

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 2.23.20:	\$5,724.02
Weekly YTD average:	\$14,736.49
Mortgage balance as of 2.1.20:	\$463,330.48
4 th 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, Jake Jacobs (10:45) Betty Aust
WORSHIP TEAM:	Emily Gabriel, Aryanna Plummer, Jerrett Feyereisen, Mitch & Amanda Rand, Jerry Nelson
SOUND:	Adam Johnson
VIDEO:	Camilla Johnson
THE HUB:	(8:15) Jeannie Wespetal (10:45) Jake Jacobs
NURSERY:	(8:15) Tom & Kathi Nelson, Kyla Kubera (10:45) Luke, Nicole & Kylee Strehlau
JR. CHURCH:	(10:45) Mark & Krista Majerus
USHERS:	(8:15) Gregg Quam, Brian Halling (10:45) Rod Hanson, Johnny Manche
PRAYER PARTNERS:	(8:15) Steve & Linda Johnson (10:45) Dan Pearson
CAFÉ CREW:	Renee Kruger, Ellen Peterson
PRODUCE PICK-UP:	Dan Larson
MINIBUS DRIVER:	Rob Stevens

THIS WEEK

TODAY 3/1	
8:15 & 10:45a	Worship Services w/Communion
9:30a	Sunday School Classes
TUESDAY 3/3	
9:00a	MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers)
WEDNESDAY 3/4	
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 3/5	
6:30p	Leadership Team Meeting
FRIDAY 3/6	
9:40a	Women's Bible Study Fellowship
6:00p	InterVarsity Guys Retreat here
SATURDAY 3/7	
9:00a	InterVarsity Guys Retreat ends
SUNDAY 3/8	
8:15 & 10:45a	Worship Services
9:30a	Sunday School Classes
9:45a	Hymn Sing in Worship Center
12:00p	UNITE (CHIC) 2021 Spaghetti Lunch, Bake Sale, Silent Auction

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"
Sunday, March 1, 2020 | 8:15a & 10:45a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS (10:45)

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

Battling Temptation

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.



YOUTH FUNDRAISER!
 Next Sunday, March 8
 12:00P

Spaghetti Lunch, Bake Sale & Silent Auction!

Support our youth for the UNITE (CHIC) 2021 youth conference in Knoxville, TN. (for current 8th-11th graders).

Silent Auction Items

- **Highlights include** a 2019 Green Bay Packers printed team football, St. Paul Saints vouchers, barn board signs and more!
- **PLUS** student services, great themed baskets, & more!

We hope you can come out to support our youth for a powerful UNITE 2021 experience in knowing & following Jesus.

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **TODAY WE WELCOME 8 NEW MEMBERS!**
Brandon & Christy Anderson, Kevin & Liz Black, Gary & Diane Donath, Virgil Thoner, and Mary Yonan/Simonds.. Be sure to welcome them!
- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY** (March 8) Pastor Tim shares from Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, "Reinventing the Wheel?"
- ❖ **COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH DATE CHANGE!** We invite you to our spaghetti lunch on Sunday, **March 8.**
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **NEXT HYMN SING!** March 8, 9:45-10:15a
- ❖ **WED. FELLOWSHIP SUPPER:** 5:30-6:15p. This week: sloppy joes. Sign up on the Welcome Pad or call by Tuesday noon. **Open to all!**
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **ARISE WITH THE GUYS!** Save the date, Sat., April 18 (9-10:30a) for men and male students! Grace Church, Eden Prairie. Guests include Dabo Swinney, Tony Dungy & Kirk Cousins. Get your own tickets at www.arisewiththeguys.com. We hope to take our minibus so sign up @theHub if interested. We do need a trained driver as well.
- ❖ **SUMMER WORSHIP TIME ANNOUNCED!** We'll have one service at 9:30a. As in the past, no Sunday School. Schedule 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).

WOMEN MINISTRIES

****SAVINGS DEADLINE ENDS TODAY!****

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: wmnw.org, choose Spring Renewal tab, then choose participant registration. Password: wmnw.org, 2nd screen then mark "host church helper". Please pay your \$25.00 to Wendy Larson or @theHub today or leave in the office with name.

SPEAKER: 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

March 1, 2020

- ❖ For our 13 Ecuador Mission Team members as they prepare for their Trip March 20-30. Mark & Sue Kimball, Sarah & Camilla Johnson, Lindsey Koskie, Jim Harsdorf, Pastor Brian, Micah & Sam Majerus, Dan & Abby Larson, Jo & Octavia Heuschele.
- ❖ 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: Randy Bevis
- ❖ College Student of the week: Gabe & Aleah Nelson
- ❖ 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 Ministry Team Leaders (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 MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

ADULT: (TBD); BLAST (Children): Bob & Debbie Gilbertson; **YOUTH:** Laura Schatz;
MEN: Vern Larson, Rich Kathan; **WOMEN:** Wendy Larson; **WORSHIP & ARTS:** Dave Schatz;
MAINTENANCE: Rob Stevens; **MISSIONS:** Jim Harsdorf; **OUTREACH: (TBD);**
COMPASSION, MERCY JUSTICE: Chuck Sambs; **FINANCE:** Monica Lucht
HOSPITALITY: Jake Jacobs, Melissa Falde

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Randy Bevis, Special Assignment missionary with In-Seine through ECC Serve Globally. He serves in many countries sharing his knowledge of "aquaculture" or fish farming. His family has now moved from Minnesota to Greensboro, NC. Upcoming trip for Jan 2020 is to DR Congo. Keep Randy, Cheryl and family in prayer. Their new address: In-Seine, PO Box 38591, Greensboro, NC 27438. E-mail: Randy@in-seine.org

COLLEGE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Gabe, & Aleah Nelson, son & daughter of Tom & Kathi Nelson. Gabe is a grad student at Iowa State, Community and Regional Planning. Aleah is a freshman at UW-La Crosse, majoring in Biology. Their daughter Abbie graduated in December with a Linguistics major and will be getting married in March! Please keep them all in prayer!

BATTLING TEMPTATION

Matthew 4:1-11

Pastor Tim Anderson, Interim Lead Pastor

Is there one particular temptation that you struggle with?

How do you attempt to resist it?

Do you think any of Jesus' three temptations was more difficult for Him?

If so, why?

How does Hebrews 4 bring you encouragement -
"We have a high priest who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin."?