

SPRING 2018



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PENTECOST AND CELEBRATION SUNDAY

May 20, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

Acts 2 - Drama

*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 514

Come, Spirit Come

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Celebrating the Holy Spirit at Work in the Lives of our Children

Scripture Reading

I Timothy 6:17-19, Isaiah Theesfeld

John 5:19, Louden DeGaetano

*Songs

*Holy Spirit You Are Welcome Here
Spirit Break Out*

Celebrating the Holy Spirit at Work bringing Clean Water to the DR of Congo

Roger Valois

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

The Gift of Love (arr. Hal H. Hopson)
Monica Holm, soprano soloist, Sandy Whitby, piano

*Children in grades pre-k through 2nd grade are invited to continue worshipping in
Children's Church. After the offertory, please meet the teachers in the back of the Sanctuary.*

Message

From Overspent to Overflowing

Pastor Anne Vining

*Closing Hymn 633, vs 1,2,4

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*Sending Words

Postlude

*Today we thank Sandy Whitby 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! Please join us for a cup of coffee and a treat during the celebration.

In Worship this morning, the following 2nd graders are receiving the NIV Adventure Bible: Joyce David, Loudon DeGaetano, and Isaiah Theesfeld.

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 the closing hymn, *Room 104*

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

As you leave Worship today:

Please drop your 2018-2019 Commitment to Give Card in the basket with an usher. If you need a commitment packet, they are available at the Welcome Center. Prayerfully consider your financial support of First Covenant; your commitment enables our ministries to move forward. Thank you to those who have already returned their card. Questions? Contact Rachel Hanks, Financial Secretary, rachelhanks11@gmail.com.

Following Worship:

All are invited to join us in Upper Fellowship Hall as we have our end-of-the-year Generous Giving and Living Celebration for all ages including special treats and recognitions. We have much to celebrate and to be grateful for!

Thank you to our Jazz Band Participants: Bryan Norris, Stanley Renty, Richard Voth, Janet McClellan, Savannah McClellan, Ryan Jacobson, Elijah Lokensgard-Wallace, Ted Ryden, Don Pelto, Sandy Whitby, Nate Stromberg, Erik Haider and Doug Jacobson.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Sunday, May 27: 10:30am Summer Worship Time begins

- Join us as we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Annika Carlson, Micah Makosky and Anna Mann.

Sunday, June 3: Graduation Sunday, Sacrament of Holy Communion

- **Honoring graduates** - we will be celebrating with those from our congregation who graduated from High School, college, graduate or other course work during the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact Addin Vang, addin@first-covenant.org by May 27 with the names of graduates.

- **Graduate Bibles** - each of our high school graduates receives an NIV Study Bible as their graduation gift from FCC. Help them celebrate their milestone by highlighting or underlining meaningful verses for each graduate. The Bibles are on tables in Upper Fellowship Hall. The deadline to have this completed is next Sunday, May 27.

Sunday, June 10: First Outdoor Worship Service with Potluck following.

- We will also celebrate the babies born within our church in the past year.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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.

SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Every Kid To Camp Fund (EKTC): Our goal this year is to send 40 campers to Covenant Pines. With the average cost of sending one camper at \$272, we need to raise \$10,881.00. Currently we have raised \$4,297.61 with a need of \$6,583.39. 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. Your gift will make a huge difference in the life of a child or youth. Questions? Please 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 any time during the hour and stay as long as you are able. Questions? Contact Addin Vang or Donovan DeGaetano.

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. Questions? Please contact Chrissy Thomas at Christian.familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com or Donovan at donovan@first-covenant.org.

First Covenant Church Scholarship Fund: Again this year, First Covenant Church is participating with North Park University, North Park Theological Seminary, and Bethel University in their church scholarship matching grant programs to help FCC students attending these institutions with their tuition costs. NPU will match FCC scholarships up to \$500 per year, NPTS will match up to \$500 per semester or \$1000 per year, and Bethel will match up to \$1000 per semester or \$2000 per year. Contributions are tax deductible, and must be received by June 30th in order to be used for the 2018-19 academic year. All checks should be written to "First Covenant Church", and designate in the memo line whether it is for the North Park scholarship fund or the Bethel scholarship fund. Contributions cannot be earmarked for a specific student.

If you have any questions ask Executive Pastor Tom Cameron.

CALENDAR UPDATES

Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf (which is housed at FCC), will be closed on Saturday, May 26.

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day.

First Covenant Church *Unite* Summer Calendars were handed out last Sunday. Please make sure you have your own copy to stay informed of all the events happening this summer. Calendars are available in the east entry kiosk.

PARTNER UPDATES

Alateen is starting a new group at First Covenant Church! Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00pm
Game Room

Alateen is a program for teens whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. Starting May 22nd, an Alateen group will be meeting here at FCC. If you are interested in learning more about Alateen, or if you are interested in being an adult who presides at Alateen meetings you are welcome. Please contact Mike O'Neil if you have questions: mjloneil@gmail.com, 651-698-0375. FCC also hosts an Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, (AA) that meets on the same night and time in the Graffiti Room.

Appreciation Breakfast for Farnsworth Lower Campus and Staff: First Covenant Church and Family Values for Life partnered on Thursday, May 10 to show our appreciation to our local elementary school. Volunteers from the After School Program, FCC and FVFL provided the staff with a continental breakfast as they arrived at school.

Jonathan House Update: Today through June 30 we will be collecting supplies for our friends at Jonathan House. Jonathan House is the white house across the parking lot, which provides housing for three asylum-seekers. Stop by the Welcome Center to indicate on the list what you are able to donate. Please drop off your donations in the blue tub next to the Welcome Center. Thank you for your help with this great outreach effort! If you have questions, contact Louise Wilson, louise-wilson@bethel.edu.

House needed: Are you or someone you know planning to sell a home in the near future? Jen and Josh Levin, who oversee Jonathan House, are looking to buy. Because the market is so tight, it would be helpful to get connected before the house goes up for sale. Please contact Jeannine Nordland for more details, jeanninenordlund@gmail.com.

A request from Karl and Sue Peterson, missionaries to Mexico:

"We are getting ready for our return to Mexico City, aiming to leave the last week of August. We are looking for people, businesses or churches that have storage space for our Minnesota belongings: some furniture, boxes, and plastic tubs of housewares, clothes, etc. We estimate that all the stuff would fit in half of a bedroom, or an area of 8X10. While we would prefer an indoor climate-controlled space, like a basement or attic, our stuff has survived an unheated garage. We are anticipating being in Mexico for at least two years, most likely three. If you know of someone, please help us make the connection with them. They can email us at karl-sue.peterson@covchurch.org, or call Karl at 952-658-9423. Gracias!"