

FOR GUESTS

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. Our nursery is open throughout the morning for children age 6 months to age 3.

CONNECT TO GOD



Next Sunday, September 8 we return to our normal worship times of 8:30 and 11 with Kids Discovery Hour and Confirmation at 9:45 a.m.

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.

Sanctuary remodel project is upon us! Thank you to those who helped this week and to those who are signing up for projects yet this month. If you haven't already volunteered stop by the table to see where you can help!

You are invited to the First Covenant Church Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 8th after both services. This the retooled, 2.0 version of the fair streamlined to invite your participation in three areas of church life:

Worship, Relationships, and Service. You will have the chance to sign up for opportunities to engage with others in deeper community, to serve others, and gain resources for personal spiritual growth. Please join us as we start the school year with an intention toward becoming more like Christ and flourishing in ministry.

On September 15th the Adult Discovery Hour will begin a three-week series of conversations with special guests. Some of these guests will be familiar to you, others not. Each one will be engaging the question of what it has meant for them to Follow Jesus. You will be invited to share in the conversation. Watch the weekly email and bulletin for the name of the next week's guest starting on September 8th.

Starting Sunday, September 15th the Women's Discovery Hour will be starting a study called 40 Verses to Ignite Your Faith; Surprising Insights from Unexpected Passages by Laurie Polich Short. Please join us at 9:45 a.m. as we deepen our faith and build friendships.

Starting Tuesday, September 17th at 9:30 a.m. The Tuesday Women's Bible Study will be starting Overcomer by Dr. David Jeremiah. This study is based on Ephesians 6: The Armor of God. Join a great group of women as we build relationships and learn to overcome life's everyday challenges with the power of God. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Beaulieu 651-301-1997 or rebeccabeaulieu6@gmail.com. If you are planning to join us and would like to order the study materials, please let me know by September 9th.

The Women's Evening class of Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) is back at Cornerstone Church in Red Wing again this year. Join us Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 pm starting September 10th as we study “Acts and Letters of the Apostles”. For more info, email Alisa Bell at bsf.arbell@gmail.com.

CONNECT TO ONE ANOTHER

Sarah returns to her normal working hours this week; Tuesday – Thursday 8:30-4:30 and Friday 8:30-2:00.

This morning you have the opportunity to help keep our building cost down by purchasing Kwik Trip cards. They will be sold in increments of \$25, \$50 and \$100. Cards will be sold the first Sunday of each month in the entrance. Our church receives 10% of each card purchased. Thanks for being a supporter of First Covenant!

MOPS/MOMSnext is hosting a drop in Open House on Wednesday, September 4 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Our group is for all moms, expecting through school age children. Please join us.

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, September 9, 2019 at First Covenant Church in Red Wing. We will meet from 7:00-8:30 P.M. For more information call Susan at 651-388-4109, Suzy at 507-398-3729 or www.griefshare.org

Friends and family of Calla Van Loon are hosting a bridal shower for her on Monday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Calla is the daughter of Amy and Jay Van Loon. She is registered at Target, Macy's, and Crate and Barrel. All women of the church are invited.

First Covenant Church Crafters Update: This group has been enjoying crafting together for about a year now. Some of the crafting we do includes knitting, crocheting, quilting, rug-making, card-making, diamond art, photo album-making and even some painting. We have enjoyed getting to know each other in this setting and want to make sure you all feel welcome to join at any time. Here are the upcoming dates we meet, through the end of 2019: September 16, October 14, November 11, December 9. Please join us at 10:00 a.m. to share your interests in any crafting area you enjoy. We look forward to getting to know you better! Please contact Sheryl at 651-212-8513 with any questions.

CONNECT TO THE WORLD

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

Together For Life—Please consider attending First Choice Clinics Annual Fundraising banquet. You will learn more about the life saving work of this local ministry and be encouraged by Rob Rienow of Visionary Family Ministries! There is NO COST to attend, but reservations are required, and you are encouraged to do so soon, as seating is limited. Please visit their website www.firstchoiceclinicrw.com or call 651.267.4357 for more information. This event will take place on Thursday, September 19th at Cornerstone Community Church in Red Wing, MN. The same program is offered twice, doors opening at 11:30 a.m. for the lunch program and at 6:00 p.m. for the dinner program. This is an annual event you don't want to miss!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

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

FUSION KICKOFF EVENT | Tues, Sept 17, 3:00-5:00pm | First Covenant
Fusion kickoff is here! We'll have free food, lots of door prizes, and all the other great stuff we have like normal. You'll also receive information about what to look forward to this year at Fusion! Bring a friend!

CORE KICKOFF EVENT | Sun, Sept 22, 6:30-8:00pm | at the Mason's
Junior and senior high students are invited to join us as we kickoff the year at the Mason's house! We'll have food, lots of outside games and activities, and a bonfire! Invite some friends and come kickoff the new school year!

LIFE GROUP MINISTRIES

Life Groups | Weekly | Hosted at various homes and times

Men's Bible Study | Tuesdays | 9:30 a.m. | Apostle Room | Starts Sept. 10

Women's Bible Study | Tuesdays | 9:30 a.m. | Disciple Rm | Starts Sept. 17

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

MOPS/MOMsnext | 2nd 4th Wednesdays | 9:00-11:00 a.m. | September 11

MOMsnext | 1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Starts September 17

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

Adult Discovery | Disciple Room | Starts September 15

Women's Study | Apostle Room | Starts September 15

Confirmation | Todd Mehrkens & Julie Malyon | Starts September 8

Man Camp | Youth Room | More information to come

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Kids Discovery Hour

Sunday | 9:45 a.m. (ages 3-6th grade) | Meets in basement | Starts Sept. 8

AWANA DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 18th - Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. First Covenant Leader/Listener meeting in the Sanctuary. We will also break out into each

group of T&T, Sparks and Cubbie Leaders/Listeners. All new and experienced leaders are encouraged to attend this meeting.

September 25th - Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Awana Early Registration/Carnival Night—We will have games for all the kids, while the parents register their kids. The kids will be able to see where their rooms will be and have some fun at the carnival! If you are able to help on this night, let us know.

October 2nd - Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - First Night of Awana at First Covenant.



AWANA HELP WANTED:

We have several leaders that have moved away in the last few years. As always we need many listeners, but we would like to have more Co-Leaders to provide more flexibility to all of our Leaders. Please consider stepping up in one of these roles to serve the Lord! We will provide training and you will be working alongside another person.



Areas to volunteer:

- T & T (3rd-5th grade) Co- Leader
- Commander Co-Leader
- Wednesday Suppers- Cooks, Servers, and Gym Cleaners
- Awana Secretary for Cubbies and Sparks
- Awana Listeners - See below

We need Caring Christian Adults and/or High School students to share Wednesday nights with children by listening to them say bible scripture, play games, and mentor.

Qualifications include: 1.) To know Christ as your personal Savior. 2.) Ability to listen to children. 3.) Ability to initial and sign each section of the handbook they pass.

We have 3 groups- Preschool (Cubbies), Kind- 2nd grade (Sparks), and 3rd- 5th grade (T&T). We usually have each listener stay with one group each night. This year we may have some designated "Dual Listeners" for both Sparks and T&T. Our training dates are listed under Awana Upcoming Dates to Remember. We will have a strongly recommended local training at First Covenant for new and old leaders.

We realize that you may not be able to attend all Wednesday nights throughout the year, but we hope that you could attend most of them, to be consistent with the same group of 2-4 kids. You have the opportunity to spend 30 minutes, 1 hour, or 1 1/2 hours each evening. If you can commit to 1 hour a week, that would total 23 hours of children's ministry for the whole year.

Another idea is to share the year with a friend to be a listener. If you can split the year with someone, that would only be around 11 hours!

We pray that you will consider this opportunity to be a witness to a child! We thank God for these kids, our many Awana workers, and for His love that we can share with others in his name, Christ Jesus. Please talk to Jim with any questions or email jblarson1@charter.net

Proverbs 22:6

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, September 1 Holy Communion

9:45AM High School Breakfast Club | Kitchen
10:30AM Worship | FLC

Monday, September 2 Labor Day

All Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 3

6:00PM Financial Peace University | Disciple Room
6:30PM Mission Committee | Apostle Room

Wednesday, September 4

9:00AM MOPS Open House
9:30AM Women's Bible Study

Thursday, September 5

6:00PM Worship Team Practice

Sunday, September 8 Ministry Fair

8:30AM Blended Worship | FLC
9:45AM High School Breakfast Club | Confirmation | Kids Discovery
9:45AM Ministry Fair
11:00AM Contemporary Worship | FLC

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