

# Covenant Life

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## What is Extreme Tour?

by Jamie Kueker

Extreme tour is a music and extreme sport festival that God has put on my heart to bring to Fairmont for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year. This year they will be here in Fairmont, July 5-7<sup>th</sup>. Once again our amazing church family is hosting them. The event will be at Sylvania Park on Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, with Search and Rescue (going out into the community parks and hangouts and striking up conversations with people and sharing the good news of Jesus) on July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. This is not your average music festival. These artists are sent on a mission from God to go to hundreds of communities a year, worldwide, to share the love of God with the lost

and overlooked, and the rejected people of our communities. I have personally seen families restored and addictions broken right here in our community because of Extreme Tour's ministry.

I have a shirt that I wear made by my friend Damon, who I met 3 years ago, on the first extreme tour. He had shirts and wristbands that said "Social Outcast," so I asked him what it means. He told me to look up Luke 19:10. It says this, "For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." That verse alone tells the story of the heart of Extreme Tour's ministry. Here is what Extreme Tour is in their own words.



"For almost 30 years now, in hundreds of communities scattered throughout over 20 countries, our team members and partners have been on a mission to use our gifts, skills, and abilities to bring love, hope, unity, and vital resources to people in need. What began as an innovative outreach strategy in a small desert community in rural

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## Called to B.L.E.S.S.

By Pastor Dan Wheeler

Greetings to you my brothers and sisters in Jesus. The call to evangelism has been on my heart for some time now. I just can't shake this inner push to be a

church that shares the good news of Jesus. It is at the heart of God and therefore must be at the heart His church. But maybe you like me struggle to find a way to live out evangelism in our

daily lives. In an effort to give you an easy tool to use to share Jesus I would like to quickly share B.L.E.S.S.

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## Extreme Tour (cont.)

*“on a mission to use our gifts, skills, and abilities to bring love, hope, unity, and vital resources to people in need.”*

America, has emerged as an expanding international movement, with activities and partnerships established or being developed on virtually every continent on the planet!

Extreme Tour was/is organized and staffed completely, from top to bottom, by volunteers around the world who receive no wages or salary for their service. Giving back. Giving freely. Not in this for personal profit.

We are a diverse community of creatives. Poets and musicians, artists and athletes. Advocates and activists. Performers and communicators of all kinds. Bringing more than a show. Messengers bringing more than a mantra or manifesto. The “scrap masses.” A motley

crew. Often battle scarred and broken... but, as we come together, stand together, and serve together; a beautiful diversity to show the gospel of Jesus to everyone we encounter and encourage them to seek out the truth of the gospel.

**We are all TOGETHER compelled by faith, hope, and love. We are about healing, we are hopeful, we are determined to demonstrate love, not just declare it. TOGETHER making a difference. We will not stand silent.”**

Thank you to all of those who have donated food in past years and this year. Thank you to those who have donated funds to help cover the cost. Please be in prayer that God will work powerfully

through the ministry of Extreme Tour while they are in Fairmont. Pray that many will come to follow Jesus as a result of their ministry. We would love to have anyone join us for the Search and Rescue on July 5 & 6<sup>th</sup>, and please come and invite anyone you know who doesn't know Jesus to the festival on July 7<sup>th</sup> at Sylvania Park. If you are able to help in anyway, please let me know. Thanks in advance and yay God!

## July Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays:

Cooper Koerselman	1	Barb Smith	20
Kyle Koerselman	7	Norb Pranger	20
Ann Kuperschmidt	8	Bill Wallace	21
Dick Tromanhauser	8	Titus Krusemark	22
Jenni Diegnau	8	Beth Schieber	23
Terry Peters	19	Lauren Stauffer	24

### Anniversaries:

Maynard & Mary Jagodzinske	6
Dan & Cindy Bankson	20
Kyle & Lori Koerselman	31

## B.L.E.S.S. (Cont.)

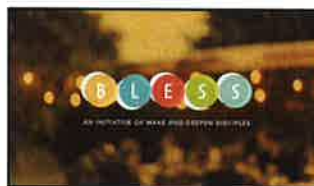
B.L.E.S.S. is an initiative of the Evangelical Covenant Church, our denomination, to help you and I share Jesus with those around us. "B" is begin with prayer. Intentionally pray for those you know who don't know Jesus. "L" is listen with care. Take time to really listen to them and hear their joys and their struggles. "E" is eat together. Breaking bread together is a great way to

build relationships. "S" is serve in love. Take time to minister to their needs as you have listened to them and build those friendships. "S" is share your story. Take time to share how Jesus has changed your life and given you hope.

You do not need to be a Bible scholar, a theologian, or a pastor to effectively share the gospel with someone. Just

take the time to B.L.E.S.S. and let God take care of the rest.

If you would like more information about B.L.E.S.S., please let me know. I'm here to help.



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## An Update from the Church Council

Good day and God's blessings from the leadership of our church family. To better keep you all in the loop on some of the decisions made by the council, we would like to provide you with an update on some of the things going on.

In June of last year, the council in direction from the State of Minnesota, to re-gather the church safely during the pandemic, instituted a Strategic Regathering Plan. We realize this past year has been hard on many people and we are happy to report that there has been no COVID spread in our church family, that we know of, as

a result of our re-gathering for worship. Thank you to everyone for your patience and care for each other. As the numbers have fallen in our state and the withdrawal of restrictions from our state government, the church council voted in June to fully open and remove any restrictions still in our place. We pray that we will never need them again.

The council is also in the process of reviewing estimates for replacing all the concrete sidewalk along the front of the church. The concrete has been deteriorating and in need of replacement. We are hoping to have this

work done by the end of the summer or early fall before the snow starts to fly again.

Lastly, as Pastor Dan mentioned in his column last month, the council has decided to focus on building our church family by focusing on small groups. We believe that strong small groups make for a strong and growing church family. Look for more info in the coming months.

If you have any questions or concerns for the church council, please feel free to contact Bryan Wilken (Church Chair) or Georgie Pfaffinger (Vice Chair). Thank you.

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*Ministering and praying for all to  
know the Lord.*

Mission Statement

*We, the Fairmont Evangelical Covenant Church are a praying Bible-based, God-fearing, Christ-centered, [Grab your reader's attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.]*

*Spirit alive congregation. We love the Lord Jesus Christ and desire to serve Him, one another, our community and the world.*

*In obedience to His Word, we seek to fulfill our calling, each sharing our spiritual gifts. We have been called and commissioned by faith in Christ to minister to and pray for all to know the Lord. To that end may God our Father be given all the Glory!*

Vision Statement

*We aspire to be a spirit-alive, multi-generational church family that embraces and nurtures authentic, Christ-centered relationships and shares the unconditional, life-changing love of Christ with our community and the world.*

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July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 4:30 pm Sacred Steps 6:00 pm Meyer Bible Study	2 9:30 am Peanut Butter Gang Bible Study	3
4 Independence Day 9:00 am Communion 10:30 am Coffee Hour 12:00 pm Church on Channel 12	5	6 6:00 pm Elders	7 9:30 am Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Hunger for Healing	8 4:30 pm Sacred Steps 6:00 pm Meyer Bible Study	9 9:30 am Peanut Butter Gang Bible Study	10
11 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee Hour 12:00 pm Church on Channel 12	12	13 6:30 pm Council	14 9:30 am Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Hunger for Healing	15 4:30 pm Sacred Steps 6:00 pm Meyer Bible Study	16 9:30 am Peanut Butter Gang Bible Study	17 4:00 pm Movie Day at Church
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For any additions or corrections in the calendar, please contact the church office. Thank you.