

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.

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 11.19.17:	\$11,860.28
YTD FEF (2017):	\$16,115.00
Attendance on 11.19.17:	131 & 179=310
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) Curt & Pam Yelken (10:45) Keith & Nicole Yamry
WORSHIP TEAM:	Brian Smith, Isaac Gabriel, Hannah Plummer, Emily Gabriel, Jerry Nelson, Jessica Mueller
SOUND: Dave Schatz	VIDEO: Danielle Ertsgaard
THE HUB:	(8:15) Judy Sambas (10:45) Richard & Tanya Franta
NURSERY:	(8:15) Sarah Smith, Tina & Gracie Hull (10:45) Adam & Sarah Johnson, Abby Larson
JR. CHURCH:	(10:45) No Jr. Church today
USHERS:	(8:15) Gregg Quam, Joann Gillis (10:45) Matt Fitzgerald, Jake Koskie
PRAYER PARTNERS:	(8:15) Steve & Linda Johnson (10:45) Bob & Deb Gilbertson
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:	Leslie Benoy, Angie Branum
PRODUCE PICK UP:	Dan Larson

THIS WEEK

TODAY 11/26

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

TUESDAY 11/28

12:15 & 5:30p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY 11/29

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 11/30

8:00p Worship Team Practice
8:15p Iron: Men's Group

FRIDAY 12/1

9:45a Women's Bible Study Fellowship
8:00p Middle School lock-in begins

SATURDAY 12/2

8:00a Middle School lock-in ends
9:00a-12:00p Living Nativity Work Day

SUNDAY 12/3 First Sunday of Advent

8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School for all ages
12:00p College Lunch here

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, November 26, 2017 | 8:15 & 10:45a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME

WORSHIP SONGS

OFFERING | ANNOUNCEMENTS

(No Junior Church today).

SERMON

Developing Mountain-Moving Faith

Pastor Brian

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.

TODAY!! D-TERM SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL TEACHING SERIES

"Christ Through Four Gospel Portraits"
Sundays: TODAY, 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 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-ADVENT SERIES: Name Above All Names:** Next Sunday begins Advent, which refers to the coming or arrival of Jesus Christ. By looking at Christ's titles (from the prophet Isaiah 700 years before Christ was born), we see how God wanted to prepare the world for Christ's coming. In this series, we will look at what these names mean and why they are so significant for our lives. Join us as we consider the significance of Christ coming to us at Christmas!
- ❖ **WED. SUPPER:** Turkey a la King. Serving 5:15-6:00p. Sign up on Welcome Pads or call by Tues. noon. Cost: \$3/max \$12.
- ❖ **FREE COLLEGE LUNCH** next Sunday, Dec. 3.
- ❖ **DEC.** Clarion newsletters were e-mailed. Paper copies available @theHub.

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. 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!** Support families in need: take an ornament (has a request) from the tree outside Worship Center. **RETURN** gifts *unwrapped but with the tag by Dec. 10.* (Help hand out on Dec. 16. Sign up @theHub).

AWANA

- ❖ **AWANA STORE ITEMS NEEDED:** Gently used or new items 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 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.

SCHEDULE FOR HOLIDAYS

Remember These Special Dates

- **Sunday, Dec. 3**
 - D-Term (Christ...Four Gospel Portraits)
 - Advent Series (Advent Begins)
- **Saturday, Dec. 9:** Living Nativity 4:30-7:30p
- **Sunday, Dec. 10** Last D-Term (Christ...Four Gospel Portraits) and Advent series
- **Tuesday, Dec. 12** Women's Christmas Cookie making, 6:00p here
- **Thursday, Dec. 14** Women's Christmas Tea, 6:30p here
- **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 Candlelight Services 10:00a & 4:00p.. No Sunday School
- **Wednesday, Dec. 27** No Wed. ministries
- **Sunday, Dec. 31**
 - Special Time: 10:00a (**One Service Only**)
 - No Sunday School
- **Wednesday, Jan. 3.** Wed. Ministries return
- **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 26, 2017

- ❖ For Living Nativity: Pray for the provision of volunteers and for preparations, Vision for Ministry, and general help
- ❖ For our Nov. Focus on Life: Refugee Crisis (see the Nov. Clarion for more information)
- ❖ For our Missionary of the Week: Brittany Rambatt
- ❖ For the College Student of the week: Curtis Hanson
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Jean Elefson, Lana Foster, Angie Martini, Kern & Judy Steffenhagen, Jean Hickox, 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 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, 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 STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Curtis Hanson, son of Rod & Debra Hanson. Curtis is a Sr. at UW-Stevens Point His Major is Music Performance and Music Education. Please be in prayer for him!

