6:00 pm! We will again play at the Clear Lake Elementary field and play against First Lutheran Church. Come to play or cheer on our Church Softball team! This is a co-ed and multigenerational league! We welcome kids going into 7th grade through adult.



KAYAK/CANOEING 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)!

Aug 17th

Sept 21st

CHURCH SALE

GARAGE SALE
United Covenant Church Basement

Donations can be brought to church now!! Place items in the Sunday School Room by the piano.

August 15th & 16th

POLK COUNTY FAIR

Polk County Fair

Thurs. July 25 – Sun. July 28, 2024

Come work at the fair

Ages 16+ for ticketing

Ages 14+ for parking

Children younger than the posted ages may be able to work with parents.

See Dirk or Dayna Prindle with any questions.

Days that you work at the fair you get free admission into the fair!

Sign up in the foyer or online:



Link for Sign Up: volunteersignup.org/JQDRF

CHURCH AT THE CHALET/POTLUCK



Sunday, August 11th, we will meet at Clear Lake Chalet (380 60th St, Clear Lake, WI) for our 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

Following the Worship Service we will enjoy a Potluck Lunch and then a family (kid) friendly softball game together! Plan to bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair, softball gear and some friends!



BAPTISM



If you are interested in being baptized on Sunday, August 11th, please see Pastor Dan.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY- COMMON GROUND

Common Ground will be meeting in July! Watch the bulletin or announcements for the date/time/location!



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

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!

You can access United Covenant Church online in many ways:



Website: 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
- 2nd 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.

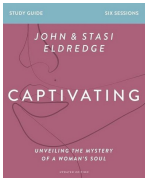
WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

***NO BIBLE STUDY ON JULY 1ST ***

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

July 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th:

"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

NO MISSION STITCHERS ON JULY 4TH



Mission Stitches meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at church at 9:00 am. Join us to cut, sew,

match up fabrics or just for fellowship!

Mission Stitches 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!

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!

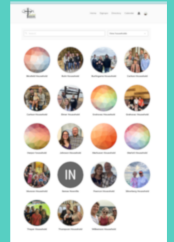
RIGHT NOW MEDIA

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 to get your invite!

Upcoming Dates to Know:

June 28th-July 1st: Family Camp at LBBC

July 3rd-5th: Frontier Kids at LBBC

July 14th: Semi Annual Business Meeting

July 15th-19th: Chicago Mission Trip

July 17th: All Church Potluck/Bonfire

July 25th-28th: Polk County Fair

July 28th-August 2nd: Senior High Camp at LBBC

August 2nd-4th: OneFest

August 8th-10th: MUUJCE

August 11th: Church at the Park (Chalet)

August 15th-16th: Garage Sale at Church

All dates are subject to change

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Leadership Teams Minutes June 10, 2024

Present: Pastor Dan Pearson, Brenda Cogbill, Lucas Carlson, Tim Jurisch, Jacob Peterson, Josh Williamson, and Cindee McBride.

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Lucas. Jacob led the devotional about keeping our eyes on the prize—yield to God's will as He has the bigger picture—seek God in every aspect of life and follow his lead to his perfect will. Lucas prayed.

The agenda and last month's meeting minutes were motioned to be accepted by Tim, seconded by Jacob. Motion passed with no objections.

Financial report for May was reviewed. Motion by Jacob to accept. Seconded by Cindee. Motion passed with no objections.

Old Business. Ridgeview update by Tim in which he stated that things are going well. Confirmed the closing and disbursing of the Solid Rock funds to the four LBBC summer staff.

New Business: the church was asked if we would share information about a fund-raising booth that will be at Clear Lake Days. Information will be placed in the bulletin. There was discussion about holding a special offering for C.E.F. Josh is going to follow up with Wendy D. There was discussion of the need for two services as God continues to add people to our church. There was also discussion of the possible need to start Life Groups or Small Groups to help with community connections. The leadership team previously met with two companies regarding the next step in building expansion. Pros and Cons of each company were discussed. The leadership team's recommendation for the next step will be presented at the semi-annual meeting. The church has been approached about hosting a Word and Spirit conference by Remnant Radio. This is being prayerfully considered. No decision was made.

Youth report: the summer schedule is out. VBS is underway soon. There is a tubing day planned for July 3rd down the Apple River. The Chicago mission trip has three adults and six youth going. The approximate cost is \$450 each. Not all needed funds have been raised yet.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 10th at 6 p.m. The Semi-annual meeting is set for July 14th.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindee McBride
Secretary



For more information or to register go to www.lbbc.com

Mark your Calendars! 2024 Camp Dates:

4th of July Family Camp: June 28th- July 1st

Frontier Kids: July 3rd- July 5th

Senior High Camp: July 28th- August 2nd

Labor Day Family Camp: August 30th- September 2nd

Senior Adult Day: September 10th

Women's Retreat: September 27th- September 29th

Fall Youth Retreat: October 25th- October 27th

Fall Quilt & Craft Retreats: November 7th - November 11th
November 14th-November 18th

Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner: December 7th

Young Adult Retreat: December 28th - December 30th

Marriage Retreat: February 14th - February 16th, 2025

2024 Theme: The Greatest Show

"God's Wonderful Purpose Revealed"

Theme Verse: ²² "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. ²³ "All humanity will come to worship me from week to week and from month to month." Isaiah 66:22-23 NLT

THE
Lord
is my
Strength
And My
Song
Psalm 118:14