

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

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: \$9,084.63
Average of Last 4 Sundays: \$7,634.72
Attendance on 6/27 was: 115 & 127 = 242

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this WEEK

TODAY 7/4

8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship Services w/Communion

MONDAY 7/5

Church office closed

7:25 p.m. Church softball game @Hoffman

TUESDAY 7/6

12:00 p.m.

Joyful Jr's. leave for LBBC

12:15 & 5:30 p.m.

Weight Watchers

6:30 p.m.

Praise Team Practice

WEDNESDAY 7/7

4:30 p.m. Middle School & High School - Mud Fest

THURSDAY 7/8

4:00 p.m.

Joyful Jr. Campers return

FRIDAY 7/9

11:00 a.m.

Mission's Projects Work Day

SATURDAY 7/10

3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Corn Fest

SUNDAY 7/11

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Worship Services

12:00 p.m.

Trailblazer Campers leave for LBBC

thank YOU!

GREETERS: (8:30) Steve & Sue Watters
(10:00) Don & Julie Stoffa

PRAISE TEAM: Leah & Wade Gunderson, Kathy Larson, Dave Schatz, Jerry & Pat Nelson, Andy & Matt Eklund

SOUND: Steve Kubera

VIDEO: Mel Gillis

SCRIPTURE READERS: (8:30) Sue Watters
(10:00) Melissa Ertsgaard

NURSERY: The nursery is open but not staffed

JR. CHURCH: There is no Jr. Church today

USHERS: (8:30) Gregg Quam, Dick Kruger
(10:00) Don Stoffa, James Plummer

PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:30) Steve Watters
(10:00) Bob & Bonnie Valentine

COFFEE TIME: (9:30) Bonnie Swanson & Ruby Nelson

PRODUCE PICK UP: Dan Schmalstig

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

July 4, 2010 - 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Opening Song

My Redeemer Lives

Welcome/Announcements

Song of Praise and Worship

A Mighty Fortress

Offering

Offertory

Reign In Us

(Note: Children's Church will not be held today).

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:1-3

Message

Disarming Disagreements

Pastor Todd

Moment of Silent Prayer and Reflection

Welcome to the Lord's Table

Processional Communion

(Please come to the table to receive the bread and the cup)

Song of Communion

Jesus Paid It All

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer (use "sins")

Closing Song

Spirit of the Living God

Benediction

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

JOY
UNSHAKEABLE!
A LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

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!

upcoming community outreach EVENTS

MUDFEST

What: A Youth event with a 40ft x 60ft mud pit, a giant Slip N' Slide, water games, food, music, and more!

Who: Grades 6-12

When: Wednesday, July 7 : 4:30-8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 includes supper

Questions? Contact Leah at leah@rfcov.org

CORN FEST

What: Free food, games for all ages, music and more!

When: Saturday, July 10 : 3-6 p.m.

Questions? Contact Steve Watters

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

upcoming TEACHINGS

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY**, July 11, Pastor Todd will continue the *Joy Unshakeable* series and focus on Philippians 4: 4-9 and helping us learn how to handle worry in our lives.

church LIFE

- ❖ **OFFICE CLOSED:** Our church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, July 5.
- ❖ **HYMN SINGS!** Join us at 8 a.m. on July 25, & August 22.
- ❖ **"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).
- ❖ **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.

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).

youth NEWS

- ❖ **GIVE IT ALL AWAY!** Sr. High, Join us for another service project night on Wed., July 14th at 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ **MUDFEST** See info under "Upcoming Community Outreach Events". Make sure to remember to bring a filled out permission slip!! They can be found on the youth board or on our Facebook page.

women MINISTRIES

- ❖ **RIP & ROLL! BANDAGE ROLLING:** We will meet this **Friday, July 9, at 11 a.m.** to work on more mission projects. For over 65 years Covenant Women have sent bandages to the NW Congo. And yes!, they tell us there's still a need for strip bandages! By providing these reusable strips their funds are freed to purchase medicines and other supplies. Can you spare a couple of hours? Also, we can always use clean cotton or cotton poly sheets in good condition. Please put them in the basket in the banner room.

lake beauty bible CAMP

- ❖ **WE ARE IN NEED** of another driver for Trailblazer Camp July 11 or 15th. Contact Terry Ekstrom to find out more. (425 -2181)

Who will YOU bring to MudFest or Corn Fest?

PRAYER REQUESTS TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK!

July 4, 2010

- For our nation on its birthday.
- For safe travels this holiday week-end.
- For the many families who are at family camp at Lake Beauty today.
- For our Joyful Jr. Campers going to Lake Beauty Tuesday – Thursday. (Anthony & Elizabeth Martini, Kyla Kubera, Aryanna Plummer, Audrey Richter)
- For Lake Beauty staff and all the speakers this summer.
- For our Missionaries of the Week: Dave & Judy Dolan
- 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: Dave & Judy Dolan, Covenant missionaries serving as regional coordinators for Chinese Ministry. Please pray for the Taiwan Summer English Program that begins July 5th and goes through July 21st. Team members will be arriving in Taipei on July 2nd. At the end of the orientation, Chinese church coworkers will arrive to meet the short-termers and settle them into the four churches that are providing children's programs in English this summer. Team members are: Lois Young from Crosstown Covenant in Minneapolis, Susan Ferrell from Glen Ellyn Covenant in Chicago, Roseanne Baker from Montecito Covenant in Santa Barbara, CA, Ray Barrett from Crossview Covenant in Mankato, Minnesota, Naomi Shadis from Oak Heights Covenant Church in Hutchinson, Minnesota, and Patty Yeh and Rebecca Liu from California. Tammi Biggs with Merge Ministries is team leader. Do pray that this summer will be significant in the lives of both the teachers who share their skills and in the lives of the many children who attend. e-mail:davejudy.dolan@comcat.net

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 and Pakistan.. Pray for General David Petraeus as he has been approved to lead 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. Pray for Justice John Paul Stevens as he steps down from the Supreme Court this month

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

Joy Unshakeable

July 4, 2010

“Disarming Disagreements”

Philippians 4:1-3

Conflicts and disagreements are inevitable in life. Not even the family of God is exempt from them. In fact, in this passage the apostle Paul addresses a conflict within the church of Philippi. Since the potential of disagreements are always before us how do we effectively deal with them? How do we disarm disagreements in our lives? If we are to live in unity with one another despite our differences there are three important steps to take:

1. Step one is _____.

2. Step two is _____.

3. Step three is _____.

“For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.”

- Romans 14:7-8 (NIV)

MY REDEEMER LIVES

I know He rescued my soul. His blood has covered my sin.

I believe, I believe.

My shame He's taken away My pain is healed in His name.

I believe, I believe.

I'll raise a banner. My Lord has conquered the grave.

Chorus: My Redeemer lives, My Redeemer lives.

My Redeemer Lives, My Redeemer lives.

Bridge: You lift my burden and I'll rise with You.

I'm dancing on this mountain top

To see Your kingdom come.

Repeat Chorus 2x

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

Our God is a consuming fire a burning holy Flame,

with glory and freedom Our God is,

the only righteous judge

ruling over us with kindness and wisdom

Our God is the only righteous judge ruling over us

with kindness and wisdom

And we will keep our eyes on You .We will keep our eyes on You

A mighty fortress is our God A sacred refuge is Your name

Your kingdom is unshakeable with You forever we will reign

Our God is jealous for His own None could comprehend

His love and His mercy Our God is exalted on His throne

high above the heavens, forever He is worthy

And we will keep our eyes on You, We will keep our eyes on You

A mighty fortress is our God A sacred refuge is Your name

Your kingdom is unshakeable with You forever we will reign

And we will keep our eyes on You we will keep our eyes on You

So we can set our hearts on You Lord, we can set our hearts on You

A mighty fortress is our God A sacred refuge is Your name

Your kingdom is unshakeable

with You forever we will reign (2x) with You forever we will reign (2x).

Our God is a consuming fire. A burning holy flame

with glory and freedom

JESUS PAID IT ALL

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small; Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in me thine all in all"

Chorus: Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone, can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone. (Chorus)

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete, I'll lay my trophies down, all down at Jesus' feet. (Chorus & tag last line)

O praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead 4x

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spirit of the Living God

Fall afresh on me

Spirit of the Living God

Fall afresh on me

Melt me mold me

Fill me use me

Spirit of the Living God

Fall afresh on me

Spirit of the living God,

move among us all;

make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;

humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God,

fill our lives with love.