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

May/June 2023



Confirmation is May 7th during the worship service. Please join us as we celebrate that **Emily Junglaus, Teagan Mueller, and Maxx Lehmann** have chosen to follow Jesus.

Cake and coffee will be served after church in their honor by Christian Ed.



There will be a **recognition of the Sunday school students held on May 21st** as we close out the Sunday school year.

Help us celebrate another year of Christ's teachings to our youngest church-goers with some music, recitation and fun! Join us after service for refreshments as we continue the celebration.

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

Congratulations! To Our High School Graduate, Jesse Dahlke

Stay Tuned for Senior Recognition Sunday. We wish Jesse, God's Blessings, as he begins a new chapter in his life.

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, 2023.**

Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting

The Minnesota Conference 60th Annual Meeting will held **June 9th & 10th, 2023 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 talk to Pastor Adam or call the church office for times and dates of different workshops @ 864-3855.**

A Memorial Service

... for **Karen Hendricksen** will be held on **Saturday, May 13th at 11:00 am**. A meal will follow. Karen passed away on December 16th, 2022. Pastor Adam Thompson will be officiating.

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Strengthen the Church Offering

On **Sunday, May 28th** 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.

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

Birthdays

May

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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June

3. Sean Kottke
7. Traci Schwarzrock
Tricia Schilling
Elsie Kottke
12. Crystal Marvan
16. Duane Mathews
17. Tim Hoese
Kristin Berscheit
22. Dawn Hinojosa
Carmen Hoese
Amayah Cruz
23. Ramona Nagel
25. Carrie Bargmann
30. Maxxwell Lehmann

From Your Pastor:

Thank You!!

June marks the completion of my second year as your pastor and I couldn't feel more blessed to be part of the First Congregational family. And so, I thought I would take this opportunity to say, thank you. Thank you to you as a congregation with a long and storied history in the community of Glencoe. Thank you to you as individuals who have welcomed and embraced me and my family from the first day we walked through the doors. Thank you for being willing to take a risk on a seminary student from the cities. Thank you for supporting me and my ministry as I grew and continue to grow into the person God has called me to be. Thank you for not only walking alongside me but walking alongside each other through the joys and the trials of life, faithfully living as one Body in Christ.

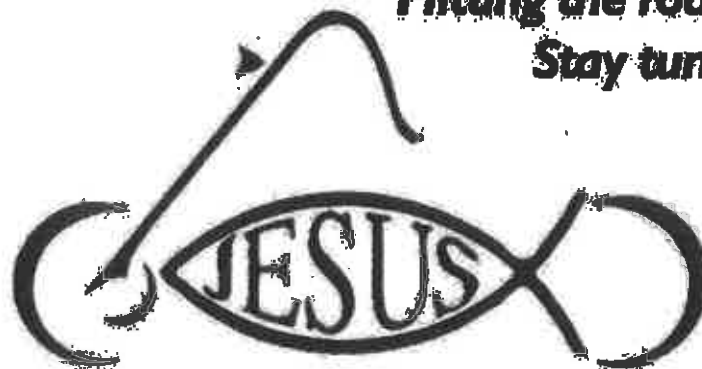
As I move into my third year as your pastor, I do so with humility and gratitude because I know I could not do it alone (nor should I) and I am thankful to know that I won't have to try to do it alone. The Church, our church is a blessed community filled with faithful friends in Christ. We all bring a unique set of gifts, talents, and abilities which we have been given by God to serve God, the church, the community, and each other and I would like to thank you for sharing your God given gifts to make First Congregational a beautiful place to grow as people of God.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Adam

Motorcycle Ministries

***Hitting the road in June,
Stay tuned!***



**First
Congregational**

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Deacon of the Month: Nathan Warner Alter: Ann Wangerin</p>				1	2 Warner - Kitchen	3
4 9:15 am Communion Worship Service Graduation Sunday	5	6	7 6:00 pm Fellowship @ First	8 Warner - Kitchen	9 Warner - Kitchen Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting	10 Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting
11 9:15 am Worship Service	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 9:15 am Worship Service	19	20	21 Trustee's Meeting 7:00 Church Council Meeting	22	23	24
25 9:15 am Worship Service Deacon's Meeting	26	27	28	29	30	

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Deacon of the Month: Bruce Magnuson Altar: Ann Wangerth</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6 Jungclass Using Church
<p>7 9:15 am Confirmation/Communion Worship Service Lehrmann Using Church</p>	8	9	10 6:00 pm Fellowship @ First	11	12	13 11:00 am Karen Hendricksen Memorial Services
<p>14 9:15 am Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School</p>	15	16 12:30 pm Trustee's Meeting	17 7:00 pm Trustee's Meeting	18	19	20
<p>21 9:15 am Worship Service Sunday School Celebration 12:00-4:00 pm Spring Fling</p>	22	23	24	25	26	27
<p>28 9:15 am Worship Service Deacon's Meeting Strengthen The Church Offering</p>	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

Fellowship @ First

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1: community of interest, experience, or activity

*a community interested in
experiencing God's activity...together.*

Wednesdays May 10th and June 7th

Dinner @ 6pm

Bible Study / Youth Activities



1400 Elliott Ave N., Glencoe, MN 55336

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**No Charge - Free will offering accepted*



2nd Annual

Spring Fling

Free Outdoor Community

Music Festival

Sunday, May 21st

12-4pm

Live Bluegrass featuring

The Eclectics & THE DOUBLE DOWN DAREDEVILS

Pool



Beer

**Bounce House
Yard Games
Family Fun**

Freewill Offering Benefitting:

**Suicide Prevention &
Mental Health Awareness**



First United Church of Christ
Congregational

1400 Elliott Ave N, Glencoe



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Church Council Minutes
February, 2023

Members Present: Jan Willand, Carmen Kienenberger, Kari Warner, Stan Hoof, Jim Cox, Bridget Kienenberger **Absent:** Troy Lehmann

1. **Call To Order** – The meeting was called to order by Stan at 7:00pm. Our opening prayer was given by Pastor Adam.
2. **January Minutes** - Motion to approve the January 18th meeting: Carmen motioned and Jan seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. **Pastor's Report/Update** –
 - Pastor Adam has been busy at school, participating and/or finishing classes in Suicide Prevention, Boundary Training, and Clinical Pastoral Education at HCMC. In this class he shadows a hospital Clergy or on his own, as needed. The class takes place Thursdays and Fridays from 11am-7pm, through May.
 - Pastor Adam asked for consensus for the church to host a second Spring Fling event. The board was in agreement this was a good promotion to reach the community and recommended May 21st. Pastor Adam will be contacting potential sponsors within the church to support a budget of about \$3,500. Stan made a motion to begin organizing the event which Kari seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Committee Reports**
5. **Trustee's Report** – Carmen reported that \$150,000 of Miska funds were moved to a Lord Abbot account with 4.5% interest.
 - Pledges for January, 2023 are \$18,139. Pledges for December Pledges to date: \$45,281. Pledges last year were \$45,184.
 - Carmen distributed the report from Mike Dahlke, Building Maintenance, regarding the requests the insurance company has made with regard to the building, in general. See attached report. Repairs/ updates will be delegated or hired out, as needed.
 - FM Global, our Insurance Company, will be inspecting the boiler system on February 21st between 1 and 4pm. John Lemke is aware of this and will be at the church for this meeting.
 - At the request of the Lehmann's Carmen will look into the funds the church has allocated for their family.
6. **Christian Education** – February classes will wrap up with the movie "Joseph – King of Dreams" a recap of the last four weeks of lessons in class. There are 5 remaining classes through May and will focus on Parables, teaching moral or spiritual lessons. On March 19th, the congregation will join the kids in singing. April class dates were moved to the 16th and 23rd, to avoid Easter. Celebration Sunday will be May 21st.
7. **Deacons** – Several Deacons will be stepping up to help Mike with minor repairs in the building. Jim noted water damage in the Gathering Room... Other building concerns include socket

issues to two lights at the front of the sanctuary, toilet fixture repair for the first Sunday School room and possible leakage. Further discussions about moving the start time of our Sunday service didn't receive many positive responses.

8. **Deaconesses**— The Deaconesses are "plodding forward" with limited help...

9. **Old Business**

10. **Insurance Company Maint, Concerns** – See Trustees and Mike Dahlke's Report, attached.

11. **New Business**

12. **UCC Churches at Risk - Power Point Presentation** – Stan reported on a program he attended which dealt with concerns church congregations should be aware of as leadership and membership dwindle. A robust conversation ensued about the ways to consider the issues and the many directions that can be taken. Discussion included how the church space could better be used and/or shared by the community as an opportunity for a revenue stream or as community outreach to non-profits. Further discussion was tabled for future meetings.

13. **Motion to Adjourn** – Carmen motioned and Jan seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 29, 7pm, Fellowship Hall

Minutes provided by Bridget Klennenberger

(Church Council Minutes Feb 15 23)

Good morning,

Below are some church maintenance notes just as an FYI. I thought this may be helpful if any building topics arose at your council meeting.

- **Insurance Company request for Blue-Tooth thermostats that communicate with cell phones:** I have researched a couple possibilities between \$100-\$150, I should be able to install myself. I will purchase and submit a receipt for reimbursement.
- **Insurance Company request for Blue-Tooth water leak that communicate with cell phones:** I have researched a system around \$100. should be able to install myself. I will purchase and submit a receipt for reimbursement.
- **Insurance Company request for updated battery back-up EMT signs:** I will contact Kyle at AKO to quote.
- **Boilers:** Occasionally 1 of the 3 trips a reset and needs to be restarted. I drop in to check during the week when I can. Brian Nagel also stops to check. He & I stay in touch by phone and keep a notebook in the boiler room. Brian recommends the church pursue new boilers. The current system is becoming finicky and showing its age.
- **Boiler Room Safety:** Just an FYI, I installed a Carbon Monoxide detector in the boiler room as suggested by Brian Nagel. Thus far nothing hazardous has been detected.
- **Sanctuary Lights:** There are a couple troublesome light fixtures. Bulbs are fine but the fixture contacts are poor. Turning the bulb corrects the issue temporarily. This could perhaps be looked at by AKO at some point.
- **Volunteer:** Dan Kottke has graciously offered to assist with any building maintenance tasks. Ric Kottke is also on board whenever he is available.

thanks
Mike Dahlke