
“At First”

**First Congregational UCC
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April 2023



Come & Celebrate Easter Week With Us!

April 6th: 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service



sponsored by the Deacons, will be served before our **Easter Morning Service on April 9th starting at 7:30 am**. They will be serving waffles, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage and coffee. This will be a free will offering. **Deacons will be hosting Coffee Hour after church on Easter Sunday too.**

April 9th: 9:15 am Easter Sunday Worship Service



Easter Lilies

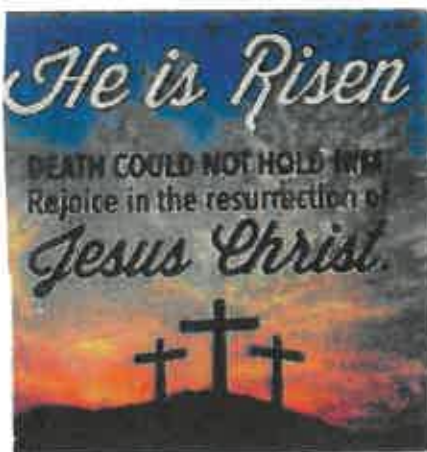
If you would like to purchase a lily in memory of or in honor of a loved for our **Easter Service on April 9th**, please call the church office @ 864-3855. Price is \$12.00 each. **Deadline to order is April 4th.**



Happy Birthday!!

In April

1. Alexandra Hoese
2. Tricia Boesche
4. Brenda Schultz,
Lillian Krueges
9. Bryanna Paul
10. Pat Trocke,
Roger Landon
12. Emily Jungclaus
13. Janice Winn
14. Bruce Magnuson
18. Kelly Rach,
Troy Lehmann
19. David Stark
22. Shirley Cutlar,
Jamie Yurek
23. Kara Salmela
25. Ozzie Chapman
27. Bridget Kienenberger
28. James Cox
29. Nicholas Schultz



Is a thing...again!

The 2nd Annual Spring Fling Outdoor Community Music Event is on the calendar.,

Join us **Sunday, May 21st from noon till 4:00pm** for an afternoon of music, food, refreshments, and fun for all ages!

A free-will offering will be collected and will benefit 2B Continued, a local non-profit with a mission to increase awareness of suicide prevention, mental health, and wellness through advocacy, education, and outreach.

The event is free and open to all and will once again feature 2-live bluegrass bands, Lazy Loon food and libations, kids activities, and more!

Stay tuned for more information.

Feed My Starving Children

April 15th from 9am-10:45am

Join Pastor Adam and Pastor Scott (St. John's/Bongard's-UCC) for this multi-generation, multi-congregation service experience in Chanhassen.

Together, kids and adults of all ages hand-pack nutritious MannaPack® meals specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition.

Sign-up during coffee hour, call/text/email/tell Pastor Adam, or on our website @ <https://www.firstcongochurch.org/volunteer/>

Pastor's Page:

What's your story?

Every culture has guiding narratives. They include the one about working hard, advancing, and making it easier for the next generation (the American Dream narrative), or that you, and only you, are able to raise up your position (the Bootstrap narrative), or that romance will fix all our problems (the Princess narrative). These stories become how we understand the world around us and what is important to us.

But these three are imperfect narratives, and in the absence of better stories, we accept and adopt these stories, and in turn, feel our resolutions are unobtainable and leave us feeling incomplete, like we've failed. We need better stories.

There are many reasons why people are part of a church and why we read these same stories year after year. These stories are filled with captivating narratives, stories that tell us about what it means to be fully human and to live life well.

When we come to this time in our Christian year, we have been traveling together on a journey of Lent, a journey of honest reflection, discernment, forgiveness, repentance, and reconciliation. It brings us right to Resurrection. In a single moment, some 2000 years ago, when Jesus' Resurrection revealed that the powers of this world will not kill love. And resurrection is perhaps our most important narrative. It tells us that we are not our worst day, we are not limited by what has been, and we too can have new life.

Resurrection is every day that we get to try again, to love the world and our neighbors and ourselves again. Resurrection is such that we might bear the scars but we are not always knocked down and if we are, we rise again. Resurrection is that even in this life, we are always given second chances.

This is our narrative, one of new life. It doesn't always fit into the world that holds on to and exploits our regrets and worst moments, our failings and missteps. But this is the narrative we need.

This season of Easter may this be your story, may you remember and step into the Resurrection, the new life, every day. Again.

Happy Easter,
Pastor Adam



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Newsletter Deadline – Third Monday of the Month



TIM ORTH MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

The 25th annual TOMF Basketball Jamboree will be held at Glencoe/Silver Lake High School Gymnasium on Saturday, April 1st. The doors open at 4:00 pm, with the games beginning at 5:30 pm. Admission is free will donations!

Male and female area high school athletes will play two basketball games. Entertainment will be provided by the Amazing Hoopsters, GSL High School Danceline, GSL 5 th & 6 th grade choir, Kelly's Dance Academy, Touch of Grace Dance, Shortfuse DanceFit, Revolution Dance Center, Hutch High School Key Club, Hutch Tiger Special Olympics, silent auction, 3 point contests, slam dunk contest, plus much more.

The proceeds from this event will help defray medical expenses of Sawyer Anderson, Hutch; London Blaser, Lester Prairie; Victor Jannette, Hutch; Faith Krienke, Glencoe; Hoyt Lambert, Maple Lake; Lily Lane, Lester Prairie; Lennyn Markgraf, Hutch; Knox Rollins, Glencoe; Josephine Weis, Paynesville and Brynn West, Buffalo Lake.

For more information call Ralph Johnson at 320-587-6733.

Donations to the Tim Orth Foundation may be mailed to Ralph Johnson, 558 Juergens Rd, Hutchinson, Mn 55350. **Checks made payable to TOMF.**

We encourage you to attend this event.

Thank You

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Deacon: Troy Lehmann Alter: Ann Wangerin						1
2 9:15 am Palm Sunday Communion Service No Confirmation CE Leaders Group Meeting	3 Easter Lily Order Deadline	4 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	5	6	7	8
9 7:30 am Easter Breakfast 9:15 am Easter Service No Confirmation	10	11	12	13	14	15 9:00-10:45 am Feed the Starving Children Event w/Pastor
16 9:15 am Worship Service 9:30 Sunday School Confirmation	17	18 Trustee's Meeting	19	20	21	22
23 9:15 am Worship Service 9:30 Sunday School Confirmation	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:15 am Worship Service Confirmation Deacon's Meeting				