

## 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 late 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 5.19.19: \$5,097.43  
Weekly YTD average: \$13,453.47  
Mortgage balance as of 5.1.19: \$529,328.34  
Attendance on 5.19.19: 123 & 252 = 375

## CONTACT US!

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## THANK YOU

**GREETERS:** (8:15) Steve & Laurie Kubera  
(10:00) Jay & Monica Lucht  
**WORSHIP TEAM:** Emily Gabriel, Aryanna Plummer,  
Hannah Plummer, Paul Martin,  
Paul Schatz, Dave Schatz  
**SOUND:** Adam Johnson **VIDEO:** Danielle Ertsgaard  
**THE HUB:** (8:15) Jackie Wallace  
(10:00) Sarah Johnson  
**NURSERY:** (8:15) Bonnie Swanson, Julie & Kaitlyn Dicus  
(10:00) Betty Aust, Sarah & Lauren Aust  
**JR. CHURCH:** No Jr. Church. Happy Memorial weekend!  
**USHERS:** (8:15) Curt Yelken. Steve Splittgerber  
(10:00) Jake Koskie, Dan Pearson  
**PRAYER PARTNERS:** (8:15) Steve Johnson  
(10:00) Jeff Carow, Bill Hickox  
**MINI BUS DRIVER:** Brian Aust  
**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Bonnie Swanson,  
Bonnie VanDeMark  
**PRODUCE PICK-UP:** Dan Schmalstig

## THIS WEEK

**TODAY 5/26**  
8:15 & 10:00a Worship Services  
**MONDAY 5/27**  
Memorial Day Office closed  
**TUESDAY 5/28**  
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers  
**WEDNESDAY 5/29**  
7:00p Ecuador Mission Trip Planning Meeting  
**SUNDAY 6/2**  
8:15a & 10:00a Worship Services w/ Communion

# FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, May 26, 2019 | 8:15a & 10:00a

## OPENING SONG

## WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WORSHIP SONGS

## OFFERING

Note: No Jr. Church Today

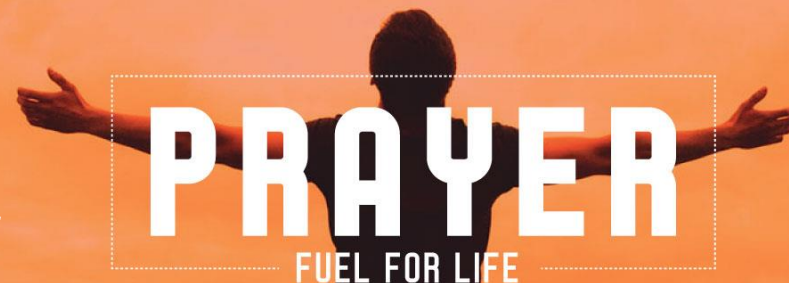
## MESSAGE

Prayers from Pain

Neil Vance

## 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



**Wednesday, June 5 | 6:30p**

**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!!* **Members**, please be aware votes do occur at congregational meetings.

**COOKOUT at 5:30p! Donations go to the youths' triennial trip to CHIC in Knoxville, TN in 2021**

# CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **SUMMER SCHEDULE** – Through Sept. 1, worship services at 8:15a & 10:00a. No Sunday School.
- ❖ **NEXT WEEK:** (June 2) Pastor Brian explores one key thing that can transform how you practice prayer. It's also Communion Sunday.
- ❖ **WE REMEMBER** those who gave their lives in service to others and our country. May God's comfort rest upon all families today.
- ❖ **MONDAY MEMORIAL DAY:** Church office closed.
- ❖ **RIVER FALLS MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & SERVICE.** Parade starts at 9:30a from the Legion and the program begins at 10:00a at Greenwood Cemetery.
- ❖ **PASTOR TODD** is on vacation and will be back in the office on Monday, June 3.
- ❖ **JUNE CLARION** newsletters were e-mailed. Paper copies @theHub Info. Rack.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **BY JUNE 1 - UPDATE YOUR ONLINE DIRECTORY!** If you did not get an e-mail (**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 to see what dates are needed yet. Our first group leaves Sunday, June 9 and returns Friday, June 14.
- ❖ **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.

# ECUADOR MISSION TRIP

- ❖ **THIS WEDNESDAY, May 29** at 7:00p. Come plan and prepare for a trip in March 2020. Contact Mark Kimball with any questions.

# GRADUATE OPEN HOUSE

- ❖ **FOR ISAAC GABRIEL:** son of Mark & Brenda. The open house is **Sat., June 15** from 4-7p at 422 N. Lewis St., River Falls.

# CELEBRATING 125 YEARS!

*Remembering Our Past, Embracing Our Future*

- ❖ **CELEBRATE** on **Sun., June 23, with ONE service at 10:00a.** Let's come together as a family to remember our heritage and God's faithfulness over these many years.
- ❖ **FOLLOWING THE SERVICE** some large group pictures will be taken both in the sanctuary and outside--weather permitting--so please be present. The celebration will close with a "birthday party" and dedication to continue serving the River Falls community with Love and the Gospel. Plan to be a part of this special day at First Covenant.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- ❖ **SAVE THE DATES:** "ROAR" Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **July 28 – Aug. 1** (evenings). Life is wild, God is good!
- ❖ Registrations are now online through our website, or forms are at theHub.
- ❖ Volunteer forms are @theHub!

# 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 today for a reduced price: \$10 at the Resource table by the office.

# PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

May 26, 2019

- ❖ For our Military and families mourning deceased loved ones
- ❖ For College Graduates! (See below)
- ❖ For our Missionary of the week: Judy Gomoll
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Linda L. Johnson, Angie Martini, David Petersen, Linda Johnson
- ❖ 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.*

We remember, recognize, and appreciate all military personnel; those men and women who have served throughout our history and all who now serve in uniform and their families, as well as those who have given their lives defending our country.

We will never forget. *"No one has greater love than this, that someone would lay down his life for his friends". John 15:13*

## 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 graduated recently!*

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

**Cody Splittgerber:** Son of Steve & Ailene, graduated from CVTC with Criminal Justice.

*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.

## MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

**Judy Gomoll:** serving with The Navigators in Colorado. Address: 11961 Ridgeview Lane, Parker, CO 80138 e-mail: judygomoll@usfamily.net



## Prayers from Pain | Psalm 13 | Neil Vance

There is no doubt, life can be very hard at times and it doesn't always feel like God is there. So what do we do when that feels like the case? Today we use Psalm 13 as a template for how we can take the pain and questions we may have in life about God or for God directly to Him while in the midst of pain. We will look directly at the four main stages of Biblical lament and why each can be a necessary part of the healing experience for us.

### Why lament?

1.) \_\_\_\_\_.

2.) \_\_\_\_\_.

3.) \_\_\_\_\_.

4.) \_\_\_\_\_.