

COVENANT HIGHLIGHTS

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PASTORS CORNER

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

4 There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. 5 There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. 6 God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

The past couple weeks on Wednesday nights at the adult Bible study, we have been learning about spiritual gifts. One truth is that each person has their own set of spiritual gifts. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:18-22:

18 But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. 19 How strange a body would be if it had only one part!

20 Yes, there are many parts, but only one body.

21 The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."

22 In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary.

A good resource that will help you to clarify what are your strongest spiritual gifts is found at giftstest.com. It is free and takes only about ten minutes. Try it out and then use your gift to the glory of God!

Pastor Dan

Adults & Youth
(7th-12th grades)

Adults meet in sanctuary; Youth in basement fellowship hall.



Wednesday Nights:
February 1st, 8th & 15th
6:15-7:15 pm



POWER
OVER PREDATORS

Power Over Predator discusses human trafficking at a domestic level, online predators and other online dangers as well as issues such as suicide and cyberbullying.

CREW (Christians Ready Equipped & Willing)



CREW is our Jr & Sr High Students (gr 7-12). They meet on Wednesday night 6:00 pm-8:00 pm for a lesson, games and time together.

Our High School students have Sunday School class together each Sunday morning at 8:45 am. We are working our way through The Sermon on the Mount, section by section.

Here's a list of some other exciting opportunities for the month of February:

Feb 1st, 8th and 15th - C.A.S.T. presentations downstairs in fellowship hall for CREW students.

Feb 9th- Lecrae Concert (more info to come)

Feb 12th - Youth Fundraiser - Serving sub sandwiches on the day of the big game!

A poster for 'YOUTH LOCK-IN' on February 24-25, 2023, for \$10 per student. The poster features a large 'FUN!' arrow, a guitar, a pizza, and icons for 'Worship Time', 'Service Project', 'Pizza', 'Night Games', and 'Trip to SkyZone'. The text 'and more.....' is at the bottom.

High School Sunday School:

Parents of high school students, as part of Sunday School this year, your high schoolers have been encouraged to try to memorize The Sermon on the Mount. We just started studying chapter 6, so it would be good if students already had chapter 5 memorized, but it's not too late to start working on this if they haven't already. Please encourage them in this endeavor! They have until the end of the school year to memorize Matthew chapters 5, 6 and 7, and they will receive a very well-deserved award and recognition at the end of the school year!

Easter Choir practice begins on Sunday, Feb. 26th! All ages welcome- sign up at Sign-Up Central!

HIGHER VISION



The local gospel quartet "Higher Vision" will be sharing their musical talents with us on Sunday,

February 5th at 4:00 pm. Invite friends, neighbors and family to come enjoy this event!

SUPER SUBS

 **Super-Subs** 

 **Freewill donation**
(suggested donation \$5/sub) 

Pre-Orders begin on February 5th

CREW will prepare the sandwiches. Sandwiches will be available for pickup after the service on Sunday, Feb. 12th!

ISRAEL PRESENTATION

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FEBRUARY 12TH

FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Get a "Super Sub" and join us downstairs for a time together with the group who recently went to Israel. They will be sharing pictures and stories!

LAKE BEAUTY & UNITED COVENANT WEAR



Have some Lake Beauty or United Covenant Logo wear (t-shirt, sweatshirts, hats, etc...) that you aren't wearing anymore? Wish you had some to wear? Bring your good-

condition, clean logo wear to trade with others! The trade table will be in the foyer beginning February 5th! Plan ahead and find some LBBC wear for March 12th-our camp promo Sunday!



NEWCOMER LUNCH

Newcomer Lunch:

Sunday, February 19th after the worship service!

Did you begin attending United Covenant Church in the past 2 years? If yes, then plan to join us for a casual, free lunch where you will meet pastors, staff, leadership and some members and have an opportunity to learn more about classes, groups, events, serving opportunities and ways to connect here at United Covenant! Families with children, of all ages, are encouraged to attend together.

Sign up at Sign Up Central- we need to know how many to plan for!



ASH WEDNESDAY



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BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2023
6:15 P.M.

THANK YOU!

Thank You

We thank the Lord for all who heeded the call to prayer - You are warriors! Thank you for praying for our great grandson, Madden, 3 months old, living in Italy with his mom and dad. -Jim & Cindy Mohrland

This is from Madden's parents January 6, 2023: Thank you! We brought Madden home today. Dr.s weren't sure if this day would come, RSV, turning into a severe form of Broncholitis, then pneumonia, lungs shutting down.

Thank you all so much. I don't think we went a waking hour without coming to tears of appreciation and love for the huge community (body of Christ), friends and families. Wow! The prayers, words of encouragement, empathy and cards were so amazing. We had Madden's follow-up appointment. His lungs are ALL clear and he is back to his smiley self. Thank you.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY- COMMON GROUND



Common Ground meets every Sunday evening at 6 pm at the church. The group is going to be working through The Truth

Project this winter.

This is a young adult group for ages 18-35ish. ☺
See Emily Johnson if you have any questions!

ZOOM DAILY PRAYER MEETINGS



Morning Zoom Prayer group meets on Zoom Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 7:00am to 7:10am.

We are focusing on praise and worshipping the Lord, and praying for more outpouring of the Holy Spirit. 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!

MISSION STITCHERS

Mission Stitchers 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 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!

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
- **2nd Saturday** of the month at **7:00 a.m.** Men's Prayer breakfast at church
- **6:30 p.m.** on Thursday Nights at church



WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Monday Night Women's Bible Study "Covenant"
by Kay Arthur



**February 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Hebrews 8:6-7 "But now He (Jesus) has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second."

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study is studying "The Book of 1 Peter".

This world looks nothing like the promised perfect kingdom of God. And yet we as God's people must live in it every day. In The Book of 1 Peter, Kyle Idleman walks through the short letter and unpacks the importance of our witness in this world.

The world's not as it should be. Until the day that God rights all wrongs, we have a job to do. Let's be about the business of the kingdom.

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!**

PRAYER TIME

Prayer Time

Tuesdays 8:00 a.m. in the Church Library

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.

RIGHT NOW MEDIA

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We're excited to share that our church has access to an extensive, new video library

called RightNow Media!

Scan the QR Code to get access—or go to our website and click the RightNow Media link!



Upcoming Dates to Know:

February 5th: Higher Vision Concert, 4 pm

February 10th-12th: Marriage Retreat at LBBC

February 12th: Super Subs Fundraiser

February 12th: Israel Presentation after service

February 19th: Newcomer Lunch

February 22nd: Ash Wednesday

February 24th-25th: CREW Lock-In

February 26th: Easter Choir begins

March 12th: Camp Promo Sunday + Lasagna

March 15th: All Church Skate Night in Rice Lake

All dates are subject to change

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

United Covenant Church Leadership Team Meeting
Monday, Jan. 9, 2023

Present: Pastor Dan, Matt Thayer, Burt Beebe, Scott Carnine, Heidi Clausen, Tim Jurisch, Josh Williamson and Susie Thayer.

Matt called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and shared from a book he's reading, "The Art of Pastoring: Ministry Without All the Answers." He led us in prayer.

Youth Report: Josh reported that a representative from CAST was in church yesterday to share about "Power Over Predators," their three-session program. Presenters from CAST will be here Feb. 1, 8 and 15 to speak in two parallel sessions with both youth and adults/parents. CREW has been canceled a couple times recently due to weather conditions, but a make-up Christmas party has been held. Youth continue to work on the Sermon on the Mount, and that's going well. Josh revised his proposed summer camp scholarship program for our review.

The December, quarterly and 2022 financial reports were reviewed. Thank the Lord for His provision. Tim moved to accept the reports. Burt seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The December meeting minutes and January agenda were reviewed. Tim moved to accept the minutes and agenda; Burt seconded it. The motion passed.

Old Business: We have a quote of about \$4,000 for remodeling the parsonage bathroom this spring/summer. Mark Dietrich will complete the project. Matt Pickard has access to a front-end loader he can rent for a couple hundred dollars to clear the large snow piles in the parking lot. Thank you to Jason Sigsworth for plowing for us. Burt is continuing to check into the church purchasing a "loop" for the sanctuary to help those with hearing aids.

The annual meeting is Sunday, Jan. 22. Katie Elmer has agreed to fill the open spot on the auditing committee. Tim will read scripture before the meeting, and Lucas Carlson will be asked to lead a song. We discussed 2023 health insurance. We will pay more than \$2,000 per month for Pastor and his family (about \$27,800 per year). We are looking into some other potential options. We filled in some remaining holes in the proposed 2023 budget.

New Business: We will look into the cost to bring in a Barney Fife impersonator/comedian to supplement our usual entertainment at Clear Lake Heritage Days this summer. We will make a decision about this at our February meeting. We discussed the proposed camp scholarship program, with some requirements reduced and a note made about each student's situation/participation being addressed on an individual basis. We want all kids to be able to attend camp. We will try this program for a year and see how it goes.

Other Business: Burt is looking into why we're having some "static blips" during the livestream lately.

Pastor thanked Matt Thayer, Heidi Clausen, Joy Keller and Rhonda Paulson for their faithful service on the Leadership Team as their terms now come to a close. He also thanked the congregation for sending him and Leah to the Holy Land this winter. He said this was a "life-changing" and inspiring experience.

Pastor closed the meeting in prayer, and we adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Clausen, Secretary



SIGN UP for the Marriage Retreat (February 10-12) at Sign Up Central!
Carpooling could be available depending on the group size.



CALL LAKE BEAUTY TO REGISTER FOR THE MARRIAGE RETREAT ASAP!
320-732-3218

See Katie Elmer if you have any questions or call/text 651-247-3215

LAKE BEAUTY BIBLE CAMP **FAMILY CAMP DATES:**

Memorial Day: May 26-29, 2023

4th of July: June 30-July 3, 2023

Labor Day: September 1-4, 2023

Family Weekends:

July 13-16, 2023

July 20-23, 2023

LASAGNA DINNER BIBLE CAMP **SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER**

Sunday, March 12th

Lake Beauty Bible Camp is an extension of our church ministry.



Our goal is to send every student to summer camp! Please help us raise money for camp scholarship so every kid has a chance to attend camp!

See our Youth Pastor, Josh Williamson, for more information.

2023 Summer Camp Schedule:

Register for camp at www.lbbc.com You register for the grade your child just completed. Don't miss the early bird discount!

Register using the \$50 Transfer Code: 23UCCLBBC

Frontier Kids: (Gr.1-3) July 5-7, 2023

Trailblazer: (Gr. 3-5) June 25-29, 2023

Jr. High: (Gr. 6-8) June 11-16, 2023

Sr. High: (Gr. 9-12) July 30-August 4, 2023

PRAYER TEAM SCHEDULE

Feb 5	Mark Dietrich Scott Carnine	Sarah Enslin Emily Johnson
Feb 12	Paul Barebo Mike Pickard	Sarah Enslin Lori Pickard
Feb 19	Matt Thayer Jim Mohrland	Cindy Mohrland Emily Johnson
Feb 26	Drew Krech Charlie McBride	Cindee McBride Heather K/Amy P
Mar 5	Scott Carnine Mark Dietrich	Bethany Anderson Lori Pickard
Mar 12	Matt Thayer Mike Pickard	Sarah Enslin Emily Johnson
Mar 19	Paul Barebo Jim Mohrland	Cindy Mohrland Amy P/Sarah E
Mar 26	Drew Krech Charlie McBride	Cindee McBride Heather Krech

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Summer Camp SCHOLARSHIPS

With registration now open for Lake Beauty Bible Camp, we are offering a camp scholarship

program this year for students ages 1st grade through 12th grade to participate in if they would like. This is an opportunity for each student to work towards the camp scholarship in a way that will encourage them to read their Bibles, look for ways to volunteer and to find opportunities to bless others. Camp Scholarship Sheets will be available at Sign-Up Central and will also be handed out in our Sunday School Classes. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Williamson.

2023 Leadership Team:

Lucas Carlson, Chairman
Terry Silverberg, Vice Chair
Cindee McBride, Secretary
Brenda Cogbill, Financial Liaison
Burt Beebe
Scott Carnine
Tim Jurisch
Mike Pickard

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We're always in need of more volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office (715)263-2665 or unitedcovchurch@cltcomm.net

February Worship Schedule

Service Leaders:

5th: Mike Pickard
12th: Josh Williamson
19th: Lucas Carlson
26th: Jim Mohrland

Readers:

5th: Matt Pickard
12th: Charlie McBride
19th: Emily Johnson
26th: Matt Thayer

Bulletin Greeter:

5th: Brenda Cogbill
12th: Dolly Beebe
19th: Rian Wallberg
26th: Susie Thayer

Front Door Greeter:

5th: Karen Schnell
12th: Matt Pickard
19th: Charlie Munson
26th: Matt Thayer

Nursery:

5th: Jennie Silverberg/Joanna Carnine
12th: Lily Carlson/Addison Thayer
19th: Alicia Peterson/Lily Dietrich
26th: Phyllis Luhman/Emily Jurisch

March Worship Schedule

Service Leaders:

5th: Dom Thompson
12th: Matt Thayer
19th: Mike Pickard
26th: Josh Williamson

Readers:

5th: Cindy Mohrland
12th: Youth
19th: Lynn Schone
26th: Gretchen Wallberg

Bulletin Greeter:

5th: Lynn Schone
12th: Amy Pickard
19th: Marlys Knopp
26th: Jane Warren

Front Door Greeter:

5th: Travis Munson
12th: Mike Pickard
19th: Karen Schnell
26th: Matt Pickard

Nursery:

5th: Katie Elmer/Maggie Elmer
12th: Andrea Moe/Rian Wallberg
19th: Katie Jurisch/Annika Stream
26th: Emily Johnson/Esther Dietrich