

# SURPRISE THE WORLD!

THE 5 HABITS  
OF  
HIGHLY  
MISSIONAL  
PEOPLE

First Covenant Church of Saint Paul

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July 29, 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 58

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

\*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

"Future Faith" Challenge

*Defeating Divisive Culture Wars, Phil Erickson*

Scripture Reading

*II Corinthians 9:6-8, Manuela Martinez*

\*Songs

*Holy Spirit*

*Blessed Be Your Name*

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

*I Will Bless The Lord (Byron Cage)*

*Gospel Choir*

Message

**BLESS**

Tom Cameron, Executive Pastor

\*Closing Hymn

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love (English/Spanish)*

\*Sending Words

Postlude

Janet McClellan

*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.*

**The single rose this morning** celebrates the arrival of Mylo Richard Krejce. Mylo was born July 23 to Corey and Amanda Krejce and joins big sister Lyla, big brothers Wyatt and Sylas.

**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 accompanist Janet McClellan for playing piano today during Pat Kohlen's 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. 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](mailto: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

**Pastor Anne** is out of the office through August 2.

**Addin Vang** is out of the office through August 4.

**Donovan DeGaetano** will be out of the office through 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

**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.

**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 to all who provided Crystal Light powdered drink packets for the Comos!** 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. Please pray for safety and good health for the Flanagan's, as they travel. This is the last day that Crystal Light donations are accepted.

**Can you help?** Our own Jada Jones will be traveling to Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> to begin her new position in security forces for the Air Force. We recently learned she will be moving into an apartment and is in need of a number of items to furnish the apartment. Tanya Garcia has agreed to help organize some of the supplies Jada needs and get them delivered to her before she departs. If you are interested in helping, please bring your donations to the church office by Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tanya will get them to Jada. Here's what she needs: ALL kitchen stuff, bedding for a full size bed (color scheme is purple, red and blue), laundry basket & detergent, shower curtain and rings, rugs, cleaning utensils, cups, forks, spoons, bowls, snacks. Thank you for your support for Jada!

## AUGUST EVENTS

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, August 4, 8:00-9:30am**

All men are welcome to eat, study the Word, and pray together. Content of the Bible Study varies—everyone is invited to bring a breakfast treat to share. Questions? Contact Jim Hinrichs at [jhhinrichs1596@gmail.com](mailto:jhhinrichs1596@gmail.com).

### **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.

### **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 are available at the Welcome Center.

**Join us** for the last Book Club of the summer. All are welcome, but we ask that you read the book before attending the session. Please sign up at the Welcome Center and provide your own book.

**"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.

### **Annual Baptism Service at Lake Phalen, Sunday, August 26, following Worship at FCC**

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

## **SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

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

Our last busload of kids going to camp this summer is leaving tomorrow morning. 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 is coming!!**

**On August 12** we will be collecting diapers size Newborn to Size 3, any brand. Our hopes are to distribute these diapers to new babies at First Covenant Church and to our partners, Family Values for Life. Please bring diapers to the August 12 service where there will be a collection box. Please see Lora Murtha or Donovan DeGaetano with questions.

### **Family Values for Life Back to School Event, Wednesday, August 29, 4:30-7:30pm Bruce Vento Elementary School (409 Case Avenue)**

FVFL's 8th Annual Back to School event is just around the corner and we are in need of your help to make this year a success. 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. Please visit the Welcome Center for more information, where you will also find lists of needed supplies and a barrel where you can place your donated supplies. If you have questions, contact Chrissy Thomas: BackToSchool.fvfl@gmail.com.

## **EVENTS JUST FOR YOUTH**

### **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, (incoming 7th-exiting 12th graders) Graffiti Room**

Let's study the Word of God together as a community. In August, (starting again on August 9), we will be studying Ephesians. Snacks and drinks provided. If you have questions, please contact Addin Vang, Associate Minister for Youth and Families.

# 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:

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Barb Johnson, [barbanddickjohnson@q.com](mailto:barbanddickjohnson@q.com)