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## First Congregational UCC "AT FIRST"

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October 2018

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### Fall Meeting for Women's Fellowship

Wednesday, October 10th

All Women's Fall Fellowship meeting will be a potluck on **Wednesday, October 10th, at 6pm** with supper, and a short meeting. Maren Warner will be sharing her pictures and a story of her mission trip to Guatemala.

Executive Board will meet at 5:00 pm.

**Please bring a dish to share.** Come hungry for fellowship, inspiration.

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### Annual Meeting

As you all know, our church year has been changed to the first of September through the last day in August. So that means our **Annual Meeting is set for October 28th.**

**Annual Reports are Due by Tuesday, October 2nd.**

**Each Committee** should make sure that someone from their Committee turns in a report.



**Dont Forget to return your Pledge Cards!**

### Greetings from your Search and Call Committee!

Since our last update, three profiles were sent our way. So needless to say we have been busy busy! We were very excited to receive the profiles as we have not had many applicants in recent months. We thoroughly read each of them and conducted phone interviews with two out of the three.

The first candidate we interviewed was a wonderful speaker and asked us a lot of questions about how our congregation would adapt to an openly gay married man, but due to the results of the survey we conducted early on about if you would be comfortable with an LGBT pastor, the majority voted no, therefore we could not move forward with him. The second candidate we interviewed we felt was not going to be a good fit due to the fact that she has not stayed at any one church for more than a year, but decided we would conduct a phone interview with her and did listen to a couple of her sermons, after that, we stuck to our decision that she is not the right fit.

With that said, we are back to square one once again. We wish we had better news to share with all of you, but for now, the search continues.

We are eager to find our church a great Pastor but want to ensure we hire one who is going to be the right fit. We will update you again next month, please pray we have better progress.

Blessings!



## **Happy Birthday!**

1. Kayla Salmela
5. Todd Forcier
6. Randy Schilling  
Bill Schwanke
7. Duane Maguire
9. Fredric Kottke
10. Jacob Popelka
12. Todd Hoese
13. Sharon Bruckschen
15. Joanne Biederwolf
18. Scott Salmela  
Rod Wangerin
22. Don Popelka
25. John Jennings
30. Travis Wangerin
31. Olivia Hinojosa

## **Thank You!**

Common Cup Ministries is sending a heartfelt thank you to your church members for their donations of school supplies, monetary donations, and their donations of time. This worthy project couldn't of happened without you. Approximately 550 students in McLeod County were served, with the Glencoe site serving over 225 children, kindergarten through high school. Your continued support of all Common Cup programs is appreciated.

Cheryl McDougall  
CC School Supply Distribution Coordinator

## **On The Job In October**

**Deacon: Jim Benson**

**In Charge of Altar: Ann Wangerin**

**Deaconesses In Charge of Communion At Long Term Care:  
Claudia Thunstrom  
@ Church: Barb Magnuson**

## **Neighbors In Need**

The **Neighbor's In Need** offering, which we will receive on **Sunday, October 7th**, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used for the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties and environmental justice. One-Third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries.

## **Semisaurus Mobile Museum**

is now at **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**. Everyone is invited to walk through history to find your origins and purpose on earth! **Museum is open September 25th & 26th from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.**

**Free with a donation of a non-perishable food item.**

**Trustees Newsletter Report for August 2018**

The following business was addressed at the August 15th meeting of the Board of Trustees:  
Offering for July 2018 \$4,514 of which \$4,247 went to the Operation Fund.

**Other Business:**

- \* Voted to approve the July financial report and minutes; approved two reimbursement request for \$19.80 for Pastor’s Mileage and one outstanding invoice for \$85.00 for furnace inspection by the Glencoe Co-op
- \* New Handicap parking will soon be available for the front of the Church

Respectfully Submitted, Randy Warner, Secretary

**Trustees Newsletter Report for September 2018**

The following business was addressed at the September 19th meeting of the Board of Trustees: □  
Offering for August 2018 \$3,717. Operation Fund balance is \$18,064

**Other Business:**

- \* Presentation on bat proofing of the Church by Jordan Budenski from Bud’s Nuisance Wildlife Removal. Voted to approve the August financial report and August minutes.
- \* Reviewed 2018-19 Budget proposal for the annual meeting in October.

Respectfully Submitted, Randy Warner, Secretary

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**Senior High Youth:** Next meeting and Bible study is **Sunday, October 14th**. Plan now to attend and have some fun. We will be studying 1 John.

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**Adults:** In this trembling, unsteady world, do you ever want to find peace and learn to trust God? Join us for 4 sessions being lead by the famous author, Max Lucado in reviewing the Promises of God through his video and study guide of “**Unshakable Hope**”. We will start **Sunday Oct 14, and continue on Oct. 21, 28, and Nov. 4th**. Meet us in the Historical room (first room in Education Wing by the stairs) around 10:30 after a short coffee hour each Sunday. Plan now to attend and grow your faith with “Unshakable Hope!”

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**Looking Ahead!!** Homemade Thanksgiving Pies: Coming again the 18th of November. **Mission trip kids**, reserve the 17th of November for baking the pies. **Adults**, please think about which pies you would like to order to make your Thanksgiving Day special. We again will be making Pumpkin, Pecan, Double crusted and Crumb topping Apple Pies and French Silk. This is a great Mission Trip Money maker as we again are sending 16 people on the Mission Trip to Cheyenne River, South Dakota. More information to come.

## Pastor's Report

Dear Friends,

It's been wonderful to see the return of energy that fall brings to church life. Thank you for all of the effort that has been put into starting our new program year with enthusiasm.

I also want to thank everyone who has been responding to the inserts I've been placing in the bulletins. This process is going to help us understand what our church's strengths are and what qualities our members appreciate the most. All of the research on church growth and vitalization says that building on your strengths works better than trying to fix your weaknesses. A good healthy list of church strengths is going to help the church leaders envision what FCUCC is being called to next. Reading your thoughtful responses has been so rewarding and meaningful. Thank you for trying something new with me.

On October 3rd, our confirmation students will be serving the meal at Abundant Table. Doors open at 4:30 pm and serving begins at 5:00 pm at Christ Lutheran. This would be a great opportunity to come out and support our young people and a worthwhile community program. On October 7th, we will have a baptism as part of our Sunday morning service. Congratulations to Rebecca Forcier and Dakota Pulley as they prepare to baptize their daughter Eliza Pulley. Please come out to support the family and show our church's welcome as they take this important step on Eliza's Christian journey.

With how busy the Thanksgiving and Advent season can be, I decided that it would be a good idea for me to take some vacation before it all starts ramping up. So I will be away from October 13th-21st. I'm currently working on securing pulpit supply for both Sundays as well as emergency pastoral care coverage, as I'll be traveling out of state. As soon as I get confirmation on who will be helping me out, I'll post the information in the Sunday bulletins and announce it as well. Then I will return from vacation recharged and refocused.



October 28th, being the last Sunday in October, will be our 2018 congregational Annual Meeting. We know that this isn't everyone's favorite part of being a church member, but it is an important one. The church leaders try hard to make it informative and helpful without being too boring or too daunting. Congregationalism only works if church folks are engaged and aware of what's happening at church, including issues like finances and committees. So please plan to join us. We need to have a quorum and we want your energy and input. It'll be a good meeting because we'll make it one.

With you on the journey,

Pastor Michael



# October 2018

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat                            |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|--------------------------------|
| <p>7<br/>9:15 am Communion<br/>Worship Service<br/>10:30 am Sunday School</p>  | <p>8</p>   | <p>9<br/>10:00 am Bible Study<br/>6:30 pm Christian Education<br/>Board Meeting</p>                               | <p>10<br/>10:15 am GRHS Long Term<br/>Care Communion<br/>Confirmation Serving at<br/>Abundant Table @ Christ<br/>Lutheran</p> | <p>11<br/>8:00 pm A.A.</p>  | <p>12</p>  | <p>13</p>                      |
| <p>14<br/>9:15 am Worship Service<br/>Pastor Gone<br/>10:30 am Sunday School<br/>Senior High Youth<br/>Meeting &amp; Bible Study</p>                              | <p>15<br/>Pastor Gone</p>  | <p>16<br/>Pastor Gone<br/>10:00 am Bible Study</p>  | <p>17<br/>Pastor Gone<br/>Circle Meets<br/>Noon - Trustee's Meeting @<br/>Gert &amp; Erma's<br/>6:30 pm Confirmation</p>      | <p>18<br/>Pastor Gone<br/>8:00 pm A.A.</p>  | <p>19<br/>Pastor Gone<br/>Hinojosa Wedding<br/>Rehearsal</p> | <p>20<br/>Hinojosa Wedding</p> |
| <p>21<br/>9:15 am Worship Service<br/>Pastor Gone<br/>10:30 am Sunday School<br/>Deacon's Meeting<br/>Adult Bible Study</p>                                       | <p>22</p>  | <p>23<br/>10:00 am Bible Study</p>  | <p>24<br/>6:30 pm Confirmation</p>  | <p>25<br/>8:00 pm A.A.</p>  | <p>26</p>  | <p>27</p>                      |
| <p>28<br/>9:15 am Worship Service<br/>10:30 am Sunday School<br/>Annual Meeting<br/>Adult Bible Study</p>   | <p>29</p>  | <p>30<br/>10:00 am Bible Study</p>  | <p>31<br/>6:30 pm Confirmation</p>  |  |  |                                |
| <p>Deacon of the Month: Jim<br/>Benson<br/>Altar: Ann Wangerin</p>  | <p>Coffee Hosts:<br/>Oct 7th: Carmen &amp; Bridget<br/>Kierenberger<br/>Oct 14th: Open<br/>Oct 21st: Norma McNeil &amp;<br/>Bob Hoppie<br/>Oct 28th: Randy &amp; Kari<br/>Warner</p> | <p>Deaconesses In Charge of<br/>Communion @ Long Term<br/>Care: Claudia Thunstrom<br/>@ Church: Barb Magnuson</p> |   |   |  |                                |

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Our Website: [firstcongochurch.org](http://firstcongochurch.org)

**Newsletter Deadline – Third Monday of the Month**

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



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## **The Abundant Table Community Meal**

The Abundant Table Community Meal is **FREE** and open to everyone-families and children, elderly and all seeking fellowship or in need of a helping hand.

**When:** October 4th (the first Wednesday of every Month)

**Where:** Christ Lutheran Church Basement Fellowship Hall, 1820 Knight Avenue, Glencoe

**Time:** Doors open at 4:30 PM for Fellowship; Meal served at 5:00 PM.

**Notification:** Let us know to prepare for you by calling Christ Lutheran Church at 320-864-4549.

Remember there is a place for YOU at our Abundant Table.

**Our Confirmation class will be serving that night.**



**Crow River**  
**Habitat**  
**for Humanity®**

**We are looking for groups or individuals to bring a simple lunch to our build site volunteers. It can be as simple as sandwich's, soup, stews hot dish any thing that is very simple. the following dates available would be October 3,4,5,10,11,12,17,18,19,24,25,26, & 31 and November 1,2,7,8,9. The build site is located at 140 Morningside Drive right behind Country Kitchen on Highway 7. If anyone is a Thrivent member you can apply for a Thrivent Action Team card to offset the meal cost. Please call 320-587-8868 or Email [deb@crhfh.org](mailto:deb@crhfh.org) if anyone is interested. Thanks so much**

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# McLEOD SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER

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(320) 864-1341 (Social Services)

All phone numbers Voice/TDD  
320-864-3144 (Local)  
320-484-4330 (Toll-Free from Hutchinson, MN)  
1-800-247-1756 (Toll-Free)

**DATE:** September 17, 2018  
**TO:** McLeod County Churches  
**FROM:** Brenda Sandquist, Licensing Specialist/Social Worker  
**RE:** Public Service Announcement - Resource Family Orientation

Please print the following Public Service Announcement in your bulletin and/or post enclosed flyer on gathering area bulletin board.

## Resource Family Orientation

Have you ever considered being a foster or foster/adoptive parent?

McLeod County Social Services is hosting a Foster Parent Orientation for families interested in becoming foster parents.

This Orientation is scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 9:00 am – 3:00 PM at McLeod County HHW/Solid Waste Management Building, 1065 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Hutchinson, MN. This meeting is an opportunity to learn about McLeod County's foster care program and ask questions, to decide if becoming a foster parent may be right for you.

Foster parents can be single or married, rent or own. If you are a 2 parent family, both parents must attend. We ask that you do not bring children with you to the meeting as there is no child care available at the site and topics may not be appropriate for them.

Please call Brenda Sandquist, Licensing Specialist/Social Worker at 320-864-1301 or 800-247-1756 or [Brenda.Sandquist@co.mcleod.mn.us](mailto:Brenda.Sandquist@co.mcleod.mn.us) for additional information, or to register for the meeting.





Let BROWNTON  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
feed your family!

# "Hot Dish Sunday"

**October 14, 2018**

**10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Hot Dishes Include:

Goulash

Tator Tot Chicken Hotdish

Mac & Cheese

Brat and Potato Casserole

Calico Bean

**Adults - \$8.00**

**Children -**

**4-10 yrs old -**

**\$4.00**

**3 & Under - Free**

Brownton Congregational

Church on the

corner of 5th & Division Street

\*Each meal includes dinner  
roll, dessert, and beverage

\*Take Outs Available\*