
"At First"
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August 2025

Come and Support!

Our Deacon's as there are working Coborn's Brat's Stand on **Friday, August 8th and Saturday, August 9th**. If you would like to work the Brat's Stand, contact Dan Kottke or Pastor Adam ASAP.

Pastor Adam

will be out of town **August 8th-12th**. **Pastor Tony Jasper will be preaching on Sunday, August 10th**.

Join Us!! For A Back-Yard BBQ
On August 13th at 6:00pm

All are welcome! Enjoy good food, friendly fellowship, and backyard fun at this potluck BBQ. **Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall – See insert for more details.**

Join Us! For Our Sunday School Kickoff during our
Worship Service on September 14, 2025!

This year we will have fun on our faith journey and become closer to our best friend- "Jesus"! In John 15:15 Jesus says, "No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you FRIENDS, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you." Join us in joyful prayer as we anticipate a wonderful year becoming closer to Jesus!

August Birthday's

Aug 5-Jeanette Miller, Sandy Bargmann; Aug 7-Sherri Geise; Aug 14-Judy Bipes; Aug 15-Anthony Hanson; Aug 19-Brian Nagel, Braxton Forcier; Aug 22-Daniel Maguire; Aug 24-Sue Bacon; Aug 25-Annika Richardson, Caleb Richardson; Aug 29-Joel Thompson; Aug 30-Ed Patnaude

Pastor's Page

Dear Church Family,

It's hard to believe we're already in August. Summer always seems to move faster than we expect. Some of us are soaking up the slower pace, while others are juggling vacations, family visits, and back-to-school prep. Wherever you find yourself this month—busy, resting, or somewhere in between—I want to remind you that God is present in every part of it.

August is often overlooked as a “transition” month . It's not quite the start of anything, but it's not the end either. And yet, I believe God often does quiet, foundational work during these in-between times. This is when roots deepen. When faith matures. When prayers stretch a little further and trust grows a little stronger. If you've felt spiritually dry or distant, let this be your reminder: God hasn't stopped working, and neither should we.

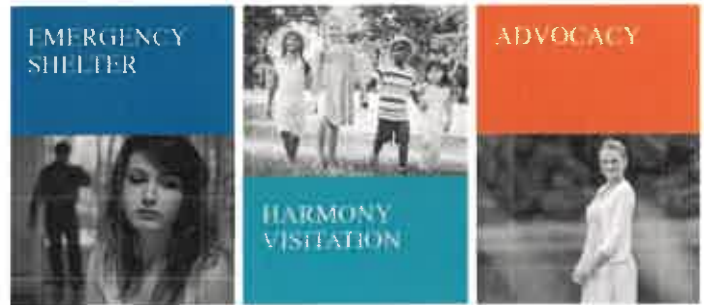
I encourage you to take time this month to reconnect with God in a personal way. Maybe that means revisiting daily devotionals, carving out space for prayer, or simply pausing each day to listen. Don't underestimate what God can do in a season that feels slow or ordinary. In fact, it's often in the ordinary moments that God speaks the loudest.

As we look ahead, there's much to be excited about. I can't wait to see how God moves through our church in the months to come. Until then, let's stay faithful. Let's keep gathering, encouraging, and lifting one another up. And remember: You are not alone, and you are deeply loved—not just by God, but by your church family.

With gratitude and hope,

Pastor Adam

August Mission of the Month



Mission Statement - *Providing advocacy, parenting time services, and emergency shelter for victims of domestic and sexual violence.*

Vison Statement - *Eliminate the oppression that exists in the community by providing education, victim advocacy, parenting time services, systems intervention and agency collaboration.*

About Safe Avenues

Safe Avenues, located in Willmar, Minnesota, is the only emergency shelter serving women and children impacted by domestic and sexual violence across 18 southwest Minnesota counties.

Because of **Safe Avenues**, individuals and families facing some of their darkest moments find a path to safety, healing, and empowerment.

How Safe Avenues Serves the Community

Emergency Shelter - Offers confidential, safe housing for women and children in immediate danger, available 24/7 to those fleeing abusive situations.

Advocacy Services (Outreach) - Provides guidance and emotional support to survivors in eight counties (Kandiyohi, Meeker, Renville, McLeod, Swift, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Yellow Medicine) through trained advocates.

Harmony Visitation Center - Offers supervised parenting time and exchanges in a safe, neutral space—especially crucial in cases of custody disputes or when safety is a concern.

Criminal Justice Intervention - Supports survivors through the legal process when perpetrators are involved in the criminal justice system, helping ensure rights are respected and processes are understood.

Youth Advocacy - Provides specialized support for children exposed to domestic violence, either in shelter or in outreach settings, helping address trauma and assist parents in healing efforts.

Community Education & Training - Hosts awareness campaigns and professional training sessions to educate the community on domestic violence, sexual assault, and safe parenting practices.

How You Can Help

*Throughout August, we will be raising funds and awareness on behalf of **Safe Avenues** (McLeod Alliance has joined with them). Please consider a donation to this vitally important organization by placing check or cash in a **Safe Avenues** envelope at the offering plate or give online at www.firstcongochurch.org/serve/online-giving/*



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!

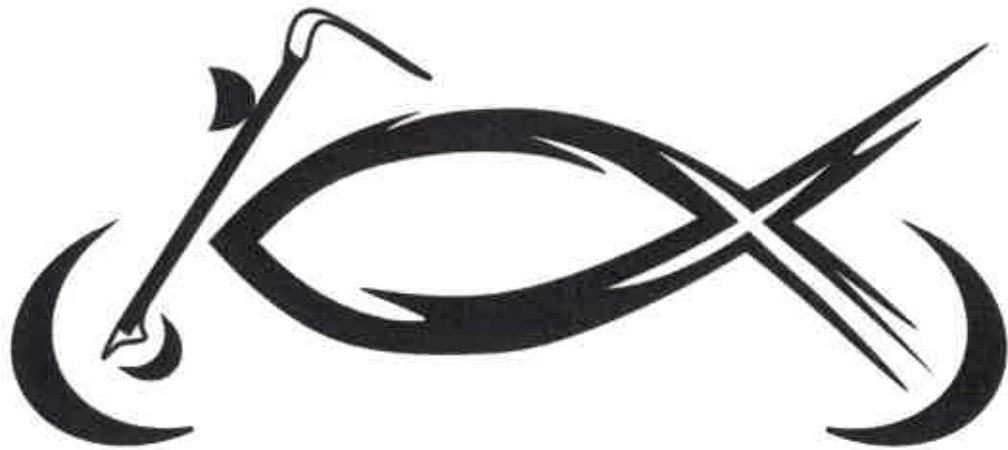
Why: Well, why not?

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall

FOOD, FUN

& FRIENDS





Sunday Rides

COME RIDE WITH US THIS SUMMER

Sunday, August 3rd & 24th

1pm till 4(ish)pm

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

Got Questions? Ask Pastor Adam

Labor Day Weekend

Online Only Worship

August 31st @ 9:15am

[www.youtube.com/
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Sustain Ability at the Farm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD @10AM

**with Sham Moteelall, Agronomist and Author
of "Sustain Ability"**



B. SHAM MOTEELALL

**MOTEELALL FARM
13670 102ND ST - COLOGNE**

**Join us for a variety of
activities, picking sweet corn,
and learning more about:**

**Clean Energy
Pesticides and Pollinators
Hemp Farming
Food Preservation
Personal Sustainability**

A picnic lunch will be served



August 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Deacon of the Month: Robert Navarro Altar: Ann Wangerin | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 9:15 am Communion Worship Service 1:00 pm Sunday Motorcycle Ride Discipleship Meeting | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 8:00 pm | 8 Pastor's Vacation Deacon's Working Coborn's Brat Stand | 9 Deacon's Working Coborn's Brat Stand |
| 10 9:15 am Worship Service Pastor Gone Pastor Tony Jasper will be reaching | 11 | 12 Pastor's Vacation | 13 6:00 pm Backyard BBQ | 14 8:00 pm | 15 | 16 |
| 17 9:15 am Worship Service | 18 | 19 | 20 Noon - Resource/Trustee's Meeting 2:00pm Leadership Meeting | 21 8:00 pm | 22 | 23 10:00 am Sustain Ability at the Farm Mofeall Farm Cologne |
| 24 9:15 am Worship Service 1:00 pm Sunday Motorcycle Ride Worship/Welcome/ Deacon's Meeting | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 8:00 pm | 29 | 30 |
| 31 9:15 am On-Line Only Worship Service | | | | | | |

First Congo Leadership Team Minutes July 16, 2025

Members in Attendance: Stan Hoof, Carmen Kienenberger, Jan Willard, Jim Cox, Pastor Adam Thompson.

Member Bridget Kienenberger is still feigning injury, and did not make the meeting. Carmen says she only wears the sling in public. He said last week someone cut them off on their way to Bumps, and both of Bridget's arms seemed to work fine.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05, by Mr Stan Hoof.

Pastor Thompson offered the opening prayer.

Last months minutes were approved. Motion by Bridget and Jan

Pastor Thompsons Report:

The remote service over the 4th of July holiday weekend, went well. There were 44 views, our normal viewership is between 8-12.

This Sundays service is "Picnic Sunday". The service (July 20) will be held in Legion Park in Norwood Young America. According to Pastor Rich, First Congo is in charge of hot side dishes.

The First Motorcycle ride was held June 29th. Three people attended. The gang headed for Henderson Minn (Sauerkraut Capital of the State), and dined on something much sweeter, Ice Cream, then headed home. The next ride is scheduled for July 27th. There is a possibility the Dahlke boy may join the pack.

Pastor Thompson will be out of town Aug 8-11th. He has made arrangements with Tony Jasper to fill in for him.

Aug 13th will be the final BBQ for the season. There are some participants who would like to continue the monthly meals. They have been averaging about 20 people.

Cole Marshall our prospective new Youth Leader is going to attend our July 27th service. Bridget, Barb, and Vicky have expressed an interest in speaking with him.

Genevieve the woman who is thinking about starting a preschool at First Congo (Not this year) is also thinking about a possible Vacation Bible School. There was some discussion, about what rooms this might take place in and some questions about room escape options.

Scott from Bongard's is going to host a event "Farm Sustainability" at one of (according to Jan) many farms, on Sat Aug 23 at 10 am

Pastor Thompson says he has been busy. He has been trying to set up dates to visit people, with out much success. Last Sunday he visited Glenfields.

Wendy appears to be doing OK, after her bout with vertigo last week. The saw-bones had no explanation for her bad day, apparently tests showed nothing that was concerning.

Resource Team Report: (Numerical figures given in this segment should be considered ballpark figures)

Good News we paid Foster Mechanical their last payment of \$500.00 on our major heating / AC work. Foster came up with some lame excuse, for not having the A/C working a couple weeks ago.

The Resource Team has decided to fork over \$249.00 for ad in the Glencoe Guide Book.

Pledges last month were \$8314.00, a year ago at this time they were \$3848.00. Overall pledges this year now stands at \$41878.00 compared to \$41950.00 last year at this time. So the clouds have parted a little bit and a ray of sunshine may be breaking through.

The Resource team made some adjustments to Pastor Thompson's compensation. Did they interface with Bridget from the First Congo HR team? Apparently not. What's up with that.

Discipleship Team Report:

April: Spring Fling church participation numbers are not yet defined. Event participants donated \$100.00 for the Food Shelf. Money sent this month during their July fund drive, provided them with \$150:00 donation.

May: City Parade. Church participation \$.00 not yet determined.

June: Five for Five for the UCC Discipleship team will donate \$100:00 to each program. June member amount not yet available.

July: Discipleship team has purchased requested school supplies for an approximate total of \$440.00. First Donations received were \$235.00 (Randy)

August: McLeod Alliance - Vickie, Miriam and Barb will work to get a speaker, possibly for Aug 10th.

Congregational Generosity: Bruce and Paula working with Pastor Adam to begin the pledge drive process.

Memorials: Paula is looking for a suitable memorial for Howard, and will keep that committee (Ken & Jim) informed.

Christian Ed: Cole Marshall will visit the church on July 27th.

Finance: Jim Benson, Benevolence/Discipleship balance on 6-11-25 was \$4652.16

Cards and Well Wishes for June: Barb (2). Bridget (13)

Deacons Report:

The Deacons have decided after a request from the Discipleship team to keep our current offering method in place, unless there is a special event where new people may be in attendance, at which time we will then pass the plates through the congregation. A sign for the offering plate should be made up.

Worship and Welcome:

Nothing

Our next communion will be Aug 3, 2025

Old Business:

Stan inquired about the rewording of our Constitution. Apparently it has been completed.

New Business:

While Wendy was out Pastor Thompson completed the bulletin. So we will know who to jump on, if it's a mess.

Pastor Thompson informed us Thrivent is putting on a golf tournament in Red Wing Sept 8th. They are looking for foursomes. Start time 8:00 am?

There was a motion to adjourn our meeting, Jan/Carmen

Our next meeting was set for Aug 20th at 2:00

Sincerely
J.C.