

MARRIAGE DAY

❖ **TAKE YOUR MARRIAGE FROM GOOD TO GREAT!** Sat., Sept. 30 | 8a-8p 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 lunch and dinner which are provided. Event will be hosted at Harvest Blessing Farm (less than 10 minutes away).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

- ❖ **PRAYER PARTNERS** after Sunday morning services. Contact the office for more information and to be put on a rotation.
- ❖ **UWRF INTERVARSITY** Back-to-School Picnic at UWRF on Fri. Sept. 8, 2:00-7:00p. Help the day of the event or help provide food. Check the sign-ups @theHub or contact Sarah Smith 651-895-2403.

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 8.20.17:	\$10,426.53
YTD FEF (2017):	\$11,061.00
Attendance on 8.20.17:	109 & 174=283
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) Rick & Sandy Payfer
(10:00) Brett & Beth Neumann
WORSHIP TEAM: Brian Smith, Steve Boatman, Jerry & Pat Nelson, Dakota Walter, Hannah Plummer
SOUND: Andrew Ertsgaard **VIDEO:** Owen Payfer
THE HUB: (8:15) Linda Lundstrom
(10:00) Richard & Tanya Franta
NURSERY: (8:15) Wade & Julie Dicus
(10:00) Sarah Johnson, Abby Larson
JR. CHURCH: (10:00) Pastor Brian & Kim Majerus
USHERS: (8:15) Steve Schalla, Chris Mueller
(10:00) Adam Johnson, Gregg Quam
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Gary Sumner
(10:00) Melissa Ertsgaard, Bill Hickox
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Bonnie Swanson,
Bonnie VanDeMark
PRODUCE PICK UP: Gary Sumner

THIS WEEK

TODAY 8/27
8:15 & 10:00a Worship Services
9:30a P. Brian's Ordination Reception
MONDAY 8/28
8:45a Youth to Valley Fair & then to FMSC Packing
7:00p Awana Leaders "Walk Thru"
TUESDAY 8/29
12:00p & 5:15p Classroom use: Weight Watchers
WEDNESDAY 8/30
9:30a Precepts Class begins
THURSDAY 8/31
8:00p Worship Team Practice
8:15p Iron: Men's Group
SUNDAY 9/3
8:15a & 10:00a Worship Services w/Communion

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"
Sunday, August 27, 2017 | 8:15a & 10:00a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS | PRAYER

MESSAGE

Love Rules

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 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.

Join the Journey Sunday!

Fall Kick Off: Sunday, September 10

Fall Worship Times BEGIN

8:15a & 10:45a

Special Sunday School (9:30-10:30a)

Kids, Youth, Adults all meet together in Worship Center

Picnic: After second service!

Meat and root beer provided. *Please bring side dish or dessert*

Who will you invite?

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT WEEK** (Sept. 3) Pastor Brian shares 1 Peter 1:1-2 with ideas on how to use our words to build up each other (& our families) while preparing for a life in the world (and new school/ministry year). Communion Sunday too!
- ❖ **SEPT. 3: BRING YOUR BACKPACKS** for the coming school year next Sun., Sept. 3. We will pray and bless our children and youth, as well as those who serve in education (teachers, administration, paraprofessionals, etc.).
- ❖ **SEPT. CLARION** newsletters were e-mailed on Friday. Paper copies are available @theHub.
- ❖ **GOT A FAITH STORY?** For the fall series we would like to share personal stories of having been stretched or challenged in your faith. Email P. Brian
- ❖ **AWANA LEADERS** Walk-thru, Mon., Aug. 28, 7:00p. **AWANA WORKER CONFERENCE** Thurs., Aug. 31, 6:00-9:00p. For info, see Vern Larson.
- ❖ **DUE THURSDAY! VITALITY SURVEY:** Complete it by Aug. 31 We want to hear from each adult and youth! Paper copy @theHub or fill out online at: surveymonkey.com/r/firstcov-vitality-2017
- ❖ **FOCUS ON LIFE:** Social Concerns Min. Team begins this ministry in September. Each month features a situation in which human life is being taken, threatened or degraded locally or worldwide and 1) provides **information**, 2) specific **prayer needs**, and 3) ways for congregation member to **take tangible steps** to lessen the suffering. See the write-up in the **Sept. Clarion** and the **introductory blog post** for info.

WOMEN MINISTRIES

- ❖ **A BRIDAL SHOWER** for Sarah Greteman-Leo (Neil Vance's fiancée) on Thurs., Sept. 14 at 6:30p. She is registered at Target & Bed, Bath & Beyond. Watch for more info.

MOPS

- ❖ **MOPS** (Mothers of PreSchoolers) starts Tues., Sept. 19th, 9:15-11:15a. Theme: "Free Indeed!" **NEEDS:** Childcare MOPS mom's children (1st and 3rd Tues.), 9:00a-11:30a. Paid or volunteers welcome! For info, call Nicole Yamry 715.222.5275.

PARENT NIGHT:

REGISTRATION & MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 6th

- **6:00p** | Parents of **ALL** confirmation students (Both Years 7th & 8th grades) | Meet with Pastor Todd & Pastor Brian.
- **6:30p** | Awana Registration
- **7:15p** | Parents of all Middle School (6th-8th) and Sr. High (9th-12th) | Meet with Neil

FALL CAMPAIGN: DARING FAITH

BEGINS September 24th

- ❖ **WHAT IT'S ABOUT:** *Did you know God is interested in a relationship with you? Scripture tells us this. So He wants us to learn to trust Him, which involves faith. In fact, without faith there is no way to please God (Hebrews 11:6). In this series, you can seek to understand better, grow deeper, and live out fuller, a faith that pleases God. Join us as we go on an adventure of pursuing a bold, authentic faith and the rich rewards it brings. See Sept. Clarion for more information.*
- ❖ **SMALL GROUP LEADERS:**
 - ✓ **GATHER & EQUIP: FALL CAMPAIGN** on Sun., Sept. 17. Join us for a time of prayer, prep, and fun. Your first session will be fully planned by the end. **RSVP** to office. **Choose: 1-2:30p or 6:30-8p.**
 - ✓ **RESERVE GROUP KIT ASAP** Email P. Brian
- ❖ **WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO JOIN A Daring Faith SMALL GROUP!** Fully engage this fall's campaign as you discuss the same themes from the sermon in your group...and what it means to live it out. **Sign up (& pick up resources)** at the Daring Faith table.

CONGRATULATIONS

- ❖ **IT'S A BOY!** Congratulations to Jason & Darlene Backes on the arrival of **Travis Jeffery Backes**. He was born on Aug. 10, 2017 and was 6 lbs., 8 oz. & 19.5". Welcoming their new brother home are Renee, Amanda, Rachel, David, & Charlotte.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

August 20, 2017

- ❖ Please keep the Minnehaha Academy school community in your prayers
- ❖ For our Missionaries of the week: Jared & Hannah Baker
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Jean Elefson, Lana Foster, Grady Vogt, Angie Martini, Kern & Judy Steffenhagen, Jeff Pierre, Bonnye Huland
- ❖ 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 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

FIRSTCOV LEADERSHIP TEAM

These LT members will liaison with the following Ministry Teams:

Adults: Kay Zwald | **Children's:** Pat Stevens

Youth: Johnny Manche | **Men's:** Dan Pearson

Women's: Jeannie Wespetal | **Worship & Arts:** Pastor Todd & Kay Zwald

Maintenance: Gregg Quam | **Missions:** Jeff Carow

Outreach: John Aune | **Social Concerns:** Gregg Quam | **Finance:** Johnny Manche

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

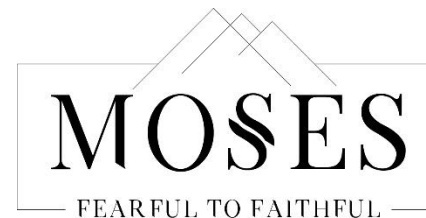
Jared & Hannah Baker, Covenant Missionaries serving in Marseille, France.

Their Praise & Prayer Requests:

- Praise God for an encouraging time in the Czech Republic and for the leaders who want to see their churches be healthy and missional.
- Praise for deeper connections with Nigerian women on the streets. Pray for Ruban Blanc as we continue to explore how best to come alongside the women.
- Pastor Benjamin and I organized our 4th leadership workshop for the leaders in our church. We are grateful for the positive response to these workshops. They traveled to Israel/Palestine from June 7 - 20 as part of a vision trip with the ECC.

Connect by e-mail: jared-hannah.baker@covchurch.org

Read their blog: www.thebakersroll.blogspot.com/



LOVE RULES | EXODUS 20 | PASTOR TODD

How should we view the Ten Commandments? Are they the unchanging commands of God we need to keep before us, or are they obsolete and irrelevant to our lives today? Since Jesus said He did not come to abolish but fulfill the law and the prophets, the Ten Commandments emphasize three very important keys to abundant life. They are:

1. Our _____.

2. Our _____.

3. Our _____.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." - Matthew 5:17 (NIV)