

MARRIAGE

ENJOY...NEED REPAIR...OR GO FROM GOOD TO GREAT! See Pastor Brian for info on these or more ideas.

❖ **Before Marriage:**

- o Premarital Counseling (inventory-based).

❖ **Enjoying & Building Your Marriage:**

- o Resources for Individual, Couple, Group in Groups Library.
- o 30-day Kindness Challenge with ideas sent to your email inbox. Sign up as "husband" or "wife" at rfcov.org/kindness.
- o Couple opportunities: Marriage Enrichment or Vow Renewal.

❖ **Renewing or Repairing Oneness:**

- o Marriage Renewing—Tackle issues and problem areas through an inventory-based experience.
- o Marriage Counseling—For going deeper or if you are in a difficult spot. P. Brian sees some or can help you get connected to a counselor.

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 7.30.17:	\$13,052.61
YTD FEF (2017):	\$10,301.00
.Attendance on 7.30.17:	119 & 187=306
YTD applied to principal:	\$52,019.35
Mortgage balance as of 8.1.17:	\$598,177.22

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THANK YOU

- GREETERS:** (8:15) Shirley Peterson
 (10:00) Mark & Krista Majerus
WORSHIP TEAM: Brian Smith, Johnny Manche, Jessica Mueller, Tim Ruiz
SOUND: Andrew Ertsgaard **VIDEO:** Rylan Mueller
THE HUB: (8:15) Jeannie Wespetal (10:00) Sarah Smith
NURSERY: (8:15) Tom, Kathi & Aleah Nelson
 (10:00) Dina & Brynn Anderson, Aryanna Plummer
JR. CHURCH: (10:00) Karen Olsen
USHERS: (8:15) Gregg Quam, Chris Mueller
 (10:00) Dan Pearson, Jake Koskie
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Steve & Linda Johnson
 (10:00) Jeff Carow
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Jackie Wallace
PRODUCE PICK UP: Dan Larson

THIS WEEK

- TODAY 8/6**
 8:15 & 10:00a Worship Services w/Communion
 4:30-6:30p Couples Boat Cruise
MONDAY 8/7
 6:30p Awana Volunteer Registration & Meeting
 7:00 p Holy Land Presentation (classroom 302)
TUESDAY 8/8
 12:00p & 5:15p Classroom use: Weight Watchers
WEDNESDAY 8/9
 6:30p BLAST Volunteer Training (choice #1)
 6:30p Sr. High Life Group (Kaytlynn Plummer hosting)
THURSDAY 8/10
 8:00p Worship Team Practice
 8:15p Iron: Men's Group
FRIDAY 8/11
 7:00p Sr. High Lock In
SATURDAY 8/12
 7:00a Sr. High Lock in Ends
SUNDAY 8/13
 8:15a & 10:00a Worship Services
 Baptism Service (following 10:00 Worship)

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"
 Sunday, August 6, 2017 | 8:15 & 10:00a

OPENING SONG

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VBS Kids

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SONGS

OFFERING

10:00 Service: Children ages 5-7 can go to Rm 303 for Junior Church.
 Parents: Please walk your child to the room and pick up after the service.

MESSAGE

Things to Remember For Praying People Pastor Brian

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

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 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.

CONNECT THE DOTS BLAST TRAINING

If current OR an interested children's volunteer,
attend ONE of the upcoming training meetings:
Wednesday, August 9, OR Tuesday, August 15 | 6:30-8:00p.
RSVP to Lynnea. lynnea.mueller@gmail.com or (828)399-9321

Awana Needs: Check out table in Multi-Purpose Room.

Check out TODAY's bulletin insert! We have a spot for you! Fill out the bottom half and place it in the offering or turn it in @theHUB. We cannot wait to have you on board!

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT WEEK** (August 13) Pastor Todd will continue our Moses series with Exodus 18 and the importance of community.
- ❖ **TODAY'S BLUE ENVELOPES** are for benevolence offering, which helps those in need in our church and supports ARC (community help).
- ❖ **TOMORROW! SEE THE HOLY LAND** Mon., Aug. 7 at 7:00p FirstCov'er Gary Sumner shares pictures, display tables, and insights on "Seeing the Land of Israel: How it Helps Understand the Bible".
- ❖ **AWANA VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION!** Monday, Aug. 7 from 6:30-8:00p. Plan, Prepare, Pray!
- ❖ **NEED TO BE BAPTIZED?** An immersion baptism service will held next Sun., Aug. 13 after 2nd service. Please see Pastor Todd for information.
- ❖ **GOT A FAITH STORY?** For the weeks of our fall campaign we are looking to share your personal stories of having been stretched or challenged in your Christian faith. If you have a story to share, please email it to Pastor Brian.
- ❖ **LT & MT LEADERS!** Our **LAUNCH** kick off is on Thurs., Aug. 24 at 6:30p. See your invite.
- ❖ **CELEBRATE** Pastor Brian's ordination with a reception Sun., Aug. 27 between services.

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER!

- ❖ **FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE** on Fri., Aug. 18 to support the Ecuador Mission Team. (Rain date the 19th). Please order your meal by August 13. **If you order TODAY (Aug. 6)**, you will be entered in a drawing for 2 free popcorns, beverages and treats. More info/menu @theHub. Snacks available at event. Bring your own lawn chairs (VIP couch seating for sale). Don't want to stay for the movie? Order a meal to take out, or stay and enjoy!
 - 6:00p Dinner pick up
 - 6:30p Carnival and lawn games (Punch cards for sale).
 - 8:30p Outdoor Move: *INSIDE OUT*
- For more info. contact Mark Kimball (715.425.7597 or markkimball49@gmail.com)

WOMEN MINISTRIES

- ❖ **S'MORES & WORSHIP!** Fri., Aug. 25, starting at 6:00p with s'mores and fellowship and then from 7:00-8:00p will be a time of heartfelt worship at Brenda Carstedt's farm (163 S Glover Road). It should be a great time of growing closer to God through worship while having multiple generations together in one beautiful location! We hope you can join us!
- ❖ **A BRIDAL SHOWER** for Aislinn Pomfret, daughter of David & Brenda, will be held on Sat. Aug. 26 at 1:00p. Aislinn is registered at: Amazon & Bed, Bath & Beyond. Group gift donations to Jeannie Wespetal. Be looking for an invite in your church mailbox.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

- ❖ **WELCOME PEOPLE @theHub** Join the team and help staff @theHub at services. Meet and help connect people! Opportunities for both services. Contact Brian Smith (brian.smith@rfcov.org) or 651.399.1751.
- ❖ **PRAYER PARTNERS** after Sunday morning services. Also, **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** hosts for set up for early service. *Contact the office* to be put on a rotation or with any questions.

ONLINE ENCOURAGEMENT

Stay connected even during summer travels, and get online encouragement.

- ✓ **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 @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.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

August 6, 2017

- ❖ Pray for the gospel seeds gone out to VBS kids and families (each has a CD of the songs to remember). And thank Him for the many wonderful volunteers.
- ❖ Please keep John Carlson's family, Ruth Berg's family, those who were injured, and the Minnehaha Academy school community, in your prayers.
- ❖ For our Missionary of the week: Randy Bevis
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Jean Elefson, Lana Foster, Grady Vogt, Angie Martini, Kerm & Judy Steffenhagen, Jeff Carow, Barry Hophan
- ❖ 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 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:** (open); **OUTREACH:** Dean Benoy; **CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS:** Chuck Sambs; **FINANCE:** Johnny Manche.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Randy Bevis, who serves as a Covenant Special Assignment missionary and is director of **In-Seine, "Full Nets, Changed Lives"** ministry. He shares his knowledge of "aquaculture" or fish farming in many countries.

Randy shared in a recent e-mail that he was finally able to get a 6 month multiple entry visa for DR Congo, so he made two trips in March and May and will go again in September before the planned elections in DR Congo. He shared that he just received some great pictures of the first sales of tilapia fingerlings from the hatchery that he helped set up in Gemena, DR Congo. Pray that this hatchery will be a great benefit for peoples' livelihoods and for providing food for people in that region. To contact Randy: In-Seine, PO Box 560, Willmar, MN 56201. E-mail: Randy@in-seine.org

MOSES
— FEARFUL TO FAITHFUL —

**THINGS TO REMEMBER
FOR PRAYING PEOPLE**
EXODUS 17:8-16
PASTOR BRIAN

Prayer can be a hard area. How do we pray more when we struggle with it? What are helpful practices in prayer? Today we explore how to nurture a praying heart.

Being the praying person you already are in Christ means remembering...

