

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 Minibus Drivers

Some want to worship with us but getting here can be hard. Help college students and seniors join us in this important, practical ministry! Training is available. And there is a good core team so you can be scheduled as needed (a lot or a little). For info or to volunteer, contact the office or Dean Benoy.

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 3.10.19: \$9,769.52
Weekly YTD average: \$15,797.34
Mortgage balance as of 3.1.19: \$533,122.84
Attendance on 3.10.19: One service: 188

CONTACT US!

www.rfcov.org | 715.425.2640 |
office@rfcov.org |

[facebook.com/firstcovenantchurch](https://www.facebook.com/firstcovenantchurch)

Todd Ertsgaard | Lead Pastor: 715.425.6991 or
todd@rfcov.org

Brian Majerus | Pastor of Christian Formation
& Family Ministries: 715.426.3097 or
brian@rfcov.org

Neil Vance | Youth Director: 715.307.2645 or
neil@rfcov.org

Emily Gabriel | Interim Worship Co-Leader:
715-307-3351 or emcega@gmail.com

Jake Jacobs | Interim Worship Co-Leader
715-222-8611 or jakejam@gmail.com

THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Brian & Sue Halling
(10:45) Bob & Debbie Gilbertson
WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, Kim Majerus,
Wendy Larson, Paul Martin, Paul Schatz, Dave Schatz,
Isaac Gabriel

SOUND: Nathan Riess
THE HUB: (8:15) Anne Harris
(10:45) Sarah Johnson

NURSERY: (8:15) Tina & Gracie Hull, Danielle Ertsgaard
(10:45) April Alton-Hudson & Aidan Alton

JR. CHURCH: (10:45) Mark & Krista Majerus

USHERS: (8:15) Gregg Quam, Steve Splittgerber
(10:45) Matt Fitzgerald, Rod Hanson

PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Jason & Tina Hull
(10:45) Melissa Ertsgaard, Bill Hlckox

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Brian & Sue Halling,
Kathy Manche

PRODUCE PICK-UP: Dan Larson

THIS WEEK

TODAY 3/17 CWR & LBBC SUNDAY!
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Adult Sunday School
Gr. 1-12 meet in classrooms first & then with
Lake Beauty rep in Worship Center
Camp Parents meeting in Youth room
12:00p CHIC Spaghetti Lunch, Bake Sale & Silent Auction
1:00p Orientation 1 Class

MONDAY 3/18
6:30p Final Financial Peace University

TUESDAY 3/19
9:00a MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY 3/20
9:00a Rocky Branch 4th grade Multi-Purpose Room use
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 3/21
8:15p Iron: Men's Group
6:30p Leadership Team Meeting

FRIDAY 3/22
9:45a Women's Bible Study Fellowship

SUNDAY 3/24
8:15a & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School classes for all ages
9:45a Hymn Sing in Worship Center

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, March 17, 2019 | 8:15a & 10:45a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SONGS

PROCESSIONAL OFFERING

Bringing forward our Covenant World Relief banks/envelopes and our regular tithes and offerings.

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 Giving

Pastor Todd

CLOSING SONG

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

HIGH
ENERGY
FAITH

Welcome To Our Worship Service!

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

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY March 24** Pastor Todd continues our series with 1 Cor. 16:13-24 and how to live with a right purpose in life.
- ❖ **WED. SUPPER** this week: sloppy joes. Serving 5:15-6p. Sign up on Welcome Pad.
- ❖ **AWANA this Wed.** is blackout night! Bring a flashlight or glowsticks.
- ❖ **JOIN US! HYMN SING** on March 24 from 9:45-10:15a in the Worship Center. Join us!
- ❖ **BE INFORMED!** Our Leadership Team & Ministry Team (LT/MT) monthly notes are @ the Info Rack.
- ❖ **INTERESTED IN BAPTISM?** Contact Pastor Todd
- ❖ **FOCUS ON LIFE MARCH THEME** is **Worldwide Christian Persecution**. More information at rfcov.org/blog and in the March Clarion newsletter.
- ❖ **FAMILY RESOURCE TABLE MARCH THEME: Prepare For Easter** Use the *Journey to the Cross* devotional at the Resource Table by office door.
- ❖ **SPRING CLEANING?** Be sure to check if you have any of our missing church library books or videos!
- ❖ **SAVE THE DATES!** Our "ROAR" Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 28 – Aug.1.

COVENANT WORLD RELIEF!

- ❖ **TODAY!** Bring your bank cans forward or use the **donation envelope** (in your bulletin) for the processional offering.
- **CWR is currently involved** in community development, disaster relief, and special projects throughout the world.
- **STAY IN CONTACT WITH CWR** with [facebook.com/covenantworldrelief](https://www.facebook.com/covenantworldrelief) OR Twitter @CovWorldRelief.

CONNECT MEALS!

- ❖ **STRIVING TO** promote hospitality as a natural outflow of our love for Jesus, we are offering an opportunity to connect with others at church and also in the community. Connect Meals are flexible get-togethers to share a meal, welcome new people, and connect better with each other. Sign-up through our E-News or @the Hub. More details are @ the Hub. Questions? Contact Becky Lopez @ 651-307-3731 or 715-426-1860.

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.

ADULT SPRING TERM SS OPTIONS

- The Gospel Project Room 302
- ****STARTS TODAY!** Your Divine Design:** This Chip Ingram study explores how to discover, develop, and deploy your spiritual gifts. Room 301.

TODAY: LAKE BEAUTY BIBLE CAMP

9:30-10:30a

- ❖ **Grades 1 to High School:** Meet for a special time with the Camp rep. Go to classrooms first and then you will go to the Worship Center.
- ❖ **Parents' Meeting** Location: Youth Room.
- ❖ **Early Bird Savings!** Register at lbcc.com by April 7 and be sure to use Lake Pepin District camp dates.

LEARN & CONNECT!

- ❖ **TODAY! SUN., MAR. 17 at 1:00p** Pastor Todd will hold an **Orientation 1 class**.
 - **Who?** Those **newer** to FirstCov OR long time FirstCov'ers who wish to participate.
 - **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.
 - Let Pastor Todd know if you are interested in coming. Child care is available!

CHIC YOUTH FUNDRAISER!

TODAY! | 12:00p to 1:00p

Spaghetti Lunch, Bake Sale & Silent Auction!

Support our youth for the CHIC 2021 youth conference in Knoxville, TN.
(for current 7-10th graders).

Silent Auction Items

- **Highlights include** a 2018 Green Bay Packers printed team football, St. Paul Saints tickets, MN Twins Tony Oliva autographed picture, Milwaukee Brewers tickets w/ a women's t-shirt and more!
- **PLUS** student services, great themed baskets, & more!

We hope you can come out to support our youth for a powerful CHIC experience in knowing & following Jesus.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

March 17, 2019

- ❖ For Covenant World Relief (CWR). Pick up info @theHub
- ❖ For our Missionaries of the Week: Jared & Hannah Baker
- ❖ For our College Students of the week: Gabe & Abbie Nelson
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Angie Martini, David Petersen, Nora Munson, Joan Bystrom, Deb Kathan, Bill Hickox
- ❖ 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 ECC 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, Justin Petersen

OUR EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH (ECC) LEADERS

covchurch.org | Denominational Office: 8303 W. Higgins Road, Chicago IL

ECC President: John Wenrich

Start & Strengthen Churches: Alex Rahall, Interim

Make & Deepen Disciples: Michelle Sanchez, Executive Minister

Developing Leaders: Lance Davis, Executive Minister

Love Mercy Do Justice: Cecilia Williams, Executive Minister

Serve Globally: Al Tizon, Executive Minister

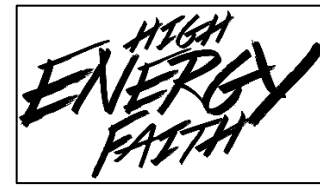
Director of Operations: Rebecca Gonzalez

Communications: Edward Gilbreath, Executive Director

Finance: Paul Hawkinson, Treasurer & Executive Director of Finance

COLLEGE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Gabe & Abbie Nelson, son and daughter of Tom & Kathi Nelson. Gabe attends Iowa State with a major in Community and Regional Planning, and Abbie also attends Iowa State with a Linguistics major. Please keep them both in prayer!



HIGH ENERGY GIVING | 1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-4 | PASTOR TODD

Today, we continue our series entitled, "High Energy Faith," by looking at the importance of being generous and what it involves. To be a generous giver, we need to know:

1. _____ for giving.

2. _____ in giving.

3. _____ of giving.