



Notes:

**Ushers**  
 August 24 – Kathy H.  
 August 31- Cancelled  
**September**  
 7 – Roger Linden  
 14 – Brian & Julie H.  
 21 – Roger & Gail J.  
 28 – Bernie C. & Linda S.

**Birthdays**  
 August 30 – Linda Pogorelec  
**September**  
 8 – Ralph Ainsworth  
 8 – Kate Ludwig (Barnes)  
 14 – Shirley Koski  
 24 – Andrew Branstrom



# 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

August 17, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude Music & Fellowship Time:

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 105:1-4, NLT  
 Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim His greatness!  
**Let the whole world know what He has done.**  
 Sing to Him; Yes, sing His praises!  
**Tell everyone about His miracles.**  
 Rejoice in Him; Rejoice in His holy name.  
**O worshipers of the Lord, rejoice!**  
 Search for the Lord; search for His strength.  
**We will keep on searching!**

\*Opening Hymn: #389 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

\*Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word:  
 First Lesson: Psalm 85 page 448  
 Second Lesson: Luke 11:1-13 page 794

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings (Covenant Kids Congo)

*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.*  
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\*Doxology #48

Morning Prayers of the Church

Hymn: #46 "Let Us With a Gladsome Mind"

Message: My Journey of Giving – Part Two - "Offerings" (alms)

\*Closing Hymn: #413 "Be Thou My Vision"

\*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:** Bernie Christiansen and Linda Skogman  
**Accompanist:** Digital Hymnal

### Today:

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

### This Week

Thursday, August 21, 11:30 – Local Ministerial (Mike Tiff, Linda Freeman, Pastor Joel, etc.)

### Sunday, August 24, 2025

Ushers: Kathy Hannay  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Celebration  
10:30 a.m. - Fellowship

### Coming up:

Tuesday, August 26, 12:45 pm – Assisting at Salvation Army  
Sunday, August 31 – Sunday Service is Cancelled  
Sunday, August 31 - "IRR All Church Service" at Discovery Center  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship, 11:00 Worship Service  
Sunday, August 31, 2:00 p.m. - Worship at Waterview Pines

## COVENANT PARK BIBLE CAMP

### Special Missionary Prayer Focus for this summer:

**Pray for CPBC Camps: SHINE – Know the Light. Be the light!**

Pray for: continued fundraising for the Dining Hall Renovation.

Pray for: Wisdom for the Board in selecting a Camp Director.

**"Our Community" Prayer Needs:** Area (current/retired) public service personnel: (military, law enforcement, teachers, First Responders, health care, chaplains, social workers, etc.)

### Special Missionary Prayer Focus for this week:



### **Evens and Karina Paul in Haiti**

Family birthdays:

Evens 4-11, Karina 3-3

Christela 1/2/06, Christelin 2/28/08

Abbey Grace 5/25/15

Hannah Faith 2/21/17

### **MINISTRY OVERVIEW**

God continues to bless the people of La Victoire, Haiti.

**Prayer request:** Pray for the people of Haiti experiencing political and social turmoil, rising prices and needing jobs.

### **MINISTRY GOALS ACHIEVED & PRAISE REPORTS!**

This past year we've built an outdoor recreation gazebo by our home (Lospinite) for our family and a market called Bon Bagay that offers produce for the community. The McHenry Musical School is new in La Victoire with 100 students so far. More than 300 rural farmers have received training and female goats to be able to sustain their families and communities. Having the high school and elementary school together this past year has been amazing. Our school campus has become a multi-purpose area which is used to educate our students during the school year; during the summer it is used for different camp events for women, youth and children. Our church receives new believers every Sunday. God is transforming lives through his Word. We are in the process of opening a second church on the west side of La Victoire. We've added solar power to our facilities and have developed a water system to deliver water to the campus. A new cafeteria is being completed. Our healthcare clinic continues to serve the community, though we have had many challenges because of the political unrest in Haiti.