



FALL 2018
First Covenant Church of Saint Paul

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WAKE UP!

September 16, 2018

9:30 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 681

I Love to Tell the Story

* Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Highlight

Como Family, Missionaries to Honduras

Scripture Reading

John 10:22-42, Sharla Scullen, Dick Johnson
Psalm 82, Michelle Fure

*Songs

*Ancient Words
The Word Is Alive*

Prayer of the People

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

Everlasting Light (O.C. Christiansen)

*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

WAKE UP..... to the Power of Scripture
Pastor Anne Vining

*Closing Hymn 536

Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken

*Sending Words

Postlude

*Stand as you are able

*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.*

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 Fellowship Time.

We are grateful to have the Como Family with us today!

As missionaries sent from our own FCC congregation, the Como family currently serves with the Christian Health Service Corp at the Loma de Luz Hospital in Balfate, Honduras.

9:30am

Worship

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

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 last song, *Room 104*

10:30am - 11:00am

Fellowship Time, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

10:35am - 11:00am

Youth Group Music Lessons, *Graffiti Room*, (please see Richard Voth with questions).

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)*

Confirmation (Gr. 7-8), *Game Room*

Youth (Gr. 9-12), *Graffiti Room*

Questions about children? Please see Donovan DeGaetano,
Minister to Children and Families

Questions about youth? Please see Addin Vang, Minister to Youth and Families

Questions about Confirmation? Please see Kate Makosky, Minister of Communication

Adult Spiritual Growth Hour, *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Join us after Worship during Spiritual Growth Hour for a special missions update from Jason and Lisa Como. The Como's arrived in Honduras last September and will reflect upon their experience as a family living in rural Honduras and serving Christ. For the past year Jason has served as a physician and Lisa in administration. Stick around. You won't want to miss it!

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

THANK YOU to all who helped make last Sunday's first Welcome Sunday Block Party Community BBQ a huge success! Together, our church family, partners in ministry, and our community shared a BBQ lunch, fellowship, live music, and games across the street at the Farnsworth School playground. Approximately 400 people were served - many came from our neighborhood. Our partner, La Vina, provided and grilled 700 pieces of meat! Your willingness to volunteer and to attend is so appreciated. This was a great way to begin fall programs and to connect with our community – both within and without our church walls. Thanks to all - you make a difference!

Stay connected: Weekly worship bulletins 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 or Adult Spiritual Growth Hour.

Congregational Meeting September 30: We will be having a brief congregational meeting immediately following Worship on Sunday, September 30th. All members please plan to remain in the sanctuary following worship to vote on a new Leadership Team member for a 3-year term. Thank you!

WEDNESDAYS AT FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

Wednesday Morning Bible Study, weekly, 9:30am-11:00am

Upper Fellowship Hall

All are invited to enjoy coffee, conversation, friendships and a Bible study on the Gospel of Mark. Be renewed and encouraged as we study Jesus in action as He overcomes storms, feeds multitudes, and offers victory over death. Led by Dick and Barb Johnson.

RELAUNCH: WELCOME WEDNESDAY, First full Wednesday evening of programming!

Wednesday, September 19, 4:00pm-7:30pm

4:00pm, The After School Program (K-12th Grade)

4:30pm, Handbell Choir Rehearsal

5:45pm, Free Dinner for all, provided by Loaves and Fishes

6:15pm

- Nursery (birth-age 3)
- Big G's Neighborhood (preK-6th grade)
- Youth Group (7th-12th grade)
- "Inspired" Bible Study (adults) see below for more information
- Jump Start to The New You (adult women)
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (adults)

"Inspired" Bible Study, weekly on Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30pm

Sanctuary Prayer Chapel

Using Rachel Held's "Inspired" as our jumping off point, we gather together to re-engage with the story of God. Bring your questions, doubts, love, or fears around the Bible and be inspired by the Word of God as we learn together. Co-led by Pastor Anne and Kate Makosky.

Today, Kate will be at a table in Upper Fellowship Hall to answer questions and sell the book. Cost is \$10; please pay with cash or a check written out to First Covenant Church.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Community Bible Study, Thursdays, weekly, 9:15am-11:15am

First Covenant Church

For over 40 years, in over 60 languages and more than 85 countries, Community Bible Study's mission has been to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in our communities through caring, in-depth Bible study, available to all. This year's Bible Study will be the books of Galatians, Philemon, 1,2 and 3 John, Jude, 1&2 Timothy and Titus. CBS is for everyone, regardless of age, denomination, gender or Bible knowledge. For more information: stpaul.cbsclass.org.

Fall Golf Outing, Saturday, September 22, 12:00pm

River Oaks Golf Course, 11900 US-61, Cottage Grove, MN 55016

All are invited to a golf outing (scramble format). Sign up at the Welcome Center individually or as a group. Questions? Contact Bryan Norris, norris.bryan@gmail.com.

BUILDING COMMUNITY - MORE PEOPLE KNOWING MORE PEOPLE

Adult Spiritual Growth Hour, Sundays, September 23, 30, October 14, 11:00am-12:00pm

Upper Fellowship Hall

Together we will explore how small groups can further our mission by making a positive difference in each of our lives and strengthening our connections with one another. Questions? See Dave Brand or Barb Johnson.

Cancer Support Group, Saturday, September 29, 10:00 - 11:30am

Upper Fellowship Hall

Gain support and understanding with others on the journey with cancer as we pray for and share with each other. For more information or if you have questions, contact Jorge Martinez, jorge.martinez@wilsontool.com.

For more information on upcoming events, pick up a Wake Up! Fall Guidebook at the east entry kiosk or at the Welcome Center.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

ADOPT-A-COP: Thank you to everyone who is praying and writing notes to our Saint Paul Police Officers. Each time the notes are delivered to the East District we get a big "thank you" from the Commander. We have a few officers who need someone to pray for them. If you are interested in this ministry, please let me know and we will assign an officer to you.

Jan Mollet, Adopt-A-Cop Coordinator, rjmollet@gmail.com

Calling all Junior and Senior High youth!

If you love to play with kids, this is the opportunity for you. The nursery needs your help! We are looking for 2 volunteers each Sunday from 9:15-11:00am, for a commitment of once every 4-6 weeks. Please see Lora Murtha or Donovan DeGaetano for more info or to sign up.

Nursery Volunteer Training, Saturday, September 29, 9:00-11:00am, Nursery

For all current and interested nursery volunteers: join us as we discuss the new nursery curriculum and procedures, and welcome new volunteers. Questions? Contact Lora Murtha, lora@first-covenant.org.