

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.

AV or Sound Team!

We are looking for volunteers to be part of our **Sunday AV & Sound Team!** Looking for a place to serve that supports the church and each other? The AV or sound 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 or with sound! All who are interested (middle school through adult) and wanting to learn more can contact Jake Jacobs at jakejam@gmail.com

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 3.8.20: \$12,518.55
Weekly YTD average: \$15,011.46
Mortgage balance as of 2.1.20: \$463,330.48
4th Qtr Pay Down of Principal Mortg. \$4,000.00
Attendance on 3.8.20: 80 & 174=254

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THANK YOU!

GREETERS: (8:15) Ailene Splittgerber, Betty Howard
(10:45) Katy Call
WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, Aryanna Plummer,
Jerrett Feyereisen, Mitch & Amanda Rand,
Dave Schatz
SOUND: Adam Johnson **VIDEO:** Camilla Johnson
THE HUB: (8:15) Jeannie Wespetal
(10:45) Sarah Vance
NURSERY: (8:15) John & Marly Aune, Karissa Baar
(10:45) Betty Aust, April Alton-Hudson, Aidan Alton
JR. CHURCH: (10:45) Stephen Matz
USHERS: (8:15) Gregg Quam, Steve Splittgerber
(10:45) Matt Fitzgerald, Rod Hanson
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Mark Wespetal
(10:45) Bill Hickox
CAFÉ CREW: Leann Krenz, Jackie Wallace
PRODUCE PICK-UP: Brian Halling
MINIBUS DRIVER: Brian Aust

THIS WEEK

TODAY 3/15
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School Classes
TUESDAY 3/17
9:00a MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers)
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers
WEDNESDAY 3/18
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 3/19
6:30p Leadership Team Meeting
FRIDAY 3/20
9:40a Women's Bible Study Fellowship
SATURDAY 3/21
2:00p Leaving church for FMSC shift
SUNDAY 3/22
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, March 15, 2020 | 8:15a & 10:45a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILD DEDICATIONS (8:15)

WORSHIP SONGS

PROCESSIONAL OFFERING & CWR PRAYER

Bringing forward our Covenant World Relief banks/envelopes and our regular tithes and offerings

(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

Who Are You Becoming?

Neil Vance

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.

COVENANT WORLD RELIEF

Our collection is TODAY! Sunday, March 15!

If you didn't bring back your bank, do so as soon as possible. There's also a **donation envelope in your bulletin today** for the processional offering. (checks to CWR).

CWR is currently involved in community development, disaster relief, and special projects throughout the world.

STAY IN CONTACT WITH CWR with Facebook (facebook.com/covenantworldrelief), Twitter @CovWorldRelief.



CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY** (March 22) Pastor Tim will bring the message from
- ❖ **WED. FELLOWSHIP SUPPER:** 5:30-6:15p. This week: Chicken soup. Always available salad bar and PB&J sandwiches. Sign up on the Welcome Pad or call by Tues. **Open to all!**
- ❖ **BE INFORMED!** Our Leadership Team & Ministry Team (LT/MT) monthly notes are @theHub Info Rack.
- ❖ **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** packing opportunity. We have some spots left if you'd like to join us on Sat., March 21 from 3:00-4:30 at the Eagan packing facility. We will leave church at 2:00p. Sign up @theHub or through the Wed. E-news.
- ❖ **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE HERE** on Tues., April 7th from 1:00-7:00p. Invite others! Set up an appointment at 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org (with code: riverfallswi).

MEN!

- ❖ **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Sat. April 4th at 8:00a Bob Gilbertson will be our guest speaker Sign up @theHub or through our Wed. E-News if you plan on coming.
- ❖ **ARISE WITH THE GUYS!** Save the date, Sat., Ap 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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Sunday, April 5** | Palm Sunday
- Wednesday, April 8** | No ministries (Precept class will meet in the morning)
- Thursday, April 9** Maundy Thurs. Service 7:00p
- Sunday, April 12** | **EASTER!**
Worship Services 8:15a & 10:45a
Breakfast served by UNITE youth at 9:30a

CHILD DEDICATIONS

- ❖ **IT IS OUR** privilege to share in the service of dedication with **Erik & Emily Bekkum** as they present their children, **Vincent Steven Bekkum** (born 3/7/16) and **Lydia Terese Bekkum** (born 6/24/19) to the Lord. Child dedication is not a regenerative act – an act of salvation for the child. It is an act on the part of the parents who seek the special moving of God's Holy Spirit in their child's life who will someday draw him to commit his life to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Salvation is a personal act of commitment between the individual and God; no one can do this for him. In infant/child dedication, not only is the child presented to God, but the parents, sponsors and congregation also give themselves to God as His instruments of influence to help draw the child into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

LAKE BEAUTY BIBLE CAMP

Summer Camps | Return of the King

- ❖ **EARLY BIRD SAVINGS DEADLINE** is April 6. Register for summer camps at lbbc.com and use Lake Pepin District camp dates or check our March Clarion for our camp dates.
- ❖ **FirstCov Camp Policy:** Our desire as a church is that finances aren't a barrier for children and students getting to camp. For that reason we ask all those able to cover the cost of camp for their children to do so our limited funds are available to provide scholarships for those in need. Thanks!!
- ❖ **Financial Barrier? Scholarship Process:** If you a need for assistance, please pick up a scholarship form in the office. We will work to use the scholarship funds we have available to help as many students as possible get to camp.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

March 15, 2020

- ❖ Our Ecuador Mission trip is being postponed with the hope to reschedule. Pray for that as well as for the church and Lote Tres as we adjust
- ❖ 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: John & Letha Kerl & College Student of the week: Desirae Lucht
- ❖ 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 Northwest Conference 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 NORTHWEST CONFERENCE LEADERS

Northwest Conference Office: 3106 47th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN

The Mission of the Northwest Conference is to engage, empower and equip healthy missional leaders, as we believe that this is a key to growing healthy missional churches.

Mark R. Stromberg, Superintendent; **Mike Brown**, Director of Church Planting;
Jon Kramka, Director of Congregational Vitality; **Bryan Malley**, Director of Communications;
Ginny Olson, Director of Youth Ministry; **Kara Stromberg**, Director of Children & Family Ministry; **Jeff Burton**, Director of Pastoral Care & Development;
Greg Ellis, Coordinator for CHET NWC; **Sandy Norris**, Director of Finance;
Cheryl Theilen, Director of Administration; **Jessa Anderson**, Administrative Coordinator

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

John & Letha Kerl, Covenant missionaries serving as Regional Coordinators for **Europe and Russia**. They ask prayer for God's anointing on each of our missionaries as they seek to follow Jesus and reach out in His name to those in their local sphere of ministry. For the deepening of trust and mutual respect with our partner churches in Europe and Russia. For strengthening of our focus of ministry among the marginalized and refugee populations of Europe, and for safety. Their e-mail is letha-john.kerl@covchurch.org

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Desirae Lucht, daughter of Jay & Monica. Desi is a Junior at UWRF majoring in Computer Science. Her e-mail is: desirae.lucht@my.uwrf.edu. She will be taking a trip to Germany near the end of May for one of her classes.

WHO ARE YOU BECOMING?

Matthew 6:16-24

Neil Vance, Youth Director

Life is a journey. Our logo and slogan share this, and I think we all realize this to be true, but do we spend enough time realizing that how we navigate this journey matters? Today we look at a teaching from the life of Jesus and connect it to three practices of lent that can help us become who Jesus wants us to be. They are:

1. Demonstrating our discipline _____.
2. Demonstrating our devotion _____.
3. Living with the right _____.

Challenges for this week:

Take some time (30 min if possible), to be alone with God and process the rhythms of your life. Do you need to change your priorities and how you spend your time?

Did any of these practices of discipline speak to you today? How can you be more disciplined, generous, and focused on the things of God this week?