

## **FOR GUESTS**

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We are so glad that you chose to worship with us today and look forward to seeing you again soon. We know that visiting a new church can feel awkward until you get to know people. So, we will do the best we can to help you feel at home. Do stop by our Welcome Table for more information about us; grab a cup of coffee, visit so we can get to know you.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services. There are "quiet bags" available to occupy small children. Please ask ushers for assistance. For those who prefer, our nursery is open throughout the morning for children age 6 months to age 3.

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## **CONNECT TO GOD**

**If you are visiting today**, we invite you to share communion with us. You do not need to be a member of this church, or of another Covenant church. We only ask that you truly desire to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

**Join us in celebrating the birth of our Savior** this Christmas Eve at either 4:00 p.m. for our family-oriented Christmas service, or at 7:00 p.m. for our traditional candlelight service. Great opportunity to invite a friend to hear the good news of Jesus Christ!

**The Wednesday morning Bible Study and prayer group** invite you to join us as we begin a manuscript study in the book of Genesis. We meet from 9:30-11:30 a.m. followed by lunch for whoever is available.

*We would like to thank you all for your prayers and support during Jim's recent hospital stay. Our family felt loved and comforted through prayers, cards, well wishes, meals, and visits. Jim is healing well and as we head toward another surgery in the new year, we would love to have your continued prayers! In Christ's love, The Larson Family*

**Lydia Circle** is meeting Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. at church. We're discussing Chapters 4-6 of *It's All Under Control* by Jennifer Dukes Lee. All women are welcome to attend! "*It's All Under Control* is a book for every woman who is hanging on tight and trying to get each day right--yet finding that life often feels out of control and chaotic." Please contact Gail Devery at 763-438-0728 for more information.

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## **CONNECT TO ONE ANOTHER**

**Christmas is just around the corner**, now is the time to place your order for the Christmas Poinsettias. The order insert is in this week's bulletin. Please have order and payment in the church office by December 2.

**Dear Members and friends of First Covenant!** Please plan to attend the informational meeting on our 2019 budget and plans for next year. The information meeting will be in the Friendship Room at 9:45 a.m. this morning. Please mark your calendar for a Congregational meeting on December 9 between services to vote on this and other important topics. **Sharon Loquai's Christmas Tea** is Friday, December 14 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. All women of the church are invited. (2337 Clover Lane)

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## **CONNECT TO THE WORLD**

**First Covenant Church is hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive** on Thursday, December 13 from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. Please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-REDCROSS to schedule an appointment.

### **C.A.R.E. Clinic Volunteer Need: We Need Your Help to Move**

We will be moving between December 5-10th, with our major moving day scheduled for December 8th. Please volunteer yourself and others! Contact your friends, your place of worship, your service groups, and/or your children's sports/clubs to recruit volunteers to assist us in our move. Email [julie@careclinicrw.com](mailto:julie@careclinicrw.com) if you would like to be added to one of our moving crew lists or if you have an idea for a group that could be contacted to assist us. Thank you!

**First Presbyterian Church Advent Organ Series** is on Wednesday, December 5, 12, and 19 at 12:15 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m.

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## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

### **Kids Discovery Hour**

Sunday | 9:45 a.m. (ages 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade) | Meets in basement

### **Awana Club**

December 5 | Silly Socks/Shoe Night | ages 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade | 6:00–7:30 pm.  
Supper | 5:00 p.m.

### **Awana Store Night**

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, we will have our First Awana Store Night of the year. This is a special time for the Sparks and T&T kids to "spend" their points that they have earned for attendance, memory work, bringing friends, wearing their uniform, and remembering to bring their handbook and bible each week. We are in need of new or gently used stuffed animals, toys, trinkets, jewelry, sports stuff and games, in addition to candy. You can look at the clearance aisles at the store when you are shopping or clean out your hidden treasures that you have not used! Bring your donated items to Sarah's office marked "Awana Store". Keep in mind these are for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade kids. Thanks for your help.

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## LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups | Weekly | Hosted at various homes and times

Men's Bible Study | Tuesdays | 9:30 a.m. | Apostle Room

Women's Study-Hearing God's Voice | Tuesdays | 9:30 a.m. | Disciple Room

Women's Bible Study | Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m. | Disciple Room

Lydia Circle | 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday | 6:30 p.m. | Fireside Room

IF Gathering | Monthly

MOPS/MOMsnext | 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays | 9:00-11:00 a.m.

MOMsnext | 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Discovery Hour | Sunday mornings | 9:45 a.m.**

God Designed Intersections | Roger Johnson | Disciple Room

Having a Mary Spirit | Rebecca Beaulieu, Leader | Apostle Room

Confirmation | Todd Mehrkens & Julie Malyon | Choir Room

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## STUDENT MINISTRIES

**ROOTS (Wed, 6:00-7:30pm in the Youth Room)**

For students in grades 6-8 to connect with one another and with God through friends, games, and biblical teaching.

**Confirmation (Sun, 9:45-10:45am in the Choir Room)**

For students in grades 7-8 to dig into the building blocks of our faith and explore the Old and New Testament.

**Fusion (Tues, 3:00-5:00pm at the Church)**

For students in grades 5-7 to gather after school to build friendships and develop life skills.

**Breakfast Club (Sun, 9:45-10:45am in the Kitchen)**

For students in grades 9-12 to connect with one another around food and faith discussions on relevant topics.

**CORE (Sundays, 6:30-8:00pm at Host Homes)**

For students in grades 9-12 to dig deep into God's word with a core group of friends and learn how to apply it to our everyday lives. Tonight, we meet at the Mason's. (3426 Lake Street)

**SH Mission Trip - New Date and Extended Deadline!**

The week we were originally planning on going on our trip to Milwaukee has already filled up. We have confirmed and already registered our current group for a new date: July 21-27, 2019. If you are interested in joining us for this new date, we have extended the registration deadline and updated the new forms online at [www.redwingfirstcov.org/shmissiontrip](http://www.redwingfirstcov.org/shmissiontrip)

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sunday, December 2 Holy Communion | First Sunday of Advent**

8:30AM Blended  
9:45AM Adult and Kids Discovery  
9:45AM Budget Informational Meeting (Friendship Room)  
9:45AM Confirmation | HS Breakfast Club  
11:00AM Contemporary Worship  
6:30PM CORE | Mason's home | 3426 Lake Street

**Monday, December 3**

7:45AM (leaving) Operation Christmas Child Processing Center  
5:00PM FLC Reserved

**Tuesday, December 4**

9:30AM Women's Study-Hearing God's Voice (Disciple Room)  
9:30AM Men's Bible Study (Apostle Room)  
3:00PM Fusion  
5:30PM MOMsnext  
6:00PM Adult Basketball  
6:30PM Mission Committee

**Wednesday, December 5**

9:30AM Women's Bible Study (Disciple Room)  
5:00PM Supper  
6:00PM Awana  
6:00PM ROOTS

**Thursday, December 6**

6:00PM Worship Team Practice

**Friday, December 7**

6:00PM MOPS Cookie Exchange

**Saturday, December 8**

10:00AM Bonhoeffer Society

**Sunday, December 9 Congregational Business Meeting | Second Sunday of Advent**

8:30AM Blended  
9:45AM Kids Discovery  
9:45AM Congregational Business Meeting  
9:45AM Confirmation | HS Breakfast Club  
11:00AM Contemporary Worship  
1:30PM Hispanic Church Plant  
6:30PM CORE | Gabrielson's home | 4349 Cady Street

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## CONNECT WITH US

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