

FIRST
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH, UCC
RIVER FALLS

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

WORSHIP

Sunday worship

IN-PERSON
LIVE STREAM
RADIO



Ash Wednesday
Maundy Thursday
Good Friday
Easter
worship

Wednesdays:

in Lent: in Advent:
Worship around Evening
the Cross Prayer

Sunday school
Advent Musical



Baptized
3



Confirmed
5



Funerals
5



8
New members



3
Weddings

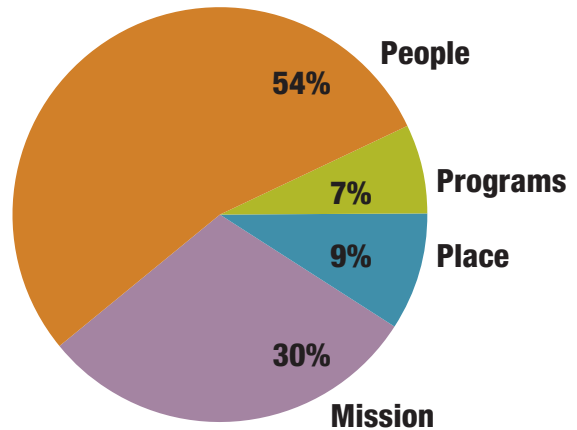


5
Interred in
Memorial
Garden

FINANCIAL GIFTS

Total Church Income: **\$649,233**

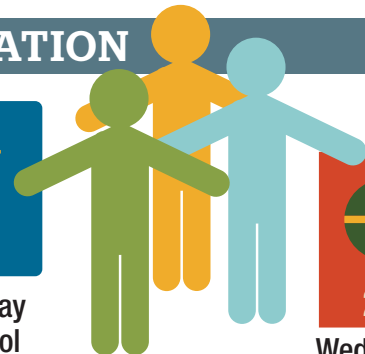
Total Church Expenditures: **\$649,010**



EDUCATION



Sunday
school



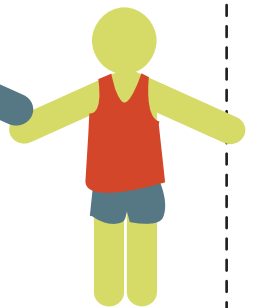
Wednesday
school



13
confirmation
students



21
church interns



33
children
for Vacation
Bible School



Adult
Bible Study
Sunday
morning
Text Study

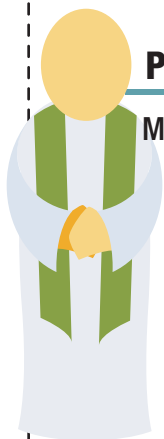


Learning Community
on mission partner
Our Neighbor's Place

CONNECTIONS

Pastoral Calls

Made hundreds of **pastoral visits** calls and contacts



Gathered **school supplies** for **362** community children

Thoughtful Deliveries

Delivered **amaryllis plants** to homebound folks



Sent **46** college packs



Gathered Together

Among Friends supported families experiencing dementia

Enjoyed **Music at First Church** concerts

Celebrated **River Falls Days** on the lawn with **Colin Cosgrove's** band

Restarted the **Men's Group**

Gathered for **yoga**

Played **cribbage**



MISSION

Mission Giving: \$145,325

\$23,425

Ukrainian and Afghan Refugees

\$7,000

Compassion Fund

\$38,000

Denominational Gifts

\$31,900

Other Mission Gifts

\$45,000

Scholarships



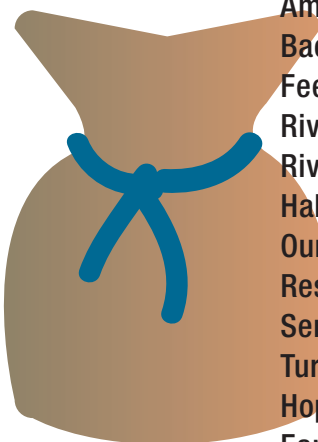
Provided **60 Christmas boxes** to Kinni Rehab residents



Gave gifts to **10 families**, including **22 kids**, through the Angels-on-Earth Giving Tree

Mission Support for:

Among Friends
Back Bay Mission
Feed My Starving Children
River Falls Food Pantry
River Falls Free Clinic
Habitat for Humanity
Our Neighbors' Place
Restorative Services
Servant of the Shepherd
Turningpoint
Hope for Creation
EarthFest
ARC



Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

—Matthew 25:40

2022 WAS THE YEAR WE ...



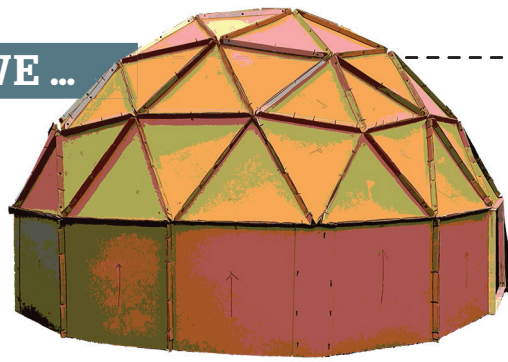
Bade farewell to
Pastor Dave

Welcomed
Pastor Deb

Made a **parade of frozen jeans**



Marked Advent with a **reverse Advent calendar**, giving treats/food to the food pantry rather than receiving chocolate

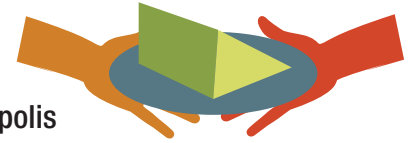


Built a **planetarium**

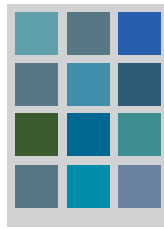


Sold and distributed
530 peaches,
earning **\$2600**
for the youth fund

Prepared and served
three meals at the
Simpson Shelter in Minneapolis



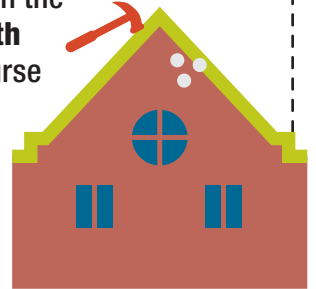
Participated in the
**Mental Health
First Aid** course



Made a **new
photo directory**



Learned
how to plan
a **good funeral**

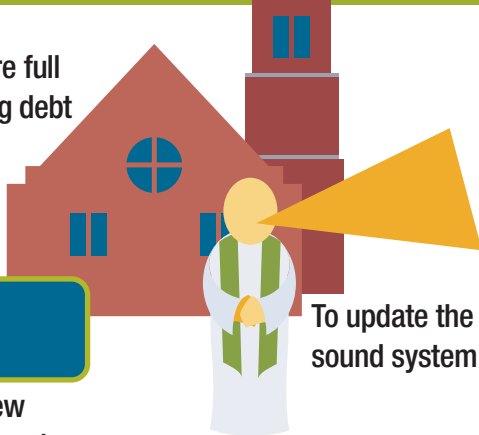


Fixed our roof
due to hail damage

OUR BUILDING/PROPERTY

Gathered pledges for \$596,000:

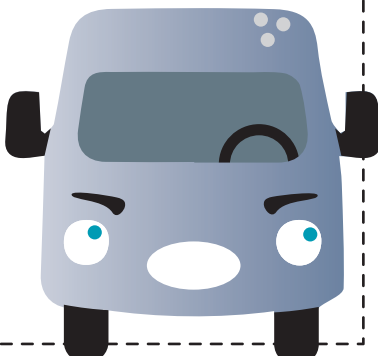
To retire full
building debt



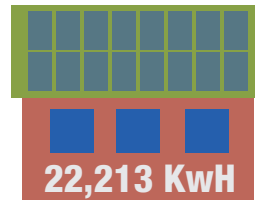
For new
outdoor signage

To update the
sound system

Finally **received**
our new church van
(which promptly required
hail damage repair)



CARE FOR CREATION



22,213 Kwh

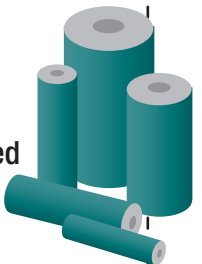
Electricity generated
by solar panels
was enough to power
2.2 homes
for a year



We contributed to
and joined the
**Hope for Creation
50th Earth Day** celebration

We diverted
17.3 tons
of carbon
from the atmosphere

We recycled
4250
batteries



<https://firstchurchrf.org>