



Covenant Highlights



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PASTORS CORNER

Revelation 21:1-5 (NLT)

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

3 I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

5 And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true."

One day, God will make everything new! Back when he created the world, everything was new then. When sin and death entered because of sin, everything began to age and decay and die. God's plan has always been that he would start over new. His home will be among his people! What a beautiful day that will be! And we will see it because of the resurrection!

When you get tired of this old fallen world, just remember and be encouraged that we will live to see much better days in the future. Everything will be made new!

Pastor Dan



CREW (Christians Ready Equipped & Willing)

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

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"



The reason that we celebrate Christmas is not for the parties, school programs, games, food, gifts, or even time with family. The reason that we celebrate is because Jesus being born of the virgin Mary fulfilled the prophecy of the Savior's coming. Jesus, the Lamb of God, lived a sinless life and took the punishment we deserved for our sins by dying on the cross. That is what the season of Christmas is pointing towards. I pray you are able to make Jesus the main focus of your Christmas gatherings this year.

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 Spring 2024 for possible upcoming service project ideas. So far, January through March will include visiting with residents in the nursing home in Amery, meal packing with Feed My Starving Children and folding, stuffing and labeling around 1,300 newsletters for the Northwoods Homeless Shelter.



These are great opportunities 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.

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

CREW EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Here's what CREW (Jr/Sr High) will be planning on for January, February and March!

January 7th - Parent Meeting (*immediately following Worship Service downstairs by fireplace*)

January 13th - 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Youth Volunteer Day (*Visiting Willow Ridge in Amery to play games with residents*)

January 21st - Cinnamon Roll Sunday - (*Youth Fundraiser, serving cinnamon rolls which will be a tasty treat before the annual meeting!*)

January 26th - Family Game Night (*Bring a snack or dessert to share*)

February 10th - CREW Lock-In (*All day event including Feed My Starving Children Packing, Broomball @ Mohrlands, church night games and food, no overnight...7:30am - 10:00pm*)

February 11th - Super Subs Fundraiser

March 6th - Family Skate Night

March 10th - Camp Promo Sunday (*Lasagna Fundraiser*)

March 23rd - Youth Volunteer Day (*Northwoods Homeless Shelter Mailing*)

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ARE BACK!!

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Wednesday Nights are returning to our regular schedule beginning on January 10, 2024!!!

5:30 pm—Family Supper

6:00 pm Kids Blast, CREW56, CREW & Adult Bible Study

PLEASE NOTE: Kids Blast & CREW56 will be ending at 7:30 pm each Wednesday night.

POTLUCK



Potluck is on Sunday, January 14th! Please plan to join us for lunch after the Worship Service. Bring a dish to share!

January 14th Potluck Serving Team:

Michelle Sigsworth, Mykaela Thompson,
Becky Peterson, Brenda Cogbill,
Jasmin Carnine and Megan Burlingame

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY- COMMON GROUND

Common Ground will meeting at church on Sunday, January 28th at 5:30 pm!

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



PRAYER WEEK SCHEDULE

WEEK OF PRAYER
JANUARY 2-4 // 6:30 PM

Join us for prayer meetings the first week of January at 6:30 pm:

Tuesday, January 2nd

Jim & Cindy Mohrland's home
(759 US Hwy 63, Clayton)

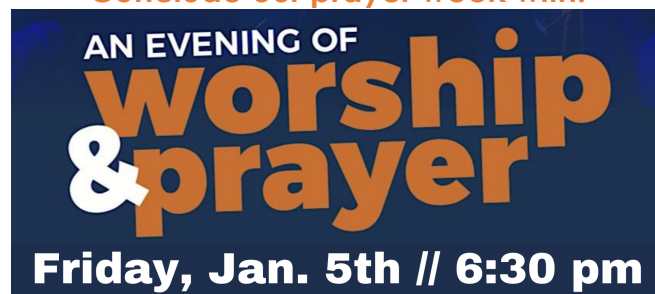
Wednesday, January 3rd

Sarah Enslin's home
(225 Harriman Ave N, Amery)

Thursday, January 4th

Mike & Lynn Pickard's home
(615 85th St, Amery)

Conclude our prayer week with:



GAME NIGHT

ALL CHURCH FAMILY GAME NIGHT
FRIDAY, JANUARY 26TH
6:00-8:00 P.M.



EVERYONE IS INVITED AND WELCOME!

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

IF YOU'D LIKE: BRING A DESSERT OR SNACK TO SHARE!

ANNUAL MEETING TIMELINE



January 7th - Annual Report information due to the church office.

January 14th - Annual Reports will be available to pick up at church.

January 17th - Budget Review meeting 7:30 pm

January 21st - Annual Meeting will be after the worship service.

LIBRARY

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

HOMESCHOOL CLUB

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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.



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

Mark your Calendars! 2024 Camp Dates:

Marriage Retreat: February 9th- February 11th

Memorial Day Family Camp: May 24th- May 27th

Jr. High Camp: June 9th- June 14th

Trailblazer Camp: June 23rd- June 27th

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

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

Fall Youth Retreat: October 25th- October 27th

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*

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!



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!



MISSION STITCHERS



We will not be meeting January 4th.

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

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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.

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



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!

WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Monday Night Women's Bible Study will meet:

**January 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
6:30-8:00 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

We will not be meeting January 2th.

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study will be starting a new study on January 9th!

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!**



You can access United Covenant Church online in many ways:



Website: www.unitedcovchurch.org

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

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



United Cov Church

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



United Covenant Church

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC81D_Us6XPI3YXI964q806Q/featured

Upcoming Dates to Know:

January 2nd-4th: Prayer Week in Homes (6:30 pm)

January 10th: Regular Wednesday Schedule returns

January 14th: Potluck after church

January 17th: Budget Review Meeting

January 21st: Annual Meeting after Worship Service

January 26th: Family Game Night

February 10th: CREW Lock-In Day

February 14th: Ash Wednesday

March 6th: All Church Skate Night in Rice Lake

March 10th: Camp Promo Sunday/Lasagna Lunch

****All dates are subject to change****

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Leadership Team Meeting

December 12th, 2023

Leadership team was called to order at 6 pm Tuesday, December 12th, 2023. Present in person were Lucas Carlson, Mike Pickard, Pastor Dan, Josh Williamson, Susie Thayer, Burt Beebe, Brenda Cogbill and Scott Carnine. Cindee McBride and Terry Silverberg were present via telephone. Lucas called the meeting to order.

Lucas read from Romans 8:35 for a devotional. He opened the meeting with prayer.

Youth Report was provided by Josh Williamson. He stated the youth plan on going Caroling with the church. There is a Christmas Party scheduled. Josh sent out emails to parents to give a heads up about what the upcoming year may look like both per the calendar and possible financial needs. He is hoping that this summer can include a mission trip either just with youth or youth and adults serving either here in the Midwest or further out. There is a parent meeting scheduled January 7th.

Financial reports, agenda and meeting notes were reviewed. Mike motioned, Burt seconded, motion passed to accept all three.

Old Business. There were no survey team updates; because, as previously recommended, the current teams have concluded and there will be an opportunity for people to participate in Stage 2 activities related to survey findings. Brenda reported that the Ridgeview meeting went well as she continues to join on behalf of our leadership team. The nominating committee will be working toward recommending replacements for Mike and Scott as their serving terms come to a close.

New business. Pastor Dan brought forward that the Red Cross has inquired if UCCC would be willing to be a host location for them. Leadership team agreed that as long as the timing doesn't conflict with any church needs, that that would be a nice act of service to our community. New lighting in the handicap parking needs adjustment. There was also discussion regarding the need for a maintenance point person. Cindee inquired about the church hosting an IF women's conference. There was no objection as long as there are point people to lead and coordinate. Cindee will follow up with the women who have stated interest. Terry provided the mutual ministry team report.

Other Business: We planned to 2024 budget, making adjustments as needed, including adding a line for continuing pastoral education and church security needs. Pastor, Susie and Josh left the meeting, and we discussed salaries for 2024.

Mike motioned to adjourn, Cindee seconded, and we adjourned about 8:15 p.m. Next meeting will be January 8th at 6 pm. Scott volunteered to lead devotions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindee McBride, Secretary