

May 2022

Messenger

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH | RED WING, MN

Here's What's Happening at First Covenant

What a fun month we have coming up at First Covenant Church! The month of May highlights the variety of ways we minister to the people of our community and the world. You are part of a community of people who are striving to help others find a better future in Christ by loving and serving moms, dads, families, children, students, and neighbors both locally and globally. What an honor it is to be part of such a people-loving, kingdom-building community!

May 1: Team Up Sunday

As we look ahead to summer and next fall, there are lots of needs and opportunities for you to get involved in ministry. This Sunday, we'll be featuring them during the service and inviting you to consider joining a team, especially if you're new. And feel free to wear your favorite sports team jersey for some extra fun!

May 8: Mother's Day

Moms are important to us and we're excited to celebrate them. Bring your mom to church on Mother's Day for an encouraging message from Genesis 16 and the story of Hagar as we discover that God is "the God who sees me" in all my laboring, loving, praising, and grieving. And, stay afterward for a nice photo with your family in the fireside area before you head out to lunch.

May 15: Missions Sunday

It's important to know who our partners are in global ministry and how God is working through them where they are. So join us this Sunday as we hear from our global partners by video and celebrate another year of ministry with them.

May 22: Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation students are wrapping up their two-year journey with a mentor and monthly classes to dig deeper into God's word, learning the biblical truths that impact the way we live. You're invited to join us for either service to hear from the students and participate in their confirmation.

June 5: Grad Sending

We all remember the anxious excitement of high school graduation. Join us for this special Sunday as we acknowledge our graduating high school seniors and pray for them as they move on to the next chapters of their lives.

We hope to see you on each of these special days!

With love and joy,

Pastor Jim

Christmas and Easter—more

As I write this, there have been two reminders in the past two days of how we naturally gravitate towards the nice, neat end of the story. Yesterday, in the Church Council meeting we were reminded that while western culture Christians tend to close out our Christmas programs with a calm and peaceful "Silent Night", there is more to the story. Congolese Christmas programs end with the part of the story where Herod orders that innocent children be killed.

The day before yesterday, in our Life Group, we looked more closely at the Saturday before Easter, a day that even the Bible is mostly silent about. We tend to miss the part of the Easter story where Jesus' followers were left with a massive sense of fear and lost hope, not to mention an overwhelming number of questions.

We know and believe that Jesus has won the victory; he reigns over every ruler and every authority and power. And yet, we don't always see and experience that victory - relationships fracture and hurt, injustice abounds, hearts ache, our bodies and the bodies of loved ones suffer a multitude of painful and debilitating problems. We can't help but wonder and ask, why?

But consider, the Saturday before Easter was the Sabbath. In the midst of all the questions and all the pain, on a day that held no answers, God invited Jesus' followers, as he invites us even now, to enter into His presence, to enter into His rest.

Todd Mehrkens
Church Chair

Congregational Care

Families that pray together and play together are usually healthy. I believe that goes for church families also. Prayer is the first thing we do as individuals and as the church family, but playing together creates good, fun bonding!

We have an opportunity to "bond" together if you qualify. To qualify you need to have been able to say "yes" to at least two of the last four "Do you remember..." questions in the last four bulletins (in other words, part of the 55 plus crowd!)

Saturday, May 7th we will enjoy a potluck salad lunch and invite you to bring a salad and a friend. We will begin with lunch and dessert at 12, noon, then go upstairs and enjoy a time of entertainment...and we're it! Candace Bean and Janet Hansmeier will be our leaders in a Hymn sing interspersed with a few door prizes.

Golden Oldies

Salad Potluck Lunch

Saturday, May 7

12 noon

Be there or be square!

Remember!!



Vacation Bible School

First Covenant Church

July 18 - 22, 2022

9:00 a.m. - noon

For Kids Entering K to entering 6th grade

Give kids a grand-new perspective!

Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

Each day at Monumental VBS, kids trek through field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures.

For more information contact Lori Hart 651.380.4115 or the church office 651.388.2385



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

www.redwingfirstcov.org/vbs

2022 Grad Sending Sunday

Sunday, June 5

During both worship services

To all High School and College graduates, we want to recognize your accomplishments. Please have your graduation information to the church office by Wednesday, May 25. (this is a firm date).

High School Graduates will be recognized during the worship services.

Drop off things to Sarah's office or email at assistant@redwingfirstcov.org

High School Graduate Information Needed:

Pictures: Senior, baby, youngster and family
Future plans
Open House Information
Your proudest or favorite high school memory
(or both)

College Graduate Information Needed:

Picture
Future plans
Degree and school



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Holy Communion Team Up Sunday Explore 8:30am Blended Worship 8:45am Men's Group 10:00am Contemporary Worship 10:00am Kids Discovery 5:00pm Explore	2 4:30pm Bechhold Life Group 6:30pm GriefShare 7:32pm Young Life	3 9:30am Women's Bible Study 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Fusion 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	4 9:30am Women's Manuscript Study 6:00pm Confirmation	5 Sarah out of the office 9:30am Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Worship Team Practice 6:00pm MOPS Social 7:00pm FCC Book Club 7:00pm Men's Pick-up Basketball	6 12:30pm Youth Room Reserved	7 Golden Oldies Luncheon 12:00pm Senior Salad Potluck 2:00pm Mom's Study
8 Mother's Day 8:30am Blended Worship 8:45am Men's Group 10:00am Contemporary Worship 10:00am Kids Discovery 10:00am MS Discovery 5:30pm Melrkens Life Group	9 6:30pm GriefShare 7:32pm Young Life	10 9:30am Women's Bible Study 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Fusion 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	11 9:30am MOPS 9:30am Women's Manuscript Study	12 9:30am Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Worship Team Practice 7:00pm Men's Pick-up Basketball	13 Sarah out of the office 12:30pm Youth Room Reserved	14 10:00am Gym Reserved 10:00am Bonhoeffer Society
15 Mission Sunday 8:30am Blended Worship 8:45am Men's Group 10:00am Contemporary Worship 10:00am Kids Discovery 10:00am MS Discovery 7:30pm RWYL Steering Meeting	16 7:32pm Young Life	17 9:30am Women's Bible Study 4:00pm Fusion 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	18 9:30am MOPS Leaders 9:30am Women's Manuscript Study	19 9:30am Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Worship Team Practice 6:00pm Gym Reserved	20 12:30pm Youth Room Reserved 5:00pm Gym Reserved	21 10:00am Confirmation Rehearsal 2:00pm Mom's Study
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29 Family Worship Sunday 8:30am Blended Worship 8:45am Men's Group 10:00am Contemporary Worship	30 Memorial Day All Church Offices Closed	31 9:30am Women's Bible Study 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Women's Bible Study				

REMEMBERING OUR BIRTHDAY FRIENDS

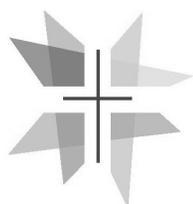
1st	Bailie Roschen, Hallie Roschen	18th	Jill Frazier
4th	Joey Mason	21st	Eva Anderson
6th	Rick Peterson	23rd	Bailey Evans
7th	Cindy Dugstad, Bill Franciskovich	24th	Janis Kimball, Jim Daggett
9th	Rob Keehn	27th	Julie Malyon, Dave Jaeger
11th	Lydia Beaulieu	28th	Mary Roskam
13th	Brett Gadiant	29th	Verone Sherman, Tim Schmidt
14th	Claire Zenzen, Hannah Gadiant, Caleb Malyon	30th	David Hoseck
17th	Ron Gray, Tim Young, John Hart		

Prayer is a vital part of the life of our church. In order to help us focus on praying for one another, please use our list of birthday friends in each month's Messenger to pray for them and their families.

There will be enough names to pray for someone throughout the month.

Let's make praying for one another a means of encouragement to us all!

BLENDED SERVICE 8:30AM | CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:00AM



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