

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU

- ❖ **PRAYER PARTNERS** after Sunday morning services. Contact the office for more information to be on the rotation.
- ❖ **TheHub** could use more attendants especially at the 8:15 service. Contact Brian Smith for more information.

ONLINE ENCOURAGEMENT

Stay connected 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 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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING:

Go to www.rfcov.org and click on the *Electronic Tithing* link under Resources.

Weekly Operational Need: \$12,188.95
Regular Giving 9.2417: \$8,715.08
YTD FEF (2017): \$13,339.00
Attendance on 9.24.17 143 & 173=316
YTD applied to principal: \$52,019.35
Mortgage balance as of 9.1.17: \$596,568.87

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Rob & Pat Stevens

(10:45) Dave & Laura Schatz

WORSHIP TEAM: Brian Smith, Dakota Walters, Keith
Richardson, Steve Boatman, Hannah Plummer,
Paul Schatz, Jake Jacobs

SOUND: Dave Schatz **VIDEO:** Rylan Mueller

THE HUB: (8:15) Jackie Wallace

(10:45) Richard & Tanya Franta

NURSERY: (8:15) Angie Branum, Kim Spafford,
Danielle Ertsgaard

(10:45) Sarah Aust, Amanda Wagner, Klayra Plummer

JR. CHURCH: (10:45) P. Brian & Kim Majerus

USHERS: (8:15) Dan Wallace, Chris Mueller

10:45) Jake Koskie, Adam Johnson

PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Gary Sumner

(10:45) Melissa Ertsgaard, Bill Hlckox

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Leann Krenz, Judy Samb,
Jackie Wallace

PRODUCE PICK UP: Art Wellnitz

THIS WEEK

TODAY 10/1

8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services w/Communion

9:30a Sunday School for all ages

5:30p Name That Tune (Empty Nesters & Sr. Adults)

TUESDAY 10/3

9:15a **MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers)**

2:00p & 5:15p Classroom use: Weight Watchers

6:30p Baby Shower for Darlene Backes & Travis

WEDNESDAY 10/4

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 10/5

6:30p Leadership Team Meeting

8:00p Worship Team Practice

8:15p Iron: Men's Group

FRIDAY 10/6

9:45a Women's Bible Study Fellowship

SUNDAY 10/8

8:15a & 10:45a Worship Services

9:30a Sunday School for all age

12:15p Wedding Reception for Neil & Sarah Vance

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, October 1, 2017 | 8:15 & 10:45a

OPENING SONG | WELCOME

WORSHIP SONGS

OFFERING | ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Daring to Give My Best

Pastor Todd

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Moment of Silent Reflection

PROCESSIONAL COMMUNION

(Please come to the front to receive the bread and the cup)

SONG OF COMMUNION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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

DARING FAITH

THE KEY TO MIRACLES

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—(10:45) 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 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.



TONIGHT! Sunday, October 1 | 5:30p

Name That Tune!

For Empty Nesters/ Senior Adults

Join us 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.*

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **TODAY! COLLEGE LUNCH!** All college students are invited to stay for lunch after 2nd service. Hosts are Gregg & Linda Quam's small group.
- ❖ **NEXT WEEK (Oct. 8)** Pastor Brian, in our "Daring Faith" series, explores the role of "Daring to Imagine" in a Christian's life (Ephesians 3:20).
- ❖ **TODAY'S BLUE ENVELOPES** are for the benevolence offering, used to assist those in need in our church and also to help support ARC.
- ❖ **MINISTRY BOARD for October:** Building & Maintenance Ministry Team. See it just past the hall doors.
- ❖ **OCT. CLARION** newsletters were e-mailed. Paper copies available @theHub.
- ❖ **WED. SUPPER:** Chicken and rice stir fry. Serving 5:15-6:00p. Sign up on Welcome Pad or call by Tues. noon. Cost: \$3/max \$12.
- ❖ **MEN'S BREAKFAST** on Sat., Oct. 14 at 8:00a at Ezekiel Lutheran. Jim Harsdorf sharing on "Being a Christian in the Political Arena". Sign @theHub.
- ❖ **CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY**
 - Check: rfcov.org/category/vitality-pathway/.
 - Get e-mail notification: subscribe on the right side on news, prayer requests, etc.
 - Read the Clarion newsletter Vitality section.
- ❖ **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Here **Tues., Oct. 31** from 1:00-7:00p.

CONGRATULATIONS!

- ❖ **NEIL (Our Youth Director) & SARAH VANCE** were married Sept. 23. Celebrate with them at a cake reception here next **Sun., Oct. 8** after 2nd service.

WOMEN MINISTRIES

- ❖ **BABY SHOWER:** For Darlene Backes and her new baby boy, Travis, here this **Tues, Oct. 3** at 6:30p. See Sarah Johnson for group gift donations today! Most needed: diapers and wipes.
- ❖ **WE'RE HOSTING:** Lake Pepin District Women's Fall Gathering on **Sat., Oct. 14th**. Registration begins at 9:00a. Sign up @theHub and, if you can, help make a quiche (recipes @theHub).

FATHER/CHILD BANQUET

Thurs., Oct. 19 | 6:30-8:00p

- ❖ **COME** for a great dinner (turkey, potatoes & gravy, and more!) with your child(ren). Topic: *5 F's: Tools and Fun for Building Faith & Family* Pastor Brian shares a fun evening, including resources/ideas for you to grow and enjoy life in your family. **Sign up @theHub by Thurs. Oct. 12** (\$10/plate).

MARRIAGE

- ❖ **SIX-WEEK Marriage Group:** DVD-based study on *Fight Your Way to a Better Marriage* begins **Fri., Oct. 20**, here, with childcare available. Sign up with James & Candace Plummer or the office. See more info in the e-news or Clarion.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

9:30-10:30a | Classes for 2 y.o. to Adult
Adult Options are:

- ❖ **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 Sams & Mark Kimball.
- ❖ **Turning Points: What the Church-Then Can Teach the Church-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 and God's sovereign work of preserving the Church over time, the impact of world events on the Church, and Scripture. Leave class knowing more about how to engage today as Christians in our culture and our world. And explore the significance of October 2017, the 500th 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

October 1, 2017

- ❖ For those impacted by the many recent hurricanes & the earthquake in Mexico
- ❖ For our Oct. Focus on Life: Domestic Abuse (check out the Oct. Clarion for more info)
- ❖ For our Missionary of the week: Brittany Rambatt
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Jean Elefson, Lana Foster, Grady Vogt, Angie Martini, Kern & Judy Steffenhagen, Bonnye Huland, Jean Hickox, Joyce Lundberg, Shirley Peterson, Brenda Espeseth
- ❖ For Melissa Falde and family on the passing of her father, Robert Jager. The funeral was on Friday in Hawarden, IA
- ❖ For our Congregational Vitality Team Members: Pat Stevens, Jeff Carow, Melissa Falde, Tom Nelson, Chris Mueller, Krista Majerus, Steve Schalla, Robert & Lindsey Curtiso, Pastor Todd, and Pastor Brian
- ❖ For our Ministry Team Leaders (see below)
- ❖ 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 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 2017/18 MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

ADULT: Art Wellnitz; **BLAST (Childrens):** Lynnea Mueller; **YOUTH:** Ben Branum;
MEN: (open); **WOMEN:** Wendi Blaubach, Wendy Larson; **WORSHIP & ARTS:** Dave Schatz;
MAINTENANCE: Rob Stevens; **MISSIONS:** Jim Harsdorf; **OUTREACH:** Dean Benoy;
CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS: Chuck Sambs; **FINANCE:** Johnny Manche.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Brittany Rambatt, serving with El Ayudante in Honduras. You can e-mail Brittany at bkrambatt@gmail.com and check out her blog at www.brittanyinhonduras.wordpress.com

**DARING
FAITH**
THE KEY TO MIRACLES

DARING TO GIVE MY BEST | HEBREWS 11:1-6 | PASTOR TODD

Today, we continue our church-wide spiritual growth campaign, "Daring Faith," by looking at how to give God our best to experience His best for us. It involves:

1. Our _____.

2. Our _____.

3. Our _____.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose - Romans 8:28 (NIV)