

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:

Children's Sunday School Co-Teacher

We still need a **co-teacher** for K-1st grade. You don't need a huge amount of experience... just a heart to serve! Please consider this opportunity and if you have questions contact Deb Gilbertson or Neil Vance.

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 8.18.19: \$8,495.76
Weekly YTD average: \$12,568.74
Mortgage balance as of 8.1.19: \$515,874.62
Attendance on 8-18.19: 102 & 173 = 275

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Jake Jacobs, Kay Zwald
(10:00) Marv Call, Lanette Harsdorf
WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, Aryanna Plummer,
John Witt, Amanda Weber, Jerrett Feyereisen,
Mitch Rand, Jerry Nelson, Isaac Gabriel
SOUND: Andrew Ertsgaard **VIDEO:** Ben Gabriel
THE HUB: (8:15) Jackie Wallace (10:00) Sarah Vance
NURSERY: (8:15) Robert Curtis, Abby Hendrickson
(10:00) Kay Zwald, Annette Schalla, Katie Olson
JR. CHURCH: (10:00) Jo & Octavia Heuschele
USHERS: (8:15) Jerry Hallstrom, Curt Yelken
(10:00) Rod Hanson, Dan Pearson, Stephen Matz
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Jason & Tina Hull
(10:00) Melissa Ertsgaard, Bill Hickox
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Chuck & Judy Sambs
PRODUCE PICK-UP: Gary Sumner

THIS WEEK

TODAY 8/25
8:15 & 10:00a Worship Services
MONDAY 8/26
6:30p BLAST Children's Training
TUESDAY 8/27
9:00a - 12:00p Church Work Day
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers
6:30p MOPS (leadership meeting)
WEDNESDAY 8/28
8:45p Men's Iron: Small group
SUNDAY 9/1
8:15 & 10:00a Worship Services w/Communion
(This will be the last Sunday of our summer schedule.)

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"
Sunday, August 25, 2019 | 8:15a & 10:00a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS | GREET

WORSHIP SONGS

OFFERING

(10:00) Children ages 5-7 may go to Rm 306 for Junior Church.
Parents: Please walk your child to the room and pick up after the service.

MESSAGE

Walking Wisely

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 feel free to share your contact info and pass it down the row. 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.

Join the Journey Sunday

Two Weeks!! Sunday, September 8

Fall Schedule Worship Times Begin
8:15a and 10:45a

Special Sunday School
All Ages in Worship Center

9:30-10:30a

Have some fun, 2nd Grade Bible Handout, teacher intros, adult options, and more!!

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT WEEK:** (Sept. 1) Pastor Todd continues our Trivial Pursuit series from Ecclesiastes. It's also Communion Sunday.
- ❖ **UWRP (INTERVARSITY) WELCOME BACK PICNIC!** Fri., Sept. 6 from 3-7p at UWRP campus. More info and a sign up is @theHub or online through our Wed. E-News. Let us know how you can help! Set up, serving, bringing food items (meats, buns, salads, cookies, bottles of water, chips). Thank you!
- ❖ **BE IN PRAYER** for **Pastor Todd and Melissa** in their transition to Bemidji Covenant **and for our church** as we work with our Northwest Conference processes for an interim pastor and pastoral search. **Their last Sunday with us is September 15** with a potluck & farewell after second service. Watch for more info.
- ❖ **SEARCH COMMITTEE** The Leadership Team is compiling names for a search committee to submit to the congregation. If you would like to nominate someone to be considered for the committee, please send their name to Jackie in the church office. Prospective nominee must be a member of FirstCov and include your name as the one nominating.
- ❖ **KEEP IN TOUCH!** Leadership and Ministry Team monthly notes are in a 3-ring binder at the Info Rack. If you miss a Sunday, you can catch sermons and the latest bulletin! Go to our website and scroll down on the main page to find sermons and bulletins to keep informed!

BLAST VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Monday, August 26 | 6:30p

- ❖ **ALL CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEERS!** Please join us for this training night. Come get equipped!

CHURCH WORK DAY!

- ❖ **COME** help this Tuesday, Aug. 27th from 9:00-12:00p with light cleanup, paint touch ups, and landscape work at the church in preparation for upcoming fall events!

AWANA REGISTRATION

- ❖ **REGISTER ONLINE NOW** at rfcov.twotimtwo.com. Note: Please come pay fees on Wed., Sept. 4th from 6:30- 8:00p.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH CAMPAIGN

Experiencing Eternity Today

Our 5-week sermon series & small group journey begins on Sept. 22.

- ❖ **CURRENT SMALL GROUP LEADERS:** We will be studying John Ortberg's "**Eternity is Now in Session.**" Please reserve a kit ASAP by emailing the office with number of guides needed.
- ❖ **WANT TO BE A SMALL GROUP LEADER?** It is not as hard as you may think, and God works powerfully through you! Please contact Pastor Brian or let the office know.

SPECIAL BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 7 | 8:00a

- ❖ **ALL MEN AND WOMEN** are invited to hear FirstCov'er Jake Jacobs share "for the first time ever revealed, an eye opening testimony of the highs and unvarnished lows" in his journey to Christ. Sign up @theHub (or Wed. E-news) so we can plan for the food.

PRECEPT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

- ❖ **WHAT IS TRUE FAITH?** The Women's Precept Bible study class will be studying the book of James, starting Sept. 11 at 9:30-11:45a. Contact Pam Yelken or the church office for more information.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

- ❖ **CHILDCARE HELP:** Looking for kind and caring individuals to provide childcare for children ages 0-4 years old during their meetings. [Volunteer and paid positions available.](#) Workers needed 1st and 3rd Tuesdays beginning September 10 from 8:50-11:15 at First Covenant Church. Come snuggle babies, play with toddlers, or help preschoolers complete crafts while their moms fill their cups with Jesus and coffee! Contact Lindsey Curtis for more information: 253-307-8254, or lindseymariemcurtis@gmail.com.
- ❖ **KNOW A MOM OF PRESCHOOLERS?** Be sure to tell them about our MOPS program which is open to all moms in our community and surrounding area. It is not just for FirstCov attendees!

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

August 25, 2019

- ❖ For Pastor Todd & Melissa as they prepare for their move to Bemidji Covenant, and for our LT as they work with our Northwest Conference Office processes for an Interim Pastor and Pastor Search
 - ❖ Missionary of the Week: Cindy Pearson
 - ❖ For Healing and Help: David Petersen, Dave Kolb, Dot Strandberg, Bonnye Huland, Lila Hilden, Lincoln Martin, Dean Benoy, Vern Larson
 - ❖ As we continue forward in our Congregational Vitality process, 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 Northwest Conference 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 NORTHWEST CONFERENCE LEADERS

Northwest Conference Office: 3106 47th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN

The Mission of the Northwest Conference is to engage, empower and equip healthy missional leaders, as we believe that this is a key to growing healthy missional churches.

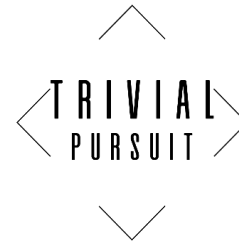
Mark R. Stromberg, Superintendent; **Mike Brown**, Director of Church Planting;
Jon Kramka, Director of Congregational Vitality; **Bryan Malley**, Director of Communications;
Ginny Olson, Director of Youth Ministry; **Kara Stromberg**, Director of Children & Family Ministry; **Jeff Burton**, Director of Pastoral Care & Development;
Greg Ellis, Coordinator for CHET NWC; **Sandy Norris**, Director of Finance;
Cheryl Theilen, Director of Administration; **Jessa Anderson**, Administrative Coordinator

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Cindy Pearson, serving at Charis College in Hong Kong.

- Praises:** 1. Awesome opportunities to see people healed and restored to intimate relationship with Jesus! 2. Our new e-charis platform is now in Chinese and being used in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Singapore. Students can study classes on an iPad anywhere, anytime! **Pray for:** 1. More lives to be transformed by our Charis courses.
2. Those undergoing persecution for their faith
3. **Thanks so much for your support and prayers.**
- Thank you for investing in us! Lives are being changed because of you!!!**

WALKING WISELY | ECCLESIASTES 7 PASTOR TODD



Today, we continue our series from Ecclesiastes by looking at how to gain wisdom to successfully face the challenges and uncertainties of life. If we are going to walk wisely, we need to know:

1. Where _____.
2. Why _____.
3. How _____.

“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” Psalms 90:12 (NIV)