

LIVE STREAMING

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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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**SEXUAL
UNITY**

UNITED: A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

SUNDAY, JULY 9TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude: "Lord, Be Glorified" JeHae Kim-Bixby

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: Psalm 139:1-2, 23-24

Oh Yahweh, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

***Hymn:** "Praise Ye the Lord" (vs. 1,2,3) #35

***Call to Confession:** 1 Corinthians 6:9,11

Paul rebukes the church for disunity and for infighting, saying, "do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? ... And this is what you used to be." We also have harbored grievances against our fellow brothers and sisters, or fallen again into the patterns of our old lives. Thus we join our voices in our prayer of confession.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Lord God, you have transformed us from sinners to saints. Our new reality is still setting in, however, and the old life appears so very real. Forgive us for living according to the world's expectations, the flesh's desires, or the enemy's temptations this week.

Increase our faith and trust in you, so that, united with you and each other, we may live as a communion of saints and as the kingdom of God; knowing and be fully known.

(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

NEW BIBLE APP STUDY— Join us as we begin a 20-day study, TOMORROW, July 10 using the Bible app from YouVersion. "Upside-Down Kingdom" is a study of the Book of Acts, which includes daily readings and comments from participants. The Bible app is available for free in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. Contact Jim Gates (jim@covenantcommunitypc.org) to take part, or be on the lookout for the link in Monday's Covenant Connection email.

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 12 for all 9th-12th graders from 7-8:30pm. 6th-8th graders will *NOT* meet due to the Great Escape Conference taking place this week. Contact Raissa Dupuis (raissa@covenantcommunitypc.org) with any questions.

SUMMER STAYCATION— We have some wonderful events planned for our kids this summer! July 17-20 is our Summer Staycation, which will include outings for roller skating, swimming, and bowling for *ALL* of our CCPC Youth *AND* Kid's Ministry! 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.*

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**

JULY 2 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **161**
AM Livestream Total: **80**
PM In-Person Total: **27**

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. SOBER LIVING HOUSE VOLUNTEERS— The Mission Committee is always looking for folks to cook and serve meals at the Bridge Street Sober Living Center every month (1st & 4th Tuesday and 1st & 4th Wednesday). Meals will be for 15-20 people. Guidance on how to do all of this can/will be arranged. You can 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).

***Assurance of Pardon:** 1 Corinthians 6:11
Again Paul writes, "And this is what some of you used to be. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God." Believe the good news – in Christ, we are washed, sanctified and justified. 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

***Hymn:** "Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)" (2x) #701

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:18-25 Page 2

Special Music: "All My Hope" Deb Perrin

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 6 Page 169

Sermon: "Sexual Unity: Sexual Union" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (vs. 1,2,4) #187

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Offering

Offertory Music: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" JeHae Kim-Bixby

*Doxology

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction:** "Take My Life" (vs. 1) #697

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.
- † 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

Live Stream: Craig Spangler

Acolytes: Zach Fuls & Zoë Gates

Slides: Jack Dupuis

Elder Greeter: Julie Nelson
& Lynda Reis

Usher Lead: Jesse Lawton

The Hub: Barb Lamping

Fellowship Hour: Terry &
Vicki Anderson

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)

Jerry Pearson
(Aspirus)

Stella Lamping
(Home)

Cheryl Lenz
(Colonial Center in Colby)

THIS WEEK AT CCPC

SERVICE... DISCIPLESHIP... ENGAGEMENT!

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TODAY</u></p> <p>10AM WORSHIP 4PM BAND REHEARSAL 6PM WORSHIP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MONDAY</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TUESDAY</u></p> <p>6PM CELEBRATE RECOVERY</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WEDNESDAY</u></p> <p>3PM FOOD PANTRY 5:30PM MS YOUTH GROUP 7PM HS YOUTH GROUP</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>THURSDAY</u></p> <p>12PM OLD GUYS RULE AT PIZZA RANCH 2PM SHEEPSHEAD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FRIDAY</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SATURDAY</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUNDAY</u></p> <p>10AM WORSHIP 4PM BAND REHEARSAL 6PM WORSHIP</p>

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.