

## 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.

## CONNECT TO GOD

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**New Adult Discovery Hour Classes start on January 6<sup>th</sup>** with two classes facilitated by Dave Fredrickson and Rebecca Beaulieu. Dave’s class is “A Contrarian’s Guide to Knowing God” by Larry Osborne. While not required, participants are encouraged to consider purchasing and reading the associated book of the same title. Rebecca’s class invites all ladies to Joanna Weaver’s “Lazarus Awakening...Finding Your Place in the Heart of God”. Just as God called Lazarus forth to new life, Jesus wants to free you to live fully in the light of His love, unhindered by fear, regret or self-condemnation. Contact Rebecca 651-301-1997 or [rebeccabeaulieu6@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccabeaulieu6@gmail.com)

**Man Camp REBOOT** (noun *’rē- ,büt* : to start anew : to make a fresh start) We’d like to invite all the men in our congregation to the reboot of our Man Camp ministry. Our kick-off (see what I did there? re-**boot** / **kick-off**) event will be on Saturday, January 19 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at Craig and Barb Rutschow’s farm (in Craig’s “man space”) which seems an appropriate place for man things to happen. Those happenings will include (as promised): MEAT, THROWING THINGS, and SUPERHEROES! If you’d like to help in the planning of this event or would like to bring something, talk to Pastor Marc. If not, don’t ... just show up!

**Tuesday Women’s Bible Study will resume Tuesday, January 8, 2019** from 9:30-11:00 a.m. We will be starting Kristina Lunde’s Bible on the Bluff Series: Hearing God’s Voice Joshua thru 2 Chronicles. Please contact Rebecca Beaulieu if you have any questions.

**Lydia Circle** will meet on Tuesday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Discipleship Room. We are discussing chapters 7-8 of *It’s All Under Control* by Jennifer Dukes Lee. All women are welcome to attend. Contact Gail Devery at [gfwinds@yahoo.com](mailto:gfwinds@yahoo.com) for more information.

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## CONNECT TO ONE ANOTHER

**Now is the time to order Altar Flowers for 2019.** If you are interested in providing altar flowers for any occasion, please fill out an order form located in the kiosk and return to the church office.

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## CONNECT TO THE WORLD

**Missionaries of the Week:** *Bethany and Erick Abramson*; Evangelism and Outreach; Sweden—2016.

**Thank you to all who donated** clothing, gift cards, or wrapping items, and those who helped wrap gifts for the Goodhue County Christmas Project this year. We were able to make the giving season of 9 families with a total of 33 children a little brighter this year! In Thankfulness, GCCP Team

**GriefShare** is a nondenominational seminar/grief support group that is facilitated by leaders who have lost loved ones of their own. Our next session will begin on Monday, January 14, 2019 at *First Covenant Church* in Red Wing. We will meet from 7:00-8:30 p.m. For more information call Suzy at 507-398-3729, Susan at 651-388-4109 or [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)

**Habitat for Humanity is offering the Financial Peace University course once again here at First Covenant Church.** Start the New Year off right and bust your debt in 2019! Our 9-week course starts Tuesday, January 8th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and will be every Tuesday with the last class ending Tuesday, March 5th. Please reach out to Tracy at CCF Bank 651-267-3941 with any questions.

**The Bonhoeffer Society of Red Wing invites you to a seminar in memory of Michael T. Hayes** and the introduction of his book, *Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Follower of the Living Jesus*. The seminar will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at First Covenant Church, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a soup lunch at noon. The speakers will be Dr. Lori Brandt Hale, Ph.D., Associated Professor of Religion, Augsburg University and Dr. John Matthews, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of Apple Valley, MN and Past-President of the International Bonhoeffer Society, English Language Section. Lori Brandt Hale and John Matthews will present in the morning followed by lunch and a time for discussion and questions the following hour. There is no cost for the seminar, but a free will offering will be taken for the lunch.

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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  
Resumes on January 6<sup>th</sup> with the Winter Kick-off Celebration

### Awana Club

Resumes Jan. 9 | Pastor's Popcorn Night | ages 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade | 6:00–7:30 pm.  
Supper | 5:00 p.m.

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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. Resumes January 9<sup>th</sup>.

### 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. Resumes January 6<sup>th</sup>.

### 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. Resumes February 5<sup>th</sup>.

### 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. Resumes January 6<sup>th</sup>.

### 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. Resumes January 6<sup>th</sup>.

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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. | Resumes Jan. 8

Women's Bible Study | Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m. | Resumes Jan. 2

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

IF Gathering | Monthly | Hosted at women's homes

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. | Resumes January 6

A Contrarian's Guide to Knowing God | Dave Fredrickson | Disciple Room

Women's Study-Lazarus Awakening | Rebecca Beaulieu | Apostle Room

Confirmation | Todd Mehrkens & Julie Malyon | Choir Room

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Sunday, December 30

8:30AM Blended

11:00AM Contemporary Worship

### Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1

*Happy New Year*

### Wednesday, January 2

9:30AM Women's Bible Study (Disciple Room)

### Thursday, January 3

6:00PM Worship Team Practice

6:00PM Upstairs Rooms Reserved

### Sunday, January 6 Holy Communion | Receiving of New Members

8:30AM Blended

9:45AM Discovery Hour

9:45AM Breakfast Club | Confirmation

11:00AM Contemporary Worship

6:30PM CORE

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## CONNECT WITH US

Please call the church office with any questions | 651-388-2385

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