

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 1.27.19: \$4,986.46

Mortgage balance as of 1.1.19: \$549,068.79

Attendance on 1.27.19: 99 & 171 = 270

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THANK YOU

GREETERS:	(8:15) Fred & Joy Berg (10:45) Marv & Katy Call
WORSHIP TEAM:	Emily Gabriel, Kim Majerus, Aryanna Plummer, Paul Schatz, Dave Schatz
SOUND:	Adam Johnson
VIDEO:	Ben Gabriel
THE HUB:	(8:15) Jackie Wallace (10:45) Sarah Johnson
NURSERY:	(8:15) Tina & Gracie Hull, Danielle Ertsgaard (10:45) Nicole Yamry, April Alton-Hudson, Aidan Alton
JR. CHURCH:	(10:45) Melissa Ertsgaard
USHERS:	(8:15) Dan Wallace, Gregg Quam (10:45) Johnny Manche, Dan Pearson
PRAYER PARTNERS:	(8:15) Mark Wespetal (10:45) Pastor Brian, Val Wellnitz
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:	Renee Kruger, Ellen Peterson
PRODUCE PICK-UP:	Brian Halling

THIS WEEK

TODAY 2/3	
8:15 & 10:45a	Worship Services w/Communion
9:30a	Sunday School Classes
MONDAY 2/4	
6:30p	Financial Peace University
TUESDAY 2/5	
9:00a	MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
12:00p	Classroom Use: Weight Watchers
WEDNESDAY 2/6	
9:30a	Note: No Women's Precepts class this week
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 2/7	
6:30p	Leadership Team Meeting
8:15p	Iron: Men's Group
FRIDAY 2/8	
9:45a	Women's Bible Study Fellowship
SATURDAY 2/9	
10:00a-12:00p	Awana Grand Prix Cars are due
SUNDAY 2/10	Covenant World Relief Kick Off
8:15a & 10:45a	Worship Services
9:30a	Sunday School Classes for all ages
9:45a	Hymn Sing in the Worship Center
12:15p	BLAST Children's Ministry Volunteer Lunch
2:00p	Middle School Snow Tubing

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, February 3, 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 Community

Pastor Todd

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

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.

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **TODAY! COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT LUNCH!**
Following the 10:45a Worship Service.
- ❖ **TODAY! SOUPER BOWL OF CARING!** Please consider giving a \$1.00 donation to the kettle @theHub. (*Supports the River Falls Food Pantry.*) Thank you for helping us score a touchdown in our community on this Super Bowl Sunday.
- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY** Feb. 10, Pastor Todd continues our *High Energy Faith* series from 1 Cor. 12. Spiritual Gifts: the important role serving and using our spiritual gifts play in our life of faith.
- ❖ **WED. SUPPER** this week: **Baked Potato/Salad Bar.** Serving 5:15-6p. Sign up on Welcome Pad. Cost: \$3/max \$12.
- ❖ **THE BLUE ENVELOPES** are for the **benevolence offering** that assists those in need in our church and supports ARC (Assistance & Resource Center) in our community.
- ❖ **JR. CHURCH & NURSERY NEEDS** Help serve the children of our church with God's love. **Complete the Life Saver card** and return to theHub.
- ❖ **2018 GIVING STATEMENTS** are in your mailbox.
- ❖ **TO ALL BLAST (Children's Ministry) Volunteers!** Next Sunday, Feb. 10 we will be having an Appreciation Lunch for you! *If you volunteer in our cradle roll, Sunday School, Nursery, Jr. Church, Awana and VBS you are invited!*
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **OUR NEXT HYMN SING** is Sun., Feb. 10 from 9:45-10:15a in the Worship Center. Join us!
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.

LEARN & CONNECT!!

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY (FEB. 10)** at 1:00p Pastor Todd will hold an **Orientation 2 class.**
 - **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 NOTES!

- ❖ **Sat., Feb. 9:** Turn in completed Grand Prix cars from 10:00-12:00p
- ❖ **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 (occasionally), & 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.

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 and Terri Pearson (teracita.pearson@gmail.com) or the office to get connected.



Fri., Feb. 22 (7-9p) & Sat., Feb. 23 (9a-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 table.

Cost \$15.00 person (\$30.00 couple) Includes lunch.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Feb. 3, 2019

- ❖ That we may be renewed by Christ for 2019, with God's grace
- ❖ For our Missionary of the Week: Cindy Pearson
- ❖ For our College Student of the week: Ben Gabriel
- ❖ 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 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 STUDENT OF THE WEEK

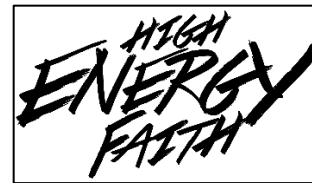
Ben Gabriel, son of Mark & Brenda Gabriel. Ben is a sophomore at UW-River Falls. He is majoring in computer science. Please keep him in prayer this year!

OUR MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Cindy Pearson, serving in Hong Kong as director of Charis Bible College

Your prayer support makes a big difference. **Please pray for:**

1. Safety and security for our students
2. New office systems we are putting into place.
3. A new platform (tablet) for people to take the course in Chinese. This will really boost the possibilities. **Praises:** 1. We have started the process of training up leaders to further help with the ministry here. 2. A new intern is coming to help me!!
3. The impact the Charis Colorado Missions Team had on Hong Kong and my students.



High Energy Community | 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 | Pastor Todd

Today, we continue our series entitled, "High Energy Faith," by looking at the importance of living in community with our brothers and sisters in Christ. This is a different kind of community than is offered by the society around us. It is a community that involves fostering:

1. A proper perspective of _____.

2. A proper perspective of _____.

3. A proper perspective of _____.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." - John 13:34-35 (NIV)