

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 5.5.19: \$13,035.01

Weekly YTD average: \$13,970.09

Mortgage balance as of 5.1.19: \$529,328.34

Attendance on 5.5.19: 95 & 211 = 306

THANK YOU

GREETERS:	(8:15) Gary & Carole Kruger (10:45) Jake & Lindsey Koskie
WORSHIP TEAM:	Emily Gabriel, Aryanna Plummer, Mitch Rand, Paul Schatz, Dave Schatz
SOUND:	Nathan Riess
VIDEO:	Ben Gabriel
THE HUB:	(8:15) Judy Sams (10:45) Sarah Vance
NURSERY:	(8:15) Danielle Ertsgaard, Tina & Gracie Hull (10:45) Neil Vance, April Alton-Hudson, Aidan Alton
JR. CHURCH:	(10:45) Melissa Ertsgaard
USHERS:	(8:15) Gregg Quam, Brian Halling (10:45) Rod Hanson, Dan Pearson
PRAYER PARTNERS:	(8:15) Bob Hoaglund (10:45) Dan Pearson
MINI BUS DRIVER:	Jay Lucht
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:	Leslie Benoy, Lynn Hampton
PRODUCE PICK-UP:	Nathan Riess

THIS WEEK

TODAY 5/12	Mother's Day!
8:15 & 10:45a	Worship Services
9:30a	Sunday School Classes
TUESDAY 5/14	
12:00p	Classroom Use: Weight Watchers
WEDNESDAY 5/15	
5:15p	2 nd Year Confirmation Practice in Worship Center
6:30p	Confirmation Class & Pizza (both classes together)
6:30p	SOLID youth group & Adult Prayer Group Meeting
THURSDAY 5/16	
6:30p	Leadership Team Meeting
SATURDAY 5/18	
11:00a	Bridal Shower for Sarah Manche
3:30p	Leave for Feed My Starving Children
SUNDAY 5/19	Confirmation Sunday!
8:15a & 10:45a	Worship Services
9:30a	Sunday School Classes

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, May 12, 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

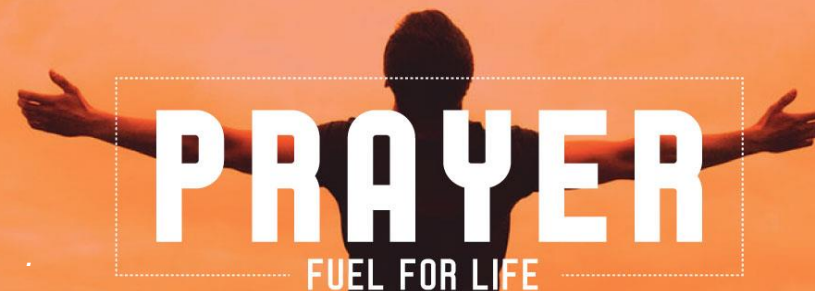
Why Do Some Prayers Seem

Pastor Todd

to go Unanswered?

CLOSING SONG

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



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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



"Growing With" Summer Book Read

As a parent of a teenager or young adult, you may feel as though you're guessing about what to do next--with mixed results. You want to stay connected with your maturing child, but you're not sure how. And deep down, you fear your child doesn't want or need you.

Based on brand-new research and interviews with remarkable families, *Growing With* equips you to take steps toward your teenager or young adult in a mutual journey of intentional growth that trusts God to transform your entire family.

It will be available for a reduced price at the Resource table by the office.

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **TODAY! MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE** for Pierce County Right to Life. Stop by theHub and purchase a rose!
- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY MAY 19 is Confirmation Sunday.** A reception will be held at 9:30.
- ❖ **YOU ARE INVITED** to celebrate **Joyce Hasselquist's 90th birthday** on Sun., May 19 at the home of Bruce & Jan Hasselquist from 1-4p. W12020- 742nd River Falls. No gifts please!
- ❖ **KEEP IN TOUCH!** Leadership Team & Ministry Team (LT/MT) monthly notes are at the Info Rack.
- ❖ **INTERESTED IN BAPTISM/DEDICATION?** If you are interested in immersion baptism, infant baptism or dedication contact Pastor Todd.
- ❖ **COMING SOON: ONLINE DIRECTORY!** Watch your email and mailboxes for info! You'll have the ability to update your photo and info online! And we'll have an option for those who are not online. More to come!
- ❖ **DRIVERS FOR LAKE BEAUTY BIBLE CAMPS** are needed this summer. Please contact Terry Ekstrom at 715.307.2648 to see what dates are needed yet..
- ❖ **FOCUS ON LIFE May Theme: Immigration** The Compassion/Mercy/Justice (CMJ) Ministry Team provides this monthly reminder *for you, your family, and your small group!* Check out the May Clarion to learn more and see this year's themes.
- ❖ **MISS THE ECUADOR MISSION TRIP** informational meeting? If you are interested in being part of a trip in 2020 contact Mark Kimball.
- ❖ **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!

BRIDAL SHOWER

- ❖ **JOIN US FOR A BRIDAL SHOWER** for Sarah Manche, daughter of Johnny & Kathy. The shower is on **Sat. May 18 at 11:00a.** To go in on a group gift, you can leave in office (with your name), or give to Terri Pearson today.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

- ❖ **JOIN US this Sat., May 18** as we head up to the Eagan Packing Center. Sign up@theHub. Leaving church at 3:30p. The shift begins at 4:30p. Contact Chuck Sambus for more information.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- ❖ **SUNDAY, MAY 19** for our 2nd year students: Kaitylyn Dicus, Ethan Fitzgerald, Ethan Hull, Abby Larson, Katie Olsen, Connor Wallace, Mercedes Wallace, Haylee Weidell. A reception will be held at 9:30a in their honor.

ANNUAL MEETING & CELEBRATION!

Wednesday, June 5

- ❖ **6:30p ANNUAL MEETING** Members, Regular Attenders, and Friends! Come join us for this special meeting where we remember God's faithfulness and celebrate what He has done in the past ministry year. *Prayer time, 2018-19 Praise Video, votes, updates, and more!!*
- ❖ **5:30p COOKOUT.** Donations go to the youths' triennial trip to CHIC in Knoxville, TN in 2021.

SUMMER SCHEDULE!

- ❖ **MARK YOU CALENDARS! BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 26.** Worship services at **8:15 and 10:00a.** No Sunday School classes.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

May 12, 2019

- ❖ Give thanks for your mother and/or someone who has served as a mother for you.
- ❖ For College Graduates! (See below)
- ❖ For our Missionaries of the week: Jared & Hannah Baker
- ❖ 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 FirstCov Ministry Team 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 FIRSTCOV MINISTRY TEAMS

ADULT: Art Wellnitz; **BLAST (Childrens):** Bob & Debbie Gilbertson; **YOUTH:** Laura Schatz; **MEN:** Vern Larson, Rich Kathan; **WOMEN:** Wendi Blaubach, Wendy Larson; **WORSHIP & ARTS:** Dave Schatz; **MAINTENANCE:** Rob Stevens; **MISSIONS:** Jim Harsdorf; **OUTREACH:** Dean Benoy; **CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS:** Chuck Sambs; **FINANCE:** Johnny Manche

COLLEGE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Students who are graduating this spring!

Jake Halling, son of Brian & Soozie, Graduating from UW-Stout w/ Plastics Engineering Major
Curtis Hanson, son of Rod & Debra, graduating from UW-Stevens Point with a Music Major.
Sarah Manche, daughter of Johnny & Kathy, graduating from Wartburg College with a Music Therapy Major.

Students graduating From UWRF and attended FirstCov while in school:

Alanna Bram, Biology and Spanish major, with minor in Chemistry. Alanna is from Rochester, MN.
Zach Henderson with Mathematics major. He is from Andover, MN
Dianne Paje, major in Business Administration and minor in Music. She is from Durand.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Jared & Hannah Baker, Covenant Serve Globally Missionaries transitioning from France to MENA. During their home assignment they have had the opportunity to visit churches around the U.S. and during the month of May they are traveling and connecting with the Bible Society of Jordan, several Arabic schools, and with other Jordanian Christians and workers who know Jordan well. Pray that it will become clear to which country and city God is directing them. From May 19-June 17 they will return to France to say goodbye to the communities they served at and take care of all the logistics of moving and ending their apartment lease. Follow them on Instagram for snapshots of where they are and what they are doing at bakersroll. You can check out the MENA facebook page for more general info about what is happening throughout the region.

www.facebook.com/menasgnews

PRAYER
FUEL FOR LIFE

Why Do Some Prayers Seem to Go Unanswered?

Luke 1:5-17 | Pastor Todd Ertsgaard

Today, we continue our prayer series, "Fuel for Life," by looking at why some prayers seem to go unanswered and others do not. In this passage of Scripture, I believe we can find some insights that can help us deal with God's silence in prayer. The Bible states it can be the result of:

1. Unconfessed _____.
2. Wrong _____.
3. God's _____.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)