

Covenant Highlights

July & August 2025

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PASTORS CORNER

Jeremiah 31:18-20

*I have heard Israel saying,
'You disciplined me severely,
like a calf that needs training for the yoke.
Turn me again to you and restore me,
for you alone are the Lord my God.*

*¹⁹ I turned away from God,
but then I was sorry.*

*I kicked myself for my stupidity!
I was thoroughly ashamed of all I did in my
younger days.'*

*²⁰ "Is not Israel still my son,
my darling child?" says the Lord.*

*"I often have to punish him,
but I still love him.*

*That's why I long for him
and surely will have mercy on him.*

In this passage, the prophet Jeremiah is comparing Israel to a young man who has been rebellious but now sees the folly of his ways. Even though the young man has made poor decisions and gone the wrong way, he now wants to get right with God. The Lord expresses the love and mercy he is willing to show Israel.

We have a God who is full of love, compassion, and mercy. When we stumble and fall, he is waiting to forgive us and show his grace to us. What a wonderful God and Father we have! When we stumble, may we quickly return to him and be restored!

Pastor Dan

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING



Join us after the 10:00 am Worship Service on Sunday, July 20th to hear about what's happening within our church! Everyone is welcome to stay for the meeting!

POLK COUNTY FAIR



Scan the QR code to sign up to help on the Ticketing Crew for the 2025 Polk County Fair: Thursday, July 24th-Sunday, July 27th.



CREW (Christians Ready Equipped & Willing)

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

SUMMER SCHEDULE

CREW
CHRISTIANS READY, EQUIPPED & WILLING
1 Peter 3:15

JULY 2 - APPLE RIVER TUBING DAY
JULY 16 - LAKE DAY @ MOHRLANDS
JULY 27-AUG 1 - SENIOR HIGH @ LAKE BEAUTY BIBLE CAMP
AUG 7-9 - MUUUCE
AUG 13 - CREW HANGOUT @ CARLSONS
AUG 22 - BRAT STAND FUNDRAISER

SUMMER GOOD NEWS CLUB



This summer United Covenant Church will be hosting a *Summer Good News Club* through CEF!

July 14-18, 2025
3:30 – 5:45 pm

All children ages 5-11 are invited to Discover Jesus with us at Summer Good News Club!

The *Summer Good News Club* is an exciting, fun-filled "class" including Bible lessons, learning activities, missionary stories, songs, and Scripture memorization!

Please sign up to help with the club, we need help with crafts, serving meals and crowd-control! See Sign Up Central. Questions? See Wendy Dietrich!

CHURCH AT THE CHALET



Sunday, August 10th, 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 10th, please see Pastor Dan.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

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We will be celebrating "Christmas in July" by preparing for our fall Operation Christmas Child Ministry packing event. During the month of July we will be collecting different items each Sunday.

Last winter, we were told our church has been one of the most generous churches in our area with this ministry, **we hope that you will pray about Operation Christmas Child and the many lives it touches!** Each box has the potential to share the gospel with 10 people.



Please reach out to
Mykaela Thompson with any
questions!

COLLECTION INFORMATION:

JULY 6TH: SCHOOL SUPPLIES

JULY 13TH: WOW ITEM

JULY 20TH: TOYS

JULY 27TH: CRAFTS

Bring your donations to the
United Covenant Church foyer
during the month of July!



HOPE ALIVE



HOPE ALIVE is a free event for all ages! This fun event has been rescheduled to Tuesday, August 26th. Come enjoy food, games & music from 5:00-8:30 pm at Michael Park in Amery.

(Rain date – Wednesday, August 27th)

We'll be serving hotdogs & burgers from the food trailer! Watch for sign-ups in August!

RUMMAGE SALE

Our annual Rummage Sale will be August 14th & 15th 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 FOR COUPLES

Couple building/encouragement/refresher



Married couples or engaged couples come join with others for a time of encouragement together! Limited space of up to

two couples on each date. This is a day trip on rivers suitable for people of any experience level, even no experience.

We have kayaks for one couple (sometimes we have access to more) but can provide a canoe as well.

Supplying your own is always an option.

We will meet at the church at 9am and try to finish around 3pm.

The following dates are available, see sign up central to sign up (subject to be rescheduled due to weather)!

July 19th (Red Cedar River)

Sept 20th (Apple River)

Romans 1:12 (NLT): *When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.*

Questions, see Mitch or Misty Binsfeld!

TAPESTRIES OF LIFE

Our church has supported Tapestries of Life Ministries in different ways for



several years. Karen Schnell recently went on a mission trip to help at the orphanage. Here's a quick update and chance to learn more! Children are continuing to 'come home' to the House of Gems! Two toddler girls arrived this week! They now have over 40 kids and are seeking additional support.

Pastor Steve Brewer will be at Crossroads Covenant Church in Forest Lake, MN on July 7 at 6:30pm. All are welcome to come to hear his updates and find out more about Tapestries of Life Ministries in Guadeloupe, Mexico.

FALL PROGRAMMING KICK OFF



LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

May 13, 2025: Leadership Team Notes

Present: Pastor Dan Pearson, Brenda Cogbill, Lucas Carlson, Jacob Peterson, Emily Johnson, Cary Eastvold, Josh Williamson, and Cindee McBride.

Call to Order and Prayer. Lucas called the meeting to order. Cindee led devotions from Today in the Word.org on 1 Samuel 16:1-13. Cindee prayed.

Agenda and last month's meeting minutes. Jacob motioned to accept; Emily seconded. Motion passed with no objections.

Youth Report. Provided by Josh Williamson who stated that the youth are on a good track moving toward the end of the school year. He expressed appreciation for all the Youth Leaders. As the focus turns toward summer, he shared that as of the date of this meeting there are 11 Jr High Youth ready to go to Lake Beauty Bible Camp. The youth are grateful for the trailer to go with the van. Currently he is looking at next year's Sunday School Curriculum for youth. Last week the youth explored the question "What is hell like?." Next week, they will explore "What is heaven like?."

Finance Report. Leadership reviewed the report. No questions. Acceptance of Finance and Youth reports. Emily motioned to accept; Cindee seconded. Motion passed with no objections.

New Business

- Filling Terry's position. The constitution was reviewed. Per the constitution, the leadership team can replace a vacancy. Lucas led us in prayer regarding filling the position.
- Vice Chair needs to be filled. Please pray about who the Holy Spirit would like to have fill that role.

Old Business

- Ridgeview Board Meeting: things are going well. Caleb Markuson has been hired for maintenance including lawncare and snow removal with Doug available for guidance.
- Making Space for what God is doing:
 - Two acres of the land has been determined to be owned by the city. A deed from 1971 was discovered but the information was not communicated. This will be communicated to the congregation.
 - Brandon Perry and Drew Krech are getting finalized specific bids for moving the parsonage
 - Cindee asked about audio/visual booth if the church building expands.
 - Tim Jurisch is the new Chair of the building committee
- Mutual Ministry Compensation of roles review
 - Cindee sent a draft document to Emily and Jacob. Cindee shared that in addition to clarifying paid staff roles, she started to include a list of volunteer staff roles which was agreed that as God grows the church, clarity will be needed to aid in communication and expectations. It was acknowledged that there may need to be a separate project. The three will be meeting May 29 at 6 to review the draft document.
- Sunday School Security—Lucas was going to reach out to Doug to have him touch base with Wendy.
- Summer Schedule—set as 8:30 and 10
- Parsonage Plan

- Moving forward to obtain an estimate for the congregation to consider

New Business

- Redeemers Ranch. Jacob presented that there is a need. Cindee motioned for UCCC to support with a \$500 one-time gift. Emily seconded. Motion passed.
- The next Leadership Team meeting is June 10th at 6 p.m. Jacob to share a devotion.
Adjournment: Closed in prayer.
Respectfully submitted,
Cindee McBride, Secretary

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MEDIA.

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CLOTHING ORDERS

Interested in buying your own United Covenant or CREW items?

Visit:

<https://www.twomomsimagewear.com/general-6>



or go on our website www.unitedcovchurch.org and click the "shop now" button!
Or see Dayna Prindle for additional options!



Summer Camp Registration
YOU CAN STILL REGISTER!

Use Transfer Code: 25UCCLBBC

Senior High: July 27-August 1

Family Camps

4th of July: July 3-6

Labor Day: Aug. 29-Sept. 1

Other events this year:

Women's Retreat: September 26-28, 2025

Fall Youth Retreat: October 17-19, 2025

LBBC Annual Meeting: November 1, 2025

Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner: December 6, 2025

Young Adult Retreat: December 31, 2025– January 2, 2026



Weekly Events & Bible Studies ~ July 2025

SUNDAY

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 am— **Worship Service**

10:00 am— **Worship Service**

MONDAY

WOMEN'S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Monday Night Women's Bible Study will meet:

July 7th, 21st & 28th:

Meeting time 6:00-8:00/8:30 p.m.

July 14th: Meeting time 6:30-8:00 p.m.

August 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th:

Meeting time 6:00-8:00/8:30 p.m.

Studies with the Word of God and Archaeology
Archaeology involves the excavation and study of physical artifacts and sites to shed light on the historical context, scripture passages, of the Holy Bible. Our Lord is allowing more Biblical studies with the archaeology discoveries of ancient texts and objects not to prove the truth of His word but to acknowledge He is the truth, way, life; "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

Ladies, please join us for these dates and times when you are available. Keep your eyes on the service bulletins/"What's happening at church this week" for schedule changes.

TUESDAY

PRAYER TIME



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

Women please join us for our Summer Bible Study series of: "Discipleship Lessons" with Ray Vander Laan.



This Bible study meets in the upstairs, east classroom at church each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Study books are available! **All ladies are invited and welcome to come anytime!**

WEDNESDAY

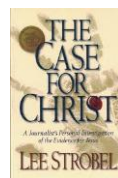
WEDNESDAY PHONE PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday Morning Phone Prayer group talks on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 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 more information!

YOUNG ADULT: THE CASE FOR CHRIST



The Young Adults continue to meet Wednesday Evenings at 5:30 pm at church (in the youth room). The group is reading through "The Case For Christ". Books are available, see you there! This is a group for people ages 18-25ish.

MEN'S GROUP: DOING LIFE TOGETHER

A group for men who want to exhort each other on to deeper things in Christ.

Theme verse: Isaiah 43:18-19

Going deep and having fun doing it.

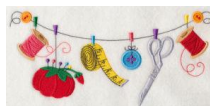
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm (throughout the summer)

Meet at Bill West's home on Wapo for this Pontoon Fellowship time as weather permits. (Reach out to Bill wiwest@proton.me or 612-770-3791)



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!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Men's Bible Study group meets at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday Nights at church! Join us!



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 or at Clear Lake Park (weather dependent)

Bring a dish to share!

