

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:

Childcare Help

The MOPS (Mother Of Pre-Schoolers) group is 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 with a training session on September 10 from 8:50-11:15a here. 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 lindseymariecurtis@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 8.25.19: \$6,159.72
Weekly YTD average: \$12,800.73
Mortgage balance as of 8.1.19: \$515,874.62
Attendance on 8-25.19: 132 & 166=298

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Jake Jacobs
(10:00) Melissa Ertsgaard, Melissa Falde
WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, Hannah Plummer, Paul Schatz, Dave Schatz
SOUND: Adam Johnson **VIDEO:** Andrew Ertsgaard
THE HUB: (8:15) Linda Lundstrom (10:00) Joni Kolb
NURSERY: (8:15) Erik & Emily Bekkum
(10:00) April Alton-Hudson & Aidan Alton
JR. CHURCH: (10:00) No Jr. Church Today
USHERS: (8:15) Kevin Black, Steve Splittgerber
(10:00) Matt Fitzgerald, Johnny Manche
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Steve & Linda Johnson
(10:00) Jeff Carow
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Leslie Benoy, Lynn Hampton
PRODUCE PICK-UP: Art Wellnitz

THIS WEEK

TODAY 9/1
8:15 & 10:00a Worship Services w/Communion
MONDAY 9/2
Labor Day – Office Closed
TUESDAY 9/3
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers
WEDNESDAY 9/4
6:00p Confirmation Parent Meeting (7th & 8th Grade)
6:30p Awana Registration
7:15p Parent Meeting Youth (gr. 6-12)
8:45p Men's Iron: Small group
FRIDAY 9/6
3:00-7:00p InterVarsity Welcome Back Picnic at UWRF
SATURDAY 9/7
8:00a Men's Breakfast here (women invited!)
SUNDAY 9/8 *Join the Journey Sunday*
8:15 & 10:45a **Fall Times Begin!** Worship Services
9:30a Rally Sunday School (all together in Worship Center)

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"
Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019 | 8:15a & 10:00a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS | GREET

WORSHIP SONGS

OFFERING

Note: No Jr. Church Today

MESSAGE

What Hope Do You Have?

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 are up front after the services for your prayer needs.

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!

Fall Kick Off: NEXT Sunday, September 8

Fall Worship Times Begin!

8:15a | 10:45a

Special Sunday School

9:30-10:30a

Kids, Youth, Adults all meet together in Worship Center!

Note: Our Annual Picnic will be for Pastor Todd & Melissa's Farewell on Sunday, Sept. 15. (See info under "Church Life").

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT WEEK:** (Sept. 8) Our Fall Schedule returns with 8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services. Pastor Todd continues our Trivial Pursuit series from Ecclesiastes 12:1-14 Living Without Regret.
- ❖ **THE BLUE ENVELOPE** in your bulletin is for our benevolence fund used to assist those in need in our church and supports ARC (Assistance & Resource Center) in our community.
- ❖ **OUR COMMUNION WAFERS** used today 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!*
- ❖ **UWRF (INTERVARSITY) WELCOME BACK PICNIC!** This **Fri., Sept. 6** from 3-7p at UWRF. Sign up to help @theHub or online through our Wed. E-News. Set up, serving, bringing food items (meats, buns, salads, cookies, bottles of water, chips). Thank you!
- ❖ **FAREWELL POTLUCK: Be in prayer for Pastor Todd and Melissa** in their transition to Bemidji Covenant. **Their last Sunday with us is September 15**, and we will have a potluck & farewell after second service. Meat/buns & beverages provided. Last names A-G bring side dishes, H-N bring desserts, O-Z bring salads.
- ❖ **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.

PARENT MEETINGS | AWANA REGISTRATION

This Wed. Sept. 4

- ❖ **6:00p** Confirmation Meeting for all parents of 7th & 8th graders in Room 303.
- ❖ **7:15p** Youth Meeting for all parents of youth in grades 6-12 in Youth Room.
- ❖ **AWANA REGISTER ONLINE NOW** at frcov.twotimtwo.com. Note: Please pay fees on Wed., Sept. 4th from 6:30- 8:00p here.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Gospel Project

Starting Sept. 15 | 9:30-10:30a

ALL the Bible across **ALL** ages!!

Where Can I Find It?

- **Children:** Sunday School
- **Middle School:** Sunday School
- **High School:** Sunday School (at times)
- **Adults:** Sunday School

What You Get Out of It

- **Study the whole Bible** with others.
- **Be equipped to engage your family or other generations** who are studying the same passages.
- **Have Jesus glorified to you in new ways**, especially as we explore the Old Testament.
- **Use the resources** given to the children and youth as a teaching time with your child.

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! Contact Pastor Brian.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

- ❖ **WOMEN'S PRECEPT** Bible study class | Book of James | Starts Wed., Sept. 11 | 9:30-11:45a. Contact: Pam Yelken.
- ❖ **BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP:** Fridays | Starts Sept. 13 | 9:40-11:15a | Acts & Letters of the Apostles. For info, contact Terri Pearson.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

September 1, 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: Justin Harsdorf
- ❖ 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 Evangelical Covenant Church 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 EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH LEADERS

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ECC President: John Wenrich

Start & Strengthen Churches: Alex Rahall, Interim

Make & Deepen Disciples: Michelle Sanchez, Executive Minister

Developing Leaders: Lance Davis, Executive Minister

Love Mercy Do Justice: Cecilia Williams, Executive Minister

Serve Globally: Al Tizon, Executive Minister

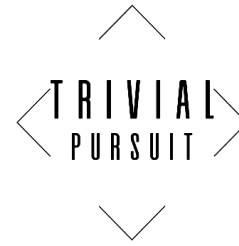
Director of Operations: Rebecca Gonzalez

Communications: Edward Gilbreath, Executive Director

Finance: Paul Hawkinson, Treasurer & Executive Director of Finance

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Justin Harsdorf, son of Jim & Lanette. Justin is on a team with the "World Race" and is currently in Panama. To follow his blog and his adventures go to <https://justinharsdorf.theworldrace.org>



WHAT HOPE DO YOU HAVE? ECCLESIASTES 9:1-10 | PASTOR TODD

Today, we continue our series from Ecclesiastes by looking at how to keep hope alive and lasting. We do this by realizing:

1. It is not _____.
2. It needs _____.
3. How _____.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." - Romans 15:13 (NIV)