

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:

Wednesday Night Suppers

We are looking for volunteers to help in several different areas: meal coordination, preparing food, setting up, serving, cleanup, dishwashing, – all on a rotational basis. Commitments will likely be only 1-2 times per month!

We are getting our teams together!

Questions, contact Caye Bakken, or come to our annual planning meeting

This Thursday, August 15 @ 6:30 pm at church

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 8.4.19: \$15,507.52
Weekly YTD average: \$12,774.54
Mortgage balance as of 8.1.19: \$515,874.62
Attendance on 8-4.19: 84 & 138 = 222

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Jake Jacobs, Brent Larson

(10:00) Kay Zwald, Melissa Falde

WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, Hannah Plummer,
Jerrett Feyereisen, Paul Schatz, Dave Schatz,
Isaac Gabriel

SOUND: Andrew Ertsgaard **VIDEO:** Danielle Ertsgaard

THE HUB: (8:15) Lisa Larson

NURSERY: (8:15) Erik & Emily Bekkum, Kyla Kubera
(10:00) Anne Harris, Sarah & Lauren Aust

JR. CHURCH: Note: No Jr. Church today

USHERS: (8:15) Steve Splittgerber, Dan Wallace
(10:00) Adam Johnson, Steve Schalla

PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Mark Wespetal
(10:00) Bob & Debbie Gilbertson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Kay & Raye Schmalstig,
Terri Pearson

PRODUCE PICK-UP: Dan Larson

THIS WEEK

TODAY 8/11

8:15 & 10:00a

Worship Services

MONDAY 8/12

7:45p Softball Fam. Div. FirstCov vs UCC@H.#2

TUESDAY 8/13

12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY 8/14

6:30p Sr. High Life Group: Gracie Hull hosts

THURSDAY 8/15

6:30p Awana training on new system

6:30p Wed. Supper Meeting

SUNDAY 8/18

8:15 & 10:00a

Worship Services

1:00 or 7:00p

Greeting Ministry Orientation

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

Sunday, August 11, 2019 | 8:15a & 10:00a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS | GREET

WORSHIP SONGS

OFFERING

Note: No Jr. Church today

MESSAGE

Getting Connected

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 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.

Invitation!

We cordially invite you to join FirstCov's Greeter Team!

You've witnessed the cheerful greeters when entering and leaving services; holding doors, helping people out of cars, and just being the embodiment of Christ's welcoming Spirit. If this is an area of service that interests you, we would love to tell you more!

Contact us at rfcov.hospitality@gmail.com or feel free to join us for our next Orientation on:
Sunday, August 18 @ 1:00p or 7:00p

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES:** 8:15a & 10:00a (Sunday School returns in fall.)
- ❖ **NEXT WEEK:** (August 18) Pastor Todd continues our Trivial Pursuit series from Ecclesiastes 6 and how to effectively face trials in our life. Come and be challenged and blessed.
- ❖ **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!
- ❖ **AN IMMERSION BAPTISM SERVICE** is planned for **Sun., August 18th** after 2nd service. See Pastor. Todd if you too are interested in publicly declaring your faith through baptism.
- ❖ **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).

VBS THANKS & PRAISES

- ❖ **THANK YOU!** Your service (in front or behind the scenes), donations, and prayer blessed so many kids and families. Please pray for the seeds of the gospel that went out to kids and families.
 - VBS Offering: \$869.31 collected for Cov Kids Congo!
 - Total kids: 163 (preschool to gr. 5)
 - No church home: 19
 - Not from FirstCov: 54
 - Thank you! Generous giving that supported FREE T-shirt (each child) and a VBS song CD (each family)
 - Volunteers: 97
 - **Borrowed items can be picked up in room 205 ASAP.**

SR. HIGH LIFE GROUP

- ❖ **SR. HIGH: A GREAT SUMMER CONNECTION!** (including incoming freshman). This Wednesday at 6:30p (Gracie Hull hosting).

BLAST VOLUNTEER TRAINING MONDAY, AUGUST 26 | 6:30P

- ❖ **ALL CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEERS!** Please save the date for this training night.

REACH THE WORLD...HERE!

We had many AllNations House international students join our church family & worship with us this past year!

What is it? It's a campus ministry that serves UWRP international students and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ for God's glory in the nations.

How is God working? The ministry has been growing, and they have an additional house to use for the ministry.

How you can help: Help in preparing the house by:

- cleaning (anyone that would be willing to come and sweep, scrub, mop, spray, wipe, vacuum, or even put items in cupboards to get the house ready for a fresh start.)
- a truck
- a few strong individuals to move furniture into the house
- donations of beds and mattresses

Plans are to begin cleaning **Wed., Aug. 21**, but contact allnationshouseuwrp@gmail.com for more info.

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 Registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, REI and Best Buy.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

August 11, 2019

- ❖ For our Missionaries of the Week: Jared & Hannah Baker
- ❖ For Healing and Help: Linda L. Johnson, David Petersen, Dave Kolb, Dot Strandberg, Bonnye Huland, Lila Hilden, Lincoln Martin, Dean Benoy
- ❖ 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 Ministry Team 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, Aaron Riess, Ryan Neel, John Meier, Murray Stoffa, Colin Arneson, Mckenzie Curtis, Max Elliott, Justin Petersen.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

ADULT: (TBD); BLAST (Childrens): Bob & Debbie Gilbertson; **YOUTH:** Laura Schatz;
MEN: Vern Larson, Rich Kathan; **WOMEN:** Wendy Larson; **WORSHIP & ARTS:** Dave Schatz;
MAINTENANCE: Rob Stevens; **MISSIONS:** Jim Harsdorf; **OUTREACH: (TBD);**
COMPASSION, MERCY JUSTICE: Chuck Sambs; **FINANCE: (TBD)**

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Jared & Hannah Baker, Covenant missionaries transitioning their serving from France to MENA. They returned to Colorado after weeks of travel to the **Middle East/North Africa** and France. They were looking at the best location to land as the first representatives of their MENA team to relocate to the region. And in France they spent an intense three weeks of closing up shop. It was hard and emotionally draining and they appreciate the prayers as they go forward. To keep in touch follow them on Instagram for snapshots of where they are and what they are doing...they're at bakersroll



GETTING CONNECTED | PASTOR TODD ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12

Today, we continue our series from Ecclesiastes by looking at the importance of living in community with one another. We need Christian community because:

1. We are _____.

2. We are _____.

3. It helps us _____.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV)