

SURPRISE THE WORLD!

THE 5 HABITS
OF
HIGHLY
MISSIONAL
PEOPLE

First Covenant Church of Saint Paul

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August 5, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Worship

If you are a visitor, have a prayer request or have a change of address, please note this on a Connect Card found in the pew pockets. Place it in the offering plate.

*Opening Hymn 555

In Celebration, Clap Your Hands and Sing

*Opening Prayer

"Future Faith" Challenge

Belonging Before Believing, Dave Brand

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 11:17-28, Josh Holm

*Song

Brother

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

*He Who Began A Good Work In You (arr. John F. Wilson)
Elaine Ryden, piano accompanist*

Message

EAT

Kate Makosky, Minister of Communication

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We invite all who follow Jesus as Savior and Lord to receive and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion with us.

*Affirmation of Faith

Ephesians 4

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*Closing Hymn 568

Come, Share the Lord

*Sending Words

Postlude

Sandy Whitby, piano

If you temporarily leave the sanctuary during a Worship service, please return to your seats using the rear sanctuary doors. This will minimize disruptions. Thank you for understanding.

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*

Resource Table for children, please check out this table as you enter Worship, where you will find worship bulletins, crayons and Bibles for children.

Thank you to accompanists Sandy Whitby and Elaine Ryden for playing piano today during Pat Kohnen's (our pianist/organist) absence.

"Future Faith" Challenge: Each summer we try to add different pieces to our worship experience that offer week-to-week reflection and hopefully inspiration from laypeople in our congregation. This summer we are looking at a different weekly challenge for the church, from the book, "Future Faith: Ten Challenges Reshaping Christianity in the 21st Century", by Wesley Granberg-Michaelson (and Foreword by North Park Theological Seminary professor, Soong-Chan Rah).

11:40am, Youth Group Music Lessons, Graffiti Room

Take the "Surprise the World" Challenge!

Join us as we Surprise the World! For the next five weeks we will be 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 how you have been building the habit in your own life:

1. Practice the habit. This week: bless one person.
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!

MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES

Donovan DeGaetano is out of the office through tomorrow, August 6.

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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

We extend our sympathies to the family of Elizabeth (Betty) Nielson, (Sue Okoneski's mom), who passed away Sunday, July 29. Her memorial service was held at First Covenant this past Friday. God's peace to those on a journey through loss and grief.

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 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 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.

Rachel Hanks will be at a table by the Welcome Center with forms, and to help you with any questions you may have, or contact her at rachelhanks11@gmail.com. Your continued faithful support of First Covenant Church of Saint Paul is greatly appreciated!

Building Update: It's noisy around here! Work has begun on the remodel of the Upper Fellowship Hall kitchen and on the repair of the leaky roof. Work will continue on these projects for a few more weeks, and then resurfacing of the parking lot will begin sometime in August. 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!

Thank you! Thanks so much for your generous donations to the Como Family and to Jada Jones. The Flanagan family is on their way to Honduras to visit the Como family who are ministering there, along with many packets of Crystal Light that you donated. Jada Jones is on her way to Missouri with a car full of needed household items for her new apartment as she serves at Whiteman Air Force Base. As we have been learning in Worship about blessing others, your actions are a huge blessing to the Como's and to Jada!

AUGUST EVENTS

Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Thursday, August 9, 6:00-7:00pm, Choir Room

All are welcome to practice together as we prepare to sing in Worship On Sunday, August 12. Questions? please contact Steve Pittman, steve@first-covenant.org.

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 **BY TODAY** if you plan on attending.

Whole Church Retreat, Theme: Faith Like a Child - Come Play at Camp!, August 17-19

Covenant Pines Bible Camp, McGregor, MN, (<https://covenantpines.org>)

Today is the last opportunity to let us know if you intend to go to the Whole Church Retreat this year. We need to know if you're coming by today, and we need your registration form and fee by next Sunday. Brochures/registration forms are available at the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Jim Hinrichs, jhinrichs1596@gmail.com.

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

Dave and Joan Brand's home, 1111 Hyacinth Ave E, Saint Paul

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*

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.

PARTNER EVENTS

**Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf and La Vina de Saint Paul Farm Fresh Produce Give-Away
Fridays, August 10, and 24, 4:00pm-6:00pm**

First Covenant parking lot

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 and 4th Friday afternoons in the church parking lot. Other dates are September 14 and 28, October 12 and 26. *Be sure to bring your own bags!* This event is open to all!

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, 3,413 children, youth and parents attended the event, 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 you are available to volunteer - plan ahead!

SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

We are almost there! Every Kid To Camp Fund (EKTC)

Our last busload of kids going to camp this summer returned this past Saturday. We still need \$1,001.39 to have every child paid for who had the desire to attend Covenant Pines Bible Camp this year. Please find the EKTC giving envelopes on the table by the camp bus poster. Checks should be payable to First Covenant Church. Place your envelope in the offering, the mail, or the Covenant Pines mailbox in the church office. Questions? Contact Donovan DeGaetano. We can do this!

Let's Pray! Praying for our Kids, Youth and Families, Monday, August 6, 6:00-7:00pm Sanctuary

All are invited to come and pray for the children, youth and families in our church and community. Each month our prayer will focus on a specific group. August's focus is VOLUNTEERS. You can come into the sanctuary at any time during the hour and stay as long as you are able. Questions? Contact Addin Vang.

Diaper Drive, Sunday, August 12

Next Sunday we will be collecting diapers size Newborn to Size 3, any brand, in a bin by the Welcome Center. Our hopes are to distribute these diapers to new babies at First Covenant Church and to our partners, Family Values for Life. Questions? See Lora Murtha or Donovan DeGaetano.

EVENTS JUST FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Tacky Prom! Wednesday, August 8, 5:30-8:00pm

Voth's House, 3264 Lexington Avenue N., Shoreview, MN

Let's get dancing'! Head on over to the Voth's household for our annual night of fun, festivities and suspenders—it's Tacky Prom! We have wacky tournaments, funny games and it's a great night to close out the summer with friends and mentors. Make sure to wear your TACKIEST outfit. Dinner provided. Questions? Contact Addin Vang.

Youth Bible Study, Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm, (starting again on August 9)

(incoming 7th-exiting 12th graders)

Graffiti Room

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

Toddler Mondays, August 13 and 26, 9:00-11:00am, Nursery

August is here and we are on to our last 2 Toddler Mondays!! Please join us as we wrap up our awesome summer experience! This is for ages 0-4 years and parents/ guardians. Don't worry if you haven't made it to any of the other Toddler Mondays, we would still love to have you join us! Questions? Please see Lora Murtha or Donovan DeGaetano.

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

Summer Worship on the Lawn and Potluck

August 12 at 10:30 am

Sunday, August 12, is our last outdoor worship, starting at 10:30 am. We will meet on the south lawn, under the trees. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs (some chairs will be provided) and a dish to share for the potluck that follows. Sharing in a meal provides us with a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones as we celebrate our life in Christ together.

Please bring a dish ready to serve, to share for the potluck:

Last names starting with...

A-L bring a main dish

M-Z bring a side dish of either a salad or fruit or veggie tray

Dessert and beverages will be provided, as well as plates, cups, napkins and silverware.

In case of rain, we will meet indoors for worship and for the potluck.

Volunteers are needed to help in the following ways:

set-up chairs and sound equipment

set-up/food prep

preparing beverages

servers

set-up/take-down of tables and chairs

clean-up

This is the perfect opportunity to offer hospitality and lend a hand in a practical way.

If you are available to help, let us know by signing up at the Welcome Center!

For questions please contact:

Richard Voth, richard@first-covenant.org or

Barb Johnson, barbanddickjohnson@q.com