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## FCC NEWS

**This morning we get to come to the Lord's Table for Communion!** We are offering Canyon Bakehouse Gluten-free Bread. No Wheat | No Nuts | No Dairy | Contains Eggs.

**At the 10:00am service,** we receive into Holy Baptism, Aksel Steven Yockey, son of Jason & Indeah Yockey. Sponsors are Sienna Yockey, Anders Yockey, Annika Gustafson, and Henrik Gustafson. We thank Lord for baptism as we do it as you commanded and receive it as your gift.

**A Congregational Meeting has been set for Sunday, September 10** immediately after the second service to vote on the recommended amendments to the Bylaws. All members able to attend are encouraged to do so, yet everyone is welcome.

**EXPLORE IS SEPTEMBER 17!** Explore is a two-hour dinner starting at 5 p.m. to explore the Covenant Affirmations, our church's governance, and what it means to be committed to a church community. We invite those new to First Covenant or anyone who wants more information on FCC to attend. Please RSVP to Sarah. ([assistant@redwingfirstcov.org](mailto:assistant@redwingfirstcov.org)) Let us know if you need childcare. The next Explore is February 18, 2024.

**Meet the Pastor is September 17!** We invite our guests and regular attendees to meet with Pastor Jim to learn more about First Covenant. We meet monthly after the second service in the Apostle Room.

**Kick-Off Sunday:** Plan to be here on September 10<sup>th</sup> for Kick-Off Sunday!

**We Are Hiring!** At the July 9<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting, the membership approved expansion of our staff. We are hiring a Kids Ministry Director at 10 hours a week. If you or anyone you know is interested, the posting and job description is online. <https://www.redwingfirstcov.org/employment.html>

**NEW LIFE GROUP: Hearts and Hands.** Join the new service and scripture life group in September. Our goal is to be service minded both within our church family and the community. We will meet twice each month: one day to complete a service project and another evening (to be determined by the group) to study scripture. Our first meeting will be Sept. 10 at 6:00 pm. To sign up or questions, contact Janine (651.380.4885) or Jodie (651.380.1963).

**GriefShare,** a Christian grief support group, will be starting a new session beginning Monday, Sept. 11th from 6:30-8:00pm at First Covenant Church. Registration is appreciated to have an adequate supply of workbooks available. Sign Up: [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) (find a group) or call Susan (651.380.9362)

**This week Sarah resumes her Fall hours.** Her schedule is Tuesday-Thursday 8:30-4:30; and Friday 8:30-2:30.

**PARENT GROUP:** We are launching a new parent group with childcare provided each Wednesday night starting September 13 at 6:30pm at the church. This group will discuss and further explore the principles from each week's message for the first half of the semester. Then the second half will be focused on 10 specific actions parents can take to move from a reactive, quick-fix approach to parenting to a more healthy, intentional approach to parenting. This group is led by Dave & Patti Fredrickson. See our website to register Under Ministries: Adult Groups.

**Gather Around: Learning to Rest.** Ladies join us at the home of Nancy Shoemake (4999 Chalet Court, RW). On September 17 from 5:30-7:30pm. As the Fall season kicks off lets be intentional about personal and spiritual rest. Bring something simple (5 ingredients or less) or pick something up premade. (to share or just bring yourself). See you soon.

**September Mission Awareness of the Month is Hope Coalition.** Locally, Hope Coalition offers crisis ongoing support services to all survivors of sexual assault. All services are provided free of charge.

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## CARE CHAIN



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**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Do you have a prayer request?

Email the Care Chain at [care@redwingfirstcov.org](mailto:care@redwingfirstcov.org).

**JOIN THE CARE CHAIN:** The Care Chain is an email list to which we will send out care notices. To join, please send an email to [care@redwingfirstcov.org](mailto:care@redwingfirstcov.org).

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## OFFERING COMPARISON

### 2023 OFFERING UPDATE

Giving YTD Comparison: (Budget = \$8868/week):

2023- \$305,281 (1.6% under Budget)

2022- \$291,988

2021- \$282,103

Last 4 Weeks Comparison:

2023- \$35,891

2022- \$26,620

2021- \$26,267

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## 150 by 150 CAMPAIGN

Pledges can be completed online at [www.redwingfirstcov.org/150by150](http://www.redwingfirstcov.org/150by150)

**Campaign Goal - \$250,000**

89 pledges received - \$239,673

Goal reached (Pledged) - 96%

Pledges paid to date - \$216,988

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Sunday, September 3 Holy Communion | Yockey Baptism

8:30AM Blended Worship  
10:00AM Contemporary Worship

### Monday, September 4 Labor Day

All Church Offices Closed

### Tuesday, September 5 Sarah out of the office

9:30AM Women's Bible Study | Disciple Room  
10:00AM Staff Meeting | Apostle Room

### Wednesday, September 6

9:30AM Women's Bible Study | Disciple Room  
3:00PM MOPS Social | Fireside & Disciple Room

### Thursday, September 7

6:00PM Worship Team Practice  
7:00PM FCC Book Club | Fireside Room

### Saturday, September 9

10:00AM Bonhoeffer Society | Disciple Room

### Sunday, September 10 Kick Off Sunday | Congregational Meeting

8:30AM Blended Worship  
10:00AM Kids & MS Discovery | Kids Wing & Youth Room  
10:00AM Contemporary Worship  
11:15AM Congregational Meeting  
6:00PM Hearts & Hands | Alpers Home | 818 Hi Park Avenue

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## CONNECT WITH US

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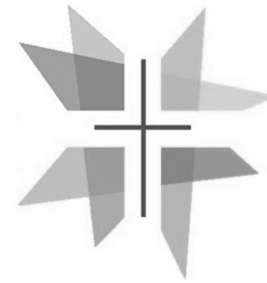
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*Listening Devices are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service.*

*Ask our sound booth team if you would like to use one today.*

Connect to God. Connect to One Another. Connect to the World.



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