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**First Congregational UCC "AT FIRST"**  
**1400 North Elliott Avenue,**  
**Glencoe, MN 55336**  
**Church phone: 864-3855**

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**March 2019**

### **In Case of Emergency**

If you have an emergency during the transition between Pastors, please call one of the UCC Pastors:

**Brian Broz, St Paul's UCC, Plato**  
**Pastor Matt Orendorff, Church of Peace**  
**Pastor Al Fiene, Prairie Community Church, Lester Prairie.**

### **Mission Trip Bake Sale**

will be held this **Sunday, March 3rd**, after our Worship Service. The Mission Trip kids will be downstairs to help you find the perfect home cooked food you want to take home. We have decreased our number of sweets and increased our ready to heat and serve items like soups and hot dishes.

Thank you in advance for your help in getting 16 people to South Dakota this summer.

### **Lent in a Bag**

The Confirmation Class has put together a **Lent in a Bag** to help make this Lent more meaningful. It is a bag filled with 6 different symbols, one for each week of Lent, to help you focus on the **TRUE MEANING OF LENT**. The Confirmation students will be selling these bags in the church Narthex after the church service. Hopefully this will help us raise the money we still need for the Mission Trip, along with a **Lenten Soup Supper on Wednesday, April 3rd**. Please purchase a bag to help out the students **AND** to make this your Most Meaningful Easter ever.

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

Since we do not have a full time Pastor, we **will not** have an Ash Wednesday Service at our church. Please take this opportunity to go to one of the local UCC churches:

**Church of Peace, Glencoe**  
**St. Paul's UCC, Plato**  
**Frieden's, Norwood**  
**Prairie Community, Lester Prairie**

### **Joint UCC Lenten Services**

**will be held at the following churches.**

**All Services begin at 7:00 p.m.**

**Churches joining in the 2019 Lenten Services are First Congregational; Church of Peace; St. Paul's UCC, Plato; Frieden's UCC, Norwood-Young America; & Prairie Community UCC, Lester Prairie**

March 13th – Friedens UCC, Norwood  
Al Fiene Preaching

March 20th – St. Paul's UCC, Plato  
Pastor Matt Orendorff Preaching

March 27th – Prairie Community Church,  
Lester Prairie

April 3rd – First Congregational Church  
Pastor Matt Orendorff Preaching  
Youth Lenten Soup Supper

April 10th – Church of Peace, Glencoe  
Pastor Brian Brosz Preaching

## Happy Birthday To:

3. Abbie Raiter, Emelia Kottke
6. Janet Willand, Devin Forcier
7. Joan Chapman, Patti Olson,  
Joe Adrian
8. Cindy Patnaude
10. Patricia Schilling,  
Christina Bargmann
11. Gale Hoese
12. Roxanne Mathews, Bailey Mathews
15. Granville Drew
19. Valerie Dahlke
22. Colleen Drew
23. Claudia Thunstrom
24. Brooke Rowan
26. Grace Patnaude
28. Carmen Kienenberger

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## 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:** March 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.

## One Great Hour of Sharing

The United Church of Christ uses the *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering* to reach more than 80 countries! Your gift serves people in the United States and around the world through these compassionate ministries like Disaster preparedness and response – international and domestic; International sustainable development, and Refugee assistance and advocacy. Most of your offering supports long-term development work in education, health care, agricultural development, and other means to improve community conditions.

First Congregational will be receiving the *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering* along with other Congregations on Sunday, March 31st during the our Worship Service.

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## On The Job In March

**Deacon of Month:** Randy Warner

**In Charge of Altar:** Ann Wangerin

**Deaconesses in Charge of  
Communion on March 3rd:  
@ Church:** Pam Gould

**No Communion at Long Term Care  
this Month**

## The Trustee's Report for February 2019

The following business was addressed at the February 13th meeting of the Board of Trustees:

\* Total offering for January 2019 was \$6,246. Of that, \$6,165 was for operating expenses; the remainder was for missions and special offerings. Total expenses paid for January 2019 were \$7072.00.

\* Other Business:

1. Voted to approve the January financial report and minutes; mileage reimbursement to Pastor Michael for January.
2. Voted to approve January invoices totaling \$77.45 for supplies.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Warner, Secretary

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## 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.

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

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

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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**In the Lord's Prayer we ask God for seven things:**

**That His name be holy**

**That His kingdom come**

**That His will be done**

**That He provide for our needs**

**That He forgive our sins**

**That He guards us from temptation**

**That He protect us from Satan**

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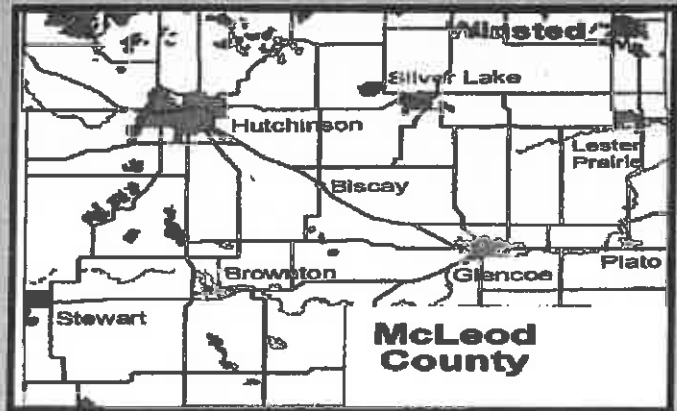
MINNESOTA  
FOODSHARE  
MARCH CAMPAIGN  
ALL FOOD & FINANCIAL  
DONATIONS RECEIVED BY  
**1:00 PM, MONDAY, APRIL 8**  
ARE ELIGIBLE FOR  
ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDS!



**DONATION LOCATIONS**  
808 E 12th St Glencoe 55336  
498 Hwy 7 E Hutchinson 55350

**DONATION HOURS**  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Friday 8:00 AM—1:00 PM  
& Thursday 3:00 PM—8:00 PM

**#givewhere  
youlive  
#townchallenge**



**2019 TOWN CHALLENGE**  
*Get your city on the map!*

*The challenge is to see which municipality  
generates the most in donations per capita.*

*Winner earns bragging rights*

*for the entire year!*

**ALL DONATIONS REMAIN IN MCLEOD COUNTY &  
SUPPORT LOCAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION EFFORTS.**

# March 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:15 am Communion Worship Service/Rev. Cindy Mueller, preaching 10:30 am Sunday School Youth Bake Sale	4	5 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Christian Ed Board Meeting	6 No Long Term Communion No Ash Wednesday Service @ First Congo Church 4:30 pm Confirmation	7 8:00 pm A.A.	8	9
10 9:15 am Worship Service Rev. Victor Halberg, preaching 10:30 am Sunday School Women's Fellowship Meeting	11	12 10:00 am Bible Study 5-8pm Wee-Friend's Open House	13 Noon-Trustee's Meeting @ Unhinged Pizza 4:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Joint Lenten Service @ Frieden's	14 8:00 pm A.A.	15	16
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