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Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...
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UNITED: A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

SUNDAY, JULY 2ND, 2023 - 10 A.M.

SEXUAL UNITY:
SEXUAL IMMORALITY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "The Star-Spangled Banner" Wyatt Dupuis

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

Our world encourages us to divide into the smallest possible affinity groups, to distrust and dislike the others, and even to pursue opportunities for self-isolation. The church has sometimes reflected the culture in this regard. Paul, in writing to the church in Corinth, encourages a different virtue – unity. As we reflect on the call to be United to Christ and to each other, consider what might be the next step in your own journey from division to unity in your life and relationships today.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship: 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a

Our Passover lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.

Therefore, let us celebrate the festival!

***Hymn:** "My Country 'Tis of Thee" (vs. 1,4) #337
"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" (vs. 1) #338

***Call to Confession:** 1 Corinthians 5:6-8
In the Jewish tradition, yeast comes to represent sinfulness. So, Paul writes, "Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our Passover lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." Desiring to be this unleavened bread, we together make our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**
We know, Lord Jesus, that when we trust in you, we share in your righteousness. Because of what you have done, we are already forgiven, already unleavened, already made holy. But this week we have not always lived according to our new reality. The patterns of our old life draw us backwards, and we sometimes find ourselves living, not as we are, but as we once were.

Remind us again of the truth – we really are unleavened, sinless, righteous and good – for our true identity is not merely what we do, but in who you say we are. Strengthen us by your Spirit to turn away from our old patterns, so that we do truly matches who we are in you.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

WARMING CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — CCPC is honored to support the Wausau Warming Center with our time and contributions to help feed those in need. This year's 2023-24 season runs from November 1 through the end of April and is located at the new Community Partners Campus building on Grand Avenue. The CCPC volunteer team is responsible for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month (and any 5th Tuesday, which includes preparing and serving the meal, checking in the guests, changing bedding, and other tasks. If you are interested in being a part of the team, please contact Colleen Geurink (715-432-4671, cgeurink@charter.net) or Sharon Maltbey (715-573-7427, sharon.maltbey@gmail.com).

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

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.

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

CCPC YOUTH GROUP — Youth Group continues *THIS* Wednesday, July 5 with rising 6th-8th graders meeting from 5:30-7pm and rising 9th-12th graders meeting after from 7-8:30pm. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) or Abi Fraaza (abi@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

YOUTH SUMMER STAYCATION — We have some wonderful events planned for rising 6th through 12th graders this summer! July 17-20 is our Summer Staycation, which will include outings for roller skating, swimming, and bowling. July 17 we will head to Skate City in Wisconsin Rapids; July 18 we will cool off at the Weston Pool; and July 20 we will hit the lanes at Dale's Weston Lanes for some bowling fun. Please see the flyers at The Hub, or go to our website, to learn more specifics about these, and other, great times of fellowship. We also have a signup at The Hub for the Staycation so that we have a general number of attendees. *Please note that we are requesting a \$5 contribution for each day of the Staycation.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023 - THANK YOU! — A huge *THANK YOU* to all of our wonderful volunteers who made this past week's VBS 2023 a success! From all of our crew leaders and activity coordinators to our meal contributors and preparers... you made it possible for our kiddos to learn what it means to "Shine Jesus' Light!"

CCPC BUDGET/ATTENDANCE

THROUGH MAY 2023:

Budgeted Operating Revenues: **\$242,684**
Actual Operating Revenues: **\$232,910**
Budgeted Operating Expenses: **\$234,087**
Actual Operating Expenses: **\$225,169**

JUNE 25 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **173**
AM Livestream Total: **104**
PM In-Person Total: **29**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN AFTERNOON AT THE BALLPARK— Join us at the ballpark on Sunday, July 23 for the Wausau Woodchucks Family Funday! First pitch is at 1:05pm and kids will be able to meet their favorite players and run the bases after the game. We will have tickets available (sitting together as a CCPC group) at the Hub for \$15.50, which includes your seat, a hot dog, and a drink. Join us for an afternoon of great baseball and fellowship together.

ENDOWMENT FUND MATCHING GIFT— CCPC is so grateful to have received a wonderful matching gift of up to \$25,000, dollar-for-dollar, now through September 30, 2023. If you would like to contribute to the future growth and financial security of the church through endowment giving, you can do so online, by dropping it in the plate on Sundays, or at the church during the week. Make sure to note on your checks that this is for the "Endowment Matching Gift."

CHURCH ACCOUNTANT JOB OPENING— We currently have a position open for "Church Accountant," and are immediately accepting applications for this part-time (10-15 hours per week), hourly role overseeing our financial processes, including donations, accounts payable and payroll. While this position is titled "Church Accountant," a CPA is not required. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) with questions or to apply.

HOUSEKEEPING JOB OPENING— CCPC is looking for a detailed, self-motivated individual 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).

CHURCH CENTER APP— Did you know we have an app for church? We do! The Church Center App can be downloaded in the Apple Store and on Google Play. The app is a great way to access the online directory, as well as online giving, filling out a connection card, and staying up-to-date with upcoming events. Download it today!

FREE RIGHTNOW MEDIA ACCOUNT— We're excited to share that CCPC now has unlimited access to RightNow Media — the world's largest streaming library of Christian video content. Members 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!

MISSIONS & VOLUNTEERING

BRIDGE ST. COOKOUT— The CCPC Missions Committee is partnering with Bridge St. Mission once again to host a cookout at Riverside Park in Wausau *THIS* 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. There is a signup available at The Hub for anyone who would like to help out.

***Assurance of Pardon:** 1Corinthians 4:8
In speaking of our new identity in Christ, Paul says, "Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Quite apart from us you have become kings!" Believe the good news – in Christ, all the promises of God are fulfilled for us – our sins are forgiven and we are made holy. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Congregational Response:** *"How Great is Our God"* See Screen

Children's Message

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

Period of Fellowship

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: *Leviticus 18:6-8, 19-23, 29* Page 105

Special Music: *"The Statue of Liberty"* Herb Westlund & Charlie Lewis

New Testament Reading: *1 Corinthians 5* Page 168

Sermon: *"Sexual Unity: Sexual Immorality"* Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** *"This is My Song" (vs. 1,2,3)* #340

The Sacrament of Communion:

Offering

Offertory Music: *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"* Wyatt Dupuis

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** *"To God be the Glory" (vs. 1)* #634

