

## Today at the Covenant January 22, 2012

Pastor Bob Leinberger

*"How to Thrive in a World filled with  
Uncertainty"*

1 Samuel 13: 1 - 13

### Prayer & Care at the Covenant



If you would like to pray for the concerns of others, please become a part of our prayer chain by contacting the church office. If you have a prayer request, fill out the prayer request area on the bulletin tear-off and place it in the offering plate or in the prayer request box located by the south entry or contact our prayer chain by calling Kristin Freed, 760-9178 or email freedathome@gmail.com.



**OUR BENEVOLENCE FUND** is used to help those in our congregation who find themselves in need of temporary help. Contributions to the fund are always welcome, as we do have many requests each month. To donate to the Benevolence Fund, just place your donation in the offering plate and mark it "benevolence."



**MOBILE SERVANT TEAM:** Touching Lives Through Practical Acts of Service: Do you need a helping hand and a caring heart for a practical need in your life or around the house? Please contact the church office at 751-3699.



Our 2011/2012 General Operating Budget is \$932,341. To meet this budget we need to average \$17,930 in general offerings each week. Last weeks general offering was \$16,853.81. General income to date is \$539,844.32 expenditures as of January 17 were \$478,209.99. Questions? Contact Dave Moffett, Financial Chair or Lori Brama, Office Manager.

### This Week at the Covenant



**2012 FAITH & LIFE SERIES:** Wednesday, January 25, 6:30 PM, Great Room. This week's topic is "Pausing to Consider Who We Are in Christ". "I can believe that God listens to your prayers, but does he listen to mine? Does God like me? Or does He simply tolerate me? Often our view of ourselves can affect our prayer lives. How can we learn to view ourselves as God views us?"

**NEW CONNECTIONS** is designed for you if you are relatively new to our church family. It will provide an opportunity to share in round table discussions and hear from staff and volunteers about the exciting opportunities here at The Covenant. New Connections will meet this morning between services, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. in the Fireside Rm.



**"DOUGH FOR BREAD":** Each month one supporting church of the Bemidji Community Food Shelf raises money for "Dough for Bread." These monies go to offset the cost of bread, milk and eggs at the Food Shelf. January is our turn! Each month at least \$1,000 is needed for these items. Please consider making a donation this month for the Food Shelf. Checks can be written to the Covenant Church and placed in the offering plate. Please put "BCFS-Dough for Bread" in the memo line. Thank you!



Our church will host **SOS** January 29 - February 4. The season for **SOS** (Servants of Shelter) runs from November 1 through April 3. As participants in **SOS**, we will be providing shelter, meals, and more for several homeless in our area. We are looking for 70 to 80 volunteers to prepare meals and work as monitors during the week that we serve. Donations are always greatly appreciated and can be made to the church, earmarked "**SOS**". Stop by the **SOS** table in the Courtyard to volunteer or to find out more about the program.

### Upcoming at the Covenant



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
Monday, January 30, 6:30 PM.  
Items on the agenda will include changes to the church budget and changing the date of the Annual Meeting. Everyone welcome! Voting by members only.



**SENIOR ADULTS President's Day Dinner:** Seniors are invited to come to Countryside Restaurant on Thursday, February 16, 6:30 PM for the annual President's Day Dinner. No sign up necessary. You will be ordering your dinner from the menu. Come and join us for an evening of fellowship and fun.

### Reminders and Notes



**"OUR SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY NEEDS YOU!"** We are in need of volunteers for both early and late services. This is a small time commitment of one Sunday a month for one service. The nursery is also looking for a coordinator as of May 1. If anyone is interested in either of these opportunities to serve, please contact Adriane Simula (444-7729) or Janna Williams.



You are invited to a Women's Community Bible Study at Evangelical Free Church, 115 Carr Lake Rd. SW beginning Monday, January 30, 6:30 PM. This is a 9-week study of "Beth Moore's **James: Mercy Triumphs.**" The study guide book is \$17. To reserve a book, call 751-8834 or email Gerri Thorsgard at gthor@paulbunyan.net.



**Mark your calendar!** Chris Tomlin will be in concert at the Sanford Center on Thursday, March 15. More info on time, tickets, etc. will be coming soon.



Women at The Covenant are invited to a **Women's Retreat, "Steps of Faith"**

hosted by the women of First Assembly. They will be holding the retreat here at The Covenant (Family Life Center) on Friday & Saturday, March 9 - 10. The speaker will be Jodi Wellskopf from Eleva, WI. Cost is \$65 (includes speaker, food & hotel). Rooms are reserved at the Best Western. Cost for those not staying at the hotel: \$45; Friday only: \$25; Saturday only: \$35. For more information, contact Tina Johnson at 444-4429 or [tnjtj@paulbunyan.net](mailto:tnjtj@paulbunyan.net). Brochures available at the Information Center.



**CONSIDER ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER:** Our church offers electronic giving, which allows you to make donations on a scheduled, automatic basis. If you are writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you will especially appreciate electronic giving. It is convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our church. Applications available at the Information Center. Please contact the church office for more information.



The Bemidji area chapter of **ALL PRO DAD** is sponsoring a Dad's Day Breakfast on Saturday, January 28, from 9:00 to 10:00 AM, BSU's Walnut Hall Dining Center. Bring your kids, nieces, nephews, or grandkids for a morning of quality time, conversation and prizes. Cost for the all-u-can-eat continental breakfast is \$3.50 / person and children under 5 eat free. Children of all ages, from toddlers to college students, are welcome to the event. To learn more about the organization, log on to [www.AllProDad.com](http://www.AllProDad.com) or contact Rich Jahner at 444-3447 or [richjahner@gmail.com](mailto:richjahner@gmail.com).

## COVENANT CALENDAR

### This Sunday:

#### Worship - 9:00 & 10:45 AM

Sunday School/MS DIG - 9:00 AM  
1st Yr. Confirmation / CADRE - 9:00 AM  
Young Fam. Sm. Group, Café - 9:00 AM  
New Connections - 10:15 AM  
FREE! College Meal, Café - 12:00 PM

### Next Sunday: (Jan. 29)

#### Worship - 9:00 & 10:45 AM

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Servants of Shelter (SOS)

### Monday:

Staff Mtg. - 10:30 AM  
Worship Committee - 1:30 PM

### Tuesday:

Priscilla Women's Bible Study - 9:00 AM  
Senior Adults Bible Study - 9:30 AM  
Senior Exercise - 11:30 AM  
Living with Hope - 1:00 PM  
Men's Basketball - 6:00 PM  
WOW - 6:30 PM

### Wednesday:

Supper - 5:00 PM  
Joy Women's Bible Study - 5:00 PM  
Bible Buddies, Middle School and High School Youth - 6:15 PM  
Adult J Term Class in the Great Rm.,  
Crazy Love Small Group Leaders  
Training In the Music Rm. - 6:15PM

### Thursday:

Senior Exercise - 11:30 AM  
Abigail Women's Bible Study - 3:30 PM  
40+ Singles Bible Study - 7:00 PM

### Friday:

Take-a-Break Night - 6:00 PM

## STUDENT LIFE @ the Covenant

### Middle School & High School

#### WEEKLY

##### Sundays

9:00AM DIG (Grades 6-7) [Youth Room]  
1st Year Confirmation (Grade 8) [Great Rm]  
C.A.D.R.E. (Grades 10-12) [Garage]

##### Wednesdays

5:00PM Dinner, Youth Center Open  
6:15 to 7:30 PM FUEL (Grades 6-12)  
[Worship Center]

MS & HS Students meet together  
for first 20 minutes then split for  
the last hour

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Jan 25** Small Groups Night Out

**Feb 16** HS Soup Kitchen

**Feb 29** The Rally at E. Free

The Middle School ski trip will not be held  
this year!

## COLLEGE LIFE @ the Covenant

### WELCOME, COLLEGE STUDENTS!

We're glad you're here!  
Please join us every week after church for a  
free lunch. If you need a ride from campus,  
we'll pick you up!

### BE ADOPTED BY A LOCAL FAMILY!

We want you to feel connected to a local  
family...kind of like a home away from home.  
If you'd like to join the Adopt-A-Student pro-  
gram, please ask Pastor Jim about it.

### WE'RE ON THE WEB!

Check us out at [BemidjiCovenant.com](http://BemidjiCovenant.com) and  
join our Facebook page (search "College Life  
@ the Covenant").

### CALENDAR

#### Sundays

12:00PM **FREE!** Lunch in the Café!!