

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 and click on the *Electronic Tithing link under Resources.*

Weekly Operational need 2019: \$12,474.75
Regular Giving 3.31.19: \$6,680.95
Weekly YTD average: \$14,830.85
Mortgage balance as of 4.1.19: \$531,262.40
Covenant World Relief: \$3,863.28
Attendance on 3.31.19: 133 & 144=277

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Larry & Lila Hilden
(10:45) Bill & Jean Hickox
WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, Wendy Larson,
Aryanna Plummer, Paul Martin
SOUND: Nathan Riess **VIDEO:** Ben Gabriel
THE HUB: (8:15) Jeannie Wespetal
(10:45) Sarah Vance
NURSERY: (8:15) Robert Curtis, Abby Hendrickson,
Alana Bram
(10:45) Kay Zwald, Annette Schalla, Klayra Plummer
JR. CHURCH: (10:45) Karen Olsen
USHERS: (8:15) Gregg Quam, Dan Wallace
(10:45) Dan Pearson, Johnny Manche
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Bob Hoaglund
(10:45) Dan Pearson
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Joy & Fred Berg,
Mark & Kim Spafford
PRODUCE PICK-UP: Gary Sumner

THIS WEEK

TODAY 4/7

8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services w/Communion
9:30a Sunday School Classes
12:00p College & Young Adult Lunch

TUESDAY 4/9

12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY 4/10

9:30a Women's Precepts Study
3:30-5:00p Confirmation
5:30-6:15p Fellowship Supper
6:30-8:00 Awana, Confirmation, Sr. High Youth Group
6:30-7:30p Prayer Group

THURSDAY 4/11

8:15p Iron: Men's Group

FRIDAY 4/12

9:45a Women's Bible Study Fellowship

SATURDAY 4/13

6:00p Middle School Nerf/game night

SUNDAY 4/14

PALM SUNDAY
8:15a & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School Classes for all ages

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, April 7, 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

Prayer Perspectives

Pastor Todd

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

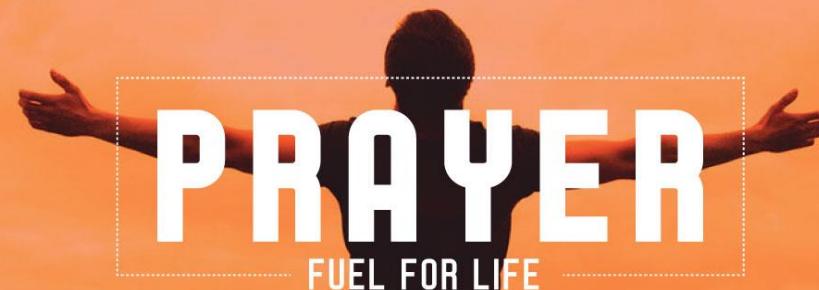
Moment of Silent Reflection

PROCESSIONAL COMMUNION

Please come to the front to receive the bread and the cup

SONG OF COMMUNION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER



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.



Sunday, April 14 | Palm Sunday

Wednesday, April 17 | No ministries

Thursday, April 18 & Friday, April 19 | 7:00p
Living Last Supper Presentation | Invite others!

Sunday, April 21 | **EASTER!**
Worship Services 8:15a & 10:45a
Breakfast served by CHIC youth at 9:30a

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY April 14,** Pastor Todd continues ours "Prayer: Fuel for Life" series.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **THE COMMUNION WAFERS** used today are made by women at the Home of Hope at Industani Covenant Church in India who are rescued from human trafficking. Covenant churches can partner with CWR to support the continued work of Covenant Social Service in India. Read more about this in your bulletin insert!
- ❖ **WED. SUPPER** this week: Mexican Lasagna/enchiladas. Serving 5:15-6p. Sign up on Welcome Pad. Cost: \$3/max \$12.
- ❖ **APRIL CLARION** newsletters were e-mailed, and paper copies are available @theHub Info Rack
- ❖ **KEEP IN TOUCH!** Leadership Team & Ministry Team (LT/MT) monthly notes are @ the Info Rack in a 3-ring binder.
- ❖ **HYMN SINGS April 14 & 28** | 9:45-10:15a.
- ❖ **BAPTISM | DEDICATION:** Contact Pastor Todd if you have an interest in immersion baptism, or infant/child dedication or baptism.
- ❖ **FREE TABLE** in Multipurpose Rm. with books, studies, and other resources. Free for taking for yourself, to help someone else, or even a gift!
- ❖ **FOCUS ON LIFE APRIL THEME** is **Substance Abuse**. More information at rfcov.org/blog and in the April Clarion.
- ❖ **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. Also, sign up on the YouVersion Bible app for "Parenting in a Sexualized Digital Age."
- ❖ **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 (evenings). Life is wild, God is good!

LAKE BEAUTY BIBLE CAMP

- ❖ **BY MONDAY APRIL 8:** Early Bird Savings! Register online for summer camps at lbbc.com to get the early bird discount. Be sure to use Lake Pepin District camp dates.

CONNECT MEALS!

- ❖ **STRIVING TO** promote hospitality as a natural outflow of our love for Jesus, sign up for an opportunity to connect with others at church and in the community. These meals are flexible get-togethers to share a meal, welcome new people, and connect better with each other. Sign-up @the Hub **today!** More details are @theHub. Questions? Contact Becky Lopez @ 651.307.3731 or 715.426.1860

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! You have one, but do you know what it is or what it is for? Will God hold you accountable to use it? "For (you) are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for (you) to do." -Ephesians 2:10. Room 301.
 - ❖ **The Gospel Project**—April 14 we'll start a new unit "Into the Promised Land" (Numbers and Deut.). Room 302.

WOMEN MINISTRIES

- ❖ **TRIENNIAL! Theme: I AM This every three years event is a rare opportunity in 2019** as it will be held in Minneapolis, July 18-21. Take advantage of it being so close to us! Let Wendi Blaubach, Wendy Larson, Lanette Harsdorf or the office know if you are interested in attending. Check out iam.covchurch.org for more info. An invite letter & registration forms are available @theHub.
- ❖ **SAVE THE DATE!** Sat., May 4, 10:00a for our Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend Spring Tea.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

April 7, 2019

- ❖ For our College Students of the week: Josh & Maya Peterson
- ❖ For our Missionaries of the week: John & Letha Kerl
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Angie Martini, David Petersen, Bill Hickox, Deb Kathan
- ❖ For Steve Johnson and family on the passing of his mom, June Morwood (Johnson).
- ❖ For Pastor Brian & Mark Majerus and their family on the passing of their dad, David Majerus. Visitation this afternoon & funeral on Monday in Marshfield, WI.
- ❖ 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 Churches and Pastors (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 LAKE PEPIN DISTRICT COVENANT CHURCHES

Bethel – Ellsworth - Rev. Todd Spiker
Calvary – Stockholm - Rev. Roger Mollet & Rev. Mark Corona
Cedarbrook – Menomonie – Rev. Remy Diederich, Rev. Kyle Gunderson & Rev. Mitch Haaby
Crossings- Houlton, - Pastor Michele Arndt
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

Joshua & Maya Peterson, son & daughter of Matt & Diane Peterson. **Josh** is a Senior at UWRF majoring in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). His e-mail is: joshua.m.peterson@sbcglobal.net. Pray for guidance moving forward, that God would open doors as he is hoping to live in Japan part of next year. **Maya** is a Junior at UW-Madison. Her major is Neurobiology & Psychology. Her e-mail is: maya.peterson2016@yahoo.com.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

John & Letha Kerl, Covenant missionaries serving as Regional Coordinators for Europe and Russia. They ask: for strengthening of our focus of ministry among the marginalized and refugee populations of Europe, and for safety . Their e-mail is lethajohn.kerl@covchurch.org

PRAYER
FUEL FOR LIFE

Prayer Perspectives | Luke 18:1-8 | Pastor Todd Ertsgaard

Today, we begin a new series entitled, "*Prayer: Fuel for Life.*" In this series, we will pursue prayer with the focus on deepening our understanding, experience and power of it. We begin by looking at the parable in which Jesus tells about how we should view prayer. He wants us to understand:

1. His love _____.

2. His desire _____.

3. Our need _____.

"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)