

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.

2019 GIVING STATEMENTS

❖ WANT YOUR 2019 GIVING STATEMENT?

Please send a note to office@rfcov.org with "2019 Giving Statement" in the subject line, or call Jackie Wallace at the church office at 715-425-2640. Or you may also leave a note on her desk asking for your 2019 giving statement. You may receive your statement via **e-mail**, or in your **church mail box**, or via the **USPS**. Please indicate how you wish to receive your statement when making your request.

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 1.19.20: \$5,046.70
Weekly YTD average: \$6,685.11
Mortgage balance as of 1.1.20: \$469,385.73
Quarterly Pay Down to Principal: \$36,000.00
Attendance on 1.19.20: 120 & 138 = 258

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THANK YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Marg Downing, Betty Howard
(10:45) Wendy Larson
WORSHIP TEAM: Emily Gabriel, Melinda Hampton,
Paul Martin, Paul Schatz, Mitch Rand, Mark Wespetal,
Isaac Gabriel
SOUND: Dave Schatz **VIDEO:** Molly Plummer
THE HUB: (8:15) Lisa Larson (10:45) Mark Kimball
NURSERY: (8:15) Tom & Kathi Nelson, Karissa Baar
(10:45) Luke, Nicole, Kylee Strehlau
JR. CHURCH: (10:45) Karen Olsen
USHERS: (8:15) Curt Yelken, Jerry Hallstrom
(10:45) Adam Johnson, Steve Schalla
PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Jason & Tina Hull
(10:45) Bob & Deb Gilbertson
CAFÉ CREW: Jackie Wallace, LeAnn Krenz
PRODUCE PICK-UP: Brian Halling
MINIBUS DRIVER: Rob Stevens

THIS WEEK

TODAY 1/26
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services
9:30a Sunday School Classes
Ecuador Team meeting in Conference Room
12:00p Soup's On! Lunch and Congregational Meeting
MONDAY 1/27
6:00p Financial Peace University
WEDNESDAY 1/29
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 1/31
9:40a Women's Bible Study Fellowship
SATURDAY 2/1
8:00-4:00p Men's No Regrets Conference (Simulcast here)
SUNDAY 2/1
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services w/Communion
9:30a Sunday School Classes
12:00p College/Young Adult Lunch

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"
Sunday, January 26, 2020 | 8:15a & 10:45a

OPENING SONG

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM (10:45)

Emily Diane Zwald

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

Getting into Deep Water

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
TOMORROW, Monday, Jan. 27th!**

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

Men, get inspired and encouraged!

CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **TODAY! OUR CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** after our 2nd service. (2020 budget focus). Our youth will serve a Soup lunch as a fundraiser for UNITE 2021 (formerly CHIC) triennial conference.
- ❖ **OUT OF OFFICE:** Pastors Tim and Brian are attending our ECC MidWinter Conference in Chicago this week. If there is a need, contact a member of our Leadership Team.
- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY** (Feb. 2) Brian Aust, UWRP InterVardity leader and FirstCov member will share the message. Communion will be held.
- ❖ **FEBRUARY CLARION** newsletters were e-mailed on Friday. Paper copies are at the Info Rack.
- ❖ **WED. FELLOWSHIP SUPPER:** 5:30-6:15p This week: pulled turkey sandwiches. Sign up on the Welcome Pad or call by Tues. noon. **Open to all!**
- ❖ **VOUNTEER WITH US AT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** this Fri., Jan. 31 at the Eagan Packing Facility. We'll leave church at 5:00p for a 6:00-7:30p shift. Sign up: E-news link, or at The HUB.
- ❖ **COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULTS LUNCH** next Sunday, Feb. 2 following our 2nd worship service
- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY: SOUPER BOWL OF CARING!** Please consider giving a \$1.00 donation to the kettle @theHub. (*Supports the RF Food Pantry.*)
- ❖ **DUE THIS FRI., JAN. 31 SAFETY/WELLNESS RENEWALS FOR 2020** An email was 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).
- ❖ **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!**)

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 RFCC.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.

ECUADOR 2020 MISSION TRIP

RESCHEDULED 4-COURSE MEAL!

- ❖ **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 who bought tickets you're all set, but if you can't go, please let Mark Kimball know ASAP. **For those who didn't buy tickets but now would like to attend, tickets will be available at \$45.00 each.** Great Valentine date night or just a fun night to enjoy with your friends/ small group! See Mark Kimball for more info.

WOMEN MINISTRIES

- ❖ **GUYS! We need your help! Our Northwest Conference Women's Spring Renewal Event** is going to take place here at FirstCov on **March 13-14**. We are excited to host this event and we will need lots of hands to help make it go smooth! **We are seeking men who would be able to help serve the noon lunch and/or do lunch clean up on Sat., Mar. 14.** Please let Wendy Larson or the office know if you can help us!

INFANT BAPTISM

- ❖ **TODAY IT IS OUR** privilege to share in the service of baptism with Tom & Ashley Zwald as they present their daughter, **Emily Diane Zwald** to the Lord (born Oct. 29, 2019). **Infant baptism** 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 to someday draw that child to commit her 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 her. In infant baptism, 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. In baptism, the symbolic use of water points to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ through which He provided our cleansing from sin and the gift of salvation to all who receive Him. Sponsors are Justin & Sarah Jorgenson and Aaron Nimitz & Brittany.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK

January 26, 2020

- ❖ That we may be renewed by Christ for 2020, with God's grace
- ❖ For all the ECC Pastors meeting at Midwinter Conference in Chicago this week
- ❖ 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 Students of the week: Ben & Isaac Gabriel
- ❖ 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 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 Sams; **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

Ben & Isaac Gabriel, sons of Mark & Brenda Gabriel. **Ben** is a junior at UWRF majoring in Computer Science. **Isaac** is a freshman at UW-Eau Claire majoring in Percussion Performance. His address is: 136 Bridgeman Hall, U.W.-Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Keep them both in prayer this year!

GETTING INTO DEEP WATER

Luke 5:1-11

Pastor Tim Anderson, Interim Lead Pastor

The "real" story of this passage begins after Jesus finishes teaching and asks Peter to push out into deep water. Why would Peter be reluctant to do this?

Why do you think Jesus used this amazing catch of fish to grab Peter's attention?

Often we think that "going deep" with Jesus means "trying harder." Why is this dangerous?

What do you think the Lord is saying to you through this passage about "going deep" with Him?