

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
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 7.28.19: \$5,217.35
Weekly YTD average: \$12,448.07
Mortgage balance as of 7.1.19: \$525,505.79
Attendance on 7-28.19: 100 & 162-262

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Linda Lundstrom
(10:00) Marcy Jorgenson
WORSHIP TEAM: Jake Jacobs, Pat Nelson, Aryanna Plummer, Paul Schatz, Jerry Nelson
SOUND: Adam Johnson **VIDEO:** Ben Gabriel
THE HUB: (8:15) Jeannie Wespetal
(10:00) Sarah Vance
NURSERY: (8:15) Bonnie Swanson, Julie & Kaitlyn Dicus
(10:00) Kay Zwald, Annette Schalla, Brianna Strehlau
JR. CHURCH: (10:00) Karen Olsen
USHERS: (8:15) Jerry Hallstrom, Tom Nelson
(10:00) Johnny Manche, Dan Pearson
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Gary Sumner
(10:00) Melissa Ertsgaard
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Fred & Joy Berg,
Mark & Kim Spafford
PRODUCE PICK-UP: Dan Schmalstig

THIS WEEK

TODAY 8/4
8:15 & 10:00a Worship Services w/Communion
MONDAY 8/5
7:45p Softball Fam. Div. FirstCov vs St. B.@H.#2
TUESDAY 8/6
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers
WEDNESDAY 8/7
6:30p Sr. High Life Group: Kyla Kubera host
6:30p Leadership Team & Ministry Team Leaders Kick Off
THURSDAY 8/8
6:30p Leadership Team Meeting
SUNDAY 8/11
8:15 & 10:00a Worship Services

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"
Sunday, August 4, 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

Where to Find Homeland Security?

Pastor Todd

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.

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.

Baptism/Dedication

Follow Jesus with these special opportunities.

Infants/Children: We invite parents to the choice of an infant baptism or dedication.

Adults, there is adult baptism by immersion.

Please contact Pastor Todd for more information or if you have an interest!

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES:** 8:15a & 10:00a (Sunday School returns in fall.)
- ❖ **NEXT WEEK:** (August 11) Pastor Todd continues our Trivial Pursuit series from Ecclesiastes. Come and be challenged and blessed.
- ❖ **SUPPORTING THE WORLD: 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!*
- ❖ **STAFF VACATION:** Pastor Brian is out of the office through Aug. 12.
- ❖ **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).

LT & MTL KICK OFF NIGHT!

- ❖ **THIS WED., AUG. 7** at 6:30p for all Leadership Team members and all Ministry Team Leaders. Come get inspired and equipped for our year ahead.

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

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

SR. HIGH LIFE GROUP

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

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 UWRf 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 gotten 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 allnationshouseuwr@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.

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- Lund Mission – Stockholm (Lund) – Rev. Darren Catron
- Midcurrent – Hudson – Rev. Sten Carlson
- Prairie Lake – Chetek – Rev. Scott Christensen
- Prairie View – New Richmond – Rev. Tim Coyer
- Prince of Peace - Mondovi - Rev. Ileana Garcia-Soto
- Renew – Eau Claire- Rev. Jamie Staples
- United – Clear Lake – Rev. Dan Pearson
- Zion – Ellsworth – Rev. Dave Hugare

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"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)