

## 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 for our 10:45a service.
- Contact the office.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### ELECTRONIC GIVING:

Go to [www.rfcov.org](http://www.rfcov.org) and click on the *Electronic Tithing* link under Resources.

Weekly Operational need 2019: \$12,474.75

Regular Giving 4.21.19: \$7,380.77

Weekly YTD average: \$14,158.56

Mortgage balance as of 4.1.19: \$531,262.40

Attendance on 4.21.19: 200 & 284=484

## CONTACT US!

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## THANK YOU

**GREETERS:** (8:15) Jason & Tina Hull

(10:45) Adam & Sarah Johnson

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Emily Gabriel, Wendy Larson,

Kim Majerus, Paul Schatz, Dave Schatz Mark Wespetal

**SOUND:** Nate Riess **VIDEO:** Micah Majerus

**THE HUB:** (8:15) Jeannie Wespetal

(10:45) Sarah Vance

**NURSERY:** (8:15) Nathan, Heather & Karissa Baar

(10:45) Anne Harris, Anna McCosh, Katie Olsen

**JR. CHURCH:** (10:45) Abby Hendrickson, Alanna Bram

**USHERS:** (8:15) Steve Splittgerber, Steve Bakken

(10:45) Jake Koskie, Adam Johnson

**PRAYER PARTNERS:** (8:15) Gary Sumner

(10:45) Jeff Carow

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Mark & Shar Anderson, Joni Kolb

**PRODUCE PICK-UP:** Dan Larson

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY 4/28

8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services

9:30a Sunday School Classes

9:45a Hymn Sing in Worship Center

### TUESDAY 4/30

12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers

1:00-7:00 Red Cross Blood Drive in Multi-Purpose Room

### WEDNESDAY 5/1

11:30a Precepts Class Luncheon

3:30 - 7:30p 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Interviews

5:30p Fellowship Supper (last night)

6:30p Awana Awards Night (last night)

6:30p SOLID youth group & Adult Prayer Group Meeting

### THURSDAY 5/2

6:30p Leadership Team Meeting

### FRIDAY 5/3

9:45a Women's Bible Study Fellowship using

Multi-Purpose Room

12:00p 24-Hour Prayer Vigil begins (room 302)

### SATURDAY 5/4

10:00a Women's Spring Tea

12:00p 24-Hour Prayer Vigil ends

### SUNDAY 5/5 YOUTH SUNDAY!

8:15a & 10:45a Worship Services

9:30a Energy Pack Assembling for the homeless

# FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

*"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"*

Sunday, April 28, 2019 | 8:15a & 10:45a

## OPENING SONG

## WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INFANT BAPTISM (10:45)

Jonah Bystrom

## 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*

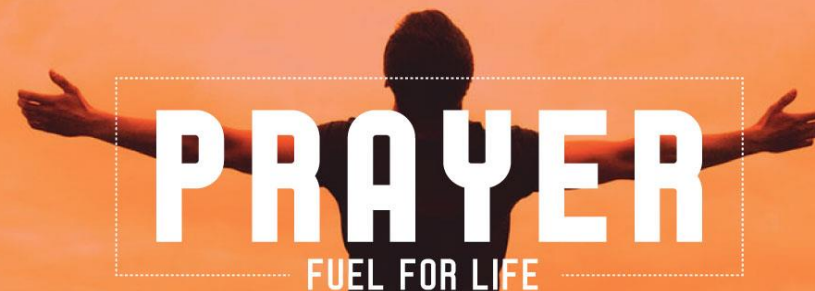
## MESSAGE

*The Pitfalls to Prayer*

Pastor Todd

## CLOSING SONG

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



# 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 @theHub and get to know us from the info

## FirstCov Week of Prayer

**STARTING TODAY! Sun., Apr. 28 to Sat., May 4**

In the bulletin **TODAY:**

✓ *2019 Theme: Prayer Devo Resource: Crushed Olives, Enduring Light*, an invitation to practice prayer in ordinary life.

*...culminates in the...*

## 24-Hour Prayer Vigil

**This Friday, May 3 Noon to Saturday, May 4 Noon**

Sign Up @theHub, the office, OR through the e-news to:

- ✓ *Be a Prayer Host.* Greet those that come to pray.
- ✓ *Pray for an hour.* We'd love at least one person for every hour.

# CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY MAY 5 IS YOUTH SUNDAY & GRAUDATE RECOGNITION** Join us for this special service led by our High School Youth.
- ❖ **MAY CLARION** newsletters were emailed, and paper copies are @theHub.
- ❖ **KEEP IN TOUCH!** Leadership Team & Ministry Team (LT/MT) monthly notes are at the Info Rack.
- ❖ **HYMN SING TODAY** at 9:45a in the Worship Center.
- ❖ **ECUADOR MISSION TRIP** informational meeting on Thurs., May 9 at 7:00p. Come learn about a possible 2020 trip.
- ❖ **MEN'S BREAKFAST!** Sat., May 11, 8:00a. FirstCov'er Marv Call will be our speaker sharing about his life and story with God. Sign up @theHub or through E-News.
- ❖ **MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE** for Pierce County Right to Life will be held again. Watch for more info in next week's bulletin.
- ❖ **YOU ARE INVITED** to celebrate **Joyce Hasselquist's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday** on Sun., May 19 at the home of Bruce & Jan Hasselquist from 1-4p. W12020- 742<sup>nd</sup> River Falls. No gifts please!
- ❖ **FAMILY RESOURCE TABLE APRIL THEME:** **Teaching Kids a God-inspired Vision of Sexuality** An important topic to help our kids grow in seeing God's gifts in this and more than a message of just "don't do this yet." See resources available for check out on the table by the office.
- ❖ **SPRING CLEANING?** Be sure to check if you have any of our missing church library books or videos!
- ❖ **CHURCH SOFTBALL:** Interested in playing this summer? Contact Justin Harsdorf at 715-821-2528.
- ❖ **VBS: "ROAR"** Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 28 – Aug.1 (evenings). Life is wild, God is good!
- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY! ENERGY PACK MAKING!** We'll assemble these packs for the homeless as they had plenty of sandwiches but these are needed. Sun., May 5 (9:30a). No Sunday School! Join the fun!

# YOUTH

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY Youth Sunday** we will recognize these graduating high school seniors: Isaac Gabriel, Hailee Markey, Aleah Nelson, Paul Schatz, Cody Brown, Kieran Schneider, Autumn Gray, Hunter Olson, Logan Armitage.

# BAPTISM

- ❖ **TODAY IT IS OUR** privilege to share in the service of baptism with Joel & Molly Bystrom as they present their son, **Jonah James Caleb Bystrom**, to the Lord (born December 28, 2018). **Infant baptism** is not a regenerative act – an act of salvation for the child. It is an act on the part of the parents who seek the special moving of God's Holy Spirit in their child's life who will someday draw him to commit his life to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Salvation is a personal act of commitment between the individual and God; no one can do this for him. In infant baptism, not only is the child presented to God, but the parents, sponsors and congregation also give themselves to God as His instruments of influence to help draw the child into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. In baptism, the symbolic use of water points to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ through which He provided our cleansing from sin and the gift of salvation to all who receive Him. **Sponsors** are Jesse & Taya Gavin & Nicole Dillemath.

# SUNDAY SCHOOLS!

**9:30-10:30a**

- ❖ **2 y.o. to High School:** The Gospel Project! *Studying All the Bible over All Our Ages!*
- ❖ **Two Adult Options:**
  - **Your Divine Design**—Spiritual gifts! Rm. 301.
  - **The Gospel Project**—"Into the Promised Land" (Numbers & Deuteronomy). Rm. 302

# WOMEN MINISTRIES

- ❖ **THIS SATURDAY! MOTHER, DAUGHTER, SISTER, FRIEND Spring Tea! BE STILL!** Carole Kruger will be our speaker. **Sat., May 4, 10:00a** Sign up @theHub or E-news if you are coming and if you can bring something.
- ❖ **TRIENNIAL! Theme: I AM This every three years event is a rare opportunity in 2019** as it will be heldt in Minneapolis, July 18-21. Take advantage of it being so close! Let Wendi Blaubach, Wendy Larson, Lanette Harsdorf or the office know if you are interested in attending. Check out [iam.covchurch.org](http://iam.covchurch.org)

# PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

April 28, 2019

- ❖ For our College Student of the week: Melanie (Gillis) Gershman
- ❖ For our Missionary of the week: Randy Bevis
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Angie Martini, David Petersen, 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, Jake Jacobs, 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

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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

**Melanie (Gillis) Gershman** daughter of Mark & Joann Gillis. Melanie is a Junior at Winona State University in the Nursing program. You can e-mail her at: [Melanie.gillis95@gmail.com](mailto:Melanie.gillis95@gmail.com)

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

**Randy Bevis**, who 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**. He shares in a recent e-mail that he made his first trip to Cameroon and CAR. He joined Paul Noren to see the area and projects he has been helping with. They traveled to Gambula and visited fish farmers in the area. Randy recently returned from the Island of Roatan Honduras where a team of 8 worked to get a 10-tank system to grow tilapia set up. The project will produce food, both fish and vegetables to the children's home and sell produce to the local community. His April plan was going to Haiti to train new farmers where recently 10 ponds have been dug and are being stocked by the new breeding pond at the University. Thank you for your support and continue to pray for all these areas!



## Is there a Right Way to Pray? | Matthew 6:5-13 | Pastor Todd Ertsgaard

Today, we continue our prayer series, *"Fuel for Life,"* by looking at how to experience meaningful prayer. In this passage, Jesus teaches that it involves:

1. Praying \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Praying \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Praying \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." - John 16:24 (NIV)*