

## connection GROUPS

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!** The Connection groups are of a *general age* so you do not need to be of that specific family stage to enjoy it. Join us at *First Covenant of River Falls Connections Group* on Facebook.

❖ **YOUNG FAMILY:** Camping at Lake Wissota State Park. Friday – Sunday, June 11-13. Approx. \$20 per family plus food. Contact Kristy Treichel to RSVP and for food assignments. 425-0243, or kristytreichel@yahoo.com

❖ **YOUNG FAMILY/TEENS & TWEENS/, & EMPTY NESTERS:** Barn/square dance at the Kimball's farm on June 26! If you'd like to help with the planning, contact Sarah Johnson.

## wedding RECEPTION

❖ **WATTERS RECEPTION:** Please RSVP to Sue or Steve Watters (425-7540) by **June 7<sup>th</sup>** if you'll be joining them to help celebrate their daughter Emily's marriage to Lucas Nelson at an outdoor reception on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at the Watters Home. (3:00-4:00 welcoming the couple, & 4:30-7:00 reception BBQ & Games).

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## this WEEK

### TODAY 6/6

8:00 a.m.

Hymn Sing

8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship Services w/Communion

### MONDAY 6/7

8:50 p.m. Church softball game @Hoffman Park

### TUESDAY 6/8

12:15 & 5:30 p.m.

Weight Watchers

6:30 p.m.

Praise Team Practice

### WEDNESDAY 6/9

6:30 p.m.

Sr. High Life Groups & Lock-In!

### FRIDAY 6/11

11 a.m. Mission Project work day (bandage rolling)

6:00 p.m. Women's pizza & movie night @ church

(Young Family Connection Camping week-end)

### SUNDAY 6/13

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Worship Services

12:00 p.m.

Super High Campers leave for LBBC

## thank YOU!

### **GREETERS:**

(8:30) Mark & Robin Sampson

(10:00) Dan & Terri Pearson

### **PRaise TEAM:**

Leah Gunderson, Heather Aune,

John Witt, Matt Eklund, Mikey Langlois, Andy Eklund

### **SCRIPTURE READERS:**

(8:30) Steve Watters

(10:00) Michele Beers

### **SOUND:**

(8:30) Mark Gillis (10:00) Sam Slipka

### **VIDEO:**

(8:30) Greg Van De Mark

(10:00) Chris Ertsgaard

### **NURSERY:**

(10:00) Adam & Sarah Johnson

### **JR. CHURCH:**

(8:30) Michelle Elliott

(10:00) Bill & Jean Hickox

### **USHERS:**

(8:30) Dick Kruger & Brent Larson

(10:00) Dan Wallace & Adam Johnson

### **PRAYER PARTNERS:**

(8:30) Bob Hoaglund & Sue

Watters (10:00) Bill Hickox & Melissa Ertgaard

**COFFEE TIME:** Julie & Keith Hansen, Kathy Manche,

Erica Amundson

### **PRODUCE PICK UP:**

Vern Elfson

## financial UPDATE

Electronic Giving: [www.rfcov.org](http://www.rfcov.org) and click on the *Electronic Tithing* link under Resources.

Weekly Operational Need: \$8,250.00

Last Sunday's Offering,: \$5,077.50

Average of Last 4 Sundays: \$7,187.71

Attendance on 5/30 was: 101 & 127 = 228

# FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

June 6, 2010

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Opening Song

*Days of Elijah*

Welcome/Announcements

Receiving of New Members

Song of Praise and Worship

*A Mighty Fortress*

Offering

Offertory

*Hope Now*

(Ages 4-6 are dismissed for Children's Church at both services)

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:1-11

Message

*Antidote for Weariness*

Pastor Todd

Welcome to the Lord's Table

Breaking of the Bread

*In Christ Alone*

Giving of the Cup

*Glory of God*

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (use "sins")

Benediction

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

**JOY**  
**UNSHAKEABLE!**  
A LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

# Welcome to our morning worship celebration!

## for your INFO

- ❖ **FOR CHILDREN** (Ask an usher if you need assistance.)
  - \* 8:15 Service: infant/toddler nursery (ages 6 mo.–4 yrs.)
  - \* 10:45 Service: infant nursery (ages 6 mo.–2 yrs) & toddler nursery (ages 2-4)
  - \* A mother's room is open during both services for your use.
  - \* *Children's Activity Bulletins* (ages 4-12) and *Jr. Sermon Notes* (ages 8-11) are available on the wall by the nursery
- ❖ **TO OUR GUESTS** Please do not feel obligated to give to our offering, which is the privilege and responsibility of our church family.
- ❖ **REGISTRATION – WELCOME PADS** The black registration pads are an important tool to help us care for our church family, contact visitors, and sign up for Wed night suppers. Please write in your complete address and phone number each week and pass it down the row. Cards for prayer requests, comments, and to request additional information are inside.
- ❖ **RECEIPTS FOR CASH GIFTS** You can get a receipt of tax purposes at the end of the year for your cash donations to the ministry of First Covenant Church by using the gray envelopes at the Guest Center. Ask an usher for assistance.
- ❖ **PRINTOUTS WITH WORDS** to the music are available at the Guest Center or from an usher.
- ❖ **PLEASE REMEMBER** to turn off your cell phones during our worship service!

## upcoming TEACHINGS

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY**, June 13, Pastor Todd will continue his *Joy Unshakeable* series focusing on Philippians 3: 12-16, and learning to overcome the challenges and adversities in life.

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# WELCOME

## TODAY WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

8:30 a.m. – Mark Gillis, Gregg Quam, Greg Van De Mark

10:00 a.m. – Don & Joni Battin, Roger & Michele Beers, Kim Langlois, Paul Wellnitz, Dan & Mary Wilkening

Ben & Angie Branumm, Rod & Debra Hanson, Jason & Tina Hull, and Gary & Cheryl Swanson will be received at a later date.

## church LIFE

- ❖ **HYMN SINGS!** If you missed our sing this morning at 8:00 a.m., join us again on June 27, July 25, & August 22.
- ❖ **LAST TO LEAVE?** Make sure all windows are closed and doors locked!
- ❖ **OUR NEW WEB PAGE** is available! [www.rfcov.org](http://www.rfcov.org) and subscribe to the blog.
- ❖ **CORN FEST!** Teams are forming to help out during our Corn Fest on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 3-6pm. If you are interested in being a **team leader or helping out** with games, food, music, and set/clean up, please contact Becky Lopez, Brett Dolliver, Brian Hanson, or Steve & Sue Watters.
- ❖ **R.F. DAYS PARADE FLOAT!** If you feel "creative", we have an immediate need for our **float organizer**. ?'s, contact Steve Watters @425-7540. First planning meeting: June 10, 7 p.m.
- ❖ **"LIVE NATIVITY" MEETING:** Sunday, June 27 after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. More details next week!

## children's MINISTRY

- ❖ **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Sunday, Aug. 8 – Thursday, August 12, 6 -8 p.m.** (For ages 4 through those finishing 5th grade). To get involved in this *HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION*, contact Michele Beers. (425-6824).
- ❖ **CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE! SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!** For fall, we need **teachers or co-teachers** for a 2 yr. old class, the 4th/5th grade class, and someone to be in the **nursery** during Sunday School. We could also use some people to be **subs** for the other teachers. ?'s, contact Candace Plummer @ 425-9914.

## women's MINISTRY

- ❖ **RIP & ROLL:** Bandage rolling for Congo. Friday, June 11 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Join us!
- ❖ **MOVIE & PIZZA!** Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. We'll finish watching *Anne of Green Gables*.

## youth NEWS

- ❖ **SR. HIGH:** Summer Life Groups are on Wed., June 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. and on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Check the youth board for info.
- ❖ **LOCK-IN:** Sr. High, your lock-in has arrived! From Wed June 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. until the next morning at 7 a.m., we will takeover the church and town. Sign up on the youth board!
- ❖ **SERVICE AND MOVIE NIGHT:** Middle School, come join us with working on a service project and then back to the Youth Room for a movie night. Check back soon for the date!

## graduation open house INVITES

- ❖ **KELSEY EKSTROM:** Saturday, June 12, from 1-5 p.m. 1116 Sunset Lane, River Falls.
- ❖ **CODY KRUGER:** Saturday, June 12, 2-5 p.m. W10506 -690<sup>th</sup> Ave., River Falls. (Hwy 29 S, left on County Road E, then right on 690th).
- ❖ **ROLAND POMFRET:** Friday, June 18, 5-10 p.m. 271 St. Anne's Parkway, Hudson.

## evangelical covenant church NEWS

- ❖ **THIS YEAR'S ECC ANNUAL MEETING** marks the *125th Anniversary of the founding of the Evangelical Covenant Church*. Fellow Covenanters from all over the country will converge on the RiverCentre in St. Paul, MN, June 24-27, to celebrate this milestone. You are invited to attend the evening worship services and a family picnic on Saturday. For more info. on all these events check out our June *Clarion* or go online at [www.covchurch.org/am](http://www.covchurch.org/am). Volunteers from the Northwest Conference are needed! Please contact Cheryl (cheryl@nwccov.org) to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

# PRAYER REQUESTS TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK!

June 6, 2010

- For our Missionary of the Week: Kember Lillo
- For our High School graduates. (R.F. graduation today, Hudson on Saturday)
- For our shut-ins: Martha VanBeek, Irene Hilden, Evie Griffin, Dorothy Owen
- For Healing: Lowell Falde, Kathy Larson, Bob Stevens, Sarah Larson, Trudy Jarosek, Donna Kruger
- For our church Elders: Dan Pearson, (Moderator), John Aune, Terry Traynor
- For our church staff: Pastor Todd Ertsgaard, Brian Majerus, Leah Gunderson, & Jackie Wallace

**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:** Please remember in prayer: Tyler Splittgerber, Wyatt Stoffa, Brett Fugate, Zach Zellmer, Katie & Mike Findlay, Aaron Reiss, Andrew Kathan, Melissa Leitl, Christina Lundberg, Ryan Neel, Steve Kubera

**MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK:** Kember Lillo, who is training as Arts Specialist with Wycliffe Bible Translations. Kember's year of class work is finished in Montreal and she is back in River Falls for the summer and is looking forward to her time off to pray with believers, reflect and listen to the Lord for future guidance. In July 3-16, she will be going to Asia for Global Consultation on Music and Missions, where she'll gather with colleagues from around the world, share ideas and spend time planning with the Africa-area ethnomusicologists. She is thankful for scholarship funds through Wycliffe and the Burkina branch to attend this. She asks for prayer for a renter to take her July-August rent at her Montreal apartment, and for progress on her ethnomusicology thesis. Her summer address: PO Box 574, River Falls. Cell: 715-220-3352. E-mail: kemberanne@gmail.com

**PRESIDENTIAL PRAYER REQUEST:** Pray for all those who are involved in the well stoppage, the initial and long-term clean up, and for those whose livelihoods have been dealt a set-back as a result of the damage done by the oil already in the Gulf of Mexico. Pray for all of the branches of our military and allied forces engaged in the war effort in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Pray for Secretary of State Clinton and others in the State Department to be wise in decisions regarding terrorism. Pray for the economy of our nation and globally, and the impact of individuals and families worldwide. Pray that the health and safety of families and children would be wisely encouraged by government officials.

Prayer request cards are available in the Registration Pads. Please place in the offering plate. The requests will be prayed for by our Wed. Night Prayer Group and Pastoral staff. If your request is confidential, you can give to Pastor Todd.

Pastor Todd

Joy Unshakeable

June 6, 2010

## "Antidote for Weariness"

Philippians 3:1-11

Do you feel tired and overworked? Do you feel you have too much to do and too little time to do it? In the busy hectic lives that we often live, how can we go from leading a full life to a fulfilling life? In this passage, the apostle Paul gives us the prescription for a more fulfilling life in the midst of the circumstances we face. If we are going to turn a full life into a fulfilling life we need to seek the following:

1. The right \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The right \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The right \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."  
- Matthew 11:28*

### DAYS OF ELIJAH

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the word of the Lord. And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, Righteousness being restored. And though these are the days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword, Still, we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

(Chorus) Behold he comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call. So lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, and out of Zion's hill, salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh. And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding the temple of praise. And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world. And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the word of the Lord.

There's no God like Jehovah, there's no God like Jehovah. 3x  
There's no God like Jehovah.  
Chorus 2x

### A MIGHTY FORTRESS

Our God is a consuming fire a burning holy Flame,  
with glory and freedom Our God is, the only righteous judge  
ruling over us with kindness and wisdom

Our God is the only righteous judge ruling over us  
with kindness and wisdom

And we will keep our eyes on You .We will keep our eyes on You

A mighty fortress is our God A sacred refuge is Your name  
Your kingdom is unshakable with You forever we will reign

Our God is jealous for His own None could comprehend  
His love and His mercy Our God is exalted on His throne  
high above the heavens, forever He is worthy

And we will keep our eyes on You, We will keep our eyes on You

A mighty fortress is our God A sacred refuge is Your name  
Your kingdom is unshakable with You forever we will reign  
And we will keep our eyes on You we will keep our eyes on You  
So we can set our hearts on You Lord, we can set our hearts on You

A mighty fortress is our God A sacred refuge is Your name  
Your kingdom is unshakable  
with You forever we will reign (2x) with You forever we will reign (2x).

Our God is a consuming fire. A burning holy flame  
with glory and freedom.

### IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength my song; This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world, by darkness slain; Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand; 'Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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### GLORY OF GOD

1. What can I give unto You my Lord For You are of infinite worth. The sum of my songs, the cry of my heart. The breath that descends to earth. The deepest parts of the universe are not strangers to your hand. The highest mountains, the furthest of seas, the forgotten and untold lands.

Pre-Chorus: There's a song that is sung by the saints that have come. And have gone from under the sun. Those that are present before your throne. Sing endlessly . the glory of God!

Chorus: Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks, and honor and power and strength. Be to our God forever and ever and ever, Amen. 2x

2. What can I give unto You, my Lord. For You are of infinite worth. The sum of my songs, the cry of my heart. The breath that descends to earth. What cry can the deepest of sorrow bring, that You do not well understand? What laugh can the outburst of joy not sing. Of the providence brought by Your hand?  
Repeat PC & C. Repeat PC 2x Repeat C 3x