

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.

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

Church Phone
507-235-6407
Church E-Mail

Welcome to Worship
Sunday, September 19th, 2021

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

“The River is Here”
“Soul on Fire”

Mission Report from Lyle and Katie Rippentrop

“One Things Remains”
“How Great is Our God”

Scripture—Ephesians 1:3-8

Message—“Ephesians: Living Stones—Our Generous God”

Praying for One Another/Lord’s Prayer

“Death Was Arrested”

Benediction

Offering will be gathered as you leave the service this morning.

Sermon Notes

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Today, Sunday, September 19

9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Sunday School for all ages
12:00 pm Church on Channel 12

Monday, September 20

Tuesday, September 21

6:00 pm Elders

Wednesday, September 22

5:00 pm Sacred Steps
6:00 pm Hunger for Healing/Social Gathering Room

Thursday, September 23

6:00 pm Meyer Bible Study/Social Gathering Room

Friday, September 24

9:30 am Peanut Butter Gang meets in the Social Gathering Room for Bible study

Saturday, September 25

Next Sunday, September 26

9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Sunday School for all ages
12:00 pm Sunday Service on Channel 12



Happy Birthday

Ayssa Nagorske	Sept. 19
Lauren Wheeler	Sept. 24
Kimberly Bruegger	Sept. 24

Happy Anniversary

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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Our Community

1st Covenant Church—Worthington
Bethel Evangelical Free Church
Jail 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)
Isaiah Easton—U.S. Marine (Kari Wedel's nephew)
Alyssa Nagorske —Jarred & Jessica Clows's dgtr.

Our Vision Statement

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 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 fair-montcovenant.com.

Or by scanning on the QR Code.

GIVING REPORT

General Budget 2021	
Weekly Need	\$3694.66
Received September 12th	\$ 930.00

Small Group Opportunities

Hunger For Healing is held on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Social 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 Bible Study Thursday evening Bible Study group will be studying "Spiritual Warfare—Terms of Engagement" by Dr. David Jeremiah. This study will explain the nature of spiritual warfare and describe how to use each piece of the armor God has provided for us in Ephesians 6:10-18

This group meets Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the Social Gathering Room on the lower level of the church.

The Peanut Butter Gang (PBG) meets Friday 9:30 am in the Social Gathering Room on the lower level of the church. They are starting a new series called "Let It Go!" Contact Dawn at 399-1243 at for more information.

Men's Coffee Group meets Wednesday and Friday mornings, 6:30 am at Hy Vee.

The Evergreen's meet during the summer months on the 1st Thursday of the month at 9:30 am and also the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm. All are welcome for some time of fellowship/food/ and sometimes a movie.

The Quilter's Group meets the 2nd Monday of the month. Anyone interested in joining this group, please contact Carolyn Siedel at 507-848-0481. Our talk to Debra Engman.

Grocery Receipts

Yes we are collection Hy-Vee and Fareway grocery receipts again. So start saving them and bring them in. Monies received for this goes towards our lower level paving the parking lot.



The Worship Commission is asking for volunteers to be on a "Short Term Task Force. This task force is to establish a process and/or be a part of a team to follow-up with our visitors. If you are interested in being part of this team, contact Jayne Tonn for more information.

CREST will be hosting the Carlson Pillow Cleaning Service on Thursday, September 30th from 7:30am-3:30pm at the Evangelical Covenant Church, Pillows will be fluffed, cleaned, deodorized and sanitized while you wait or you may come back to pick them up later in the day. Because of COVID-19, social distancing will be practiced & you are asked to bring your pillows in garbage bags. All proceeds from this event will go to benefit the CREST organization. For more information, you can call 235-3833.

Remembrance of Loved Ones



Lakeside Cemetery continues the celebration of its 150th Anniversary with a Remembrance of Loved Ones, 1-3 pm **today**, Sept. 19th at the cemetery.

Grocery Receipts update...Thank You!!

We have taken in another \$150,000 worth of HyVee receipts to turn into a \$1000 check to be put towards our downstairs paving of parking lot.

KWIK TRIP

Kwik Trip gift cards are available most Sunday or anytime at the church office. With all of the profit you will be walking on someday, when we black top the lower level parking lot.



Our Prayer Team is always available to pray during, before and after the Sunday services. They also get together during the week to pray; they pray after church with Beth for our young families. There are a supply of prayer folders in the Prayer room for anyone's uses.

SOME OF OUR
CHURCH
LEADERSHIP

Senior Pastor
Dan Wheeler
399-2134

Church Secretary
Barb Smith

Bookkeeper
Harriet

Tromanhauser

Church Chair

Bryan Wilken

Vice Chair

Georgie Pfaffinger

Council Secretary

Sheila Zuehlke

Financial Secretary

Roger Bloomgren

Worship Chair

Jayne Tonn

Christian Ed. Chair

Jenni Diegnau

Fellowship Chair

Mary Jagodzinske

Evangelism Chair

Kurt Hines

Stewardship Chair

Jeremy Hinkle

Properties Chair

Marty Goodrich

Elders

Craig Diegnau

Maynard Jagodzinske

Bill Wallace

Cathy Meyer

Prayer Chain

Coordinator

Dorothy Deguise

399-6588

Barb Smith

Church Custodian

Dick Tromanhauser

Morning Glory's

Ministries

Gloria Senenfelder

507-236-4515

Advocacy for

Victims of Abuse

Georgie Pfaffinger

507-301-5592

Evil, Good and Good, Evil

*Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light,
and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*

ISAIAH 5:20

It is Satan's practice to convince people that what God calls good is actually evil and what God declares evil is, in fact, good. Satan persuaded Adam and Eve that their disobedience, rather than their obedience, would guarantee a full life. They believed him and immediately began to experience sin's consequences! Despite the absurdity of Satan's logic, he continues to deceive people into doubting what God has clearly said.

King Saul sought Samuel's affirmation for the sacrifice he had offered, even though he had acted in direct disobedience to God's command (1 Sam. 15:13). Ananias and Sapphira expected praise from the early church for their offering, though they were blatantly lying (Acts 5:1-11). An Amalekite soldier sought David's gratitude for killing Saul, God's anointed king (2 Sam. 1:1-16).

We, too, will face the temptation to call something good that God has declared wicked. We may be persuaded that we can accomplish more good by lying than by telling the truth. We may claim that we are mobilizing Christians to pray for someone in sin when, in fact, we are spreading gossip. We may assert that we are following God's will in our job when, in fact, we are striving to pursue our own ambitions. We will also be tempted to call evil that which God declares is good. God says it is good to love our enemies, yet we might decide our task is to hold them responsible for their acts.

It is so important to hold ourselves accountable to God's word. God does not need us to find exceptions for his commands. He requires our obedience.

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
