

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 Jr. Church Leaders

❖ Want the opportunity to share truths about God and experience the energy of 5-7 yr. olds? If so Jr. Church would be a great fit for you! The lesson plan and outline are provided, you would only need to lead this time during second service. Current rotation is five weeks, but our goal is to add at least enough teachers that it would mean only teaching once every two months! Let Neil know if you have any questions or are interested in helping out! neil@rfcov.org

FINANCIAL UPDATE

ELECTRONIC GIVING:

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

Weekly Operational need 2018: \$12,794.00
Regular Giving 12.30.18 \$21,944.15
Mortgage balance as of 1.1.19 \$549,068.79
Attendance on 12.30.18: 233

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Steve & Caye Bakken
(10:45) Brian & Sarah Aust
WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, Jake Jacobs,
Kim Majerus, John Witt, Paul Schatz, Isaac Gabriel
SOUND: Andrew Ertsgaard
VIDEO: Micah Majerus
THE HUB: (8:15) Anne Harris
(10:45) Sarah Vance
NURSERY:(8:15) Russ & Amanda Wagner, Karissa Baar
(10:45) Sarah, Adam & Camilla Johnson
JR. CHURCH: (10:45) P. Brian & Kim Majerus
USHERS: (8:15) Dan Wallace, Jerry Hallstrom
(10:45) Jake Koskie, Johnny Manche
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Mark Wespetal
(10:45) Melissa Ertsgaard, Bill Hickox
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: LeAnn Krenz, Jackie Wallace
PRODUCE PICK-UP: Dan Larson

THIS WEEK

TODAY 1/6
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services w/Communion
9:30a Sunday School Classes
TUESDAY 1/8
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers
WEDNESDAY 1/9
9:30a Women's Precepts Study
3:30-5:00p Confirmation
5:30-6:15p Fellowship Supper
6:30-8:00 Awana, Confirmation, Sr. High Youth Group
6:30-7:30p Prayer Group
THURSDAY 1/10
8:15p Iron: Men's Group
FRIDAY 1/11
9:45a Women's Bible Study Fellowship
SATURDAY 1/12
8:00a Men's Breakfast
9:00a Awana Grand Prix Workshop
9:30a Wedding Shower for Melanie Gershman
SUNDAY 1/13
8:15a & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School Classes for all ages
9:45a Hymn Sing in the Worship Center
1:00p CHIC Parent Meeting (current 7-10th grade)

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, January 6, 2019 | 8:15 & 10:45a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Jared & Hannah Baker

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Moment of Silent Reflection

PROCESSIONAL COMMUNION

Please come to the front to receive the bread and the cup.

SONG OF COMMUNION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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



Dwell Among:

Food, Friends, Fêtes (Fun), & Funerals

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICES!

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



Starts TODAY!!

Join us at Sunday School (9:30a)

Each of our Sunday School classes study the same Bible passages! (children, middle school, high school, & adult)

Join anytime!!

Why check this out? (& learn more over there →→)

- **Study the whole Bible** in an accessible way.
- See how the **WHOLE Bible is pointing to Jesus** (not just the New Testament).
- **Our generations (& families) studying the SAME PASSAGES** so there is opportunity for deeper discussions across ages.

Pray with us as we take new steps to bring ALL of the Bible ... to ALL of the ages...

...so. together. we ALL grow in knowing & loving God & His story!

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **TODAY** we welcome Jared & Hannah Baker, Covenant missionaries currently on home assignment from France. This year, they will transition to MENA (Middle East North Africa). All are welcome to meet with them at China Moon after second service.
- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY** Pastor Todd begins a new series *High Energy Faith* from 1 Cor. 10:1-13.
- ❖ **WED. SUPPER** this week: **Tacos**. Serving 5:15-6p. Sign up on Welcome Pad. Cost: \$3/max \$12.
- ❖ **JANUARY CLARION** newsletters were e-mailed and paper copies are available @theHub Info Rack.
- ❖ **HYMN SINGS** are starting up again. Jan. 13 & 27 from 9:45-10:15a in the Worship Center. Join us!
- ❖ **JANUARY FAMILY MINISTRY TABLE:** Pick up a copy of the book, *The Storm-Tossed Family: How the Cross Reshapes the Home* at the Family Resource Table outside the office. Recommended donation: \$5 or free if cost an issue.
- ❖ **JANUARY FOCUS ON LIFE: Abortion** Learn about this important area with information, prayer, and tangible steps! Our Compassion, Mercy, and Justice Ministry Team provides these monthly themes for you and your small groups or family. Check out the Clarion or the blog post!
- ❖ **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY:** Learn financial wisdom and even how to get out of debt. Begins Mon., Jan. 14 for nine-weeks. **Childcare available by RSVP-ing** your needs with the office. **Register: fpu.com/1068634**. For more info, see **Luke Strehlau** (luke.strehlau@gmail.com), the office, or the weekly e-news.
- ❖ **WEDDING SHOWER:** This **Sat., Jan. 12 9:30a** for **Melanie (Gillis) & Sam Gershman** (married Dec. 15). Melanie is registered at Target, Amazon, and Menards. Give group gift donations to Terri Pearson today!
- ❖ **CHIC2021 PARENT MEETING!** This is for parents of current 7th-10th grade students! Come on **Sun., Jan. 13 at 1:00p** to discuss fundraising plans and more for the 2021 trip.
- ❖ **DUE JAN. 15: SAFETY/WELLNESS RENEWAL** An email has been sent with the policy and any forms you need. *It is important to know and practice FirstCov's Safety & Wellness.* Please review it, sign and return to the box in the office.

DREAM AGAIN WORKSHOP!

- ❖ **DISCERNING Our Priorities for the Coming Year!** Sat., Jan. 19 from 9:00a-2:00p (lunch provided). Learn much more in the Wednesday E-news and RSVP through the E-news link or @theHub. This is for everyone!

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL FOCUS

The Gospel Project

Starting TODAY!! 9:30-10:30a

Study the same Bible passages across ages!!

Where Can I Find It?

- **Children:** Sunday School
- **Middle School:** Sunday School
- **High School:** Sunday School (at times)
- **Adults:** Sunday School

How May You Gain?

- **Study the whole Bible** with others.
- **Be equipped to engage your family or other generations** who are studying the same passages.
- **Have Jesus glorified to you in new ways.**
- **Use the resources** given to the children and youth as a teaching time with your child.

WEDNESDAY MINISTRIES

Returns THIS Wed., Jan. 9

- 3:30-5:00p **Confirmation** (7th-8th grade)
- 5:30-6:10p **Suppers** (Donation requested)
- 6:30-8:00p
 - **Awana** (K-6th grade)
 - **Confirmation** (7th-8th grade)
 - **SOLID Youth Group** (9th-12th grade)
- 6:30-7:30p **Prayer Group** (adults)

MEN!

- ❖ **MEN'S BREAKFAST** will be held at FirstCov on Sat., Jan. 12 at 8:00a. FirstCov'er Brian Aust shares his faith journey and his role as Evangelism Coordinator for Intervarsity Christian Fellowship for the Twin City Metropolitan area. Sign up @theHub.
- ❖ **NO REGRETS** Men's Conference simulcast tickets are on sale through our website. No Regrets is a special time for guys to seek Christ and get inspired! Sat., Feb. 2, 2019. For info, see Vern Larson or the office

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Jan. 6, 2019

- ❖ That we may be renewed by Christ for 2019, with God's grace
- ❖ For Mark & Sue Kimball and Adam & Sarah Johnson and family on the passing of their mom and grandmother, Vi Kimball. Vi passed away Dec. 28. Funeral service was yesterday.
- ❖ For our Missionaries of the Week Jared & Hannah Baker
- ❖ For our College Students of the week: Chris, Andrew & Danielle Ertsgaard
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Jean Elefson, Angie Martini, Juanita Amundson, Lila Hilden, David Petersen, Barry Hophan, Nora Munson, Joan Bystrom
- ❖ 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 Northwest Conference 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, Mckenzie Curtis, Max Elliott

OUR EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH (ECC) LEADERS

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Developing Leaders: Lance Davis, Executive Minister

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Serve Globally: Al Tizon, Executive Minister

Director of Operations: Rebecca Gonzalez

Communications: Edward Gilbreath, Executive Director

Finance: Paul Hawkinson, Treasurer & Executive Director of Finance

COLLEGE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Chris, Andrew & Danielle Ertsgaard, sons and daughter of Pastor Todd and Melissa. **Chris** attends University of Minnesota in his fourth year of PHD in Electrical Engineering. **Andrew** is a Junior at UWRF with a Computer Science major. **Danielle** is a freshman at UWRF with a Biology & Spanish major. Remember them in prayer this year.

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Jared & Hannah Baker, Covenant Missionaries who served in France and will be transitioning to MENA in 2019. (Middle East North Africa). They are currently in the middle of their home assignment and we are pleased to have them with us today. Please pray for: 1) A good life pace and rest in the midst of travel as we visit churches this winter/spring. 2) Our church in Marseille, France asks for prayer as they continue to move forward with the Vitality pathway. 3) The demonstrations and riots in France; they are thankful that friends in Marseille are safe. You can follow Jared & Hannah on Instagram at: **bakersroll**.

DWELL AMONG: FOOD, FRIENDS, FÊTES (FUN), & FUNERALS

John 1:1-4, 14 | Jared & Hannah Baker