
“At First”

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July 2024

Backyard BBQ **On July 10th** **at 6:00pm**

Join us for our second BBQ of the summer, all are welcome! Enjoy good food, friendly fellowship, and backyard fun at this potluck BBQ. **Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall**



1. Cameron Marvan
6. Ella Kottke
12. Norma McNeil
16. Karen Stenzel
19. Carey Alsleben
20. Lavender Kottke
21. Sarah Maguire
22. Ann Wangerin
23. Nathan Richardson
24. Avenna Kottke
28. Angela Bolt
Sofie Thompson
Grace Thompson

UCC Community Worship **at the Park – July 14th** **@ 10:30 am**

Join us for a joint worship service and picnic at the barn at Baylor Park! Bring your family and friends, a dish to share, and enjoy a morning of fellowship with our local UCC community. Free will offering to benefit 2B Continued! **Baylor Park Barn – 10775 Co. Rd. 33. NYA.**

First Congregational has been put in charge of bringing salads and deserts to share. Consider sharing your delicious creations with our local UCC friends, sign-up in the Fellowship Hall! Thank you!!

Our Prayer Team

As servants of Christ our Prayer Team Members are willing pray for you whenever you have a concern or are in need of a prayer. Our members are: Kari Warner, Bridget Kienenberger, Stan Hoof, Shirley Westall, Dr Casey Baggott, Jan Mackenthun, Pastor Adam, & Barb Magnuson. **To communicate a prayer request you may text or call Barb at 320-510-1102. May God be with you.**

From Your Pastor:

Let your light shine

As we step into the warmth of July, I am filled with a renewed sense of gratitude for each one of you. This summer season brings with it a time of reflection and growth, both in our personal lives and as a church community. It is an opportune moment to ask ourselves: Who are we as the church in this community at this time?

In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, it is easy to lose sight of our collective identity and purpose. Yet, our mission remains ever clear – to be the hands and feet of Jesus, spreading His love, compassion, and hope to everyone we encounter. In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus reminds us; You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

We are a community rooted in faith, and our identity is found in Christ. As His followers, we are called to shine His light in every corner of our community. This means showing up for one another in times of joy and sorrow, offering a listening ear, a helping hand, and a compassionate heart. It means being a place where everyone feels welcome, loved, and valued.

This month, I encourage each of us to reflect on how we can live out our calling more fully. How can we better support one another within our church family? How can we reach out to those in our community who are hurting, lonely, or in need? Let's be intentional in our efforts to make a difference, no matter how small it may seem. Every act of kindness, every word of encouragement, and every moment of compassion can have a profound impact.

As we enjoy the longer days and the beauty of summer, let us also remember to take time for rest and renewal. Spend time in God's creation, soak in the sunshine, and cherish moments with loved ones. In doing so, we will find our spirits refreshed and our hearts ready to continue the good work God has prepared for us.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible church family. Your faithfulness, generosity, and love are a constant source of inspiration. Let us continue to journey together, growing in faith, hope, and love, and being the light of Christ in our community.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Adam



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Leadership Team Minutes – May 15, 2024

Attending: Stan Hoof, Carmen Klennenberger, Jan Willand, Jim Cox, Bridget Klennenberger and Pastor Adam **Absent:** Troy Lehmann

1. **Call To Order** – The meeting was called to order by Stan at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was given by Pastor Adam.
3. **Approval of Minutes** -- The minutes of the April 17th meeting were approved as written upon a motion by Carmen and a second by Jim.

4. **Pastor Adam's Report/Update**

- Spring Fling Plans – Everything is ready for Sunday.
- Classes end Friday and he will "walk" on May 26th. The graduation will be held at Central Lutheran Church, 333 S. 12th Street, Mpls. More details are in the church bulletin.
- Ordination will take place in October. When ordained, he can administer the sacraments at other churches and at GlenFields to those not from our congregation.
- In June we will recognize those who have graduated from their various schools. People should contact Kari with a picture and short description of their accomplishment.
- The Joint UCC Summer picnic is scheduled for July 14. More details to follow.

5. **TEAM LEADER REPORTS**

A. **Resource Team**

	<u>2024 Pledges</u>	<u>Total for Year</u>
April	\$5,493	\$35,055
1.	The Resource Team approved the expenditure of \$3,700 for this year's Spring Fling event.	
2.	<u>Foster Mechanical</u> – When they begin work, they will bring in a plumber to give the church an estimate for the bathroom repairs in the Christian Ed wing, upstairs.	
3.	<u>Karr Tuck Pointing</u> has dropped their contract with the church as they are unable to obtain staff to do the work. They have reached out to the <u>R & S Tuck Pointing</u> , in Waterloo, Iowa, who will take over the job. This company has several jobs ending shortly and will contact us when they can begin.	
4.	<u>Pastor Adam's Salary Review</u> - The Resource Team reviewed Pastor Adam's contract and approved his continued work at ¾ time. In July, his current salary of \$ 39,618 will increase to \$ 45,563 (\$29,863 salary, \$15,700 housing). This amount reflects a 15% increase. In addition to his salary he will continue to receive \$250 for classes and an insurance policy. Pastor Adam noted that the original insurance policy offered to him is no longer available and asked if it were possible to replace or exchange the life insurance policy provided him by the conference. Carmen will investigate this request.	
5.	<u>Church Bookkeeping</u> - The church will continue using SLS, through June, during the transition to the QuickBooks on-line desktop program for accounting. The amount of \$30 will be paid for this program for the first three months, then \$60 thereafter. Wendy is beginning to work on the program.	

B. **Discipleship Team**

1. **Mission of the Month**
 - a) The April Mission, One Great Hour of Sharing, figures are not yet available.
 - b) The May Mission coincides with Spring Fling, where Common Cup will be the recipient of free will donations during the event.

2. A donation to Common Cup for \$250 was approved for the purchase of Weekend Meal Bag supplies.
3. Celebration Sunday will take place May 19th during the service to recognize our students. Women's Fellowship will provide and serve refreshments.

C. Deacons

1. The Deacons reviewed their Easter Breakfast event.
2. Jim asked for clarification on the checkbook/s the church is now using and would like a finance report of their account.
3. There appears to be some confusion about who is on the Worship and Welcome team. Pastor Adam will speak with those individuals.

D. Worship and Welcome Team

1. Jan thanked the deacons for helping to put out materials for communion.

6. Old Business

- A. Summer Newsletters – The message about the change to monthly newsletters did not reach Wendy in time to avoid the May/June publication. It has been corrected and an updated June newsletter will be distributed.
- B. Discussion About SLS and QuickBooks Software – This topic was covered by the Resource Team under Item 5.
- C. Cutlar Funeral Communication/Policy – This item has not been completed. _ _

7. New Business

- A. Church Bulletin Errors – Jim asked the Team to consider ways to help resolve errors in the weekly church bulletins. It was decided that errors, however minimal, should be brought to Wendy's attention weekly.
 - B. Tables and Chairs – A request has been made from a church member to borrow the old long tables and folding chairs for a personal use. Discussion included vendors in the community who provide this service, if a deposit should be required or a donation to the church for their use. It was decided that the Resource Team would be the contact group for requests. Stan motioned and Jim seconded the motion to waive any fees/donations and allow members to use the equipment as it is available. Motion carried 4-1.
8. Motion to Adjourn – Carmen motioned and Jan seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:50pm.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget Kienenberger

UCC COMMUNITY

Worship at the Park

SUNDAY, JULY 14TH

1030am - Baylor Park

10775 County Rd. 33 - NYA

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service and picnic at the barn.**

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**Free will offering
collected at the
service will benefit**



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 UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pastor Adam & Wendy	2 will be	3 out of Office	4 8:00pm AA this	5 Week	6
7 9:15 am Communion Worship Service Pastor Sue Goebel will be preaching Discipleship Meeting	8	9	10 6:00pm Backyard BBQ	11 8:00pm AA Happy 4th of July!	12	13
14 10:30 am UCC Community Worship Service @ Bayford Park Barn	15	16	17 Noon - Resource/Trustee's Meeting 7:00 pm - Church	18 8:00pm AA	19	20
21 9:15 am Worship Service	22	23	24	25 8:00pm AA	26	27
28 9:15 am Worship Service Welcome/Worship Meeting	29	30	31			

July

COMMON CUP & COMMUNITY OFFERINGS CALENDAR

Office: 320-587-2213 / Website: common-cup.org

2024

Diaper Distributions *Hutchinson* 3rd Tue 4-6pm & Last Tue 11.8-11.30p
CCM office 105 2nd Ave SW Suite 2, back door facing parking lot

Diaper Distributions *Glencoe* 3rd Tue 4-6pm Glencoe Laundry Ctr 787 13th St W &
Last Tue 11.8-11.30p Glencoe City Center 1022 12th St E, north side of building

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			1 st Wednesday Welcome Table Lunch New Journey UCC 31.4 th Ave. SW. 11:30am-1:00pm *FREE*			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Diaper Distribution Hutch 4-6 *FREE*				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2 nd Sunday Supper Faith Lutheran 335 Main St 4-5:30p *FREE*		Laundry Love! Hutch 9a-6p/Glencoe 9a-12p & 4:30p - 7p *FREE* Diaper Distribution Glencoe 4:30-6p		Free For All 3:30-5:30p 1398 Southgrade Rd. Hutchinson *EBT, cash, CC*		3 rd Saturday Breakfast Christ the King 1040 S. Grade Rd 8:30-10a *FREE*
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
FREE SWIM 5-8PM BUTCH AQUATIC CTR						
28	29	30	31			
		Diaper Distribution Glencoe/Hutch *FREE* 11:00am-12:30pm				