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**PASTOR'S CORNER**

Last week Kris and I took a mini vacation to Hannibal, Missouri. Here we saw the childhood home of the famous American author, Samuel Clemens; better known as Mark Twain. The historic sites of this Mississippi River town highlight not only Twain himself, but also characters from his works such as Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn.

One of the sites we visited was the Mark Twain cave. Twain used this cave as the setting of a climatic scene in the novel Tom Sawyer where Tom and his sweetheart, Becky Thatcher became lost in the maze-like passages after their candle went out. Not only was it pitch dark for Tom and Becky but within the labyrinth skulked Injun Joe who was looking to kill young Tom Sawyer.

The caves today are well lit and perfectly free from desperate villains but their ever winding passages are confusing to walk without a guide. Life, itself can become a series of twisting passages that never seem to lead anywhere. But we as Christians have the infallible guide of the Holy Spirit. Like our professional guide on our cave tour, the Holy Spirit knows the way through the maze of life even if all around is dark and threatening.

Our part is to listen and to trust. We listen by going to God's Word often for it is "a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path." We trust by taking steps forward even when all is dark around because we believe we are going forward with God himself by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

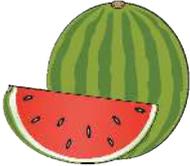
Finally, we see in the life of Jesus himself that this is how he lived his life and when he entered the dark caves that was his tomb because of his obedience to his Father and trust in the Holy Spirit., he arose alive and victorious. This hope he always wishes to share with you.

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:30 A.M.

Coffee Fellowship

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>AUGUST 2018</b>			1 2nd Annual "Pie in the Park" 6:30 P.M.	2	3	4  Jon & Melanie Loy
5 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Coffee Fellowship Lead Team meets after worship	6  Sarah Milbrandt	7  Buoy Lia Marc & Judy Gustafson	8	9  Jim & Loretta Shows	10  Eric & Vickie Anderson	11  Gene & Lil Foth
12 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Fellowship  Paul & Mary Jans Kim & Sarah Milbrandt	13	14	15  Brian & Michelle Ling	16  Colin & Gretchen O'Donnell	17  John & Emily Buarapha	18
19 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Fellowship	20  Kevin & Erika Miller	21	22  Tom & Deb Martin	23	24  Frank & Anne Breuker Jon Loy	25
26 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Fellowship  Terri Paine	27  Sam Martin	28	29  Darla Vanden Berg	30  Ted & Sarah Martin	31	

SERVING YOU IN AUGUST

**SCRIPTURE READERS:**

5 Dale Martin  
12 Jerry Luinenburg  
19 Deb Joens  
26 Deb Olsen

**GREETERS:**

5 Leroy & Kolette Eggink  
Ron Hyvari  
12 Colin & Gretchen O'Donnell  
Richard & Bethan Fellows  
19 Walter & Clarice Gehl  
John & Emily Buarapha  
26 Doug & Marcia Anton  
Duane & Molly Fenske

**WORSHIP NURSERY:**

5 Paul & Deb Olsen  
12 Robert & Robin Redman  
19 Dan & Kris Fischer  
26 Colin & Gretchen O'Donnell

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:**

5 Eric & Vickie Anderson  
12 Ted & Sarah Martin  
19 Dale & Shirley Martin  
26 Gene & Lil Foth

**SOUND SYSTEM:**

5 Jerry Luinenburg  
12 Tom Ahlberg  
19 Dave Bos  
26 Jeff Ling

**COMMUNION SERVERS (August 5th):**

Dale Martin  
Ted Martin  
Jerry Luinenburg  
Shirley Martin

**USHERS:**

Dave & Sheila Bos  
Frank Breuker & Howard Rachuy

*\*If you cannot serve on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement or call the church office at 376-5109.*

# AREA NEWS AND OUR VIEWS

## AUGUST 2018

By Gene Foth



Theme this year is **DISCOVER THE TRUTH**

John 8:32

**TUCKER BRANDNER AND MATHIAS NOBLE** had a great time at Jr High Camp, July 8-13. When asked what they liked most, both quickly said horseback riding, paintball and night games. They were excited to try their luck of fishing during their free time, but no big ones



Counselor Ayden, Tucker, Mathias & Counselor Jordan



Nothing like a Dairy Queen treat to make the ride home go a little faster!



Sadie Nickel, Alli Fellows and Lucy O'Donnell are excitedly loading the van to go to Lake Beauty Bible Camp the week of July 15-19. They all said they had a fun time!



Sr. High Bryce Olsen, Katie O'Donnell, and Kya Nickel attended from July 29– August 3



Going to **CHIC** were Katie O'Donnell, Kya Nickel, Andrew and Bryce Olsen ...July 15-20 University of Tennessee They met up with Emma Roos from Minneapolis on several occasions! Every three years more than 5,000 students from across The Evangelical Covenant Church come together in one place to glimpse how they fit into



the bigger picture of God's kingdom. At CHIC, a Make and Deepen Disciples event, lives are changed as students are inspired to dive deeper in their faith together.

The attendees are asked to share their experiences (and pictures) in next month's newsletter.

**EVER WONDER....**Is Happiness within my reach?

Why is life so frustrating?

Is it too late for me?

Or to put it another way, "Where Can I find a little heaven on earth?" Solomon tried everything 'under the sun' and he finally came to this conclusion - - - - - !?



You are invited to attend the **ADULT BIBLE STUDY** class beginning **September 5, (7 PM)** as we will study history's most successful man, Solomon. **Dr. David Jeremiah** will be teaching via video on the book of **ECCLESIASTES** and then you may want to join in the discussions following each episode! We have friends from the community that have been attending, so if you have a neighbor or friend that you would like to bring along, please feel free to invite them. This class is not limited to only Living Waters members.

**BRYCE OLSEN** qualified for two events at the **USATF NATIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPICS**



regionals on July 7 at the Cyclone Sports Complex, Ames Iowa.



Bryce placed fourth in Discus with a throw of 140 feet. He Qualified for USATF nationals.

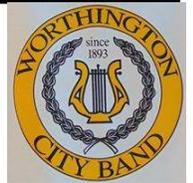


Bryce placed 4th in shot put and qualified for USATF nationals in shot put also.



The USATF Hershey National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships were held on July 26 & 27 at the A & T University, Greensboro, NC. Over 6,000 athletes qualified for the USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships. Bryce placed 33 out of 51 which put him in the top 60% in Shot Put.

## The "Amazing" Worthington City Band



Is home to many of our church congregation. They are: Ethan Hyvari, Didi Edwards, Ian O'Donnell, Jon Loy, (director 2008-2013) Kris Stewart, Katie O'Donnell, Pam Soderholm, (church Sec.)

Band board member, Rich Besel, giving a certificate of appreciation to Jon Loy at the close of the **125th performance!**

**ANDREW OLSEN** is no longer going to attend St. Mary's University this fall. He has signed a contract to play Junior hockey with the Oklahoma City Junior Blazers in the Western States Hockey League. He is going after his dream!



**OKLAHOMA CITY JR BLAZERS**  
JUNIOR A HOCKEY CLUB



## CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE...

**ROOS, LINDY (ROBERT)**  
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# NEW CHURCH NAME / NEW LOGO



**JOHN 7:38: "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."**

Our new church logo was designed by **ROBIN (LUINENBURG) REDMAN**

She has done professional graphic design service with over 12 years of experience in design for commercial print, web graphics, marketing and advertising. She operates out of her home in Lakefield, MN



Robin explains the thought that went into designing the new logo.



The letters of 'Living Waters' are soft and flowing like water, light at the top and deeper blue at the bottom.

'Covenant Church' is straight and strong, in brown tones like the steadfast shore.



The circle icon is like a map, with the lake to the north and the shore to the south, with the pathway curving like South Shore Drive and also signifying our mission statement

*"Encourage the journey to Christ*

*And*

*Nurturing the walk with Christ."*

The cross is at the center of the circle and the center of our church.

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Robin presented this information to a Town Hall meeting to the church congregation on July 22, 2018



Dear Church Family,

“Belizeans have a saying, ‘Why do it today when you can do it the day after tomorrow?’”. This quote made me laugh but also it made me think about how Jesus said on the Sermon on the Mount, “for tomorrow will worry about itself,” in Matthew 6:34. Pastor Santiago Valencia said this. He is the Director of YWAM Roaring Creek, was born and raised in Belize, and follows Jesus. I know these are not very related, but there has to be some type of revelation when Jesus says that, especially in our culture where we like to be “Super Planners”.



Hannah and I have been in Belmopan, Belize since June 19<sup>th</sup>, and will be leaving on August 1<sup>st</sup>. We are both thankful for this opportunity to serve in a different culture and country. In January, I was praying about what to do for the summer of 2018. Not long after I started praying, I got a “sense” or a “gut feeling” about the country of Belize. In early April, Hannah told me that she was getting a sense that we could be going to Belize for missions this coming summer. We both had a sense without speaking to each other about it. To me, it sounded pretty crazy and rushed. We wanted to do our Father’s will, so we started asking Him what to do. The ball was in God’s court. Shortly after, though, the ball was in our court.



Hannah has been to Belize in 2013 and 2014. She has been wanting to go back ever since. This desire in her heart was in place for a reason! We reached out to a lady named Michelle, Hannah’s missionary contact, here in Belize. She gave us a few options of where to stay. YWAM Roaring Creek was one of them. We then reached out to the YWAM campus explaining who we are and what are mission was. We heard from two other possible contacts before hearing back from YWAM. Not long after YWAM contacted us back and offered for us to come stay with them, we prayerfully knew we were going to partner with them.

We have had the opportunity to serve many people since being here. The campus hosts several missions’ teams in the months of June and July. They host several other ministries including: “Fire-Chamber”, “Legacy”, youth camps and football (soccer) camps. We knew nothing about how much Liliana Valencia, wife of Pastor Santiago, needed help during these months. We say that we were an answer to prayer, as humbly as possible. It has been awesome getting to know people here on staff, as well as missionaries and locals. I have had several “open doors” as Paul states in his letters, to share Jesus’s love and power with locals.

We thank our Father every day for the opportunity to be here and to be in His will. Thank you for taking time to read this. My hope in writing this is to inform you all on what God is doing with Hannah and I in missions. Thank you and God Be With You.

In His Love,  
Christian and Hannah

This fall Christian will be enrolled in missions training at the

**ETERNITY BIBLE COLLEGE  
SIMI VALLEY, CALIFORNIA.**

“My heart is to see Eternity train young people for their mission. Too many people waste precious years chasing after the temporary and unfulfilling. Proper training can save us from years of ineffectiveness.” Francis Chan, Founder

Photos courtesy of Christian Bos’ Facebook and internet



# ELNA SEXE

## ALWAYS A SMILE AND A SONG IN HER HEART !



Elna said, " I have enjoyed music early in life while... in Sunday School, Young people groups and choir. My mother encouraged me at age 8 to begin taking lessons. I had lessons from two different teachers in Fairmont until I graduated from High School. After graduation I went to the Swedish Hospital, Minneapolis, for Nurses training. While there I sang in the choir but did not have the opportunity to take more piano lessons. While I was in MPLS for 5 years I did take advantage of various concerts and attended the First Covenant Church which was near the hospital. This is where I became interested in Organ. "

In May, 1948, Elna moved to Worthington to work in the Worthington Clinic (Now Avera). She attended the First Covenant Church which was located at 5th Ave. and 9th Street. She became very active in the choir, played piano and occasionally played the pump organ...which she says was "quite unique"!

"In 1961, the First Covenant Church moved to the new location with a new piano and a new Allen Organ", she said, "After Mildred Grann, faithful church pianist, passed away they asked Elna to play for most of the church services with



Janet Rachuy assisting.

Elna did this for 35 years!

She said "I really did not think about teaching piano until a friend asked her to teach their daughter some lessons. After many years I have taught about 160 students the basic elementary. Some have gone on to advanced training ". Her main goal was to have people learn to appreciate music.

For many years Elna had enjoyed going to the Crossroads Care Center for the tremendous

afternoon church service to play for the hymns. Now being at the Ecumen Meadows these past four years she has played for many of the church services every week, the Meadows Monday Choir practice, and at 1:30 PM in the memory care unit. Which she says she enjoys a lot!

Elna practices a lot on the piano in their apartment.

*Psalm 95:1 "O come let us sing unto the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise."*



Here she is interacting with the memory unit group

# ETHAN HYVARI

## PRODIGY COMPOSER

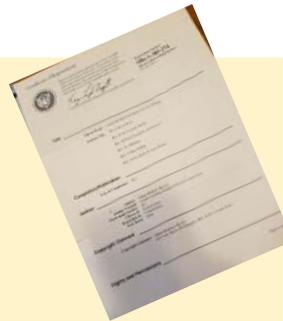


*THE GLOBE* reported in a March 2018 interview “This Worthington High School sophomore is a high-functioning autistic teen. He spends the vast majority of his free time behind a sheet of music and playing one of a slew of instruments. **Music**, Ethan said matter-of-factly, has been the activity that has helped him cope most with autism on a daily basis. “With classical (music), it makes me forget about the real world sometimes, and I go into imagination land whenever I play music,” Ethan said, smiling. Ethan’s favorite instrument is the viola, although he also plays violin, trumpet, piano, tuba, trombone, saxophone, flute and a recorder, many of which were self-taught.”

Ethan participates in band, choir and orchestra at Worthington High School. He is also a member of the Worthington Area Symphony Orchestra (WASO) and South Dakota Youth Symphony Orchestra in Sioux Falls, Ethan said “It was an awesome experience for the musicians and the audience.”



Ethan has received his first **official copyright** for the piece he composed “*Liebst Du Mich!* (German for “Do You Love Me?”). Inspired by a crush on a girl. The 90-page, 57-minute symphony includes parts for all symphony instruments.



**Minneapolis Sinfonia held their seasonal finale classic concert at Lake Harriett Band Shell on July 20**  
PREMIERE! Featured Hyvari: “*Looking at the Stars*”  
*Made possible through the Minnesota Sinfonia’s New Works Program with support from McKnight Foundation. He played a piece he composed this summer.*



This past summer has seen Ethan attend several clinics on



music composition! One clinic was held at Rapid City S. D. He said “ I had another one of my original compositions played by the Black Hills University Faculty Quartet and recorded. It was a string trio piece that I wrote in the two weeks I was at the **Rushmore Music Festival**. It's called “*Variations on a Medieval Theme*”. My latest recording “*The CROW*” was done at the Black Hills University by the Crow String Quartet. The crow is based off of my father’s poem by the same name. It is about a crow trying to get his meal on the road without getting the same fate”. Two colleges, one in Hong Kong and one in Denver CO. are looking at using his compositions! His latest was a 6 day camp at the International music camp. He said, “it was a great experience. Got second

chair in both the symphony orchestra and honors string orchestra, performed in a string quartet, and did a solo!”

(If you are a friend of Ethan on Facebook, you may listen to them there.)

Photos courtesy of Ron Hyvari and internet

The Crow String Quartet in f minor





The Lead Team will meet  
Sunday, August 5th  
following worship.



## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Through Sunday, September 2nd

9:30 A.M.—Worship

10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship

### Love INC Furniture Move

A coordinator is needed for the  
next furniture move which is  
August 17th-19th.

This person will choose the best date  
for delivery, is responsible for  
contacting Love INC for garage  
access and seeing that  
the delivery of furniture is complete  
(with the help of volunteers).

See John if you are able to help out  
with this ministry.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2nd Annual  
Women Seeking God Conference

The theme will be  
“BE”  
as in “Be Bold!”  
“Be filled” “Be strong”  
and “Be still”.

Our speaker will be Amy Herzog,  
from Fergus Falls, MN.  
Amy co-pastors Amanda  
DeYounge’s home church,  
and Amanda will again lead  
us in worship.

The dates for this year’s conference  
are Friday, October 12th and  
Saturday, October 3th.

Watch for more information to come!

Wednesday, August 1st  
at 6:30 P.M. will be the  
2nd annual  
“Pie in the Park” event.



Invite your friends and neighbors to  
beautiful Chautauqua Park for pie and ice  
cream, and come enjoy a relaxing evening  
of dessert and music in the park. Please  
call the church office (376-5109) if you are  
able to provide food or help serve.

First Covenant Church is offering the  
option of giving your offering online.

If interested, go to  
[firstcovenantworthington.org](http://firstcovenantworthington.org),  
click on the “ministries” tab and  
choose “giving” from the list  
of ministries.

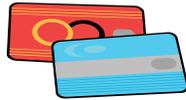
If you have any questions, please  
contact John or Kris Stewart.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study class will not  
be meeting for the summer months;  
they will resume in September.

**FAREWAY & HY-VEE  
GROCERY CARDS  
AVAILABLE!!!**

Don't forget to pick yours up on Sunday mornings, contact Howard Rachuy or Dean Christopherson or stop in the office during the week.



**CHURCH'S WEBSITE**

Check out the website at [www.firstcovenantworthington.org](http://www.firstcovenantworthington.org)  
You will find the bulletin, newsletter, Sunny Days calendars and much more there.

**FACEBOOK**

Did you know that First Covenant Church has a Facebook page?

Like us on Facebook and follow all the news!

**FYI**

Any money that is still being donated to the Building Fund will go toward building up the Contingency Fund.



**DEVOTIONAL BOOKS**

Copies of Covenant Home Altar are available.

Pick up a copy on the table in the narthex.



**TRIP**

(Tuition Reduced Incentive Program)  
Support Sunny Days Preschool with your purchase of TRIP. Slips listing the participating businesses are available in the office or at Main Street Kids.

**Soles4Souls**

Village Northwest is collecting new and gently used shoes providing work opportunities for 180 people with a disability. Shoes will be shipped for distribution domestically and internationally to individuals that do not have proper footwear.

Bring your shoes and place them in the collection box in the narthex.



**CURRENT NEEDS FOR LOVE INC**

Watch the bulletin boards by the office and by the Jerusalem Room for their current needs.

**"Pray Worthington"**

Tuesdays at noon at the Love INC office



Check out the bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall for posters with announcements of things that are happening around the area.



Check out the brochures on the table in the narthex about upcoming events. Also check out their website at: [www.lbbc.com](http://www.lbbc.com)