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DELIVER US FROM EVIL: AUTHORITY QUESTIONS

Isaiah 5:1-7 & Mark 11:27-12:17

COVENANT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 25, 2024

10AM SERVICE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Be Thou My Vision" JeHae Kim-Bixby

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

The Lord's Prayer concludes with "deliver us from evil," and this is what Jesus will accomplish in Mark 11-16. This final third of the Gospel of Mark is the final week of Jesus' pre-resurrection life, and includes his ultimate victory over sin and death. In this season of Lent, where do you need to experience deliverance from evil? What would it look like for you to partner with Jesus in this work of deliverance?

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

***Call to Worship:** Daniel 4

Then I praised the Most High;

I honored and glorified him who lives forever.

His dominion is an eternal dominion;

his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

He does as he pleases

with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth.

Praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven,

because everything he does is right and all his ways are just.

***Hymn:** "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" (vs. 1,2,4) #394

***Call to Confession:** Mark 11:17

In Isaiah God asks 'What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?' There are times this week we avoided God's pruning and nurturing and the results were wild grapes, not the fruit of the spirit. Let us together confess to God.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord God, we recognized times this week where we avoided your nurturing direction and lived in our own strength and by our own rules. We have rejected your authority and have hesitated to let you be Lord. We confess these places in our lives we need to surrender to you. Through your guidance, may we live by the Spirit and produce good fruit.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — The men's Bible study is currently studying the book of Isaiah and meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 12pm, including *THIS* Tuesday, February 27.

ADULT L.I.F.E. — Adult L.I.F.E. continues *THIS* Wednesday, February 28 with our Sermon Discussion Group. All adults are invited to join us from 6-7pm in the Cry Room to dig deeper into today's sermon.

COVENANT OUT IN THE COMMUNITY — Covenant out in the Community is a new CCPC group encouraging folks to enjoy community events together. Our inaugural event will be at 6:30pm on March 4 at the UWSP Center for Civic Engagement in Wausau. We will hear from David Dennis Sr and David Dennis Jr who will speak about Freedom Summer and their book, "The Movement Made us". Come early for snacks and an interesting and educational night out in the community. Contact Terry Geurink with any questions (terrygeurink@icloud.com).

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

YOUTH GROUP — Middle School Youth meet from 6-7:30pm, and High School Youth meet from 6:30-8pm on Wednesday nights. This week we will help set up for the Mission Auction ... and there may be some dessert to enjoy.

KIDS L.I.F.E. — At Kids L.I.F.E., we gather on Wednesdays at 6pm to strengthen our friendship with Jesus and each other. Living in Faith Every Day is a bright spot in our week and there is a group for every age!

WORSHIP & WIGGLES — Worship & Wiggles is for 2 and 3-year-olds during Sunday worship at 10am & 11am in the Nursery/Cry Room. It is designed for our littlest worshipers to make new friends and learn about God's love. They will have Bible Story time before they "play with a purpose."

SAVE-THE-DATE - EGGSTRAVAGANZA! — One of CCPC's biggest events returns on Saturday, March 23 from 8:30-11am. Join us for a wonderful morning including breakfast, crafts and games, a petting zoo, and *TWO* egg hunts at 9am and 10am. Sign up at www.covenantcommunitypc.org/eggs. Call Kim Baumann at 715-302-0801 if you have any questions about the event or volunteering. You can also mark your interest on the back of today's Connection Card. **NOTE: We are in need of a large amount of Easter candy, specifically the kind that can fit in eggs. Please drop them off with Amanda Fuls or in the church office by March 10th.**

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

JANUARY OF 2024:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$68,904**

Actual Operating Revenues: **\$71,095**

Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$67,106**

Actual Operating Expenses: **\$57,965**

FEBRUARY 18 ATTENDANCE:

10AM In-Person Total: **212**

10AM Livestream Total: **98**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE BEGINS TODAY! — TODAY marks the start of our new Sunday morning schedule at CCPC. Though our 9am I.D. hour and 10am Traditional Service stays the same, you will notice that Sanctuary and hallway doors will remain closed. This is solely for the purpose of controlling volume between the two services. We continue to encourage 10am worshippers to stay and fellowship after service, but ask that you please do so in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall, not in the hallway outside of Bouldin Hall at the start of our 11am Praise Service.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP AT CCPC — CCPC has an open position for a Summer Intern who would help Jim Gates with our youth and also encounter a wide variety of ministry experiences. This is designed for a member of our church who is college-age and at least one year removed from high school (i.e. graduated in 2023 or earlier). It is a part-time position (25 hrs/week) for 12 weeks of the summer (dates can be worked out based on the applicant's calendar). Contact Jim (jjim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions or to apply!

TEXT MESSAGE COMMUNICATIONS — Text communications are a wonderful way for announcements and updates to be sent directly to your mobile device. We want to make sure that this is a protected and hassle free experience for all of our faith family. To that end, we want to give you the chance to opt-in to this opportunity. You can do so by going to our website, or marking your Connection Card.

BUY SCRIP — Scrip is an easy way to help earn money for our church community by purchasing everyday items such as food, gas, clothing, gifts, entertainment, home improvements, and much more! It won't cost you a penny more than you already spend... while contributing to the growth of CCPC! Stop by the Scrip table in the Narthex to learn more!

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

CCPC AUCTION 2024 — Our 27th Annual CCPC Auction will take place NEXT Saturday, March 2 beginning at 4pm! The dinner will be served at 5pm, before the Live Auction starts at 6pm, and is called "Divine Diner", with classic comfort foods with an elevated twist. Buy tickets at the Hub or on our website. Adults are \$20 and kids (12 and under) are \$15 and include a wristband for the Sock Hop in the Kids Room with crafts, music, and games to coincide with the live auction. We'll be selling shoes beginning at 4pm. **We will have a pre-sale, just for shoes, THIS Friday March 1st from 5-7pm.** NOTE: If you cannot attend and would like to deputize a proxy bidder, we can help with that process. **And don't forget about our amazing raffle prizes available for you to win!**

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS — As we transition to our new Sunday morning schedule, we continue to look for new faces to join our volunteer teams for both services. If you are interested in greeting, security, video/audio, or Kids Ministry roles in our nursery and Children's Church, please make your mark on today's Connection Card!

*Assurance of Pardon:

Jesus says, 'I am the vine and you are the branches; those who abide in me and I in them, will bear much fruit.' Through Jesus we are forgiven! Let us believe in the promise to bear good fruit as we stay connected to Jesus, the vine. Thanks be to God. **Amen!**

*Congregational Response: "Lead On, O King Eternal" (vs. 3) #269

Children's Message

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (vs. 2) #451

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 Page 634

Special Music: "Thank You Jesus for the Blood" Caitlin Kyle & Susan Schumann

New Testament Reading: Mark 11:27-12:17 Page 48

Sermon: "Deliver Us From Evil: Authority Questions" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" (vs. 1,2,3) #826

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Ministry Celebration: Celebrate Recovery

Offering

Offertory Music: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" JeHae Kim-Bixby

*Doxology

Welcome of New Members:

Jen Roloff: Jen is an orthodontist at Fehrman Orthodontics, practicing with her father, Dennis Fehrman. She is married to Josh Roloff, a chemistry teacher and soccer coach. They have three dogs and are expecting their first child this April. In their free time, Jen and Josh enjoy traveling the world, hiking and spending time together as a family.

*Affirmation of Faith: "Apostle's Creed" See Page 4

*Welcome Song: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" (vs. 1) #306

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction: "Lift High the Cross" (vs. 4) #826

WELCOME TO COVENANT COMMUNITY!

We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us and sincerely hope you get a blessing from the service. Some notes to help you be more comfortable during the service:

- † Please participate in congregational responses (bold)
- † Please stand as able, as marked with an asterisk *
- † Please fill out the Connection Card insert.
- † Feel free to use the Cry Room (you will be able to see & hear the service) and/or Nursery across from the sanctuary
- † Activity bags for children are available in the Narthex.
- † Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for donuts, cookies, juice, coffee, and fellowship!

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHURCH

The officers and members of CCPC welcome all persons who wish to respond to the Lordship of Jesus Christ by confessing or reaffirming their Christian Faith or by transferring their membership. We invite you to accept this invitation if you do not have a church home. Please speak with Jim Gates, note your interest on the Connection Card, or phone the church office (715) 359-6467. You are welcome here!

OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all who serve the church on Sunday mornings!

Worship Leader: Deb Tice

Scripture Reader: Allison Iaffaldano

Acolytes: Jaelyn & Kenna Nelson

Elder Greeters: Deb Tice
& Julie Nelson

The Hub: Braydon Briggs

Livestream: Derek Nelson

Slides: Luke Coenen

Usher Lead: Jerry Trebus

Gatekeeper: Kyle Shinkle

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following folks who were recently in the hospital or reside in an assisted-care facility.

Mary Zuidema
(Renaissance in Wisconsin Rapids)

Dave Vachowiak
(Forest Park Village)

Wynn Jones

Joyce Michna
(Fond du Lac)

Howie Pries
(Pride TLC)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

TODAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
8:30AM	BAND REHEARSAL	7PM	DARTBALL AT ST. MATTHEWS	3PM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	ADULT/KIDS LIFE
10AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP					6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
11AM	PRAISE WORSHIP					6:30PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY					7PM	CHOIR PRACTICE
THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD	5PM	ADVANCE SHOE SALE	4PM	MISSION AUCTION/ SHOE SALE BEGINS	8:30AM	BAND REHEARSAL
				5PM	DINNER	9AM	ID FOR ALL AGES/ CONFIRMATION
				6PM	LIVE AUCTION/KIDS SOCK-HOP	10AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
						11AM	PRAISE WORSHIP
						11:15AM	WOMEN'S STUDY

For more details about CCPC programming, refer to the next couple of pages in this bulletin, go to www.covenantcommunitypc.org, or call the church office at 715-359-6467.