
First Congregational UCC "AT FIRST"
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May-June 2019

Youth Mission Trip

13 Youth and 3 adults will be going on a Mission Trip to South Dakota from July 7-12th. If you would like to contribute to their Mission Trip costs, please contact either Pam Gould, Bridget Kienenburger or Kari Warner.

Minnesota Conference

Annual Meeting

The Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting will held **June 7-9th** at the **College of St. Benedict** in **St. Joseph, Mn.**

If you would go and represent First Congregational, please contact the church office at 864-3855.

Pledges

Just a reminder that the needs of our church do not go on vacation for the summer when you do – bills continue to accumulate.

Please remember to send in your offerings and pledges by mail if you are unable to attend worship during the summer months. **Our church fiscal year ends August 31, 2019.**

Celebration Sunday

Celebration Sunday will be held on May 19th. This is an exciting time for the kids to show us what they have learned all year so come and celebrate with the children. It is fun to see their excitement and joy at sharing their Lord with all of us.

All kids should be in the fellowship hall by 9:00 am to get ready.

Join us downstairs following the service for refreshments.

Graduation Sunday

We will be honoring our graduates on **Sunday, May 19th** during our Worship Service. Come and celebrate with them during this exciting time. **Graduates are: Bryanna Paul, Desiree Richardson and Maren Warner**

Card Shower

The Deaconesses are having a Card Shower for **Elaine Reynold's 90th Birthday.** Please shower Elaine with messages and remembrances. **On Sunday, May 12th, they will be celebrating Elaine's birthday during coffee hour.** Please join her!

On The Job In May & June

Deacon of the Month:

Scott Telthoester (May)

Nicholas Schultz (June)

Deaconesses in Charge of Communion:

@ Church on May 5th – **Pam Gould**

@ Church on June 2nd – **Pam Gould**

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Results from Diaper Drive

Congratulations! Our Diaper Drive collected 846 diapers that were delivered to Common Cup last week. This was a great show of supporting our greater community.

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Memorial Day Prayer

We remember, O Lord, all those men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Do not let us breathe the air of freedom or claim the right of justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without remembering with great gratitude those who gave the last full measure of devotion – their very lives – for our benefit. May they now know the peace of eternity and joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Baptisms

Colton R Robb was baptized during a private service on April 20th with Rev. Penny Entringer officating. Colton is the son of Travis Robb and Lanesa Swartzenberg. Colton was born on January 23, 2019.

Remy Daniel Schwarzrock was baptized during a private baptism on April 28th with Rev. Penny Entringer officating. Remy is the son of Cale and Traci Schwarzrock. Remy was born December 16, 2018.

Riva Leona Schwarzrock was baptized during a private baptism on April 28th with Rev. Penny Entringer officating. Riva is the daughter of Cale and Traci Schwarzrock. Riva was born December 16, 2018.

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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 guard us from temptation

Confirmation Sunday

is set for **May 5th during our Worship Service.** We have 4 young people who will be getting confirmed. Please join us in welcoming them into our church family.

Meet the Confirmands:



Annika Richardson was born on 8/25/03. She is in 9th grade this year. Her favorite Bible story is the parting of the Red Sea as found in the book of Exodus. She loves to read.



Sofia Mattson was born on 7/16/04. She is a 9th grader this year. She joined our church through Baptism on January 27, 2019. She is excited about becoming part of our church family on confirmation day.



Grace Patnaude was born on 3-26-03. Happy Birthday Grace. She loves spending time with her friends. Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13: I can do everything with the help of Christ who strengthens me.



Caleb Richardson was born on 8/25/03. His favorite thing to do in church is when he gets to read for the congregation.

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Trustees Newsletter Report for April 2019

The following business was addressed at the April 24th meeting of the Board of Trustees:

- * Total offering for March 2019 was \$6,036. Expense payments for March totaled \$5,025
- * \$49 dollars was collected for One Great Hour of Sharing.
- * Other Business:
 1. Approved contacting Bud’s Pest control for bat removal from the Church.

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Warner, Secretary

Clang and Clip Special Offering

While we are waiting to move ahead in our search and hiring process, we have been using Pulpit Supply Ministers who are paid \$200 per service to led. At the time of our annual meeting, we anticipated having a permanent Pastor by this time and not spending \$200 on mileage and a one hour service each week without other pastoral services. The Stewardship Committee is suggesting that we have a **Clang and Clip Special Offering** from time to time in the next months to help defray costs until there is a new Interim Minister or a settled Pastor. The special offerings will be used to help pay our pulpit supply clergy.

Mark Your Calendar!

From **May 5th and May 19th** we will receive for our first **Clang and Clip Special Offerings!** Save your change to **CLANG** and your greenbacks to **CLIP** on these Sundays! To help you remember, sing or hum this little ditty to the tune of

"She'll be Coming 'round the Mountain..."

If you've got a little CLANG, put it in!

If you've got a little CLANG, put it in!

You can drop a little CLANG or CLIP a little cash
to help give our ministry some flash!

Thank you everyone for doing your best with this and remembering to stay current on your pledge. Summer is coming and many of us will be gone or out and about throughout the summer, but our church has expenses every week just like all of us!

Help Wanted!!

Volunteers to Plan and Assist with Worship: Teenage, middle age, old age all are needed to participate in planning 1-2 worship services/month for the next few months at First Congregational. We need musicians-vocal and instrumental, scripture readers, planners, those who enjoy children's messages, and people who would be comfortable giving a message. God is extending an opportunity to his followers to participate and lead this church during this time of transition...don't follow Moses' or Jonah's lead by running from the opportunity to learn! Please pray about participating on a worship team with people of all ages and talents. A group of 8-12 people would be great! Not everyone would need to be involved in each worship service. **Please contact Jan Mackenthun from the Deaconesses (864-3838), Dan Biederwolf from the Church Council (612-801-4329), or Dan Kottke from the Deacons (864-6051) to participate in this group.** We need everyone to be involved in keeping our church alive and vibrant and if you can't volunteer, you can always pray for the needs of the church.

Strengthen the Church Offering

On Sunday, June 9th, we will be receiving the **Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offering**. “The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” - Ephesians 4:11-12.

This offering is dedicated to faithfully building the Body of Christ by starting new churches where the need is great and renewing existing congregations that only need assistance from us to thrive again.

Through our gifts to **Strengthen the Church**, we further our commitment to being a multiracial, multicultural church, open and affirming and accessible to all. We strengthen and renew existing congregations. We provide exciting programs for youth and young adults. We fund leadership development for the whole church. Our generous gifts are used, half by our conference and half by local Church Ministries.

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The Abundant Table Community Meal

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

When: May 1, 2019 & June 5, 2019 (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 864-4549.

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Summer Camps

Women's Fellowship will **pay for 50% of the camper fee** for the following camps if any members wish to attend. Please contact Chris Marsh.

- * **Spring Youth Event** – 4/26-4/28 at Luther Crest Camp Alexandria
\$75 (grades 6-12), adults - \$50
- * **Youth Week** - 7/28-8/1 at Carleton College, Northfield
\$300 (grades 6-12), adults - \$150
- * **Men's Retreat** -8/16-8/18 at Luther Crest Camp, Alexandria - \$150
- * **Women's Retreat** - 9/13-9/15 at Luther Crest Camp, Alexandria - \$150
- * **Fall Youth Event** 10/11-10/13 at Luther Crest Camp, Alexandria

From: First Congregational Church
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Our Website: firstcongochurch.org

Newsletter Deadline – Third Monday of the Month

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

“But those who
hope in the LORD
will renew their STRENGTH.
They will SOAR on
wings like eagles;
they will RUN and
not grow weary,
they will WALK
and not be faint.”

Isaiah 40:31



May

1. Robert Hoppie
3. Atreyu Wangerin
Audrey Forcier
Nathan Warner
6. Ethan Kottke
7. Paul Johnson
8. Rolf Marsh;
Karen Benson
10. Chris Boesche
11. Elaine Reynolds
12. Amanda Tesch
Justin Forcier
16. Dan Biederwolf
20. Joan Walford
22. Jacob Paul
23. Vernon Forcier;
Amanda Mackenthun
Maren Warner
25. Cassandra Forcier
26. Larry Olson
LaDonna Brinkmann
27. Kenneth Stenzel
30. Stan Hoof

June

3. Sean Kottke
5. Mary Ann Forcier
Janet Winn,
7. Traci Schwarzrock
Tricia Schilling
Elsie Kottke
12. Crystal Marvan
16. Duane Mathews
17. Tim Hoese
Kristin Berscheit
22. Dawn Hinojosa
Carmen Hoese
Amayiah Cruz
23. Ramona Nagel
25. Carrie Bargmann
30. Maxxwell Lehmann

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:15 am Communion Worship Service Women's Fellowship Board Meeting	3	4 10:00 am Bible Study	5	6 8:00 pm A.A.	7	8
9 9:15 am Worship Service Strengthen The Church Offering Christian Ed Board Mtg	10	11 10:00 am Bible Study	12	13 8:00 pm A.A.	14	15
16 9:15 am Worship Service	17	18 10:00 am Bible Study	19 Trustee's Meeting?	20 8:00 pm A.A.	21	22
23 9:15 am Worship Service	24	25 10:00 am Bible Study	26	27 8:00 pm A.A.	28	29 2:00 pm Ruiz (Quincea) Rev. Penny Entringer officiating
30 9:15 am Worship Service Deacon's Meeting		Deacon In Charge: Nicholas Schultz In Charge of Altar: Ann Wangenin	Deaconesses In Charge of Communion at Church on June 2nd: Pam Gould			

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 9:15 am Communion Worship Service w/Confirmation Rev Mary Sauter, preaching 10:30 am Sunday School Women's Fellowship Mtg	6	7 10:00 am Bible Study	8	9 8:00 pm A.A.	10	11
12 9:15 am Worship Service Rev. Bill Baldwin preaching 10:30 am Sunday School Elaine Reynolds 90th Birthday Celebration Happy Mother's Day!!!	13	14 10:00 am Bible Study	15 Peace Circle Meets	16 8:00 pm A.A.	17	18
19 9:15 am Worship Service Celebration Sunday Graduation Sunday	20	21 10:00 am Bible Study	22 12:30 pm Trustee's Meeting @ Gert & Erma's	23 8:00 pm A.A.	24	25
26 9:15 am Worship Service Rev. Bill Baldwin preaching Deacon's Meeting	27	28 10:00 am Bible Study	29	30 8:00 pm A.A. Ascension Day	31	
		Deacon of the Month: Scott Felthoester In Charge of Altar: Ann Wangerin	Deaconesses In charge of Communion at church on May 5th: Pam Gould	Coffee Hosts: May 5th: Christian Ed May 12th: Deaconesses (Elaine Reynolds's 90th) May 19th: Open May 26th: open		

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEEDS YOU!

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR
A FEW GOOD PEOPLE!**

Join us to find out how
Habitat for Humanity really works!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board is the decision and policy-making body. It has the ultimate responsibility for all financial and legal decisions of the affiliate and exercises general management.

BUILDING/SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE

People who have an interest in and may have knowledge of home construction and identifying potential sites for construction. This can include surveyors, architects, people who know building codes, carpenters, concrete workers, plumbers, electricians, utility people and building supply people. This also can include working with local government officials on acquiring land and lots for building, water and sewer hookups and making sure the lot is "buildable". There is a lot to know about building houses. If you have knowledge, like to dabble in real estate, or if you would like some on-the-job training, please join us!

FAMILY SELECTION COMMITTEE

This committee is made up of people willing to interview and work with families who have applied to be a partner family with Habitat. These people will also check to make certain that the applicant families meet the criteria established by Habitat for homeownership. Working with the Family Support Committee, you will find certain joy in making what seems an unobtainable dream come true for some of these families!

CHURCH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Partnering with churches, helps Habitat for Humanity fulfill its mission to demonstrate the love and teachings of Jesus Christ. Churches provide essential prayer support and invaluable resources that help serve families in need of housing. People serving on this committee make contacts with area churches, and provide them with an opportunity to put their faith into action through partnering with Habitat.

FAMILY SUPPORT COMMITTEE

People who have good "social/people" skills to work with partner families both before and after construction to be sure that the families know what is required in the area of sweat equity, to provide a record of that time requirement, and to help in the transition of true homeownership. These sponsors/advocates/friends may also help the families in the areas of budgeting and home maintenance.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

People to identify and approach potential donors (individual, church, corporate) for either cash or "in-kind" gifts of material, labor, property, or support. This committee also needs people who can develop fundraising materials. You will be surprised to find how eager people are to give when they understand the principles of Habitat!

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

People who can write articles for newsletters, press releases and would like to work with local media are needed for this committee. Persons interested in volunteering to serve on this committee may also speak to groups and organizations about our projects and our mission. People on this committee help the affiliate "get the word out".



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