
“At First”
First Congregational UCC
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May 2022

A Special Thank-You!

To Ken and Karen Stenzel for their generous donation of 804 Huntington Bank (TCF) shares to be used for the church's boiler/furnace.



Confirmation is May 1st during the worship service. Please join us as we celebrate **Emily Forcier** and her choice to follow Jesus. **Cake and coffee will be served after church in her honor.**

Minnesota Conference

Annual Meeting

The Minnesota Conference 60th Annual Meeting will held **June 10-11, 2022 to be held at the College of Benedict, St Joseph, Mn** with an online option.

If you would like to go as our church representative to any of the events, please call the church office for times and dates of different workshops @ 864-3855.

Sunday School

There will be a **recognition of the Sunday school students held on May 15th** as we close out the Sunday school year.

There will be Sunday school on May 8th starting at 9:30 am.

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**
- That He protects from Satan**

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, 2022.**

We Extend our Sympathy and Prayers

... to the family of **Myron Dahlke**. His Funeral Service was held at First Congregational Church on April 26, 2022. Pastor Adam Thompson officiated.

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Strengthen the Church Offering

On Sunday, June 5th, 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.

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.

Summer Deaconesses Schedule

- May 2022 - Barb Magnuson
- June 2022 -Jan Mackenthun
- July 2022 - Miriam Jungclaus
- August 2022 - Jan Willand



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

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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

From Pastor Adam:

April showers bring May flowers, so the saying goes. Well, April has brought May showers and in a variety of forms no less. We've had rain, sleet, and snow, all will help the garden grow but we've been missing something that typically comes along with April, namely slowing increasing temperatures and by May, the warmer weather is something we all are longing for. With May, comes the anticipation of leaving our nests to embrace the beauty of new life out in the world, shedding our winter coats for less cumbersome wears.

I can help but wonder, where is this much-expected spring? I miss it, I want it, I need it! However, if living in Minnesota for almost five decades has taught me anything, it's to expect the unexpected when it comes to weather. I am a daily weather watcher, some might say a weather geek, from news to apps, I like to know what's coming. My wife Amanda likes to tease me about this because I continue this semi-obsessive "hobby" even though it isn't very often the predictions are spot on, there is just something so fascinating about the weather.

This is not a new "hobby", weather watching, I can trace it back to my teenage years. Then and now, I love the outdoors. Being in nature, I feel a closer connection with God and it dawned on me that this is why I am so attuned to the weather, it is a way of catching a glimpse of God, a way of physically experiencing the nature of God, at least in a metaphorical sense. Thinking about the anticipation of spring brings forth the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, both carrying the great wind, and imagining the presence of the Holy Spirit with each breeze across your face. The nourishing, life-giving water Jesus speaks imagined as the rain falls to nourish the soil. The unknown, unstoppable power of a weather system imagined as the mysterious and overpowering will of God. However, I admit this metaphor falls short when it comes to snow and natural weather disasters.

As we anticipate the long-overdue spring, I am also cognizant that my complaints of chilly weather will soon turn to complaints of heat and humidity. All these years in Minnesota have also taught me that the seasons will change, sometimes fast, sometimes slow, and never within my timeframe, patience is the remedy for anticipation. Let us consider the words of Romans 8:18 to our eager expectations of the coming season, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us." (Romans 8:18 NRSV)

Pastor Adam





The Glencoe Concert Association is pleased to present its 2022-2023 season of quality performances for the entire family.

Glencoe concerts include:

- "How Sweet It Is," featuring Steve Leslie, an awarded singer/songwriter/guitarist performing the music of James Taylor – Sept 11 at 4 PM;
- "Dan Miller Cowboy Review," has been entertaining audiences around the world with their first-class musicianship and family-friendly production – Feb 23 at 7 PM;
- "Backtrack Vocals," a 5-person professional a cappella singing group that transforms familiar pop, funk, Motown, and Broadway songs – March 28 at 7 PM.

Because the Glencoe and Hutchinson associations have reciprocity, members can also attend the Hutchinson Concert Association concerts:

- "B2winds," led by high-energy violinists from Rio de Janeiro who combine a plethora of genres into a live show captivating audiences with their unique sound – Sept 15 at 7 PM;
- "The Holy Rocka Rollaz," features rock 'n roll music that will take you on a trip back to the '50s – Nov 6 at 4 PM;
- "The String Showdown," a dueling string duo who amaze audiences with favorite hits from radio, TV, and movies – April 13 at 7 PM.

Members can attend all six concerts, with the purchase of an adult (\$55) or family membership (\$120).

For the past 48 years, the Glencoe Concert Association has provided world-class entertainment for the Glencoe area. The support of the Glencoe Concert Association, a 501(c)(3) organization, since 1974 emphasizes the desire and the need for such an organization to provide top quality performances for the entire family.

Board Members are also needed for the upcoming season. People of all ages, who are interested in a variety of musical performances, are encouraged to volunteer.

For more information, contact Cindy Eggersgluess at 612-840-6308 or Louise Carlson at 320-864-5261. You are also invited to "LIKE" the Glencoe Concert Association Facebook page.



Spring Fling

First United Church of Christ
Congregational

May 21st
1-5pm

1400 Elliott Ave N

Free Outdoor Community Event

Live Bluegrass Music - Food & Beverages - Kids Activities

Freewill Offering Benefitting:

UCC Ukraine Relief Fund



May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 am Communion Confirmation Worship Service Coffee Hour in honor of Emily Forcier	2	3	4	5 11:00 am Bible Study @ Rhemat's Coffee House	6	7
8 9:15 am Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School	9	10	11	12 11:00 am Bible Study @ Rhemat's Coffee House	13	14
15 9:15 am Worship Service Sunday School Recognition Sunday	16	17	18 Noon-Trustee's Meeting	19 11:00 am Bible Study @ Rhemat's Coffee House	20	21 1-5:00 pm Free Outdoor Community Event Live Bluegrass Musical Food & Beverages! Kids Activities Freewill for Ukraine Relief Fund!
22 9:15 am Worship Service Deacon's Meeting	23	24	25	26 11:00 am Bible Study @ Rhemat's Coffee House	27	28
29 9:15 am Worship Service	30	31				
		Deaconesses for May: Barb Magnuson Deacon of the Month: Bruce Magnuson				