

UNITE



**FIRST COVENANT CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL
SUMMER CALENDAR 2018**

A LETTER FROM PASTOR ANNE

I'm writing this the day after Confirmation Sunday. I've spent the past couple of weeks highly invested in Confirmation papers and Trek projects, reading and listening to the hearts and minds of our young people. I always appreciate their honesty as they express both their desire to follow Jesus as well as the many difficult questions they wrestle with related to the life of faith - and the relevance of the church. We sent our 2nd year confirmands out with the command to be salt and light in the world. What does this look like for them? For the rest of us?

It's one of the reasons we've chosen the summer worship theme **UNITE**. It's not only biblical; it's also the theme for the triennial event our denomination hosts for our young people called CHIC. In a world of increasing divisions, as followers of the Risen Christ we are invited to a different way - **united** in faith, mission and purpose.

The Apostle Paul says it best when writing to the Ephesians: *"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."* Ephesians 4:3-6

During this series we will "make every effort" to allow the Word of God and the movement of God's Spirit to seek unity - in worship and study and doing life together - not because this is a nice ideal but because it's central to God's heart and vision for God's people.

Once again this summer we will have the opportunity to hear from members of our congregation each week in worship who will be sharing thoughts and reflections based on Wesley Granberg-Michaelson's book, Future Faith: Ten Challenges Reshaping Christianity in the 21st Century. This book serves as an important resource in this pathway forward.

Dr. Soong Chan-Rah, professor of church growth & evangelism at North Park Theological Seminary, writes in the foreword: "...there is a notable decline of Christianity in the West. This decline has also been most noticeable among white Christians. Simultaneously, there has been an explosion of the church in Africa, Asia, and Latin America along with the growth of Christian communities of color in North America. These counter-prevailing trends have resulted in an acceleration of diversity on both a global and local scale...These realities and the challenges they raise may be difficult to face. But they must be addressed. Many of us may choose to turn a deaf ear to this reality, but it will not stay hidden much longer. We need to hear these stories. We will not survive as a **united** Christian community moving forward into a new era of the Christian faith without engaging in these conversations."

These are significant days in our life together as a denomination and as individuals seeking to follow the Risen Jesus Christ. Pray for the fresh winds of God's Spirit to enliven us personally and corporately as we seek to be salt and light in our world today.

In it together, Pastor Anne

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Memorial Day Weekend
Sacrament of Holy Baptism of
Annika Carlson, Micah Makosky,
and Anna Mann

LIKE A CHILD

Luke 18:9-17
Ephesians 4:3-6

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Graduation Sunday
Sacrament of Holy Communion

HOLD FOR A TITLE

Hold for scripture

*Following Worship:
Reception honoring our graduates.*

SUNDAY, JUNE 10 Outdoor Worship

WHERE THEY'RE FROM, WHAT THEY'VE DONE

John 4:1-29

*Following Worship:
Potluck
Celebration of Newborns*

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

PUTTING ON OUR SPIRITUAL GOGGLES

Acts 10:9-28

*Following Worship:
Congregational Forum*

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

THE CHURCH'S CALL TO UNITE

Ephesians 4:1-6

*Ministry Highlight:
Highlights from Gather
(the ECC's Annual Meeting)*

SUNDAY, JULY 1

Sacrament of Holy Communion
Guest Preachers: Karl and Sue Peterson,
missionaries to Mexico City

UNITE IN MISSION

Acts 1:8, 8:1

SUNDAY, JULY 8

WE'RE IN IT TOGETHER

Numbers 12

SUNDAY, JULY 15 Outdoor Worship

FAVORITISM

James 2:1-13

*Following Worship:
Potluck*

SUNDAY, JULY 22

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CHIC 2018

STAY TUNED!
Beginning Sunday, July 29
we Surprise the World!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 2 8:00am - 9:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30am - 11:30am Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf
3 10:30am Graduation Sunday Worship Graduation Reception	4 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praying For Our Children, Youth, and Families	5 7:00pm - 8:30pm AA	6 5:30pm - 7:30pm Hero Training Camp Volunteer Training	7	8 <i>Last Day of School for Saint Paul Schools</i>	9 9:30am - 11:30am Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf
10 10:30am Outdoor Worship & Potluck Celebration of Newborns 12:00pm - 1:00pm Get Active	11 2:00pm - 5:00pm Hero Training Camp at Phalen Rec Center	12 7:00pm - 8:30pm AA	13 5:45pm - 6:45pm Youth Bible Study	14 4:30pm HTC Celebration 6:00pm - 8:00pm Leadership Team 6:30pm - 7:30pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal	15	16 9:30am - 11:30am Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf
17 10:30am Worship Congregational Forum	18 Senior High Camp @ Covenant Pines 9:00am - 11:00am Toddler Mondays	19 7:00pm - 8:30pm AA	20 6:30pm - 8:00pm Grill and Chill 7:00pm - 8:30pm June Book Club @ Fure's home	21 Gather: ECC Annual Meeting	22	23 9:30am - 11:30am Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf
24 10:30am Worship 12:00pm - 1:30pm Get Active	25 Junior High Camp @ Covenant Pines 1:00pm - 3:30pm Sanneh Soccer Camp @ Phalen Rec 5:00pm - 7:00pm Volunteer Training (PreK-6th gr Volunteers)	26 7:00pm - 8:30pm AA	27	28 6:00pm - 7:00pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Bible Study	29	30 9:30am - 11:30am Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf

COVENANT PINES BIBLE CAMP

McGregor, Minnesota

Campers of all ages will be spending time at Covenant Pines this summer! Check out our sponsored weeks below:

KIDS KAMP (incoming 2nd - 3rd gr.): July 6 - 8

TRAILBLAZER CAMP (incoming 4th - 6th gr.): July 9 - 14, July 23 - 28

JUNIOR HIGH CAMP (incoming 7th - 9th gr.): June 25 - 30, July 16 - 21

SENIOR HIGH CAMP (incoming 9th - 12th gr.): June 25 - 30, July 30 - Aug. 4

WHOLE CHURCH RETREAT: August 17 - 19 (See page 11 for more info.)

PARTNER CAMPS

We are pleased to be partnering with Family Values for Life, and the Sanneh Foundation to promote the following camps in our neighborhood this summer!

For questions about any of these camps, contact Chrissy Thomas at christian.familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com.

CLYDE TURNER BASKETBALL CAMP

Our incredibly successful basketball and education camp is back! Taught by professional coaches and speakers, these camps teach the fundamentals of basketball and the importance of education. Open to boys and girls ages 11 - 18 and free for low-income families from Saint Paul's East Side.

Location: Arlington Hills Community Center (1200 Payne Ave.)

SANNEH SOCCER CAMP

The Sanneh Foundation, along with Saint Paul Parks and Rec, is offering free soccer clinics this summer. Open to boys and girls ages 5 - 12. Topics covered include basic skill training, speed and agility development, attacking, defending, small-sided games, and tactics.

Location: Phalen Rec Center (1000 E. Wheelock Parkway)

HERO TRAINING CAMP PRESENTS:

AMPED - LIVE FULLY ALIVE

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

Phalen Rec Center (1000 E. Wheelock Parkway)

Sponsored by First Covenant Church and Family Values for Life

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, dodge ball, and other amazing options. Campers also get into the Bible with age-level groups and learn to live fully alive lives.

You can register online at www.first-covenant.org or pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Chrissy Thomas at christian.familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com or Donovan DeGaetano at donovan@first-covenant.org.

HERO TRAINING CAMP VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Wednesday, June 6 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Are you volunteering with HTC? Make sure that you attend this training session where we cover safety at camp, run through our final schedule, plan for clinics, and pray for our camp! Dinner provided.

HERO TRAINING CAMP CELEBRATION

Thursday, June 14 from 4:30pm - 6:00pm

All are invited to celebrate Hero Training Camp! Join campers and families for dinner provided by Loaves and Fishes. Enjoy a showcase of all that the campers learned throughout their week. This celebration is a wonderful opportunity for you live into our mission of "Many voices celebrating our new life in Christ, intentionally living out our mission through increasingly intergenerational and intercultural values."

JUNE EVENTS

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 2 from 8:00am - 9:30am

All men are welcome to eat, study the Word, and pray together. Content of the Bible study varies - everyone is invited to bring a breakfast treat to share. Questions? Contact Jim Hinrichs at jhinrichs1596@gmail.com.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Monday, June 4 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm

All are invited to come and pray for the children, youth, and families in our community. Each month our prayer will focus on a specific group. You can come any time during the hour and stay as long as you need. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 says, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." By praying together for common needs, struggles, and times of celebration, we are able to encourage others in our lives and motivate one another on to love and good deeds. Questions? Contact Addin Vang at addin@first-covenant.org or Donovan DeGaetano at donovan@first-covenant.org. *June's focus: praying for our children.*

POTLUCK

Sunday, June 10 following worship

Meet new friends as we gather around tables and enjoy delicious food together. Watch the bulletin for what to bring. Look for a volunteer sign up sheet at the Welcome Center to help with setting up, serving, and cleaning!. Many hands make light work! Questions? Contact Barb Johnson at barbanddickjohnson@q.com.

GOSPEL CHOIR

Thursday June 14 and 28 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Join us for regular Gospel Choir practices. The Gospel Choir leads in worship once a month during the summer and practices twice a month. No experience necessary. Questions? Contact Steve Pittman at steve@first-covenant.org.

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

Sunday, June 17 from 11:45am - 12:30pm

Come to hear updates on 2018-2019 ministry plans and important information about our denomination's upcoming annual meeting. Your input and questions are valued.

JUNE BOOK CLUB - RETHINKING INCARCERATION: ADVOCATING FOR JUSTICE THAT RESTORES, BY DOMINIQUE D. GILLIARD

Wednesday, June 20 from 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Jon and Michelle Fure's home (1752 Nebraska Ave. E.)

Rev. Gilliard, Director of Racial Righteousness and Reconciliation for the Love Mercy Do Justice initiative of the ECC, is passionate about the problems plaguing the criminal justice system. The U.S. has more people incarcerated than any other country in history. Discover how we got here, Christianity's role in mass incarceration, its history, creative solutions, and innovative interventions. Questions? Contact Susan Carlson at susan.carlson8@gmail.com.

GATHER: THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Thursday, June 21 - Saturday, June 23

Stay tuned for your opportunity to hear from our delegates to this important denominational gathering. First Covenant's delegates are: Pastor Anne, Sharla Scullen, Keith Turnquist, and Louise Wilson.

JUNE EVENTS JUST FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

THE GREAT MOVE UP: Beginning Sunday, June 3 all children and youth transition to activities that correspond with their grade for the 2018-2019 school year.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Sunday, June 3 - reception following worship

We celebrate our graduates from high school, college, tech school, and graduate-level work this Sunday! Join us for a reception with cake following worship. Questions? Contact Addin Vang at addin@first-covenant.org

CELEBRATION OF NEWBORNS

Sunday, June 10 - reception during potluck

Come celebrate and honor our four little ones who were born this past year. These families will be recognized during the worship service and presented with a gift from their church family. The Saturday morning Men's Prayer Group is providing and serving the cake during the potluck.

GET ACTIVE (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)

Sunday, June 10 from 12:00pm - 1:00pm for Tai Chi at First Covenant Church

Sunday, June 24 from 12:00pm - 1:00pm for Tai Chi at Addin's House (1744 Phalen Place)

We are so blessed with awesome summer weather in Minnesota. Let's use it to our advantage and do things outside! Youth are invited to our twice a month gatherings called Get Active. We will be doing things like tai chi, flag football, kickball, and more! Come and join us right after the service for an hour of fun and movement. Lunch provided. Questions? Contact Addin Vang at addin@first-covenant.org.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)

Wednesday, June 13 from 5:45pm - 6:45pm at Lake Phalen (1600 Phalen Drive - right after Hero Training Camp concludes - dinner provided)

Thursday, June 21 and 28 from 7:00pm - 8:00pm at First Covenant Church (our regular meeting time)

Let's study the Word of God together as a community. We will be going through the CHIC curriculum in June and July. In August we will be going through Ephesians. Snacks and drinks provided. This is a great opportunity to come for Gospel Choir Practice on Thursdays and stay for an amazing time together with peers. Questions? Contact Addin Vang at addin@first-covenant.org.

TODDLER MONDAYS (0 - 4 year olds and a parent or caregiver)

Monday, June 18 from 9:00am - 11:00am

Inviting all little ones to join us this summer as we explore the Bible through age appropriate crafts, songs, and activities. It will also be a time of fellowship for families with children the same age. Please join us for one or all of our gatherings! Invite your friends! Questions? Contact Lora Murtha at lora@first-covenant.org.

GRILL AND CHILL (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)

Wednesday, June 20 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Phalen Park Picnic Shelter (1600 Phalen Drive, located off of the 4th parking lot)

Let's kick off the summer! Youth are invited to join us at Lake Phalen for grilling, chilling, and fun. Bring a friend and start your summer off right! Questions? Contact Addin Vang at addin@first-covenant.org.

GO: SERVE 2018 (5 - 105 year olds)

Thursday, June 21 from 10:00am - 3:00pm

Come and see what God is doing in the Twin Cities! Join us for an interactive bus tour and serve members of our larger Covenant family as a part of the ECC's Gather 2018. Take a day to explore hands-on service learning in the city! See how we can better our communities with the good news of Jesus. Register online at www.northwestconference.org. Questions? Contact Kara Stromberg at kara@northwestconference.org or Donovan DeGaetano at donovan@first-covenant.org.

TREEHOUSE VOLUNTEER TRAINING: CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY PREK - 6TH GRADE VOLUNTEERS

Monday, June 25 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Join us as we tune up our skills with training from our partner, TreeHouse. Dinner provided. Questions? Contact Donovan DeGaetano at donovan@first-covenant.org.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30am Worship 12:00pm - 1:00pm Get Active	2 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praying For Our Children, Youth, and Families	3 7:00pm - 8:30pm AA	4 Independence Day Church Office Closed	5 7:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Bible Study	6 Kids Kamp @ Covenant Pines	7 8:00am - 9:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30am - 11:30am Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf
8 10:30am Worship 12:00pm - 1:00pm Get Active Kids Kamp Returns	9 Trailblazer Camp @ Covenant Pines 9:00am - 11:00am Toddler Mondays 6:00pm - 9:00pm Followers of Christ Vacation Bible School	10 7:00pm - 8:30pm AA	11 6:30pm - 8:00pm Messy Game Night	12 6:00pm - 7:00pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm - 8:00pm Leadership Team 7:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Bible Study	13 4:00pm - 6:00pm Fresh Produce Distribution	14 9:30am - 11:30am Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf 12:00pm CHIC Attendees Depart
15 10:30am Outdoor Worship & Potluck SH Youth @ CHIC	16 11:30am - 5:00pm Clyde Turner Basketball Camp 1:00pm - 3:30pm Sanneh Soccer Camp 6:00 - 9:00pm Daisy Rain Martin event JH Camp @ CPBC	17 7:00pm - 8:30pm AA	18	19	20	21 9:30am - 11:30am Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf
22 10:30am Worship	23 Trailblazer Camp @ Covenant Pines 9:00am - 11:00am Toddler Mondays 11:00am - 7:30pm FVFL Golf Classic	24 6:30pm - 8:00pm July Book Club @ Pastor Anne and Gordy's home 7:00pm - 8:30pm AA	25	26 6:00pm - 7:00pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal	27 4:00pm - 6:00pm Fresh Produce Distribution	28 9:30am - 11:30am Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf
29 10:30am Worship	30 Senior High Camp @ Covenant Pines					

JULY EVENTS

PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Monday, July 2 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm

See page 5 for description. *July's focus: praying for our youth.*

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, July 7 from 8:00am - 9:30am

See page 5 for description.

GOSPEL CHOIR

Thursday, July 12 and 26 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm

See page 5 for description.

FRESH PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM (co-sponsored by Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf & Second Harvest Heartland)

Friday, July 13 and 27 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Fruit of the Vine is expanding their ministry within our community by offering fresh produce (as the name states!) from local farms. Fresh fruits and vegetables will be distributed on the church lawn along with free hot dogs and activities for all ages. Join us to receive fresh produce and/or serve as a volunteer with our newest partner. For more information, go to Fruit of the Vine's website: www.vcsmn.org.

POTLUCK

Sunday, July 15 following worship

See page 5 for description.

HOPE GIVERS: HOPE IS HERE WITH DAISY RAIN MARTIN

Monday, July 16 from 6:00pm - 9:00pm

What is a Hope Giver? According to author, advocate, and educator Daisy Rain Martin, it's simple. Hope Givers intentionally put themselves in close proximity to the suffering of others for the sole purpose of pouring out hope. Whether you are in need of hope or have hope to share, this evening is for you. Childcare available. Questions? Contact D.D. Peterson at (651)776-7117 or Dawn Huso at (651)730-5854.

FAMILY VALUES FOR LIFE (FVFL) BACK TO SCHOOL GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, July 23: 11:00am - Registration, 12:00pm - Golfing begins, 6:00pm - Banquet

Keller Golf Course (2166 Maplewood Dr.)

The 2nd Annual Back to School Golf Classic helps to support more than 3,000 individuals that FVFL serves. Join in the fun! We are looking for golfers of all abilities, whether you play once a week or once a year. Our Scramble format takes all the pressure off so you can just focus on having fun while you support a great cause! Not a golfer? No problem! Invite your family and friends to join us at the banquet. We will have a delicious meal, lots of fun, and other opportunities to support FVFL. Questions? Contact FVFL at (651)774-6663.

JULY BOOK CLUB - THE PIETIST OPTION, BY CHRISTOPHER GEHRZ AND MARK PATTIE III

Tuesday, July 24 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Pastor Anne and Gordy's home (1108 Hyacinth Ave. E.)

We were privileged in April to hear from Dr. Chris Gehrz about how our pietist roots impact our life together today. Come join us for further discussion on this relevant topic.

JULY EVENTS JUST FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

GET ACTIVE (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)

See page 6 for Get Active's full description.

Sunday, July 1 from 12:00pm - 1:00pm

First Covenant Church

Join us to play Ultimate Frisbee!

Sunday, July 8 from 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Lake Phalen (1600 Phalen Drive)

Join us to play Flag Football!

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)

Thursday, July 5 and 12 from 7:00pm - 8:00pm

See page 6 for description.

TODDLER MONDAYS (0 - 4 year olds and a parent or caregiver)

Monday, July 9 and 23 from 9:00am - 11:00am

See page 6 for description.

MESSY GAME NIGHT (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)

Wednesday, July 11 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Come join us for a night of fun games, squishy and gooey competitions, and incredible mess. Make sure that you bring a towel (or 8!), wear a swim suit or clothes that can get messy.

Dinner provided.

Questions? Contact Addin Vang at addin@first-covenant.org.

CHIC (incoming 10th - exiting 12th graders)

Saturday, July 14 - Saturday, July 21

Our high schoolers will be attending a triennial Evangelical Covenant Church conference called CHIC in Knoxville, Tennessee. CHIC, or Covenant High In Christ, is an amazing, once in a lifetime opportunity for our senior highers to authentically learn about Christ, grow in their faith, and meet and fellowship with many other young Christians. CHIC is the only event that gathers students from across the Evangelical Covenant Church in one place for a time of worship, transformation, and fun. Our hope is that CHIC will act as a catalyst in student's lives, helping them to see God's kingdom and inspire to dive deeper into their faith as a community.

First Covenant has 28 senior highers and 4 adult leaders attending CHIC. Please be in prayer for them during this important week - pray for safety in travels, openness to hear and respond to the Spirit's movement through experiences, speakers, and conversations, and pray for transformation in their lives as they return.

Save the date for Sunday, July 22 as our CHIC attendees share about their experiences in our worship service at 10:30am. You won't want to miss how God has been at work in their lives, and how that continues to encourage us in our own journeys to UNITE.

AUGUST 2017

Description of events begin on page 11.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Senior High Camp @ Covenant Pines	2 7:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Bible Study	3	4 TWV Half Marathon 8:00am - 9:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast
5 10:30am Worship	6 6:00pm - 7:00pm Praying For Our Children, Youth, and Families	7 7:00pm - 8:30pm AA	8 5:30pm - 8:30pm Tacky Prom	9 6:00pm - 7:00pm Gospel Choir 6:00pm - 8:00pm Leadership Team 7:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Bible Study	10 4:00pm - 6:00pm Fresh Produce Distribution	11 9:30am - 11:30am Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf
12 10:30am Outdoor Worship & Potluck Diaper Drive 12:00pm - 1:30pm Get Active	13 9:00am - 11:00am Toddler Mondays	14 6:00pm - 7:30pm Love Mercy Do Justice 7:00pm - 8:30pm AA	15 5:00pm - 6:00pm Confirmation Orientation Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm Baptism Info Meeting	16 6:00pm - 9:00pm Haitian Christian Fellowship Revival 7:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Bible Study	17 Whole Church Retreat @ Covenant Pines	18 9:30am - 11:30am Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf
19 10:30am Worship 4:30pm - 6:00pm Pre-Revival Dinner hosted by HCF	20	21 7:00pm - 8:30pm AA	22 4:00pm - 6:00pm Back to School Event Volunteer Training	23 7:00pm - 8:00pm Youth Bible Study	24 4:00pm - 6:00pm Fresh Produce Distribution	25 9:30am - 11:30am Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf
26 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Baptism Service @ Lake Phalen Beach 12:30pm - 1:30pm Get Active	27 9:00am - 11:00am Toddler Mondays	28 7:00pm - 8:30pm AA	29 4:30pm - 7:00pm Family Values for Life Backpack Event @ Bruce Vento Elementary School	30	31	

AUGUST EVENTS

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, August 4 from 8:00am - 9:30am

See page 5 for description.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Monday, August 6 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm

See page 5 for description. *August's focus: praying for our volunteers.*

FRESH PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Friday, August 10 and 24 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm

See page 8 for description.

DIAPER DRIVE

Sunday, August 12 before and following worship

Diapers are an expensive and necessary part of a baby's life. We are looking to help shoulder the expense by doing a diaper drive! Bring sizes NB - 3 of any brand to church to be distributed to families in our community. Questions? Contact Lora Murtha at lora@first-covenant.org.

BAPTISM INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, August 15 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Is someone in your household interested in being baptized this summer? Our Lake Phalen baptism service is taking place Sunday, August 26. This meeting is to prepare those interested in being baptized for that service. Please let Donovan DeGaetano or Pastor Anne know by Sunday, August 5 if you plan on attending.

HAITIAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP REVIVAL

Thursday, August 16 - Sunday, August 19 from 6:00pm - 9:00pm (Sunday dinner at 4:30pm)

Join our brothers and sister from the Haitian Christian Fellowship for worship, prayer, and inspiration during this meaningful week of revival.

WHOLE CHURCH RETREAT

Friday, August 17 - Sunday, August 19

Covenant Pines Bible Camp (McGregor, MN)

Block out your calendars for First Covenant's Whole Church Retreat! It's a First Cov Church Family affair, and everyone's invited. We'll have amazing games, activities, worship, and devotionals. Cost: \$112.50/adult, \$56/child (\$392/family max). Questions? Contact Jim Hinrichs at jhinrichs1596@gmail.com

ANNUAL BAPTISM SERVICE AT LAKE PHALEN

Sunday, August 26th (following worship at First Covenant)

Bring a bag lunch and join us in the green space (across the walking path from the beach) for lunch together followed by the celebration of new life in Christ through the sacrament of baptism in Lake Phalen. If you would like to be baptized please contact Pastor Anne at anne@first-covenant.org and plan to attend our informational meeting on Wednesday, August 15. (See page 12 for more info.)

8TH ANNUAL FAMILY VALUES FOR LIFE BACKPACK EVENT

Wednesday, August 29 from 4:30pm - 7:00pm

Bruce Vento Elementary School (409 Case Ave. E.)

Get ready for school with our annual event! Attendees receive free backpacks filled with school supplies for school-aged children. Also available are resources from community vendors, free haircuts, family fun-filled activities, games, and food. A parent must accompany children in order for them to receive a backpack.

SENDING OF THE PETERSON FAMILY

Sunday, August 5 during worship

Karl, Sue and Jonathan Peterson will be returning for another term of missionary service in Mexico City. Join us as send them out with our love and prayers.

GOSPEL CHOIR

Thursday, August 9 from 6:00pm - 7:30pm

See page 5 for description.

POTLUCK

Sunday, August 12 following worship

See page 5 for description.

AUGUST EVENTS JUST FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)

Thursday, August 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 7:00pm - 8:00pm

See page 6 for description.

TACKY PROM (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)

Wednesday, August 8 from 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Richard and Victoria Voth's home (3264 Lexington Ave. N.)

Head on over to the Voth's for our annual night of fun, festivities, and suspenders - it's Tacky Prom! We have wacky, fun tournaments, wacky games, and a great night to close out the summer with friends and mentors. The person with the tackiest outfit wins a special prize! Dinner provided. Questions? Contact Addin Vang at addin@first-covenant.org.

GET ACTIVE (incoming 7th - exiting 12th graders)

See page 6 for Get Active's full description.

Sunday, August 12 from 12:00pm - 1:30pm

First Covenant Church

We are playing kickball with the whole Church Family! All ages and abilities are invited to this special game following the potluck.

Sunday, August 26 from 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Lake Phalen (1600 Phalen Drive)

Travel on down to the park for lunch and our annual baptism service and stick around to play volleyball when the service concludes.

TODDLER MONDAYS (0 - 4 year olds and a parent or caregiver)

Monday, August 13 and 27 from 9:00am - 11:00am

See page 6 for description.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION MEETING (incoming 7th graders and a parent or caregiver)

Wednesday, August 15 from 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Incoming 7th graders and a parent or caregiver are invited to this important meeting to get all the information you need about The Confirmation Journey this coming year. Dinner provided. For more information, contact Pastor Anne at anne@first-covenant.org.

STAY CONNECTED THIS SUMMER!



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