

PRAYER AT FIRSTCOV

❖ HELP BY PRAYING!

- **Join the Email Prayer Line:** Receive prayer requests and support your church family's needs. Join the team by letting Jackie know (jackie@rfcov.org).
- **Prayer Group:** Wed. 6:30-7:30p in the Conference Room.

❖ NEED PRAYER?

- Send prayer requests to **email prayer line**. Contact Jackie in office (if after hours or on week-ends, call her at 612-889-7516).
- Send Prayer requests for **Wed. night prayer group**. (contact Jackie)
- **Prayer Partners** are available after each worship service on Sundays. Let Jackie know if you'd like to be a prayer partner.

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 10.22.17:	\$25,882.00
YTD FEF (2017):	\$ 14,747.00
Attendance on 10.22.17:	94 & 233=327
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) Dan & Kristy Treichel (10:45) Bob & Helen Usiak
WORSHIP TEAM:	Brian Smith, Brittany Hamann, Hannah Plummer, Dave Schatz, Jessica Mueller, Isaac Gabriel, Steve Boatman
SOUND:	Adam Johnson
VIDEO:	Rylan Mueller
THE HUB:	(8:15) Linda Lundstrom (10:45) Marv & Katy Call
NURSERY:	(8:15) Tom, Kathi & Aleah Nelson (10:45) Sarah & Lauren Aust, Nic Pederson
JR. CHURCH:	(10:45) Melissa Ertsgaard
USHERS:	(8:15) Gregg Quam, Joann Gillis (10:45) Dan Pearson, Rod Hanson
PRAYER PARTNERS:	(8:15) Mark Wespetal (10:45) Dan Pearson
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:	Renee Kruger, Ellen Peterson
PRODUCE PICK UP:	Dan Schmalstig

THIS WEEK

TODAY 10/29	8:15 & 10:45a 9:30a	Worship Services Sunday School for all ages
TUESDAY 10/31	12:00p & 5:15p 1:00-7:00p	Classroom use: Weight Watchers Red Cross Blood Drive here
WEDNESDAY 11/1	9:30a 3:30p 5:15p 6:15p 6:30p	Precepts Class Confirmation (gr. 7 & 8) Fellowship Supper Awana (K-6) Confirmation (gr. 7 & 8) SOLID Youth Group (gr. 9-12) & Prayer Group
THURSDAY 11/2	6:30p 8:00p 8:15p	Leadership Team Meeting Worship Team Practice Iron: Men's Group
FRIDAY 11/3	9:45a 6:30p	Women's Bible Study Fellowship Date Night! Couples Game night here
SUNDAY 11/5	8:15 & 10:45a 9:30a 4:45p	Worship Services w/Communion Sunday School for all ages Youth to Mega Rally at Bethel Univ.

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"
Sunday, October 29, 2017 | 8:15 & 10:45a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEIVING BIBLES (10:45)

First Year Confirmation Students

WORSHIP SONGS

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

Daring to Persevere

Pastor Todd

CLOSING SONG

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.

DATE NIGHT

This Friday, November 3
6:30-8:30p

*Couples game night here
including group games and prizes!
(Yes, prizes! 😊)*

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT WEEK (Nov. 5)** Pastor Todd, in our Matthew Series: Encounter: Personally Knowing Jesus explores Matthew 17:1-13. It's also Communion Sunday.
- ❖ **NOV. CLARION** newsletters were e-mailed on Friday. Paper copies available @theHub.
- ❖ **TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK** one hour before bed this Sat., Nov. 4 as daylight savings ends.
- ❖ **THIS TUESDAY: RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE HERE** on **Tues., Oct. 31 from 1:00-7:00p**. For an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org enter sponsor code: riverfallswi.
- ❖ **WED. SUPPER:** Egg bake. Serving 5:15-6:00p. Sign up on Welcome Pad or call by Tues. noon. Cost: \$3/max \$12.
- ❖ **EXTRA DARING FAITH STORY** Hear from a FirstCov'er going through difficult health issues and how God worked: <http://wp.me/p6X7eM-1ag>.
- ❖ **SMALL GROUP LEADERS:** October's Group Leader News has after Daring Faith ideas. Check out your email inboxes!
- ❖ **THIS SATURDAY: CONCERT! Higher Call with special guests, The Preacher's Daughters. Sat., Nov. 11 at 6:00p** Their sound encompasses a full range of rich, resonant harmonies which will ignite your spirit and uplift your soul. (Keith Peterson, son of our own Shirley Peterson & brother to Pat Nelson is a member of Higher Call.)
- ❖ **CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY**
 - Check: rfcov.org/category/vitality-pathway/.
 - Get e-mail notification: subscribe on the right side for news, prayer requests, etc.
 - Read the Clarion newsletter Vitality section.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

- ❖ **HOST A PACKING PARTY!** Pick up kits at the OCC table!! See Sarah Smith at the table.
- ❖ **PACK A BOX.** Find boxes, labels and instructions at the OCC table. More ideas at: www.rfcov.org/preparing-all-year-operation-christmas-child-ideas/ **Return boxes on Nov. 12.**
- ❖ **WORK AT THE DISTRIBUTION CENTER!** We are fortunate to live close to one of the 8 centers in the U.S. Don't miss out on this experience! Sign up by going to occvolunteersignup.com. (Must be 13+ to go

CONFIRMATION BIBLES

- ❖ **FIRST YEAR STUDENTS RECEIVING BIBLES** today include: Kaitlyn Dicus, Ethan Fitzgerald, James Hampton, Ethan Hull, Abby Larson, Katie Olsen, Dorothea Roth, Garret Vogt, Haylee Weidell.

AWANA

- ❖ **AWANA STORE ITEMS NEEDED** Gently used or new items are needed (see list with ideas in your mailbox). Drop off by Dec. 6. The kids buy (with Awana bucks) Christmas gifts for their families.

ECUADOR MISSION TRIP

Fundraiser Sun., Nov. 12

- ❖ **Chili Cook Off!** \$5.00 for a judge's sheet to sample all and vote on the best chili, (\$50 prize to the winning chili). After judging, \$5.00 to buy a bowl of chili. To enter your chili, contact Angie Branum **by Oct. 28th** at 651-235-6410. Space is limited so reserve your entry now! There will also be a "dessert" walk.
- ❖ **Live Auction:** Bring gently used household, sporting goods, holiday, furniture, antiques, services and gift certificates (no clothes) to area outside of the youth room Oct. 26-Nov. 9.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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? Learn from a young girl, Ruth, and a middle-aged man, Boaz, as well as a Jew named Mordecai and his cousin Esther. Understand these books, and apply their powerful, relevant wisdom to needs and issues you are currently working through. Teachers: Chuck Sams & Mark Kimball
- ❖ **Turning Points: What the Church-Then, Can Teach the Church-Today.** Explore key moments of Church & Christian history and God's sovereign work of preserving the Church over time. Leave knowing more about how to engage today as Christians in our culture and our world. Teaching Team: Pastor Brian, Mark Wespel, Jeff Carow

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

October 29, 2017

- ❖ 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 the College Students of the week: Roland & Aislinn Pomfret
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Jean Elefson, Lana Foster, Angie Martini, Kern & Judy Steffenhagen, Bonnye Huland, Jean Hickox, Joyce Lundberg, Brenda Espeseth, Pastor Todd
- ❖ 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 Wespel; Kay Zwald; 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

COLLEGE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Roland & Aislinn Pomfret, son & daughter of David & Brenda Pomfret. **Roland** is in his third year of medical school at the Uniformed Services University and going through rotations this year. **Aislinn** attends Iowa State School of Veterinary Medicine and in her first year of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Pursuing her DVM degree. Her e-mail is apomfret@iastate.edu

**DARING
FAITH**
THE KEY TO MIRACLES

DARING TO PERSEVERE | HEBREWS 12:1-3 | PASTOR TODD

Today, we conclude our spiritual growth campaign, “*Daring Faith*,” by looking at how to develop perseverance in our faith. The Bible tells us that life is like a marathon race. God wants us to not only run the race well but also finish well. He does not want us to grow weary or lose heart. So, He says we need to have the perseverance of a runner by:

1. Remembering _____.
2. Removing _____.
3. Recognizing _____.

