

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITY

Be a special part!! One of the ways we express love for God and others (and are shaped by Him) is through serving others.

One opportunity to check out is:

Sunday Minibus Drivers

Some want to worship with us but getting here can be hard. Help college students and seniors join us in this important, practical ministry! Training is available. And there is a good core team so you can be scheduled as needed (a lot or a little). For info or to volunteer, contact the office or Dean Benoy.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

ELECTRONIC GIVING:

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

Weekly Operational need 2019: \$12,474.75
Regular Giving 3.17.19: \$14,451.74
Weekly YTD average: \$16,138.18
Mortgage balance as of 3.1.19: \$533,122.84
Covenant World Relief: \$3,851.50
Attendance on 3.17.19: 100 & 239=339

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Mark & Joann Gillis, Dottie Radd
(10:45) Rod & Deb Hanson

WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, Aryanna Plummer,
Pat Nelson, Paul Schatz, Dave Schatz, Isaac Gabriel

SOUND: Adam Johnson **VIDEO:** Danielle Ertsgaard
THE HUB: (8:15) Linda Lundstrom
(10:45) Sarah Vance

NURSERY: (8:15) John & Marly Aune, Kyla Kubera
(10:45) Anne Harris, Virginia LaMonica,
Molly Plummer

JR. CHURCH: (10:45) Jo & Octavia Heuschele
USHERS: (8:15) Dan Wallace, Brian Halling
(10:45) Dan Pearson, Jake Koskie

PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Steve & Linda Johnson
(10:45) Jeff Carow

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Bonnie Swanson,
Bonnie Van De Mark

PRODUCE PICK-UP: Brian Halling

THIS WEEK

TODAY 3/24

8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School for all ages
9:45a Hymn Sing in Worship Center

TUESDAY 3/26

12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY 3/27

9:30a Precept Class
Spring Break – No Wednesday Ministries

THURSDAY 3/28

8:15p Iron: Men's Group

FRIDAY 3/29

9:45a Women's Bible Study Fellowship

SUNDAY 3/31

8:15a & 10:45a Worship Services w/Rev. James Tang
9:30a Sunday School classes for all ages

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, March 24, 2019 | 8:15a & 10:45a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS (10:45)

WORSHIP SONGS

OFFERING

Children ages 5-7 can go to Rm 306 for Junior Church.

Parents: Please walk your child to the room and pick up after the service

MESSAGE

High Energy Living

Pastor Todd

CLOSING SONG

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

HIGH
ENERGY
FAITH

Welcome To Our Worship Service!

Guests, we welcome you!

- ❖ **WELCOME PADS** help us to care and connect! Please write your contact info, pass it down the row, and then pass it back. Inside are cards for prayer requests, sign up for the weekly e-news, 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 (Infants to 4 y.o.).
 - ❖ 8:15- Nursery Room (To the right of the main entrance).
 - ❖ 10:45- Nursery Room.
 - *Infant Room—Hear the service too. On right as you enter Worship Center.
 - *10:45- Junior Church—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 AND "*Busy Bags*" for kids @theHub!
- ❖ **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!
- ❖ **FREE GIFT:** As an expression of appreciation, pick up a gift and get to know us from the info.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS!

9:30-10:30a

Learn about God. Grow in who he wants you to be. Connect with others.

2 y.o. to High School | **The Gospel Project**
Studying All the Bible over All Our Ages!

Two Adult Options:

Your Divine Design—Starts TODAY Spiritual gifts! You have one, but do you know what it is or what it is for? Will God hold you accountable to use it? "For (you) are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for (you) to do." -Ephesians 2:10. Room 301.

The Gospel Project—Beginning TODAY is a new unit on God and worship that explores Exodus & Leviticus. Room 302.

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY March 31.**, Covenant missionary, Rev. James Tang who serves in South Sudan will be speaking.
- ❖ **NO WED. MINISTRIES THIS WEEK** as it is River Falls schools spring break. (No Supper, Awana, Confirmation, Youth Group, or Prayer Group). Thank you to everyone who makes these ministries possible! We appreciate you! Enjoy this week off. (Women's Precepts will meet as usual).
- ❖ **BE INFORMED!** Our Leadership Team & Ministry Team (LT/MT) monthly notes are @ the Info Rack.
- ❖ **INTERESTED IN BAPTISM?** Contact Pastor Todd
- ❖ **FREE TABLE** in Multipurpose Rm. with books, studies, and other resources. Free for taking for yourself, to help someone else, or even a gift! Please take by Mar. 31.
- ❖ **FOCUS ON LIFE MARCH THEME** is **Worldwide Christian Persecution**. More information at rfcov.org/blog and in the March Clarion .
- ❖ **FAMILY RESOURCE TABLE MARCH THEME:** **Prepare for Easter**. Use the *Journey to the Cross* devotional at the Resource Table by office door.
- ❖ **SPRING CLEANING?** Be sure to check if you have any of our missing church library books or videos!
- ❖ **SAVE THE DATES!** Our "ROAR" Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 28 – Aug.1.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- ❖ **TODAY** we welcome into church membership **Mark & Shar Anderson, Virginia LaMonica, Joe & Tricia Munson, Joe & Donna O'Kroy!** *We are thankful for each of you and the future of seeking & serving Christ with you!* Be sure to welcome them!

LEARN & CONNECT!

- ❖ **TODAY! SUN., MAR. 24** at 1:00p Pastor Todd will hold an **Orientation 2 class**.
 - **Who?** Those **newer** to FirstCov **OR** long time FirstCov'ers who wish to participate.
 - **What happens?** Learn more about the Christian life, us, our wider church family (Evangelical Covenant Church), and even take a first step in becoming a member.
 - **Need Orient. 1?** Nope, you can start with this.
 - **Interested?** See Pr. Todd or just come. Child care is available!

LAKE BEAUTY BIBLE CAMP

- ❖ **BY APRIL 7: Early Bird Savings!** Register for summer camps at lbcc.com and be sure to use Lake Pepin District camp dates.

CONNECT MEALS!

- ❖ **STRIVING TO** *promote hospitality as a natural outflow of our love for Jesus*, sign up for an opportunity to connect with others at church and in the community. These meals are flexible get-togethers to share a meal, welcome new people, and connect better with each other. Sign-up through our E-News or @theHub today!. More details are @theHub. Questions? Contact Becky Lopez @ 651.307.3731 or 715.426.1860.

WOMEN MINISTRIES

- ❖ **OUR NORTHWEST CONFERENCE *Spring Renewal*** event is Mar. 29-Mar. 30 at Grace Covenant in Fargo, ND. Experience dynamic worship with powerful, engaging breakout sessions.
 - Speaker: Michelle Sanchez, Executive Minister of Make and Deepen Disciples for the the national Covenant office.
 - See www.wmncw.org for info or to register See the flyer @theHub or CE Wing bulletin board.
- ❖ **TRIENNIAL! Theme: I AM This every three years event is a rare opportunity in 2019** as the Covenant Women hosts it in Minneapolis, July 18-21. Take advantage of it being so close to us! Use your bulletin insert to find out more! **Save \$30.00 by registering by March 31.** Let Wendi Blaubach, Wendy Larson, Lanette Harsdorf or the office know if you are interested in attending. Also, let us know if you'd want to stay in a hotel and share the cost of a room. Check out iam.covchurch.org for more info. An invitation from Michelle Sanchez, Executive Minister of Make and Deepen Disciples for the Covenant and Registration forms are available @theHub.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

March 24, 2019

- ❖ For our Missionaries of the Week: Randy Bevis
- ❖ For our College Student of the week: Curtis Hanson
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Angie Martini, David Petersen, Nora Munson, Joan Bystrom, Deb Kathan, Bill Hickox
- ❖ As we move forward from our Vitality, continue to pray for our next phase called Strategic Ministry Planning and for these team members: Pastor Todd, Pastor Brian, Melissa Falde, Jason Hull, Evan Carstedt, Kathi Nelson, Krista Majerus, and Pat Stevens
- ❖ For our FirstCov Leadership Team (see below)
- ❖ For our church staff: Pastor Todd, Pastor Brian, Neil Vance, 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

For: Sam & Isaac Witt, Brent Wiersma, Roland Pomfret, Mike Findlay, Aaron Riess, Ryan Neel, John Meier, Murray Stoffa, Colin Arneson, Mckenzie Curtis, Max Elliott, Justin Petersen

OUR FIRSTCOV LEADERSHIP TEAM

Jeff Carow, Chair; **John Aune**, Vice Chair; **Pat Stevens**, Adm. Officer;
Johnny Manche, Financial Officer; **Jean Wespetal**, **Kay Zwald**, **Mark Gabriel**,
Jerry Hallstrom, **Pastor Todd Ertsgaard**

These LT members will serve as liaisons to these Ministry Teams: Adult: Kay Zwald, Children's: Pat Stevens, Youth: Mark Gabriel, Men's: Jerry Hallstrom, Women's: Jean Wespetal, Worship & Arts: Pastor Todd & Kay Zwald; Maintenance: Johnny Manche, Missions: Jeff Carow; Outreach: John Aune, Social Concerns: Mark Gabriel

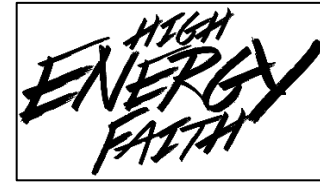
COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Curtis Hanson, son of Rod & Debra Hanson. Curtis is a Senior at UW Stevens Point with a major in music performance and music education. He will graduate May 2019 following a semester of student teaching this spring. Please keep him in prayer.

His e-mail is: curtis.a.hanson@uwsp.edu

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Randy Bevis, who serves as a Covenant Special Assignment missionary and is director of **In-Seine**, "Full Nets, Changed Lives" ministry. He shares his knowledge of "aquaculture" or **fish farming in many countries**. He shares in a recent e-mail that he made his first trip to Cameroon and CAR. He joined Paul Noren to see the area and projects he has been helping with. They traveled to Gambula and visited fish farmers in the area. Randy recently returned from the Island of Roatan Honduras where a team of 8 worked to get a 10-tank system to grow tilapia set up. The project will produce food, both fish and vegetables to the children's home and sell produce to the local community. He will go to Haiti in April to help train new farmers where recently 10 ponds have been dug and are being stocked by the new breeding pond at the University. Thank you for your support and continue to pray for all these areas!



HIGH ENERGY LIVING | 1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-24 | PASTOR TODD

Today, we conclude our series, "High Energy Faith," by looking at what it means to live out God's purposes, with high energy living, day in and day out. It means we are willing to:

1. Serve _____.
2. Invest _____.
3. Stay _____.

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." – Matthew 6:33 (NIV)