

## 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 or Pastor Brian know if you'd like to be a prayer partner.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

9:30-10:30a | For 2 y.o. to Adult

### Adult Options are:

- ❖ **Ruth and Esther**: Teachers: Chuck Sams & Mark Kimball
- ❖ **Turning Points: What the Church-Then, Can Teach the Church-Today**. Teaching Team: Mark Wespetal, Jeff Carow, Pastor Brian

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING:

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

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| Weekly Operational Need:        | \$12,188.95    |
| Regular Giving 11.5.17:         | \$15,455.00    |
| YTD FEF (2017):                 | \$15,084.61    |
| Attendance on 11.5.17:          | 163 & 168= 331 |
| YTD applied to principal:       | \$59,019.35    |
| Mortgage balance as of 11.1.17: | \$586,230.19   |

## CONTACT US!

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## THANK YOU

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| <b>GREETERS:</b>           | (8:15) Mark & Jeannie Wespetal<br>(10:45) Art & Val Wellnitz  |
| <b>WORSHIP TEAM:</b>       | Brian Smith, Hannah Plummer,<br>Johnny Manche, Steve Boatman, Dakota Walters,<br>Dave Schatz, Jessica Mueller |
| <b>SOUND:</b>              | Andrew Ertsgaard  |
| <b>VIDEO:</b>              | Kaytlynn Plummer  |
| <b>THE HUB: (8:15)</b>     | Jackie Wallace  |
| <b>(10:45)</b>             | Sarah Smith   |
| <b>NURSERY: (8:15)</b>     | Julie Dicus, Angie Branum, Danielle Ertsgaard<br>(10:45) Kay Zwald, Annette Schalla, Klayra Plummer           |
| <b>JR. CHURCH: (10:45)</b> | Candace & Hannah Plummer  |
| <b>USHERS:</b>             | (8:15) Gregg Quam, Dan Treichel<br>(10:45) Dan Pearson, Keith Frank   |
| <b>PRAYER PARTNERS:</b>    | (8:15) Jason & Tina Hull<br>(10:45) Val Wellnitz, Pastor Brian  |
| <b>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:</b>  | Kay & Raye Schmalstig,<br>Greg & April Hudson   |
| <b>PRODUCE PICK UP:</b>    | Gary Sumner   |

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY 11/12

|               |                                  |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 8:15 & 10:45a | Worship Services                 |
| 9:30a         | Sunday School for all ages       |
| 12:15p        | Ecuador Mission Trip Fundraiser: |

### TUESDAY 11/14

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| 9:15a         | MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) Bible Study |
| 12:15 & 5:30p | Classroom Use: Weight Watchers              |

### WEDNESDAY 11/15

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| 9:30 a      | Women's Precepts Bible Study  |
| 3:30p       | Confirmation Class            |
| 5:15p       | Fellowship Supper             |
| 6:15-7:45p  | Awana                         |
| 6:30 -7:30p | Prayer Group (All Welcome)    |
| 6:30-8:00p  | Confirmation & Sr. High Youth |

### THURSDAY 11/16

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| 6:30p | Leadership Team Meeting                  |
| 6:30p | Multi-Purpose Room use: Master Gardeners |
| 8:00p | Worship Team Practice                    |
| 8:15p | Iron: Men's Group                        |

### FRIDAY 11/17

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| 9:45a | Women's Bible Study Fellowship |
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### SUNDAY 11/19

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| 8:15 & 10:45a | Worship Services           |
| 9:30a         | Sunday School for all ages |

# FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

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

Sunday, November 12, 2017 | 8:15 & 10:45a

## VETERAN'S APPRECIATION (VIDEO)

## WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WORSHIP SONGS

## PROCESSIONAL OFFERING | PRAYER

*Bringing forward our tithes and offerings and our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.*

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.

## SERMON

*Encounters in Humility*

Neil Vance

## CLOSING SONG

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

# ENCOUNTER

*personally knowing Christ*

# 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.

## ECUADOR MISSION TRIP CHILI & AUCTION FUNDRAISER!

**TODAY!**

### Chili Cook Off, Dessert Walk, Auction

**To Judge:** \$5.00 for judge's sheet (first in line, sample all and vote on the best chili) (\$50 prize to the winning chili)

**Not Judging?:** \$5.00 to buy a bowl of chili

Kids meals for \$3.00 (PB&J w/chips).

### Envelope Table

Can't stay or not like chili? Grab an envelope with a number and give that amount. Mix and match to give what you'd like!

*...keep the Lote Tres people and our team in prayer!*

## CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT WEEK (Nov. 19)** Continuing our series in Matthew, "Encounter: Personally Knowing Jesus."
- ❖ **MINISTRY BOARD for November:** Outreach. Ministry Team. See it just past the hall doors.
- ❖ **WED. SUPPER:** Spaghetti, garlic toast. Serving 5:15-6:00p. Sign up on Welcome Pads or call by Tues. noon. Cost: \$3/max \$12.
- ❖ **D-TERM SPECIAL TEACHING SERIES:** "Christ through Four Gospel Portraits" with Guest Teacher: Dr. Juan Hernandez. Sundays: Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10 | 9:30-10:30a | In Worship Center | For Adults and High School. Description: Christ through Four Gospel Portraits will explore the distinct historical, literary and theological contributions of each the NT Gospels to the question of the identity and mission of Jesus for its earliest readers. The series will begin with a general introduction to the four gospels and then explore each one individually and in a more in-depth manner.
- ❖ **FOCUS ON LIFE FOR NOV: Refugee Crisis.** Check out the Nov. Clarion for more information.
- ❖ **MEN!** Save the Date! Sat., Feb. 3, 2018. Men's No Regrets Simulcast here.

## CONGRATULATIONS

- ❖ **IT'S A BOY!** Luke Thomas Zwald was born on Nov. 2 to Tom & Ashley Zwald. Big sister Hannah and brother Noah welcomed Luke home. Proud grandparents are Bob & Kay Zwald.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

- ❖ **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 at [occvolunteersignup.com](http://occvolunteersignup.com). Must be 13+ to go.

## AWANA

- ❖ **THIS WEEK:** Parent Night!
- ❖ **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.

## SCHEDULE FOR HOLIDAYS

### Remember These Special Notes!

- **Sunday, Nov. 19** Last Day of Fall Term for Adult Sunday School
- **Wednesday, Nov. 22** No Wednesday Ministries
- **Thursday, Nov. 23** Thanksgiving/Office closed (Friday too)
- **Sunday, Nov. 26**
  - Begins: D-Term (High School and Adults invited to Worship Center) Title: "Christ through Four Gospel Portraits" with Dr. Juan Hernandez
- **Sunday, Dec. 3**
  - D-Term (Christ...Four Gospel Portraits)
  - Advent Series (Advent Begins)
- **Sunday, Dec. 10** Last D-Term (Christ...Four Gospel Portraits) and Advent series
- **Sunday, Dec. 17**
  - **9:30-10:30a**
    - Sandwich Making in the Multipurpose Room (Help the hungry and homeless in the Twin Cities!!)
    - Children's Christmas practice in Worship Center
  - **4:00p** Children's Christmas Program
- **Wednesday, Dec. 20** No Wednesday Ministries (except a Confirmation Christmas Party at 5:30p)
- **Sunday, Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Services TBA. No Sunday School.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 27** No Wednesday Ministries
- **Sunday, Dec. 31**
  - Special Time: 10:00a (One Service Only)
  - No Sunday School
- **Sunday, Jan. 7** ALL (2 y.o to Adult) Sunday School classes resume

## LIVING NATIVITY

**Saturday, December 9 | 4:30-7:30p**  
*Your help is needed before, during, & after!* Sign up online through our e-news or at [tinyurl.com/zczksqy](http://tinyurl.com/zczksqy). Contact is Laura Schatz, 715.441.4192.

# PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

November 12, 2017

- ❖ For the community and families impacted by the Texas church shooting last Sunday
- ❖ For our Ecuador Mission Team as they prepare and fundraise to go to Lote Tres.
- ❖ For our Nov. Focus on Life: Refugee Crisis (see the Nov. Clarion for more information)
- ❖ For our Missionary of the Week: Judy Gomoll
- ❖ For the College Students of the week: Hannah & Sarah Manche
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Jean Elefson, Lana Foster, Angie Martini, Kern & Judy Steffenhagen, Jean Hickox, Joyce Lundberg, Brenda Espeseth, Pastor Todd, Dan Larson, Earl Hasselquist
- ❖ 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 ECC 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; 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 EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH (ECC) LEADERS

covchurch.org | Denominational Office: 8303 W. Higgins Road, Chicago IL

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

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

**Judy Gomoll**, serving with The Navigators in Colorado. Remember her in prayer.

Address: 11961 Ridgeview Lane, Parker, CO 80138. e-mail: [judygomoll@usfamily.net](mailto:judygomoll@usfamily.net)

## COLLEGE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Hannah & Sarah Manche**, daughters of Johnny & Kathy Manche. Hannah attends Winona State Univ, her address is 457 Gould St. Lourdes Rm#2408, Winona, MN 55987. Sarah attends Wartburg College, her address is 100 Wartburg Blvd, Box#1024, Waverly, IA 50677



## ENCOUNTERS IN HUMILITY | MATTHEW 18:1-14 | NEIL VANCE

Encountering Jesus so often means reframing our identity and goals in life. The disciples experienced this often and as we study God's word we should be forced to encounter this for ourselves as well.

Rightly encountering Jesus requires \_\_\_\_\_.

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"Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."  
Matthew 18:4 ESV

