

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 AV 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 may contact Jake Jacobs at jakejam@gmail.com. He looks forward to hearing from you!

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 9.1.19: \$25,588.64
Weekly YTD average: \$12,833.46
Mortgage balance as of 9.1.19: \$513,787.34
Attendance on 9.1.19: 78 & 144 = 222

THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Linda Lundstrom
(10:45) Lanette Harsdorf
WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, John Witt,
Aryanna Plummer, Mark Wespetal, Mitch Rand,
Dave Schatz, Paul Schatz
SOUND: Andrew Ertsgaard **VIDEO:** Micah Majerus
THE HUB: (8:15) Jackie Wallace (10:45) Sarah Johnson
NURSERY: (8:15) John & Marly Aune
(10:45) Deb Gilbertson, Jo & Octavia Heuschele
JR. CHURCH: (10:00) P. Brian & Kim Majerus
USHERS: (8:15) Brian Halling, Gregg Quam
(10:45) Adam Johnson, Rod Hanson
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Gary Sumner
(10:45) Bob & Deb Gilbertson
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Soozie & Brian Halling,
Kathy Manche
PRODUCE PICK-UP: Dan Schmalstig

THIS WEEK

TODAY 9/8

8:15 & 10:45a **Fall Schedule Begins!** Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School (all together in Worship Center)
6:30p Mission's Sharing: Emily Gabriel in Youth Room

TUESDAY 9/10

9:30a MOPS Childcare Training
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers

WEDNESDAY 9/11

9:30a Women's Precept Bible Study
3:30 or 6:30p Confirmation (Gr. 7 & 8)
5:30p Fellowship Supper
6:30p Awana (gr K-6) Sr. High Youth Group (gr. 9-12),
Adult Prayer Group
8:45p Iron: Men's Small Group

FRIDAY 9/13

9:40a Women's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)

SUNDAY 9/15

8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School for all ages!
12:15p Farewell/Potluck for Ertsgaard's

CONTACT US!

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FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"
Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019 | 8:15a & 10:45a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS | GREET

WORSHIP SONGS

OFFERING

10:45a 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

No Regrets

Pastor Todd

CLOSING SONG

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).
 - 10:45- Nursery Room.
 - Infant Room—Hear the service too. On right as you enter Worship Center.
 - 10:45- 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.

BLESSINGS & FAREWELL POTLUCK

NEXT Sunday, September 15, is Pastor Todd and Melissa's last Sunday with us.

We will have a potluck & farewell after the 10:45a service.

Note: Meat (pork), buns, & beverages provided.

Last names in these please bring:

A-G side dishes

H-N desserts

O-Z salads

Be in prayer as they transition to Bemidji Covenant.

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT WEEK:** (Sept. 15) Pastor Todd & Melissa's last Sunday with us. See big spot on left for more info.
- ❖ **TONIGHT | 6:30p** Emily Gabriel shares her Netherland mission trip in the Youth Room.
- ❖ **WED. FELLOWSHIP SUPPER:** This week serving tater tot hotdish from 5:30-6:15p. Sign up on the Welcome Pad or let us know by Tuesday noon if you will be coming. Cost: \$3.00/max \$12.00
- ❖ **OUR NEXT HYMN SING** is Sept. 22 from 9:45-10:15a in the Worship Center. Join us!
- ❖ **SEARCH COMMITTEE** The Leadership Team is compiling names for a Pastoral 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.

OUR WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Begins this Wednesday, Sept. 11

- 9:30a Women's Precept Bible Study Class
- 3:30p or 6:30p Confirmation Classes (gr. 7th & 8th)
- 5:30-6:15p Fellowship Suppers (Sign up in Pad!)
- 6:30p-8:00p Awana (gr. K-6)
- 6:30-8:00p SOLID Youth Group (gr. 9-12)
- 6:30-7:30p Adult Prayer Group
- 8:45-10:00p IRON: a men's group

MOPS

- ❖ **MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)** Join us Tues., Sept. 17th at 9:00a for our first MOPS meeting. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays. Childcare available. Invite a friend!
- ❖ **MOPS CHILDCARE HELP:** Seeking kind and caring individuals for children ages 0-4 y.o. Volunteer and paid positions available. **Training session this Tues., Sept. 10 from 8:50-11:15a here.** For more info contact Lindsey Curtis at 253-307-8254 or lindseymariecurtis@gmail.com

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

- ❖ **FOOD PACKING OPPORTUNITY** on Sat., Sept. 21 from 2-4p in Eagan. Sign up @theHub or through the Wednesday E-News.

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 verses.
- 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 | Begins 9.22

Are God's promises of eternity only for "then" or could there be something for "today"?

❖ **GO DEEP: Choose all 3 opportunities:**

- **Sunday Worship** Sept. 22-Oct. 20
- **Groups**
 - **Adults:** Small Groups
 - **Students:**
 - **High School:** Youth Group
 - **Middle School:** Sunday School
- **Individual:** Read the book.

❖ **READY?** Sign up for a small group or pick up resources at the series table!

❖ **WANT TO BE A SMALL GROUP LEADER?** It's a great time and way to serve. See 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 8, 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 a Pastor Search
- ❖ For Pastor Tim Anderson, our Interim Pastor starting Oct. 6
- ❖ Missionary of the Week: Judy Gomoll
- ❖ 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 FirstCov Leadership Team (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 FIRSTCOV LEADERSHIP TEAM

John Aune, Chair, Jerry Hallstrom, Vice Chair; Pat Stevens, Adm. Officer; Jeff Carow, Financial Officer; Jean Wespetal, Kay Zwald, Mark Gabriel, Marv Call, Pastor Todd Ertsgaard

These LT members will serve as liaisons to these Ministry Teams: Adult: Kay Zwald, Children's: Pat Stevens, Youth: Mark Gabriel, Men's: Marv Call, Women's: Jean Wespetal, Worship & Arts: Pastor Todd & Kay Zwald; Maintenance: Jerry Hallstrom, Missions: Mark Gabriel; Outreach: John Aune & Marv Call, CMJ: Jeff Carow

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Judy Gomoll, serving with the Navigators. **Her new ministry:** Serving half-time in Colorado with the US-Navigators and half-time in Nairobi, Kenya, with the Africa-Navigators. In Africa, Judy disciples young women, identifies and develops potential women leaders, helps address matters of biblical sexuality, encourages and mentors Ugandan Navigator leaders, and adapts/designs cross-cultural ministry resources. In the US, she also designs and delivers ministry training for US staff, serves on the Sexual Health and Wholeness National Team, comes alongside African Navigators based in the US, and focuses on the spiritual needs of the younger generation.

Where: Colorado, US, and Nairobi, Kenya

US Contact Info: 11961 Ridgeview Lane, Parker, CO 80138

Support: prayer and financial; gifts may be sent to The Navigators, PO Box 6079, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6679.

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NO REGRETS ECCLESIASTES 12:1-14 | PASTOR TODD

Today, we conclude our series from Ecclesiastes entitled, "Trivial Pursuit," by looking at how we can live without regret by remembering:

1. To keep _____.

2. The brevity _____.

3. We are _____.

"For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." - Romans 14:7-8 (NIV)