

LENT 2018



Sabbath: Making Space for Encountering God

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TODAY

Welcome to Worship at First Covenant Church! *Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we are glad you are here!*

9:30am

Worship

Nursery Care, (birth through age 3), *Rooms 105 & 106*

Children's Church, children pre-k through 2nd grade are dismissed with leaders during Worship and will return with leaders during communion, *Room 104*.

Resource Table for children and youth: check out this table as you enter Worship for bulletins, crayons & Bibles for children, and Confirmation worship notes.

10:30-11:00am

CHIC Fundraiser - Butter Braid Pastry Sales, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Order a Butter Braid Pastry and support our 26 senior high youth attending CHIC, our triennial youth conference. These delicious breakfast pastries are being sold TODAY only and cost \$13 each. They need to be paid for when ordered with cash or a check written out to First Covenant Church. The pastries will be available for pick up on Sunday morning, March 25 - just in time for Easter!
Questions? Contact Bill Haider, bhaider@focusfinancial.com.

Fellowship Time, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Congratulations to Jim Hinrichs and Marilyn Theesfeld who were married in our church yesterday. All are invited to celebrate with cake, coordinated by their Life Group.

10:45am-12:00pm

Beauty and the Beast Cast Party, *Lower Fellowship Hall*

All who were involved in B&B, and their families, please get your treats in Upper Fellowship Hall and join us downstairs for our cast and crew party.

11:00am-12:00pm

Nursery Care (birth through age 3), *Room 105*

Children's Sunday School, *(all start in Room 104 together)*

Please pick up your children at 12:00pm in the following rooms:

Pre-K - K, *Room 106*

Grades 3-4, *Room 104B*

Grades 1-2, *Room 104A*

Grades 5-6, *Room 201 (upstairs)*

Adult Spiritual Growth Hour, (March 4, 11, 18), 2 options:

1. Adult Lent Discussion Groups: Join us as we discuss Walter Brueggemann's "Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now" in small group discussions. Existing Life Groups which have met at church on Sundays will serve as discussion groups for our Lenten study. Those who are not a part of a Life Group but want to participate in this study can see Tom Cameron at the Welcome Center after Worship.
2. Adults not participating in a Lent Discussion Group are invited to join Joe and Paige Mann in Upper Fellowship Hall. All groups will cover the same material.

12:00-12:45pm

CHIC Update Meeting for Parents and Youth, *Lower Fellowship Hall*

Happening right after the B&B Cast Party, this is for all CHIC attendees and parents.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

The nursery needs your help! We are looking for volunteers to care for the youngest of our church family in the nursery on Sunday mornings. If you can help, please see Lora Murtha, Nursery Coordinator, or sign up at the Welcome Center.

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.

Weather Advisory Information: It's the season of ice, snow, and cold! In case Wednesday activities or Sunday Worship needs to be cancelled due to weather, alerts will be posted on the FCC website, the office voicemail, FCC Facebook, TV Channel 4, and TV Channel 9. Cancellations will be made by 3:00pm for Wednesday activities and by 6:00am for Sundays.

Pastor Anne will be out of town and unavailable March 7-18. In case of a pastoral care need or emergency, please call the church office. If afterhours, please call:

Pastor Ted Nordlund, (covering Tuesday evening, March 6-Thursday evening, March 15), 651-442-3771.

Pastor Roger Mollet, (covering Friday morning, March 16-Sunday morning, March 18), 651-236-0930.

THIS WEEK

Summer Preview Night, Wednesday, March 7, 6:15-7:30pm, First Covenant Church
Summer 2018 is almost here - are you ready? This night presents opportunities from community partners and our own Covenant Pines Bible Camp to help you think through and get signed up for your summer activities. An informational registration session for parents and caregivers, plus fun activities for children and youth (grades PreK-12th), are a part of this fantastic evening! Join us first at 5:45pm in Lower Fellowship Hall for dinner!

Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Thursday, March 8, 6:00-7:30pm, Choir Room
All are welcome to join us as we rehearse to sing in Worship on Sunday, March 11.

Jonathan House Training, Saturday, March 10, 9:00am-3:00pm

St. Stephanus Lutheran Church, 739 LaFond Avenue, St. Paul

This training is for any who are interested in volunteering at Jonathan House and working with the residents. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by March 8th to Sarah Miller at sarah@iafr.org. Full information will be available at the Welcome Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR WOMEN

Set Apart Conference for Women, March 9 and/or March 10, 8:00am- 4:30pm each day
This annual conference at *The University of Northwestern, St. Paul*, includes Christ centered teaching, workshops, insightful speakers and lunch. See FCC East Hall Women's Bulletin Board. Register yourself, and then sign your name on the Welcome Center sheet. Scholarship allowance available. If you have questions, contact Lynn Gilmore, 651-770-1536.

Renewal Conference for NW Conference Women Ministries, at Bloomington Covenant Church
Friday, March 16, 5:30pm and/or Saturday, March 17, 8:00am - 4:00pm

All women are invited to attend part or all of this weekend, featuring an intentional evangelism focus and keynote speaker Pastor March Baumann, from Crossroads Eagan Campus. Lunch is included. Registration forms and information is available at the Welcome Center or on the FCC East Hall Women's Bulletin Board.

LENT OPPORTUNITIES

Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter (not including Sundays). Lent is a time for reflection on Jesus Christ - his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial and resurrection.

Check out the Lent Resource Table in Upper Fellowship Hall to pick up Lent devotionals, our new Lent Guidebook and other resources to use as we are in the season of Lent.

Covenant World Relief works with partners around the world to meet needs of the most vulnerable people in the world. The work includes funding and resources in areas of: disaster relief, education, agriculture, clean water, health and nutrition, empowering women, microenterprise, refugee care, human trafficking prevention, and reconciliation. In partnership with the Hindustani Covenant Church, Covenant World Relief provides communion wafers produced at the Home of Hope in Pune, India. At the Home of Hope, women who have escaped the sex trafficking industry receive counseling, care, and job training including making communion wafers, which we are using in our Sacrament of Communion today. Prepare to give to CWR on Easter Sunday, April 1.

Easter Memorials gifts are used to purchase flowering plants that beautify our sanctuary for Worship on Easter Sunday. The smaller flowers will be delivered to our homebound friends following Easter, and are a blessing to them. If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one, please provide their name(s) along with a financial gift (cash or a check written out to First Covenant Church) in an envelope. Place your envelope in the offering plate or bring to the church office by Sunday, March 25. Envelopes are available at the Welcome Center. All names received by March 25 will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

Adopt-a-Cop participants: We have the opportunity to send our St. Paul police officers an Easter greeting in March. Please have your note of encouragement in the Adopt-a-Cop mailbox in the church office by next Sunday, March 11. Thanks for your continued prayers! For more information: Jan Mollet, Coordinator, rjmollet@gmail.com, 651-329-1221.

CELEBRATING BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Thank you to all those who helped in any way with last weekend's performances of Beauty and the Beast, and to all the youth who used their talents so well. Despite the snow storm on Saturday, over 900 guests attended during the three nights. Extra B&B programs are available in the east end kiosk.

Beauty and the Beast DVD's: sign up at the Welcome Center to order a DVD of Beauty and the Beast. Each DVD costs \$10, which will help support future musicals. Please pay with cash or a check written out to First Covenant Church. Thanks for your support!

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.