

LIVE STREAMING

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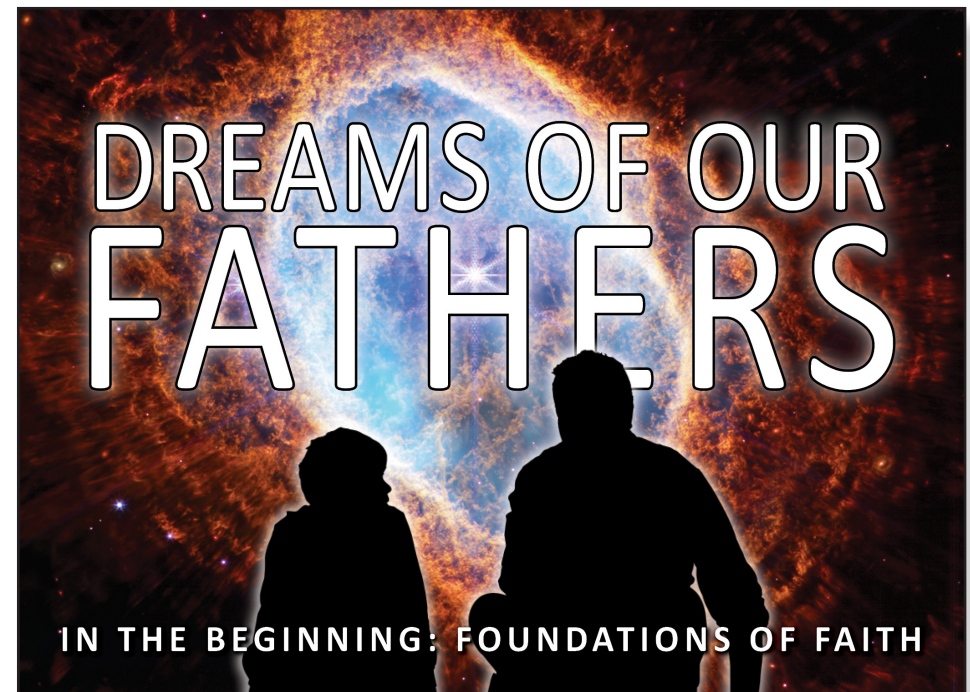


COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...

Changing lives forever!



SUNDAY, MAY 21ST, 2023 - 10 A.M.

DREAMS OF OUR FATHERS: HEART CHANGE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Built on the Rock" Les Fraaza

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

The first words of the Bible are "in the beginning." We know that God was there at the beginning of all things; and that even today, God is the source of new beginnings. As we prepare for worship, consider where Christ has already been the source of blessing in your life, and in what parts of your life you hope the Spirit will inspire something new to spring forth.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship: Genesis 44:1-4, 12-13

***Hymn:** "Lead On, O King Eternal!" (vs. 1,2,3) #269

***Call to Confession:** Genesis 44:16

Judah, in speaking with Joseph, says, "What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? How can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; here we are then, my lord's slaves, both we and also the one in whose possession the cup has been found." We are also those whose guilt is not hidden from God. Knowing this, we make our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Like Joseph's brothers stood wordlessly and hopelessly before Joseph, so too we, the brothers and sisters of Jesus, stand before Jesus today. You, O God, have found out our guilt, and no defense of our own can clear our names. And yet we do not come without hope; for we know that our brother has already offered forgiveness and life to us. We turn again from our old behaviors, and turn towards you, Father. May we judge no cost too high for our repentance, as you judged no cost too high for our salvation.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

THE HEARTS OF HOPE "PASTA & BOOK NIGHT" — We are so excited to be hosting our Hearts of Hope families and others *THIS* Tuesday, May 23 from 5-7pm for our Pasta & Book Night! We have been collecting thousands of new and gently used books to distribute to the children (toddler through high school) on that evening, along with a wonderful pasta meal! If you would like to volunteer for, or participate in the event, go to <https://vbspro.events/p/events/pasta-books> to signup. You can also signup to volunteer at the Hub.

BRIDGE ST. SOBER LIVING HOUSE VOLUNTEERS— The Mission Committee is looking for folks to cook and serve meals at the Sober Living Center every month (1st & 4th Tuesday and 1st & 4th Wednesday) through December. We are specifically in need of folks to help Tuesday, June 6 and Wednesday, June 28. Sign up for these opportunities at the Community Board in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, contact Kari Kufahl (kari.kufahl@gmail.com; 715-218-2498).

SAVE-THE-DATE: BRIDGE ST. COOKOUT— The CCPC Missions Committee is partnering with Bridge St. Mission once again to host a cookout at Riverside Park in Wausau on Friday, July 7 from 5-7:30pm. This event is to share the love of Jesus through fellowship and food with folks in the downtown area. The Missions Committee is looking for up to 20 volunteers to help with the set up, to serve the food, provide fellowship, play yard games, clean up, and more. Food and monetary donations will be needed as well. Stay tuned for more details!

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023 — Register today for VBS 2023 taking place Sunday, June 25 through Thursday, June 29 from 6-8pm! This year's theme will take the kids on a cosmic adventure in space with "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light." Registration is open for ages 3 through rising 5th graders on our website at <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/vbs-2023>. **We are looking for volunteers to help the week leading up to VBS... and the week of. There are lots of ways to be involved, including meal preparation, decorating, or even being a crew leader and escorting the kids from station to station.** Contact Kim Baumann at 715-302-0801 if you are interested.

CCPC YOUTH GROUP — Students who are in 6th through 8th grades gather on Wednesdays at 6pm (including this week) for CCPC Youth Group. All 9th-12th graders will meet Sunday evenings from 4pm-5:30pm, prior to our evening service, including *TONIGHT*. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions. **NOTE: Youth Group continues through the summer, so make Sunday and Wednesday evenings part of your plans. We will have a schedule of additional activities coming out in the next week or two.**

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH MARCH 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$141,910**
Actual Operating Revenues: **\$134,143**
Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$153,548**
Actual Operating Expenses: **\$132,533**

MAY 14 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **242**
AM Livestream Total: **64**
PM In-Person Total: **36**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAMMING ENDS FOR THE SUMMER— TODAY is the final day of all I.D. classes (adult, kids, and youth). *THIS* Wednesday, May 24 at 6pm will be the final evening of adult and kids L.I.F.E. Note that high school and middle school Youth Group will continue throughout the summer. We look forward to bringing back all of our programming on Kickoff Sunday in September!

HOUSEKEEPING JOB OPENING— CCPC is looking for a detailed, self-motivated, strong Christian to fill the role of Housekeeper here at the church. This part-time (9 hours per week), hourly position will include cleaning duties throughout the building twice per week. Qualifications include excellent work ethic, experience in professional cleaning, and a servant's heart that is driven to communicate (in word and action) the church's objective of hospitality. To apply, please send your résumé to Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org).

BUY SCRIP— Memorial Day and summertime are upon us and it is a great time to visit the Scrip table in the Narthex to find all of your needs, while supporting our church at the same time! Scrip is an easy way to help earn money for our church community by purchasing everyday items such as groceries, gas, clothing, gifts, entertainment, home improvements, pet care, and much more! It won't cost you a penny more than you already spend... while contributing to the physical and spiritual growth of CCPC!

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CONCLUDES— Our Bible study with men and women (*TOGETHER*) will conclude for the summer *THIS* Tuesday, May 23 at 12pm. We are studying 2 Timothy in Bouldin Hall. All are invited to join us, even if you haven't been with us at previous meetings! This Tuesday gathering will return in September!

CELEBRATE RECOVERY— Celebrate Recovery Ministries is a Bible-centered, recovery ministry that meets every Tuesday at 6pm in Bouldin Hall. It is for those who struggle with ANY hurt, hangup, or habit... from a grief and depression, to addiction and emotional struggles. Meetings are open to anyone... from our church or any other walk of life. It is a community group. Contact Drew Bouché (drew@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

ADULT L.I.F.E. CONCLUDES— Our adult L.I.F.E. class will conclude for the summer *THIS* Wednesday, May 24 at 6pm. Please join us as we finish "This Is The Day" ... an inspirational series from Tim Tebow in which he shares stories from his life to show us what it means to act in God's glory. We'll be in the Adult Education room downstairs.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER CONTINUES— Every year, CCPC partners with Hope Life Center in Wausau to raise funds for their ministry. Join us *TODAY* through next Sunday, May 28 as we fill baby bottles with change, bills, or checks to help support mothers who are pregnant or have newborn babies. We have a table setup in the Narthex for you to pickup your bottles (make sure to write your name and number of bottles taken on the sheet provided), which you can then return to the church up through the 28th.

*Assurance of Pardon:

Genesis 44:17

Judah again says to Joseph, "Now, therefore, please let your servant remain as a slave to my lord in place of the boy; and let the boy go back with his brothers." Believe the good news; one Man has taken the place of all, and redeemed all into the eternal family of God. Thanks be to the one Man, Jesus the Christ! Amen.

*Congregational Response: "The Lord is My Salvation"

Celebration of our Graduates

Children's Message

[Children may come forward and be seated on the stage.]

Period of Fellowship

*Hymn:

"Seek Ye First" (vs. 1,2)

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 44:18-45:15

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Special Music: "Joy Down in My Heart"

CCPC Choir

New Testament Reading: Matthew 9:9-13

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Sermon: "Dreams of Our Fathers: Heart Change"

Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (vs. 1,2,3)

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Teacher Appreciation, Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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Offering

Offertory Music: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Handbell Choir

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction: "Go to the World!" (vs. 1,4)

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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 located across from the sanctuary
- † Activity bags for children are available in the Narthex.

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

Live Stream: Derek Nelson

Acolytes: LJ Martin & Zoë Gates

Slides: Jack Dupuis

Elder Greeter: Bob Warner
& Jim Jackson

Usher Lead: Craig Briggs

Fellowship: Luke Coenen

The Hub: Barb Lamping

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)

Joyce Michna
(Fond du Lac)

Mike Petterson
(Hospice House)

Stella Lamping
(Home)

Cheryl Lenz
(Colonial Center in Colby)

Jerry Pearson
(Home)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9AM	I.D. CLASSES	6:30PM	BOOK CLUB	12PM	MEN & WOMEN BIBLE STUDY	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
10AM	WORSHIP			5PM	PASTA & BOOK NIGHT	6PM	KID'S/ADULT L.I.F.E.
11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.			6PM	CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM	MS YOUTH GROUP
11:15AM	PLANNED GIVING WORKSHOP						
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL						
4PM	HS YOUTH GROUP						
6PM	WORSHIP						
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					10AM	WORSHIP
4:30PM	FAITH & FITNESS					11:15AM	WOMEN'S SM. GRP.
						4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
						4PM	HS YOUTH GROUP
						6PM	WORSHIP

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