

Prayers and Inspiration

"If Jesus needed to pray, how can we do less?"

Our Daily Bread

Prayers for Ourselves and Each Other

- Praise God for the assurance that He will perfect the work He has begun in you.
- Pray for the desire and ability to work together effectively in our ministry as a church, recognizing God's love and mercy towards us and our dependence on Him to care for each other and those He bring into our lives.
- Pray for our fall programs: worship services, music groups, Sunday School classes, small groups, Bible studies, youth groups, Wednesday Night Activities, Confirmation classes, Covenant Women meetings and events; for those teaching, leading and helping; and for other leaders and workers as necessary.
- Thank God for the progress on the Chancel renovation; for the skill and effort of those who have worked so hard and accomplished so much; and for additional helpers as necessary.

Prayers for Our People

- **Health Concerns:** Addy Erickson; Ellia Westburg; Isabelle Flynn; Mike Douglass; Chuck Malzer's father, Frank; Steve Crook's mother, Janice; Dotty Reier; Matt Rudeen; Alice Erickson's friend, Bertie Noordhoek; Romelle Johnson; Tiffany Wadell's grandmother, Sally Waddle; Dale Wamberg; Carolyn Carlson; Donna Anderson's daughter/Nancy Wotruba's sister—Debi Kunst; Charlotte Custer's brother—Darrel Baker; Lois Larson's daughter-in-law—RoAnne Larson; Kim Crook's brother & family—John, Mary & James Robison; Wadell relative—Lisa Smith; Gary Bredensteiner's sister—Alma Wilwerding; Christina Paulson's grandfather—Ken Braymen; Bruce Rowe's sister—Sue Bozovich; Sheral Johnson
- **Long-term Care Needs:** LeRoy Oakeson; Don Ganow

Prayers for Others

- Pray for Jameson Spellman and parents Ryan & Kasey.



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Church Clothes

Colossians 3:12-17





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"To Know Christ and Make Him Known"

Celebration of Worship September 22, 2013

Prelude		Jane Erickson
Welcome		Pastor Evan Westburg
Call to Worship		Pastor Evan Westburg
* Worship Songs	<i>Unchanging Spoken For</i>	see insert songbook #43
Scripture Reading	Colossians 3:1-11	Stu Westburg
Congregational Prayer		Stu Westburg
	Lord's Prayer+	
Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory:	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i> by Jack Schrader	Chancel Choir
Response:	<i>Doxology</i>	hymn #48
Prayer of Dedication		Pastor Evan Westburg
* Greeting One Another		Pastor Evan Westburg
	(children ages 3 thru 2nd gd are excused for Children's Worship)	
* Hymn	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated</i>	hymn #375
Sermon	"Wear Love" Colossians 3:12-17	Pastor Evan Westburg
* Closing Hymn	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	hymn #608
* Benediction		Pastor Evan Westburg

*please stand as you are able

This Week at First Covenant

SUNDAY, Sept. 22nd

FALL BEGINS

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

6:30 p.m. Choir

7:30 p.m. Adult Handbells

THURSDAY, Sept. 26th

FRIDAY, Sept. 27th

CWM Fall Retreat begins

MONDAY, Sept. 23rd

3:30 p.m. MidSc Girls Bib. St.

TUESDAY, Sept. 24th

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
[LPS Early Out]

6:30 p.m. FNC meeting

SATURDAY, Sept. 28th

7:30 a.m. Men's BibSt/Brkfst.

CWM Retreat ends

6:00 p.m. revival

SUNDAY, Sept. 29th

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 25th

5:45 p.m. Wed. Night Supper

6:15 p.m. Camps Seedling,
Pinecone, Evergreen; Confir-
mation; Bible Chicks



Hearing Loop Installed: We are excited to announce that the Hearing Loop technology has been installed in the sanctuary. Those who use hearing aides can benefit by switching their hearing aides to the Telecoil "T" mode.

+ Lord's Prayer:

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

News & Notes

The bulletin cover artwork for today was created by Andy Voss.

Stewardship Ministry Update:

Praise the Lord that \$3,638.00 was received in donations toward the Chancel Renovation and Lift Projects at last Sunday's Rally Day activities! These funds will continue to be accepted towards the two projects. Please feel free to continue to give as you feel led and as your budget allows. The more we collect and pay for with cash, the less we will borrow and have to pay back with interest.

Covenant Women Ministry items:

Please mark your calendars that the date for Evening Fellowship has been changed to Mon., Sept. 30th at 7:30 pm, still at Marj Anderson's home. Also, there is no soup supper.

If you are interested in going on the "field trip" to Elkhorn, NE to the Little Scandinavia Store on Sat., Oct. 19th, please let Leona Bellinger, Marj Anderson or Charlotte Custer know by Sunday, Oct. 6th so that arrangements for transportation can be made.

Wednesday Night cooks for the next two weeks are: Sept. 25: Angie & Terry Johnson; and Oct. 2: Jane Wadell.

Need a desk or shelves? Stu Westburg has items from his office that he would like to give away: six oak desks, and oak shelves which sit on them, made by Contemporary Wood. The desks range in sizes from about 60 x 30 inches to about 45 x 25 inches. The desks can be used without the shelves. Also, there are some desk chairs and stools with wheels. If anyone is interested, call Stuart Westburg, 402-489-9105, or email him at sjwestburg@aol.com. He can send pictures of the items if you contact him via email.

Mariners: October 4th will be the next meeting for Mariners. Precious Memories quartet will sing and lead in some group singing of favorite songs. Please join us in the private room at Hy-Vee, 50th and O Street, for dinner at 6PM. Call the Westburgs for reservations or questions - 402-489-9105.

Mark your Calendars Ladies! We are planning on a painting party at URBAN LEGENDS on Saturday, October 19th, @ 2 pm. Urban Legends is located in University Place right on N 48th St. Follow an experienced artist step by step to recreate your own painting. In about two hours, you will walk out with your finished ready-to-hang masterpiece! Sign up soon to save your spot, as seating is limited. \$25 includes all supplies and a whole lot of fun!

A sign up sheet will be on the table in the parlor, or you can email Irene at ibmalzer@gmail.com. (If you are interested, check out their website: <http://urbanlegendsartclasses.com/>.)

Financial Update (as of 9/20/13):

General Fund:

Beginning Bal.	\$	31,115.09
Receipts		123,337.88
Expenses	-	130,602.94
Ending Balance	\$ +	23,850.03

Building Fund:

Beginning Bal.	\$	23,462.19
Receipts		47,406.33
Expenses	-	49,140.00
Ending Balance	\$ +	21,728.52

Welcome to our Church Family!

If you are visiting with us today, we extend a special welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. Here's some information to help you enjoy your visit:

- Childcare is provided for children up to the age of three.
- Children's Worship (ages 3 through 2nd Grade) is provided during the school year in Room 118; children can be picked up there.
- Restrooms are located on the east side on the main level, tucked in behind our parlor kitchen.
- Hearing Loop technology installed—switch hearing aides to T-coil mode.

Please worship with us again soon! For more information about First Evangelical Covenant Church, call our church office at 402-489-8869.

About Us

First Evangelical Covenant Church is a group of people of all ages and from all walks of life who have heard God's call through Jesus Christ to serve Him and serve each other.

We are a part of the Evangelical Covenant Church, which began in the great spiritual revival of the 19th century.

We worship together to celebrate our salvation in Jesus, our joy in God's presence, the fellowship we have in the Holy Spirit, and to listen as He speaks to us through His Word.

We believe in new life that comes through a personal relationship with Christ.

We believe in the Bible as the Word of God and the only true basis for faith, doctrine and practice.

Childcare

Today

Sunday School Hour

[no nursery]

Next Week

Sunday School Hour

[no nursery]

Worship Hour

Julie Anderson; Mia Watson

Worship Hour

Jace Ahlberg family

Ushers & Greeters

September Greeters

Lewis & Marianne Ostrand
Jared & Tiffany Wadell

September Ushers

Gary Bredensteiner
Bob Timme

September Youth Ushers

Joel Ebers; Everett Gutzmer

Sunday School classes for all ages began this morning at 9:00 a.m. Feel free to join one next Sunday!

Below are the options for the Adult Classes:

⇒ **Library Class** led by Bob Reier. Titled "Heads-Up on Today's Sermon": have you ever been listening intently to a sermon and felt the urge to raise your hand and say something like, "I didn't get that. Would you explain it more please?" Or "I'm not sure that's what I believe, can we discuss it?" Well, this class will give you that opportunity. We'll be studying and sharing insights from the same scripture on which the morning message is based. We'll see if we come up with the same thoughts that we hear in the morning's sermon from Pastor Evan. In the past, that has been rare!

⇒ **Missions Class** led by Brian Carlson. We will be studying missions, both at home and overseas. We will also use the Covenant prayer calendar to learn more about the missionaries currently serving with the Covenant, plus there will be time to learn about missionaries with connections to FECC. Rose Allinder, missionary with the Rafiki organization in Africa, will be sharing with this class on 9/22.

⇒ **Body Builders**, a membership class, led by Pastor Evan. This is a class for those who would like to become members of FECC, or (re)member. We will look at the history, beliefs, and ministry goals of FECC. This four-week class will be held at different times of the year (first class begins Sept. 22nd; second class begins Jan. 12th; future times TBD).

⇒ **Convert: From Adam to Christ** - led by Ben Pratt. Convert examines the subject of conversion in its Biblical context. Convert shows how everything we lost in Adam we gain in Christ. It is God's job to convert the soul. In this book you will understand how and why He does it. Convert is an invaluable tool for anyone seeking to gain a better understanding of the mysteries of conversion. There WILL be a study guide! Meets in the Chapel. If you are interested, please speak to Ben or call the church office so that we can order books.