

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 2019#: \$12,474.75
Regular Giving 1.5.20: \$7,632.07
Weekly YTD average: \$7,504.31
Mortgage balance as of 1.1.20: \$469,385.73
Quarterly Pay Down to Principal: \$36,000.00
Attendance on 1.12.20: 118 & 128 = 246

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Ailene Splittgerber, Kay Zwald (10:45) Katy Call
WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, Wendy Larson, Jerrett Feyereisen, Dave Schatz
SOUND: Adam Johnson **VIDEO:** Camilla Johnson
THE HUB: (8:15) Linda Traynor (10:45) Krista Majerus
NURSERY: (8:15) Bonnie Swanson, Julie & Grant Dicus (10:45) Adam, Sarah & Camilla Johnson
JR. CHURCH: (10:45) Mark & Krista Majerus
USHERS: (8:15) Tom Nelson, Gregg Quam (10:45) Rod Hanson, Matt Fitzgerald
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Steve & Linda Johnson (10:45) Jeff Carow
CAFÉ CREW: Fred & Joy Berg, Mark & Kim Spafford
PRODUCE PICK-UP: Dan Schmalstig
MINI BUS DRIVER: John Aune

THIS WEEK

TODAY 1/19
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School Classes
Ecuador Team meeting in Conference Room
MONDAY 1/20
6:00p Financial Peace University
TUESDAY 1/21
9:00a MOPS (Mothers of Pre-schoolers)
WEDNESDAY 1/22
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 1/23
9:00a-2:00p Multipurpose Room use: Rocky Branch
6:30p Multipurpose Room use: Master Gardeners
FRIDAY 1/24
9:40a Women's Bible Study Fellowship
SATURDAY 1/25
2:00p & 4:00p Women's Coffee/Tea at Linda Anderson's
SUNDAY 1/26
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School Classes
12:00p Soup's On! Lunch and Congregational Meeting

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"
Sunday, January 19, 2020 | 8:15 & 10:45a

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

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

Why the Church Needs "NORA"

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.



No Regrets
Men's Conference
Saturday, Feb. 1
8:00a – 4:00p

To reserve a lunch, register by Monday, Jan. 27th!

Simulcast here! | Cost \$20
Register at rfcov.org or the table!

Men, get inspired and encouraged!

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY** (Jan. 26) Pastor Tim's message will be from Luke 5:1-11, Getting into Deep Water.
- ❖ **WED. FELLOWSHIP SUPPER:** 5:30-6:15p This week serving baked potato/salad bar. Sign up on the Welcome Pad or call by Tues. noon. **Open to everyone!**
- ❖ **DUE JAN. 31 SAFETY/WEALTH RENEWALS FOR 2020** An email has been 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).
- ❖ **VOUNTEER OPPORTUNITY! FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN:** Join us on Fri., Jan. 31 at the Eagan Packing Facility. We'll leave church at 5:00p for a 6:00-7:30p shift. Sign up through our E-news link, or @theHub.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & SOUP'S ON LUNCH!

- ❖ **OUR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is next Sunday, Jan. 26 (2020 Budget focus). Our Youth will also serve their Soup's On! lunch as a fundraiser for UNITE 2021 (formerly CHIC) conference being held in July of 2021 at the Univ. of TN- Knoxville. (Copies of the budget to review are available @theHub)

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

- ❖ **PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE INVITES INPUT** from anyone who would like to give input on the pastoral search process. Please put your thoughts in writing and either email them to RFFCC.search.com@gmail.com, or give them to Caye Bakken, Co-Chair of the Pastoral Search Committee, by **January 31st**. All correspondence must be signed. Since the search process must be confidential, you will not receive a specific response to your input.

SUPPERS FOR SIX!

- ❖ **GET CONNECTED WITH OTHERS!** Last day to sign up is **TODAY** @theHub. Groups will be formed, then each group will decide how many times you'll meet, and where. Contact Becky Lopez for more info.

ECUADOR 2020 MISSION TRIP

- ❖ **RESCHEDULED!** Our Special 4-Course Meal that was going to be held back in Nov. is rescheduled for **Sat., Feb. 15 at 6:00p**. For those that bought tickets you're all set, but if you can't go, please let Mark Kimball know ASAP. For those that didn't buy tickets but now would like to attend, tickets will be available at \$45.00 each. This will be a great valentine date night or just a fun night to enjoy with your friends/ small group! See Mark Kimball for more info.

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!**)

What May You Gain?

- Study the whole Bible with others.
- Be equipped to engage your family or other generations in studying the same passages.
- Have Jesus glorified to you in new ways.
- Use the resources for personal or family study and growth.

WOMEN MINISTRIES

- ❖ **INVITE!** Linda Anderson invites you to her home for coffee/tea on Sat., Jan. 25. Please bring your favorite cup/mug and your favorite hat! Sign up @theHub or in e-news for one of the times (2:00p is full, 4:00p has openings). Due to lack of parking, it would be best to meet at church and we'll take the mini bus and carpool.
- ❖ **OUR NORTHWEST CONFERENCE ANNUAL WOMEN'S SPRING RENEWAL EVENT** is going to take place here at FirstCov this **March 13-14**. We are excited to host this event for our conference, but we will need lots of hands to help make it go smooth! **Currently we are seeking men who would be able to help serve the noon lunch and/or do lunch clean up on Sat., Mar. 14.** So guys, please let Wendy Larson or the office know if you can help with this request!

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

January 19, 2020

- ❖ For a recommitment to the God of life and to the protection of human life.
- ❖ For the ministry of Options for Women here in River Falls
- ❖ That we may be renewed by Christ for 2020, with God's grace
- ❖ 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, 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: Morgan Larson
- ❖ For Healing and Help: David Petersen, Joni Kolb, Terri Pearson, Bob Gilbertson, Nancy Erickson, Ernie Huland, Becki Reed, 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 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

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

Morgan Larson, daughter of Brent & Lisa Larson. Morgan is a Jr. at Minnesota State Mankato majoring in Psychology/Criminology. Please keep her in prayer this year.

WHY THE CHURCH NEEDS "NORA"

1 Cor. 12:1-11

Pastor Tim Anderson, Interim Lead Pastor

What does NORA stand for?

How do our spiritual gifts connect us to each other?

God intends us to see spiritual gifts, not as "mine" or "yours", but as

What spiritual gifts has the Holy Spirit given you? How are you using them to bless the church?

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

We encourage you to bring God's value of life into the world.

Serve/Act

Baby Bottle Campaign!

Please support the Baby Bottle Fundraiser for **Options for Women-River Falls**.

Pick up a bottle at The Hub! Fill it with change, and

return by Feb. 9, or contribute by visiting their website at <http://www.ofwrf.com/> or mail to their address: 214 North Main Street, River Falls, WI 54022

Learn/Be Informed

Options for Women's *mission is to help women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy and promote a culture of life*. They offer the following free and confidential services:

Pregnancy Testing, STD Testing, Ultrasounds, Counseling, Information on options (they do not provide or refer for abortions), adoption referrals, assistance with material needs.

Pray This Week!

See other side for themes and Scripture for each day.

Pray for a variety of sacredness of life issues this week by using the daily prayers and scriptures on the back of this insert.



Let this be recorded for a generation to come, that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord." Psalm 102:18

Prayers for the Sanctity of Human Life

SUNDAY: Pray for pastors to fulfill their God-given roles and to preach the truth about the value of human life. Pray that they listen to God first and His Word.

Proverbs 31:8, 9 "Open your mouth for the dumb, for the rights of all unfortunate. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and defend the right of the afflicted and needy."

MONDAY: Pray for those who value life to intercede in God-honoring ways. Pray for God-led moments of connection between those who value life and those who do not, whether in abortion, abuse of any kind, slavery, etc.

Matthew 5:16 "...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

TUESDAY: Pray for those who are *victims* of de-valuing of life or experience life de-valuing circumstances such as the homeless, those who suffer from mental illness, abuse victims, sexual harassment, etc.

Isaiah 58:6-7 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"

WEDNESDAY: Pray for forgiveness, redemption and healing. Pray for those *who have turned from* life de-valuing practices (racism, abuse, etc.). Pray that they receive the healing needed in their lives, that their testimonies will help change the political, social and spiritual mindset.

Psalms 107:14, 20 "He sent His word and healed them." "He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death and broke their bands apart."

Psalms 147:3 "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

THURSDAY: Pray for abortion to end. Pray for the truth about abortion to be brought to light through media, the entertainment industry, churches, as well as judicial and political systems.

Mark 4:22 "For nothing is hidden, except to be revealed; nor has anything been secret, but that it should come to light."

FRIDAY: Pray for all the pregnancy resource centers in America to continue to be built up and equipped for every good work and receive support and attention in their communities.

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Lamentations 2:19 "Arise, cry aloud in the night at the beginning of the night watches, pour out your heart like water before the presence of the Lord, Lift up your hands to Him for the life of your little ones."

SATURDAY: Pray for revival of hearts and minds of young and old. To work redemptively in the world choosing "life" practices over "death" practices. Pray for people to get involved in positive ways in their communities, and at the national level.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 "This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to Him."