

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 theHub Team!

Looking for a place to serve that welcomes and helps others get connected?

- No special knowledge or skills required.
- Serve 10-15 minutes before and after services. (Join the service after about 5-10 minutes and return to theHub during closing song.)
- You'll be placed on a rotation schedule every 5 weeks or so.
- We need help both services, but especially our 10:45a service.
- Contact Dean Benoy or the office.

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 2.3.19: \$12,647.51
Souper Bowl of Caring (Food Pantry) \$150.00
Mortgage balance as of 1.1.19: \$549,068.79
Attendance on 2.3.19: 118 & 193= 311

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Phyllis Bostrom, June Cicero
(10:45) Evan & Brenda Carstedt
WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, Hannah Plummer,
John Witt, Mitch Rand, Amanda Weber, Anthony Tran
SOUND: Andrew Ertsgaard **VIDEO:** Micah Majerus
THE HUB: (8:15) Jeannie Wespetal
(10:45) Dean Benoy
NURSERY: (8:15) Bonnie Swanson, Julie & Kaitlyn Dicus
(10:45) Luke, Nicole & Kylee Strehlau
JR. CHURCH: (10:45) Neil & Sarah Vance
USHERS: (8:15) Tom Nelson, Brian Halling, Steve
Splittgerger
(10:45) Steve Schalla, Jake Koskie
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Bob Hoaglund
(10:45) Melissa Ertsgaard, Bill Hickox
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Fred & Joy Berg,
Mark & Kim Spafford
PRODUCE PICK-UP: Dan Larson

THIS WEEK

TODAY 2/10
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School Classes
9:45a Hymn Sing in Worship Center
12:15p BLAST Children's Ministry Volunteer Lunch
1:00p Orientation 2 Class
2:00p Middle School Snow Tubing
MONDAY 2/11
6:30p Financial Peace University
TUESDAY 2/12
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers
WEDNESDAY 2/13
9:30a Precepts class
3:30-5:00p Confirmation
5:30-6:15p Fellowship Supper
6:30-8:00p Awana, Confirmation, Sr. High Youth Group
6:30-7:30p Prayer Group
THURSDAY 2/14
6:00p Multi-Purpose Room use
8:15p Iron: Men's Group
FRIDAY 2/15
9:45a Women's Bible Study Fellowship
5:00p Leaving for Feed My Starving Children
5:30p Sr. High leave/Winter Retreat Weekend in Duluth
SATURDAY 2/16
9:30a Awana Grand Prix Car Race
SUNDAY 2/17
8:15a & 10:45a Worship Services

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, February 10, 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

High Energy Serving

Pastor Todd

CLOSING SONG

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

HIGH
ENERGY
FAITH

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 and get to know us from the info.



Fri., Feb. 22 (7-9p) & Sat., Feb. 23 (8:30a-4:30p)
We're a simulcast site!

Hear from marriage expert Jimmy Evans, Dave & Ashley Willis, and many others about tips on a healthy thriving marriage.

Register at rfcov.org, e-news, office, or the XO table.
Cost \$15.00 person (\$30.00 couple) Includes lunch.

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **TODAY!** **BLAST APPRECIATION** for Children's S.S. & Awana Volunteers and Families. We are having an Appreciation Lunch for you after the 2nd Worship service!
- ❖ **TODAY!** **HYMN SING** from 9:45-10:15a in the Worship Center. Join us!
- ❖ **TODAY!** **YOUNG ADULT GROUP** studying the Gospel of Mark. College students & young adults welcome!! Meet in Youth Rm. after 2nd service.
- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY** Feb. 17, Pastor Todd continues our *High Energy Faith* series from 1 Cor. 13 on *Love: Understanding what Biblical Love Is and Is Not*.
- ❖ **WED. SUPPER** this week: Chili & hot dogs. Serving 5:15-6p. Sign up on Welcome Pad. Cost: \$3/max \$12.
- ❖ **2018 GIVING STATEMENTS** are in your mailbox.
- ❖ **ROMANIA MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY** to serve 247 kids in Romania with *Children to Love*. To learn more or join, Contact Jim Harsdorf ASAP (715.222.7200). Trip dates: Aug. 22-Sept. 1.
- ❖ **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** next packing date is **Fri., Feb. 15**. Sign up@theHub. Leaving church at 5:00p. Shift is 6:00-7:30p.
- ❖ **ICE SKATING PARTY!** Sun., Feb. 24 | 3:00-6:00p at Hunt Arena at UWRF. Next week we will have **coupons available to use to invite** your friends.
- ❖ **LAKE BEAUTY BIBLE CAMP SUNDAY!** Sun., Feb. 24 | 9:30-10:30a
 - **Grades 1- High School:** Meet for a special time w/ the Camp rep. Go to classrooms first.
 - **Parents' Meeting** Location: TBA
- ❖ **FEBRUARY FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP TABLE:** Monthly ideas in parenting or marriage. **This month:** *Growing a Marriage from Good to Great!*
 - **Check out resources at the table.** Sign out OR take and let the office know you have it.
 - **XO Conference!** (See info in bulletin.)
- ❖ **FEB. FOCUS ON LIFE: *Human Trafficking*.** Check out the Feb. Clarion or the blog to learn, how to pray, or how to act on this issue.
- ❖ **PAST DUE! SAFETY/WELLNESS RENEWAL** Please respond to the email sent or contact the office to fill out a form.

LEARN & CONNECT!!

- ❖ **TODAY!** Orientation 2 class at 1:00p..
- **Who?** Those newer to FirstCov OR long time FirstCov'ers who have not done it.
- **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.
- **You do not need to have taken Orientation 1 to attend this class.**
Let Pastor Todd know if you are interested in coming. Child care is available!

AWANA GRAND PRIX RACE DAY!

- ❖ **THIS Sat., Feb. 16:** Awana Grand Prix race day! 9:30a-12:00p. **Everyone invited!**

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

9:30-10:30a The Gospel Project

ALL the Bible for ALL the ages!

Study the same Bible passages across ages!!

- ❖ **Where: Sunday School** (Classes for Kids, Middle School, High School, & Adults)
- ❖ **How May You Gain?**
 - **Study the whole Bible** with others.
 - **Be equipped to engage other generations (including family)** by studying the same passages.
 - **Have Jesus glorified to you in new ways, especially from the Old Testament.**
 - **Use the resources** for personal or family study and growth.
- ❖ ***ADULTS* NEXT WEEK: A NEW UNIT BEGINS** "God Provides for His People". If you haven't checked it out, come try this 3-session series and see what's going on!

GET CONNECTED! SMALL GROUPS

- ❖ **WANT TO JOIN A GROUP?** A key place we grow is with others. God works in our groups through: 1) relationships & community, 2) Studying and Growing toward maturity, 3) Prayer & Care, 4) Missional Service. It's a GREAT time!! There's one on Sunday nights: 6:00-6:30 social; study 6:30-8:00p. See Dan & Terri Pearson (teracita.pearson@gmail.com) or the office to get connected.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Feb. 10, 2019

- ❖ That we may be renewed by Christ for 2019, with God's grace
- ❖ For our Missionary of the Week: Randy Bevis
- ❖ For our College Students of the week: Roland Pomfret & Aislinn Ophoff
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Jean Elefson, Angie Martini, Juanita Amundson, David Petersen, Barry Hophan, Nora Munson, Joan Bystrom, Deb Kathan
- ❖ 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 Evangelical Covenant Church 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, Murray Stoffa, Colin Arneson, 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

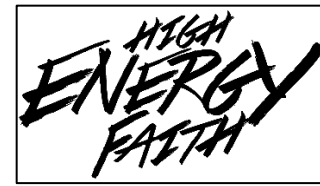
COLLEGE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

Randy Bevis 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. Randy had a busy fall schedule of travel to DR Congo, Thailand, and Haiti where he was teaching university students about fish farming and working on trying to get some of the ponds to hold water better. Randy's mailing address is: In-Seine, PO Box 163, New London, MN 56273. E-mail: Randy@in-seine.org



High Energy Serving | 1 Corinthians 12 | Pastor Todd

Today, we continue our series entitled, "High Energy Faith," by looking at the importance of spiritual gifts and their importance in developing a fruitful faith. We need to understand that in Christ each of us are:

1. Gifted by _____.

2. Gifted to _____.

3. Gifted for _____.

"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." 2 Peter 1:3 (NIV)