



Notes:

**Birthdays in July**

Magan Carlson- July 21

**Birthdays in August**

Jean Pajunen - August 9  
Linnea Larson - August 16  
Judy Linden - August 19  
Linda Pogorelec - August 30

**Ushers for the month of August:**

August 4 - Brian and Julie Hill  
August 11 - Roger and Gail Johnston  
August 18 - Bernie Christiansen  
August 25 - Bob and Mary Nelson

**Caretakers for the month of August:**

August 4 - Bernie Christiansen  
August 11 - Linda and Ken Pogorelec  
August 18 - Shirley Koski and Barb Knapper  
August 25 - Linda Skogman, Russ & Steph Carlson

*The mission of First Covenant Church is to WORSHIP God,  
EQUIP people to live in faith,  
SHARE God's love,  
SERVE the community around us.*



**First  
Covenant  
Church**

*Welcome to our church! May you know the joy of salvation,  
which is ours through Jesus Christ, and that through the  
warmth of our fellowship you may grow in God's grace and  
love.*

**Worship Celebration**

July 21, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 23, NIV

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;**

He leads me beside quiet waters;

**He restores my soul.**

He guides me in paths of righteousness

**For His name's sake.**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

**I will fear no evil for you are with me;**

Your rod and your staff

**They comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You  
anoint my head with oil;

**My cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and love will follow me

**All the days of my life;**

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord

**Forever."**

Hymn #225 "Jesus Refuge of the Weary"

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word:

First Lesson: Psalm 89:20-37 page 451

Second Lesson: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 page 769

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Covenant Kids Congo Offering

\*Doxology #48

Morning Prayer

Hymn #366 "May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

Message: "God is Love: Clarity or Confusion"

\*Hymn #532 "This is a Story Full of Love"

\*Challenge...Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
And be gracious, gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
And give you, give you, give you peace.

Postlude

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\*Congregation is invited to stand

Scripture Reader: Shirley Koski

Ushers: Bob and Mary Nelson

Worship leader: Jeffrey Jones

Accompanist: Digital Hymnal

**Today**

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

**Next Sunday, July 28th**

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

Quarterly Business Meeting – 11:00 a.m.

**Caretaker this week:** Lucas and Cassie Hill

**Caretakers next week:** Roger and Gail Johnston

**Usher Next Week:** Roger Linden

**Coming Events:**

Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> – Communion

Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> – Church Picnic, 11:00 a.m., Gun Club

**A Special Thankyou to The Church Family:**

There are not enough words to express our appreciation for all you have done for us. Relatives and friends enjoyed the chance to be together after the service and not feel rushed. They also appreciated Sunday dinner before they returned home and another chance to visit. Have also heard from a number in the community expressing appreciation for Pastor Mike's words. We have truly experienced God's peace and covet your prayers for the future.

With gratitude,  
Bernie and family

**"Our Community" Prayer Needs:**

Area (current and retired) public service personnel: (military, law enforcement, First Responders, health care, teachers, chaplains, social workers, etc.).

**Special Missionary Focus for this week:**

Craig Wickstrom, liaison to the Covenant Church of Congo

"Committed to Covenant community"

**Covenant Park Bible Camp:**

Trailblazer Camp (children entering grades 4-6) - July 21-25

Adventure Camp 1 - July 31-August 3

Adventure Camp 2 - August 6-8

Prayer request: "Campers and summer guests to experience and embrace the hope and salvation of Jesus this summer." "Staff training and bonding as a team." "Health, wisdom and protection for the summer."