

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 the Sunday A/V Team!

Looking for a place to serve that supports the church and each other? The AV team might be a perfect fit! **Technical knowledge is NOT required, and great training will be provided!** You'll be placed on a rotation schedule and help with our Sunday slide presentations! All who are interested (middle school through adult) and wanting to learn more can contact Jake Jacobs at jakejam@gmail.com

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 5.26.19: \$6,537.63
Weekly YTD average: \$13,135.81
Mortgage balance as of 5.26.19: \$529,328.34
Attendance on 5.26.19: 89 & 116=205

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Brent & Lisa Larson
(10:00) Vern & Sarah Larson
WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, Pat Nelson, John Witt
Jerrett Feyereisen, Mitch Rand, Amanda Weber, Dave Schatz, Paul Schatz
SOUND: Andrew Ertsgaard **VIDEO:** Ben Gabriel
THE HUB: (8:15) Linda Lundstrom
(10:00) Sarah Vance
NURSERY: (8:15) Erik & Emily Bekkum, Kyla Kubera
(10:00) Luke, Nicole & Kylee Strehlau
JR. CHURCH: (10:00) Jo & Octavia Heuschele
USHERS: (8:15) Brian Halling, Curt Yelken
(10:00) Matt Fitzgerald, Steve Schalla
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Gary Sumner
(10:00) Jeff Carow
MINI BUS DRIVER: Dean Benoy
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Ellen Peterson, Renee Kruger
PRODUCE PICK-UP: Brian Halling

THIS WEEK

TODAY 6/2
8:15 & 10:00a Worship Services w/Communion
MONDAY 6/3
7:45p Softball game vs. St. Bridgets at Hoffman #1
TUESDAY 6/4
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers
WEDNESDAY 6/5
5:30p CHIC Youth Cookout fundraiser!
6:30p FlrstCov's Annual Meeting
SUNDAY 6/9
8:15a & 10:00a Worship Services
12:00p Jr. High Campers leave for LBBC

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"
Sunday, June 2, 2019 | 8:15a & 10:00a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

When You Don't Feel Like Praying

Pastor Brian

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Moment of Silent Reflection

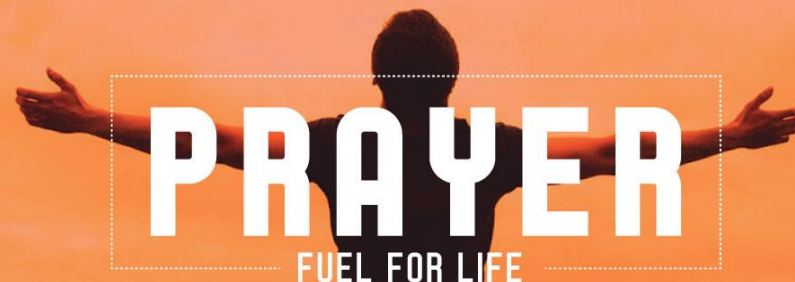
PROCESSIONAL COMMUNION

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

SONGS OF WORSHIP & 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

ANNUAL MEETING & CELEBRATION

THIS Wednesday, June 5 | 6:30p

5:30p COOKOUT

Come connect and enjoy good food!

Donations go to the youths' triennial trip to CHIC in 2021.

6:30p -8:00p ANNUAL MEETING

Members, Regular Attenders, and Friends join us for this special time celebrate God's faithfulness over the past ministry year AND seek Him for the future! *Prayer time, 2018-19 Praise Video, new leadership votes.*

Childcare provided by our youth!

The agenda and January minutes are @theHub for your review.

The Annual Report booklet is in your mailbox.

If you take it, please bring Wednesday night! Extras in the office.

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **SUMMER SCHEDULE** – Through Sept. 1, worship services at 8:15a & 10:00a with no Sunday School.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **OUR COMMUNION WAFERS** 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!*
- ❖ **PASTOR TODD** returns Mon., June 3.
- ❖ **NEXT WEEK:** (June 9) Pastor Todd will be back and continue our series on Prayer.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ ****PAST DUE** - 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.
- ❖ **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 Jr. High group leaves Sunday, June 9 and returns Friday, June 14. Can you help?
- ❖ **CHURCH SOFTBALL:** First game is tomorrow night! We play at Hoffman #1 at 7:45p. Interested in playing this summer? Contact Neil Vance
- ❖ **CORN FEST! SAVE THE DATE & VOLUNTEER** to help with our Annual Corn Fest on Sat. July 13 from 3:00-5:00p. Contact Dean Benoy to reserve your volunteer spot!

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 Worship Center 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.

SR. HIGH LIFE GROUPS

- ❖ **SR. HIGH!** (including incoming freshman) we will begin our summer *Life Groups* on Wed. June 12 at 6:30p. Paul Schatz (host).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY TEAM

- ❖ **GOLF OUTING!** Thurs., June 13 at 5:30p. Clifton Highlands Par 3 Course. Cost \$15. Includes clubs, cart, lunch and prizes. No experience required! We will play best ball. Come join us for a fun evening of fellowship. Please call Lanette at 715-425-2138, Helen at 253-241-7392 or sign up at the Hub for team assignments.

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

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCE TABLE:
Book: *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 grow 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

June 2, 2019

- ❖ For the national Evangelical Covenant Church Annual Meeting, Gather (June 27-29)
- ❖ For College Graduate: Roland Pomfret
- ❖ For our Missionaries of the week: Campus Ministries
- ❖ 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.

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 TEAM LEADERS

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 GRAD

Capt. Roland Pomfret MD, son of David & Brenda Pomfret.

Roland graduated from Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences medical school last weekend. He will begin his residency at Hennepin County Medical Center in June for one year, then transition to Univ of Texas in Houston in Radiology. Congratulations Roland!

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Campus Ministries – continue to pray for their ministry to students!
UWRF InterVarsity Christian Fellowship: Caleb Farber,
UWRF Campus Crusade: Nicole & Lee Rickert, Francis Flood, Emily Dykstra,
InterVarsity MN Metro Evangelism Specialist: Brian Aust,
InterVarsity Regional Director MN Metro: Jason Hull.

PRAYER
FUEL FOR LIFE

WHEN YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE PRAYING | PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9 | PASTOR BRIAN

There are seasons of life when practicing prayer is hard. Today we explore Paul's practical directions on how to pray and look at one key that can transform your prayer life.

Paul's 6 Directions/"Tips"

- _____ always
- let your _____ be evident to all
- do not be _____
- present _____ to God
- _____ about such things
- put it into _____

To Transform Your Prayer Life, Transform Your View of God:

_____!

Taking It "Beyond Sunday" (for You/Family/Small Group)

Answer or discuss with others:

- *Set a reminder on your phone in the middle of the day to pause and remember: "The Lord is near."*
- *Discuss or journal: Where do you find yourself not thinking of God being with you as much? Why?*
- *Write a daily prayer of thanks identifying 3 good things each day.*
- *What other element of prayer is God inviting you to practice more? Consider ACTS for prayer various types of prayer: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication*