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LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND. IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST, IT IS NOT PROUD.
IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS, IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING, IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED,
IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS.

LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. IT ALWAYS PROTECTS,
ALWAYS TRUSTS, ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS PERSEVERES. LOVE NEVER FAILS.

I CORINTHIANS 13:4-8A

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 30, 2016

9:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Greeting

Please complete the connect card and place in the offering plate.

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Hymn 464

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Matthew 23: 1-12

Don Pelto

Ministry Highlight

Union Gospel Mission Thanksgiving Grocery Bag Drive

Jennifer Penwell

*Songs

Hope Will Rise

Your Grace Is Enough

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Sue Peterson

Choral Offertory

Christ, the One Foundation (Mary McDonald)

Brass Ensemble

*Children in grades Pre-K through 2nd grade are invited to continue worshipping in Children's Church.
Please meet the teachers in the back of the Sanctuary after the offertory.*

Walk the Talk
Pastor Anne Vining

*Closing Hymn 408

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Recognition of Ministry Team

Dave Brand

*Sending Words

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress (arr. Jan Bender)

Prayer Time for health and wholeness is offered in the Prayer Chapel following Worship.

TODAY

Welcome to Worship at First Covenant Church! *Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we are glad you are here. The connect card in your bulletin provides a way to give or receive information, or to ask for prayer. Many are already part of our e-mail communication. If you would like to receive periodic church updates electronically, please indicate this on your connect card. Place your completed connect card in the offering plate.*

Today is Reformation Sunday when we commemorate Martin Luther's posting of the 95 Theses on the Wittenburg door which stated the abuses of the church in his time (16th century). At the heart of the Reformation movement is the Good News that by grace through faith in Jesus Christ we are justified and set free to live full and abundant lives. The reformers were committed to bringing the Gospel back to the center of the church's mission with focus (personally and corporately) on: faithfulness to the Gospel freedom in Christ, grounded in the love of Christ.

9:30am

Worship, Sanctuary

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

Children's Church, children pre-k - 2nd grade are dismissed with leaders during Worship and will return with leaders during the final song of Worship, *Room 104*

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

At the end of Worship today, we will be taking a congregational vote for Doug Jacobson as Financial Officer on the Leadership Team.

10:30am

Fellowship Time, Upper Fellowship Hall

October is Clergy Appreciation Month. Today our Ministry Team is being recognized in Worship and with a reception following. To show your appreciation, please sign the card in Upper Fellowship Hall.

10:40am

Youth Group Music Lessons, Graffiti Room

11:00am

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)

Youth Sunday School (grades 7-12), Graffiti Room

Confirmation, Game Room

Adult Spiritual Growth Hour (please see insert for CBE information)

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

All Saints Day will be observed next Sunday during our worship service as we remember loved ones and friends who have gone before us. Before the service begins you will have an opportunity to place a lit candle at the front of the sanctuary in memory of someone special to you (candles will be available in the back of the sanctuary). During the service we will remember those within our church family who have joined the Church Triumphant within the past year.

Daylight Saving ends! Remember to set your clock back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Thanks to Janet McClellan for transposing the saxophone parts in order to have our saxophone players participate in the Brass Ensemble this morning. Thanks also to Seth Erickson, our guest musician, joining the Brass Ensemble playing trombone.

Thanksgiving Food Bags - Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities ministers to men, women and children who are experiencing homelessness, battling addiction and stuck in poverty. First Covenant Church is participating again this year in UGM's Thanksgiving Food Drive to help make Thanksgiving dinner a reality for families. Please consider donating a bag of groceries containing all of the items listed on today's bulletin insert. Our goal is to donate 250 bags to UGM. Please provide your own bag this year and return the filled bags to FCC by November 13. Thank you! For more information, please contact Jennifer Penwell: jenpenwell@comcast.net.

Stay connected: Stop by the Welcome Center to order a CD of any worship service. November/December FCC calendars are now available at the Welcome Center and the east entry kiosk. Weekly worship bulletins and podcasts can be found on the church website under the Worship and Arts tab.

First Covenant Church will be a polling site on November 8. This is one more tangible way that we are using our building in service to our community.

Meal Ministry: Would you like to be added to a list of people who would like to serve others by taking them a meal? If you have ever had surgery, a serious illness, had a baby, or have been challenged by other changing life situations, you know how much a meal is appreciated. When a need comes up, you will be asked to provide a meal and you can choose when and how often to help. If interested, there is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center. Questions? Call the church office.

COMMUNITY BIBLE EXPERIENCE

Today in Adult Spiritual Growth Hour we continue our Community Bible Experience small group discussions of last week's New Testament readings. If you are not currently in a group, please see Janet Peterson in Upper Fellowship Hall, or stop by the Welcome Center if you have questions.

Readings for this next week (Week 6):

Monday, 10/31 pages 291-297

Tuesday, 11/1 pages 297-309

Wednesday, 11/2 pages 311-318

Thursday, 11/3 pages 319-334

Friday, 11/4 pages 334-350

Resources to help you in your Bible reading are available on the library book shelves in Upper Fellowship Hall, under "Resources for our Life Together". If you would like to listen to daily recordings of the Community Bible Experience, CDs are available at the Welcome Center. There is no charge.

THIS WEEK

In It Together: Community Prayer Gathering, Wednesday, November 2, 6:15pm

First Covenant Church, Upper Fellowship Hall

Several churches and local partners will come together for dinner and a time of sharing and prayer for East St. Paul and our nation. Regular children's programming will be provided for birth through 6th grade; 5th and 6th graders are encouraged to attend with their families. Seventh graders through adults will share in a time of worship, relevant discussion, and prayer as we seek God for healing and unity.

5:45-6:15pm: Dinner in Lower Fellowship Hall

6:15 - 7:30pm: Prayer Gathering and children's programs. There is no cost to attend.

Gospel Choir Rehearsal, Thursdays, November 3 and 17, 6:00pm, Choir Room

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Gospel Choir rehearsals this month in preparation for singing in Worship on Sunday, November 20. CD's are available at the Welcome Center.

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, November 5, 8:00-9:30am, Upper Fellowship Hall

All men, young and old are invited to gather for our monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast. We will share a meal, study a text from the Bible, and pray for one another.

For more information, contact Aaron Bryant at aaronpbryant@me.com.

LOOKING AHEAD

Adventurous Christians Ministry Fundraising Banquet, Saturday, November 12, 6pm

Salem Covenant Church, New Brighton, MN

Join us for this annual fundraising dinner in support of our Covenant rustic retreat center in Grand Marais, MN. Your gifts will support AC's on-going ministry to people of all ages with a desire to seek God in the wilderness.

6:00pm: Gathering Time, 6:30pm: Dinner with program and Silent Auction following.

For more information or to RSVP: adventurouschristians.org.

Como Family Farewell, Sunday, November 13, Worship and Fellowship Hour

Join us in Worship, and for a reception following, as we celebrate and send the Comos on their Missionary Journey to Haiti. For more information, go to our website, and click on Local & Global, then Global Partners.

Musical *Oliver* Parents Informational Meeting, Wednesday, November 16, 7 - 7:30pm

Lower Fellowship Hall

Parents and guardians of children grades 1-6, please plan to attend this important meeting.

Men's Retreat, November 18-20, Covenant Pines Bible Camp, McGregor, MN

Do you need to separate yourself from the routine, turn down the volume of the world, speak authentically with other men and eat good food? Join men from across the Twin Cities at Covenant Pines for "Man Camp". The speaker for the weekend is Steve Wiens, founder of Genesis Covenant Church. For more information, contact:

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