

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 **LAST DAY**.

- ❖ **Ruth and Esther**: Teachers: Chuck Samsb & 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 and click on the *Electronic Tithing* link under Resources.

Weekly Operational Need:	\$12,188.95
Regular Giving 11.12.17:	\$12,732.26
YTD FEF (2017):	\$15,725.00
Attendance on 11.12.17:	133 & 205 = 338
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

GREETERS:	(8:15) Gary & Sue Sumner (10:45) Brent & Sonja Wiersma
WORSHIP TEAM:	Brian Smith, Steve Boatman, Pat Nelson, Keith Richardson, Dakota Walters
SOUND: Jake Jacobs	VIDEO: Rylan Mueller
THE HUB:	(8:15) Linda Lundstrom (10:45) Nancy Erickson
NURSERY:	(8:15) Erik & Emily Bekkum, Ryker Kubera (10:45) Sarah & Lauren Aust, Amanda Wagner
JR. CHURCH:	(10:45) P. Brian & Kim Majerus
USHERS:	(8:15) Chris Mueller, Tom Nelson (10:45) Steve Schalla, Johnny Manche
PRAYER PARTNERS:	(8:15) Bob Hoaglund (10:45) Jeff Carow
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:	Laura Schatz, Mark & Kim Spafford
PRODUCE PICK UP:	Dan Schmalstig

THIS WEEK

TODAY 11/19	8:15 & 10:45a 9:30a	Worship Services Sunday School for all ages
TUESDAY 11/21	9:15a 10:45a 12:15 & 5:30p	MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) Women's Bible Study Fellowship Classroom Use: Weight Watchers
THURSDAY 11/23	Happy Thanksgiving!	Office will be closed
FRIDAY 11/24		Office will be closed (No Women's Bible Study Fellowship)
SUNDAY 11/26	8:15 & 10:45a 9:30a	Worship Services Sunday School for all ages

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, November 19, 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.

SERMON

Walking in Glory

Pastor Todd

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.

NEXT WEEK! D-TERM SUNDAY SCHOOL

SPECIAL TEACHING SERIES

"Christ Through Four Gospel Portraits"

Sundays: Nov. 26, Dec. 3, & 10 | 9:30-10:30a

Special Guest Teacher:

Dr. Juan Hernandez, Bethel University

In Worship Center | For Adults, High & Middle School

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.

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT WEEK (Nov. 26)** Pastor Brian continues our series, "Encounter: Personally Knowing Jesus", with Matthew 17:14-20 on how to encounter Jesus when we have needs.
- ❖ **NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER OR MINISTRIES** this week for Thanksgiving break. See you all back on Wed., Nov. 29.
- ❖ **FOCUS ON LIFE FOR NOV: Refugee Crisis.** Check out the Nov. Clarion for more information.

BLESS OTHERS

- ❖ **WORK AT THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 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! We have two dates reserved with volunteer spots. **Wed. Nov. 29 from 10:00a to 2:00p. or Thurs. Nov. 30 from 6:00-10:00p.** Sign up at theHub or sign up through the e-news. Must be 13+ to go.
- ❖ **GIVING TREE: PICK UP TODAY! Take advantage of Black Friday!** Leave unwrapped! Support families in need: take an ornament (has a request) from the tree outside Worship Center. **RETURN** gifts by Dec. 10. (Help hand out on Dec. 16. Sign up @theHub).

AWANA

- ❖ **NO AWANA THIS WEEK.**
- ❖ **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.

YOU GLORIFYING GOD

- ❖ **755 SHOE BOXES!!** Thanks for sharing the joy of Christmas and the love of Christ with boys and girls all over world! *Keep praying for their impact.*
- ❖ **717 LBS (!!)** of food for the River Falls Food Pantry was collected by 14 FirstCov students during the World Vision 30-Hour Famine. Way to go!
- ❖ **\$4,348.60** raised from the chili feed and auction for our Ecuador Mission's Team. Thank you!

SCHEDULE FOR HOLIDAYS

Remember These Special Dates

- **Wednesday, Nov. 22** No Wed. 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 Wed. Ministries **except** Confirmation Christmas Party, 5:30p
- **Sunday, Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Service (TBA). No Sunday School
- **Wednesday, Dec. 27** No Wed. 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, Dec. 9 | 4:30-7:30p

Your help is needed!

- **Sign up** online in our Wednesday e-news or at tinyurl.com/zczksqy or @theHub. Contact Laura Schatz, 715.441.4192.
- **Opportunities:** scene actors, sewing, construction help, kitchen, carolers, traffic directors, helping with animals, and more!
- **Work Day:** Sat., Dec. 2, 9:00a – 12:00p

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

November 19, 2017

- ❖ For Living Nativity: Pray for the provision of volunteers and for preparations, Vision for Ministry, and general help
- ❖ For safety to hunters and those traveling for Thanksgiving
- ❖ For our Nov. Focus on Life: Refugee Crisis (see the Nov. Clarion for more information)
- ❖ For our Missionaries of the Week: John & Letha Kerl
- ❖ For the College Students of the week: Jake, Joe & Jesse Halling
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Jean Elefson, Lana Foster, Angie Martini, Kern & Judy Steffenhagen, Jean Hickox, Brenda Espeseth, Pastor Todd, Dan Larson
- ❖ For those grieving, including Joyce Hasselquist on the passing of Earl, whose funeral was on Friday.
- ❖ 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; 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 (LT)

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

John & Letha Kerl, Covenant missionaries serving as Regional Coordinators for **Europe and Russia**. They ask prayer for God's anointing on each of our missionaries as they seek to follow Jesus and reach out in His name to those in their local sphere of ministry. For strengthening of our focus of ministry among the marginalized and refugee populations of Europe, and for safety. Their e-mail is letha-john.kerl@covchurch.org

COLLEGE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Jake, Joe, & Jesse Halling, sons of Brian & Sue Halling. All 3 attend UW-Stout in Menomonie. **Jake** is a Senior, his major is Plastics Engineering, his e-mail is hallingjo244@my.uwstout.edu.

Joe is a Junior, his major is Packaging Engineer, his e-mail is halling.joe@gmail.com

Jesse is a Freshman, his major is Plastics Engineering, and his e-mail is jessehalling@gmail.com



WALKING IN GLORY | MATTHEW 17:1-9 | PASTOR TODD

Today, we continue our series, "Encounter: Personally Knowing Christ," by looking at how to be receptive to experiencing God's glory and greatness in our lives. It involves:

1. Seeking _____.

2. Conforming _____.

3. Following _____.

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." - Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

