

SUMMER 2018



First Covenant Church of Saint Paul

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UNITE

July 8, 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 609

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Highlight

Daisy Rain Martin Event

Scripture Reading

Numbers 12

Dale Pearson, Sarah Carpenter, Isabel Patrick, Stanley Renty, Anja Swenson

*Song

King of My Heart

"Future Faith" Challenge

Embracing the Color of the Future, Marilyn Theesfeld

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

Jesus Loves Me/Your Grace is Enough
Maisie and Sandy Whitby, piano solo and duet

Message

Obstacles to UNITE, Part 1: Jealousy
Pastor Anne Vining

*Closing Hymn 733

O God of Every Nation

*Sending Words

Postlude

My Tribute, by Andrae Crouch, arranged by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

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.

Following the Closing Hymn, please be seated for a brief Congregational Meeting.

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 accompanist Sandy Whitby for playing piano today during Pat Kohlen's absence, and to Don Pelto for leading Worship in Richard Voth'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). There are still a few chapters and weeks available. If you are interested in being one of the presenters, please contact Pastor Anne.

11:30am

Congregational Business Meeting, *Sanctuary*

You may have heard about some exciting improvement projects to the building and grounds. FCC has been approved by National Covenant Properties for a loan to fund these projects, but NCP requires a vote by the membership to ratify acceptance of the loan. We will hold a short business meeting in the Sanctuary directly after worship to vote on the loan. Please plan to stay for the short meeting, as we need a quorum of members present for the vote. Information sheets about the loan can be found at the Welcome Center.

11:40am, Fellowship Hour, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Please join us for a cup of coffee and a treat!

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

12:00pm - 1:30pm, GET ACTIVE! Flag Football, *meet in the Graffiti Room if you need a ride or meet us at Lake Phalen Picnic Shelter on the island, 1600 Phalen Drive*

(Incoming 7th thru exiting 12th grade youth)

Join us for an hour of fun and movement. Lunch provided.

MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES

Richard Voth, Minister of Worship and Creative Arts, is out of the office July 4-8. In addition, please keep Richard in your prayers as he has a knee replacement on Thursday, July 12. 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.

Kate Makosky is returning to the office on July 10, following her maternity leave. Her new role is Minister of Communications. Welcome back Kate!

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.

New Volunteer Server Schedules (July, August, Sept.) are available at the Welcome Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Help beautify our grounds: Tuesday, 7/10, Thursday, 7/12, Tuesday, 7/17, Thursday, 7/19
Starting at 9:00am on these days, 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!

Gospel Choir Rehearsals, Thursdays, July 12, July 26, 6:00-7:00pm, Choir Room
All are invited to join the Gospel Choir and rehearse together as we prepare to sing in Worship on Sunday, July 29. Questions? Contact Steve Pittman, Gospel Choir Director, steve@first-covenant.org. Schedules are available at the Welcome Center.

"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.

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. A few copies of "Torn" are available at the Welcome Center for \$10 each.

"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.

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. On Saturday, July 14, at noon, 26 youth and 4 adults are leaving from our parking lot, and will be traveling via bus to Knoxville, TN, 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 on 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.

EVENTS JUST FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Toddler Mondays, July 9 and 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. Didn't make it in June? No problem! Join us for July. Questions? Please see Lora Murtha or Donovan DeGaetano. See you tomorrow!

Messy Game Night, Wednesday, July 11, 6:30pm-8:00pm, FCC parking lot and yard Come join us for a night of fun games, squishy and gooey competitions, and incredible mess here at church! Make sure that you bring a towel (or 5!), and wear a swim suit or clothes that can get messy. Dinner provided. This is for incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders. Questions? Contact Addin Vang at addin@first-covenant.org.

Youth Bible Study, Thursdays, 7:00-8:00pm, (incoming 7th-exiting 12th graders), FCC Let's study the Word of God together as a community. We will be going through the CHIC curriculum for the months of June and July then end with going through Ephesians in August. Snacks and drinks provided. If you have questions, please contact Addin Vang, Associate Minister for Youth and Families, addin@first-covenant.org.

Summer 2018 Information Table for children and youth: Visit this table near the camp bus poster in Upper Fellowship Hall, for information about summer opportunities.

SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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.

PARTNER EVENTS

Followers of Christ Hmong Baptist Church Vacation Bible School, July 9-13, 6-9pm

First Covenant Church Youth and Children's Wing

Our building partner is hosting a Vacation Bible School and invites all children in our church and the community to attend. To register: <http://fochbaptist.org>.

Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf and La Vina de Saint Paul Farm Fresh Produce Give-Away July 13, 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. The first distribution is July 13. 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 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 Classic with the banquet - \$100.

To register: call 651-774-6663, or register on-line at familyvaluesforlife.org.

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.

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.

Sankofa – Journey Toward Racial Righteousness, September 20-23, 2018

Time is Running Out To Register for Fall Sankofa! Registration deadline is July 10th.

This is an amazing trip to southern U. S. Civil Rights sites that you do not want to miss, organized through the Evangelical Covenant Church. Information and registration is available at <https://covchurch.org/justice/racial-righteousness/sankofa>.

Please contact: susan.carlson8@gmail.com ASAP for scholarship information!

Summer Worship on the Lawn and Potluck

July 15 and August 12 at 10:30 am

Sunday, July 15, is our next 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 side dish of either a salad or fruit or veggie tray

M-Z bring a main dish

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

In case of rain, we will meet in Upper Fellowship Hall 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 on any or all of these dates, 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