

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: \$12,149.27
Regular Giving 2.16.20: \$9,360.00
Weekly YTD average: \$16,134.64
Mortgage balance as of 2.1.20: \$463,330.48
4th Qtr Pay Down of Principal Mortg. \$4,000.00
Attendance on 2.16.20: 119 & 145=264

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Brent Larson
(10:45) David & Brenda Pomfret
WORSHIP TEAM Emily Gabriel, Kim Majerus,
John Witt, Paul Martin, Amanda & Mitch Rand,
Mark Wespetal
SOUND: Adam Johnson **VIDEO:** Camilla Johnson
THE HUB: (8:15) Jackie Wallace, Jeannie Wespetal
(10:45) Lisa Larson, Sarah Vance
NURSERY: (8:15) Nate, Heather & Blake Baar
(10:45) Betty, Sarah & Lauren Aust
JR. CHURCH: (10:45) Rochelle Jacobs
USHERS: (8:15) Tom Nelson, Dan Wallace
(10:45) Rod Hanson, Dan Pearson
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Jason & Tina Hull
(10:45) Jeff Carow
CAFÉ CREW: Bonnie Swanson, Bonnie VanDeMark
PRODUCE PICK-UP: Brian Halling
MINIBUS DRIVER: Brian Aust

THIS WEEK

TODAY 2/23
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School Classes
(Grades 1-12 meet with Lake Beauty Bible Camp rep)
3:00-6:00p All church Ice Skating Party at Hunt Arena
WEDNESDAY 2/26
9:30a **NOTE!** No 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 2/27
6:30p Multipurpose room use: Master Gardeners
FRIDAY 2/28
9:40a Women's Bible Study Fellowship
SATURDAY 2/29
10:00a Awana Games Practice in Multi-Purpose Room
SUNDAY 3/1
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services w/Communion
9:30a Sunday School Classes

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"
Sunday, February 23, 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

How Strong Are Your Roots?

Pastor Tim

CLOSING SONG

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.



ICE SKATING PARTY!

TODAY! Feb. 23 | 3:00-6:00p

Hunt Arena at UWRF

Skating or not, come hang out! Invite your neighbors, co-workers and friends to join the fun!

Grab coupons @theHub to use to invite your friends. (Free rental or a beverage for them).

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **TODAY! LAKE BEAUTY BIBLE CAMP SUNDAY!**
 - **9:30a Grades 1- High School:** Meet for a special time w/ the Camp rep in Worship Center. Go to classrooms first.
 - **Parents' Meeting Location:** Youth Room
- ❖ **NO HYMN SING TODAY** as grades 1 – 12 will be in worship center with LBBC camp rep.
- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY** (March 1) Pastor Tim shares from Matthew 4:1-11, *Battling Temptations*. It's also Communion Sunday.
- ❖ **WED. FELLOWSHIP SUPPER:** 5:30-6:15p. This week: chicken pot pie. Sign up on the Welcome Pad or call by Tuesday noon. **Open to all!**
- ❖ **COLLEGE LUNCH DATE CHANGE!** We invite all college and young adults to join us for our spaghetti lunch on Sunday, **March 8**.
- ❖ **BABY BOTTLE BANKS** to help support Options for Women **are due!** Please return to theHub.
- ❖ **WANT YOUR 2019 GIVING STATEMENT?** Please contact the office or email office@rfcov.org. You may receive your statement via **e-mail**, or in your **church mailbox**, or via the **USPS**. Indicate how you wish to receive your statement in your request.
- ❖ **SUMMER TIME ANNOUNCED!** This summer we'll have one service at 9:30a. As in the past, no Sunday School and starts on Memorial Day weekend. Why are we excited about this?
 - We can worship all together! (With summer vacations, etc., attendance is lower and makes this possible.)
 - We can give our Sunday volunteers a chance to refresh with a one-service schedule.
 - Experimenting: We want to be a church open to trying things. If it doesn't work, we change and adapt. If it goes well, we learn new things to serve God's mission in the world!

COVENANT WORLD RELIEF (CWR)

- ❖ **GIVE...AND TOUCH THE WORLD IN CHRIST'S NAME** Our CWR giving drive has begun. CWR expresses God's love to those in need as they share the gospel. **Grab a soup can label and lid @theHub.** Our collection date will be March 15.
- ❖ **CONNECT OR LEARN ABOUT CWR** with Facebook (facebook.com/covenantworldrelief), Twitter (@CovWorldRelief), Instagram (instagram.com/covworldrelief).

YOUTH UNITE (CHIC) SPAGHETTI LUNCH & SILENT AUCTION!

- ❖ **JOIN US!** Sunday, March 8th following 2nd service for our UNITE (CHIC) spaghetti lunch, silent auction, and bake sale. We always have a fun time at this fundraiser which helps our students attend UNITE (formerly CHIC) in Knoxville, TN in July of 2021. Besides the themed baskets, and student services, other auction items so far include a 2019/20 stamped autographed Green Bay Packer football, St. Paul Saints baseball vouchers, barn wood signs. Watch for more to come!

WOMEN MINISTRIES

- ❖ **SPRING RENEWAL CONFERENCE!** Come join your sisters in Christ as we host our Northwest Conference at this Renewal Event! **THEME: Lean into God's Promises!**
DATES: Fri.-Sat., March 13, 14
COST: Special price of \$25.00 for FirstCov women if you register by March 1. Register online: wmwnc.org, choose Spring Renewal tab, then choose participant registration. Password: wmwnc, 2nd screen then mark "host church helper". Please pay your \$25.00 to Wendy Larson or leave in the office with name.
Featuring/Focus: Diane Brask, founder/director-Global Seed Planters focuses on evangelism, training, church planting and humanitarian work among unreached or least reached people groups.
Breakout Sessions to choose from include:
Lean Into....
 - 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
 - Persigue la meta | Persevere: Press On (Spanish)
- More info (incl. registration forms) and info on all the breakout sessions are available @theHub*

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

Feb. 23, 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
- ❖ Missionary of the week: Rev. James Tang
- ❖ College Student of the week: Andrew Ertsgaard
- ❖ For Healing and Help: David Petersen, Joni Kolb, Terri Pearson, Nancy Erickson, Ernie Huland, Jordan Sims, Jerry Nicholson
- ❖ 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, Krista Majerus, and Pat Stevens
- ❖ For our FirstCov Leadership Team (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 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 Tim Anderson, Pastor Brian Majerus

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 Tim & Kay Zwald; Maintenance: Jerry Hallstrom, Missions: Mark Gabriel; Outreach: John Aune & Marv Call, CMJ: Jeff Carow, Hospitality: Marv Call.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Rev. James Tang who serves as a long-term missionary with Serve Globally through the Evangelical Covenant Church in South Sudan and Ethiopia with a focus on Sudanese Ministries, Christian Formation, Community Development. His home church is Fridley Covenant in Fridley, MN. He is married to Nyaluak (Rachol) Gai.

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Andrew Ertsgaard, son of former Pastor Todd & Melissa Ertsgaard. Andrew is a Sr. at UWRF with a major in Computer Science & minor in Graphic Arts. Be in prayer as he finishes out his last few months, as he will graduate in May.

HOW STRONG ARE YOUR ROOTS?

Colossians 2:1-9

Pastor Tim Anderson, Interim Lead Pastor

Paul commends the Colossian Christians for living "orderly lives," which has to do with their relationship to each other.

How can we develop strong relationships within our church?

Paul also uses the analogy of "deep roots" to talk about our walk with Jesus.

List 2 or 3 ways you want to deepen your "root system" this week.