

JUNE • JULY • AUGUST 2023

THE FAMILY MESSENGER

Newsletter of the I Falls Covenant Church

All Church Camp

Mark your calendar now for July 21-23! As a church family, we will be gathering at Bluewater Covenant Bible Camp, for a special weekend of worship, learning, connecting, wonderful meals & lots of laughter. You can sign-up in the lobby or call the church office at 283.3365.



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Federal Monies Received

BY DAVID HEBIG

Wow! Summer is here, what a blessing. We are a little over three months into our budget that was approved at the February annual meeting. Through April 30th, our YTD general fund giving is up about 7.5% over the same time last year with giving being roughly \$8,000 more than our expenses. The higher interest rates on CDs has provided an additional \$2,000 in interest income. Thank you to all of you who continue to support the work that God is doing through our church. Thank you also to all of the ministry leaders for managing your expenses and continuing to serve.

I would also like to thank Carol Anderson and Austin Homkes for working with Steve Dawson, the former president of National Covenant Properties to secure an Employee Retention Credit (ERC). We were eligible for the ERC because we kept our staff employed during COVID. We have received word that we qualify for a \$36,500 ERC. We hope to receive the funds later this year as it can take up to six months for the formal approval from the federal government.

The leadership team (LT) is focusing on unity this year. God asks us as a body of believers to be united with each other and be united with Him. The LT believes we have room to grow in our unity with each other and is working to identify reasons why we have a lower level of unity. As always, we would love your input and ask that you provide any thoughts you have to the LT.

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If you need wisdom,
ask our generous
God, and he will give
it to you.

James 1.5



Baby Dedications



Emma Kate Scofield



Casper Griffith



Cor Wenger



Northwest Conference Annual Meeting

BY MARCO GRIFFITH

We (Marco & Rachel Griffith) as well as Corin & Katie Wenger attended the NWC Annual meeting and were greatly encouraged by the unity within our conference and everyone's commitment to submit to the Word of God. Everyone at the meeting was then "encouraged" by Casper and Cor making plenty of noise in the back!



Prayer Hubs

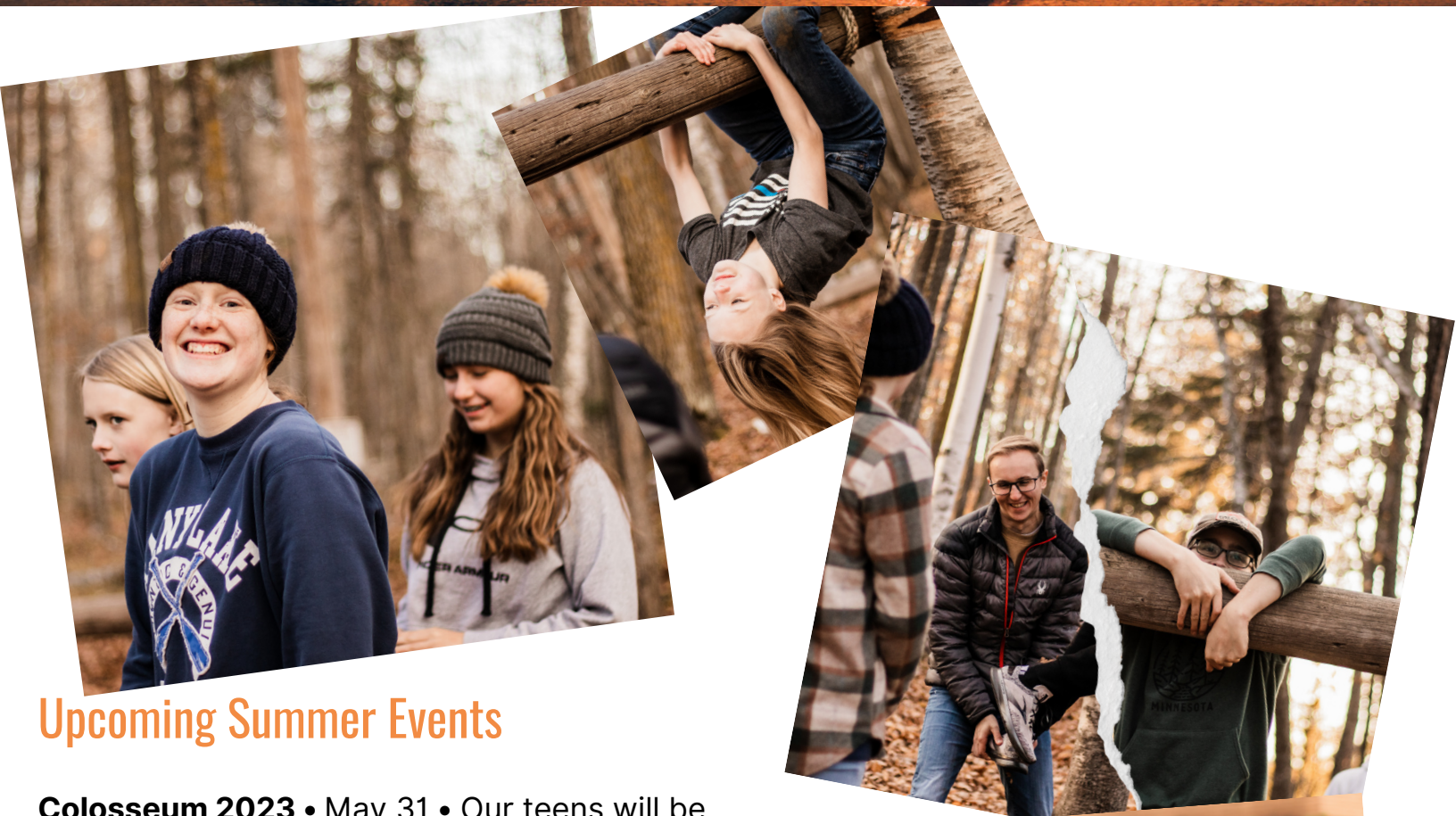
For the past few weeks we have been learning more about prayer, specifically the Lord's Prayer. As a way to apply it to everyday life, we have Prayer Journals, Prayer Hubs, and Small Groups.

With the aid of the **Prayer Journals**, we have been encouraged to pray three times each day. In the morning we have been saying the Lord's Prayer, thinking about each phrase and how it impacts us privately. Then at noon we pray for the lost, whether individuals that we personally know or for the lost in our community. Lastly, we end our day by giving thanks to God for the day, recalling specific events where we saw His Hand at work.

The **Small Groups** have been meeting weekly, sharing about how God is transforming their personal prayer time, enjoying connection and spending time in prayer.

The **Prayer Hubs** have been gathering each Tuesday at noon at Smokey Bear Park or at the community garden across from Falls High School where we intercede for our community.

Our Father,
who is in Heaven
Hallowed be Your Name
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven
Give us this day
our daily bread
And forgive us of our sins,
as we forgive those who
sin against us
And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver
us from evil
For Yours is the Kingdom,
the Power, and the Glory
Forever and ever.
Amen.



Upcoming Summer Events

Colosseum 2023 • May 31 • Our teens will be gathering to wage battle with cardboard weapons.

Buffalo Covenant Youth Group • will be here July 19-23 for a missions trip.

Young Adults to Chicago • July 8-12 • Pastor Marco will be traveling with a contingent of our young adults to Chicago for mission activities & outreach.

MUUUCE • August 10-12 • Most Unbelievable, Ultimate, Urban, Camping Experience • This high-energy, fast-moving, multi-day event is designed to give middle schools and junior highers a chance to connect with Christ and their peers.



Colosseum