

## 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](mailto:jake@rfcov.org) or Emily Gabriel at [emily@rfcov.org](mailto:emily@rfcov.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

## 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](mailto: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!
- ❖ **COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT LUNCHEES** are the first Sunday of the month after the 10:45 service.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Go to [www.rfcov.org](http://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 10.21.18: 126 & 180 = 306

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## THANK YOU

**GREETERS:** (8:15) Steve & Ailene Splittgerber  
(10:45) Luke & Nicole Strehlau  
**WORSHIP TEAM:** Emily Gabriel, Jake Jacobs,  
Pat Nelson, Jerry Nelson, Kim Majerus, Isaac Gabriel,  
Paul Schatz  
**SOUND:** Nathan Riess **VIDEO:** Micah Majerus  
**HUB:** (8:15) Jackie Wallace (10:45) Nancy Erickson  
**NURSERY:** (8:15) 0-4: Russ & Amanda Wagner,  
Kyla Kubera  
(10:45) 0-4: Sarah & Camilla Johnson  
**JR. CHURCH:** (10:45) Melissa Ertsgaard  
**USHERS:** (8:15) Dan Wallace, Curt Yelken  
(10:45) Adam Johnson, Matt Fitzgerald  
**PRAYER PARTNERS:** (8:15) Steve & Linda Johnson  
(10:45) Melissa Ertsgaard, Bill Hlckox  
**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Kay Schmalstig, Terri Pearson  
**PRODUCE PICK UP:** Art Wellnitz

## THIS WEEK

**TODAY 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)  
**TUESDAY 10.30**  
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers  
1:00-7:00p Red Cross blood drive here  
**WEDNESDAY 10.31**  
9:30a Precept Class  
3:30p Confirmation Class  
5:30p Fellowship Supper  
6:30p AWANA, Confirmation, SOLID youth group  
6:30p Prayer Group  
**THURSDAY 11.1**  
6:30p Leadership Team Meeting  
8:15p Iron: Men's Group  
**FRIDAY 11.2**  
9:45a Women's Bible Study Fellowship  
4:15p Youth leave for Eau Claire (nerf war)  
**SUNDAY 11.4** *Daylight Saving Time Ends*  
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services w/Communion  
9:30a Sunday School for all ages

# FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, October 28, 2018 | 8:15a & 10:45a

## OPENING SONG

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RECEIVING BIBLES (10:45)

First Year Confirmation Students

## 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

Purpose of Pain

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...and Nov. 11!!
- 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](http://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](http://occvolunteersignup.com). Must be 13+ to go.



## CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY:** (Nov. 4) Pastor Todd begins a new series "**Toxins: Subtle Distractions that Lead Us Astray**" we will be looking at the life of Solomon and the danger of an unguarded heart.
- ❖ **TODAY: HYMN SING** 9:45-10:15a Worship Ctr.
- ❖ **THIS SATURDAY NIGHT: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME! TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK** one hour before bed Nov. 3 as daylight saving ends.
- ❖ **THIS TUESDAY: 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](http://redcrossblood.org) (with code: riverfallswi). Walk ins welcome.
- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY! COLLEGE LUNCH** following the 10:45 service. All college students and young adults are welcome! Also, an **optional college-aged Bible study** will be held after! Invite a friend!
- ❖ **NOV. CLARION** newsletters were e-mailed on Friday. Paper copies available @theHub.
- ❖ **WED. SUPPER:** This week serving chili/hot dogs from 5:30-6:15p. Sign up on Welcome Pad today or call the office by Monday. Cost: \$3.00.
- ❖ **BE INFORMED!** Our Leadership Team & Ministry Team (LT/MT) monthly notes are @theHub.
- ❖ **DUE NOV. 1: MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS!** Take note! 2019 budgets are due on Nov. 1.
- ❖ **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN:** Join us on Tues., Nov. 13 and head to Eagan to pack food from 12:00-2:00p. Leaving from church around 11:00a. Sign up @theHub, through the office or talk to Chuck Sambs.

## 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 voter to diligently and prayerfully 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!**

## CONFIRMATION BIBLES

- ❖ **FIRST YEAR STUDENTS** receiving their study Bibles today are: Aidan Alton, Lauren Aust, Blake Baar, Patrick Cunningham, Grant Dicus, Lillia Gray, Andrew Hampton, Octavia Heuschele, Camilla Johnson, Anika Loy, Sam Majerus, Molly Plummer.

## THANK YOU

- ❖ **THANK YOU** for your prayers and gift for October Pastor Appreciation Month. It is a privilege to serve Christ with you and to see His work among us. Let us continue in perseverance, keeping our eyes on Jesus! (Heb. 12:1-3) —*Pastor Todd & Pastor Brian*

## 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.
  - ❖ **STARTS TODAY: 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 28, 2018

- ❖ For Samaritan's Purse and their Operation Christmas Child Campaign
- ❖ For our Missionary of the Week: Brittany Rambatt
- ❖ For our College Student of the week: Ryker Kubera
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Jean Elefson, Angie Martini, Jean Hickox, Juanita Amundson, Lila Hilden, Gloria Mueller, David Petersen, Nancy Erickson, Jeff Pierre
- ❖ 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 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

**Ryker Kubera**, son of Steve & Laurie Kubera. Ryker is attending CVTC, (Chippewa Valley Technical College) in River Falls with a major in Liberal Arts. Keep him in prayer this year!

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

**Brittany Rambatt**, serving with El Ayudante in Honduras. You can e-mail Brittany at [bkrambatt@gmail.com](mailto:bkrambatt@gmail.com) and check out her blog at [www.brittanyinhonduras.wordpress.com](http://www.brittanyinhonduras.wordpress.com)



## PURPOSE OF PAIN GENESIS 45 PASTOR TODD ERTSGAARD

Today, we conclude our spiritual growth campaign, "Acts of God," by looking at how to guard our hearts from becoming bitter and disillusioned from past hurt and offenses. It involves:

1. Entrusting \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Demonstrating \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Committing \_\_\_\_\_.

"See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many." - Hebrews 12:15 (NIV)