

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 2.17.19: \$3,9997.42
Weekly YTD average: \$15,985.00
Mortgage balance as of 1.1.19: \$549,068.79
Attendance on 2.24.19: 150

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Tom & Tarry Gates
(10:45) Matt & Jenny Fitzgerald
WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, Kim Majerus, Pat Nelson
Paul Martin, Paul Schatz, Jerry Nelson, Isaac Gabriel
SOUND: Dave Schatz **VIDEO:** Ben Gabriel
THE HUB: (8:15) Jeannie Wespetal
(10:45) Sarah Vance
NURSERY (8:15) Tom, Kathi & Aleah Nelson
(10:45) Nicole Yamry, Jo & Octavia Heuschele
JR. CHURCH: (10:45) Candace & Hannah Plummer
USHERS: (8:15) Gregg Quam, Brian Halling
(10:45) Jake Koskie, Johnny Manche
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Mark Wespetal
(10:45) Bob & Debbie Gilbertson
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Jackie Wallace, Leann Krenz
PRODUCE PICK-UP: Dan Schmalstig

THIS WEEK

TODAY 3/3
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services w/Communion
9:30a Adult Sunday School
MONDAY 34
6:30p Financial Peace University
TUESDAY 3/5
9:00a MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers)
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers
WEDNESDAY 3/6
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 3/7
6:30p Leadership Team Meeting
8:15p Iron: Men's Group
FRIDAY 3/8
9:45a Women's Bible Study Fellowship
5:00p Multi-Purpose Room use (IV men's retreat)
SATURDAY 3/9
8:00a Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY 3/10 Daylight Savings!
8:15a & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School Classes

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, March 3, 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

What Story Shapes You?

Pastor Brian

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

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.

Prepare for Easter!!



The Christian season of preparing for Easter ("Lent") begins this Wednesday, March 6. Use this "Journey to the Cross" devotional to prepare yourself, as a couple, or as a family!

Two Reading Plan Options: 1) weekly or 2) 10-daily for the Easter week/season.

Engage it with the **short study** that's in the back of the resource.

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **TODAY!!** Free College/Young Adults Lunch after 2nd service. Optional Bible study to follow.
- ❖ **THE BLUE ENVELOPE** in your bulletin is for our benevolence fund used to assist those in need in our church and supports ARC (Assistance & Resource Center) in our community.
- ❖ **WED. SUPPER** this week: Chicken & Rice. Serving 5:15-6p. Sign up on Welcome Pad. Cost: \$3/max \$12
- ❖ **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS! TURN CLOCKS FORWARD** one hour this **Sat., Mar. 9** before you go to bed. We don't want to miss you!
- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY March 10** Pastor Todd continues our series with 1 Cor. 15:35-58 and understanding the importance of Christ's return and what it means for our lives today and forever!
- ❖ **HYMN SINGS** this month are on March 10 & 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.
- ❖ **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. The shift is 6:00-7:30p.

MEN'S BREAKFAST!

- ❖ **This Sat., Mar. 9 at 8:00a.** FirstCov'er Curt Yelken will be sharing on his journey from a one room schoolhouse to an international airline pilot. He will share his faith journey and some lessons learned along the way.

RESCHEDULED FROM FEB. 24

- ❖ **ICE SKATING PARTY.** Next Sunday, **March 10** at UWRF from 3-6p. Coupons to invite a friend are available @theHub (Your Feb. 24 dated coupon will still be ok to use).
- ❖ **ORIENTATION 1 CLASS - Sun., March 17 at 1:00p.** Contact Pastor Todd if you are interested in attending.

CHIC FUNDRAISER!

- ❖ **SUN., MAR. 17 | 12:00p to 1:00p** Support our youth for the CHIC 2021 youth conference!
 - **Spaghetti Lunch**
 - **Bake Sale**
 - **Silent Auction:** Some item highlights include a 2018 Green Bay Packers printed team football, St. Paul Saints tickets, student services, and some great themed baskets! Look for more items to come! We hope you can come out to support our youth for their prep for the next CHIC trip!

COVENANT WORLD RELIEF (CWR)

- ❖ **GIVE...AND TOUCH THE WORLD IN CHRIST'S NAME!** 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 our e-news.

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.

GET CONNECTED! SMALL GROUPS

- ❖ **WANT TO JOIN A GROUP?** God works in our groups through: 1) relationships & community, 2) Studying and Growing toward maturity, 3) Prayer & Care, 4) Missional Service. There's one Sunday nights: 6:00-8:00p. See Dan & Terri Pearson (teracita.pearson@gmail.com) or the office to get connected.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

March 3, 2019

- ❖ For Covenant World Relief (CWR). Pick up info. @theHub
- ❖ For our Missionaries of the Week: Campus Ministry Leaders (see below)
- ❖ For our College Student of the week: Cody Splittgerber
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Jean Elefson, Angie Martini, Juanita Amundson, David Petersen, 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 Lake Pepin District Covenant Churches (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 LAKE PEPIN DISTRICT COVENANT CHURCHES

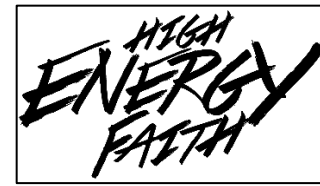
Bethel – Ellsworth - Rev. Todd Spiker
Calvary – Stockholm - Rev. Roger Mollet & Rev. Mark Coronna
Cedarbrook – Menomonie – Rev. Remy Diederich, Rev. Kyle Gunderson & Rev. Mitch Haaby
First Cov – Red Wing, MN, Rev. Marc Eix
First Cov – River Falls – Rev. Todd Ertsgaard & Rev. Brian Majerus
Lund Mission – Stockholm (Lund) – Rev. Darren Catron
Midcurrent – Hudson – Rev. Sten Carlson
Prairie Lake – Chetek – Rev. Scott Christensen
Prairie View – New Richmond – Rev. Tim Coyer
Prince of Peace - Mondovi - Rev. Ileana Garcia-Soto
Renew – Eau Claire- Rev. Jamie Staples
United – Clear Lake – Rev. Dan Pearson
Zion – Ellsworth – Rev. Dave Hugare

COLLEGE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Cody Splittgerber, son of Steve & Ailene Splittgerber. Cody is in his 2nd year at CVTC with Criminal Justice major. His e-mail is: cosplitt@gmail.com.

OUR MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Campus Ministries – continue to pray for their ministry to students!
UWRF InterVarsity Christian Fellowship: Caleb Farber
UWRF Campus Crusade: Nicole & Lee Rickert, Francis Flood, Emily Dykstra,
InterVarsity MN Metro Evangelism Specialist: Brian Aust,
InterVarsity Regional Director MN Metro: Jason Hull.



WHAT STORY SHAPES YOU? | 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-34 | PASTOR BRIAN

Living in the _____ of the past leads to
living in _____ today.

To experience God's grace today:

_____ each other of the one gospel story: vv. 1-11

_____ each other with the one gospel story: vv. 12-19

_____ each other with the one gospel story: vv. 20-28

_____ each other from within the one gospel story: vv. 29-34

Taking It "Beyond Sunday" (for You/Family/Small Group)

Answer or discuss with others:

- *Draw a line of your life, including your story as part of God's bigger story, with your ups and downs. Pray as God leads.*
- *Memorize 1 Corinthians 15:10.*
- *Brainstorm practical ways to Remind, Challenge, Affirm, & Live the story.*
- *Who is God bringing to mind that needs God's bigger story?*
- *v. 33 Do you have relationships that build you up in the bigger Jesus story? Are you someone who builds others up in that story?*