

SURPRISE THE WORLD!

THE 5 HABITS
OF
HIGHLY
MISSIONAL
PEOPLE

First Covenant Church of Saint Paul

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OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND POTLUCK

August 12, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Song

Oceans

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Highlight

Backpack Event and After School Program

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:1-5, Sandy Norris

*Song

Holy Spirit, Rain Down

*Hymn 88

Be Still

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

Message

LISTEN

Pastor Anne Vining

*Closing Hymn 377

Take Time to Be Holy

*Sending Words

Postlude

If you are in need of prayer today for healing or wholeness, please speak with Pastor Anne.

All are invited to stay after Worship for the Potluck, whether or not you were able to contribute food. Please know that you are welcome!

TODAY

Welcome to Worship at First Covenant Church! *Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we are glad you are here.*

10:30am, Worship
Nursery Care, (birth through age 3), *Rooms 105 &106*

11:30am, Potluck for all, Lower Fellowship Hall

Get Active has been cancelled today so that all can enjoy the potluck.

MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES

Pastor Anne will be out of the office this week.

If you are in need of pastoral care this summer, please contact the church office and you will be connected with the on-call pastor. If you call after hours, please leave a message on the office voice mail. Ministry Team members will be taking time off throughout the summer, and we want to make sure that you receive the support that you need.

Take the “Surprise the World” Challenge!

Join us as we Surprise the World! During August we are being challenged to put several habits into practice to surprise the world by our actions, based on the book *Surprise the World! The Five Habits of Highly Missional People*, by Michael Frost. As you practice the habit for the week, we want to hear about your journey! Here's how you can share the ways you have been building the habit in your own life:

1. Practice the habit. This week: LISTEN I will spend at least one period of the week listening for the Holy Spirit's voice. Consider using one of these three apps on your phone as you listen this week:



Centering Prayer



Pray As You Go



Prayer

2. Take a picture of you practicing the habit. Email your photo to kate@first-covenant.org or tag it on social media - use #surprisetheworldfcc.

3. Come ready to share in Worship the next Sunday. We will have an opportunity each week to hear from one another how these habits are being lived out. Whether you share a picture or not, come ready to let us know what you did and how it went!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Stay connected: Weekly worship bulletins 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. During the summer, please allow more than one week to receive your ordered CD.

FCC Giving Options:

- **2019 offering envelopes** will be ordered soon ('early bird' discounts). This past year, you may or may not have consistently used your numbered envelopes. With our new database, all donations are still recorded for tax purposes regardless of whether you use a numbered giving envelope. You may always give your check donation with or without a numbered envelope. Questions to consider:
- Do you still want to have giving envelopes ordered for you for next year?
- Do you want to continue with the weekly or monthly envelopes you currently have? Please indicate your preferences on the Giving Envelope Form found at the Welcome Center today, (unless you responded via email).
- **Instructions for setting up automatic contributions** via your checking account or your credit card are also available today. One is managed by the church's Premier Bank and requires a voided check or deposit slip. The other donation process is through our church's website where you manage your profile and online contribution.

More information is available at the Welcome Center, or contact Rachel Hanks at rachelhanks11@gmail.com. Your continued faithful support of First Covenant Church of Saint Paul is greatly appreciated!

Every Kid To Camp Fund: THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We met and exceeded our goal for the Every Kid To Camp Fund. With your generous donations, we were able to make sure that 36 children and youth were able to go to Covenant Pines Bible Camp this summer.

Building Update: It's noisy around here! Work is in process on the remodel of the Upper Fellowship Hall kitchen and will continue for a few more weeks. Resurfacing of the parking lot will begin soon. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and financial support as these are much needed projects for the church building that will enhance hospitality and ministry for many years to come!

August 17-19 - The First Covenant All-Church Retreat at Covenant Pines Bible Camp has been cancelled, due to low registration.

Next Sunday, August 19, we have the privilege of blessing our missionaries, Karl and Sue Peterson, as they return to Mexico City. They, along with their sons, Zachary and Jonathan, have been on a 2-year home assignment. Karl and Sue met here at FCC—Karl being the son of then-pastor Rev. Bill Peterson and Sue being the daughter of Jim and Jan Chelgren. They felt God calling them to missions during youth mission trips to Ecuador, and were commissioned for long-term missionary service to Mexico in 1993 by the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). Sue has focused her work on relational evangelism, teaching, and discipling women. Karl has focused on establishing the Congregational Vitality Ministry in Mexico City churches, specifically at Talpan Covenant Church. Jonathan will be returning with his parents to Mexico City and Zachary will return as a sophomore to North Park University in Chicago. Please pray for the Petersons in this time of transition.

AUGUST EVENTS

Primary Elections, Tuesday, August 14, 7:00am-8:30pm - If you live in this district, First Covenant is the local polling site.

Baptism Informational Meeting, Wednesday, August 15, 6:00pm, Conference Room
Is someone in your household interested in being baptized this summer? Our Lake Phalen Baptism service is taking place Sunday, August 26. This meeting is to prepare those interested in being baptized at the Lake. Please let Donovan DeGaetano or Pastor Anne know if you plan on attending.

Book Club: "Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays-vs-Christians Debate", by Justin Lee Tuesday, August 21, 6:30-8:00pm

Note location change: First Covenant Church, Upper Fellowship Hall
In this book, Lee makes a thoughtful yet impassioned plea and challenge for the evangelical church. The author uses both episodes from his personal testimony and an intelligent and balanced interpretation of scripture to make a strong case for peace and unity. This is an important book for our times. Please sign up at the Welcome Center and provide your own book. *Facilitated by Dick and Barb Johnson*

Help invite our neighbors! Thursday, August 23, 5:30-7:30pm, meet at FCC
This year our September 9 Welcome Sunday includes a community Block Party BBQ, and we need your help to invite our neighbors. Postcards will be distributed door to door throughout our neighborhood on Thursday, August 23. Pizza will be served at 5:30pm at FCC. After dinner, teams will leave to pass out invitations. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you can help, or contact Donovan DeGaetano or Addin Vang for more information.

Annual Baptism Service at Lake Phalen, Sunday, August 26, following Worship at FCC
Bring your own bag/picnic lunch and join us at The Lake Phalen Pavilion for lunch together. Following lunch, we will have a time of prayer in the pavilion before celebrating new life in Christ through the sacrament of baptism in the lake. If you desire to be baptized, please talk to Pastor Anne or Donovan DeGaetano and plan to attend the August 15 meeting.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 2: Worship Service, 10:30am
First Covenant Annual Meeting following Worship, 11:30am-12:30pm

Sunday, September 9: Last 10:30am Worship Service of the summer
Welcome Sunday Block Party Community BBQ, 11:30am-1:30pm. Details coming soon!

Sunday, September 16: Worship returns to 9:30am, with Spiritual Growth Hour for all ages at 11:00am.

EVENTS JUST FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Toddler Mondays, August 13 and 27, 9:00-11:00am, Nursery

Toddler Mondays meets tomorrow morning in the nursery. Parents and guardians and their little ones ages 0-4 years are encouraged to join us as we explore the Bible together in story, song, and activities. This week we will explore Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Questions? Please see Lora Murtha or Donovan DeGaetano. See you tomorrow!

Confirmation Orientation Meeting, (incoming 7th graders, returning 8th graders and a parent or caregiver)

Wednesday, August 15 from 5:00pm - 6:00pm, Upper Fellowship Hall

The Confirmation Journey is getting a renovation this fall! Incoming 7th graders, returning 8th graders and a parent or caregiver are invited to this important meeting to get all the information you need about The Confirmation Journey this coming year. Dinner provided. For more information, contact Kate Makosky at kate@first-covenant.org.

Youth Bible Study, Thursdays, August 16 and 23, 7:00-8:00pm (incoming 7th-exiting 12th graders)

Graffiti Room

Let's study the Word of God together as a community. In August, we are studying Ephesians. Snacks and drinks provided. If you have questions, please contact Addin Vang, Associate Minister for Youth and Families.

PARTNER EVENTS

Family Values for Life Back to School Event, Wednesday, August 29, 4:30-7:30pm

Bruce Vento Elementary School (409 Case Avenue, St. Paul)

FVFL's 8th Annual Back to School event is just around the corner. Last year, close to 3,000 filled backpacks were distributed!

Can you help? Please visit the Welcome Center where you will find lists of needed supplies and a barrel where you can place your donated items. There is also a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center for those who are able to help FCC oversee the registration table at the event. Questions? Contact Chrissy Thomas (BackToSchool.fvfl@gmail.com) or Donovan DeGaetano. Whether you will be needing school supplies for your children, are able to donate school supplies, or are available to volunteer - plan ahead and get this event on your calendar!

Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf and La Vina de Saint Paul Farm Fresh Produce Give-Away September 14, October 12, (second Friday of the month), 4:00pm-6:00pm

First Covenant parking lot

Please note the date change to the second Friday of the month only.

All can come... and all are invited to pick up farm fresh produce for free! Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf and La Vina de Saint Paul will be distributing fresh produce each month on the 2nd Friday afternoon in the church parking lot. *Be sure to bring your own bags!* This event is open to all!