

## 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](mailto:jakejam@gmail.com) or Emily Gabriel at [emcega@gmail.com](mailto:emcega@gmail.com).

## 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 6.16.19: \$5,958.96  
Weekly YTD average: \$13,097.39  
Mortgage balance as of 6.1.19: \$527,585.53  
Attendance on 6-16-19: 103 & 162=265

## CONTACT US!

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## THANK YOU

**GREETERS:** Johnny & Kathy Manche  
**WORSHIP TEAM:** Emily Gabriel, Hannah Plummer, John Witt, Paul Martin, Paul Schatz, Mitch Rand, Dave Schatz, Isaac Gabriel  
**SOUND:** Nathan Riess **VIDEO:** Danielle Ertsgaard  
**THE HUB:** Jeannie Wespetal, Sarah Vance  
**NURSERY:** Virginia LaMonica, Jo & Octavia Heuschele  
**JR. CHURCH:** No Jr. Church Today  
**USHERS:** Tom Nelson, Brian Halling, Rod Hanson, Johnny Manche  
**PRAYER PARTNERS:** Melissa Ertsgaard, Bill Hickox  
**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** Joni Kolb  
**PRODUCE PICK-UP:** Art Wellnitz

## THIS WEEK

**TODAY 6/23** Our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!  
10:00a Worship Service  
12:00p Trailblazer campers leave for LBBC  
**MONDAY 6/24**  
7:45p Softball Fam. Div. FirstCov vs St. Bridget's Hoffman #1  
**TUESDAY 6/25**  
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers  
**WEDNESDAY 6/26**  
6:30p Sr. High Life Group night out in River Falls (meet at Hoffman Park)  
**THURSDAY 6/27**  
4:00p Trailblazers return home from camp  
**SUNDAY 6/30**  
8:15 & 10:00a Worship Services

# FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"  
Sunday, June 23, 2019 | 8:15a & 10:00a

## OPENING SONG

## WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS | GREET

## WORSHIP SONGS

## OFFERING

(Note! No Jr. Church today)

## HERITAGE MOMENT

 125<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Planning Team Chair **Loren Paulson**

## MESSAGE

*Remembering Our Past, Embracing Our Future* **Pastor Todd**

## CLOSING SONG

## CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

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

## CELEBRATING



Remembering Our Past  
Embracing Our Future

# 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

# CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **TODAY** is our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration! *We welcome all former pastors and ministry staff who are with us today!* Following the service, we will be taking a couple of large group pictures and have a potluck lunch with birthday cupcakes for dessert. Also be sure to check out the heritage area with pictures and info from our past! *Please stay to celebrate!* A 125<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Booklet is available to read online through our webpage or paper copies at theHub. We want to thank Loren & Lynda Paulson, Rich & Deb Kathan, Dan Pearson, Rob Stevens who served on the Anniversary Planning Team.
- ❖ **SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES:** 8:15a & 10:00a (Sunday School returns in fall.)
- ❖ **NEXT WEEK:** (June 30) Pastor Todd continues our Trivial Pursuit series exploring Ecclesiastes.
- ❖ **KEEP IN TOUCH!** Leadership Team & Ministry Team monthly notes are in a 3-ring binder at the Info Rack.
- ❖ **INTERESTED IN BAPTISM/DEDICATION?** If you are interested in immersion baptism, infant baptism or dedication contact Pastor Todd.
- ❖ **FINAL CALL - 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 CAMP** are needed to bring Trailblazers back home from camp on Thursday, June 27. Please contact Terry Ekstrom at 715.307.2648, or Neil Vance at 715.307.2645 to let them know you are available to help out! We have 18 campers going so need one more vehicle along with our mini bus.
- ❖ **CHURCH SOFTBALL:** If interested in playing in the Family Division this summer on Monday nights, contact Neil Vance. We need more players both guys and gals! (ages 14 and up).
- ❖ **SR. HIGH LIFE GROUPS**
- ❖ **SR. HIGH: A GREAT SUMMER CONNECTION!** (including incoming freshman) this Wed., June 26<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet at Hoffman Park at 6:30p.

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- ❖ **A BRIDAL SHOWER FOR KATELYNN PLUMMER**, daughter of James & Candace will be held on **Tues., July 9 at 6:30p at Hoffman Park**. Katelynn and Jesse Griem will be married July 14. She is registered at Target and Amazon online. Group gift donations can go to Wendy Larson or leave in the office. (Be sure to include your name with your donation).
- ❖ **FIRSTCOV'ERS ON MISSION TRIPS**
- ❖ **EMILY GABRIEL**, our Worship Leader, is going on a mission trip beginning June 24 and back Aug. 9. Most of that time is in the Netherlands. Remember her in prayer!
- ❖ **JUSTIN HARSDORF** is serving as a leader with the "World Race" and is currently in Guatemala. See the prayer insert to find out how to follow his "race" through his blog.

# CORN FEST & MORE!

**Saturday, July 13**

**REACH OUT & SERVE OUR COMMUNITY DURING RIVER FALLS DAYS!**

- ❖ **CORN FEST (3:00-5:00p) HELPING** There are a variety of opportunities to serve during! It takes many, so see how you might be able to contribute!! Check sign ups @theHub or check your Wed. E-News. Contact Dean Benoy with questions.
- ❖ **FREE CAR WASH (2:30-5:00p)!** CHIC youth fundraiser. **Make a pledge with a CHIC student and invite your friends and neighbors** to this FREE car wash. More info to come.
- ❖ **MOPS GARAGE SALE** Get some good items from July 11-13, Thurs. & Fri., 8:00a-5:00p, and Sat., 2:00-5:00p. It's a donation based sale.

# 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.



## ROAR VBS!

*Life is Wild \* God is Good*

Sun., July 28-

Thurs., Aug. 1

6:00-8:30p

This is a special time for us to work together to share God's love with our community!!

- **Volunteer forms** @theHub or talk with Kim Majerus, our VBS Director!
- **Registration forms** for ages 4 through those who finished 5<sup>th</sup> grade are online at rfcov.org or @theHub.
- **Donations: Help provide decorating donations?** Sign up on the lists found @theHub. More lists to come later.

*Pray for this special week!*

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## FOR OUR ECC LEADERS

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