

MILLARD COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

January 14, 2024

"It may well be that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition is not the glaring noisiness of the so-called bad people but the appalling silence of the so-called good people." Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote this in 1963, but the words are just as relevant today. Pastor Chris' sermon on Matthew 2:1-12 last weekend has me thinking: King Herod is glaringly noisy, and his evil actions are clear. However, the greater problem may be the apathy of the religious leaders, who quote the Bible then do absolutely nothing about it. They do not look for the child, nor make an effort to protect children from the murderous Herod. This is a tough warning for leaders about the importance of living out our faith and speaking up in the face of injustice. Remember, there is strength in numbers! Herod was powerful, but he might have been outnumbered by many ordinary people resisting him. So on this Martin Luther King weekend, take a moment to talk to God about any appalling silence in your life. How can you use your voice and your influence to move the needle for the Kingdom of God today? Addressing racism and inequity in our communities isn't much easier than it was 61 years ago, but we must speak up (and listen!) in order to learn and grow. By Pastor Sharon

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 14th: Youth Night at the Bruns House: 5-8 p.m. All students in grades 6-12 are invited. R.S.V.P. to Ashleigh.

Monday, January 15th at 6:30 p.m: Board Meeting

Sunday, January 21st immediately after the worship service: Congregational Annual Meeting. Bring a dish to share for a potluck to follow.

Interested in becoming a member of the church? Talk with the pastors or contact the church office for more information.

Pray this month for mission teams traveling to the Dominican Republic (with Solid Rock International) and to Uganda (led by Robert Ngolobe Edube).

Midwinter Conference for Covenant ministers will be held in Rosemont, Illinois, January 22-26. Pastor Chris will attend most of this conference.

Thank you!

To all who offer to help in so many ways at Millard, from reading scripture, serving communion, running the sound/video equipment, greeting, ushering, choir, making coffee, lighting the candles, setting up communion and so much more . . . **we say**:

With many helpers,

the Christmas decorations were put away this past Sunday before noon. Afterwards, a light soup lunch was shared with some fellowship and laughter.

If you're interested in helping in any areas, no matter your age, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Pastors Chris or Sharon.

Sundays at Millard

Sunday School classes begin at 9:00 a.m. for children, youth, and adults. Come dig deeper into God's Word.

Worship service begins at 10:00 a.m. Our service can be viewed live (or later) on our <u>YouTube Sunday</u> <u>Worship playlist</u>. Upon request, an audio of the Sermon is available by CD or view it on our <u>website</u>.

What's that new song? Check out our church Worship Music <u>Playlist</u> to hear some of the new music before Sunday mornings.

2024 Offering Envelopes Pick up in Fellowship Hall. Using offering envelopes, you will receive an end-of-year statement of giving. Please contact the church office or Peggy Watson if you would like to receive offering envelopes. Thank you for giving in 2023!

Happy Birthday!

January 14	Ken Anderson
January 15	Ronda Kilcoyne
January 15	Carol Dillner
January 16	Pr Sharon Nelson
January 16	Alisha Porter

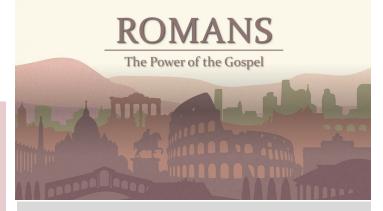
Please let us know if we need to add or correct a birthday or anniversary.

Grow Group is taking a break until February 2024. We look forward to finishing Season 1 of "The Chosen" at that time.





Summer 2024 registration for camp at <u>Covenant Harbor</u> and <u>Covenant Point</u> open now for children going into grades 2-12. Financial assistance may be available; contact Pr. Chris or Sharon. Looking for a great summer job? The camps are hiring now. Learn more about summer positions in Lake Geneva at <u>covenantharbor.org.</u>



This Sunday, January 14

Scripture: Romans 9:1-5, Reader: Michael Morgan Msg: Romans 9:1-5, "Great Patience", Pastor Sharon

Greeters/Ushers: Needed Sound/Video: Jan Baker Coffee Set Up: Betty Baerwald

Next Sunday, January 21

Scripture: Romans 10:5-15 (NLT), Reader: Needed

Message: TBD, Pastor Chris Greeters/Ushers: Needed Sound/Video: Needed Coffee Set Up: Carole Stanczak

Thank you for serving God through this church!
Millard Community Covenant Church!







Save these Dates:

May 11, 2024: Treasures From Your Trunk

November 2, 2024: Harvest Fair

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