Covenant Highlights

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PASTORS CORNER

We are now entering the darkest days of the year. The sun is shining more in the southern hemisphere but here in the north it is winter. The Bible tells us that Jesus ministered in spiritually dark places and he brought his light into those places. Isaiah prophesied about Christ's ministry hundreds of years before it happened.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. Isaiah 9:2.

Jesus brought hope, healing and salvation to the people of that time and place.
We know from the Bible that there will be dark times at the end of history.

[1] But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. [2] People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, [3] without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, [4] treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— [5] having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.
2 Timothy 3:1-5

According to Matthew 5:14-16, we as Christ's followers are the light of the world. We are to bring God's blessing into this dark world. Jesus says, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Dear God, during this dark season, please help us to shine your light and blessing wherever we go. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Pastor Dan

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.
Ways you can help:

- **Pack a shoebox or two with your family!**
- **"*Build a Shoebox Online*" see samaritanspurse.org for more information**
- **Donate money to help shipping costs ($10 each)**

Completed Boxes due Sunday, November 15th!

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE



Our Kids Blast, CREW56 & Adult Wednesday Night Studies will have a break over Thanksgiving & Christmas. This is a time for families to slow down & enjoy the time together through Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas & New Years! **No Wednesday Night Supper or Classes November 25th-January 6th. We will resume January 13th with our regular schedule!**
***Other special activities are planned on some Wednesdays in December, check the bulletin or calendar for more information!*

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE



CHRISTMAS DESSERT THEATER



CREW (Christians Ready Equipped & Willing)

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

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

We're in the last two weeks of "**Don't Give The Enemy A Seat At Your Table**"! After that, we've got two weeks focusing on evangelism, followed by a Youth Worship Night on November 18th before we head into Thanksgiving and Christmas break.

There is a lot coming up, and you won't want to miss it. Here's your look ahead:

OCTOBER

Oct 24 — Youth Volunteer Day (Meet at church- 9am)

NOVEMBER

Nov 4 — Youth Serving Wed Night Meal
→ volunteersignup.org/QMJM7
Nov 6 — Chili Fundraiser for UNITE 2027
→ volunteersignup.org/YP3WH
Nov 11 — **Districts Deposits & Registrations Due**
Nov 14 — Youth Volunteer Day (Meet at church- 9am)
Nov 18 — CREW Worship Night
Nov 25 — No CREW — Community Thanksgiving Service @ First Lutheran

DECEMBER

Dec 2 — No CREW — Dessert Theater Dress Rehearsal
Dec 5 — Youth Volunteer Day (Meet at Clear Lake Community Center at 9am)
Dec 9 — Christmas Caroling
Dec 13 — **UNITE 2027 Registration/Deposit Due**
→ **https://brushfire.com/evangelicalcovenantchurch/unite2027/613918?group=74237571-e6cc-4b19-934e-c7bcb31f2840**
Dec 16 — CREW Christmas Party
Dec 23 — No CREW
Dec 30 — CREW Game Night

SALT "SENIOR ADULTS LIVING TRIUMPHANTLY"



SPECIAL WEDNESDAY EVENT



The last night of Kids Blast & CREW56 for this fall, Wednesday, November 18th, we'll be having a special night watching the movie "David". This will be from 6:00-8:00 pm. Parents are welcome to come watch this with their children!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



YOUTH & FAMILY PASTOR



Note from Josh Williamson:
Many of you may have heard about the shift in my role here at United Covenant Church, and I wanted to take a moment to share what that looks like. My title has moved from Youth Pastor to Youth and Family Pastor, reflecting a larger focus that extends beyond youth ministry to include our families and the broader ministry life of our church. In this season, my primary focus will continue to be focused on youth ministry, while at the same time coming alongside our various ministry teams, strengthening relationships with ministry leaders, offering encouragement and practical support, and helping our ministries thrive in a way that reflects the mission and vision of United Covenant Church. Over time, this role will grow to include greater involvement in children's and family ministry, Christian Education, volunteer development, outreach, and more, but the heart behind all of it remains the same. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity and look forward to serving our church family in new and meaningful ways. If you have any questions for me about this, please don't hesitate to reach out!

ALL CHURCH ROLLERSKATING NIGHT



THANK YOU!

Dear United Covenant,
Thank you so much for allowing me to share the Gideon Ministry message at your Church last Sunday. The offering collected that day was $588 dollars which will allow us to purchase either 98 hardcover bibles or 367 small testaments. The congregation is always so supportive of the Gideon Ministry.
Yours in Christ,
Dale Wirth

GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

LAKE BEAUTY BIBLE CAMP

Go to lbbc.com for more information!

Upcoming 2026 Events:

Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner: December 5, 2026
Young Adult Retreat: December 30-January 1
Marriage Retreat: February 12-14, 2027

LEADERSHIP TEAM MINUTES

October 13, 2026: Leadership Team Notes

Call to Order by Lucas; **Present:** Lucas Carlson, Sarah Enslin, Pastor Dan Pearson, Jacob Peterson, Nate Cundiff, Cary Eastvold, Josh Williamson, & Emily Johnson; **Devotion & Prayer** by Cary Eastvold;
Agenda and last month's meeting minutes. Cary Motioned to approve. Jake seconded. Motion carried.
Youth Report by Josh. A few weeks into the study "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table" - it lines up well with the adult study on Sunday morning. Evangelism is the focus for the year. Underground Church - 90+ students. Kent shared a message; Pastor Bryan shared the Gospel message. Many students are not connected to churches - they came with friends.
11 students attending LBBC Fall Youth Retreat - Josh and Kristyn chaperoning. Districts registration is open; many students plan to attend. Good group of volunteers - helping students through some tough times.
Finance Report. Reviewed. Nate motioned to accept both youth report and finance as is. Jake seconded. Motion passed.
Old Business

- Ridgeview Board meeting by Jacob. Not much new, likely 3% increase for Maintenance costs.
- Facility Update.
  - Parsonage Update: Tim/Brandon - close for the inspection on Parsonage. Then drywall gets done. On track for Thanksgiving.
- Mission Update by Jacob. From Matt - 20 people signed up for the mission trip. Finalizing logistics.
- Security Update via text from Doug - Confirmed a time with the company they will be here on November 20th. Will quote door lock upgrades and a separate quote for exterior cameras. Will begin locking the side door by classrooms/nursery during services on Sundays.
- Ministry Flow Chart - will revisit this as Josh increases his roles with ministry areas.
- Copier replacement - table for later.
- CPR Class – tabled to Nov.
- Cleaning— Discussed volunteer cleaning in between weekly services. The cleaning company has room for additional weekly cleaning and event cleaning.
- Youth & Family Job Description -

New Business

- Building Fundraising/Planning
  - Need to identify a lead for the task
- 5 Core values of a healthy church - Pastor shared ideas for our church: Vision/Mission clarity; Effective Connection/Formation process; An Outward focus; Culture of Godly Leadership; Fruitful Organizational structures.
- Community Church Sign - Josh working on it. Reconnecting with the company that gave us quotes and a few guys to help complete the build.
- Pastor Dan Items

Next Meeting: The next Leadership Team meeting is November 10th at 6p.m. Devotion to be led by Jacob; Pastor closed in prayer.
Adjournment: Sarah motion Cary seconded. Motion to adjourn passed.
Respectfully submitted,
Emily Johnson

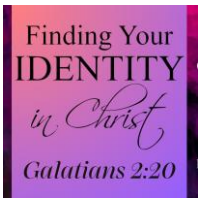
November 2026 Weekly Events & Bible Studies

SUNDAY

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School (age 2+)
10:45 am Worship Service
Holy Communion is served the first Sunday Each Month

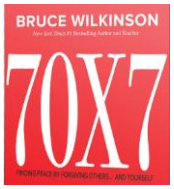
CREW GIRL'S BIBLE STUDY



WHO: Girls in 7th-12th grades
WHAT: Bible Study about your identity in Christ.
WHEN: Sunday nights 6-7:30pm
WHERE: Dan & Gretchen Wallberg's home. For more information, see Maggie Elmer, Jordyn Perry or Rian Wallberg!

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.

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.



WOMEN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY



The Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study group is doing a study by Dr. David Jeremiah about finding confidence & clarity in God's promises. Then will look at Jennie Allen's "God's Unbreakable Promises", walking through key promises and covenants. 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.

MINOR PROPHETS

New Tuesday Bible Study: Looking at the Minor prophets.
Tuesdays at 1:00-2:30pm at Binsfeld's Farm, 959 2-1/2 Ave, Prairie Farm, WI
Everyone is welcome.



WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

LIFE TOGETHER WEDNESDAYS
(through November 18th)
5:30 pm—Family Supper
6:00 pm—Kids Blast (Ages 4-4th grade)
CREW56 (5th & 6th graders)
CREW (7th-12th graders)
6:15 pm— Adult Bible Studies (4 options):
Alpha: basics of the Christian faith
Max Lucado / Francis Chan
Men's "Life Together" Bible Study
Rebuilders Moving forward from loss

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!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study group will be going through the 1613 Study at 6:30pm on Thursday Nights at church. Come & learn more!

FRIDAY

HOMESCHOOL CLUB

WHO: All homeschool families & kids of all ages.
WHAT: Unstructured time, moms can visit and children make new friends, play games, etc…
WHEN: 1st & 3rd Fridays during the school year; 9:30-11:00am;
WHERE: United Covenant Church

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Young Adult Bible Study will meet on Friday nights at 6:30 pm in the Youth Room See Aaron or Eden Amundsen for more information.

SATURDAY

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

****7:00 a.m.** on Saturday mornings at Amery Family Restaurant.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

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