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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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**VISIBLE
UNITY**

UNITED: A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2023 - 10 A.M.

**VISIBLE UNITY:
BE MORE THAN MERELY HUMAN**

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Prelude: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Les Fraaza

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 Kings 8:10-13

And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. Then Solomon said, "the LORD has said that he would dwell in thick darkness.

I have built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever.

***Hymn:** "Come! Live in the Light!" (vs. 1,2,3) #749

***Call to Confession:** 1 Corinthians 3:1-4

Paul says, "And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?" We too come to confess that we have been people of the flesh, and merely human, this week.

***Prayer of Confession:**

Holy Spirit, you came to make us new – new creations and new temples in which you would dwell, transforming us from merely human to something greater. But we have drifted backwards to old patterns, to worldly accommodations, and to fleshly desires. You desire to give us solid food, and find us still requiring milk – the most basic proclamations of truths we should already practice.

Spirit, we want to partner with you today in a fresh way. Help us to turn away from our old lives and build upon the unshakeable foundation of the good news of Jesus Christ. Grow our faith, hope and love so that we can become a truly spiritual people.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection)

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. There is a signup available at The Hub for anyone who would like to help out.

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. 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).

NO YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK/PIZZA PARTY INSTEAD — Due to VBS taking place this week, we will not have our regularly scheduled Youth Group gathering on Wednesday evening. Instead, we will have a pizza party for all youth *THIS* Wednesday from 8-9pm here at the church. Please speak to Jim Gates, Raissa Dupuis, Abi Fraaza, or Amanda Fuls with any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023— There's still time for your kiddos to participate in VBS 2023 beginning *TODAY* through Thursday, June 29 from 6-8pm, with a meal beforehand at 5:30pm! This year's theme will take the kids on a cosmic adventure in space with "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light." Please just show up tonight and we'll register your kids in person.

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 Coral 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.*

THROUGH MAY 2023:

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

JUNE 18 ATTENDANCE:

AM In-Person Total: **249**
 AM Livestream Total: **78**
 PM In-Person Total: **17**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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).

BUY SCRIP— Summertime is here 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 growth of CCPC!

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!

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023— Join us *THIS* 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.

***Assurance of Pardon:** 1Corinthians 3:21a-23
Do not be constrained by your past, "For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future – all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God." Believe the good news – in Christ, you are already forgiven and blessed and chosen and loved. 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:** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (vs. 1,2,4) #438

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 8:1-13 Page 311
Special Music: "Living Water" Jay St. Clair
New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 3 Page 167
Sermon: "Visible Unity: Be More than Merely Human" Jim Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn:** "O Christ, the Great Foundation" (vs. 1,2,3) #361
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See Page 4

Offering

Offertory Music: "God & God Alone" Les Fraaza

*Doxology

Welcome of New Members:

Annette Jelen - Annette is excited to be joining her son, Chris Jelen, daughter-in-law Marie Tomasi and her mother Carol, as well as her grandchildren Grace and Alex. She and her family attended First Presbyterian for almost 30 years and loves seeing familiar, friendly faces. Annette is a retired 1st-grade teacher and "Story Time Lady" at MCPL.

Lynn & Tom Zentner

Lynn Zillman - Lynn was born and raised in Wausau and has three grandchildren who live in Colorado Springs. In her retirement, she enjoys volunteering at the Marshfield Medical Center, reading, going to the YMCA, camping, and spending time with family and friends.

***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:** "O Christ, the Great Foundation" (vs. 4) #361

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

Slides: Craig Spangler

Elder Greeter: Glenn Lamping
& Jim Jackson

Usher Lead: Craig Briggs

Live Stream: Derek Nelson

Fellowship Hour: Tom & Carol
Anklam

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!

<u>TODAY</u>		<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
10AM	WORSHIP	5:30PM	VBS DINNER	5:30PM	VBS DINNER	3PM	FOOD PANTRY
4PM	BAND REHEARSAL	6PM	VBS 2023	6PM	VBS 2023	5:30PM	VBS DINNER
6PM	WORSHIP	6:15PM	ADULT VBS	6:15PM	ADULT VBS	6PM	VBS 2023
6PM	VBS 2023					6:15PM	ADULT VBS
						8PM	YOUTH PIZZA PARTY
<u>THURSDAY</u>		<u>FRIDAY</u>		<u>SATURDAY</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
2PM	SHEEPSHEAD					10AM	WORSHIP
5:30PM	VBS DINNER					4PM	BAND REHEARSAL
6PM	VBS 2023					6PM	WORSHIP

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.