

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:

Join the Sunday AV Team!

Looking for a place to serve that supports the church and each other? The AV team might be a perfect fit! Technical knowledge is NOT required and great training will be provided! You'll be placed on a rotation and help with our Sunday slide presentations! All who are interested or wanting to learn more can contact Jake Jacobs at jake@rfcov.org or Emily Gabriel at emily@rfcov.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

Weekly Operational need: \$12,794.00
Regular Giving 10.7.18: \$17,548.39
Mortgage balance as of 10.1.18: \$554,422.71
Attendance 10.7.18: 101 & 172=273

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Dan & Kay Schmalstig
(10:45) Sarah Roth
WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, Jake Jacobs,
Wendy Larson, Dave Schatz, Paul Schatz
SOUND: Adam Johnson **VIDEO:** Andrew Ertsgaard
HUB: (8:15) Linda Lundstrom (10:45) Sarah Johnson
NURSERY: (8:15) 0-4: Bonnie Swanson, Robert Curtis
(10:45) 0-4: Kay Zwald, Annette Schalla,
Aryanna Plummer
JR. CHURCH: (10:45) Karen Olsen
USHERS: (8:15) Dan Wallace, Jerry Hallstrom
(10:45) Steve Schalla, Dan Pearson
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Bob Hoaglund
(10:45) Bob & Debbie Gilbertson
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Renee Kruger, Ellen Peterson
PRODUCE PICK UP: Dan Larson

THIS WEEK

TODAY 10.14 Acts of God Week 4
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School for all ages
9:45a Hymn Sing (Worship Center)
TUESDAY 10.16
9:00a MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers)
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers
WEDNESDAY 10.17
9:30a Precept Class
3:30p Confirmation Class
5:30p Fellowship Supper
6:30p AWANA, Confirmation, SOLID youth group,
Prayer Group
THURSDAY 10.18
6:30p Leadership Team Meeting
8:15p Iron: Men's Group
FRIDAY 10.19
9:45a Women's Bible Study Fellowship
SUNDAY 10.21 Acts of God Week 5 | OCC Kick Off!
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School for all ages
12:00p Baptisms

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, October 14, 2018 | 8:15a & 10:45a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SONGS

OFFERING

Mission Moment video

Children to Love

10:45: Children ages 5-7 can go to Rm 303 for Junior Church.
Please pick up your child there after the service.

SERMON

Faithful in Adversity

Pastor Brian

CLOSING SONG

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

ACTS OF GOD

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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 @theHub and get to know us from the info.



Mission Moment

TODAY! | 3:00-5:00P

Children to Love's mission is to provide hope for suffering children in the name of Jesus. They are focused on the needs of the suffering children of the world, providing help and assistance to empower 'the least of these' in Romania, India, Uganda & Ukraine.

Our Missions Ministry Team encourages you to come hear from Victor Popa share on this ministry. The daughter of FirstCov'ers Jim and Lanette Hardsorf, Kristina, has served with them.

Can't come today? Come to Jim & Lanette Hardsorf's farm on Mon., Oct. 15 at 6:30p for a bonfire with Victor.

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY:** (Oct. 21) Pastor Todd continues our "Acts of God" series with the story of Joseph in Genesis 41 & 47 and staying faithful to God in times of blessings and prosperity.
- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY: IMMERSION BAPTISM SERVICE** held immediately following our 10:45 service. *This is a special time for church family to be apart so please come celebrate with these folks!* Interested in baptism (infant or immersion)? See Pastor Todd!
- ❖ **MOPS (Mother's of PreSchoolers)** this Tues., Oct. 16 at 9:00a. Theme this year: Find Your Fire! Childcare and MOPPET program available for your little ones too!
- ❖ **WED. SUPPER:** This week serving chicken & rice from 5:30-6:15p. Sign up on Welcome Pad today or call the office by Monday. Cost: \$3.00.
- ❖ **OCTOBER CLARION** newsletters were e-mailed and paper copies available @theHub Info Rack.
- ❖ **BE INFORMED!** Our Leadership Team & Ministry Team (LT/MT) monthly notes are @theHub Info Rack.
- ❖ **MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS!** Take note! 2019 budgets are due on Nov. 1.
- ❖ **TODAY: HYMN SING** 9:45-10:15a in the Worship Center. Next on is Oct. 28th.
- ❖ **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE HERE** on Tues., Oct. 30 | 1:00-7:00p. Invite others! Set up an appointment at 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org (with code: riverfallswi).
- ❖ **OCTOBER FOCUS ON LIFE:** Domestic Violence. Check the Clarion for info or the blog at: www.rfcov.org/category/focus-on-life-ministry/

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

- ❖ **JOIN US** on **Mon., Oct. 15** and head to Eagan to pack food from 6:00-7:30p. Leaving from church around 5:00p. We have 10 spots reserved. Sign up @theHub or contact the office!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

For Ages 2 y.o. to Adult! | 9:30-10:30a
Adult options are:

- ❖ **Begins TODAY!** (Oct. 14-Nov. 18): **Why I Believe** by Chip Ingram. Led by Jeff Carow. An apologetic series to address your "honest doubts" and most pivotal questions about the claims of the Christian faith. What happens when we die? Can miracles be explained? Is there really a God? Catch logical answers to satisfy the heart and the mind of those seeking. If you or someone you know has genuine questions, this DVD series is an excellent resource. Room 301.
- ❖ **Sept. 16 – Oct. 21: Sacred Marriage** with Bob & Helen Usiak. Marriage is more than a union. It is a spiritual discipline ideally suited to help you know God more fully and intimately. This class equips you to love God more passionately, reflect the nature of his Son more precisely, and fulfill God's overarching purpose for your marriage. Room 302/304.

MARRIAGE

ENJOY...NEED REPAIR...OR GO FROM GOOD TO GREAT!

See Pastor Brian for info on these or more ideas.

- ❖ **Before Marriage:**
 - Premarital Counseling (inventory-based).
- ❖ **Enjoying & Building Your Marriage:**
 - Resources for Individual, Couple, Group.
 - Couple opportunities: Marriage Enrichment or Vow Renewal or Mentoring.
- ❖ **Renewing or Repairing Oneness:**
 - Marriage Renewing—Tackle issues and problem areas through an inventory-based experience.
 - Marriage Counseling—For going deeper or if you are in a difficult spot. P. Brian sees some or can help you get connected to a counselor.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

October 14, 2018

- ❖ For Victor Popa and *Children to Love* Ministry
- ❖ For our Missionaries of the Week: John & Letha Kerl
- ❖ For our College Student of the week: Ben Gabriel
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Jean Elefson, Angie Martini, Jean Hickox, Juanita Amundson, Lila Hilden, Gloria Mueller, David Petersen, Nancy Erickson
- ❖ 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 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, Colin Arneson, Matthew Lundberg, Mckenzie Curtis, Max Elliott

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

Ben Gabriel, son of Mark & Brenda Gabriel. Ben is a sophomore at UW-River Falls. He is majoring in computer science. Please keep him in prayer this year!

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

John & Letha Kerl, Covenant missionaries serving as Regional Coordinators for Europe and Russia. They ask: for God's anointing on each of our missionaries as they seek to follow Jesus and reach out in His name to those in their local sphere of ministry, for the deepening of trust and mutual respect with our partner churches in Europe and Russia, for strengthening of our focus of ministry among the marginalized and refugee populations of Europe, and for safety. Their e-mail is letha-john.kerl@covchurch.org



FAITHFUL IN ADVERSITY
GENESIS 40-41
PASTOR BRIAN MAJERUS

Tips in Adversity

Look for God's _____ in the hard times. (James 1:17)

Watch for how you can _____ to those around you. (Galatian 6:9-10)

Use opportunities to _____ even in situations (or to people) you don't like. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Thinking in Adversity

What are _____ of God?

What do you _____ thinks of you?

Taking It "Beyond Sunday" (for You/Family/Small Group)

Answer or discuss with others (each ties to one of the "tips"):

- *What's one good gift you can think of today to thank God?*
- *Who has God put in your life lately you can care for or serve?*
- *What might be a way you can give a small word about God to someone who doesn't know Him?*

Read/study/meditate on one of these from Romans 8:

- Your role as a beloved child: verses 14-17
- Perspective in adversity: verses 18-27
- God's presence in hard times: verses 31-39

Pray this prayer for the week: *Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought me in safety to this new day: Preserve me with your mighty power, that I may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all I do direct me to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.*