

## 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](http://www.rfcov.org) and click on the *Electronic Tithing* link under Resources.

Weekly Operational Need: \$12,149.27  
Regular Giving 3.1.20: \$19,704.15  
Weekly YTD average: \$15,288.45  
Mortgage balance as of 2.1.20: \$463,330.48  
4<sup>th</sup> Qtr Pay Down of Principal Mortg. \$4,000.00  
Attendance on 3.1.20: 104 & 149 = 253

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## THANK YOU!

**GREETERS:** (8:15) Rob & Pat Stevens  
(10:45) Melissa Falde, Lanette Harsdorf  
**WORSHIP TEAM:** Emily Gabriel, John Witt, Mitch Rand, Melinda Hampton, Jerrett Feyereisen, Dave Schatz  
**SOUND:** Andrew Ertsgaard **VIDEO:** Micah Majerus  
**THE HUB:** (8:15) Linda Lundstrom, Jeannie Wespetal  
(10:45) Krista Majerus, Sarah Johnson  
**NURSERY:** (8:15) Annette Schalla, Kay Zwald  
(10:45) Russ & Amanda Wagner, Katie Olsen  
**JR. CHURCH:** (10:45) Karen Olsen  
**USHERS:** (8:15) Jerry Hallstrom, Dan Wallace  
(10:45) Adam Johnson, Steve Schalla  
**PRAYER PARTNERS:** (8:15) Bob Hoaglund  
(10:45) Pastor Brian, Val Wellnitz  
**CAFÉ CREW:** Fred & Joy Berg, Mark & Kim Spafford  
**PRODUCE PICK-UP:** Dan Schmalstig  
**MINIBUS DRIVER:** Jay Lucht

## THIS WEEK

**TODAY 3/8**  
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services  
9:30a Sunday School Classes  
**TUESDAY 3/10**  
12:00p Classroom Use: Weight Watchers  
**WEDNESDAY 3/11**  
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  
**FRIDAY 3/13**  
9:40a Women's Bible Study Fellowship  
6:00p NWC Women's Spring Renewal here  
**SATURDAY 3/14**  
8:00a NWC Women's Spring Renewal here  
**SUNDAY 3/15** CWR Collection Sunday  
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services  
9:30a Sunday School Classes

# FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

*"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"*  
Sunday, March 8, 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

*Reinventing the Wheel*

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.



## YOUTH FUNDRAISER!

TODAY! 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-11<sup>th</sup> graders).

#### Silent Auction Items

- **Highlights include** a 2019 Green Bay Packers printed team autographed football, St. Paul Saints vouchers, MN Twins Josh Donaldson signed baseball bat, 2 Milwaukee Brewer tickets, barn board signs, Black Walnut Charcuterie board and much 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! HYMN SING!** 9:45-10:15a in the Worship Center.
- ❖ **COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH** We invite you to our spaghetti lunch today!
- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY** (March 15) Our Youth Director, Neil Vance will share from Matthew 6:16-24, "Who Are You Becoming?"
- ❖ **WED. FELLOWSHIP SUPPER:** 5:30-6:15p. This week: pulled pork sandwiches. 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.
- ❖ **SPORTS EQUIPMENT NEEDED!** Our Ecuador Team will be teaching some sports and leaving the equipment as gifts for the people. **Can you donate a new or very lightly used item for use by grades K-7<sup>th</sup> grade?** You can leave items in the Conference Room or in the office. If you have any questions, see Sam Majerus, Mark Kimball, or Pastor Brian.
  - A set of bases
  - 2 T-ball sets (Ts, bats & balls)
  - tennis balls and baseballs
  - baseball gloves.
- ❖ **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE HERE** on Tues., April 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-7:00p. Invite others! Set up an appointment at 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (with code: riverfallswi).
- ❖ **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Sat. April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00a Bob Gilbertson will be our guest speaker.
- ❖ **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](http://www.arisewiththeguys.com). We hope to take our minibus so sign up @theHub if interested. We do need a trained driver as well.

# COVENANT WORLD RELIEF (CWR)

- Collection Date is Next Sunday, March 15!!
- ❖ **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 or giving envelopes will be in the bulletin.**
- ❖ **CONNECT OR LEARN ABOUT CWR** with Facebook ([facebook.com/covenantworldrelief](https://facebook.com/covenantworldrelief)), Twitter (@CovWorldRelief), Instagram ([instagram.com/covworldrelief](https://instagram.com/covworldrelief)).

# 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
- Register online: [wmnwc.org](http://wmnwc.org),
- SPEAKER:** Diane Brask, founder/director-- Global Seed Planters focuses on evangelism, training, church planting and humanitarian work among unreached or least reached people.

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.*

# 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

# PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

March 8, 2020

- ❖ For our Northwest Conference Women's Spring Renewal Conference here this weekend
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Missionaries of the week: Campus Ministries
- ❖ 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 Lake Pepin District Churches & 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*

## REINVENTING THE WHEEL

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Pastor Tim Anderson, Interim Lead Pastor

Why is it so easy for people to think that their good deeds will somehow earn God's love and make us righteous?

How would you define righteousness?

How do you reconcile the fact that we are "saved by faith," with the statement in James that "Faith without works is dead?"