

SUMMER 2018



First Covenant Church of Saint Paul

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UNITE

July 15, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn 72

To God Be the Glory

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

James 2:1-13, Roger Valois

*Songs

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

How Great is Our God

"Future Faith" Challenge

Saving This World, Joe Mann

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

Come As You Are (Crowder)

Anja Swenson, vocals/guitar

Message

Obstacles to UNITE, Part II: Favoritism

Pastor Anne Vining

*Closing Hymn 700

When Love Is Found (edited)

*Sending Words

Postlude

Please find Pastor Anne if you are in need of prayer for healing or wholeness.

All are invited to stay after Worship for the Potluck, whether or not you were able to bring 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*

Thank you to Lionus Lo for leading Worship today, and to Doug Jacobson for setting up.

“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). There are still a few chapters and weeks available. If you are interested in being one of the presenters, please contact Pastor Anne.

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.

MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES

Richard Voth, Minister of Worship and Creative Arts, had a knee replacement this past Thursday. He will be recovering, and out of the office at least through July 22. Please contact Addin Vang if you have questions in Richard’s absence.

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.

SUPPORTING THE COMO FAMILY

Crystal Light powdered drink packets needed by July 28! The Flanagan family will be visiting the Como family in Honduras, August 3-24. Jason and Lisa Como, and their children, are missionaries serving with the Christian Health Service Corp at the Loma de Luz Hospital in Balfate, Honduras. The Comos have requested that the Flanagans bring Crystal Light powdered drink packets, in any flavor except grape. A donation box will be at the Welcome Center until July 28. Please pray for safety and good health for the Flanagans, as they travel . Questions? Please contact Jakky: jakkyflanagan@gmail.com.

CHIC (COVENANT HIGH IN CHRIST), JULY 14-20

Every three years more than 5,000 students from across The Evangelical Covenant Church come together in one place to glimpse how they fit into the bigger picture of God's kingdom. At CHIC, lives are changed as students are inspired to dive deeper in their faith together. Yesterday, 26 youth and 4 adults left from our parking lot, and traveled via bus to Knoxville, TN, and will be returning Saturday morning, July 21. Please remember to pray for safety and protection, openness to hear and respond to the Spirit's movement through experiences, speakers and conversations, and pray for transformation in their lives as they return. **Join us in Worship next Sunday, July 22 as our CHIC attendees share about their experiences and how God has been at work in their lives.**

Youth: Adina DeGaetano, Alaina Sandau, Alianna Garcia-Barros, Anayeli Manzanares, Angel Johnson, Daziah Philips, Deshawn Thomas, Donovan McGee, Erik Haider, Elijah Lokensgard-Wallace, Isabel Patrick, Jack Quarles, Jacob Flanagan, Jeremiah Knox, Jett Robinson, Katie Flanagan, Kelly Lankey, Rachel Luchsinger, Rachel Mergens, Sylvester Garcia-Barros, Stanley Rentey, Sylvia Zupfer, Tyriq Brantly, Yliana DeLeon, Ysabel DeLeon, Zarea Mobley.

Adult Leaders: Addin Vang, Jill DeGaetano, Mandy Griffin, Peter Griffin.

SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Let's get this done! Every Kid To Camp Fund (EKTC): Total needed: \$10,881 to send 40 children and youth to Covenant Pines Bible Camp. Amount still needed: \$2,000. Checks should be payable to First Covenant Church. Questions? Contact Donovan DeGaetano or Addin Vang. We can do this!

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Join us this summer for one or both of our remaining book clubs! All are welcome, but please read the book before attending the session. Please sign up at the Welcome Center and provide your own book.

"The Pietist Option", by Christopher Gehrz and Mark Patti

Tuesday, July 24, 6:30-8:00pm

Pastor Anne and Gordy's home, 1108 Hyacinth Ave E, Saint Paul

This book was given to all Covenant pastors attending this year's Midwinter Conference in February. We were privileged in April to hear from Dr. Gehrz about how our pietist roots impact our life together and provide a framework to meet the serious challenges the church faces today. Join us for further discussion of this important spiritual movement.

"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

Facilitated by Dick and Barb Johnson

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

“Hope Givers: Hope Is Here”, Monday, July 16, 7:00pm, FCC Upper Fellowship Hall
Presenter: Daisy Rain Martin, author, speaker and domestic violence/sexual assault advocate. Music presented by Emily Bolstorff, worship leader and mother of four. What is a Hope Giver? According to Daisy Rain Martin, it's simple. Hope Givers intentionally put themselves in close proximity to the suffering of others for the sole purpose of pouring out hope. Daisy's story includes childhood sexual abuse within her family of fundamentalist Christian Las Vegas performers. Whether you are in need of hope or have hope to share, this evening is for you. Childcare available. More information: www.daisyrainmartin.com. Questions? Contact D.D. Peterson, 651-776-7117 or Dawn Huso, 651-730-5854.

Help beautify our grounds: Tuesday, July 17 and Thursday, July 19, starting at 9:00am
FCC grounds

Pam Feske will be heading up a group of volunteers to garden around the church building. This will include weeding and clean-up, but also assessing areas for future landscaping opportunities. If you are interested in gardening, and want to help our church grounds look their best, we invite you to join Pam on one or all of these dates. You can come anytime between 9:00am and noon, and work as long as you want. Bring your own gloves. There is no need to sign up, just show up!

Toddler Mondays, July 23, August 13 and 27, 9:00-11:00am, FCC Nursery

Parents/Guardians and their little ones ages 0-4 years are encouraged to join us as we explore the Bible together, make crafts, and have a good time fellowshiping. Join us as you are able. Questions? Please see Lora Murtha or Donovan DeGaetano. See you tomorrow!

LOOKING AHEAD

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

When? August 17-19, Where? Covenant Pines Bible Camp

(<https://covenantpines.org>) Brochures available at the retreat info table after Worship.

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 for that service. Please let Donovan DeGaetano or Pastor Anne know by Sunday, August 5 if you plan on attending.

Annual Baptism Service at Lake Phalen, Sunday, August 26 (following Worship at FCC)

Bring a bag/picnic lunch and join us at Lake Phalen for lunch together followed by the celebration of new life in Christ through the sacrament of baptism in Lake Phalen.

PARTNER EVENTS

Jonathan House Brunch, Saturday, July 21, 10:00-11:30pm

Held at Jonathan House, 876 E. Hyacinth, St. Paul, MN (first floor apartment)

Are you wondering how you can personally 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, July 18. We'd love to know what you plan to bring so we have a diverse menu. Jonathan House is a residence for three asylum seekers located in the parsonage of our church property.

Family Values for Life 2018 Back to School Golf Classic, Monday, July 23

Registration: 11:00am, Shotgun starts at 12:00pm, Banquet: 6:00pm

Keller Golf Course, 2166 Maplewood Drive, St. Paul, MN

The 2nd Annual Back to School Golf Classic helps to support more than 3,000 individuals that FVFL serves. Golfers of all abilities are needed. The scramble format takes all the pressure off so you can focus on having fun while supporting a great cause! Not a golfer? All are invited to the evening banquet. Cost: Banquet only - \$30; Golf and banquet - \$100. To register: call 651-774-6663, or register on-line at familyvaluesforlife.org. Deadline to register is tomorrow, July 16.

Urban Roots Pizza Farm, Thursday, July 26, 5:00-7:30pm

Urban Roots Demonstration Site: 463 Maria Ave., Saint Paul

Our partner, Urban Roots, invites everyone to join in some community fun! July's Urban Pizza Farm will feature Barry Madore from Fire on the Bluff, a community-focused mobile wood-fired kitchen serving pizzas with local ingredients. Urban Roots tends the Sam Eddy Memorial Garden on the church property, corner of Orange and Mendota. This month, Urban Roots is supplying the ingredients. Come, be part of a unique picnic-style pizza experience with Urban Roots interns, celebrating youth, community, and great food. Cost: 13 and older—\$20; Children 5-12—\$10. info@urbanrootsmn.org

Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf and La Vina de Saint Paul Farm Fresh Produce Give-Away

Friday, July 27, 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 August 10 and 24, September 14 and 28, October 12 and 26. Distribution will be 4:00pm-6:00pm on each date. *Be sure to bring your own bags!* Get your produce and then stay for free hot dogs and activities for all ages. Volunteers (ages 13+) are needed! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with two of FCC's partners. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kim (Fruit of the Vine Volunteer Coordinator) at kim@vcsmn.org or 952.595.5980 extension 107. This event is open to all!

Family Values for Life Backpack Event, Wednesday, August 29, 4:30-7:30pm

Bruce Vento Elementary School (409 Case Avenue)

Whether you will be needing school supplies for your children, or you are available to volunteer, plan ahead and put this event on your calendar! Attendees receive free backpacks filled with school supplies for school-aged children. A parent/guardian must accompany children in order for them to receive a backpack. Community resources are also available including food, games, free haircuts and more. For more information: familyvaluesforlife.org.