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LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND. IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES NOT BOAST, IT IS NOT PROUD.

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WELCOME SUNDAY

September 11, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Call to Worship in Song

Gather The People (Stan Pethel)
Instrumental Ensemble (arr. Janet McClellan)

Greeting

Please complete the connect card and place in the offering.

Invitation to Worship

Scripture Reading

Romans 15:1-6
Ana Matos

*Opening Song

Ancient Words

*Opening Prayer

ACT 1: God's Intention

*Responding in Song - Hymn 61 vs1

Praise to the Lord

ACT 2: Exile

Responding in Confession

Selection 907 in Hymnal

ACT 3: Calling Israel to a Mission

Responding in Lament

ACT 4: The Surprising Victory of Jesus

*Responding in Song

In Christ Alone

Please remain seated until led to stand.

Responding as Resurrection People

Welcoming New Members

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Offertory

Whole Church Retreat Video Highlights

ACT 5: The Renewed People of God

*Song

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Please remain seated until led to stand.

ACT 6: God Comes Home

*Sending Words

Postlude

Rejoice the Lord is King (Arr. Lloyd Larson)

*All who are able are invited to stand

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.

This morning we would like to thank the following people:

Kevin Whitby, theatre artist and story teller
Jason Huso and Alaina Sandau, readers in the drama of the Bible
Alan Sandau, video taping of the service
Tiffany Kline, taking photos of the service
DD Peterson, creating the Whole Church Retreat slide show

10:30am

Worship, Sanctuary

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

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.

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

11:30am

BBQ/ Potluck Lunch

All are welcome to stay, whether or not you were able to bring food to share. We will be serving from the Game and Graffiti Rooms and will be eating on the south lawn.

*Thank you to Barb Johnson and Deb Carlson for coordinating this summer's potlucks!

FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Fellowship Hour

10:40am: Youth Group Music Lessons Resume

11:00am: Spiritual Growth Hour for all ages

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Stay connected: Stop by the Welcome Center to order a CD of any worship service at no charge. Weekly worship bulletins and podcasts can be found on the church website under the Worship and Arts tab.

FCC September/October calendars are now available at the Welcome Center and on our church website.

Annual Meeting - If you missed our Annual Meeting last week, there are copies of the Annual Report at the Welcome Center. Please - one per family. Thank you to Rachel Luchsinger, Alan Sandau and Josh Holm for video taping interviews and a special thank you to Jason Huso for video taping interviews as well as editing all the videos.

Our sanctuary organ is not being used because it is in the process of being repaired.

Congratulations and prayers of blessing and praise go out to Pastor Kyliah Clarke Villa, as she started her new job at Crosstown Covenant Church, as Pastor of Discipleship and Outreach, on Tuesday, September 6th. Pastor Kyliah, her husband John, and children Samantha, Andreu, and Silas, have been attending First Covenant Church for the past 4 years. Please sign the card for Pastor Kyliah and her family at the table outside.

FCC Golf Event, Saturday, September 17, 1:00pm, Oak Glen Golf Course, Stillwater, MN
If interested, sign up as an individual or as a group at the Welcome Center, or contact Bryan Norris, Norris.Bryan@gmail.com.

FCC SUPPORTING OUR PARTNER, FAMILY VALUES FOR LIFE

FVFL's Harvest Celebration, "Casting OUR Nets, Saving OUR Community"
Thursday, October 13, Reception: 5:30pm, Dinner: 7:00pm
Hamline University, Anderson Center, St. Paul, MN

We are invited to support our ministry partner in this annual fundraising event. The evening includes a silent auction, testimonials and keynote guest speaker Dr. Charles Morgan, President of Union Gospel Mission. Cost: \$50/ticket. Pick up a postcard at the Welcome Center. For more information: www.familyvaluesforlife.org, or 651-774-6663.

FCC SUPPORTING THE PETERSONS

Karl, Sue, Zachary, and Jonathan Peterson, missionaries to Mexico City, are living in the Twin Cities for their one year home assignment and need our assistance in getting settled. Here are two ways that you can help:

1. Provide pantry items to help stock their kitchen. There are still a few more items listed at the Welcome Center. If you signed up to bring items, please drop them off by today, or as soon as possible.
2. Donate a reliable car for Karl to use as he travels the upper Midwest to Covenant churches to share about their work in Mexico. Contact Bryan Norris at norris.bryan@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY KICK OFF, SEPTEMBER 14

There is something for everyone on Wednesdays. Please join us to discover what is offered!

9:30-11:00am: Adult Bible Study

4:30-5:45pm: Handbells

5:45-6:15pm: Dinner

6:15-7:30pm: Open House for children, youth and families and Jump Start Choir

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE, (STARTING SEPTEMBER 21)

9:30-11:00am: Adult Bible Study

4:00-5:45pm: The After School Program

4:30-5:45pm: Handbells

5:45-6:15pm: Dinner

6:15-7:30pm: Nursery Care, Little, Big and Super G's (children birth - 6th grade)

Youth Group (grades 7-12)

Jump Start (adults)

Choir

Wednesday Night Dinner help needed, 5:15-7:30pm. Do you have a few hours once or twice a month when you could help with prep, serving and clean up, along with our partner Loaves and Fishes, for our Wednesday dinners? Please contact Judy Kline, judy@first-covenant.org.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE WEEK

Adult Bible Study, Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am (new class beginning on September 14)

Upper Fellowship Hall

This fall, Dick and Barb Johnson will be leading us on the Book of Acts. All are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings for coffee and treats, singing, Bible Study and prayer.

Community Bible Study, Thursdays, 9:15-11:15am (new class beginning on September 15)

First Covenant Church

You are invited to join a year-long study of the Book of Matthew. Matthew wrote to prove that Jesus's life and ministry fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah: Jesus is indeed the long-awaited Jewish Messiah, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Immanuel, God with us! CBS is for everyone, regardless of age, denomination, gender or Bible Knowledge. Contact Jill Weiss (StPaulCBS@gmail.com) for more information, or pick up a postcard at the Welcome Center.

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Sanctuary Choir: Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30pm

Worship Team: Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm

Handbells: Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 4:30-5:45pm, beginning on September 14.

Youth Group Music Lessons: Rehearsals are Sundays, 10:40-11:00am, beginning on September 18.

Gospel Choir: Rehearsals are every other Thursday, 6:00-7:00pm, beginning on September 22.

All are welcome, no experience is necessary. If interested in joining any of these groups, please contact Richard Voth, richard@first-covenant.org.

SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

AT FIRST COVENANT CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL

Sign up and learn more about opportunities to



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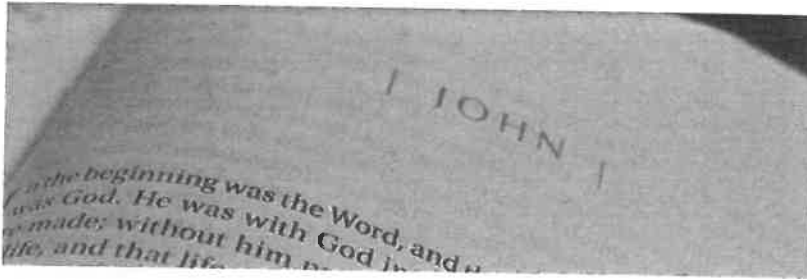
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Join us at our
Open House
Wednesday, September 14
to learn more
about opportunities
starting this fall.

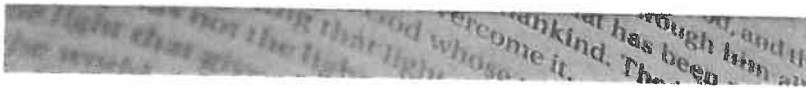
5:45pm - Dinner for All
from Loaves & Fishes

6:15pm - Open House
begins for all ages -
children, youth and adults





New Testament reading plan



Our journey through the New Testament starts next week!

For eight weeks, First Covenant Church will read from *The Books of the Bible*. We'll read around 12 pages a day, five days a week (Monday–Friday). And we'll gather in small groups to share the journey.

There will be a table in Upper Fellowship Hall where you can purchase for \$5.00 a copy of *The Books of the Bible*. Also, please sign up for a discussion group if you are not already in a Life Group.

Be sure to download your copy of the Reader's Guide and sign up for daily email updates. You can also download eBook and mp3 audio versions of *The Books of the Bible: New Testament*. Access your digital resources at CovChurch.org/CBE.



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