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THE FAMILY MESSENGER

Newsletter of the I Falls Covenant Church

All Church Camp

Many from the church family gathered at Bluewater Covenant Bible Camp July 26-28. Following chapel on Sunday, July 28, there was a beautiful baptism service at the lake.



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Update from Pastor Seth

Well, if you haven't heard the news yet, I got engaged on August 17th to the love of my life, Kaitlyn Radi! I couldn't be more happy. God has truly blessed me.

Getting married was something I always wanted but said that God would have to make happen. I had resolved at a young age that I would be content whether single or married, whichever would help me serve Jesus better. Well, when I met Kaitlyn I found out that she had made the same commitment to God! We truly believe that God has brought us together at just the right time. I can say with confidence that I will be able to serve Christ better with Kaitlyn by my side.

"He who finds a wife finds a good thing and receives favor from the Lord."
Proverbs 18:22

As I've reflected on this blessing from God, I am so thankful for this church family. Not only did you embrace me as a single pastor, but when many of you heard that I desired to be married, you prayed for me. Did God ever answer those prayers! I couldn't think of a better church family to begin our marriage with and I know that you will love my bride to be. She's so excited to be part of our church!

Not only is Kaitlyn a perfect match for me, which those who have met her agree, but she also wants to move to International Falls and be a pastor's wife. Kaitlyn and I have the same heart, and you'll be glad to know that we are called to International Falls and would only move away if God called us. So I guess you're still stuck with me!

Mercy, peace & love be yours in abundance.
-Pastor Seth



Update from Pastor Marco & Rachel

Summer is always a busy time, but with the addition of a new baby, it's extra wild! Svea was born on May 16, and we have been so blessed by her presence in our family. We weren't sure how Casper would feel about her, but by God's grace he absolutely loves her and is happy to help out by grabbing diapers, making her smile, and bouncing her in her bouncy chair (although sometimes a little too enthusiastically). While we have been blessed by lots of nice family time, we also fully jumped into summer activities and travels shortly after she was born! Our weekly schedule went something like this:

Monday evening ultimate Frisbee, Thursday afternoon beach day, Sunday night middle school boys Bible study, followed by Bonfire Bible Study. Sprinkled throughout the week, we hosted lunches, dinners, or Casper's favorite: when Rachel would go on walks with girls from the youth group! Our weekends were filled with family time, Bluewater church retreat, MUUUCE for Marco, and our youth camping trip which ended early due to some intense rain.

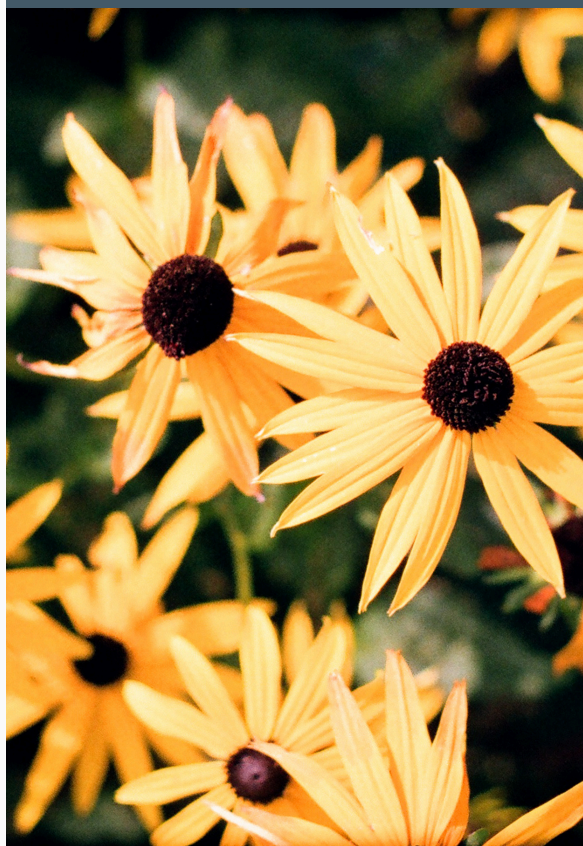
We are incredibly thankful to be supported by a church family who encourages us not only to do ministry as a family, but also rest as a family.

As we return to Wednesday night youth group on September 4th, we'll be studying the book of Romans, while also tackling tough questions facing our youth. We're so blessed by a group of leaders who love Jesus, and especially for Owen who has brought new excitement and participation to our worship time. We would love prayer that God would soften the hearts of the youth, and fill our leaders with patience and sincere love for everyone that walks through the doors.

Marco & Rachel

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

Psalm 9.1

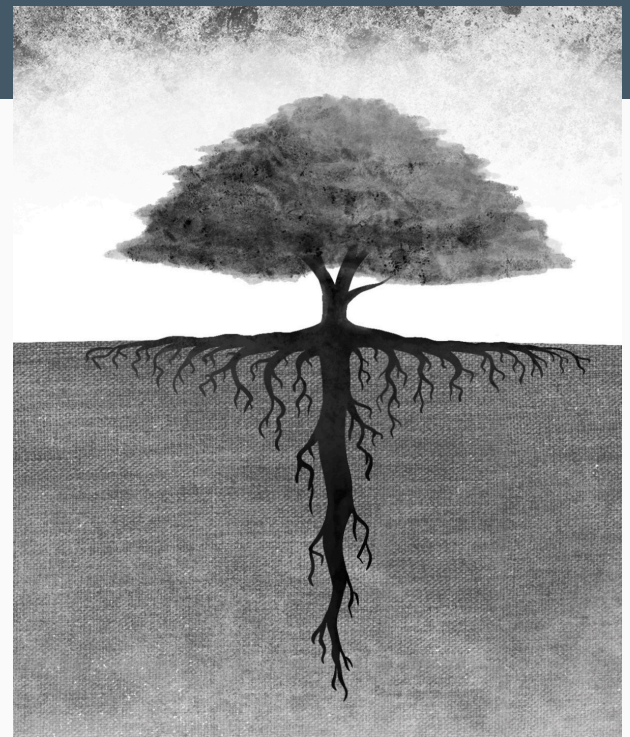




MUUCE

(Most Unbelievable, Ultimate, Urban Camping Experience)

Charis Boyer & Pastor Marco recently traveled down to Buffalo Covenant Church in Buffalo, MN to take part in this crazy junior high event. It was 3 days filled with time at Valley Fair, music, guest speakers, and lots of food.



Upcoming Sermon Series....

Beginning in September and through November Pastor Seth will be bringing teachings from Colossians.

The book of Colossians was written to new believers in a lost town. When Paul heard about their new found faith, he wrote them this letter from prison to encourage them to not to be swayed from their new faith, but to grow stronger in the Lord.

Colossians is a great book for Christians to learn how to be rooted in Christ for the long haul.



Upcoming Fall Activities

Teens • September 4 • Our teens will be gathering to kick-off the new season of school & teens at Smokey Bear Park from 6-8pm!

Covenant Kids • Registration on September 18; Club activities to begin September 25. This is for kids in K-5th grade.

Waffles & Widows • 10am

- September 14
- October 12
- November 9

Women Growing Together • 6:30pm

- September 23 with Ann Holden
- October 21 with Whitney Cunningham
- November 18 with Elaine Johnson