



COVENANT HIGHLIGHTS

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PASTORS CORNER

This morning as I sit at my computer, it is a beautiful fall day, and the sky is clear and blue. I seem to appreciate the sunshine more as the days get colder and shorter.

Psalm 19:1 says,

*"The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge."*

We do not worship the created world but the created world incites us to worship the creator of all things, our heavenly Father. If creation is glorious, think of how much greater glory belongs to the one who created it! We know that through Christ, all things were made.

John 1:3-5 says,

³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Jesus is the light of the world.

John 8:12 NIV says,

¹²When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

As the physical darkness grows in the days ahead, remember the One who is the light of the world whom the darkness will never overcome.

Trust Jesus to guide you in this dark world,

Pastor Dan

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, Nov. 22nd
7:00 p.m.

First Lutheran Church, Clear Lake



CREW (Christians Ready Equipped & Willing)



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

Luke 15:7 "In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others

who are righteous and haven't strayed away!"

In our Sunday School class, we recently read through the parable of the lost sheep and it really caught my attention about the joy in heaven over the one lost sinner who repents and turns to God. As I look ahead to future youth events and planning Wednesday nights and youth volunteer opportunities, I recognize our first priority needs to be reaching the lost. Our priority in the church is not the 99 who are righteous. After participating in the Underground Church event and reading about the persecution that Christians and churches experience in other countries, it's obvious how much of a blessing it is to be able to be a part of a church that does not face that same kind of persecution. My prayer is that we understand what a privilege we have and use the opportunity we have to evangelize to the people around us that do not have a relationship with Christ. If our desire is to be more like Christ, then we need to prioritize reaching the lost. When we do, we can be participants in the joy that is in heaven when the lost sinner repents and returns to God.

This High School Sunday School class is working their way through the Parables of Jesus this year, and Wednesday Nights at CREW we are journeying through the series Road Trip To Truth which is aimed at equipping Christians to understand why we can believe and trust the Bible and being able to answer "What is Truth"?

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.

1 Peter 3:15 "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."

CREW EVENTS/PLANS

Here's what CREW (Jr/Sr High) will be planning on in November/December:

November 1st - CREW 6:00-8:00 pm

November 8th - CREW 6:00-8:00 pm

November 11th - Apologetics Conference in Minneapolis; \$59 each, leaving by 7:00 am (See Josh for more details)

November 15th - Youth Worship Night 6:00-8:00 pm

November 22nd - **NO CREW** (Thanksgiving Service @ First Lutheran)

November 29th - **NO CREW** (Dessert Theater Dress Rehearsal)

December 6th - CREW 6:00-8:00 pm (no supper)

December 13th - **NO CREW** (Christmas Caroling 6:00 pm)

December 20th - CREW Christmas Party- A fun night of gifts, games and treats! White elephant gift exchange and the return of the heavily taped CREW gift box!

December 27th - **NO CREW**

POTLUCK

Potluck is on Sunday, November 12th! Please plan to join us for lunch after the Worship Service. Bring a dish to share!



November Potluck Committee: Sarah Enslin, Jacki Marlett, Donna Peterson, Jennie Silverberg, Jen Tanner, and Jennie Wallberg.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



It's that time of year again! Time to put together Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Simple shoebox gifts, packed with love and prayer are tools for evangelism and discipleship in over 100 countries.

A box is in the foyer to begin collecting items!

Last year United Covenant Church donated 166 shoeboxes for delivery around the world. Our goal this year is 200 boxes!

Ways you can help:

- Pack a shoebox or two with your family
- Donate items for our CREW56 packing party*
- Donate money to help shipping costs (\$10 each)

*Donated items for packing party due by November 8th.

Completed Boxes due Sunday, November 12th!

See Dayna Prindle or Mykaela Thompson if you have any questions!

BABY SHOWER



Please join us for a family Baby Shower for Anthony & Ruth Rauch's baby boy!

Friday, November 10th at United Covenant Church

Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed immediately by gift opening.

Baby Boy Rauch is due to arrive early in February 2024.

Registry can be found on Amazon.com (Men, Women & children are invited!)

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY- COMMON GROUND

Common Ground will meeting at church on Sunday, November 19th at 5:30 pm!



Common Ground will be meeting once per month through the rest of 2023.

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

THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Our Kids Blast, CREW56 & Adult studies will have a break over Thanksgiving and Christmas.

**NOVEMBER 22ND-JANUARY 3RD:
NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER OR CLASS***

*CREW will continue to meet in December. Check the weekly schedule on the church calendar!



**WE WILL RESUME JANUARY 10TH WITH OUR
REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE!**

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday School
Children's
Christmas Program



Sunday, December 17th
10:00 am Worship Service

Parts will be handed out early in November. Please let your child's Sunday School teacher know if your child cannot take part. Practices will be on Sunday Mornings.

6th GRADE CHRISTMAS SKIT



Our Pre-Confirmation Students (grade 6) will be sharing a skit with the congregation on Sunday, December 10th during the 10:00 Worship Service.

**Prevent Abuse and Protect
the Kids in Your Ministry**

**Ministry
Safe**

November 9th there will be a group attending a virtual Ministry Safe Conference. The Northwest Conference has partnered with this organization to make this training event available to our covenant churches and their pastors, staff, volunteers and ministry leaders.

Anyone (age 17+) that is interested in being a part of this virtual class is invited to come.

We believe it is important that we are aware of the risks to our youth and children and we pray that we can all work together to make sure our church continues to be a safe environment for our young people.

See Josh Williamson for more information about this virtual class.

Bell Ringing



We are helping the Salvation Army by supplying volunteers to ring bells:

Wednesday, November 22

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Nilssen's Market, Clear Lake

Sign up in the foyer for a 2 hour slot!

LIBRARY



hall in the north-east classroom! Check it out!

If you're looking for books or resources to borrow: Our children's books/resources can be found in the upstairs south-east classroom; Our adult books/resources are across the

Christmas Dessert Theater

Friday, December 1st at 6:30 pm
Saturday, December 2nd at 4:00 pm

Please join us for a great evening (or two)!
Invite neighbors, co-workers, family & friends!



Upcoming Dates to Know:

November 8th: CREW56 -OCC Packing Party

November 9th: Ministry Safe Seminar

November 10th: Rauch Baby Shower

November 11th: Youth Apologetics Conference

November 12th: Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due

November 12th: Potluck after church

November 15th: Last regular Wednesday until Jan. 10th

November 22nd: Thanksgiving Eve Service at First Lutheran

November 29th: Dress Rehearsal for CDT

December 1st & 2nd: Christmas Dessert Theater

December 10th: 6th Grade Skit during Worship Service

December 10th: NO POTLUCK

December 13th: Christmas Caroling

December 17th: Children's Christmas Program

December 24th: Christmas Eve Service, 4 pm

January 10th: Regular Wednesday Schedule returns

January 14th: Potluck after church

All dates are subject to change



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



Fall Events!

Fall Quilt Retreat #1: Thursday, Nov. 2nd – Monday, Nov. 6th

Fall Quilt Retreat #2: Thursday, Nov. 9th – Monday, Nov. 13th

Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner: Saturday, Dec. 2nd

Young Adult Retreat: Saturday, Dec. 30th – Monday, Jan. 1st

Don't forget to "Fall Back" on Sunday, November 5th!

HEARING LOOP INSTALLED

The Hearing loop has been installed in the 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

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HOMESCHOOL CLUB

HOMESCHOOL CLUB Homeschool Club is open to all homeschool families - kids of all ages! They meet at United Covenant the first and third Friday each month during the school year from 9:15-11:15 am.

This is an unstructured homeschool group time for moms that homeschool to be encouraged, have homeschool related discussions with other moms, pray for each other, share resources and material. For the students, they can make new friends, play games, and share in learning experiences.

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!

PRAYER TIME

Prayer Time

Tuesdays 8:00 a.m.

Meets in the South-East Upstairs Classroom

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
- 2nd Saturday of the month at **7:00 a.m.** Men's Prayer breakfast at church (bring a dish to share!)
- **6:30 p.m.** on Thursday Nights at church

WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

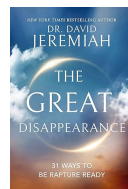
Monday Night Women's Bible Study will meet:

**November 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

All ladies are invited and welcome to come!
We meet in the East Classroom at church

Hebrews 10:24-25: *"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."*

WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY



The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study is "The Great Disappearance" by Dr. David Jeremiah.

The rapture is the central event in biblical prophecy. But what does it mean for us today? How can this crucial end times event draw us nearer to God in a world that is seemingly on the brink of chaos? Political turmoil, economic uncertainty, an ideological divide that feels increasingly impassable—the signs of the times point us toward the end, and that can be disconcerting.

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!**

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT - YOUTH - CHILDREN

8:45 AM FOR ALL AGES

WORSHIP & PRAYER TEAM SCHEDULE

We are using a new scheduling system called "Planning Center"—all schedules will be sent directly to participants of each ministry. See Susie for more information or with questions!



You can access United Covenant Church online in many ways:



Website:
www.unitedcovchurch.org

**United Covenant Church-
Clear Lake, WI**

facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/UnitedCov>



United Cov Church

<https://www.instagram.com/unitedcovchurch/>

United Covenant Church **YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC81DUs6XPi3YXI964q806Q/featured>

LEADERSHIP MEETING

**Leadership Team Meeting
October 9, 2023**

Present: Lucas Carlson, Mike Pickard, Brenda Cogbill, Pastor Dan Pearson, Terry Silverberg, Tim Jurisch, Josh Williamson, Burt Beebe and Doug Lemons.

Mike led devotions from Jeremiah 32--leadership by example-- follow a leader with a Godly life, singleness of heart and action. The leadership team opened in prayer.

Doug Lemons shared, giving his background and understanding of security along with what our needs should look like as we continue to grow. Our main concerns are about the security of our congregation and our children per pastor Dan. Doug gave great insight about what a protocol could look like. He has a wealth of knowledge in security and various ways we can include our local EMS such as police, fire, safety and create a relationship with them as we establish committees. He will help us identify problems that may occur and to be prepared. He will help devise an action plan and safety committee. There will be an overall message to let the congregation know this is being looked into and put in place. Josh will look into getting people certified for AED use and CPR.

Youth Report: Overall it's going very well. Youth are taking ownership for their faith walk. The youth are studying Road to Truth series, equipping youth for life and youth are very receptive. Youth worship team starting again this fall and underground church youth activity scheduled for October 21 with community churches participating. Prayer is needed for this event and the speaker will be Josh. Discussion held about youth having activities inside as weather demands and discussed where they will meet within the church. Moving the chandeliers that are in the foyer was discussed due to more youth activity.

Financial Reports were accepted.

Discussion held about the existing teams resulting from the survey and their actions that are being put in place. There will be a location for the extra chairs in the area where the library was as well as coat racks. The carpet has been ordered and will be installed later this month. There has been little interest in someone taking the lead or organizing a mission team. We hope to have that in place soon. Suggestions were discussed.

The nominating committee will be submitting names to be voted on to replace those that have fulfilled their years of service, Scott Carmine and Mike Pickard.

KICY radio station in Alaska is having their yearly fundraiser and it was motioned and passed to send \$200.00.

Pastor commented on the worship service Sunday evening October 8th stating how well the evening went. The church is looking to do more services like that in the future. The next leadership meeting will be November 13th.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Cogbill, Acting Secretary

