

# SUMMER 2018



## First Covenant Church of Saint Paul

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# GRADUATION SUNDAY

June 3, 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 652

*This Is a Time to Remember*

\*Opening Prayer

Honoring our Graduates

\*Song of Blessing

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 119 (select verses), Graduates

\*Song

*The Word Is Alive*

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

*Consecration (John Ness Beck)*

Message

HOLD FOR A TITLE

Pastor Anne Vining

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

Ephesians 4

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Song

*What a Beautiful Name*

\*Closing Prayer and Sending Words

Postlude

*Today we thank Dawn Huso for being our guest accompanist  
during Pat Kohnen's absence.*

## 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*

**Children's Church**, Children's Church will resume in the fall.

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

**11:30am**

**Reception honoring our graduates**, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Join us as we celebrate with our recent graduates!

**11:30am**

**No Group Youth Music Lessons today**

## UPCOMING SUNDAYS

**Sunday, June 10: Outdoor Worship, 10:30am**

**Potluck following** (see insert for how you can help and what you can bring)

We will also celebrate the children who were born this past year. The families will be recognized during the worship service, and will be presented with a gift from their First Covenant Church of Saint Paul family. The Men's Saturday Bible Study will help us celebrate during the potluck, by serving a special dessert.

**Sunday, June 17: Worship, 10:30am**

**Congregational Forum, 11:45am-12:30pm**

Join us as we inform and educate about issues and updates important to our community life together as a church as well as our conference and denomination.

The annual meeting of The Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) is being held in Minneapolis the following week (June 21-23) where our new president and other key leaders will be approved. Come to learn, ask questions and pray for our future.

**Summer Worship on the Lawn**  
**June 10, July 15 and August 12 at 10:30 am**

**Sunday, June 10**, is our first 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

In celebration of our new babies, dessert will be provided and served by the Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study. Beverages will be provided as well as plates, cups, napkins and silverware.

In case of rain we will be meeting in Upper Fellowship Hall for worship and 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](mailto:richard@first-covenant.org) or  
Barb Johnson, [barbanddickjohnson@q.com](mailto:barbanddickjohnson@q.com)

## **OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

**We extend our sympathies** to the family and friends of Laurence Nelson, who passed away on his 90th birthday, on Wednesday, May 30. His Service will be held at First Covenant Church tomorrow, June 4. Visitation: 9:00am, Funeral Service: 10:00am, followed by a light lunch. There is also a Visitation tonight from 2:00-5:00pm at Anderson Funeral Home, 1401 Arcade Street, St. Paul.

**Stay connected:** Weekly worship bulletins and podcasts of each week's message 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.

**FCC Décor Team:** Did you know a new committee called the Décor Team has been formed to ensure that the overall look of our church building reflects our congregation, our vision statement, our community, and the ministry partners who share our facility? Decisions about putting up new artwork, changing colors of décor, seasonal decorating, placement of furniture, bulletin boards, etc., will go through this group to ensure the cohesiveness of how our church building presents itself. You may find items in our building have been moved around or placed in different areas. There may be some new items, pictures or artwork. Please leave them this way as it is all part of the work of this new team, which walks alongside the Building and Grounds Committee, ministry staff, and volunteer leaders. If you have any questions or comments they may be directed to Mauri Erickson, Jeannine Nordlund and Cheryl Schak.

**Jonathan House:** Thank you all for the wonderful response to our request for items for Jonathan House! To all who have volunteered to donate, please bring your items to the blue bin next to the Welcome Center. Kindness and caring are abundant in this church family!

## **EVENTS JUST FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**GET ACTIVE Tai Chi: Sundays, June 10 and 24, 12:30pm - 1:30pm**  
(incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)

We are so blessed with awesome, summer weather in Minnesota. Let's use it to our advantage and do things outside! Youth are invited to our twice a month, Get Active. During Get Active, we will be doing things such as tai chi, kickball, and more! Come and join us right after the service, for an hour of fun and movement. Lunch provided. Questions? Contact Addin Vang.

**Hero Training Camp Presents: *Amped - Live Fully Alive*, June 11-14, 2:00pm-5:00pm**  
*Phalen Rec Center, 1000 E. Wheelock Parkway*

Our summer kicks off with our 10th year of Hero Training Camp (HTC)! At HTC, children discover the hero within and learn more about the Greatest Hero of All - Jesus Christ. Each day campers will participate in fun clinics like cooking, drumming, urban gardening, dodgeball and other amazing options. Campers also get into the Bible with age-level groups and learn to live fully alive lives. More information for campers and volunteers is at the Welcome Center. Cost: \$5 per child, or \$20 per family. Scholarship funds are available. You can register online at [www.first-covenant.org](http://www.first-covenant.org). Questions? Please contact Chrissy Thomas at [Christian.familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com](mailto:Christian.familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com) or Donovan at [donovan@first-covenant.org](mailto:donovan@first-covenant.org).

## SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**CHIC Fund:** Total needed: \$26,710 to cover 28 students and 4 adult volunteers. Amount fundraised/paid already: \$18,848. Amount still needed: \$7,862. CHIC is our denomination's tri-annual youth conference held in Knoxville, TN. If you would like to donate or if you have questions, please contact Addin Vang.

**Every Kid To Camp Fund (EKTC):** Total needed: \$10,881 to send 40 children and youth to Covenant Pines Bible Camp. Amount fundraised/paid already: \$4,593. Amount still needed: \$6,288. If you would like to donate to this fund, envelopes are available by the camp bus poster in Upper Fellowship Hall. Please place the envelope in the offering plate, in the EKTC mailbox in the church office, or mail it. Checks should be payable to First Covenant Church. Questions? Contact Donovan DeGaetano or Addin Vang.

**Let's Pray! Praying for our children, youth, and families, Monday, June 4, 6:00-7:00pm**  
*FCC 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. June's focus is *children*. You can come into the sanctuary at any time during the hour and stay as long as you are able. Questions? Contact Addin Vang or Donovan DeGaetano.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**June Book Club, Wednesday, June 20th, 6:30 - 8:00pm**

*Jon and Michelle Fure's Home, 1752 Nebraska Avenue E, St. Paul*

We look forward to a meaningful discussion inspired by Rev. Dominique Gilliard's new book, *Rethinking Incarceration: Advocating for Justice That Restores*. Explore how the U. S. came to have more people incarcerated than any other country in history, Christianity's role, creative solutions, and innovative interventions. Sign-up; a limited number of books are available at the Welcome Center for \$13 each.

Contact [susan.carlson8@gmail.com](mailto:susan.carlson8@gmail.com) or 651-247-8082.

**SAVE THE DATE! FCC's Whole Church Retreat is coming soon! August 17-19**

*Covenant Pines Bible Camp, McGregor, MN*

More information to come, but please put the dates on your calendar now so you won't miss it! Cost: adult \$112, child \$56, family max. \$392 includes 2 nights lodging and 5 meals. Contact: Jim Hinrichs 858-349-3867, Christine Tharseo 651-325-1861, Benni Gilmore 763-807-2459.

**Sankofa – Journey Toward Racial Righteousness This Fall! September 20-23, 2018**

Sankofa attests that we must look at our history before we can faithfully move forward together. Travel from Chicago to historic sites of the South this fall! Connect the past to the present to understand race as a critical component of Christian discipleship and our mission locally and globally as the Church. A limited number of scholarships are available. For more information, contact [susan.carlson8@gmail.com](mailto:susan.carlson8@gmail.com) or 651-247-8082.