

## 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



**Flowers on the altar** are given by Glen and Millie Mehrkens in memory of their granddaughter, Keira Harrison.

**Are you interested in becoming a member of First Covenant?** Pastor Marc is offering a one-day afternoon class on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> following the second service. A light lunch will be provided, and child care offered if needed. Please let him know if you plan to attend.

**It's time to order the plants for the Easter Memorial Garden.** See insert in the bulletin to place your plant orders. All orders need to be in by April 8<sup>th</sup>.

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## CONNECT TO ONE ANOTHER

**Parents of all ages... this is for you!** We at Cornerstone and First Covenant want to provide an opportunity to invest in yourselves! We are excited to have with us Tiger McLuen; who has over 45 years of ministry experience, from serving on church staff to speaking nationally, and has spent many years engaging this topic we'll be focusing on together. We invited Tiger to come to Red Wing and share ways for parents to be the primary faith-influencers in their homes. This is a great event for parents with kids grades k-12! It is a ticketed event. **Deadline to purchase tickets is this Sunday, March 24!** Cost is \$15 per adult and includes dinner. Free childcare is provided (donations accepted for childcare workers)! Purchase your tickets today online at <https://redwingfirstcov.breezechms.com/form/d16d47>  
**The NWC Women Ministries Spring Renewal Conference** is this upcoming weekend in Fargo, ND. We have three women from First Covenant attending. (There is room for one more; if interested, call Mary Roskam, 651-388-1254) Please keep them in your prayers as they and others travel to Fargo to attend this gathering.

**Fifty-five and Older Fellowship Lunch**—Come Ring in Spring with the Bells of the Bluffs! This event is for our 55-year old's and older. (your non-55-year-old spouse is invited too). Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m., April 13<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center. After the lunch we will adjourn to the sanctuary to listen to a concert by Bells of the Bluffs handbell choir. Please RSVP by April 8<sup>th</sup> to Ruth Allen: 319-361-0172 or [lifesong.ra@gmail.com](mailto:lifesong.ra@gmail.com).

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## CONNECT TO THE WORLD

**Missionaries of the Week:** *Nancy Jo Hoover*; Community and Leadership Development; MENA—1991; *Chris and Jenny Hoskin*; Leadership Development; Christian Formation; Pastoral Call; Ecuador—2016.

**Mission of the Month:** Red Wing Area Food Shelf. In March, we will be conducting a food drive. Drop off your food items to the grocery cart in the narthex. Monetary donations are always welcome and appreciated; or become a volunteer to help at the Food Shelf.

**MOPS and MOMSnext are hosting MOPS KIDS PARTY** on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. here at First Covenant. Parents mark your calendar for a DATE NIGHT! We will provide care, fun, games and pizza for your children 3 months to 12 years. \$20 a child, \$10 each additional, \$50 maximum per family. Reservations to Rose Gerdes 507-421-1807 or [redwingmops@gmail.com](mailto:redwingmops@gmail.com)

**The ELONA SEED FUND** provides an opportunity for one (or more) of our youth at First Covenant in a given year to create and execute a local or global missions project through an offering of funds, prayers, encouragement, and mentoring. That youth is given \$500 from the Missions Committee to be used at their discretion. The fund is given on behalf and in the spirit of Elona Franciskovich, a member of our church who died in 2016. Her heart beat for missions. Elona spent her life the way Jesus asks us to spend ours - on behalf of others. And she had a particular way of encouraging the youth of our church to serve in similar ways. The 2018 recipient is Emily Eix. She is here this morning to describe her passion and her project: drilling a well (borehole) in Zimbabwe.

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## **LIFE GROUP MINISTRIES**

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.

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

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

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.**

Cultures in Conflict | Roger Johnson | Disciple Room

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

Confirmation | Todd Mehrkens & Julie Malyon | Choir Room

Man Camp | Cory Doden | Youth 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 Club**

March 27 | "Twins" Night | ages 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade | 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Supper | 5:00 p.m.

**On April 3rd, we will have our Awana Store Night.** This is a special time for the Sparks and T&T kids to "spend" their points that they have earned. We are in need of new or gently used stuffed animals, toys, jewelry 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" by April 1. Keep in mind these are for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade kids.

## **Awards/Family Night**

**Awana is coming to the end of the year on Wednesday, April 10th.** On this night we will celebrate with singing, memory work, awards, and a video presentation of the whole year. **All** are welcome to attend this last night of Awana. Come and see what these kids have learned throughout this whole year! It will start at 6:00 p.m. following supper and will finish at approximately 7:00 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.

**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. We meet tonight at the Gabrielson home | 4349 Cady Street

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## **CONNECT WITH US**

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

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## FCC Sanctuary Remodel Pledge Drive

A Sanctuary Remodel Committee was formed in the fall of 2017. This team reviewed all aspects of the sanctuary which included: flooring, lighting, paint, upholstery, windows and treatments. This remodel project will include carpeting, painting, window coverings, sanctuary doors, band area platform/ramp, dimmer controls, soffit/fascia on sanctuary/garage, and AC replacement in friendship room. The remodel project for the sanctuary was approved by the congregation at the December 2018 business meeting for a total of **\$85,000**. The project is to be financed by the following:

**1.Sweat Equity** – There are some areas of the project that members can help with labor to reduce the cost like carpet removal, painting, tile work/removal, wall paper removal. If you have experience or would like to help install, please let us know. Contact Jim Larson.

**2.Memorial Fund** – These are funds donated in memory of loved ones with the intent to help the church with capital purchases. Not to exceed **\$15,000**.

**3.Capital Improvement Fund/ existing Sanctuary Remodel Fund - \$8,500**

**4.Designated Sanctuary Fund from 2017 surplus- \$8,000**

**5.New pledges** – We need **\$53,500** in new pledges.

You will be able to use pledge cards or make direct donations with “FCC Sanctuary Remodel” in the memo of your check. **Pledge cards will be available at the Welcome Table or your mailbox and are to be placed in the offering plate in March.** Thank you for giving to our Pledge Drive.

### Proposed Timeline:

<b>Capital campaign -</b>	<b>March 2019</b>
<b>Estimate Start construction -</b>	<b>June 2019</b>
<b>Estimate Complete construction -</b>	<b>September 2019</b>

### Sanctuary Remodel Committee

Chairperson Martha Svedvik, Soren Svedvik, Sharon Loquai, Tom Zenzen, Jamie Beaulieu, Pastor Marc, Pastor Mike, Anna Bechtold, Dave & Patti Fredrickson

### Sanctuary Finance Committee

Jim Larson, Jay Van Loon, Kathy Johnson and Sharon Loquai

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Sunday, March 24

8:30AM Blended  
9:45AM Discovery Hour  
9:45AM Breakfast Club | Confirmation  
11:00AM Contemporary Worship  
6:30PM CORE | Gabrielson’s Home | 4349 Cady Street

### Monday, March 25 All newsletter articles due

10:00AM FCC Crafters  
7:00PM GriefShare (Disciple Room)

### Tuesday, March 26

9:30AM Men’s Bible Study (Apostle Room)  
9:30AM Women’s Study (Disciple Room)  
1:00PM Disciple Room Reserved  
3:00PM FUSION  
6:00PM Habitat for Humanity Financial Peace University (Choir Room)  
6:00PM Adult Basketball

### Wednesday, March 27

9:00AM MOPS  
9:30AM Women’s Bible Study (Disciple Room)  
5:00PM Supper  
6:00PM Awana | “Twins” Night  
6:00PM ROOTS

### Thursday, March 28

4:00PM FLC Reserved  
5:30PM MOPS Crafting  
6:00PM Worship Team Practice

### Friday, March 29 – Saturday, March 30

NWC WM Spring Renewal, Fargo, ND

### Saturday, March 30

5:00PM Tiger McCluen Seminar | Cornerstone Community Church

### Sunday, March 31

8:30AM Blended  
9:45AM Discovery Hour  
9:45AM Breakfast Club | Confirmation  
11:00AM Contemporary Worship  
12:30PM Hispanic Church Plant  
6:30PM CORE | Snyder’s Home | 2245 Bevans Circle

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