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# “At First”

**First Congregational UCC**

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June 2025

## **Baccalaureate Sunday**

We will be recognizing our graduates on **Sunday, June 1st** during our Worship Service.

### **Graduates are:**

**Elsie Rae Kottke**, graduate from New Century Academy in Hutchinson with Academic honors and National Honor Society Member, Daughter of Sean Kottke, Granddaughter of Joan and Mark Walford and Dan Kottke.

**Nathan Warner**, son of Randy and Kari Warner, graduated from Dordt University (Iowa) on May 9th with a degree in Digital Media Production.

## **Mew Member Sunday**

Join us **Sunday June 8th** as we welcome the newest members of our church family! During the service, we'll introduce and celebrate those who have recently joined our congregation. Let's show them a warm welcome and let them know they belong. Don't miss this special moment of connection and community!

**New Members are: Todd Bulau, Elizabeth and Luke Moen, and Lora and Michael Muer.**

## **Glencoe Days Parade**

June 28th, 11:00 am

Yes, we're back in the parade after a few years absence! Our "float" consists of a pontoon and will be adorned with banners that speak to Matthew 4:19 – "I will make fishers of people". This is a church-wide project and we need folks young and old to ride on the float and folks to distribute "treats" along the parade route.

### **Join the Glencoe Days Parade Crew!**

Set June 28th aside now to support the church as walkers/candy distributors and riders on the float! Or, bring a blanket or chair and join us outside the church to support our float as it passes by. **Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall and at the back of the church.** You can choose to walk a 4 block, 8 block or 16 block portion of the route. **Set-up is at 11am and the parade begins at 12 noon. Q's? Contact Bridget at 320-864-5651 or Vickie @ 320-455-2639.**

## **UCC Community Outdoor Worship and Potluck Picnic**

July 20th at 10am @ Legion Park in Norwood Young America. *\*We are in need of a few (2-3) congregation representatives to help plan this annual event, please see Pastor Adam if you would be willing to help out. \*\*Initial planning meeting is Tuesday, June 17th at 6pm @ Legion Park in NYA*

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## Minnesota Conference

### Annual Meeting

*June 13-14, 2025 | College of St. Benedict*

We are excited to welcome you to this year's Annual Meeting! Together, we will explore what it means "to equip the saints for the work of Ministry, for building up the body of Christ." We will remind ourselves that we are not alone. Even as the world seems to separate us, we are continually called together as people of faith to live into the Gospel.

**\*If you would like to go as a representative of our church, please reach out to Pastor Adam for more details.**

### Annual Spring Fling Report

Our 4th Annual Spring Fling Free Outdoor Community Music Event was a great success thanks to all of you! Not only did we have beautiful weather, delicious food and beverages, and exceptional music, the fellowship was outstanding. The tables were full, conversations flowed free, and the overall spirit of excitement and enthusiasm were a true joy to witness.

While the last of the donations have yet to be counted, the outpouring of support for McLeod County Food Shelf has demonstrated the relevance and impact that we, as a church, can have on the greater good of this community.

Special thanks to the contributions from Women's Fellowship, the Deacons, the Discipleship Team, the individual members, and the church as a whole, the Holy Spirit is indeed alive and well among us.

## Baptism

**We Welcome, Oaklee Renee Hawes,** into our church family on Sunday, June 1st, thru baptism. She was born April 14, 2025. She is the daughter of Grace Patnaude and Blake Hawes. Godparents are Sam and Tyler Windschitl, Carly and Noah Eishens and Faith Geiken.

## Birthdays In June

- 3. Sean Kottke
- 7. Traci Schwarzrock  
Tricia Schilling  
Elsie Kottke  
Dennis Brede
- 9. Chelsey Forcier
- 12. Crystal Marvan  
Aubrey Mueller
- 20. Aidan Thompson
- 22. Dawn Haupt  
Carmen Hoese  
Amaiya Cruz
- 23. Ramona Nagel
- 30. Maxxwell Lehmann

## Online Worship Live Stream is now on YouTube

We have moved our online/live stream worship to YouTube to create a more consistent connection and better quality experiences. Please find us at <https://www.youtube.com/@FirstCongregationalGlencoe> or visit our website at <https://www.firstcongochurch.org/> and click the YouTube link.

## **From Your Pastor:**

### **Celebrating Summer Together: Let's Stay Connected!**

As summer rolls in and the days stretch longer and warmer, I find myself filled with anticipation. There's something about this season—the light, the laughter, the slower pace—that invites connection, joy, and reflection. And I can't help but wonder what God has in store for us in the months ahead.

#### **Mark Your Calendar: June 11th – Backyard BBQ!**

We're kicking off the summer with one of my favorite traditions: a Backyard BBQ right here at the church. Join us on Wednesday, June 12th for an evening of grilled favorites, shared stories, and the kind of community connection that makes this place feel like home. Bring a chair, bring a friend, and bring your appetite—we'll have plenty to go around!

#### **Sunday Rides: Motorcycle Ride on June 22**

For those of you who love the open road and the roar of the engine, mark Sunday, June 22nd for our next motorcycle ride! We'll gather after worship and hit the road for an afternoon ride together. Whether you're a longtime rider or just want to tag along in spirit, it's another way we live out connection, fellowship, and a little summer adventure.

#### **Join Us for Glencoe Days Parade**

On June 28th, we're stepping into the heart of our town with the Glencoe Days Parade. Whether you're walking beside our float, waving to neighbors, or cheering us on from the sidelines, this is a great chance to show our community the love, energy, and unity that define our church. It's not just about making an appearance—it's about making an impact.

#### **Stay Connected—Wherever You Are**

Summer often takes us in different directions—up north to the lake, on road trips, or just into a new rhythm. But connection doesn't have to stop. Whether you're attending in person, tuning in on YouTube, or just checking in with someone from church, every small act of connection helps us stay strong as a body of faith.

This summer, I invite you to *lean in*. Celebrate with us. Reach out to someone new. Say yes to being part of something bigger—even if it's just through a smile, a prayer, or a shared meal.

Let's savor every moment: the sunlight, the community, and the quiet ways God continues to work in and through us. I pray this summer brings rest, renewal, and relationships that grow deeper with each passing week.

In Christ's love,

*Pastor Adam*

## Everyone Is welcome

to join in celebrating **Barb and Bruce Magnuson's** 50th Wedding Anniversary on **Saturday, June 7th, at First Congregational Church, from 1-4pm.** There will be music & a light lunch with cake & ice cream. Your presence is our gift (no gifts please).

## May Mission of the Month Result

Thanks for your contributions received throughout May to help support our Church's outreach mission for the Glencoe Days Parade event! Come participate and cheer on our crew along the parade route.

## June Missions of the Month

This month our church is recognizing and supporting the Five Wider Missions of the United Church of Christ. Each week we'll learn how each program differs and those they impact. Our June goal is to support these varied missions financially throughout the month with your generous contribution. Checks should be made out to First Congo Church, using the envelopes provided. See Insert for more Information!

## Common Cup News

**Low-Cost Food Sale: OPEN TO ALL! Thursday, June 12th, 3:30-5:30PM:** Affordable frozen meats & fresh produce. No pre-registration needed. **Location:** Oak Heights Covenant Church, 1398 S Grade Rd. SW, Hutchinson. Cash, Credit/Debit and SNAP accepted. Remaining 2025 Dates: July 17, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Dec. 4.

**Free Family Swim Nights** at the Glencoe Aquatic Center: **June 22 & August 17, 6-8pm.** Bring your floaties and get a FREE root beer float from the concession stand!

## A Bazaar Update

**A short meeting will be held on June 8th** to confirm our movement toward this year's Holiday Bazaar on December 6th. Let's update our status on our various events – Meal, Cookies (Pizzelles, Rosettes), Lefsa, Jams, Crafts, and Santa's Attic & set-up/clean-up. **\*Remember:** Before you open your doors for your summer garage sale, be sure to set aside a half dozen of your "best" items for Santa's Attic! Space will be available at the church throughout the summer to store them.

**Join us at our next meeting on June 8th, after church, with your faves.**

# June Mission of the Month

## ***United Church of Christ 5 for 5***

Being 5 for 5 means that your church is a leader, giving to Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support and the Special Mission Offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen The Church, Neighbors In Need and The Christmas Fund.



In isolation, no single congregation can completely answer God's call to love. Together we are a bold witness to God's extravagant love for all. We share resources to transform our vision into reality. Gifts from congregations like ours to OCWM Basic Support make it possible for our Conferences and the National Ministries to strengthen local churches and leaders and engage us in mission well beyond our community.



One Great Hour of Sharing is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. One Great Hour of Sharing also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.



The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.



Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.



The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas "Thank You" gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees. Your care and compassion will be especially appreciated by those servants of the church who are facing a time of need. Thank you!

**Each Sunday in June will focus on one of the 5 for 5 missions!**



PLEASE JOIN US

FOR A BACKYARD

# BARBECUE

## First Congregational In Our Backyard

**Who:** You, your family, & friends!

**What:** A potluck style backyard BBQ filled with Fellowship, Fun, Food & Yard Games!

**When:** 6pm on Wednesday 6/11, 7/9, & 8/13

**How:** The host will bring the meat and do the cookin', the rest will bring the rest. Bring your own beverage!

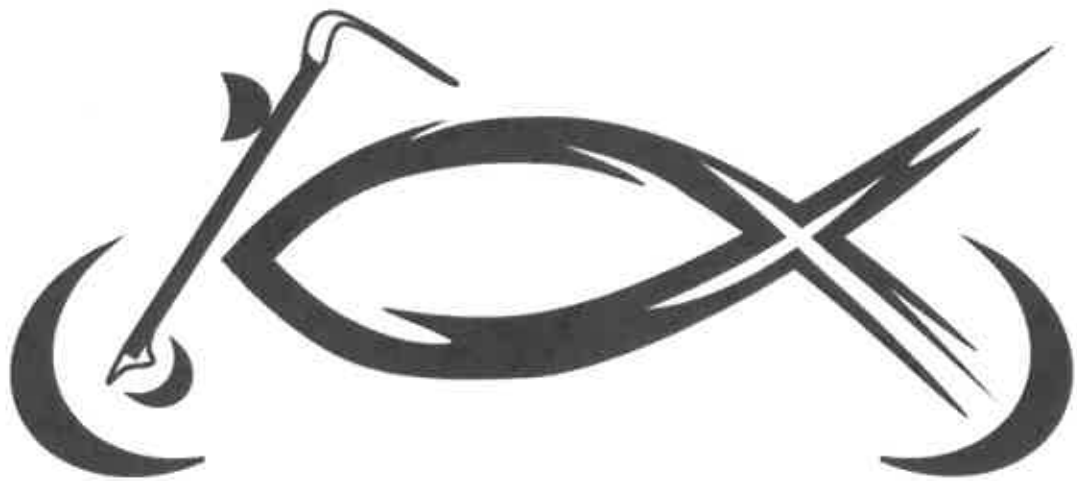
**Why:** Well, why not?

***Sign up in the Fellowship Hall***

**FOOD, FUN**

**& FRIENDS**





# Sunday Rides

COME RIDE WITH US THIS SUMMER

1st Ride on Sunday, June 22nd

*1pm till 4pm*

Begins and ends at First Congregational  
1400 Elliott Ave N, Glencoe

# June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 am Communion Worship Service Baccalaureate Sunday Baptism Discipleship Meeting Receiving Our Church's Wider Mission Offerings	2	3	4 11 6:00 pm Backyard BBQ	5 7:00 pm A.A.	6	7 Bruce and Barb Magnuson's 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration
8 9:15 am Worship Service New Member Sunday Bazaar Meeting Receiving One Hour of Sharing Offerings	9	10	11 6:00 pm Backyard BBQ	12 3:30-5:30pm Low-Cost Food Sale @ Oak Heights Covenant Church 7:00 pm A.A.	13 Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting	14 Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting
15 9:15 am Worship Service Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting Receiving Strengthen The Church Offerings	16	17	18	19 7:00 pm A.A.	20	21
22 9:15 am Worship Service Receiving Neighbors In Need Offerings 1-4pm Motorcycle Ride 6:00-8:00pm Free Swim Night @ Glencoe Aquatic Center	23	24	25 Noon - Resource/Trustee's Meeting 7:00 pm Leadership Meeting	26 7:00 pm A.A.	27	28 Glencoe Day's Parade - Church Float
29 9:15 am Worship Service Worship/Welcomel/ Deacon's Meeting Receiving The Christmas/Veteran's Fund Offerings	30					

# **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Leadership Team Minutes for May 21, 2025

**DRAFT**

**Attending:** Stan Hoof, Carmen Kienenberger, Bridget Kienenberger, Jim Cox, Pastor Adam  
**Absent:** Jan Willand

1. **Call To Order** – The meeting was called to order by Stan at 2:05 p.m.
2. **Opening Prayer** – Pastor Adam opened our meeting with prayer.
3. **Approval of Minutes** –The Minutes of the April meeting were corrected to record the actual pledge dollars for April, 2024 and year to date, 2024.

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

- **Spring Fling** took place May 18th from 12noon – 4pm. McLeod Food Shelf was the non-profit org. supported this year. Donations received at the Food Shelf table, raffle tickets for items donated by Greg St. Hillarie from Grace Bible Church, Craft Creations by Amanda Wangerin-Johnson, pop and snacks and our two bands came to \$891. A percentage of Lazy Loon's proceeds will also be added to this total. Pastor Adam provided a patio heater to keep the band strumming along.
- The UCC Annual Conference will be held June 13 & 14 at St. Ben's this year. All church members are invited to attend. Contact Pastor Adam for details.
- Pastor Adam will participate in the program FARM, Forging Anti-Racism in Rural Ministry, over a six month program, beginning in June.
- Summer BBQ's – We're going to begin our church BBQ's on the 2nd Wed of the month.
- Pastor Adam has spoken with an interested Pre-School person who would be working with one or two other individuals to put together a program. Their timeline is probably 2026 at the earliest but will continue to discuss this option as it moves forward. The pre-school would need to be moved to the upper level of the Christian Ed building to meet guidelines.
- Pastor Adam is meeting with a young man interested in our Part-Time Youth Leader. He is a long-time UCC member who has graduated from United Seminary. He has a musical background and lives in the Metro. Their first meeting will take place tonight.
- **Upcoming June Events include:**
  - June 1: Baccalaureate Sunday for the Kottke, Forcier and Warner families.
  - June 1: Baptism of Oakley Hawes, daughter of Grace (Patnaude) Haws
  - June 8: New Member Sunday and Pentecost
  - June 11: Our June Summer BBQ on Wednesday.
  - June 22: Possible motorcycle ride is being considered
  - June 28: Glencoe Days' Parade participation

#### **5. TEAM LEADER REPORTS**

##### **A. Resource Team**

Pledges for	<u>April, 2025</u>	\$3,434	<u>Year to Date, 2025</u>	\$31,182
Pledges for	<u>April, 2024</u>	\$5,493	<u>Year to Date, 2024</u>	\$35,055

1. Payments were approved for the roof furnace repair by Voss Const. - \$1,148.06 and Neubarth Const. for summer lawn service - \$ 1,175.00
2. The Team approved the move of a \$15,000 State Farm bond to the Operating Fund.

## **B. Discipleship Team**

### **Missions of the Month**

- April – April's mission was a collection to support expenses for the Spring Fling. Total dollars have not yet been recorded.
- May – May's Mission is to provide Community Outreach funds for the Glencoe Parade. The pontoon is being replaced by a fishing boat and will highlight the Thompson sons as "fish".
- June - The "Five for Five" UCC event will take place in June.

**Memorials** – Jim and Ken – The Resource team, at their meeting in April, approved the use of undesignated memorial funds to be used for "church outreach events.

**Christian Education** – Confirmation Sunday was held May 4<sup>th</sup> with the graduation of Jaxon Mueller and Ethan Lehmann. Celebration Sunday took place May 18<sup>th</sup> with a special program put together by Barb Magnuson and Vickie Schultz.

**Birthday Greetings** – Cards to those on our Birthday List were sent to 20 people in May. Three names were dropped for lack of contact information.

**C. Deacons** – The Easter Breakfast made and served by the Deacons brought in \$186.

**D. Worship and Welcome Team** - No Report

## **6. Old Business**

1. Progress of the New Constitutional Draft – The project is still in progress
2. Wording in the Communion Offering – Pastor Adam discussed the misunderstanding of who is invited to the Communion Table at First Congo and will rephrase the invitation going forward.

## **New Business**

1. Insurance Coverage for the Broken Window - Carmen phoned Crow River Glass for an estimate but doesn't expect to submit a claim as our deductible is \$5,000. Pastor Adam discussed the possibility of changing out the broken window for a window in a Sunday School Room and making that opening service as an emergency exit window if the Pre-School were to begin again. He explained that rules have changed and the pre-school rooms would need to be on the same floor as the bathrooms, for security reasons.

8. Motion to Adjourn – Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carmen seconded the motion and we were adjourned at 2:30pm.

**Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 25, @ 2:00pm**

Respectfully submitted, Bridget Kienenberger



The Glencoe Concert Association is pleased to present its 2025-2026 Season of quality performances for the entire family. Join Glencoe Concert Association for only \$65 (Family \$140) and see Concerts in Glencoe and Hutchinson.

Glencoe performances include:

- **"Gilly & The Girl"** – Gilly & The Girl offer a heartfelt and enchanting musical experience. The acoustic duo features seamless harmonies with a repertoire that spans genres and eras. They bring a unique blend of timeless classics and contemporary hits, ensuring there's something for everyone. – Thursday, Sept 25 – 7 PM
- **"The French Family"** – Nashville-based but hailing from Australia/New Zealand, the French Family Band features Stuie & Camille French on guitars/vocals, and son Sonny on guitars/vocals. Taking inspiration from the country and western swing icons of decades past, one can hear echoes of Chet Atkins, Anne Murray and Merle Haggard in the covers and originals they perform. The band has been honored to appear on stage at the Grand Ole Opry several times. – Wednesday, March 11 – 7 PM
- **"The Suits"** – The Suits are comprised of four dynamic gentlemen performing four genres of hit music from the '50's through the '80's: Motown, Doo Wop, Pop, and Rock. Fusing smooth choreography and tight harmonies with exciting showmanship and fun audience interactions, this production will give you a night to remember! – Sunday, May 10 – 7 PM

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

- **"A Band Called Honalee"** – A modern-day folk trio inspired by the music and legacy of Peter, Paul, and Mary. Musically accomplished, interactive, and energetic, their shows allow audiences to experience this timeless music live onstage once again. – Thursday, September 29 – 7 PM
- **"Noah Sonie"** – A magician and mentalist based out of Minneapolis. His performance style blends magic, mind reading, and hypnosis to create an abstract and engaging show that will leave your audience laughing and astonished. Noah Sonie brings a welcoming, energetic, charismatic, and creative presence to any event.
- A 3<sup>rd</sup> concert is TBD.

For the past 51 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, 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.