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**“At First”**  
**First Congregational UCC**  
**1400 North Elliott Avenue, Glencoe, MN 55336**  
**Church phone: 864-3855**

**Rev. Dr. Bob Baggott and Rev. Dr. Casey Baggott; Co-Pastors**

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July 2020

**Youth Mission Trip**

As you probably all guessed, the Mission trip is canceled for 2020. We thought about doing one up north but Covid is not cooperating. Next year we will go some where! We just are not sure where. Please stay tuned and new information will be coming. Stay excited for being the hands and feet of Jesus. We will get there. Pamg

**Make-up All-WF meeting**

*will be held Thursday, July 16th at 5 pm at the church. Discussion will include Women Fellowship and funeral receptions in this time of COVID, election of Women's Fellowship Board members for 2020-2021 and the Christmas Bazaar. Light refreshments will be served. Masks and social distancing please.*

**Worship Services**

We are gathering for worship again and you are welcome to join us for Sunday Morning Worship at 9:15 am in our beautiful sanctuary. We will practice social distancing during worship, and masks are not required but would be appreciated. If you would prefer to join us remotely, our services can be watched live on the church's Facebook page (***First Congregational Church, Glencoe***).

For our Shut-In's at Long Term Care, it can be seen on **Monday's at 9:30 am and Tuesday's at 6:00 pm in the Chapel.**

**Trustee's Report**  
**for May 2020**

The following business was addressed at the May 13, 2020 meeting of the Board of Trustees:

- 1.Total deposits for April were \$6,123.00 payments in April from our Operating fund \$8,036.00
- 2.Giving is continuing to come in through office mail.

Other Business:

- \*Trustee's approved increased internet speed for facebook live worship.
- \*Working on updating the rental contract form and reviewing insurance rates for 2020.
- \*Following the Minnesota state guidelines on opening up Church for worship.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Randy Warner, Secretary

## **On the Job in July**

**Deacon of the Month:  
Mike Dahlke**

**Altar: Ann Wangerin**

## **July Birthdays**

1. - Cameron Marvan
6. - Ella Kottke
12. - Norma McNeil
16. - Karen Stenzel
18. - Donna Lemke
19. - Carey Alsleben
20. - Lavender Kottke
21. - Sarah Maguire
22. - Ann Wangerin
23. - Nathan Richardson
24. - Avenna Kottke
28. - Haylie Sullivan
28. - Angela Bolt

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## **LSS Meals Outreach**

Hello, My name is Dalton Kalina and I am the Meals Community Development Manager at Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. I wanted to pass along some information to you about our meals programs. Our services support older adults to live healthier, more active, and independent lives, making eating fun and easy. We also serve individuals experiencing food insecurities or who need assistance with nutrition or dietary needs. Our meals are designed by a licensed, registered dietitian to ensure that they are healthy and nutritious. Adjusted meals are available for individuals with special dietary needs, such as those who are diabetic or require a controlled sodium, low fat or low cholesterol diet. Due to the COVID-19 virus, we are able to offer 14-day emergency meals supply in addition to daily delivered meals per week to seniors. COVID-19 has made it difficult for older adults to access food on a consistent basis, and we are hoping to reach out to our neighbors to fill this need with the Lutheran Social Services meals programs. These meals are partially funded by the Families First and CARES act funding. Clients will be asked to make a donation for the meals but there is no requirement of a donation if a client isn't able to pay. I am hoping to spread the word of the meals programs across Central Minnesota to help people impacted the most by the virus. If someone is interested in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits they can contact LSS meals at 800-488-4146. to see if they qualify. If you know of anyone who may be interested in the meals program the best person to reach is Chrissy Elton Regional Manager of Kandiyohi, Meeker, and McLeod County. Her contact information is Chrissy.Elton@lssmn.org and 320-905-2528. If you have any questions don't hesitate to get into contact with Chrissy or me. Here is a link to our LSS meals website: [www.lssmn.org/meals](http://www.lssmn.org/meals) Thank you, Dalton Kalina

# July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 9:15 am Communion Worship Service	6	7	8 9:30 am Bible Study	9	10	11
12 9:15 am Worship Service	13	14 Noon-Trustee's Meeting	15 9:30 am Bible Study	16 5:00pm All-Women's Fellowship Meeting at church	17	18
19 9:15 am Worship Service	20	21	22 9:30 am Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9:15 am Worship Service Deacon's Meeting	27	28	29 9:30 am Bible Study	30	31	
		Deacon: Mike Dahlke Altar: Ann Wangerin				

**First Congregational UCC, Glencoe MN**  
**Church Council Meeting Minutes - May 20, 2020**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Merlin Mackenthun - Chair, Jan Mackenthun, Jim Cox, Kari Warner, Stan Hoof, Bridget Kienenberger, Carmen Kienenberger Pastors Casey and Bob Baggott joined us for their first Church Council meeting.

1. The First Congregational Church Council meeting was called to order at 6:35p.m.
2. Pastor Casey began our meeting with prayer.
3. Approval of Minutes - Council Minutes from March 5 were approved as written.

4. Committee Reports

Trustees -

- The Trustees met last week. Our budget is approx. \$76,000+ for April. A year ago it was \$80,000+.
- The church was approved for a \$4,400+ SBA loan from the Federal Government. This money must be used for salaries of part-time employees from May 7 thru July 7. Money remaining after salaries can be used to pay utility bills. If all funds are spent we do not have to pay it back. The Trustees expect salaries and utilities to deplete the fund.

Christian Ed -

- Our church became a recipient of about 480 lbs. of fresh food from Michael's Foods, a food distributor. During the food distribution in Biscay, 12 individual groups pooled their allotments and gave it to another family in Biscay. The family had no way of using this quantity of food and, in turn, donated it to our church. The food consisted mainly of eggs (whole, blended, hard) and potatoes (mashed, cubed, hash browns).
- Through food donations from Christian Ed members, and volunteer work by the Warner family, the church kitchen opened for Sunday meals. The Board used funds from its Community Outreach budget (generally spent during the winter) to add vegetables, meats, pastas, cheese (etc) and desserts. Through a donation from Wm's Fellowship, CE purchased packaging and kitchen supplies. Approximately 70 people have been fed weekly. The program has been advertised in the weekly bulletin, newsletter and by our Pastors during services. We began outreach to church members that "might" enjoy a dinner on April 24. Our first meal went out April 26th (eggs and ham +). There has been a meal every Sunday bringing our meals to five weeks on May 24. Assisting the Warner Clan, Pam G has been a "second chef" followed by contributions from Carmen K. and Kelly R.
- CE will be recognizing our high school graduates in a virtual program during the Sunday service on May 24. Karl (her family) and Pam G. are putting together a video.

5. Pastors' Report

- Pastor Bob reported that this is the first time he has preached under the confines of a pandemic. He noted the obstacles presented and differences in preaching to a camera vs. a live audience.
- Pastor Casey reported that they have been reaching out, by phone, to church members and have had conversations of parishioners happily sharing reminiscences at First Congo. In addition to phone calls they have been sending their twice weekly devotions via email. We learned that our church services are being shown again on Cable TV since Covid restrictions have allowed more staff to work together.
- Pastor Bob described the demanding class curriculum of the Interim Transitional Class they attended and gave Pastor Michael kudos on moving forward in that direction.
- The Council discussed the sound quality of the church services and is working to resolve this issue.

## 6. Old Business

- Bible Study - The Pastors' said they would like to begin Bible Study classes. Wednesday was selected as the class day and start date is May 27 at 9:30 am. The program will run one hour. Bridget volunteered to reach out to past participants and invite them to join the Baggotts next week. The Council discussed how the program could be set up respecting social distancing and "mandatory masks". The group could be split between Pastors Casey and Bob if more than 10 people attend.
- Office Equipment Needs for New Pastors - The Baggotts have received all the equipment/supplies they need at this time. They have elected to use their own phones and computers. They still need to connect to the printer at the church
- Betty Bruckschen Memorial - Betty Bruckschen named our church in her Will with a donation of \$100,000. The gift was received by the church in April. As per her Will, this money is designated to be used for acquisition of Real Estate and new building or additions. The interest from the donation can be used by the church for any charitable purpose. Further, if the church should disband, the remaining money will be given to the United Church of Christ MN Conference.

The Council discussed how the Church can direct financial gifts to activities, programs, or special needs that would most benefit the church and its growth. Bridget expressed her concern that the Contributions Section of the Constitution needs to be altered giving the church the ability to accept gifts with the understanding that, only if needed, be redirected where/when the church has the most need - discussion followed. Pastor Bob described how their previous church had dealt with a similar situation and developed a Gift Policy. He will get a copy and distribute to the Council for further discussion.

## 7. New Business

- Discussion of Opening the Church: Deacons Seat People  
Merlin led the discussion about when and how we will open the church again for services. A "Wait and See" philosophy, with regard to the directions by Governor Walz, was reviewed. The church will not have Fellowship Time over the summer, which has been our normal routine. Prior to opening, guidelines will need to be formulated about spacing of individuals and families, disinfecting of the church by our part-time staff person or ? The Council speculates that with 6' distancing we could accommodate up to 80 people, when that is allowed. Members would have to use front, sides and balcony pews. Maybe open in July? Time will tell.
- Wee Friends - Karl read a letter sent by Wee Friends Pre-School program that they are giving us notice that they will no longer be able to rent our space or run their program this fall. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, they were unable to stay open this spring, they lost participants and were unable to hold their annual fundraiser that supports the program. The Council spoke of the relationship of this nonprofit organization being in operation for 41 years and our disappointment in losing such an important community asset. Their rent had been waived over the past months while they have been closed. Karl was asked to reach out to their Coordinator/Teacher and ask how we could keep them afloat. She will report back.

8. Adjourn - Our meeting was adjourned by Carmen and Karl at 7:40 p.m.

Next Meeting - ?

Respectfully submitted, Bridget Klennenberger

(Church Council Min May 20, 2020)