# Fairmont Evangelical Covenant Church

FAIRMONT
EVANGELICAL
COVENANT CHURCH
MISSION
STATEMENT

We, the Fairmont
Evangelical Covenant
Church, are a Praying,
Bible-Based
God-Fearing,
Christ-Centered, 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.

Sermon Notes

To that end may God, our Father, be given all the glory!

> Church Phone 507-235-6407 Church E-Mail

Welcome to Worship September 17th 2023

"Shout to the North"

Responsive Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

"Blessed Be Your Name"
"Jesus Messiah"

Offering

"10,00 Reasons"
"How Great Thou Art"

Kids are Excused to Go to Sunday School

Scripture—Hosea 2:2-15

Morning Message-"The Pursuit of A Faithful God" Pastor Dan Wheeler

Praying for One Another/Lord's Prayer "Death Was Arrested"

Benediction

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

# Today, Sunday, Sept. 17

Upstairs Greeter—Debra Engman Downstairs Greeter— Jerry Shantz 9:00 am Worship 9:30 am SS for Kids 10:30 am SS for Adults 12:00 pm Church on Channel 12

# Monday, September 18

## **Tuesday September 19**

Council Meets Elders Meets

# Wednesday, September 20

5:00 pm Sacred Steps 6:00 pm Hunger for Healing/Gathering Room 6:00 pm Meyer Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

# Thursday, September 21

6:00 pm Philip Bible Study/Gathering Room 7:00 pm Jail Ministry

# Friday, September 22

9:30 am PBG Bible Study/Gathering Room

# Saturday, September 23

## Next Sunday, September 24

Upstairs Greeter— Ida Mae Erickson Downstairs Greeter –Val Jones 9:00 am Worship 9:30 SS for Children 10:30 am SS for Adults

# **Happy Birthday**

# **Happy Anniversary**

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Jim & Gloria Senenfelder	Sept. 4	
Jarred & Jessica Clow	Sept.15	
Kurt & Connie Hines	Sept. 17	
Wes & Candis Schafer	Sept. 18	
Rod & Karen Dawson	Sept. 19	
Bob & Debra Engman	Sept. 22	
Wayne & Char Kahler	Sept. 30	

If your birthday or anniversary is missed, please contact the church office at 235-6407, or email office@fairmontcovenant.com.

# FOR YOUR PRAYERS

# **Our Community**

Vista Covenant Church-New Richland St. Martin's Episcopal Church Our Video Ministry

# **Reaching Our World**

Francisco & Stephanie Ramos
Daron & Kristen Jagodzinske
(Kitsap County, WA)
Mourning Glory's Ministry
(Gloria Senenfelder)
Kyle & Matilda Tromanhauser—Converge
Munich Germany

# Say Special Prayers for those Serving Our Country

Parker Hahn
(Bob & Kathy Lake's son-law)
Nathan Lake (Bob & Kathy Lake's son)
David Hoppe
(Gretchen Hoppe's grandson)
Mark Knobel (Jan Olson's grandson)
Jake Michaletz (Bob & Debra Engman's grandson)
Isaiah Nault (Cathy Meyer's grandson)

#### **Our Vision Statement**

Isaiah Easton—U.S. Marine (Kari Wedel's nephew)

Alyssa Nagorske -Jarred & Jessica Clows's dgtr.

We aspire to be a spirit-alive, multigenerational 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.

#### **Prayer Requests**

Many, many prayers have been answered through our prayer chain. We care and are waiting to help you! Please call the Church office. Also when putting individual prayer requests thru the email, call Dorothy Deguise at 399-6588 to get prayer chain started. On the weekend please call pastor Dan at home 399-2134.

On-line giving to the church is now available on our church website fairmontcovenant.com. Or by scanning on the QR Code.



#### **GIVING REPORT**

General Budget 2023
Weekly Need \$4037.00
Received Sept. 10th \$3439.00

Attendance

Facebook viewers

You Tube Viewers



**Hunger For Healing** is held on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Room on the lower level of the church. The purpose is to fellowship and celebrate God's healing power in our lives through the 12 Steps. Please contact Dawn at 399-1243 or Dan at 507-399-9771 for more information.

Meyer Women's Bible Study group is meeting on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be doing a study on Proverbs.. Please contact Cathy at 236-3899.

The Peanut Butter Gang (PBG) a women's Bible Study meets Friday 9:30 am in the Gathering Room on the lower level of the church. They are doing a bible study—Acts—Awaking to God in a Everyday Life by Melissa Spoelstra . Contact Dawn at 399-1243 or Georgie at 507-301-5592 for more information.

Men's Coffee Group meets Wednesday mornings, 7:00 am at Hy Vee.

The Quilter's Group meets the 2nd Monday of the month. Anyone interested in joining this group, please contact Debra 507-236-6253.

Sacred Steps Dance Ministry meets on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 pm. It is open to all, no experience necessary and they worship our Lord thru dance, music, prayer and sign language. Contact Debra at 507-236-6253 or Georgie at 507-301-5592.

The Philip Bible Study meets Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Room on the lower level of the church. It is open to all. Participants are encouraged to ask any questions they have as we read through the Bible. Contact Boomer at 507-432-0562 or Andrew at 507-230-1538.



A card bridal shower as been set up for Ashley Earhart, bride-to-be of Adam McKnight by Wendy von Wald and Linda Van Overbeke, aunts of Adam's. To participate, mail a greeting card wish-

ing Ashley well on her upcoming marriage (September 23). Include words of advice, a favorite recipe or a gift card. Plan on your card to arrive to Ashley around September 10 to give her some fun days of receiving greetings by mail before the big day. Send cards Ashley Earhart, 936 Budd Street, Fairmont, MN 56031 Some gift card ideas are for Amazon, Walmart, HyVee, coffee places or any generic gift card.

Prayer Walk will be held TODAY Sunday Sept. 17th, at 4:00 pm with a Potluck to Prayer follow. Please bring a dish or two Walk share. The movie "The God Man" will be shown in the sanctuary after the potluck.



There will be a Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction Benefit for Kyle and till you Lori Koerselman on Sunday, Sept 24th; 9-12:30 am at the Martin County West School in Sherburn.



**Operation Christmas Child Kick Off Sunday, Oct. 1st.** We will once again be participating in the Operation Christmas Child program this year. Debbie Erickson will be in charge of

this. Wrapped boxes will be available for members of the congregation to pick up on that day

**Pillow Cleaning** will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28th; 7:30 am-3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds from this event will go to benefit the CREST organization.

#### **CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

#### Senior Pastor

Dan Wheeler 399-2134

## **Church Secretary**

Barb Smith 236-7990

# Bookkeeper

Harriet

Tromanhauser

#### **Church Chair**

Bryan Wilken

Vice Chair

Georgie Pfaffinger

# **Council Secretary**

Debra Engman

#### Financial Secretary

Roger Bloomgren

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Jamie Kueker

# Christian Ed. Chair

Jenni Diegnau

#### Fellowship Chair

Maria Krusemark

Kathy Mau

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Doug Willner

#### **Properties Chair**

Marty Goodrich

#### Elders

Bill Wallace Cathy Meyer

Kurt Hines

# Dan Engeman

**Church Custodian** 

# Dick Tromanhauser

Advocacy for

Victims of Abuse

Georgie Pfaffinger 507-301-5592

# True Obedience Rests on the Sabbath Exodus 20:8-17

"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy" (v. 8).

How do you feel about the fact that this fourth commandment, to keep a Sabbath day of rest, stands alongside the commands to honor one's father and mother and the commands not to murder. steal, commit adultery, bear false witness, or covet? In our 21stcentury Western society, the command to get things done shouts in my ear and competes with this one. I take a day of rest from my desk work, but then I find myself busy with housework.

In The Sabbath, Abraham Joshua Heschel writes, "Labor is a craft, but perfect rest is an art." What does Sabbath look like for you? If you already practice this, take some time to reflect on your experience. If you, like me, struggle to make this a consistent practice, what would it look like to rearrange your activities so that you can practice Sabbath on a weekly basis?

~Christina Burrows-Sacramento, CA-The Covenant Home Altar~

Prayer Requests  This can be used to share with the body a prayer request, a word from the Lord, a word of encouragement, or other news you would like the congregation to be praying about. (births, deaths, celebrations) Fill out this sheet and place it in the offering. Half sheets available from ushers or can be found in back of the church