

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Nefa Madison-Rutz, who joined the Church Triumphant on Monday, April 9. Her memorial service will be held at First Covenant on Monday, April 23. Visitation: 10:00am, Memorial Service: 11:00am, followed by a light lunch. God's peace to those on a journey through loss and grief.

Pastor Anne will be out of town from today following Worship, until Saturday, April 21 to provide care for her mom. In her absence, please contact Pastor Ted Nordlund with any pastoral care concerns, 763- 442-3771.

Misa Criolla (our Good Friday Concert) CD's: sign up at the Welcome Center to order a CD of Misa Criolla. Each CD costs \$10, which will help support FCC future musical events. Please pay with cash or a check written out to First Covenant Church, and pick up your CD at the Welcome Center the following Sunday. Thanks for your support!

Stay connected: Weekly worship bulletins and podcasts of each week's message can be found on the church website under the Worship and Arts tab. Stop by the Welcome Center to order a CD of any Worship Service or our current Adult Spiritual Growth Hour.

Correction: The Spring Guidebook listed an incorrect date for the Visitor Appreciation Lunch. The correct date and time is: Wednesday, May 23, 10:00am in Upper Fellowship Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 22

9:15-9:30am: Come early next Sunday! The Vettern College Choir from Jönköping, Sweden will be our guests! The Choir will begin our morning by singing in the sanctuary during our Gathering Time (9:15-9:30am) and again in worship. We've hosted this lively, talented group many times and we look forward to their participation in our worship service.

10:45-11:00am: Pastor Anne's 15th Anniversary of ministry at FCC, Upper Fellowship Hall Everyone is invited to join us for a brief celebration as we celebrate Pastor Anne during Fellowship Time and directly before the enlightening Congregational Forum.

11:00am-12:00pm: Better Together Congregational Forum, Upper Fellowship Hall Help us chart our course for the next fiscal year! Hear about priorities discerned by ministry and lay leaders at the Leadership Retreat back in February, share feedback, and participate in decisions for the year to come. Questions? Contact Sharla Scullen at sharlascullen7@gmail.com.

UPCOMING WEDNESDAYS EVENINGS AT FCC

Wednesday, April 25, 6:15pm: We are thrilled to have a visit from President Rev. Jules Mboka Ngate, who has been leading as the President of the Covenant Church of Congo (CEUM) for six years. He and his wife, Charlotte, live in Gemena in the DR Congo. The mission of the CEUM is to reach the lost for Jesus Christ and believes in the holistic gospel by empowering the community through education, health, and development. The CEUM consists of over 1.8 million members, 46 church regions, 1,714 parishes, 1,198 pastors, 551 evangelists, 4 Health Zones, 4 Hospitals, 579 schools, and 5 development training centers. Paul Carlson Partnership works alongside the CEUM to improve health and medical care and transform communities through economic development initiatives in the northwest part of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Wednesday, May 2, Confirmation Trek, Dinner at 5:45pm; Trek at 6:15pm "Journey" with our Confirmands as they present their projects at our annual Confirmation Trek. This is your opportunity to support our 7th and 8th graders as they communicate what they have learned this past year in their studies through the Old Testament.

SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH GOING TO CHIC

CHIC Dessert and Auction - Saturday, April 21, 6:30pm, Upper Fellowship Hall

Please stop by the table in the Upper Fellowship Hall to buy your ticket following worship. There will also be tickets sold at the door. Do you have something that is auction-worthy? We are on the lookout for events, services, and goods (new or very gently used) that can help support our auction. If you have something that you would like to donate, contact Bill or Janel Haider or fill out the online form here: <https://goo.gl/forms/IBvfW2tWCSFdaXdE2>. Come and enjoy the night with laughter, fun, fellowship, and support our youth in going to a once in a life time opportunity that is CHIC. Have any questions? Please contact Addin Vang.

28 senior high students will be attending CHIC the week of July 14-20, 2018.

CHIC is the Covenant Denomination's triennial youth conference in Knoxville, TN.

Thank you for the ways you have been, and will continue to show your support!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY/CHURCH EVENTS

A Faith-Filled Response to Mental Illness and Recovery, Thursday, April 19, 7:00 - 9:00pm

Hope Community Church, 707 10th Ave S, Minneapolis

All are welcome to attend a forum addressing the calling of the Church to care for people and their families who are struggling with common mental health concerns. Experts will discuss the role of medical intervention alongside prayer and scripture, and ways to diminish the stigma of mental illness. The event is free and open to the public. To register: info@transformmn.org. Contact Rachel Hanks about carpool options.

Jonathan House Brunch, Saturday, April 21, 10:00-11:30am, 876 E. Hyacinth Ave., St. Paul

Are you wondering how you personally can be involved in the ministry of Jonathan House? Join us for our monthly community meal at Jonathan House where you can get to know the residents, IAfr staff and other volunteers. Please bring a dish to share (no pork products) and RSVP to Jen Levin, jenl@iafr.org by Wednesday, April 18. We'd love to know what you plan to bring so we have a diverse menu.

CASTING OUR NETS; SAVING OUR COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, Thursday, April 26, 7:00am

Saint Paul Federal Credit Union (1330 Conway Street).

Our partner, Family Values for Life is hosting their annual fundraising breakfast with guest speaker, Melvin Carter, Mayor of Saint Paul. All are invited - there is no cost. Please RSVP by April 20 to Rhonda Graham at (651) 774-6663 or Rhonda.fvfl@gmail.com.

All Church Cleaning Day, Saturday, April 28, 8:00am-12:00pm, First Covenant Church

If you're interested in helping our church building look its best, we invite you to join us for this fun and productive day. Weather permitting, there will be indoor and outdoor tasks suitable for adults and youth. Coffee, treats, and cleaning supplies will be provided. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

TEAM WORLD VISION OPPORTUNITIES

On Saturday, May 19th, First Covenant Church of Saint Paul will join thousands of participants around the globe to run OR walk 6K (3.2 miles) to bring life-changing clean water to communities in need. Each participant's registration fee of \$50 provides life-changing clean water for one person for LIFE. (Fund raising is not required, but won't be turned down.)

We will begin and end at First Covenant, with the route winding through the neighborhood. Check-in is at 9:30am with the 6K beginning at 10am. For more information contact Christine Tharseo ctharseo@gmail.com 651-325-1861, or visit the TWV table following Worship.

<https://www.teamworldvision.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=9611>

Half Marathon is August 4; the Full Marathon (Twin Cities Marathon) is October 7.

For more information, contact Sarah Carpenter, carpenter.tfl@gmail.com, 540-454-9557 or visit: www.teamworldvision.org