



<p><u>Ushers</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p>19th – Bernie C. & Linda S. 26th – Bob & Mary Nelson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <p>3rd – Kathy Hannay 10th – Roger Linden</p>	<p><u>Birthdays</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p>12th – Lucas Hill 14th – Barb Knapper 15th – Rachel Branstrom</p>
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Notes:

Missions at First Covenant Church

Missions is at the heart of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). As such, First Covenant supports local, regional and worldwide missions efforts. There are opportunities for everyone to be actively and directly involved at a local level and involved through donating to regional and worldwide efforts. You can always give to any of these mission causes by donating to the church; please make a note on your check or donate using the envelopes in the hymnal racks by making a designation on the envelope.

*The mission of First Covenant Church is to **WORSHIP** God,
EQUIP people to live in faith, **SHARE** God's love,
SERVE the community around us.*

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First Covenant Church

Welcome to our church! May you know the joy of salvation, which is ours through Jesus Christ, and that through the warmth of our fellowship may you grow in God's grace and love.

Worship Celebration

April 12, 2026 **9:30 a.m.**

Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude Music & Fellowship Time

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:** Hymn #137, verses 1, 4, 5
 Who is the King of glory, what shall we call Him?
He is Emmanuel, the promised of ages.
 He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;
He took upon himself the sins of the nations.
 He conquered sin and death; he truly is risen.
And he will share with us his heavenly vision.

*Opening Hymn #253 "He Lives!"

*Opening Prayer: Hymn #227 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Reading of God's Word:
 First Lesson: Psalm 16 page 410
 Second Lesson: I Peter 1:3-9 page 922

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings
 Offertory Music
 *Doxology #48

Morning Prayers of the Church

Hymn #249 "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

Message for Today "Into the Valley of Death ... " Acts 13-14

*Concluding Hymn #259 "Christ is Alive!"

*Challenge...Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
And be gracious, gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
And give you, give you, give you peace.

Postlude

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*Congregation is invited to stand

Scripture Reader: Shirley Koski
Usher: Roger and Gail Johnston
Accompanist: Shirley Koski

Today

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday Class: This is Why We Pray

This Week

Tuesday, April 14, 11:30 a.m. - LSDMA (Mike)

Next Sunday, April 19, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration and Covenant Kids Congo
10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
11:00 a.m. Quarterly Church Business Meeting

Ahead on the calendar

Tuesday, April 21 – Project Day
Thursday, April 23 – IRR Pastor's Meeting (Mike)
Tuesday, April 28, 12:45 – Assisting at Salvation Army

Please continue to pray for all area public service personnel: Those serving in the military and law enforcement, serving as First Responders, health care workers, teachers, chaplains, social workers, especially those we know personally.

I have a dream ... of a church with genuine (agape) love, faith, vitality, vision, and a willingness to find new and effective ways to demonstrate Jesus to the Iron Range. I am planning for this discovery journey to begin in the fall. In advance of that, I'd ask you to consider taking three Sundays with me this spring to have informal and candid conversations about our church fellowship, as well as the needs and commitments of membership in order to continue the work and history of First Covenant Church into the future (we will celebrate 125 years in 2028!). Out of these discussions will arise "**a vision of our future**".

So, I would like to extend an invitation to join me in a 3 week Member Refresher and Member Introductory Class:
(during the Sunday School hour).

Sunday, April 26, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 3, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 17, 11:00 a.m.

- Mike

OPPORTUNITIES for PRAYER

Special Missionary Prayer Focus for this week

Craig and Cheryl Wickstrom, DR Congo: Liaison between the American Covenant and the Congolese CEUM. Prayer request: Please pray for commitment to Covenant community and that we continue "well by the grace of God."

- Please pray for wisdom and sensitivity for Cheryl and me as we seek God's will - as we make plans to move to Oregon and imagine our future.
- Please pray for CEUM leadership and especially President DUALE as they seek to meet immediate needs while also planning for the future.
- Please continue to pray for unity and reconciliation within the CEUM. Pray that the concerns of the marginalized will not be forgotten