

community NEWS

- ❖ **VOLUNTEER** with the Interfaith Program of St. Croix County by becoming a companion for a woman in River Falls to take on errands, doing light housekeeping for a man in a River Falls apartment, becoming a friend to a man in River Falls, or assisting with delivering meals in RF or Hudson. There are several Hudson residents seeking volunteers as well. To volunteer contact Nancy at 715-381-4360 or email nancya@co.saint-croix.wi.us
- ❖ **STATE ROAD 47!** On Friday and Saturday, July 23rd and 24th at 7:30 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ of River Falls, WI will present its summer musical "State Road 47." This musical tells three parables of Jesus that "happened along the road." Please join us for a night filled with wonderful music, acting, and plenty of humorous moments! Admission is free and a free will offering will be accepted. All proceeds will go to **Feed My Starving Children**.

financial UPDATE

Electronic Giving: www.rfcov.org and click on the **Electronic Tithing** link under Resources.

Weekly Operational Need: \$8,250.00
Last Sunday's Offering,: \$6,938.00
Average of Last 4 Sundays: \$6,696.91
Attendance on 7/4 was: 58 & 129 = 187

this WEEK

TODAY 7/11

8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship Services
12:00 p.m. Trailblazer Campers leave for LBBC

MONDAY 7/12

8:50 p.m. Church softball game @Hoffman

TUESDAY 7/13

12:15 & 5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers
6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice

THURSDAY 7/15

4:00 p.m. Trailblazer Campers return
REMINDER! No Council Meeting

SUNDAY 7/18

8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship Services

thank YOU!

GREETERS: (8:30) Bryan & Kristin Symes
(10:00) Bob & Bonnie Valentine

PRaise TEAM: Leah & Wade Gunderson, Kathy & Dirk Larson, Dave Schatz, Kim Majerus, Mark Wespel, Tyler Splittgerber

SOUND: (8:30) Mark Gillis (10:00) Mike Martini
VIDEO: (8:30) Greg Van De Mark
(10:00) Chris Ertsgaard

SCRIPTURE READERS: (8:30) Steve Johnson
(10:00) Johnny Manche

NURSERY: (8:30) Laura Schatz
(10:00) Sarah Roth & Andrew Ertsgaard

JR. CHURCH: Brian & Kim Majerus

USHERS: (8:30) Keith Hansen & Brent Larson
(10:00) Royce Nelson & Dan Schmalstig

PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:30) Bob Hoaglund
(10:00) Bill Hickox & Melissa Ertsgaard

COFFEE TIME: (9:30) Sue Watters & Lanette Harsdorf

PRODUCE PICK UP: Art Wellnitz

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

July 11, 2010

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Opening Song *Not To Us*

Welcome/Announcements

Receiving New Members (8:30)
Ben & Angie Branum, Jason & Tina Hull

Songs of Praise and Worship *Praise Adonai
It Is Well*

Congregational Prayer

Offering
Offertory *How He Loves*

Children's Time (10:00) Cheryl Klanderma
(All children are welcome up front to hear a story just for them!)

(Ages 4-6 are dismissed for Children's Church at both services)

Scripture Reading *Philippians 4:4-9*

Message *Live a Worry Free Life* Pastor Todd

Closing Song *My Hope is Built*

Benediction
(Prayer Partners for your prayer needs are up front after the services.)

JOY
UNSHAKEABLE!
A LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

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Welcome to our morning worship celebration!

for your INFO

- ❖ **FOR CHILDREN** (Ask an usher if you need assistance.)
 - * First Service: infant/toddler nursery (ages 6 mo.–4 yrs.)
 - * Second Service: infant nursery (ages 6 mo.–2 yrs) & toddler nursery (ages 2-4)
 - * A mother’s room is open during both services for your use.
 - * *Children’s Activity Bulletins* (ages 4-12) and *Jr. Sermon Notes* (ages 8-11) are available on the wall by the nursery
- ❖ **TO OUR GUESTS** Please do not feel obligated to give to our offering, which is the privilege and responsibility of our church family.
- ❖ **REGISTRATION – WELCOME PADS** The black registration pads are an important tool to help us care for our church family, contact visitors, and sign up for Wed. night suppers (during the school year). Please write in your complete address and phone number each week and pass it down the row. Cards for prayer requests, comments, and to request additional information are inside.
- ❖ **RECEIPTS FOR CASH GIFTS** You can get a receipt of tax purposes at the end of the year for your cash donations to the ministry of First Covenant Church by using the gray envelopes at the Guest Center. Ask an usher for assistance.
- ❖ **PRINTOUTS WITH WORDS** to the music are available at the Guest Center or from an usher.
- ❖ **PLEASE REMEMBER** to turn off your cell phones during our worship service!

vacation bible SCHOOL “HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION”

When: August 8-12

Time: 6 p.m.

For ages 4 through those that finished 5th grade

Contact Michele Beers to find out how you can help!



upcoming TEACHINGS

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY**, July 18, Pastor Todd will continue the *Joy Unshakeable* series and will focus on Philippians 4:10-13 and helping us know the marks of spiritual maturity.

church LIFE

- ❖ **HYMN SINGS** Join us at 8 a.m. on July 25, & August 22.
- ❖ **HELP CONNECT COLLEGE STUDENTS!** To provide a “home away from home”, we are looking for an Adopt-a-College-Student Coordinator(s) who would help connect interested students and willing families in the fall of 2010. Interested? Contact Mark Kimball or Brian Majerus.
- ❖ **PICTURE DIRECTORY** It’s time to update our directories! Please submit a new photo for print if you have had family growth or change in the past 3 years, or if you have not been included in the directory. E-mail photo to sue.watters@uwrf.edu or put in her mailbox at church. Sue is also available to take your picture on Sundays. If you do not submit a new picture, your current directory picture will be used. Please note that our re-order date is September 30th. Forms to update your family bio are available in the July *Clarion* newsletter or in the office.
- ❖ **LIVE NATIVITY** Interested in helping or being part of our “Live Nativity” in December? Check out the sign up sheets in the back of church. ?’s, contact Lana Foster (651-442-6838).

congratulations!

- ❖ **CHRISSE SPLITTGERBER** was crowned the 2010 River Falls Grand Royal Ambassador on Thursday! Congratulations!

firstcov BLOG

- ❖ **ARE WE WORSHIPPING BIBLICALLY?** Check out our latest blog at www.rfcov.org for thoughts on worship and how we select our songs!

children’s MINISTRY

- ❖ **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Sunday, Aug. 8 -Thursday, August 12, 6 -8 p.m. (For ages 4 through those finishing 5th grade). To get involved in this *HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION*, contact Michele Beers (425-6824).
- ❖ **SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY HELP** needed for fall, we need **teachers or co-teachers** for a 2 yr. old class, the 4th/5th grade class, and someone to be in the **nursery** during Sunday School. We could also use some people to be **subs** for the other teachers. ?’s, contact Candace Plummer (425-9914).

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- ❖ **GIVE IT ALL AWAY!** Sr. High, join us for another service project night on Wednesday, July 14th at **5:30 p.m.** (not 6:30!).

thank YOU

- ❖ **WE WANT TO THANK** everyone for your prayers, the flowers, gifts, and kindness shown after the birth of Richard! Mike & Angie Martini, Anthony & Elizabeth.

communication NOTES

- ❖ **TO SUBMIT BULLETIN** announcements, *Clarion* articles, and verbal announcements for Sunday mornings, a form is available in the office, in a mailbox slot, or online web page.
 - * Bulletins - Wednesdays by 4 p.m.
 - * *Clarion* (newsletter) – third Friday
 - * Verbal announcements for Sunday mornings – 3 weeks before an event.

PRAYER REQUESTS TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK!

July 11, 2010

- For our Trailblazer Campers going to Lake Beauty today through Thursday. (Nikolas Blaubach, Andrea Elliott, Danielle Ertsgaard, Isaac Gabriel, Donald Hershaw, Roman Karpovich, Dana & Linda Kobilka, Ryker Kubera, Geno Langlois, Desirae Lucht, Hannah Manche, Aleah Nelson, Sawyer Olson, Gabby & Angel Overbye, Jackson Pederson, Hannah & Kaytlynn Plummer, Paul Schatz, Nathan Schmitz).
- For our Missionaries of the Week: UWRF Campus Ministries
- For our shut-ins: Martha VanBeek, Irene Hilden, Evie Griffin, Dorothy Owen
- For Healing: Lowell Falde, Bob Stevens, Sarah Larson, Don Overbye
- For our church Elders: Dan Pearson (Moderator), John Aune, Terry Traynor
- For our church staff: Pastor Todd Ertsgaard, Brian Majerus, Leah Gunderson, & Jackie Wallace

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Please remember in prayer: Wyatt Stoffa, Brett Fugate, Zach Zellmer, Katie & Mike Findlay, Aaron Reiss, Melissa Leitl, Christina Lundberg, Ryan Neel, Steve Kubera, Tyler Splittgerber

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK: Jason Hull, Tim & Darcy Prince, *InterVarsity Christian Fellowship* leaders at UWRF, and Charlie Hokanson, leader of *The Navigators* at UWRF. Please continue to pray for them in their ministry to students and for their financial support/fund raising efforts. Also be in prayer for those leading *Campus Crusade* at UWRF.

REMEMBER in prayer Bob & Bonnie Valentine & Randy & Gail Baar who both provide Bible study/services for residents at the Kinnic Home each month!

PRESIDENTIAL PRAYER REQUEST: Pray for all those who are involved in the well stoppage, the initial and long-term clean up, and for those whose livelihoods have been dealt a set-back as a result of the damage done by the oil already in the Gulf of Mexico. Pray for all of the branches of our military and allied forces engaged in the war effort in Afghanistan. Pray for the economy of our nation and globally, and the impact of individuals and families worldwide. Pray that the health and safety of families and children would be wisely encouraged by government officials.

Prayer request cards are available in the Registration Pads. Please place in the offering plate. The requests will be prayed for by our Wed. Night Prayer Group and Pastoral staff. If your request is confidential, you can give to Pastor Todd.

Pastor Todd Ertsgaard

Joy Unshakeable!

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“Live a Worry Free Life”

Philippians 4:4-9

Worry is a common and powerful emotion that has the ability to become all consuming—impacting our emotional, physical and spiritual health. It is also useless because it doesn't change anything. So what do you do with worry? In this passage, the apostle Paul gives some answers. He does not simply tell us not to worry but he shows us how to eliminate it. If we are going to live a worry free life we need to put the following into practice:

1. Make it a matter of _____.

2. Remove it from _____.

3. Take action by _____.

“You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.”

- Isaiah 26:3 (NIV)

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NOT TO US

Not To Us

1. The cross before me the world behind
No turning back raise the banner high
It's not for me it's all for You
Let the heavens shake and split the sky
Let the people clap their hands and cry
It's not for us it's all for You

**Chorus: Not to us, But to Your name be the glory
Not to us, But to Your name be the glory**

2. Our hearts unfold before Your throne
The only place for those who know
It's not for us it's all for You. Send Your holy fire on this offering
Let our worship burn for the world to see
It's not for us it's all for You

The earth is shaking, The mountains shouting
It's all for You. The waves are crashing
The sun is raging, It's all for You
The universe, Spinning and singing
It's all for You.
Your children dancing dancing dancing
It's all for You, It's all for You

Not to us, but to Your name 2x

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PRAISE ADONAI

Who is like Him
The Lion and the Lamb – Seated on the throne
Mountains bow down – Every ocean roars
To the lord of hosts.

Chorus: Praise Adonai
From the rising of the sun
'Til the end of every day
Praise Adonai
All the nations of the earth
All the angels and the saints – Sing praise.

2x

Repeat chorus

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IT IS WELL

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul"

Chorus: It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
(Repeat chorus)

3. My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
(Repeat chorus)

4. And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.
(Repeat chorus)

MY HOPE IS BUILT

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust
the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

(Chorus) On Christ the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, all other
ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; In ev'ry high and
stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (Chorus)

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood; When all around
my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. (Chorus)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found; Dressed in his
righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. (Chorus 2x)