

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. Check out these opportunities!

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

Communion Prep

If anyone would be interested in preparing communion (cups and trays) every other month, contact Linda Quam or the office.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

ELECTRONIC GIVING:

Go to www.rfcov.org and click on the *Electronic Tithing* link under Resources.

Weekly Operational need 2020#: \$12,149.27
Regular Giving 1.26.20: \$7,469.08
Weekly YTD average: \$6,881.10
Mortgage balance as of 1.1.20: \$469,385.73
4th Qtr Pay Down of Principal Mortg. \$4,000
Attendance on 1.26.20: 98 & 181=279

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Linda Lundstrom, Brent Larson
(10:45) Wendy Larson, Marcy Jorgenson
WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, Aryanna Plummer,
John Witt, Jerrett Feyereisen, Dave Schatz
SOUND: Adam Johnson **VIDEO:** Micah Majerus
THE HUB: (8:15) Jeannie Wespetal
(10:45) Sarah Johnson, Mark Kimball
NURSERY: (8:15) John & Marly Aune, Kyla Kubera
(10:45) April Alton-Hudson, Aidan Alton, Neil Vance
JR. CHURCH: (10:45) Jo & Octavia Heuschele
USHERS: (8:15) Dan Wallace, Gregg Quam
(10:45) Joe Munson, Dan Pearson
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Mark Wespetal
(10:45) Dan Pearson
CAFÉ CREW: Jackie Wallace, Joni Kolb
PRODUCE PICK-UP: Dan Larson
MINIBUS DRIVER: Jay Lucht

THIS WEEK

TODAY 2/2
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services w/Communion
9:30a Sunday School Classes
12:00p College/Young Adult Lunch
TUESDAY 2/4
9:00a MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)
WEDNESDAY 2/5
9:30a Women's Precept Class
3:30p Confirmation
5:30p Fellowship Supper for all!
6:30p Awana (gr K-6), Confirmation,
Sr. High SOLID Youth Group, Adult Prayer Group
8:45p Iron: Men's Small Group
THURSDAY 2/6
6:30p Leadership Team Meeting
FRIDAY 2/7
9:40a Women's Bible Study Fellowship
SATURDAY 2/8
4:00-8:00p Church use: Teens for Christ Quizzing
SUNDAY 2/9
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School Classes
9:45a Hymn Sing in Worship Center

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"
Sunday, February 2, 2020 | 8:15a & 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

To Whom Will You Go?

Brian Aust

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.

ECUADOR 2020 MISSION TRIP SPECIAL FUNDRAISER!

RESCHEDULED 4-COURSE MEAL!
Sat., Feb. 15 | 6:00p

OUR special 4-Course Meal that was going to be held back in Nov. is now rescheduled!

- 1) For those who bought tickets you're all set!
- 2) Have a ticket but can't go? Please let Mark Kimball know ASAP.
- 3) Don't have a ticket but want to come? **Tickets will be available at \$45.00 each.** (see Sarah Johnson)

This will be a great Valentine date night or just a fun night to enjoy with your friends/ small group! Contact Mark Kimball for more info . Our team of 13 leaves March 20.

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **TODAY WE WELCOME BRIAN AUST** as he shares the message. Brian is InterVarsity Leader at UWRF and a FirstCov member.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **TODAY! SOUPER BOWL OF CARING. HELP TACKLE HUNGER!** Please consider giving a \$1.00 (or more!) donation to the kettle @theHub. (*Supports the River Falls Food Pantry.*) Thank you for helping us score a touchdown in our community on this Super Bowl Sunday.
- ❖ **TODAY! COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH** following our 2nd worship service. Thank you Zwald and Aune families for providing the lunch.
- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY** (Feb. 9) Pastor Tim brings us the message from **Isaiah 43:1-7 "Lord of the Seas"**.
- ❖ **WED. FELLOWSHIP SUPPER:** 5:30-6:15p This week: **tacos**. Sign up on the Welcome Pad or call by Tues. noon. **Open to all!**
- ❖ **PAST DUE! SAFETY/ WELLNESS RENEWALS FOR 2020** An email was 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. (forms also available in the office).
- ❖ **FEBRUARY CLARION** newsletters were e-mailed. Paper copies are at the Info Rack.
- ❖ **RETURN BY FEB. 9: BABY BOTTLE BANKS** that help support Options for Women.
- ❖ **WANT YOUR 2019 GIVING STATEMENT?** Please send a note to office@rfcov.org with "2019 Giving Statement" in the subject line or call Jackie Wallace at the church office at 715-425-2640. Or you may also leave a note on her desk. You may receive your statement via **e-mail**, or in your **church mailbox**, or via the **USPS**. Please indicate how you wish to receive your statement when making your request.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ❖ **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

- ❖ **SPRING RENEWAL CONFERENCE!** We hope you'll plan to come and join our sisters in Christ from our Northwest Conference as we host this Renewal Event!
THEME: *Lean into God's Promises.*
DATES: March 13, 14
COST: \$50 Fri. & Sat., \$25 Fri. Night, \$40 Sat. only.
ONLINE REGISTRATION: www.wmnc.org
This Conference will feature Diane Brask, founder and director of Global Seed Planters with a focus on evangelism, training, church planting and humanitarian work among unreached or least reached people groups.

Breakout Sessions:

Lean In to....

- A Fresh Way to View Singleness
- Prayer
- Obedience - She Said Yes: Obeying God when He calls you to something different
- A Financial Life in Order
- The Holy Spirit's Prompting
- God's Promises
- Women Ministries in the Local Church
- Living a Joy-Filled Life
- Perseverance: Press on | Persigue la meta (Spanish)

More information (registration forms) and info on all the breakout sessions are available @theHub.

- ❖ **GUYS! We need your help!** We are excited to host this event and we will need lots of hands to help make it go smooth! **We are seeking men who would be able to help serve the noon lunch and/or do lunch clean up on Sat., Mar. 14.** Please let Wendy Larson or the office know if you can help us!

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Feb. 2, 2020

- ❖ 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, and John Aune (LT Chair).
- ❖ For Pastor Tim & Linda Anderson, in their time with us as our Interim Lead Pastor
- ❖ Missionaries of the week: College Ministry Leaders (see below)
- ❖ College Students of the week: Jason & Steven Aune
- ❖ For Healing and Help: David Petersen, Joni Kolb, Terri Pearson, Nancy Erickson, Ernie Huland, 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 & PASTORS

Bethel – Ellsworth - Rev. Todd Spiker
Calvary – Stockholm - Rev. Roger Mollet & Rev. Mark Coronna
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

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

Campus Ministries – continue to pray for their ministry to students!

UWRF InterVarsity Christian Fellowship: Brian Aust, Caleb Farber

UWRF CRU: Nicole & Lee Rickert, Francis Flood, Emily Dykstra, Sam Giesregen

Athletes InterVarsity Upper Midwest: Jason Hull

CRU – Middle & High School student in Mid-West Wisconsin: Debi Emery

COLLEGE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Jason & Steven Aune, sons of John & Marly Aune. Jason is a junior at UWRF majoring in Business/Marketing. Steven is a second-year student at St Thomas School of Law, Mpls

TO WHOM WILL YOU GO?

2 Chronicles 20:1-30

Brian Aust