



me 2.0\*

# spring 2012 newsletter

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**\*discovering God's best version of me**

# a message from anne

me 2.0\*

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation:*

*The old has gone, the new is here!*

written by the Apostle Paul, recorded in II Corinthians 5: 17

We've just celebrated the greatest miracle of all time. Because of an empty tomb that first Easter morning, all who seek to follow Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, know the power of forgiveness, the hope of eternity and the promise of new beginnings. We are no longer defined by what we have or have not done—because of Jesus Christ's victory over death, we are new creations.

I never tire of hearing this astounding news—not because I don't like the “me” God has uniquely created but because it reminds me of the ongoing good work God is doing in my life. Many of my rough edges continue to be refined through the power of God's Spirit and I catch a glimpse of who I am becoming. Sometimes it's two steps forward and three back. Yes, I still, far too often, speak before thinking, but I can look back on the past twenty, ten, even five years and see that I'm better than I used to be—thanks be to God! I continue growing into ***God's best version of me!***

John Ortberg does a great job of reminding his readers in his book, The Me I Want to Be: ***“The most important task of your life is not what you do, but who you become...”*** Ironically, becoming this person will never happen if my primary focus is on me, just as no one becomes happy if their main goal is to be happy. God made [us] to flourish, but flourishing never happens by looking out for ‘number one’. It is tied to a grander and nobler vision. The world badly needs wise and flourishing human beings, and we are called to bring God's wisdom and glory to the world. The truth is, those who flourish always bring blessing to others—and they can do so in the most unexpected and humble circumstances.”

This Spring we'll be focusing on Sunday mornings, in worship and the 11am spiritual growth hour, on “*discovering God's best version of me*”. During worship we'll be looking at who we are within the context of how we uniquely connect to God and how this relationship is strengthened and deepened. During the 11am hour we'll be looking at what we do best, what we value, and what drives our perspectives and priorities.

Whatever your age or life place, it is important that we make time to look at who we are—the talents, perspectives, abilities and interests unique to each of us, for the purpose of better understanding our place in this world. I encourage you to make it a priority to join us in this discovery of ***God's best version of you and me!***

Pastor Anne

# worship series

## **APRIL 15**

Psalm 139

II Corinthians 5:16-17

The Life We Were Created For

Reverend Ted Nordlund, preaching  
Every Kid To Camp introduction

## **APRIL 22**

I Samuel 17

Becoming the Real Me

Baptism of Piyada Vlach

## **APRIL 29**

Philippians 3:7-11; 4:8-9

Barriers/Obstacles to Becoming Me  
Adopt-A-Cop faith witness

## **MAY 6**

Communion Sunday

Galatians 2:15-21

Colossians 3:1-4

What Really Matters

## **MAY 13 – MOTHER’S DAY**

Matthew 13:44-46

WE Matter to God

Baptism of Wyatt Krejce

## **MAY 20**

Confirming Our Faith Sunday

## **MAY 27 – MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

Pentecost Sunday

## **JUNE 3**

Graduation Sunday

Kate Makosky, preaching

# children: infant-4th grade

## weekly schedule (thru May 16)

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

- 4:00 - 5:45pm After-School Program (starts in *Game Room 102*)
- 5:45 - 6:15pm Dinner
- 6:15 - 7:45pm Nursery care for infants to age 4 (*Jungle Room 106*)
- 6:15 - 7:45pm Children's Programs for grades K-4 (*Lower Fellowship Hall*)

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

- 9:00am - noon Nursery care for infants to age 4 (*Nursery Room 105*)
- during worship Children's Church
  - PreK and K (*Jungle Room 106*)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders (*Garden Room 104a*)
- 11:00am - noon Sunday School
  - PreK and K (*Jungle Room 106*)
  - 1st through 4th graders (*Garden Room 104a*)

## special events

### MOONLIGHT MADNESS (Grades K – 4)

Friday, April 20, 6:30 - 8:00pm

**Crazy Hair Day!** “The very hairs on your head are all numbered.” Matthew 10:30  
Come with the craziest most bizarre hairdo you can imagine (and your parents will allow!) to play games like “Lice in the Hair” a guessing contest of how many hairs on the puppet’s head, and a lesson on how God cares for us.

### SPRING SWING & FLING

Wednesday, May 23, 6:00 - 8:00pm

Join us for dinner, games, inflatables, and entertainment in our parking lot! A nurse will also be available to sign Covenant Pines health forms. This night we will come together as a community to round out the program year and look forward to the great summer ahead.

for more information contact our Children's Minister, Colleen Deery x20 or [colleen@first-covenant.org](mailto:colleen@first-covenant.org)

# youth: 5th-12th grades

## weekly schedule (through May 16)

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

4:00 - 5:45pm After-School Program (starts in *Game Room 102*)  
5:00 - 6:00pm The Confirmation Journey for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders (*Room 201*)  
5:45 - 6:15pm Dinner for youth and their families (*Upper Fellowship Hall*)  
6:15 - 7:45pm **50Six** for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders (*Room 201*). Join other tweens to study God's Word and grow through games and conversation.  
**Youth Group** for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders (*Graffiti & Game Rooms*). Join a community of peers and mentors in faith and life. Small groups, games, worship and teaching are all parts of our time together each week.

### SUNDAY MORNINGS (note: goes through Sunday, May 13)

11:00am - 12:00pm **50Six Sunday School** for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders (*Room 201*). Join other tweens just like you as we explore what the Bible says about school, responsibility and friendships.  
**Junior High Sunday School** for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders (*Game Room*). We are learning about what it means to follow Jesus with our lives and in our families.  
**Senior High Sunday School** for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders (*Graffiti Room*). We are talking about dating, relationships and sex this spring. Come with your questions and thoughts as we learn together what God teaches us on this subject.

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders)

Sundays, April 15 and May 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 - 1:30pm  
*Lower Fellowship Hall*

We meet monthly for lunch and to grow as leaders. The next two meetings will be focused on preparing for our spring big event. Lunch is provided. Cost: \$5.

## special events

### GRAND SLAM (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders)

Friday, April 13, 6:30 - 10:30pm

*Meets at and returns to First Covenant Church of Saint Paul*

Ready for unlimited Lazer Tag, Mini Golf, Krazy Kars and more? Sign up on the youth bulletin board by **Wednesday, April 11** to save your spot for a trip to Grand Slam in Burnsville! Your cost gets you everything listed above, plus a few tokens for games, batting cages and a snack. Cost: \$7.

for more information contact our Youth Minister, Kate Makosky x18 or [kate@first-covenant.org](mailto:kate@first-covenant.org)

# youth: 5th-12th grades

## **7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LOCK IN** (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

Friday, April 13 (10:30pm) - Saturday, April 14 (9:00am)

*First Covenant Church of Saint Paul*

Stick around after our Grand Slam night out for a great night in! Plan on attending for fun, food and friends as we grow and learn together!

## **YOUTH TALENT SHOW** (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders)

Friday, May 11, 6:30 - 9:30pm

*First Covenant Church of Saint Paul*

Come one, come all to one of the greatest shows on Earth. This great night features YOU as the main event! Sponsored by our student leaders, this evening of fun, food, crafts to buy and laughter to be had will help raise funds for CHIC. Can you sing? Dance? Tell jokes or contort your body? Sign-ups on the youth bulletin board are coming soon! Cost: \$5

## **CHIC (Covenant High In Christ)**

From July 14-21, 27 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders and adult leaders from First Covenant will be spending an amazing week at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, at CHIC. CHIC (Covenant High In Christ) is a triennial youth conference for the Evangelical Covenant Church. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity includes transformative speakers, inspiring worship, hands-on learning activities, opportunities that can't be replicated elsewhere and more! But we need YOUR help to make this incredible experience possible!

### **FUNDRAISING UPDATES:**

2012 has brought two successful fundraisers for our CHIC team!

Our February **Cinnamon Roll Sale** raised \$651.75!

Then, on Palm Sunday, over 250 people joined us for our **Palm Sunday Pancake Brunch**! This great event raised \$1,237.86 and was a great celebration for all who attended. There are many to thank for the great morning: Kay Jacobson and Janet McClellan for their organization and leadership; the incredible team of parents and youth who set up, served and cleaned up; and Chee Lee and others who made the delicious egg rolls—of course, thanks to all who came out for the brunch!

### **CHIC SILENT AUCTION AND DESSERT**

Saturday, April 28 at 6:30pm.

Join us for an evening of entertainment and laughter and dessert accompanied by both silent and live auctions, all benefitting our CHIC attendees.

for more information contact our Youth Minister, Kate Makosky x18 or [kate@first-covenant.org](mailto:kate@first-covenant.org)

# children, youth & families

## THE CONFIRMATION JOURNEY AT FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

While the call to new birth is one purpose of Confirmation at First Covenant, it is not our only aim. The Confirmation Journey leads our students through several significant stages as they seek to confirm their faith in Jesus Christ.

The two years of study and journeying together, the presentation of their projects at The Confirmation Trek on Wednesday, May 16th, culminating with the worship service on May 20th, all serve as a rite of passage from childhood into adolescence for our confirmands. Confirmation Sunday is a high moment for the entire church to celebrate with our young people and their families as they publicly give witness to their faith.

This year we are confirming the following young people: Chris Doughty, Kiera Leafblad, Sara Lo, Jasmyne Mask, Savannah McClellan, Kari Norris, Daizah Robinson and Patrick Vang.

Join us for:

The Confirmation Trek on Wednesday, May 16:

5:45pm dinner

6:15pm confirmands will present their projects

7:30pm dessert

choir practice

Confirmation on Sunday, May 20:

9:20am worship

10:45am reception honoring the confirmands

## SPRING SWING & FLING

Wednesday, May 23, 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Join us for dinner, games, inflatables, and entertainment in our parking lot! A nurse will also be available to sign Covenant Pines health forms. This night we will come together as a community to round out the program year and look forward to a great summer ahead.

# adult spiritual growth

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

11:00am - 12:00pm

*Upper Fellowship Hall*

### **me 2.0: discovering God's best version of me**

Come discover the unique ways God has created each of us and how this impacts our priorities and perspectives, our relationships and our life together. The format is simple: each week there will be a brief presentation, followed by a personal assessment for you to take and then you will have an opportunity to discuss your self-discovery in small groups. Tables will be designated for Life Groups to sit and discuss together. For those currently not in a Life Group we will have ample places for you to gather as well!

We encourage you to make this six week series a priority in your Spring schedule and look forward to growing together with you!

April 15: life gifts

April 22: spiritual gifts

April 29: personality

May 6: values

May 13: passions/wrap-up

May 20: coaching conversations around your assessment results

## WEDNESDAYS

9:30 - 11:00am adult Bible study (*Upper Fellowship Hall*)

6:15 - 7:45pm the adult journey (*Garden Room 104a*) **note new location**

conversational English class (*Pastor Anne's office*)

men's group (*Conference Room*) **note new location**

women's Bible study (*Seaside Room 104b*)

## LIFE GROUPS

In conjunction with our Spring theme, me 2.0\*, we'd like to encourage Life Groups to read John Ortberg's book The Me I Want to Be and discuss it in your groups.

If you are not currently in a group but would like to discuss this book with others, contact spiritual growth deacon, Kara Stromberg (karastromberg@gmail.com), and we will match you up with someone.



# our life together

## **EVERY KID TO CAMP SUNDAY**

Sunday, April 15

We believe that every kid—no matter the family's financial situation—should be able to have a camp experience each summer. Every Kid To Camp (EKTC) is an equitable fund that asks each household to pay a minimal registration fee for each camper and then contribute dollars, time or both to raise money to support the fund.

Come discover how many kids are attending camp and how YOU can be a part of their experience by making camp a reality through this fund.

## **PARTNER MEETING**

Monday, April 23rd, 5:30 - 7:00pm

*Upper Fellowship Hall*

A light dinner will be served; please RSVP to Kara VerHage at [karabettinverhage@gmail.com](mailto:karabettinverhage@gmail.com) and plan to bring any updates or news from your congregation or organization to share with the group.

## **LEADERSHIP PLANNING SESSION**

Tuesday, April 24th, 6:00 - 8:30pm

*Upper Fellowship Hall*

Our church staff, lay leadership, and The Saint Paul Covenant board are gathering together to focus on our ministry priorities which will then drive the budget process for the next program year.

## **6TH ANNUAL ADOPT-A-COP SUNDAY**

Sunday, April 29, during and after worship

We are working with Commander Kevin Casper to have at least one officer at our service to share a greeting and give thanks for the prayers being offered on behalf of our 35 officers. It is a privilege to remember our officers each day with prayer and to send them a short note of encouragement every three months. There will be an opportunity to sign up for this ministry of prayer for an officer on this special day.

Help the officers as they enter into domestic situations, where children are frightened or taken from their family, by donating a stuffed animal. There will be a box near the Welcome Center to collect these gifts. We will present them to an officer on April 29th. (After Easter there are a lot of cute animals on sale!)

# our life together

## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

Thursday, May 3, 11:30am - 12:30pm

*Sanctuary*

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" Psalm 33:12*

Pastor Ted will be leading this year's National Day of Prayer Event: "One Nation Under God". Prayer brings us into the presence of Almighty God. In our seasons of trial, in our times of prosperity when we don't know where to turn, He is our answer. For more information about this event, contact Pastor Ted Nordlund (tednordlund@gmail.com) or Margaret Blum (hermarblum7@aol.com).

## **CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY**

Saturday, May 5, 9:00am - 1:00pm

It's time to join together to clean our church home. There will be jobs inside and out. Feel free to come for all or part of the time. Contact Mike Schak for more info (Mike@MikesConsulting.biz).

## **AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Wednesday afternoons, 4:00 - 4:45pm

*Starting in Game Room 102*

We are so excited there are new students continuing to attend church activities post-Les Misérables, but that means we need more volunteers to tutor or just hang out with these students. We also need healthy snacks for about 30 students each week. If you are interested in tutoring or providing snacks, please contact Mandy Griffin at 612-369-0805 or mjcline8@gmail.com.

**FEEDING MY FLOCK** is the name for our ministry made up of several teams of volunteers who faithfully provide Wednesday Night Dinners.

We have a new convection oven and dishwasher in the lower fellowship hall kitchen, new stainless steel prep tables, and a cabinet to lock our valuables in the UFH kitchen. Although Skip Pedersen had to deal with a few incorrect deliveries his patience has been godly. Thank you, Skip for all your hard work, it is greatly appreciated!

Please consider joining one of our "Feeding My Flock" teams whether it be shopping, preparing food, serving food or clean up. You can sign up at the Welcome Center, choosing the dates and service areas that look best for you. If you would like to hear more about this ministry, contact LeAnn Pedersen (agent.leann@gmail.com) or Melissa Johnson (dm-johnson@live.com), co-deacons of Congregational Life.

# our life together

## COMMUNITY RAIN GARDEN PROJECTS ON THE EASTSIDE

A new rain garden will be developed at our church this summer. This rain garden will help with a serious drainage problem at church, beautify the church property, and help with the water quality in our city. In addition, we will be installing several rain gardens on the property of another neighborhood church, Holy Trinity Orthodox Church located at 956 Forest Street (Forest and Case).

This project will bring together many of our church partners including Boy Scout Troop 12, Community Design Center, Farnsworth Aerospace Academy, and our two churches. Funding will come from grants from the Capitol Region Watershed, and technical assistance from Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District and Ramsey County. Excavation will begin soon, and specific work weekends will be scheduled during the summer.

If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Bill Cranford (billcranford@comcast.net) or Mike Schak (Mike@MikesConsulting.biz).

## CELEBRATING NEW LIFE & GRIEVING OUR LOSSES

### Joining the Church Triumphant

Dick Hult	January 17
Lars Bengtsson	February 22 (Memorial service on April 22, 5:00pm, FCC)
Margaret H. Petersen	February 28
Leland Smith	March 16 (Angelie Ryah's father)
Harriet Bodin	March 18 (long-time member of FCC who passed away in Phoenix, AZ)

### Births & Adoptions

Wyatt James Krejce	January 18 (Parents Corey & Amanda Krejce, sister Lyla)
Piyada (Chompu) Vlach	(adopted into the family of Kyle and Kelly Vlach)
Jocelyn Charlot Hegney	February 25 (Parents Clint & Beth Hegney, sisters Jordy and Baevinn)

# local & global outreach

## **HEARTS AND HANDS TO HAITI – A NEW MISSION EXPERIENCE**

Prepare to have your life changed by this missional opportunity to serve alongside our partners at the Haitian Fellowship and World Wide Village by joining the intergenerational team of FCCers to serve in Haiti.

Currently the trip dates are flexible and will depend on the number of people interested and approval by church leadership. Activities could be anything from construction to teaching to providing basic medical support depending on the make-up of our team.

Cost is \$1,050 per person plus airfare. We plan to engage in significant opportunities for fundraising.

More information is available on the World Wide Village website: [www.worldwidevillage.org](http://www.worldwidevillage.org) or you can check out the Haiti Display in Upper Fellowship Hall. If interested, request an application from either Kara VerHage ([karabettinverhage@gmail.com](mailto:karabettinverhage@gmail.com)) or from Kate Makosky ([kate@first-covenant.org](mailto:kate@first-covenant.org)).

*Application deadline is April 30.*

**THE SAINT PAUL COVENANT (TSPC)** is pursuing its goals of finding financial support for expanding our After-School Program, providing summer activities for kids in our community (Hero Training Camp, Creative Arts, Thrive, and World of Wonders), and the 2012 Farnsworth K-4/First Covenant Church Christmas musical.

We are researching foundations, companies, churches and individuals that match our program priorities. We celebrate that the McNeely Foundation has recently awarded us with a \$10,000 grant! Other grant proposals to Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Sheltering Arms and Santa Anonymous are pending. Our goal is to write one grant proposal per month. The team of Sharla Scullen, Judy Kline, Rob Haarsager, Chad Ramaker, Anne Vining, Mike Schak, Miranda Harrison, and Keith Turnquist is on track with the grant writing objective (with special thanks to Sharla!).

The Reach for the Stars Fund was conceived to honor Dr. Troy Vincent for his years of service and tireless commitment to the children and youth of our community. Nearly \$2,700 has been received to date!

We have been encouraged to take our program priorities and support needs "on the road," so that companies and foundations know about our efforts. Please contact Keith ([kmtturnquist@aol.com](mailto:kmtturnquist@aol.com)) if your place of employment provides grants or gifts of money that can be applied for, or if you know of any other opportunities. The needs are great and God has put this challenge before us as we seek to bring the Easter message to the neighborhood.

# news from our denomination

## **28TH ANNUAL EVENT BENEFITTING COVENANT RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES**

April 19, starting at 5:30pm

*North Heights Lutheran Church, 1700 Hwy 96 W, Arden Hills*

Join us for a festive spring evening as we enjoy good food, fellowship, and incredible music and inspiration from CANTUS, a men's vocal ensemble committed to inspiring audiences in classic a cappella tradition.

Net proceeds for the evening will go directly to our Benevolent Fund that provides financial assistance to those of our residents who are out-living their financial resources. For ticket information call 763-546-6125.

## **COVENANT NORTHWEST CONFERENCE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING**

April 20 & 21, 2012, Friday noon to Saturday noon

*Alexandria Covenant Church, Alexandria, MN*

"LOVE Mercy DO Justice" is the theme for the 2012 Annual Meeting. Four delegates from our church, Cheryl and Mike Schak and Lisa & Ryan Utecht, will have the opportunity to hear how God is working throughout all the churches and ministries of our conference. They will also enjoy building relationships with the other delegates, their brothers and sisters in Christ. The special speaker is Rev. Soong-Chan Rah, professor of Church Growth and Evangelism at North Park Theological Seminary.

## **THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING**

June 21-24, 2012

*Irvine, CA*

Delegates from First Covenant are Jeff Norris, Don Pelto and Richard and Victoria Voth. Reverend Sandy Norris was also recently elected to be our denomination's Secretary!

The Annual Meeting is the highest legislative body of The Evangelical Covenant Church, made up of representatives from Covenant churches throughout the United States and Canada. Delegates gather together for worship and fellowship, and to ordain ministers, consecrate missionaries, elect leaders, review finances, adopt a budget, and address the business of the church.

# looking ahead

## SUMMER WORSHIP

GRADUATION SUNDAY, JUNE 3

10:30AM START TIME BEGINNING JUNE 10

**OUTDOOR SERVICES** Last year we enjoyed three wonderful services outside and we plan to do it again this year. More information will come soon, but here are the dates that we have planned: **June 10, July 8, August 19**

## THE GREAT MOVE UP!

On Sunday, June 10, all children and youth transition to activities that correspond with their grade for the 2012-2013 school year.

## WEEKLY SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

begins on Monday, June 18 and runs through Thursday, August 16.

Get ready to **thrive**, be **transformed** and **connect** this summer. All programs happen throughout the summer - if you are in town, then so are we!

**THRIVE** - a weekly life skills class for incoming 9th-exiting 12th graders. Whether it is relationship skills, cooking, interviewing for a job or opening a checking Account, this group exists so you will THRIVE in your life!

Meets Thursday afternoons from 3:00 - 5:00pm.

**TRANSFORM** - a weekly Bible study, Sprinting Through the Old Testament.

We take a sprint through the Old Testament each week this summer. Come and be TRANSFORMED as you grow in your faith.

Meets Monday afternoons from 3:00 - 4:30pm.

**CONNECT** - weekly youth group at First Covenant Church of Saint Paul.

Connect with friends and youth mentors throughout the summer. **CONNECT** looks a lot like youth group: teaching, games and small groups, with some extra shots of special activities like Messy Game Night or Tacky Prom thrown in the mix. Meets Wednesday nights from 6:00 - 8:00pm.

## **SUMMER INTERN**

We are pleased to welcome Peterson Pierre as our Youth Ministry Summer Intern. Peterson is a member of The Haitian Christian Fellowship, son to Pastor Lidovick and Ermilia Pierre and was a member of the Hearts and Hands for Haiti mission trip this past July. He has a passion for youth, worship and leadership and we are excited to see what God has in store for us with Peterson.

# looking ahead

## SPECIAL EVENTS & CAMPS

### **HERO TRAINING CAMP (HTC)**

(incoming kindergarteners through incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

Monday, June 11 - Thursday, June 14, 2:00 - 5:00pm

*Phalen Rec Center, 1000 E. Wheelock Parkway*

Are you faster than a *speeding bullet*? More *powerful* than a locomotive? Are you able to leap tall buildings in a *single bound*? Yeah...we can't either, BUT, that doesn't mean we can't be heroes! Discover the hero inside YOU and the Greatest Hero of All this summer at Hero Training Camp!

#### **HTC VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

Wednesday, June 6th, 5:30 - 7:00pm

Sunday, June 10th, 12:00 - 12:45pm (for those unable to attend on June 6th)

First Covenant Church of Saint Paul Senior Highers (incoming 9th - exiting 12th graders) and adults are invited to join the team working with kids, assisting in leading clinics and/or helping behind the scenes. This training is key for you to get the big picture of the HTC plans and your role in this exciting week. For more information, contact Kate Makosky (x18).

Introducing...the Hero Training Camp 2012 Team! This summer's Hero experience is becoming a reality thanks to the creativity and hard work of:

Jennifer Christiansen, Colleen Deery, Lynn Gilmore, Elizabeth Johnson, Dan Makosky, and Rachel Verdoorn.

#### **HTC CELEBRATION**

Thursday, June 23, 5:00pm

*First Covenant Church of Saint Paul*

It's a community celebration following our last night of Hero Training Camp! This evening includes dinner, a camper showcase, and a celebration of an amazing week.

### **WORLDS OF WONDER** (incoming K – 4th graders)

June 29, July 12, July 18, July 24, July 30

Join us for one or all five days as we have games, a lesson, lunch and a field trip – all for just \$10. Friends are welcome! Scholarships are available. Contact Colleen Deery (x20) for more information.

# looking ahead

## COVENANT PINES BIBLE CAMP (CPBC)

Summer theme: Limitless, Stand in Awe

CPBC in McGregor, MN provides a safe, loving, exciting and energizing environment where life-changing moments happen on a daily basis. To get a registration form, see the Covenant Pines bulletin board in the hallway on the kiosk, or go to [www.covenantpines.org](http://www.covenantpines.org).

### Kids Kamp

(entering Grades 2-3)

June 23-25

### Pathfinders

(entering Grades 3-4)

June 25-27

### Trailblazer Camps

(entering Grades 4-6)

June 28-July 3

### Junior High Camps

(entering Grades 7-9)

July 9-14

### Senior High Camps

(entering Grades 9-12)

July 30-Aug. 4

## CHIC

July 14 - 21

See page 6 for more information

## 5TH ANNUAL RICK KLINE PRAYER WALK

August 5th following service

Join us as our church community celebrates our life in Christ with a picnic lunch followed by a baptism service in Lake Phalen and our annual walk around the lake remembering Rick and praying for others who are dealing with illness. If you are interested in being baptized in Lake Phalen speak with Pastor Anne.

## CREATIVE ARTS CAMP (incoming K – 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

Monday, August 6 – Friday, August 10, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Students will be working on a musical performance and will be participating in 3 classes; music, art, and drama. A performance will be held on Friday night. Cost of the camp is \$25. Scholarships are available. Contact Colleen Deery (X20) for more information.

## ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

August 24 - 26

*Covenant Pines Bible Camp*

Save the date for the best vacation of the summer! Everyone is invited to join in this inspiring weekend spent getting to know the members of your church family better.