

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 schedule and help with our Sunday slide presentations! All who are interested (middle school through adult) and 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 10.14.18: \$10,029.17
Mortgage balance as of 10.1.18: \$554,422.71
Attendance 10.14.18: 132 & 181 = 313

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Mark & Kim Spafford
(10:45) Steve & Annette Schalla
WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, Jake Jacobs,
Kim Majerus, Aryanna Plummer, Paul Schatz,
Paul Martin, Dave Schatz, Isaac Gabriel
SOUND: Andrew Ertsgaard **VIDEO:** Danielle Ertsgaard
HUB: (8:15) Jeannie Wespetal (10:45) Sarah Vance
NURSERY: (8:15) 0-4: Kathi & Aleah Nelson
(10:45) 0-4: April Alton-Hudson, Nicole Yamry,
Klayra Plummer
JR. CHURCH: (10:45) Mark & Krista Majerus
USHERS: (8:15) Tom Nelson, Dan Wallace
(10:45) Dan Pearson, Johnny Manche
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Jason & Tina Hull
(10:45) Dan Pearson
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Joy & Fred Berg,
Mark & Kim Spafford
PRODUCE PICK UP: Dan Larson

THIS WEEK

TODAY 10.21 Acts of God Week 5
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School for all ages
12:00p Baptism Service (all welcome to celebrate with those being baptized)

TUESDAY 10.23
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY 10.24
9:30a Precept Class
3:30p Confirmation Class
5:30p Fellowship Supper
6:30p AWANA, Confirmation, SOLID youth group
6:30p Prayer Group

THURSDAY 10.25
6:30p Master Gardeners (Multi Purpose room use)
8:15p Iron: Men's Group

FRIDAY 10.26
9:45a Women's Bible Study Fellowship
4:30p Sr. High "30 Hour Famine" meet at church

SUNDAY 10.28 Acts of God Week 6
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School for all ages
9:45a Hymn Sing (Worship Center)

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, October 21, 2018 | 8:15a & 10:45a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SONGS

OFFERING OFFERTORY

Operation Christmas Child Video

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 Blessings

Pastor Todd

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.



Return your boxes on Sunday, Nov. 11 for a special processional offering!!

Touch the world with Christ's love!

- 1) **Plan a packing party** with your small group or family! Invite someone from outside church to join you!
- 2) **Brochure in your bulletin** gives ideas on packing & labeling!
- 3) **OCC boxes available** at the display table or use your own.
- 4) **Check out samaritanspurse.org** for more info and ideas on how to pack a shoebox!
- 5) **Volunteer at the Distribution Center.** Sign up by going to occvolunteersignup.com. Must be 13+ to go.



CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY:** (Oct. 28) Pastor Todd concludes our "Acts of God" series with the story of Joseph in Genesis 42-45 and understanding the importance and freedom of forgiveness in the midst of pain and suffering.
- ❖ **TODAY! IMMERSION BAPTISM SERVICE** immediately following our 10:45 service. *This is a special time for the church family, so please come celebrate with Mark Gabriel, Carole Kruger, Hannah Plummer & Thia Roth.*
- ❖ **WED. SUPPER:** This week serving pulled turkey from 5:30-6:15p. Sign up on Welcome Pad today or call the office by Monday. Cost: \$3.00.
- ❖ **OCTOBER is Pastor Appreciation month!** Thank you Pastor Todd, Pastor Brian, and Neil our Youth Director, for your faithful leadership! We love and appreciate you all!
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **HYMN SING** 9:45-10:15a next Sunday, Oct. 28 in the Worship Center.
- ❖ **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).
- ❖ **AWANA** theme this week: silly sock, wacky hair, tie dye night!

VOTING/ELECTION INFO

- Midterm Election: Tuesday, November 6**
- ❖ **PART OF OUR SERVING CHRIST** Our Social Concerns Ministry Team believes that Christians have a civic duty to be involved in the election of the people best suited to lead our state and nation as we seek to advance biblical compassion, mercy, and justice in our country and world. We do not believe it is our role to suggest who to support, but rather to encourage each to diligently and prayerful study what the candidates stand for before casting your ballot. **Please stop @theHub with your questions about polling locations, absentee ballots, early voting, sample ballots, and other concerns!**

GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ **IRON: a Men's Group.** Come support and encourage each other in following Christ with your whole life. Come as you can and as you are. **Thursdays at 8:15p.** Contact Mark Majerus about location at markmajerus@gmail.com.
- ❖ **COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT GROUP:** Join others your age for some fun, study, and connecting after our **10:45a Sunday Worship Services**. See Neil Vance, our Youth Director, for more info! Also note that college lunches are held on the first Sunday of each month after the 10:45 service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Adult options are:

- ❖ **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. Equipping 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.
- ❖ ****Starts Next Week** Oct. 28- Nov. 18 Refreshing Your Marriage** by Jim Burns & Doug Fields. A Healthy Marriage Takes Work! Too many of us get lazy when it comes to working on our marriage. Whether you require a major overhaul, some minor adjustments or just some healthy tune-ups, this group study will provide a powerful starting point. Each video session addresses key issues that form a solid foundation for a healthy marriage. Room 302/304

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

October 21, 2018

- ❖ For Samaritan's Purse and their Operation Christmas Child Campaign
- ❖ For our Youth doing a 30- Hour Famine this Fri.-Sat. for World Vision
- ❖ For our Missionary of the Week: Judy Gomoll
- ❖ For our College Students of the week: Roland Pomfret & Aislinn (Pomfret) Ophoff
- ❖ 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 Ministry Team Leaders (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 MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

ADULT: Art Wellnitz; **BLAST (Childrens):** Bob & Debbie Gilbertson; **YOUTH:** Laura Schatz; **MEN:** Vern Larson, Rich Kathan; **WOMEN:** Wendi Blaubach, Wendy Larson; **WORSHIP & ARTS:** Dave Schatz; **MAINTENANCE:** Rob Stevens; **MISSIONS:** Jim Harsdorf; **OUTREACH:** Dean Benoy; **CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS:** Chuck Sambs; **FINANCE:** Johnny Manche

COLLEGE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Roland Pomfret & Aislinn (Pomfret) Ophoff, son and daughter of David & Brenda Pomfret. Roland is in his 4th year at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, with Medicine (MD) major. His e-mail: rolandwpomfret@gmail.com

Aislinn is in her 2nd year at Iowa State University School of Veterinary Medicine with Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) major. Her e-mail: apomfret@iastate.edu

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Judy Gomoll, serving with **The Navigators** in Colorado. Remember her in prayer. She thanks you for partnering with her for 34 years! Keep in touch! Address: 11961 Ridgeview Lane, Parker, CO 80138. e-mail: judygomoll@usfamily.net



FAITHFUL IN BLESSINGS

GENESIS 41, 47

PASTOR TODD ERTSGAARD

While faithfully following God can be hard in times of adversity it can be even harder in times of prosperity and comfort which can bring us a false sense of security, and distraction from priorities. Today, we continue our spiritual growth campaign, "Acts of God," by looking at how to guard against this by practicing the following:

1. Staying _____.

2. Humbly _____.

3. Practicing _____.

"People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." - 1 Timothy 6:9-10 (NIV)