

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

- ❖ **PRAYER PARTNERS** after Sunday morning services. Contact the office for more information to be on the rotation.
- ❖ **MOPS** Adults & youth (12+) needed to care for the children of our MOPS moms on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. each month, 9:00a to 11:30a. Get paid or volunteer. For info, call Nicole Yamry 715-222-5275.

## ONLINE ENCOURAGEMENT

Stay connected even while in summer travels and get online encouragement as you follow Christ into your week:

- ✓ **E-NEWS & ALL-CHURCH EMAIL** Stay in-touch with your church family with important info and updates. Contact Jackie to sign-up (Jackie@rfcov.org).
- ✓ **WEBSITE** Check out [www.rfcov.org](http://www.rfcov.org) for sermons, info and more.
- ✓ **FACEBOOK** For info & encouragement throughout the week. "Like" us at [Facebook.com/FirstCovenantChurch](https://www.facebook.com/FirstCovenantChurch)
- ✓ **TWITTER** Follow us at @FirstCovRF
- ✓ **PRAYER EMAIL TEAM** Serve others, sign up through Jackie@rfcov.org. You'll receive prayer requests by email...a great way to stay in contact with the church family AND to serve them by bringing their needs to the Lord.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING:

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

Weekly Operational Need:	\$12,188.95
Regular Giving 9.10.17:	\$14,081.92
YTD FEF (2017):	\$12,949.00
Attendance on 9.10.17:	113 & 210=323
YTD applied to principal:	\$52,019.35
Mortgage balance as of 9.1.17:	\$596,568.87

## CONTACT US!

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## THANK YOU

- GREETERS** (8:15) Steve & Ailene Splittgerber  
(10:45) \_\_\_\_\_
- WORSHIP TEAM:** Brian Smith, Jake Jacobs, Dakota Walters, Keith Richardson, Brittany Hamann, Johnny Manche
- SOUND:** Dave Schatz      **VIDEO:** Danielle Ertsgaard  
**THE HUB:** (8:15) Jackie Wallace  
(10:45) \_\_\_\_\_
- NURSERY:** (8:15) Tom, Kathi & Aleah Nelson  
(10:45) John & Marly Aune, Aryanna Plummer
- JR. CHURCH:** (10:45) Sylvia & Jeff Stubbs
- USHERS:** (8:15) Gregg Quam, Dan Wallace  
(10:45) Rod Hanson, Matt Fitzgerald
- PRAYER PARTNERS:** (8:15) Steve & Linda Johnson  
(10:45) Bob & Deb Gilbertson
- COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Kay & Raye Schmalstig,  
April & Greg Hudson
- PRODUCE PICK UP:** Dan Schmalstig

## THIS WEEK

- TODAY 9/17**  
8:15 & 10:45a      Worship Services  
9:30a      Sunday School for all ages
- TUESDAY 9/19**  
9:15a      MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers)  
12:00p & 5:15p      Classroom use: Weight Watchers
- WEDNESDAY 9/20**  
9:30a      Precepts Class  
3:30p      Confirmation (gr. 7 & 8)  
5:15p      Fellowship Supper  
6:15p      Awana (K-6)  
6:30p      Confirmation (gr. 7 & 8),  
SOLID Youth Group (gr. 9-12), & Prayer Group
- THURSDAY 9/21**  
6:30p      Leadership Team Meeting  
8:00p      Worship Team Practice  
8:15p      Iron: Men's Group
- FRIDAY 9/22**  
9:45a      Women's Bible Study Fellowship
- SUNDAY 9/24** *Fall Campaign Begins*  
8:15a & 10:45a      Worship Services  
9:30a      Sunday School for all ages

# FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

*"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"*

Sunday, September 17, 2017 | 8:15a & 10:45a

## OPENING SONG

## WELCOME

## WORSHIP SONGS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS | OFFERING

*10:45 Service: Children ages 5-7 can go to Rm 306 for Junior Church.*  
Parents: Please walk your child to the room and pick up after the service.

## MESSAGE

Pastor Todd

## CLOSING SONG

## BENEDICTION

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

# MOSES

FEARFUL TO FAITHFUL

# Welcome to our WORSHIP SERVICES

## Welcome Guests!

- ❖ **CHECK @theHub** for a great conversation, a gift, more info, or get questions answered. We are glad you are here!
- ❖ **WELCOME PADS** help us to care & connect! Please fill out and pass to your neighbor in the row. Inside are cards for prayer requests, comments, and more. *If you leave your address*, we will send you a Welcome Letter with next step ideas to get to know us...and no extra mailings! ☺
- ❖ **CHILDREN/FAMILIES:** (The Ushers would love to help you too!).
  - \***Nurseries** (Infant to 4 y.o.).
    - ✓ Nursery Room (To the right of the main entrance).
  - \***Infant Room**—Service live feed, on right as you enter Worship Center.
  - \***Junior Church**—(10:00) 5-7 y.o. in Rm 306.
  - \***Children's Activity Bulletins (ages 4-7) and Jr. Sermon Notes (ages 8-12)** are available on the usher's cart.
- ❖ **SERVICE LIVE FEEDS** available in Infant Room and Multipurpose Room.
- ❖ **OFFERING** is an act of worship and a privilege of our church family. We are just glad you are here to worship with us today!
- ❖ **FREE GIFT @theHub:** As an expression of appreciation, pick up a gift and get more info or questions answered there.

## Fall Campaign! Daring Faith

**Begins next Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

- ❖ **WHAT IT'S ABOUT:** *Did you know God is interested in a relationship with you? Join us as we go on an adventure of pursuing a bold, authentic faith and the rich rewards it brings.*

### GET THE MOST FROM THIS STUDY!

- **Adults:** We encourage everyone to join a *Daring Faith* Small Group as you discuss the same themes from the sermon in your group. **Sign up (& pick up resources)** at the *Daring Faith* table after the service.
- **High School & Middle School:** Come to Sunday School Classes!
- **Individuals:** 40 days of devotionals (in guide).

### SMALL GROUP LEADERS:

- ✓ **GATHER & EQUIP: DARING FAITH PREP** TODAY, Sept. 17. Join us for a time of prayer, prep, and fun. Your first session will be fully planned by the end!  
**Choose:** 1-2:30p or 6:30-8p.

## CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT WEEK** (Sept. 24) Pastor Todd begins our fall Campaign "Daring Faith" with Matthew 14:13-21. (Daring to Give My Best).
- ❖ **TODAY! ORIENTATION 1 CLASS:** Sun., Sept. 17 at 1:00p. Want to learn more about FirstCov and the Evangelical Covenant Church? Contact Pastor Todd if interested in attending.
- ❖ **TODAY! CHIC PARENT MEETING:** Sun., Sept. 17 at 1:00p. (students in gr. 9-12 can go to CHIC'18).
- ❖ **MOPS** (Mothers of PreSchoolers) begins this Tuesday, Sept. 19 from 9:15-11:15a. Theme this year: Free Indeed! We will bask in the freedom of living loved by understanding who God is, and who we are because of it.
- ❖ **WED. SUPPER (9.20):** Chicken noodle hot dish, salad, peaches, rice krispy bars.. Serving 5:15-6:00p. Sign up on Welcome Pad. Cost: \$3/max \$12
- ❖ **HURRICANE RELIEF** through Covenant World Relief: Go to: <http://bit.ly/2iJcVZL>
- ❖ **SEPT. FOCUS ON LIFE: Hunger & Starvation in East Africa.** Learn information, prayer, and tangible steps to be God's hands and feet. [www.rfcov.org/category/focus-on-life-ministry/](http://www.rfcov.org/category/focus-on-life-ministry/).
- ❖ **NAME THAT TUNE!** Sun., Oct. 1 | 5:30p Empty Nesters and Senior Adults! It's time to dust off those old 45 rpm's and review for a fun night of "Name That Tune" with SummerTime Quartet (our own Loren Paulson is part of the quartet). Please bring a dish to share. Questions? Contact Jeannie Wespetal.

## WEDNESDAY MINISTRIES

- ❖ 3:30-5:00p :Confirmation (7th-8th grade)
- ❖ 5:15p: Suppers (Donation requested)
- ❖ 6:15-7:45p Awana (children K-6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ❖ 6:30-8:00p: Confirmation (7th- 8th grade) & SOLID Youth Group (9th-12th grade)
- ❖ 6:30-7:30p: Prayer Group (adults)

## WOMEN MINISTRIES

- ❖ **BABY SHOWER:** For Darlene Backes and her new baby boy, Travis. The shower will be held here at church on Tues, Oct. 3 at 6:30p. Group gift donations can go to Sarah Johnson. Mostly needed are diapers and wipes.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Classes for 2 years old to Adult  
Begins TODAY at 9:30a*

### Adult Options

- ❖ **Turning Points: Decisive Church Moments to Help You Live Today:** Learn how to follow Christ in our *modern times* by looking at the *Christians of the past*. Explore key moments of Church & Christian history. Learn about God from His sovereign work of preserving the Church over time, the impact of world events on the Church, and Scripture. Leave each class knowing more about how to engage today as Christians in our culture and our world. Explore the significance of **October 2017, the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation!** Based on book *Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity* by foremost church historian, Mark Noll. Teaching Team: Pastor Brian, Mark Wespetal, Jeff Carow
- ❖ **Ruth and Esther:** Is God really sovereign? Can individual people make a difference in His world? A young girl named Ruth and a middle-aged man named Boaz do during the violent days of Israel's judges. Over 600 years later a Jew named Mordecai and his cousin Esther save their nation by saying yes. Today these stories still inspire believers to affect the world by trusting God. Understand these books, and apply their powerful, relevant wisdom to needs and issues you are currently working through. Based on NavPress's "Life Change" series. Teachers: Chuck Sambs & Mark Kimball

## MARRIAGE DAY!

- ❖ **TAKE YOUR MARRIAGE FROM GOOD TO GREAT!** Sat., Sept. 30 | 8:00a-8:00p Come learn, have fun, and spend some quality 1:1 time with your spouse in an atmosphere free from your daily distractions. Sign up now @theHub because space is limited. At time of signup, \$20/couple required to cover cost of catered lunch and dinner which are provided. Event will be hosted at Harvest Blessing Farm (less than 10 minutes away).

# PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

September 17, 2017

- ❖ For those impacted by Hurricane Harvey and Irma
- ❖ For our Missionaries of the week: John & Letha Kerl
- ❖ For Neil Vance & Sarah Greteman-Leo who will be married this Sat. Sept. 23 in Northern Minnesota. (Note: a FirstCov reception for them will be held here on Sun., Oct. 8).
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Jean Elefson, Lana Foster, Grady Vogt, Angie Martini, Kern & Judy Steffenhagen, Jeff Pierre, Bonnye Huland, Jean Hickox
- ❖ For our Congregational Vitality Team Members: Pat Stevens, Jeff Carow, Melissa Falde, Tom Nelson, Chris Mueller, Krista Majerus, Steve Schalla, Robert & Lindsey Curtis, Pastor Todd, and Pastor Brian
- ❖ For our Leadership Team: Jeff Carow, Chair; Dan Pearson, Vice Chair; Johnny Manche, Finance Officer; Pat Stevens, Administrative Officer; John Aune; Jean Wespetal; Kay Zwald; Gregg Quam; Pastor Todd
- ❖ For our Evangelical Covenant Church Leaders (see below)
- ❖ For our church staff: Pastor Todd, Pastor Brian, Neil Vance, Brian Smith, Jackie Wallace

*We are glad to pray for you in joy or in times of need. Needs will be listed for up to four weeks, but please let us know if you would like it longer.*

## THOSE IN THE MILITARY

For: Sam & Isaac Witt, Brent Wiersma, Roland Pomfret, Mike Findlay, Aaron Riess, Ryan Neel, Murray Stoffa, John Meier, Colin Arneson, Matthew Lundberg, Mckenzie Curtis, Max Elliott

## OUR EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH (ECC) LEADERS

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ECC President: Gary Walter

**Start & Strengthen Churches:** Dick Luco, Interim Executive Minister

**Make & Deepen Disciples:** Michelle Sanchez, Executive Minister

**Developing Leaders:** Mark Novak, Executive Minister

**Love Mercy Do Justice:** Cecilia Williams, Executive Minister

**Serve Globally:** Al Tizon, Executive Minister

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Director of Operations: Rebecca Gonzalez

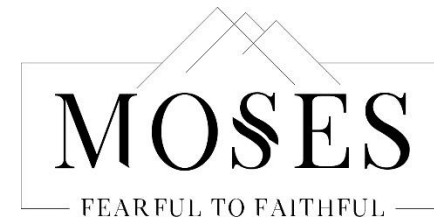
Communications: Edward Gilbreath, Executive Director

Finance: Paul Hawkinson, Treasurer & Executive Director of Finance

## MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

**John & Letha Kerl**, Covenant missionaries serving as Regional Coordinators for Europe and Russia. They ask prayer for spiritual vitality as they launch into the fall, for wisdom as they seek to fulfill responsibilities, as well as for health and physical well being.

Their e-mail is letha-john.kerl@covchurch.org



**TITLE**

**| NUMBERS \_\_\_\_\_**

**PASTOR TODD**