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## 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

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 Discovery Hour Kids** will showcase their Christmas Program next Sunday at the 11 a.m. service. Come hear our littlest voices praise the King! **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.

**Offering envelopes for 2019 are in your mailbox.** If you did not get an offering box and would like one, please contact Sarah in the office.

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## CONNECT TO ONE ANOTHER

All are welcomed to join us this morning for our Congregational meeting between services to vote on the 2019 budget 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)

**Come and share in that joy by joining us for the December IF Gathering.** This month's host is Wendy Stensrud and it will be located at her home at the Round Barn Farm, 28650 Wildwood Lane, Red Wing on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and invite a friend. RSVP to Anna McCann at [651-212-0232](tel:651-212-0232) or [mccannae@gmail.com](mailto:mccannae@gmail.com).

**The November Council Meeting Minutes** are posted to the weekly e-newsletter or paper copies are in the kiosk outside the usher's room.

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## CONNECT TO THE WORLD

**Missionaries of the week:** *Karl and Susan Peterson*; Congregational Vitality; Christian Formation; Evangelism and Outreach; Mexico—1993.

**Mission of the Month:** The Advocacy for Victims of Abuse (AVA) was initiated by the Evangelical Covenant to inform, educate and raise awareness of the epidemic of abuse, empowering the church community to reach out with the healing touch of Jesus. Here at First Covenant, AVA Ministries provides Welcome Bags to women and their children who find refuge at The Haven of Hope-Women's Shelter. The Welcome Bags include necessary toiletries and washcloths, crayons and coloring books, notebooks and pencils, and story books. Volunteer to put these together and donations for the bags are greatly appreciated.

**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.

**Thank you to all who have taken a tag for this year's Goodhue County Christmas Project.** If you were not able to grab a tag but want to purchase something for one of the families contact Eva Mandelkow, 651-380-1834. Please remember to have your item with the tag on it in the workroom by December 9th. Our wrapping day is December 16th, feel free to stop down in between services and wrap a gift!

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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 12 | Camo 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/MOMSnex | 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays | 9:00-11:00 a.m.

MOMSnex | 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 (Dec. 16)

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 Gabrielson's. (4349 Cady 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 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 (Disciple Room)  
6:30PM CORE | Gabrielson's home | 4349 Cady Street

**Monday, December 10**

5:00PM FLC Reserved

**Tuesday, December 11**

9:30AM Women's Study-Hearing God's Voice (Disciple Room)  
9:30AM Men's Bible Study (Apostle Room)  
3:00PM Fusion  
6:00PM Adult Basketball  
6:30PM Care Committee  
6:30PM Lydia Circle (Fireside Room)

**Wednesday, December 12**

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

**Thursday, December 13**

12:00PM Blood Drive (FLC)  
6:00PM Worship Team Practice

**Friday, December 14**

10:00AM Sharon Loquai's Christmas Tea Open House (2337 Clover Lane)

**Saturday, December 15**

9:00AM Kids Christmas Program Practice

**Sunday, December 16 Kids Christmas Program 11a.m. | Third Sunday of Advent**

8:30AM Blended  
9:45AM Adult and Kids Discovery  
9:45AM Confirmation | HS Breakfast Club  
11:00AM Contemporary Worship | Discovery Hour Kids Christmas Program  
6:30PM CORE Christmas Party (at church)

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## CONNECT WITH US

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

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