

Covenant Highlights

July & August 2026

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PASTORS CORNER

Matthew 7:7-11

⁷ "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

⁹ "You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? ¹⁰ Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! ¹¹ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

July and August are sometimes referred to as "the dog days of summer". The 'dog days' are times of sweltering, uncomfortable heat. Those are the days that are good for growing corn and going for a swim but not much else is pleasant. Sometimes we can feel like we are in 'dog days' in other areas of life.

Is there something you have been praying about for a long time? A situation that is hard? Sometimes we go through a season of waiting. It is uncomfortable and we wish it could just be over.

We need God's help and we must never give up. Keep asking, keep seeking, keep knocking. Remember that God has the best things planned for us. We may not be able to see it yet but it is true that God's ways are best. Just as the heat makes the corn grow, so God's discipline helps us to grow. Keep drawing near to the Lord and in his time he will bring a great harvest into your life.

Pastor Dan

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Join us after the 10:00 am Worship Service on Sunday, July 19th to hear about what's happening within our church! Everyone is welcome to stay for the meeting!



CREW (Christians Ready Equipped & Willing)

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



ALL CHURCH BONFIRE/POTLUCK

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK/BONFIRE
Join us in the church "backyard" for a bonfire, potluck & fun on Wednesday, July 1st at 6:00! Bring a dish to share, a lawn chair and a friend!



If weather is bad, the potluck will be moved indoors.

CHURCH AT THE CHALET



Sunday, August 2nd, we will meet at Clear Lake Chalet (380 60th St, Clear Lake, WI) for our Worship

Service. **We will all be together and meet at 10:00 am!** Following the Worship Service we will enjoy a Potluck Lunch Plan to bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair, and some friends!



BAPTISM

If you are interested in being baptized on Sunday, August 2nd, please see Pastor Dan.



MISSION TRIP
INTEREST MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 30TH
6:00 PM



Join us on a mission trip for all ages! We're heading to the Gulf Coast (Lake Charles, LA) March 13-19, 2027. If you're interested in learning more, sign up in the foyer and **join us for a meeting on June 30th at 6pm** to get more information! Questions? See Matt Thayer!

CHURCH SOFTBALL

We are planning to play a couple softball games this summer; This is for ages 13-adult. If you are interested in possibly playing, sign up and more information will be coming! **We will potentially play games the evenings of June 28th, July 19th and August 23rd.** Sign up at Sign Up Central if interested.



RUMMAGE SALE



Our annual Rummage Sale will be held on **August 6th & 7th from 8am-5pm;** Donations are being accepted now—please

bring to the basement Sunday School rooms. Please, no TVs, car seats, electronics or VHS tapes; If you bring furniture, it must be taken back if not sold. No large items unless you talk with Lynn Pickard first.

KAYAK & CANOEING

All Church Canoe & Kayak Trip



Saturday, August 8th, 10:00 am at Apple River from 150th St to W Church Rd (North of Star

Prairie)

This is a trip for everyone, please sign up in the foyer and note what equipment you have or what equipment you'd like to borrow—OR what equipment you'd be willing to lend to others that day! See Mitch Binsfeld for more information!



SALT "SENIOR ADULTS LIVING TRIUMPHANTLY"



SALT will meet on July 16th at 2:00 pm at Ridgeview Commons!

1613 MEN'S CONFERENCE

We're honored to host the 1613 Men's Conference livestream at United Covenant Church this summer—two days focused on biblical truth, strong faith, and meaningful encouragement.

This conference is designed to encourage men of all ages to stand firm in their faith and live with purpose in today's culture. <https://1613mensconference.com/> Invite a friend and plan to join us.

July 17-18

Register online at www.unitedcovchurch.org

Lunch will be provided on Saturday at the church

POLK COUNTY FAIR

Polk County Fair

Thurs. July 23 – Sun. July 26, 2026

Come work at the fair
Ages 16+ for ticketing

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 online:



Lake Beauty Bible Camp 2026

YOU CAN STILL REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP! www.lbbsc.com

Frontier Kids: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade: July 8-10;

Senior High: 9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th Grade: July 26-31;

Register for the grade your student is finishing. Use Transfer Code: 26UCCLBBC

2026 Summer Theme: God of Wonders "The Lord is great and is highly praised; his greatness is unsearchable." Psalm 145:3



LEADERSHIP TEAM MINUTES

June 9, 2026: Leadership Team Notes

Call to Order by Lucas

Present: Lucas Carlson, Cindee McBride, Sarah Enslin, Cary Eastvold, and Pastor Dan Pearson. Susie Thayer, Jacob Peterson and Nate Cundiff

Devotion and Prayer by Sarah. Unity. Acts 2:42-44. Devoted themselves to teaching, being together. Acts 4:32. All believers were one in heart and mind. They shared everything they had and the apostles shared Christ. Those with much shared with those with less. Acts 2:46—day after day they assembled. Prayed in agreement, lived in harmony and unity and operated in great power. Today the overall church has many factions. Make a strong commitment to live in unity.

Agenda and last month's meeting minutes. Cary Motioned to approve and Jacob seconded. Motion carried.

Youth Report by Josh via email transcribed here:

Summer is in full swing! 9 junior high campers and 1 LIT student left for Lake Beauty on Sunday. The youth have begun their every other week summer Bible study working through the book of Romans. 16 students attended the first week of study, which is wonderful! Registration is open for MUUUCE, and several students are already signed up to go. Additionally, UNITE details are coming together from the denomination, and I have reached out to gather more information, and hope to share that soon with parents and families in hopes that we can get a group to attend next year.

Nate and I have 3 weeks left of classes with Oak Hills before we begin the internship phase of the program. Looking forward to the extra time away from classes and homework assignments and putting to good use the tools and everything we've learned and putting it all towards the ministries of the church.

Finance Report. Reviewed. Motion to adjust janitorial from payroll to janitorial as we are now using a commercial vendor. Cindee made a motion. Nate seconded. Passed. Oak Hills inquired if UCC would like help with final Rural Ministry—Susie will let them know "yes."

Motion to accept Finance and Youth report made by Jacob. Sarah seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

- Ridgeview Board meeting by Jacob. They will be sealing the parking lot. Is the church interested? Jacob will see if Ridgeview can ask their vendor for an estimate for the church lot to be done.
- Facility Update. *Parsonage Update:* Motion passed 74 to 5 for the basement to be completed on the parsonage. A little more seeding on the lawn. Some siding to be finished. Fixing the cracked drywall continues. *Church window:* Should be fixed Tuesday (a week from today).
- Mission Update. Missions trip meeting June 30th for more information on the 2027 trip.
- Security Update via email to Lucas. No additional bids obtained due to our location. Keys—how important is it to have trackable keys. Lucas will follow up to be sure the kitchen/stage stairway door to be included. Will also clarify the special keys not being required.
- Cleaning update. None
- Associate Pastor Discussion. Plan on a special meeting.

New Business

- Leadership Google Drive —working okay
- Nate Internship. Nate left the room. Cindee made the motion to accept Nate being an intern under the church residency program. Sarah seconded. Motion passed.
- Semi-Annual Meeting set for July 19th

Pastor Dan Items

- Canoe trip coming up.

Next Meeting: The next Leadership Team meeting is July 14 at 6 p.m. Devotion to be led by Lucas.

Adjournment: Cindee motion. Sarah seconded. Motion to adjourn passed.



Camp is not just for kids! Here are more opportunities for others to attend camp! Go to lbcc.com for more information!

Family Camps
4th of July: July 3-6
Labor Day: September 4-7

Other events this year:
Women's Retreat: September 25-27, 2026
Fall Youth Retreat: October 16-18, 2026
LBBC Annual Meeting: October 24, 2026
Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner: December 5, 2026
Young Adult Retreat: December 30-January 1

Upcoming Dates to Know:

June 30th: Mission Trip Information Meeting, 6 pm
July 1st: Family Fun Bonfire & Potluck, 6 pm
July 17th & 18th: 1613 Men's Conference Livestream
July 19th: Semi-Annual Meeting
July 23rd-26th: Polk County Fair Ticketing Crews
August 2nd: Church at the Chalet, 10 am
August 6th-7th: Rummage Sale at church
August 6th-8th: MUUUCE at Crossroads Covenant, Woodbury
August 8th: All Church Canoe/Kayak Trip (local trip)
August 9th: Worship Night at church
September 9th: Wednesday Night Kick-Off

Dates/times subject to change

DIRECTORY PHOTO BOARD



Our photo directory board can be found in the hallway on the east side of the building. It is so fun to see pictures of our church family—and to be able to put names with faces! If you haven't submitted a picture yet, please feel free to drop one off at church or e-mail it to the church office: unitedcovchurch@cltcomm.net

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MEDIA.**

We're excited to share access to an extensive video library called RightNow Media! Scan the QR Code to get access—or go to our website and click the RightNow Media link!



July 2026 Weekly Events & Bible Studies

SUNDAY

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Summer Worship Schedule
(through September 6th):
8:30 am Worship Service
10:00 am Worship Service



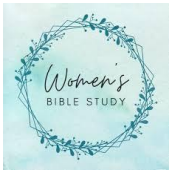
YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Young Adult Bible Study will meet on Sunday nights at 6:30 pm in the Youth Room. This Bible Study will work through the book of Job. See Aaron or Eden Amundsen for more information.



MONDAY

WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY



Monday Night Women's Bible Study meets at church in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall at 6-8 pm
(Please enter the door off the large parking lot)
Bring your Bibles & notebook.

Please join us to grow in the Word!

See Cindy Mohrland for more information about this Bible Study group.

TUESDAY

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 TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

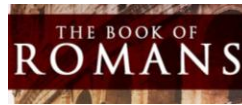


The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study group will be beginning a new study soon! This Bible study group meets in the upstairs, east classroom at church each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.
All ladies are invited and welcome to come anytime!

See Lynn Pickard for more information about this Bible Study group.

WEDNESDAY

YOUTH: ROMANS STUDY



6:30 pm—CREW (7th-12th graders) "Romans"

Bible Study—meet in the Youth Room

every other week (July 8th & 22nd)



MEN'S GROUP: DOING LIFE TOGETHER

6:30 pm— The **Wednesday night men's group** is a group of men exhorting each other to go deeper in Christ. A mix of fun fellowship, getting real, and studying

scripture. For the summer we are reading through C.S. Lewis' *Screwtape Letters*. Ready to go deep? Come join us



on the shores of Lake Wapogasset.

Reach out to Bill West for details: 612-770-3791, willywest7@gmail.com

THURSDAY

MISSION STITCHERS

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

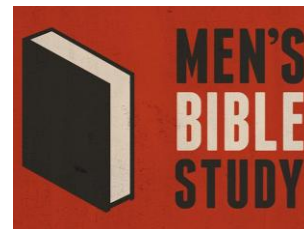
sew, match up fabrics or just for fellowship!

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

****NO MISSION STITCHERS JULY 2, 2026****



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Men's Bible Study group meets at 6:30pm on Thursday Nights at church. Come & learn more!

SATURDAY

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

****7:00 a.m.** on Saturday mornings at Jason Sigsworth's garage



****2nd** Saturday of the month at **7:00 a.m.** Men's Breakfast at church. Bring a dish to share!

