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February 2019

**Pastor Michael's Last Day
at
First Congregational Church
will be**

Sunday, February 10th

**Come join us for
a Pot-Luck Dinner
following our
Worship Service,
and let's show him how much
we appreciated his time here.**

**Greetings from your
Search and Call Committee!**

Greetings from your Search and Call Committee! Since our last update, we have had many more pastoral profiles sent our way! We have been very busy reviewing and interviewing. With that said, I am pleased to bring you news of making it further than we have with any other candidate! We are very excited about this Pastor and we are currently working with and are moving forward in the process with her. We hope to have more information in the upcoming weeks to bring to you!!! **Please keep us in your prayers** as we move along in this process to bring in a new pastor!

**Pilgrim Point 2019
Information**

We are excited to announce the 2019 outdoor ministries events sponsored by the Minnesota Conference United Church of Christ. Although we will not be able to host camps and retreats at Pilgrim Point during 2019, we have secured dates and locations for a full and robust schedule of adult retreats and youth events. Following is a summary of the program offerings, including dates and locations:

Spring Conference Youth Event, April 26-28, Luther Crest, Alexandria, MN

July Family Camp, TBD

August Family Camp, August 11 – 15, Camp Onomia, Onamia MN

Youth Week, July 28 – August 1, Carleton College, Northfield, MN

Fall Conference Youth Event, October 11-13, Luther Crest, Alexandria, MN

Full details for each of these events will be available on the Conference website and registration for all events will open on January 15th. Conference staff are working with planners for both the July and August family camps to determine possible alternative dates and locations for these programs.

Feel free to contact Pilgrim Point Program Director, with questions regarding the 2019 event schedule.

**We Extend our Sympathy
and Prayers**

... to the family of **Julie McNellis**. Her Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, January 23rd.

Baptism

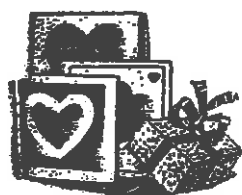
... for **Sofia Mattson** was held on January 27, 2019. Her parents are David Mattson and Jennifer Mattson.

On The Job In February

Deacon of Month: Jim Cox

In Charge of Altar: Ann Wangerin

**Deaconesses In Charge of
Communion on Feb 3rd @ church:
Barb Magnuson
Feb 6th @ LTC: Jan Willand**



Happy Birthday!

- 1. Mark Forcier
- 9. Ethan Lehmann
- 10. Lee Miska,
Paula Bulau
- 13. Cassie Shemanek
- 14. Marshall Jones
- 15. Travis Robb
- 20. Blair Collins
- 24. Alvin Huff
Patty Robb
- 25. Vivian Grimm
Jessica Baldwin
Desiree Richardson
- 26. Marlene Miska



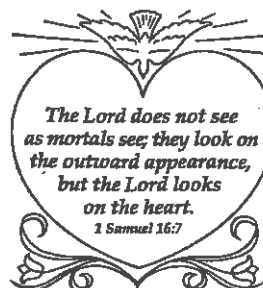
Cue Seminaries

CUE is the partnership of three seminaries, 16 conferences of the United Church of Christ, 2,525 congregations, and Local Church Ministries of the National United Church of Christ, working together to promote and support theological education. Support of theological education includes: interpreting programs and activities of the CUE as they affect the churches and conferences of the CUE region; affirming the support of the theological education as an essential mission of each church; providing funds to the CUE Seminaries. CUE envelopes are available at the back of the church.

On Sunday, February 24th we will receive the CUE offering.

A Special Thank You!

Thanks so much for your wonderful gifts for the patients at St. Peter Treatment Center. Around 400 patients will be getting a gift and for most of them – this is all they will receive. They appreciate your generosity and we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas. St. Peter Treatment Center Christmas Staff



Pastor's Page

Dear Friends,

It has been a privilege to serve as FCUCC's Interim Pastor these last 3 and a quarter years. I feel good about what we've accomplished in our time together. We returned our focus to our Christian mission and on many occasions I've felt like we really made a difference in peoples' lives. I also feel that I am now a more skilled pastor for the experiences that I've had here. It's been an honor. And I appreciate getting to have been a part of FCUCC's story.

Part of interim ministry, however, is that the real test is often not what happens during your own pastorate, but what happens during the next one. My hope (actually one of the fundamental goals of interim ministry) is that I have set up my successor for success. My hope is that we have healed enough from past wounds to be hopeful about our future and embrace a new beginning with a new leader. And I do believe that we have. My hope is that we've regained a healthy trust in each other and a willingness to work together as we prepare to write a new chapter in our church's history. Once again, I believe that we have.

The new pastor will have a completely unique set of strengths and weaknesses and it is important to remember that as they get started. The new pastor will not be like Michael Fritz, or like Linzy Collins, or like Don Chapman. They will have their own Christian journey and their own vision of ministry in this time and place. I'm excited to see where they feel called to lead the church and I'm excited to see what new opportunities are in store for FCUCC. And I hope that all of you are excited as well. FCUCC's welcome of a new pastor will be how I know that our time together was Spirit-filled and well-spent. And it will make me proud to see the church embrace what God has planned for us next.

Thank you for the experiences I've been gifted with since November of 2015. My memories of Glencoe will stay with me for the rest of my career and the rest of my life. You are doing important and meaningful work here. Keep listening for where Jesus is calling you next. And keep putting love first.

Still with you on the journey,
Michael



Trustees Newsletter Report for January 2019

The following business was addressed at the January 16th meeting of the Board of Trustees:

* Offering income for December 2018 was \$ 21,168. General expenses for the month of December 2018 were \$7,322. The Trustees approved invoices for new parking signage install totaling \$255 and approved joining Glencoe Chamber of Commerce.

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Warner, Secretary

From: First Congregational
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Newsletter Deadline – Third Monday of the Month

Our Church Website: firstcongochurch.org

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Happy Valentine's Day!

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: February 6th (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 at 320-864-4549.

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

February 2019




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:15 am Communion Worship Service 10:30 am Sunday School	4 Pastor Out of the Office	5 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Christian Ed Meeting	6 10:15 am Communion @ GRHS Long Term Care 6:30 pm Confirmation	7 8:00 pm A.A.	8	9
10 9:15 am Worship Service Pastor's Going Away Pot-Luck Dinner 10:30 am Sunday School Pastor's Last Day	11	12 10:00 am Bible Study	13 Noon - Trustee's Mtg @ Maria's Mexican Restaurant 6:00 pm Women's Fellowship Board Meeting 6:30 pm Confirmation	14 Happy Valentine's Day! WEE-Friends Valentine's Party - morning 8:00 pm A.A.	15 WEE-Friends Valentine's Party - morning	16
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On behalf of the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf Board of Directors, Staff, and most sincerely, the individuals directly impacted by your food and/or financial gift, **THANK-YOU** for generously supporting our mission throughout 2018!

Once again, the year passed in a flash, but we remained diligent in our vision to provide the most dignified service to those facing food insecurity during life's challenges. We are privileged to have met so many wonderful people in the process!

The work at MEFS would not be possible without **YOU and the generous & creative ways you choose to support us!** Your gifts and bounty continue to genuinely inspire and motivate us as we dig in each day. Not a single detail goes unnoticed!

2019 is going to be a year of change and growth! Our SUPERSHELF transformation is slated to begin in early spring and we will have three director seats to fill in May. We will continue to reach out as the process unfolds and needs are made known. In the meantime, if you are interested in knowing more about the up and coming, do not hesitate to call and inquire.

Again, **THANK-YOU** for your support! #GIVEWHEREYOULIVE

In Service,

Lennie Albers

Executive Director



Mission Statement

Alleviate hunger situations for McLeod County residents and provide information for services beyond immediate relief.

2018 Impact Statistics



4741

Distinct Individuals Served
*1655 served under age 18
*2817 served between age 18-64
*269 served over age 65



8356

Grocery Distributions



2297