

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 or Emily Gabriel at emcega@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 7.7.19: \$14,978.99
Weekly YTD average: \$12,996.34
Mortgage balance as of 7.1.19: \$525,505.79
Attendance on 7-7-19 77 & 171 = 248

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Linda Lundstrom
(10:00) David Pomfret
WORSHIP TEAM: Jake Jacobs, Wendy Larson,
Aryanna Plummer, Jerry Nelson
SOUND: Andrew Ertsgaard **VIDEO:** Ben Gabriel
THE HUB: (8:15) Jackie Wallace
(10:00) Nancy Erickson
NURSERY: (8:15) Tom, Kathi & Aleah Nelson
(10:00) Luke, Nicole & Kylee Strehlau
JR. CHURCH: (10:00) Melissa Ertsgaard
USHERS: (8:15) Curt Yelken, Dan Wallace
(10:00) Steve Schalla, Adam Johnson
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) P. Brian Majerus
(10:00) Pastor Brian, Val Wellnitz
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Bonnie Swanson
PRODUCE PICK-UP: Dan Schmalstig

THIS WEEK

TODAY 7/21
8:15 & 10:00a Worship Services
11:15a Hymn Sing (Christmas in July!)
11:15a VBS Staff Training
MONDAY 7/22
6:30p Softball Fam. Div. FirstCov vs Hope Luth. @H.#1
TUESDAY 7/23
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers
WEDNESDAY 7/24
6:30p Sr. High Life Group: Laura Schatz host
THURSDAY 7/25
6:30p Leadership Team Meeting
SUNDAY 7/28
8:15 & 10:00a Worship Services
6:00p Vacation Bible School Begins

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"
Sunday, July 21, 2019 | 8:15a & 10:00a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS | GREET

WORSHIP SONGS

OFFERING

(10:00)-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

How's Your Outlook?

Pastor Todd

CLOSING SONG

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

TRIVIAL
PURSUIT

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).
 - 10:00- Nursery Room.
 - Infant Room—Hear the service too. On right as you enter Worship Center.
 - 10:00- 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
 - "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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

ROAR! Life is Wild * God is Good

Sun., July 28-Thurs., Aug. 1

6:00-8:30p | For ages 4 to finished 5th grade

- ❖ **Over 50%** of those who attended our past VBS's were from outside FirstCov with many not having church homes. This is a special time for us to work together to share God's love with our community:
- ❖ **Volunteer** forms @theHub or speak with Kim Majerus, VBS Director!
- ❖ **INVITE!!** Registration online through rfcov.org or at the VBS table.

****LAST CHANCE TODAY**:**

STAFF TRAINING! | *After the 10:00 service!!*

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES:** 8:15a & 10:00a (Sunday School returns in fall.)
- ❖ **NEXT WEEK:** (July 28) Jason Hull, FirstCov'er and FirstCov supported Athletes InterVarsity Director, is sharing about his ministry and giving the message.
- ❖ **STAFF GONE:** Neil Vance, our Youth Director, is out of the office until July 25.
- ❖ **KEEP IN TOUCH!** Leadership and Ministry Team monthly notes are in a 3-ring binder at the Info Rack. Also, if you miss a Sunday it doesn't mean you need to miss out on sermons and the latest bulletin! Go to our website and scroll down on the main page to find sermons and bulletins to keep informed!
- ❖ **ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEXT STEP TO PUBLICLY DECLARE YOUR FAITH THROUGH BAPTISM?** If you are interested in immersion baptism for yourself, or infant baptism or dedication contact Pastor Todd.
- ❖ **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).
- ❖ **CAMP DRIVER & RIDER NEEDED** to take 9 Sr. High campers to Lake Beauty next Sun., July 28. We will leave from church at noon. Contact Terry Ekstrom or the office if you can help us out!

TODAY! HYMN SING

- ❖ **CHRISTMAS IN JULY!** Meet in Worship Center following the 2nd worship service and sing Christmas Carols. Join us!

SR. HIGH LIFE GROUP

- ❖ **SR. HIGH: A GREAT SUMMER CONNECTION!** (including incoming freshman). This Wednesday at 6:30p (Laura Schatz hosts).

LT & MTL KICK OFF!

- ❖ **OUR KICK OFF** for all **Leadership Team members** and all **Ministry Team Leaders** will be held on **Wed., Aug. 7 at 6:30p**. Come get inspired and equipped for our year ahead!

FIRSTCOV'ERS ON MISSION TRIPS

- ❖ **EMILY GABRIEL**, our **Worship Leader**, is on a mission trip to the Netherlands returning Aug. 9. Please remember her in prayer!
- ❖ **JUSTIN HARSDORF** is serving as a leader with the "World Race" and is currently in Guatemala. To follow his blog for prayer ideas justinharsdorf.theworldrace.org.

WEDDING SHOWER/RECEPTION

- ❖ **YOU ARE INVITED** to celebrate with us: Wedding shower/reception for **Chris & Becca Ertsgaard** (married July 13). **Sat., Aug. 24 | Here | 1:00-3:00p** | Please **RSVP** to church office or online at withjoy.com/chris-and-becca-ertsgaard. They are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, REI and Best Buy.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

July 21, 2019

- ❖ For VBS preparations as volunteers respond to God's promptings and participants open their hearts to God
- ❖ For our Missionary of the Week: Emily Gabriel
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Linda L. Johnson, David Petersen, Dave Kolb, Dot Strandberg, Brenda Pomfret
- ❖ 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, and Pat Stevens
- ❖ For our ECC Leaders (see below)
- ❖ For our church staff: Pr. Todd, Pr. Brian, Neil Vance, Emily Gabriel, 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 EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH LEADERS

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Finance: Paul Hawkinson, Treasurer & Executive Director of Finance

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Pray for **Emily Gabriel** as she is serving in the Netherlands. We received this e-mail note from her on 7/12. Hello from Amsterdam! This morning we started our 21 days of 24/7 prayer and worship. We already completed a week of leadership training and our staff week in preparation for our students. I'm excited to see what God has in store for these next few week of training, teaching, coaching, prayer, and worship. Emily will be returning on August 9.



HOW'S YOUR OUTLOOK?

ECCLESIASTES 3:12-22 | PASTOR TODD

Today, we continue our series from Ecclesiastes by looking at how to experience hope regardless of the circumstances before us. We can guard against discouragement by:

1. Remembering _____.

2. Guarding _____.

3. Choosing _____.

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."

— Isaiah 26:3 (NIV)