

## **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.

We welcome children of all ages in our worship services. There are “busy bags” with all sorts of toys and activities available for children, as well as a family room in the back of the Sanctuary. Our nursery is open throughout the morning for children birth to age 3.

## **CONNECT TO GOD**

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**At the 11:00 worship**, we will receive into Holy Baptism, Tatum Wesley Stockhowe, daughter of Mark & Brette Stockhowe. Godparents are Calla VanLoon (Brette’s sister) & Trent VanLoon (Brette’s brother). We thank you Lord for baptism as we do it as you commanded and receive it as your gift.

**Adult Discovery Hour:** This Sunday the Silverberg’s will present the work of the International Justice Mission during the Discovery Hour. Come hear how those who are victims of human trafficking are being rescued and their lives changed. On Sunday March 22nd Dave Fredrickson will begin a new Discovery Hour class entitled "The Forgotten God." There is a big gap between what we read in Scripture about the Holy Spirit and how most believers and churches operate today. Join the discussion about the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives and church.

**Are you interested in becoming a member of First Covenant?** Pastor Marc is offering a one-day afternoon class (his last one here at FCC) on Sunday, March 29 following the second service. A light lunch will be provided, and childcare offered if needed. Please let him know if you plan to attend.

**We invite you to join us as we gather to pray** this Thursday and every third Thursday of the month, from 8:15 - 9 a.m. at First Covenant.

**It's time to order the plants for the Easter Memorial Garden.** See insert to place your order. All orders need to be in by Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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## **CONNECT TO ONE ANOTHER**

**Women Ministries is hosting a Baby Shower** for Sarah and Maverick Dawson on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. Maverick was born on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sarah is registered at Target and Amazon. All women of the church are invited to come and give Maverick a warm welcome.

**Introducing Ken Larson, our new Interim Pastor!** Ken is an ordained Covenant pastor. He grew up in Minneapolis until the age of 10 when his family moved to Oregon and eventually to southern California. He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees from North Park University (English) and North Park Theological Seminary (M.Div.). He began his ministry in 1975 and has been privileged to serve churches in Marion, OH; Rochester, MN; Bellingham, WA; Syracuse, NY; and Farmington Hills, MI. He has been married to Laurie for 46 years and together they have two married adult children (Hilary and Ben), and six grandchildren ranging in age from 3 to 13. Ken likes golf, cycling, and working out (when the golf course is closed), and enjoys movies, live theater and reading all kinds of books.

**Saturday, April 4 from 4-7:30 p.m. is the annual KIDS PARTY** for kids from 3 months old to 12. There will be a pizza supper, games, crafts, and more. Moms from MOPS/MOMSnext, other adults and teens will be leading this fun event. Cost is \$20 for 1st child, \$10 each additional, with a family max of \$40. To sign up email [redwingmops@gmail.com](mailto:redwingmops@gmail.com) or contact Rose Gerdes at 507-421-1807.

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## **CONNECT TO THE WORLD**

**Missionaries of the Week:** *Peter & Ruth Dutton*; Spiritual Formation; Leadership Development; Camping Development; Thailand—1988.

**Lake Beauty Bible Camp:** Volunteer nurses are needed for summer camps. If you are an RN, EMT or licensed practitioner, we would love for you to help care for our campers: Junior High 1-June 7-12, Junior High 2-July 12-17, Trailblazer 3-July 19-23. Contact Phil at [program@lbbc.com](mailto:program@lbbc.com) for more information. Thank you for supporting and praying for us as we prepare for SUMMER camps!

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## **LIFE GROUP MINISTRIES**

Life Groups | Weekly | Hosted at various homes and times  
Women’s Bible Study | Tuesdays | 9:30 a.m. | Disciple Room  
Men’s Bible Study | Tuesdays | 9:30 a.m. | Apostle Room  
Women’s Bible Study | Wednesdays | 9:30 a.m. | Apostle Room  
MOPS/MOMSnext | 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays | 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
MOMSnext | 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays | 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Discovery Hour | Sunday mornings | 9:45 a.m.**  
Adult Discovery | Disciple Room  
Women’s Study | Apostle Room  
Confirmation | Todd Mehrkens & Julie Malyon | Choir Room

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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



March 18 | March Madness Night | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Supper at 5:00 p.m.

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## STUDENT MINISTRIES

Breakfast Club | Sun, 9:45-10:30am | Kitchen | grades 9-12

FUSION | Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00pm | grades 5 – 7

CORE | 6:30-8:00 pm | FCC | grades 6 – 12

### BOWLING | March 15 | 6:30-8:00pm | Bierstube

Join us for a night of bowling. Everyone is asked to bring \$2 for shoes if able. We will sponsor one hour of bowling and provide a few snacks to munch on.

### NIGHT OUT | March 22 | 5:30-7:00pm

Join us at Applebee's for half-priced apps! Everyone is asked to bring \$5 if able to help with cost. If you are coming, please let Mike know ahead of time so we know how many to plan on!

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## OFFERING COMPARISON

### OFFERING UPDATE:

**2020 Budget:** \$471,238 (\$9,062/week needed)

10 weeks 2020 - \$100,989 (+11.4%)

10 weeks 2019 - \$85,425

10 weeks 2018 - \$86,928

### March Comparison:

2 weeks 2020 - \$16,420

2 weeks 2019 - \$21,776

2 weeks 2018 - \$17,159

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Sunday, March 15

8:30AM Blended Worship  
9:45AM Discovery Hour  
9:45AM HS Breakfast | Confirmation  
11:00AM Contemporary  
6:30PM CORE Bowling | Bierstube

### Tuesday, March 17

9:30AM Men's Bible Study | Apostle Room  
9:30AM Women's Bible Study | Disciple Room  
3:00PM FUSION  
5:30PM MOMSNext

### Wednesday, March 18

9:00AM MOPS Leader's Meeting  
9:30AM Women's Bible Study | Apostle Room  
5:00PM Supper  
6:00PM Awana | March Madness Night

### Thursday, March 19

8:15AM Prayer Gathering | Marc's office  
6:00PM Worship Team Practice

### Sunday, March 22

8:30AM Blended Worship  
9:45AM Discovery Hour  
9:45AM HS Breakfast | Confirmation  
11:00AM Contemporary  
5:30PM CORE Night Out | Applebee's

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## CONNECT WITH US

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

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