

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

Weekly Operational Need: \$12,149.27  
Regular Giving 2.9.20: \$62,291.51  
Weekly YTD average: \$17,134.64  
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 snowy 2.9.20: 64 & 114 = 178

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## THANK YOU

**GREETERS:** (8:15) Betty Howard, Ailene Splittgerber  
(10:45) Marv & Katy Call  
**WORSHIP TEAM :** Emily Gabriel, Melinda Hampton,  
Jerrett Feyereisen, Dave Schatz  
**SOUND:** Andrew Ertsgaard **VIDEO:** Micah Majerus  
**THE HUB:** (8:15) Linda Traynor, Jeannie Wespetal  
(10:45) Melissa Falde, Sarah Johnson  
**NURSERY:** (8:15) Erik & Emily Bekkum  
(10:45) Deb Gilbertson, Jo & Octavia Heuschele  
**JR. CHURCH:** (10:45) P. Brian & Kim Majerus  
**USHERS:** (8:15) Brian Halling, Steve Bakken  
(10:45) Matt Fitzgerald, Adam Johnson  
**PRAYER PARTNERS:** (8:15) Mark Wespetal  
(10:45) Bill Hickox  
**CAFÉ CREW:** Soozie & Brian Halling, Kathy Manche  
**PRODUCE PICK-UP:** Dan Schmalstig  
**MINIBUS DRIVER:** Keith Yamry

## THIS WEEK

**TODAY 2/16**  
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services  
9:30a Sunday School Classes  
**TUESDAY 2/18**  
9:00a MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)  
**WEDNESDAY 2/19**  
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 2/20**  
6:30p Leadership Team Meeting  
**FRIDAY 2/21**  
9:40a Women's Bible Study Fellowship  
1:30p Leave for *Feed My Starving Children* Packing  
**SATURDAY 2/22**  
10:00a Awana Games Practice in Multi-Purpose Room  
10:00a Bridal Shower for Abigail Nelson (back classrooms)  
**SUNDAY 2/23**  
8:15 & 10:45a Worship Services  
9:30a Sunday School Classes  
(Grades 1-12 meet with Lake Beauty Bible Camp  
3:00-6:00p All church Ice Skating Party at Hunt Arena

# FIRST COVENANT CHURCH

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"  
Sunday, February 16, 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

*Getting Back to the Word*

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.



## ICE SKATING PARTY!

Next Sunday, Feb. 23 | 3:00-6:00p

Hunt Arena at UWRF

Skating or not, come hang out! Invite your neighbors, co-workers and friends to join the fun!

Grab coupons @theHub to use to invite your friends. (Free rental or a snack for them).

## CHURCH LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY** (Feb. 23) Pastor Tim shares from Colossians 2:1-9, "How Strong are Your Roots?"
- ❖ **WED. FELLOWSHIP SUPPER:** 5:30-6:15p This week: Pizza. Sign up on the Welcome Pad or call by Tuesday noon. **Open to all!**
- ❖ **PAST DUE! 2020 SAFETY/WELLNESS RENEWALS** *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).
- ❖ **BABY BOTTLE BANKS** to help support Options for Women are due! Please return to theHub.
- ❖ **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN** packing date: **Fri., Feb. 21.** Sign up @theHub or in Wed. E-News link. Leaving church: 1:30p. Shift: 2:30-4:30p.
- ❖ **LAKE BEAUTY BIBLE CAMP SUNDAY! Sun., Feb. 23 | 9:30-10:30a**
  - **Grades 1- High School:** Meet for a special time w/ the Camp rep in Worship Center. Go to classrooms first.
  - **Parents' Meeting** Location: TBA
- ❖ **NO HYMN SING ON FEB. 23**, as grades 1 – 12 will be in worship center with LBBC camp rep.
- ❖ **WANT YOUR 2019 GIVING STATEMENT?** Please contact the office or email office@rfcov.org with "2019 Giving Statement" in the subject line. 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.
- ❖ **SUMMER TIME ANNOUNCED** This summer we'll have one service at 9:30a. As in the past, no Sunday School and 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. (Thanks for serving!!)
  - 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

- ❖ **BRIDAL SHOWER:** **Abigail Nelson**, daughter of Tom & Kathi. Sat., Feb. 22 at 10:00a (back classrooms). With an upcoming move to Florida, bless them through gift cards or select a gift from zola.com/wedding/ryanandabigailmarch21 (These go automatically to their future home.) To contribute to a group gift, give to Jackie in the office, or to Kim Majerus 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 register by March 1.** Register online: wmnwc.org, choose Spring Renewal tab, participant registration. Password: wmnwc, 2<sup>nd</sup> screen then mark "host church helper". Please pay your \$25.00 to Wendy Larson or leave in the office with name. **Featuring/Focus:** 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

Feb. 16, 2020

- ❖ 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: Hannah Manche
- ❖ For Healing and Help: David Petersen, Joni Kolb, Terri Pearson, Nancy Erickson, Ernie Huland, Shirley Peterson, Jordan Sims, Joyce Hasselquist
- ❖ 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 ECC 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 EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH LEADERS

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**Serve Globally:** Al Tizon, Executive Minister

**Director of Operations:** Rebecca Gonzalez

**Communications:** Edward Gilbreath, Executive Director

## MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK

**John & Letha Kerl**, Covenant missionaries serving with Serve Globally as Regional Coordinators for **Europe and Russia**. In a recent newsletter they ask prayer as they return to Monterrey, Mexico to speak at the celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Foundation for Family Development, A.C. They also ask prayer for wisdom and vision for Serve Globally's engagement in Europe. They attended the Refugee Highway Partnership Roundtable in Malmo, Sweden Feb. 3-7. **Pray also** 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

**Hannah Manche**, daughter of Johnny & Kathy Manche. Hannah is a junior at Winona State University. Her major is psychology. Please pray that her health remains stable.

## GETTING BACK TO THE WORD

Hebrews 4:12-16

Pastor Tim Anderson, Interim Lead Pastor

Historically, the Covenant Church has been known as "people of the Word".  
Do you think this is still true?  
Why or why not?

God's Word is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

It is \_\_\_\_\_ than any double-edged sword.

It \_\_\_\_\_ even to dividing soul and spirit.

How will you make use of God's Word this week?