

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 2.10.19: \$62,941.30
Souper Bowl of Caring (Food Pantry) \$150.00
Mortgage balance as of 1.1.19: \$549,068.79
Attendance on 2.10.19: 74 & 189=263

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Nathan & Johanna Croes
(10:45) Wade & Julie Dicus
WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, Wendy Larson,
Aryanna Plummer, Paul Martin, Dave Schatz
SOUND: Nathan Riess **VIDEO:** Danielle Ertsgaard
THE HUB: (8:15) Anne Harris
(10:45) Nancy Erickson
NURSERY: (8:15) Amanda & Russ Wagner, Karissa Baar
(10:45) Kay Zwald, Annette Schalla, Brianna Strehlau
JR. CHURCH: (10:45) P. Brian & Kim Majerus
USHERS: (8:15) Jerry Hallstrom, Curt Yelken,
Steve Bakken
(10:45) Matt Fitzgerald, Adam Johnson
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Jason & Tina Hull
(10:45) Jeff Carow
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Kay Schamlstig, Terri Pearson
PRODUCE PICK-UP: Art Wellnitz

THIS WEEK

TODAY 2/17
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School Classes
MONDAY 2/18
6:30p Financial Peace University
TUESDAY 2/19
9:00a MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers)
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers
WEDNESDAY 2/20
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 2/21
10:00a Lake Pepin District Ministerium Mtg. here
6:30p Leadership Team Meeting
8:15p Iron: Men's Group
FRIDAY 2/22
9:45a Women's Bible Study Fellowship
6:00p XO Marriage Conference
SATURDAY 2/23
8:00a XO Marriage Conference
SUNDAY 2/24 LBBC SUNDAY
8:15a & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Adult Sunday School
Grades 1-12: LBBC presentation in Worship Center &
Camp Parent Mtg. in Youth Room
3:00-6:00p Ice Skating Party at UWRF

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, February 17, 2019 | 8:15a & 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 Love

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.



ICE SKATING PARTY!

Next Sunday, Feb. 24 | 3:00-6:00p

Hunt Arena at UWRF

Invite your neighbors, co-workers and friends to join the fun!

Grab coupons @theHub *to use to invite* your friends. (Free rental or a snack for them).

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY** Feb. 24, Pastor Todd continues our *High Energy Faith* series with 1 Cor. 14 and understanding what true worship is and what can hinder worship in our lives.
- ❖ **ORIENTATION 1 CLASS** next Sunday, Feb. 24 at 1:00p with Pastor Todd. Contact Pastor Todd if you are interested in attending,
- ❖ **NOTE! OUR NEXT HYMN SING** is Mar. 10 from 9:45-10:15a in the Worship Center. Join us!
- ❖ **WED. SUPPER** this week: Chicken & Rice. Serving 5:15-6p. Sign up on Welcome Pad. Cost: \$3/max \$12.
- ❖ **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., Mar. 15**. Sign up@theHub. Leaving church at 5:00p. Shift is 6:00-7:30p.
- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY! LAKE BEAUTY BIBLE CAMP SUNDAY:** Sun., Feb. 24 | 9:30-10:30a
 - **Grades 1- High School:** Meet for a special time in Worship Center w/ the Camp rep. Go to classrooms first.
 - **Parents' Meeting** Location: Youth Room.
- ❖ **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.

COVENANT WORLD RELIEF (CWR)

- ❖ **GIVE...AND TOUCH THE WORLD IN CHRIST'S NAME** Our CWR giving drive has begun. CWR expresses God's love to those in need as they share the gospel. **Grab a soup can label and lid @theHub.** Our collection date will be March 17.
- ❖ **CONNECT OR LEARN ABOUT CWR** with Facebook (facebook.com/covenantworldrelief), Twitter (@CovWorldRelief), Instagram (instagram.com/covworldrelief) or see our e-news.

XO MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Escape the Ordinary!

- Fri., Feb. 22 (7-9p) & Sat., Feb.23 (8:30a-4:30p)**
- ❖ We're a simulcast site!
- ❖ Hear from marriage experts Jimmy Evans, Dave & Ashley Willis, and many others about tips on a healthy thriving marriage.
- ❖ **Register at rfcov.org, e-news, office, or at the XO table.** Cost \$15.00 person (\$30.00 couple) Includes lunch.

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* TODAY! 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. 17, 2019

- ❖ For Covenant World Relief (CWR) see your CWR brochure in today's bulletin!
- ❖ For our Missionary of the Week: Judy Gomoll
- ❖ For our College Student of the week: Ryker Kubera
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Jean Elefson, Angie Martini, Juanita Amundson, David Petersen, Barry Hophan, Nora Munson, Joan Bystrom, Deb Kathan
- ❖ For Jodie Falde and family on the passing of her father, Dr. Al Stewart. Funeral will be on Th., March 7 at 11:00a at Ezekiel Lutheran Church.
- ❖ 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, Murray Stoffa, Colin Arneson, Mckenzie Curtis, Max Elliott

OUR FIRSTCOV MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

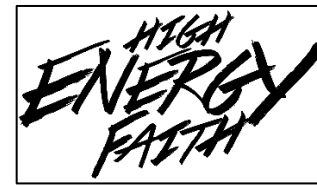
ADULT: Art Wellnitz; **BLAST (Childrens):** Bob & Debbie Gilbertson; **YOUTH:** Laura Schatz; **MEN:** Vern Larson, Rich Kathan; **WOMEN:** Wendi Blaubach, Wendy Larson; **WORSHIP & ARTS:** Dave Schatz; **MAINTENANCE:** Rob Stevens; **MISSIONS:** Jim Harsdorf; **OUTREACH:** Dean Benoy; **CHRISTIAN SOCIAL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

COLLEGE 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!

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



High Energy Love | 1 Corinthians 13 | Pastor Todd

Today, we continue our series entitled, "High Energy Faith," by looking at what is known as the love chapter and discovering what Biblical love is and is not. We discover the following about love:

1. The greatest focus in life _____.

2. The greatest practice of love _____.

3. The greatest resource for love _____.

Who will I demonstrate love to this week: _____,

_____, _____.