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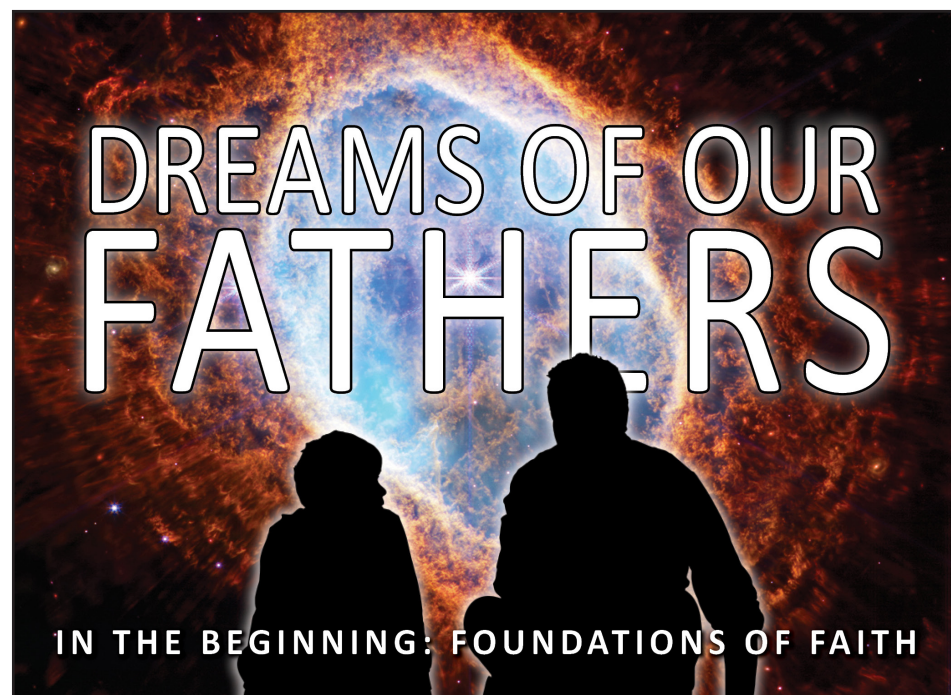
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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...
Changing lives forever!



SUNDAY, MAY 28TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

DREAMS OF OUR FATHERS
JOSEPH: SAVIOR & SLAVER

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Song of the Spirit" 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 46:1-7, 28-30

***Hymn:** "On Pentecost They Gathered" (vs. 1,2,3) #289

***Call to Confession:** Genesis 50:17-18

After Israel's death, his other sons come to Joseph and said, "Please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Then they weep and fall down before him, saying, "we are here as your slaves." But even before they speak these words, Joseph has already decided to forgive them. In the same way, we make our confession to God today, knowing, as we do so, that God has already decided to forgive us because of our trust in Jesus.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord God, we confess that we too are guilty of crimes against you. Also, like Joseph's brothers, we doubt in your grace. We have tried to right our wrongs with good behavior, or with equal measures of guilt and shame. But all that is required for our forgiveness is trust in you.

Jesus, on the cross you acquitted our crimes, silenced our shame, and made us new. Help us to trust in your gracious mercy, and to add nothing to your saving work.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

***Assurance of Pardon:** Acts 2:38

When asked what to do in response to the gospel of Christ, Peter says, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Believe the good news; all who repent of their former lives and turn to Jesus are both forgiven and remade by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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. We will have a sign-up available as we get closer to the event.

FUNERAL MEAL TEAM— CCPC has an amazing team of volunteers that prepare serve food to family and visitors of funerals held at the church. If you would like to be a part of this time, or if you would like to prepare desserts and sides for the meals, please contact Bev Werner (715-298-2052 or blw.cats@gmail.com).

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

CCPC YOUTH GROUP SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGE — Students who are in 6th through 8th grades will gather *THIS* Wednesday at 6pm for CCPC Youth Group. **Youth Group continues through the summer with a new schedule! Starting June 7 rising 6th-8th graders will meet from 5:30-7pm, while rising 9th-12th graders will meet after from 7-8:30pm.** Stay tuned for a variety of fun events going on this summer!

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 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 21 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **203**
AM Livestream Total: **80**
PM In-Person Total: **53**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BABY ANNOUNCEMENTS— We want to celebrate many births in our church family over the last few months. Bennett Rose was born to Joey and Taylore in March, Brooklyn Schoyer was born to Bo and Brittany in April, and in May we celebrated two births: Wesley Knetter to Zach and Abi and Amelia Smith to Taylor and Kristie.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING— We will be having a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 11 at the end of the 10am service for the purpose of electing a new Elder. We invite all members to join us and have your voice heard.

2ND ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW— Join us for a ride down memory lane for the 2nd Annual CCPC Father's Day Car Show taking place Sunday, June 18 from 11:30am-3pm in the CCPC parking lot! We are partnering once again with the Wisconsin Road Knights Car Club to bring an amazing variety of unique, classic cars. Anyone can enter their car (registration is free and begins at 9am) with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes and trophies going to those voted on by the visitors! We'll have grilled food concessions, ice cream, and free popcorn! Come celebrate dad with us!

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).

FREE RIGHTNOW MEDIA ACCOUNT— CCPC now has unlimited access to RightNow Media—the world's largest streaming library of Christian video content. You should have already received an email invitation for *FREE* access to RightNow Media. (If you haven't received it yet, be sure to check your spam or promotions folder.) To get started, simply click the link in that email (or go to <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/join/covenantcpc>), create your free account, and start browsing!

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023— Join us Monday, June 26 through Wednesday, June 28 from 6:15-7:15pm for "Spiritual Leadership for the Home." We will be discussing how to navigate the questions, hot topics, and realities of parenting (and grandparenting) kids today. Join us for dinner at 5:30pm, drop the kiddos off for VBS at 6pm, and be with us as we navigate many of the struggles (and successes) of being a Christian parent in today's age.

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER CONCLUDES— Please make sure that your baby bottles supporting Hope Life Center are turned in *TODAY!* Thank you to everyone who has participated in supporting mothers and life!

PASTA & BOOK NIGHT - THANK YOU— Our first ever Pasta and Book Night was a wonderful success as we had 58 children take home 10 books each, while serving food for almost 160 people! Thank you to *ALL* of you who donated books, helped in the preparations, or helped serve the that night.

***Congregational Response:** "The Lord is My Salvation"

Children's Message

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

Period of Fellowship

***Hymn:** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (vs. 1,2) #286

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 47:13-21, 50:15-21 Page 44

Special Music: "Living Sacrifice" Caroline Kibler

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:36-47 Page 120

Sermon: "Dreams of Our Fathers - Joseph: Savior & Slaver" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (vs. 1,3,4) #291

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Offering

Offertory Music: "Spirit Song" Les Fraaza

***Doxology**

Welcome of New Members:

John Gritzmacher - John recently moved back to his native Wausau after working in Madison for 30 years in computers and micro electronics. He currently works at Network Professionals and enjoys cooking, gardening, traveling, and serving others in his free-time.

Jay & Karen Nelson - Jay and Karen have been happily married for 56 years and have two sons. Jay retired from Hallmark and The Swiss Colony in Monroe, WI. Karen is a retired school nurse from Lena, IL.

Micaela Pelot - Micaela is a stay-at-home mother to her 5-month-old son Bentley (born Christmas morning), and 11-year-old daughter Daesea. They have two dogs and a cat and like to go camping. She and her family look forward to being involved at the church.

Nebasi Valentine & Susan Ambe - Nebasi and Susan both hail from Bafut, a small village in the northwest region of Cameroon. They have three children named Keziah, Ryan, and Immanuel. They both have many titles, but mother and father are their most important. They yearn to grow in the Lord and be role models for their children, family, and community.

***Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles 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:** "The God of Abraham Praise" (vs. 1) #49

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

Elder Greeter: Julie Trebus
& Shelby Waraksa

Slides: Josh Werner

Greeters: The Kolodziej Family

Usher Lead: Bobby Dupuis

The Hub: Dianne Abel

Fellowship: Dan & Patty Luessenhop

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>
10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM WOMEN'S SM. GRP. 4PM BAND REHEARSAL 4PM HS YOUTH GROUP 6PM WORSHIP	6:30PM BOOK CLUB	6PM CELEBRATE RECOVERY	6PM MS YOUTH GROUP
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
2PM SHEEPSHEAD			10AM WORSHIP 11:15AM WOMEN'S SM. GRP. 4PM BAND REHEARSAL 6PM WORSHIP

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