

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

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:

Sunday Produce Pick Up!

We need more produce pick up help to add to our rotation. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Art Wellnitz at 715-796-5274 or arwellnitz@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 12.29.19: \$14,653.45
Weekly YTD average: \$11,812.68
Mortgage balance as of 1.1.20: \$469,385.73
Quarterly Pay Down to Principal: \$36,000.00
Attendance on 12.29.19: 210

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Linda Lundstrom, Betty Howard
(10:45) Marv Call
WORSHIP TEAM: Jake Jacobs, Aryanna Plummer,
Dave Schatz, Paul Schatz
SOUND: Adam Johnson
VIDEO: Camilla Johnson, Molly Plummer
THE HUB: (8:15) Jackie Wallace (10:45) Sarah Vance
NURSERY: (8:15) Kay Zwald, Annette Schalla
(10:45) Nicole Yamry, Darlene & Amanda Backes
JR. CHURCH: (10:45) P. Brian & Kim Majerus
USHERS: (8:15) Dan Wallace, Jerry Hallstrom
(10:45) Jake Koskie, Johnny Manche
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Steve & Linda Johnson
(10:45) Val Wellnitz
CAFÉ' CREW: Bonnie Swanson, Bonnie VanDeMark
PRODUCE PICK-UP: Art Wellnitz
BUS DRIVER: Brian Aust

THIS WEEK

TODAY 1/5
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services with Communion
9:30a Sunday School Classes
MONDAY 1/6
5:40-8:15p Confirmation Parent Conferences
TUESDAY 1/7
9:00a MOPS (Mothers of Pre-schoolers)
WEDNESDAY 1/8
3:00-8:15p Confirmation Parent Conferences
(NOTE: No Classes for Confirmation students)
5:30p Fellowship Supper for all!
6:30p Awana (gr K-6), Sr. High Youth Group,
Adult Prayer Group
8:45p Iron: Men's Small Group
FRIDAY 1/10
9:40a Women's Bible Study Fellowship
SUNDAY 1/12
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School Classes
2:00p Middle School leaves for snow tubing

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

Sunday, January 5, 2020 | 8:15 & 10:45a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SONGS

OFFERING & PRAYER

(10:45) 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

The Resolution Solution

Pastor Tim

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.



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—On right as you enter Worship Center. Service on screen.
 - 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.

Wednesday Ministries Return This Week!

Beginning THIS Wednesday, January 8

3:00-8:15p: Confirmation Parent Conferences

(NOTE: No Classes for Confirmation students this week)

5:30p: Fellowship Supper for all!

(You do NOT need to be part of a Wednesday ministry. Come enjoy a meal and connect with others mid-way in week!)

**6:30p: Awana (gr K-6) , Sr. High Youth Group
Adult Prayer Group**

8:45p: IRON: a men's group

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY** (Jan. 12) Pastor Tim's message will be from Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 on "Seeing What We Expect".
- ❖ **JANUARY CLARION** newsletters were emailed, and paper copies are available at the Info Rack.
- ❖ **NO COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT LUNCH** today due to J-Term break. **Our next lunch is Feb. 2.**
- ❖ **THE BLUE ENVELOPE** in the bulletin is for our benevolence fund, which assists those in need in our church and supports ARC (Assistance & Resource Center) for our community.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **WED. FELLOWSHIP SUPPER:** 5:30-6:15p This week serving tater tot hotdish. Sign up on the Welcome Pad or call by Tues. noon. **Open to everyone!**
- ❖ **HYMN SING!** Next Sun., Jan. 12, 9:45-10:15a in Worship Center.
- ❖ **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** starts Mon., Jan. 13 for nine weeks. Please stop by the table today or see the weekly e-news for more details. For questions, contact the office or Luke Strehlau.
- ❖ **SAFETY/WELLNESS RENEWALS FOR 2020 will be due January 31.** An email has been sent with the policy and any forms you need. *It is important to know and practice FirstCov's Safety & Wellness.* Please review it, sign and return to the box in the office.
- ❖ **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Save the date! Sun., Jan 26 (2020 Budget focus) and a CHIC 2021 Soup's On Lunch will be served.

SUPPERS FOR SIX!

- ❖ **GET CONNECTED WITH OTHERS!** Sign up @theHub or through the Wed. E-News link. We are extending the sign ups until January 15. Once groups are formed, you'll decide as a group how many times you'll meet, and if you'll take turns at each other's homes, or eat out.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

- ❖ **PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE INVITES INPUT** from anyone who would like to give input on the pastoral search process. Please put your thoughts in writing and either email them to RFFCC.search.com@gmail.com, or give them to Caye Bakken, Co-Chair of the Pastoral Search Committee, by January 31st. All correspondence must be signed. Since the search process must be confidential, you will not receive a specific response to your input.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS

- ❖ **PARENT CONFERENCES** with Pastors and Neil are Mon., Jan. 6 from 5:40-8:15p, or Wed., Jan. 8th from 3:00-8:15. An e-mail has been sent for you to pick a 15-minute slot. Note: **No classes for students this Wed.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Returns TODAY! January 5th!!

- ❖ **Gospel Project! 9:30-10:30a for Ages 2 y.o. to Adult** (**High School and Adults are doing a 6-week class together. Meet in High School Youth Room!**)

WOMEN MINISTRIES

- ❖ **INVITE!** Linda Anderson invites you to her home for coffee/tea on Sat., Jan. 25. Please bring your favorite cup/mug and your favorite hat! Sign up @theHub or in e-news for one of the times (2:00, 4:00, or 6:00p). Due to lack of parking, it would be best to carpool from church.
- ❖ **PRECEPT CLASS:** The Women's Precept Bible Study class is "Knowing God's Covenant". Starts January 15th 9:30-11:45a. Contact Pam Yelken or the office for info.

NO REGRETS MEN'S CONF.

- ❖ **CONFERENCE** simulcast tickets on sale at rfcov.org. It is a special time for guys to seek Christ and get inspired! Sat., Feb. 1. For info, see Vern Larson or the office.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

January 5, 2020

- ❖ That we may be renewed by Christ for 2020, with God's grace
- ❖ Congratulations to Mitch & Amanda (Weber) Rand who were married here yesterday.
- ❖ For our Pastoral Search Committee (working with our Northwest Conference Office) for a Lead Pastor Search. Members are: Brian Aust, Caye Bakken, Melissa Falde, Jason Hull, Steve Johnson, Lindsey Koskie, Brent Larson, Pat Nelson, John Aune (LT Chair).
- ❖ For Pastor Tim & Linda Anderson, in their time with us as our Interim Lead Pastor
- ❖ Missionary of the week: Cindy Pearson
- ❖ For Healing and Help: David Petersen, Joni Kolb, Terri Pearson, Bob Gilbertson, Nancy Erickson, Ernie Huland, Becki Reed, Shirley Peterson
- ❖ 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 Brian, Melissa Falde, Jason Hull, Evan Carstedt, Kathi Nelson, and Pat Stevens
- ❖ For our Lake Pepin District Churches and Pastors (see below)
- ❖ For our staff: Pr. Tim, 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: Brent Wiersma (currently deployed), Roland Pomfret, Aaron Riess, Ryan Neel, John Meier, Murray Stoffa (currently deployed), Colin Arneson, Mckenzie Curtis, Max Elliott (currently deployed), Justin Petersen

OUR LAKE PEPIN DISTRICT CHURCHES

Bethel – Ellsworth - Rev. Todd Spiker
Calvary – Stockholm - Rev. Roger Mollet & Rev. Mark Corona
Cedarbrook – Menomonie – Rev. Remy Diederich, Rev. Kyle Gunderson & Rev. Mitch Haaby
Crossings- Houlton, - Pastor Michele Arndt
First Cov – Red Wing, MN, Rev. Marc Eix
FirstCov – River Falls – Rev. Tim Anderson, Interim; Rev. Brian Majerus
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

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Cindy Pearson, Director of Charis Bible college in Hong Kong. Cindy shared that in 2019 they had 120 new students, their work has expanded in five countries of Asia, their 2nd year curriculum translation project is almost finished, they started a new program called eCharis where all first-year students take the courses on an iPad. Once a month they facilitate discussion of the courses in Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and Malaysia. In 2020 they hope to increase staff. She is so excited to be sharing the Gospel with Chinese all over the world! E-mail: Cindy@securenym.net.

The Resolution Solution

Ephesians 3:1-12

Pastor Tim Anderson, Interim Lead Pastor

1. How long have people been making New Year's resolutions?
2. A few resolution statistics:
3. What was the biggest issue the Ephesus church struggled with?
4. What changes (physical or spiritual) might God want you to work on in 2020?