

PRAYER AT FIRSTCOV

❖ HELP BY PRAYING!

- Join the Email Prayer Line: Receive prayer requests and support your church family's needs. Join the team by letting Jackie know (jackie@rfcov.org).
- Prayer Group: Wed. 6:30-7:30p in the Conference Room.

❖ NEED PRAYER?

- Send prayer requests to **email prayer line**. Contact Jackie in office (if after hours or on weekends, call her at 612.889.7516).
- Send Prayer requests for **Wed. night prayer group** (contact Jackie).

❖ **PRAYER PARTNERS** are available after each worship service on Sundays.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

VANCO ELECTRONIC GIVING:

Go to www.rfcov.org and click on the **Electronic Tithing** link under **Resources**.

Weekly Operational need:	\$11,891.00
Regular Giving 5.6.18:	\$10,675.49
Mortgage balance as of 5.1.18:	\$570,803.87
Attendance 5.6.18:	126 & 187=313

CONTACT US!

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THIS WEEK

TODAY 5/13

8:15 & 10:45a

9:30a

TUESDAY 5/15

12:00 & 5:30p

WEDNESDAY 5/16

5:15p

6:30p

7:00p

6:30 -7:30p

THURSDAY 5/17

6:30p

8:15p

FRIDAY 5/18

6:30p

SUNDAY 5/20

8:15 & 10:45a

9:30a

Mother's Day

Worship Service

Sunday School

Classroom Use: Weight Watchers

Practice for 2nd Year Confirmation Students

Last Confirmation Class w/ pizza for ALL

Confirmation Students

CHIC Student & Parent Meeting

Prayer Group (All welcome)

Leadership Team Meeting

Iron: Men's Group

Women Ministries Bunco Game Night

Confirmation Sunday!

Worship Services

Sunday School Classes

THANK YOU

GREETERS:

(8:15) Dave & Joni Kolb

(10:45) Mark & Brenda Gabriel

WORSHIP TEAM:

Brian Smith, Hannah Plummer,

Pat Nelson, Jessica Mueller, Paul Martin, Dakota Walters

SOUND: Dave Schatz

VIDEO: Danielle Ertsgaard

HUB:

(8:15) Jackie Wallace (10:45) Sarah Vance

NURSERY: (8:15) 0-4: Sarah Smith, Tina & Gracie Hull

(10:45) 0-4: Kay Zwald, Annette Schalla, Brianna Strehlau

JR. CHURCH:

(10:45) Melissa Ertsgaard

USHERS: (8:15) Gregg Quam, Curt Yelken, Dan Wallace

(10:45) Matt Fitzgerald, Dan Pearson

PRAYER PARTNERS:

(8:15) Mark Wespetal

(10:45) Val Wellnitz, Pastor Brian

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

Kay & Raye Schmalstig,

April & Greg Hudson

PRODUCE PICK UP:

Gary Sumner

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, May 13, 2018 | 8:15 & 10:45a

OPENING SONG

APPRECIATING MOTHERS/WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SONGS

OFFERING

10:45: Children ages 5-7 can go to Rm 303 for Junior Church.

Please pick up your child there after the service.

SERMON

Share Your Story

Pastor Todd

CLOSING SONG

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

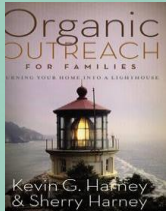
B L E S S

INTENTIONAL EVANGELISM

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Guests, we welcome you!

- ✓ **CHECK @ theHub** for a great conversation, a gift, more info, or get questions answered. We are glad you are here!
- ✓ **WELCOME PADS** help us to care & connect! Please fill out and pass to your neighbor in the row. Inside are cards for prayer requests, comments, and more. *If you leave your address, we will send you a Welcome Letter with next step ideas to get to know us...and no extra mailings!* ☺
- ✓ **CHILDREN/FAMILIES:** (The Ushers would love to help you too!).
 - ***Nurseries** (Infant to 4 y.o.).
 - ***Nursery Room** (To the right of the main entrance).
 - ***Infant Room**—Service live feed, on right as you enter Worship Center.
 - ***Junior Church**— (10:45) 5-7 y.o. in Rm 303.
 - ***Children's Activity Bulletins (ages 4-7) and Jr. Sermon Notes (ages 8-12)** are available on the usher's cart.
- ❖ **SERVICE LIVE FEEDS** available in Infant Room and Multipurpose Room.
- ❖ **OFFERING** is an act of worship and a privilege of our church family. We are just glad you are here to worship with us today!



Summer Book & Blog

Learn about reaching out to, and with, family!

- Why:** Summer finds you in different places. Stay connected and grow anywhere
- How:** Read a chapter per week "Organic Outreach for Families: Turning Your Home into a Lighthouse" with a FirstCov'er sharing a reflection on the blog. Then read the post &, if you like, **leave blog comments/replies.**
- Who:** For anyone who is from a family or has a family (yes, that's everybody, young and old.) *This is important for all of us to reach a lost world, including our kids/grandkids.*
- What Will I Learn:** 1) reaching your own family (including extended family), 2) raising children of light in a dark world, 3) turning your home into a lighthouse.
- When:** Begins in June 2018

Next Steps:

- Buy a book at the table (special price: \$5)
- Subscribe to the blog (you'll get an email when posts come out)

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT WEEK (5.20)** is Confirmation Sunday.
- ❖ **TODAY! MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE:** Check @theHub as we ordered extras! A long stem rose with greenery is \$5.00. Supports: Pierce County Right to Life.
- ❖ **SMALL GROUP: WORLD'S SHORTEST SURVEY** Please take 3 seconds to complete the survey in the bulletin and return in the offering plate, to the office, or Pastor Brian's mailbox.
- ❖ **WOMEN MINISTRIES** Fri., May 18, 6:30p, Bunco game night and summer planning. Bring a snack to share and your own beverage.
- ❖ **FOCUS ON LIFE** May Theme: Mental Health. More info in the May Clarion and at rfcov.org/blog.
- ❖ **KEEP INFORMED!** The Leadership Team & Ministry Team (LT/MT) monthly notes @theHub.
- ❖ **INTERESTED IN IMMERSION BAPTISM?** If so, contact Pastor Todd.
- ❖ **CHURCH SOFTBALL!** Sign up @theHub if interested in playing this summer.
- ❖ **DRIVERS FOR LAKE BEAUTY BIBLE CAMPS** are needed this summer. Please contact Terry Ekstrom at 715.307.2648. The first camp dates needed are June 10th & 15th.
- ❖ **OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE** begins on **Sun., May 27** with **8:15** and **10:00a** services. No Sunday School during the summer.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- ❖ **SUNDAY, MAY 20** for our 2nd year students: Karissa Baar, Amanda Backes, Bobby Cunningham, Taylor Dumond, Micah Majerus, Andrew Olsen, Evan Payfer, Wesley Pearson, Klayra Plummer, Alexandra Roth, Brianna Strehlau.

ANNUAL MEETING & CELEBRATION!

Wednesday, May 30

- ❖ **6:30p ANNUAL MEETING** Members, Regular Attenders, and Friends! Come join us for this special meeting where we remember God's faithfulness and celebrate what He has done in the past ministry year. *Prayer time, 2017-18 Praise Video, votes, updates, and more!!*
- ❖ **5:30p COOKOUT.** Donations go to the youths' triennial trip to CHIC this summer!

GRAD OPEN HOUSE INVITES

- ❖ **Fri., May 25, 6-9p** for **Andrea Elliott**, daughter of Michelle & Steve. **W8305-770th** Ave., River Falls.
- ❖ **Fri., June 1, 7-10p**, for **Jessica Mueller**, daughter of Chris & Lynnea. 319 Mariah Court, River Falls. RSVP 828-399-9321.
- ❖ **Sat., June 2, 1-5p**, for **Zachary McCaffery**, son of David & Lori. N5875-1115th Prescott.
- ❖ **Sat., June 16, 1-4p**, for **Ryker Kubera**, son of Steve & Laurie. At Hoffman Park Octagon Shelter.
- ❖ **Sat., June 16, 1-5p**, for **Danielle Ertsgaard**, daughter of Pastor Todd & Melissa, 1192 Meadowbrook Lane, River Falls.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

For Ages 2 y.o. & up | 9:30-10:30a

Adult class options:

Your Position in Christ

Frustrated with your Christian growth? Struggled w/ long-standing temptation? Study these from what may be a new or unique perspective with topics such as Spiritual Anatomy, Sanctification, Walking in the Spirit, The Anatomy of Temptation and Practicing the Presence of God. Come explore the exciting and transformative work that took place during Justification (salvation) in your spiritual personhood and how that impacts your future spiritual walk. Teacher: Mark Wespetal (Rm 304).

Be the Church... Taking it to the Streets

Have you wanted to go on a mission trip but it hasn't worked out? There is a mission field right here! You were created to bring glory to God right here at this time in history. Join us to 1) discover what the Bible says about serving, 2) learn how to get involved in River Falls' groups and organizations and 3) do a service project to bless others each week! Teachers: Sarah Johnson & Sarah Smith (Multipurpose Rm). **HELP RESOURCE FOR NEXT WEEK (MAY 20): Tie blankets for River Falls Hospital.** We'll create tie blankets for children who are nervous to be there. Bring fleece in 1-1/2 yard sections. Help create them and bring a fabric scissors.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

May 13, 2018

- ❖ Give thanks for your mother and/or someone who has served as a mother for you
- ❖ For the Evangelical Covenant Church, our denominational church family, as they seek to fill key positions in ECC President, the North Park (University & Seminary) President, and the Developing Leaders Executive Minister
- ❖ For our College Students of the week: College Graduates (see below)
- ❖ For our Missionary of the week: Brittany Rambatt
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Jean Elefson, Lana & Jim Foster, Angie Martini, Jean Hickox, Juanita Amundson, David Petersen, Nancy Nygaard, Lila Hilden, Bill Hickox, Nancy Erickson
- ❖ For our Congregational Vitality Team Members: Pat Stevens, Jeff Carow, Melissa Falde, Tom Nelson, Chris Mueller, Krista Majerus, Steve Schalla, Robert Curtis, Pastor Todd, and Pastor Brian
- ❖ For our Leadership Team (see below)
- ❖ For our church staff: Pastor Todd, Pastor Brian, Neil Vance, Brian Smith, Jackie Wallace

We are glad to pray for you in joy or in times of need. Needs will be listed for up to four weeks, but please let us know if you would like it longer.

THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Sam & Isaac Witt, Brent Wiersma, Roland Pomfret, Mike Findlay, Aaron Riess, Ryan Neel, John Meier, Colin Arneson, Matthew Lundberg, Mckenzie Curtis, Max Elliott

OUR FIRSTCOV LEADERSHIP TEAM

Jeff Carow, Chair; Dan Pearson, Vice Chair; Johnny Manche, Finance Officer; Pat Stevens, Administrative Officer; John Aune; Jean Wespetal; Kay Zwald; Mark Gabriel, Pastor Todd

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COLLEGE GRADUATES!

Steven Aune from UW -LaCrosse with History major & Political Science minor

Kelsey Ekstrom, from UW-River Falls with English major, History minor

Danica Lucht, from Bethel University, Bachelor of Science Nursing

Emily Gabriel, from International House of Prayer University with a major in Music Ministry and Teaching. She will be ministering with One Eleven Global and YWAM for two months this summer in Amsterdam.

Brady Stocker, from UW-Superior – Sports Business

Brittany Hamann, from UW-River Falls - Elementary Education

Keith Richardson, from UW-River Falls - Music Major

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Brittany Rambatt, serving with El Ayudante in Honduras. You can e-mail Brittany at bkrambatt@gmail.com and check out her blog at www.brittanyinhonduras.wordpress.com



INTENTIONAL EVANGELISM

Share Your Story | 1 John 1:1-4 | Pastor Todd

Today, we conclude our *BLESS* series by looking at sharing our stories about Christ with others in a winsome and effective way. In this passage, John states that it involves:

1. The right _____.

2. The right _____.

3. The right _____.

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" - Matthew 9:37-38 (NIV)

See your insert or learn more/get ideas and resources for B.L.E.S.S. (including a small group study): <https://covchurch.org/evangelism/bless/>