

## STAY IN TOUCH!!

❖ Get online encouragement as you follow Christ into your week:

- ✓ **E-NEWS & ALL-CHURCH EMAIL** Stay in-touch with your church family with important info and updates. Contact Jackie to sign-up (Jackie@rfcov.org).
- ✓ **WEBSITE** Check out [www.rfcov.org](http://www.rfcov.org) for sermons, info and more.
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- ✓ **TWITTER** Follow us at @FirstCovRF.
- ✓ **PRAYER EMAIL TEAM** Serve others, sign up through Jackie@rfcov.org. You'll receive prayer requests by email...a great way to stay in contact with the church family AND to serve them by bringing their prayer needs to the Lord.

## 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 5.12.19: \$11,484.34  
Weekly YTD average: \$13,868.53  
Mortgage balance as of 5.1.19: \$529,328.34  
Mother's Day Rose Sale \$285.00  
(for Pierce County Right to Life)  
Attendance on 5.12.19: 121 & 206 =327

## CONTACT US!

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## THANK YOU

**GREETERS:** (8:15) Kent & Char Kruger  
(10:45) Jim & Becky Lopez  
**WORSHIP TEAM:** Emily Gabriel, Kim Majerus, Pat Nelson,  
Jerry Nelson  
**SOUND:** Andrew Ertsgaard **VIDEO:** Micah Majerus  
**THE HUB:** (8:15) Jackie Wallace  
(10:45) Joni Kolb  
**NURSERY:** (8:15) 0-4: Robert Curtis, Abby Hendrickson,  
Alana Bram  
(10:45) 0-4: Kay Zwald, Annette Schalla, Molly Plummer  
**JR. CHURCH:** (10:45) Mark & Krista Majerus  
**USHERS:** (8:15) Dan Wallace, Jerry Hallstrom  
(10:45) Adam Johnson, Jake Koskie  
**PRAYER PARTNERS:** (8:15) Jason & Tina Hull  
(10:45) Pr. Brian, Val Wellnitz  
**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Soozie & Brian Halling, Kathy  
Manche  
**PRODUCE PICK UP:** Gary Sumner  
**MINI BUS DRIVER:** John Aune

## THIS WEEK

**TODAY 5/19**  
8:15 & 10:45a Confirmation Services  
9:30a Sunday School for all ages  
**TUESDAY 5/21**  
9:15a MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)  
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers  
**WEDNESDAY 5/22**  
7:00p RFHS Baccalaureate (all invited)  
**THURSDAY 5/23**  
6:30p Multi-Purpose Room use: Master Gardener's  
8:15p Iron: Men's Group  
**SUNDAY 5/26**  
**NOTE! Summer Schedule begins!**  
8:15a & 10:00a Worship Services

# FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"  
Confirmation Sunday | May 19, 2019 | 8:15a & 10:45a

Welcome | Announcements

Christian Formation Appreciation (see insert)

Responsive Call to Worship (Written by Confirmation Students) Insert

Song(s) of Praise & Worship

Confirmation Witness (8:15) Ethan Fitzgerald, Ethan Hull,  
Connor Wallace, Mercedes Wallace  
(10:45) Kaitlyn Dicus, Abby Larson,  
Katie Olsen, Haylee Weidell

Prayer (8:15) Katie Olsen (10:45) Ethan Fitzgerald

Offertory  
10:45: Children ages 5-7 can go to Rm 303 for Junior Church.  
Please pick up your child there after the service.

Message Pastor Todd Ertsgaard

Confession of Faith, Apostle's Creed, & Presentation of Certificates

Closing Song

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

> Confirmation <  
SUNDAY

# WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION

*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 Ctr.
  - \***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

## Confirmation Sunday

*Today we celebrate these students completing the 2-year Confirmation-Discipleship experience.*

**May they walk faithfully with Jesus all their lives!**

Kaitlyn Dicus, Ethan Fitzgerald, Ethan Hull, Abby Larson,  
Katie Olsen, Connor Wallace, Mercedes Wallace,  
Haylee Weidell

**Pray for Our First Year Students:**

Aidan Alton, Keira Anderson, Lauren Aust, Blake Baar, Patrick Cunningham, Hailey Dickinson, Grant Dicus, Lillia Gray, Andrew Hampton, Octavia Heuschele, Camilla Johnson, Anika Loy, Sam Majerus, Seamus Monahan, Molly Plummer

## CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT WEEK:** (May 26) **Summer Schedule BEGINS** (8:15a and 10:00a worship services, no Sunday School). Neil Vance, our Youth Director continues our Prayer: Fuel for Life Series.
- ❖ **PASTOR TODD** on vacation May 22 to June 2.
- ❖ **TODAY: YOU ARE INVITED** to celebrate **Joyce Hasselquist's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**, Sun., May 19 at the home of Bruce & Jan Hasselquist from 1:00-4:00p. W12020-742<sup>nd</sup> River Falls. No gifts please!
- ❖ **TODAY:** See the VBS bulletin insert for volunteer opportunities and return to the office, theHub or to Kim Majerus.
- ❖ **CHURCH SOFTBALL** Sign up @theHub or contact Justin Harsdorf for Family Fun League.
- ❖ **FOCUS ON LIFE May Theme: Immigration.** More info in the May Clarion and at rfcov.org/blog.
- ❖ **KEEP INFORMED!** The Leadership Team & Ministry Team (LT/MT) monthly notes @theHub.
- ❖ **INTERESTED IN BAPTISM/DEDICATION?** If you are interested in immersion baptism, infant baptism or dedication contact Pastor Todd.
- ❖ **BY JUNE 1 - UPDATE YOUR ONLINE DIRECTORY!** If you did not get an e-mail this past Monday (**sent to one e-mail per household**) explaining the process, please contact Jackie in the office with your e-mail. *With this new directory, you'll have the ability to update your photo and your own info online with your own password! Not online?* We can get you a printed directory and help you update yours (see Jackie).
- ❖ **DRIVERS FOR LAKE BEAUTY BIBLE CAMPS** are needed this summer. Please contact Terry Ekstrom at 715.307.2648. The first camp dates needed will be to take Jr. High to camp on Sun., June 9<sup>th</sup> & bring back from camp on Fri., June 14<sup>th</sup>. You don't need to have a camper to drive!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

- ❖ **RIVER FALLS BACCALAUREATE SERVICE** A Christian service of worship and reflection for graduates of 2019 and their family and friends. This **Wed., May 22 7PM** in the High School Auditorium. Cake reception to follow. **EVERYONE is invited!** Sponsored by Souled Out (A Christ-centered fellowship of RF youth ministries supporting one another and working together to reach students with God's love).

## ANNUAL MEETING & CELEBRATION

**Wednesday, June 5**

- ❖ **6:30p -8:00p ANNUAL MEETING.** Members, Regular Attenders, and Friends of FirstCov, 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, 2017-18 Praise Video, new leadership votes.*
- ❖ **5:30p COOKOUT.** Donations go to the youths' triennial trip to CHIC in Tennessee in 2021.

## SUMMER BOOK READ

- ❖ **GROWING WITH: Every Parent's Guide to Helping Teenagers and Young Adults Thrive in Their Faith, Family, and Future.** Learn about helping them grow...and yourself with this research-based resource packed with wisdom and examples. Available **NEXT SUNDAY** for a reduced price: \$10 at the Resource table by the office.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS!

**Last Day! 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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Save the Dates!**

**Theme: Roar! Life is Wild, God is Good!**  
**Sun., July 28 – Thurs., August 1 | 6:00-8:30p**  
See **TODAY'S** bulletin insert for volunteer opportunities and return to the office, theHub or to Kim Majerus. Registration forms are @theHub.

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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

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Prairie Lake – Chetek – Rev. Scott Christensen  
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Secretary: Becki Reed (Lead) & Lynn Hampton

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