MARRIAGE

❖ GROW a good one to a great one or need a little repair? All marriages need intentional care. Check out these tools:
  ✓ Borrow the DVD to watch the 2013 Date Night Challenge. Great comedy, music and teaching about love.
  ✓ Check out a Love & Respect DVD series.
  ✓ For Marriage Books, Studies, or Devotionals to do at home, see the Group Study Library (in Pastor Brian’s office).
  ✓ Marriage Enrichment: See Pastor Brian to sign up.
  ✓ Marriage Coaches: Meet with a couple to help sharpen your marriage.
  ✓ Marriage Counseling: See Pastor Brian.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING:
www.rfcov.org and click on the Electronic Tithing link under Resources.

- Regular Giving 6.16: $8,086.57
- 4 week Regular Giving Average: $9,807.31
- Weekly Operational Need: $9,397.10
- Facility Expansion Giving 6.16: $2,488.00
- FEF Giving since 5.27: $558,723.44
- FEF Total Pledged Amount: $1,437,955.03
- Attendance on 6.16: 111 & 186=297

THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Jerry & Dianne Hallstrom
(10:00) Jim & Lanette Harsdorf
PRAISE TEAM: Leah & Wade Gunderson, Mel Gillis, Jerry Nelson, Tyler Leeper
VIDEO: Ben Gabriel
SOUND: Adam Johnson
NURSERY: (8:15) 0-4: Nathan & Johanna Groes
(10:00) 0-4: Sarah Johnson & Bethany Klanderman
JR. CHURCH: (10:00) Art & Val Wellnitz
USHERS: (8:15) Dick Kruger & Brent Larson
(10:00) Dan Pearson & Rod Hanson
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Robin Sampson & Bob Haaglund
(10:00) Randy & Gail Baar
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Renee Kruger & Ellen Peterson
PRODUCE PICK UP: Gary Sumner

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

“On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together”
June 23, 2013 | 8:15 & 10:00AM

OPENING SONG

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SONGS

OFFERING

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

CHILDREN’S TIME (10:00)

MESSAGE

Closing Song

BENEDICTION

(Prayer Partners for your prayer needs are up front after the services.)

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**WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

**GOOD TO KNOW**

- **CHILDREN/FAMILIES** (Ask an usher if you need assistance.)
  - Nursery Room: Infants to 4 y.o. Please take shoes off in nursery.
  - Mothers’ Room: Rm 204 (CE wing). Sermons can be heard there.
  - Junior Church (10:00): 5-7 y.o. in Rm 303.
  - Children's Activity Bulletins (ages 4-7) and Jr. Sermon Notes (ages 8-12) are available on the wall by the nursery

- **GUESTS** We are glad you are here! Please do not feel obligated to give to our offering, which is the privilege and responsibility of our church family. As an expression of appreciation, please take a FirstCov reusable tote (at the Guest Center) that also has info to get to know us better.

- **FLASHING NUMBER ON WORSHIP SCREEN?** This is communication between the nursery and a parent (each child has a number).

- **WELCOME PADS** The welcome pads are an important tool to help us care for our church family, contact visitors, and sign up for Wed. night suppers. Please write your contact information and pass it down the row. Cards for prayer requests, comments, and to request additional info are inside.

- **PRINTOUTS WITH WORDS** to the music at Guest Center or from an usher.

**CHURCH LIFE**

- **NEXT SUNDAY** (June 30) Pastor Brian will continue our series Move: Called to Mission in Acts 11 as we look at how to take next steps as a church.

- **DAILY DEVOTIONALS** See our back table for some great FREE devotional booklets! All three are short reads and a great way to start your day!
  - *The Covenant Home Altar*: Written by fellow Covenanters and based on Scripture which seeks to relate biblical truth to everyday experiences.
  - *Our Daily Bread*: A small-sized devotional booklet that fits in your purse, desk drawer, or even your car console. It is great for personal and family devotions!

**STICKY FAITH**

- **Summer Book Read**
  - **THIS WEEK** Read Chapter 3: “Sticky Identity.” See you Wednesday on the blog!
  - **WEDNESDAY’S BLOG** Join us as we learn about how identity is developed and practical steps to disciple young people (yours or others) toward a Christ-centered identity. Find the blog through www.rfcov.org.

**YOUTh NEWS**

- **SR. HIGH LIFE GROUPS** Includes incoming freshman and those who just graduated. This week we’ll meet at Gabriel’s home at 422 N. Lewis St. RF starting at 6:30pm.

- **GRADUATE OPEN HOUSE You’re Invited!**
  - **Melanie Gillis**: Sat., June 29, 12-4pm at 550 North Pearl, River Falls.

- **POOL PARTY** All Middle Schoolers (including incoming 6th graders and outgoing 8th graders) are invited to take over the Wilkening’s pool on June 29th from 2-5pm. RSVP by emailing Leah at leah@rfcov.org or 651.226.6137.

- **MUD FEST** Are you interested in helping put on an event that reaches out to hundreds of youth? Volunteers sign-up here: www.tinyurl.com/go7jant.

**WOMEN MINISTRIES**

- **Shower Invites**
  - **A BABY SHOWER** for Shawna Frank and baby Trinity will be on Wed., June 26 at 6:30pm here. Shawna is registered at Target. For a group gift, please see Brenda Carstedt today! If questions, contact hostesses: Brenda Carstedt, Brenda Pomfret, Sarah Aust, Sarah Johnson, Pam Yetken, Lynnea Mueller & Jo Heuschele.
  - **A BRIDAL SHOWER** for Laura Wespetal, daughter of Mark and Jean Wespetal, will be held on Sun., June 30 at 1:00pm here. Tyler and Laura are registered at Wal-Mart, Cabella’s, and Amazon.

- **Rip & Roll**
  - **HELP ROLL BANDAGES FOR CONGO** on Tuesday, June 25, at 1:00pm. (There’s a great story about this ongoing Covenant mission’s project posted on the Women’s ministry bulletin board). Contact Carol Bielefeldt for more information.

- **HELP KIDS GET TO KNOW JESUS...IN THE WILD WEST!** Volunteers needed for VBS in many different areas, such as crafts, snacks, and more! Contact Marshal Kim Majerus or Jackie (in the office) for more info.

- **SONWEST ROUNDPUP** Vacation Bible School is Aug. 4-8 from 6:30pm for age 4 through those who completed 5th grade.

**CHILDREN’S NOTES**

- **RF DAYS PARADE & CORNFEST**
  - **Friday, July 12**
    - RF Days Parade walkers or help with a float are needed. Contact the office or Shawna Frank.

  - **Saturday, July 13**
    - Help with Corn Fest event (setting up, food prep, serving, greeting, music, games, take down, etc.) Contact Steve Watters (steven.h.watters@uwrf.edu) or the office.
June 23, 2013

Pray for the RF Days parade and Cornfest outreaches: For more volunteers and that all may serve with a vision of reaching the community for Christ

For God’s wisdom and vision for the Facility Expansion team and Stewardship Follow-Up team as well as ongoing work with the City of RF.

For our Missionaries of the Week: UWRF Campus Ministries

For our shut-ins: Irene Hilden (Kinnic), Dorothy Owen (Our House)

For Healing: Leslie Benoy, Hannah Manche, Melinda Zellmer, Larry Bystrom, Linda L. Johnson, Kim Majerus, Nancy Erickson, Joel Heuschele

For our Deacons & Commissions.

For our church Elders: Jerry Hallstrom, Dan Wilkening, Brent Larson

For our church staff: Pastor Todd, Pastor Brian, Leah Gunderson, & Jackie Wallace

Be in prayer for Murray Stoffa, son of Don Stoffa who has now left for his first assignment with the 82 Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, Carolina. Also be in prayer for Don’s son-in-law, John Meier, who has been deployed to Afghanistan for 9 months. Pray for Sarah and Elise while John is gone.

Please be in prayer for Andy Klanderman, son of Cheryl & Mark, who is at Fort Benning for the summer for his AIT training.

Also be in prayer for: Brett Fugate, Mike Findlay, Derek Lucht, Aaron Reiss, Ryan Neel, and also for Steve Kubera, Air Force reservist, and Tyler Splittgerber and Andy Klanderman, Army reservists.

For UWRF Campus Ministries:

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Change can be difficult but important for our lives. It is important because the right changes bring growth to our lives and help us become the person God has called us to be in Christ. Today, we are going to look at how God wants to bring change to one of the most difficult areas of life—relationships. In this passage, we discover the following areas God wants us to grow and change in:

1. We are to grow in our relationship ____________________________.

2. We are to grow in our relationship ____________________________.

3. We are to grow in reaching _________________________________.

4. We are to grow in our relationship ____________________________.

3. We are to grow in reaching _________________________________.

“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

- Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)
**YOU’LL COME**

I have decided, I have resolved to wait upon You, Lord.
My rock and redeemer, shield and reward, I’ll wait upon You Lord.
As surely as the sun will rise, You’ll come to us
Certain as the dawn appears.

**Chorus:** You’ll come, let your glory fall as you respond to us.
Spirit reign, flood into our thirsty hearts again. You’ll come You’ll come
We are not shaken, we are not moved. We wait upon You Lord.
Our mighty deliverer, our triumph and truth. We wait upon You Lord.
As surely as the sun will rise, You’ll come to us. Certain as Your Word endures.

(Chorus)

Chains be broken. Lives be healed. Eyes be opened. Christ is revealed. 2x

(Chorus)

**ALL MY Fountains**

This dry and desert land. I tell myself, “Keep walking on”
Hear something up ahead, water falling like a song
An everlasting stream, Your river carries me home
Let it flow, let it flow

A flood for my soul, a well that never will run dry
I’ve rambled on my own, never believing I would find
An everlasting stream, Your river carries me home
Let it flow, let it flow

**Chorus:** Open the heavens, come Living Water
All my fountains are in You
You’re strong like a river, Your love is running through
All my fountains are in You

Come on, and rain down on us. Rain down on us, Lord 4x

(Chorus)

**FOREVER REIGN**

You are good, You are good when there’s nothing good in me
You are love, You are love on display for all to see
You are light, You are light when the darkness closes in
You are hope, You are hope. You have covered all my sin
You are peace, You are peace when my fear is crippling
You are true, You are true even in my wandering
You are joy, You are joy You’re the reason that I sing
You are life, You are life in You death has lost its sting

**Chorus:** Oh I’m running to Your arms
I’m running to Your arms, the riches of Your love
Will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign

You are more, You are more than y words will ever say
You are Lord, You are Lord all creation will proclaim
You are here, You are here in Your presence I’m made whole
You are God, You are God of all else I’m letting go

(Chorus 2x)

My heart will sing no other name: Jesus, Jesus 4x

(Chorus 2x)

**OH LORD, TO YOU**

**Chorus:** May our praise arise as incense, Oh Lord to You.
May our worship be a fragrance, Oh Lord to You.

**Verse:** We will seek You first Lord, You will hear our voices
Early in the morning and late in the night
We will sing You praises, giving You the glory
Offering our lives to You a holy sacrifice

(Chorus 2x and verse)

**BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE**

Come, set Your rule and reign, in our hearts again,
increase in us we pray, unveil why we’re made
Come, set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls,
Holy Spirit come invade us now. We are Your church, we need Your pow’r in us.

We seek your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst,
refuse to waste our lives, for You’re our joy and prize.
To see the captive hearts released, the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace;
we lay down our lives for heaven’s cause.

We are your church, we pray: ‘revive this earth.’

**Chorus:** Build Your kingdom here, let the darkness fear;
show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire, win this nation back;
change the atmosphere, build Your kingdom here, we pray.

Unleash Your kingdom’s power, reaching the near and far,
no force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this, awake the kingdom seed in us,
fill us with the strength and love of Christ. We are your church, we are the hope on earth.

(Chorus 2x)