



# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

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*No matter who you are,  
no matter where you are  
on your spiritual journey,  
you are welcome here!*

As Jesus' courageous disciples,  
living God's grace, we strive to:

- Worship faithfully
- Welcome openly
- Grow spiritually
- Care passionately
- Serve generously



## Pastor's Page

What if an angel appeared to you and said something like, "God knows you have had more than your fair share of hardships and pain. You've had a rough week, month, year, life, so I'm going to give you a break, a big break. I'm going to give you this pen, this divine pen. And from now on you can write the script for your own life. Whatever you want to happen or not to happen, will. All you have to do is write it down. Here have at it."

What would you write? Would every job be a promotion, more money, more prestige? Would your children and grandchildren have straight teeth, perfect manners, straight A's, go on to Med School or Law School, and then marry perfect spouses and have wonderful children? Confirmation kids, what would you write about your parents? Would you get rid of those nasty things like homework and curfews, report cards and chores? If you were given the chance, how would you script out your life? What exactly is the good life for you?

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. The forty days of Lent call us to stop, and take a long, hard look at our lives—our goals, our plans, our priorities, our commitments, where we are going in life. The ashes we will wear are meant to shock us into that reality. Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return. They remind us that for all our efforts and triumphs and successes, our bodies will eventually return to the dust and ashes. And so the season of Lent asks us to examine, just what yardstick are you going to use to measure your life and the lives of others?

Ash Wednesday also reminds us that the Christian faith is not just a collection of ideas we are supposed to believe, our faith is also a set of deeds to be performed. Just as there are things that Christians

believe because they are Christians, there are things Christians do, because they are Christians. Some of these practices vary from place to place, but others, things like worship and prayer, gathering for fellowship and studying the Bible, performing deeds of ministry, some of these deeds are common to all Christians.

I invite you to join us as we gather on Wednesday nights for family meals to feed our bodies and worship to feed our souls.

Pastor Chris



Join us again this year for Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall served by our church youth. The menu is still being determined (right now egg prices are crazy!), but we will again be serving a delicious home-made meal prepared by Chef Andy and his crew and served by our confirmands and interns. All proceeds go to our Youth Fund.

Parents of teens, please put this on your calendars, invite your friends and families to come, and look in the confirmation update about sign ups for work shifts. All confirmands and interns are expected to help set up and serve, cook and clean up. And we can also use some adult helpers! Talk to Alex to volunteer!



## Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies are offered for you to honor or remember someone and grace our worship space with beauty. The lilies will be displayed on Easter morning and may be taken home following the 10:00 service. To order an Easter Lily for \$15, please fill out the form on the sign-up table and place in the offering plate or leave in the office. **Orders must be placed by April 2.** Proceeds go to our youth fund.



## Church Camps

Did you know our Wisconsin Conference UCC has an awesome, year-round camping program? There are camps in St. Germain and Green Lake that offer camping programs for young and old alike. Scholarships are available through the church Scholarship Committee. Check out our church camps at [www.ucci.org](http://www.ucci.org).

## New Members

The church will be receiving new members in March. Please contact the church office if you wish to be received into membership of the church.



## Give Blood

Did you know our church regularly hosts blood drives? Join us on the following dates:

- Wednesday, May 17, from 9:00 am–3:00 pm
- Thursday, July 20, from 11:00 am–5:00 pm
- Friday, September 15, from 11:00 am–5:00 pm

You can register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)



## Boundary Waters Trip

If you are interested in a Boundary Waters trip this summer, Alex is collecting a list to begin planning! The dates we are looking at are **July 16-20, 2023**, but there may be some flexibility. We may need 4-6 adults if we need to separate into two groups.

**An informational meeting will be Wednesday, March 1, after the 6:30 pm service.** Please sign up online.

## Men's Group

The church Men's Group meets **every other Tuesday from 9:00–10:00 am** for coffee, treats and conversation. Pastor Chris leads us in a brief devotion, gives us a topic to discuss and we also have time to catch up. Talk to Pastor Chris, Roger Kampstra or Brad Williams for more information. Next gatherings are **March 7 and 21**. Join us!



## What Would We Do Without Tim??

On the day of the icy rainstorm, some of God's precious water decided it would be lovely to come into our building around the chimney. While much of the water determined it was fine to stay by the sanctuary door, some water sought lower ground and discovered a way to get to the basement.

It should surprise no one that Tim Bylander came to the rescue. To funnel and collect the water and prevent it from splashing, Tim (AKA: MacGyver) demonstrated his ceaseless creativity.

Thanks, Tim! We never want to find out what it is to be without you.



## Preparing for Lent

Many thanks to all the people who have turned in their “Be Still” reflections. If you haven’t yet responded yet, please do so. Your responses will inform Worship Around the Cross services during Lent.

When I am still, I imagine...

When I am still, I understand...

When I am still, I worry...

When I am still, I remember...

When I am still, I regret...

You may give your responses on paper (forms available on the sign-up table) or via email to:

[office@firstchurchrf.org](mailto:office@firstchurchrf.org). Your responses can be as short as one or a few words or as long as paragraphs.

For questions, please contact Pastor Chris or Stacy.

## Sunday Morning Text Study

Each **Sunday morning, 9:00–9:50**, people gather to explore the scripture texts used in that Sunday’s worship. No one is an expert. Everyone learns. Please come.

## Adult Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study Group meets **Wednesday afternoons, 1:00–2:30 pm**. Currently the group is reading and discussing *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, by Amy Jill Levine. For more information, talk with Pastor Stacy.

## Civil Rights Pilgrimage

Our church has a history of pilgrimage trips. In addition to the bi-annual mission trip to Back Bay Mission, our youth head to Boston to learn more about both their Congregational Church heritage and our nation’s history. We also have led a Holy Land Pilgrimage to learn more about the biblical roots of our faith.

This fall we will add a new experience — A Civil Rights Pilgrimage. This 5-day pilgrimage will include stops in Atlanta, Birmingham, Selma and Montgomery. We will literally be walking in the steps of history to learn more about our country and our Christian faith. There will also be time to enjoy southern cuisine!

The trip will take place **October 25-29, 2023**. Space is limited to 14 people and an outline of the proposed itinerary is available from Pastor Chris. Act fast as spaces are going quickly.

## What the Pastor is Reading

**Animal Life** by Auður A. Ólafsdóttir

You would not think that a book about midwives in Iceland is fascinating (or frankly that there is a book about this), but there is and it is delightful. Surprising spiritual references and a fresh style make this short (180 pages) book delightful. It is at the River Falls Library.

**The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where to Go from Here** by Hope Jaren

This is a concise, readable and passionate plea from a teacher and scientist for us to pay attention to our human actions and God’s creation. Still reading it, but it is excellent.



**Summer Boundary Waters Trip with anticipated dates of July 16-20 - Ages: Recommended 7th grade and up.** Please reach out to Alex at [rfyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:rfyouthgroup@gmail.com) if you have any questions about the trip.

Please sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BA9AD29A4FF2-summer1>

**Middle School Retreat to Action City - Late May** - Any middle school students interested in a retreat to Action City/Waterpark in late May, please sign up here. An official date will be selected based on interested students' availability.

Please sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BA9AD29A4FF2-middle10>

## When It Snows, Plan for VBS... and hold the dates!

As the community was buckling up to prepare for the late-winter snow storm, the Christian Education Committee began planning for Vacation Bible School.

Children, families, teens, and adults... please hold **July 31-August 3** for the 2023 VBS program. All are welcome!

## Summer Musical, Anyone?

In summers gone by, elementary and middle school students prepared and presented a musical (and had wonderful fun!). They faithfully rehearsed for four days and then presented a marvelous show on Thursday evening. We would like to offer this opportunity again this coming summer. Please let Pastor Stacy know of your children's interest in such a program. If you have a preference regarding dates, let us know as we will finalize the schedule soon.

## Cardboard City Update

How often have parents and grandparents remarked about very young children, "the favorite present was the box it came in!"? It turns out that sentiment can be applied to elementary (and a few middle school) students as well, as long as copious amounts of colored duct tape is included. Cardboard City has been a big hit in Sunday School and Wednesday School. Please join us on Wednesday, March 1 or Sunday, March 5 for a tour of the creations.



## Concerning People

- For Sarah Plum and her husband Alex as they celebrate the news of a new baby to be born in late August, may God watch over you, giving you strength and patience as you await your new arrival!
- For the birth of Alma Shoshana Miller born on Valentine's Day to parents Luther and Mira and proud grandparents Loral Keil and Brian Miller, may she grow in love.
- For Jenna Lawrence and Carter and Tyler Sterba, all of whom qualified for the state wrestling tournament in Madison, may you be given strength.
- For Lou Greub who celebrated his 90th birthday on February 18th, you continue to amaze and inspire us!
- For the family of Alice Hanson whose Memorial Service will be here on Saturday, April 22 at 11am with visitation two hours before and a lunch to follow in the Fellowship Hall. May God bless her family thankful hearts for her 98 years of living.

Do you have other upcoming news and celebrations to share with the congregation? Graduations? Birthday and Anniversary celebrations? Please email them to [office@firstchurchrf.org](mailto:office@firstchurchrf.org) by Wednesday of each week to be included in the Weekly Word which is sent out on Thursdays.





## Wednesday Night Family Meals

Wednesday Night Family meals are back! Join us each Wednesday night in March from 5:15 to 6:00 pm for a delicious homemade meal cooked by our own church cook Katy Kapaun and served in the warmth of our Fellowship Hall. If you want to take your meal home, simply go through the line to package a meal to go (please note this in your reservation!). Join us also for 6:30 pm Prayer Around the Cross Lenten Worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**Reservations must be placed by noon on Tuesdays.** You can make a reservation online, the sign-up table or by calling the church office. See the menu below.

March 8 - Relay for Life Soup Supper

March 15 - Corned beef and cabbage, red potatoes and carrots OR Swedish meatballs, parsley potatoes, veggies and rolls

March 22 - Parmesan chicken over rice, salad, croissant

March 29 - Boneless BBQ ribs, mac and cheese, potatoes, veggies, rolls

April 5 - Holy Week - No meals

## Mortgage Summary—As of February 15, 2023

Original cost of Facilities Expansion Project	\$2,386,970.00
Remaining Amount on Bank Loan	\$196,132.71
Interest Rate (Locked in through January 2027)	3.39%
Monthly Payment	\$2,622.76

## Current Capital Campaign

Total Pledged	\$596,646.00
Total Received to Date	<u>374,569.12</u>
Remaining Balance	\$222,076.88

Our current three-year capital campaign began June 2022 and will end in May 2025. It will eliminate our bank loan, fund a new church sign and upgrades to audio visual capabilities in the church building. Thank you for your generous support of our church and its ministry!

## Treasurer's Report

	Week of Feb 19, 2023	Year to Date
General Fund Income*	\$ 8,425	\$ 72,051
General Fund Operational Needs	\$ 10,268	\$ 82,144

A full accounting of all income and expenses is available in the church office.

\*Includes annual and monthly gifts.

## Church Staff Contact Info

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## Relay for Life

Once again our church is participating in Relay for Life and raising money for American Cancer Society. The Relay for Life event is **Friday, April 14, from 6:00 to 11:00 pm held at the River Falls High School.** How can you participate or help?



1. **Soup Night - Wednesday, March 8 from 5:15 to 6:15 pm.** The Relay Team is having their annual Soup Night where you can come and sample a variety of soups or enjoy just one for the Wednesday night meal. What's new this year is a piece of pie is included with your soup. The pie is being provided by Joy Seekers, a new committee inviting people to have a chance to form new friendships, join an activity at church, or share time with shut-ins. Cost of the meal is a donation or the recommended \$8/person and \$5/child or a minimum of \$30/family.
2. Join the **Relay for Life Team.**
3. Help provide an item/idea for the Relay for Life's **Silent Auction.**
4. Purchase a **Luminary Bag** "in Honor of" or "in Memory of" a special person. They will be available at Soup Night, on Sundays prior to, and at the Relay for Life event.
5. **Participate at the Relay Life Event** by enjoying a **Spaghetti Supper from 6:00- 7:30 pm** or **walking around the track.** This year's event has shortened the hours to 6:00 to 11:00 pm.
6. On March 6, join the **Survivor Reunion** which includes a meal.

Stay tuned for more information in the upcoming weeks. Have questions, want to participate, or join the team, please contact Deb Hoffman at [debhoffman234b@gmail.com](mailto:debhoffman234b@gmail.com) or phone 612-308-4945.

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## Endowment Grants

Each quarter the Endowment Grant Committee meets to evaluate proposals for new ministries and projects submitted through our church committees and teams. Does your group have a new idea you want to pursue? Is there a need in the church or community your group wants to address? Consider applying for an Endowment Grant! The group has \$14,000 to award this year.

All proposals must come from a committee and the dates for submission are: March 19, June 18, September 17, December 10.

Forms can be accessed through the church office or on the church website under the connect then forms tabs or via this link: <https://firstchurchrf.org/pages/sign-up-sheets>



### Joy Seekers Event - Let's Bake Pie! - Tues, March 7, 5:00 pm

Join us as we make pie crust from scratch.

Pies will be baked and served March 8 at the

Wednesday meal. A light supper will be offered. No cost, but please sign up on the table or online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BA9AD29A4FF2-joyseekers>

### Merry Widows

The Merry Widows will meet

**Wednesday, March 15 at the Table on Main in River Falls at 1:00 pm.** All

widows are welcome to join us for lunch and conversation! See JoAnn Lentz for more information.

## Hope 4 Creation Wins 2022 Non-Profit Award

Hope 4 Creation was affirmed February 2 as the 2022 Non-Profit of the Year by the River Falls Chamber of Commerce at Kilkarney. H4C grew out of the 2-part discussion (and dinner, of course!) between about 40 First Congregational Church's and St. Bridget Church's members of the Pope's encyclical on Climate Change and Poverty, initiated by our own Rev. Dave Ostendorf and Father Jerry. Although both Rev. Dave and Father Jerry have moved on, their leadership helped make the on-going ecumenical success of H4C possible. Here's what the Chamber said in their Facebook page about why they salute the vibrant organization:



Hope for Creation - River Falls works to create a hopeful, sustainable future through interfaith collaboration, education, and advocacy. This group accomplished a lot in 2022, including:

- ♦ Launching Sustainability Pledge Campaign, supported and signed by community leaders including UWRF, CVTC, City of River Falls, and the River Falls School District
- ♦ Hosting Sustainability Speaker Series
- ♦ Co-sponsoring "Powered by Electric"
- ♦ 2nd Annual Community Read - Hope Jahren's *The Story of More*
- ♦ Launching Earth Fest, a showcase for sustainability in the River Falls community!

River Falls is lucky to have a non-profit devoted to sustainability in our community - thank you for your hard work! Kudos to H4C!

Be sure to attend the Second Annual Earth Fest Celebration on April 22 at Glen Park, and look for our own Mission Education-staffed First Congregational table.



## Chancel Choir and Bell Choir Recruitment

Have a little bit of a musical itch and thinking about wanting to sing in the choir or play bells. Here's your chance, the Music Committee and choirs are reaching out to the congregation and their friends to let you know the Bell and Chancel Choirs are looking for new members. We understand you are busy and cannot participate all the time, but the choirs are open for you to try out with the only requirement of you participating in practices prior to the related Sunday's performance.

The practice schedule is: Wednesdays the Bell Choir practices from 6:00-7:00 pm and Vocal/Chancel Choir practices from 7:00-8:15 pm. Both choirs also practice an hour before worship on the Sunday they perform. Please consider joining in the fun! We look forward to welcoming you. For more information contact: Bell Choir—Jamie Mills: [degolierjamie@gmail.com](mailto:degolierjamie@gmail.com) or Chancel Choir—Sarah Plum: [sarah.e.plum95@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.e.plum95@gmail.com).

## Brazilian Healthcare Mission

The latest newsletter from the Rev. Barb de Souza healthcare ministry in Brazil is available on the church website. Click on the "Serve" tab at the top and select "Our Community" and find the Brazilian Healthcare Mission newsletter link or find a copy on the back table.

## CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY - February 21, 2023

**Treasurer's Report** – Pastor Chris filled in for Missy. Annual givers in January did not happen, but they are starting to come in. They will ask the bookkeeper to send us the January reports with the budget column included. No motion to approve and we will wait for new budget to be sent before approving.

### **New Business:**

2022 Annual Meeting Follow Up – Kathy - Everything went well; no big things or excitement and Pastor Chris commented that it was well attended. All motions approved by the congregation.

Sabbatical Proposal for Pastor Stacy – Kathy - This proposal was considered before COVID and now it is coming back for consideration. See attached proposal. Her focus is on art and architecture. Approved

#1 - A motion that Council passes a resolution in support of Stacy Johnson Myers' proposed sabbatical from April-June 2024. Approved

#2 - A motion that the congregation, as represented by Council, makes application for a Lilly Clergy Renewal grant to support Stacy Johnson Myers' work during sabbatical. Approved

Emergency Response Team – Karen said the Deacons were going to spearhead this as a goal and form a group with Pastor Chris, Kathy and/or Marie, 2 Deacons and 2 Trustees before inviting EMT person. Pastor Chris wants to get this going, but we do not need to rush. Approved to form a sub-group to form an Emergency Response Team.

### **Old Business:**

Reports and Accounting – Chris - We are still struggling to get what we want from the bookkeeper just like the budget we were provided for our meeting. It is an issue, and we will keep working on a solution for a bookkeeper.

WCUCC and Back Bay Mission Capital Campaign Request Follow Up - Pastor Chris - It was approved at the annual meeting and documents were signed and checks were sent to both entities.

Capital Campaign Update –

Sign - Tim B, Louie F, Chris M, Kathy R, Andy K, Louie: No activity; still waiting for the city to move forward.

Sound - Joel L, Mike S, Jeff H, Dave R, Chris M: The temp solution does not work all the time but is getting us by.

Roof Update - Pastor Chris - Both peaks are done, and the old chimney is being taken down since it is not used. Water got behind the bricks on V and caused it to buckle. Tim noticed it and the roofer will take care of this.

Church Van Update – detailing still needed. Pastor Chris will ask Joel about the detailing, but it is going to Biloxi.

### **Ministry Updates**

**Christian Education:** Met and the Cardboard City was a hit. Hopefully it will still be up next week (Ash Wednesday 2.0). All other programs are going well. Talked about goals for 2023: Mental Health and well-being for all ages, Survey to congregation to see what they are interested in. Consider looking at revamping Confirmation groups due to smaller numbers. Sixth grade will stay separate. Reviewed the sabbatical proposal, looking at VBS.

**Deacons:** No meeting. Endowment grant paid for the first two hearing assists and ordered 2 more and now know how to fix problems with them.

**Endowment Grant:** Pastor Chris met after church - The group will meet quarterly, and Norma Revels will take over leadership of this group.

**Trustees:** Louie apologized for not being at the annual meeting. The committee did meet later in January to finalize the budget. Church clean-up went well on Saturday. 8-9 people for 2 ½ hours. Committee did not meet tonight.

**Welcoming Ministry:** Susan - Did not meet tonight but they will change meeting time to 5:30-6:30 going forward so that Pastor Deb can attend both of her committees. We are working/joining Joy Seekers group.

**Pastor:** People: Alice Hanson died - Memorial Service on April 22. Two other long-time members recently passed and will have funerals this week.

Events/Programs: Ash Wed postponed due to weather - now March 1 at 6:30pm. Other churches are canceling or postponing to Sunday. Prayer Around the Cross Wed Worship at 6:30pm thru Holy Week. Wed Meals resume next week (supposed to be this week!). BBM trip March 11-17 - 12 people going. Boston Trip April 22-25 - 24 people going. Civil Rights Pilgrimage Oct 25-29 - 14 people going. New Assoc Conf Minister Michael Jones here this coming Sunday to preach—Pack the Church. What kind of church is this? A church where the HS youth group serves birthday cake to 90 year olds celebrating their birthday! Emergency Plan Group needed, small group to help: 2 Deacons, 2 Trustees, 1 pastor, 1 EMT/fire person (church member)

Submitted by Marie Roe

NEXT MEETING: March 21, 2023



*SERVE  
generously*

## Simpson Shelter Needs

- New men's boxers—sizes S, M, L and XL
- New men's t-shirts—sizes S, M, L, XL, and XXL
- New women's underwear—sizes 5, 6, 7, and 8
- New women's t-shirts—sizes S, M, XL, and XXL
- Deodorant
- Shaving cream and razors
- Travel size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, and bar soap
- Towels
- Toothbrushes

There is a box at the church for donations. Thank you!

## Save Family Fresh Receipts

ARC gets \$1,000 for every \$150,000 in receipts, so every dollar counts. ARC is the agency funded by local churches to help address the immediate needs of people in our community (rent, utility, gas, repair help). A box for receipts is on the back table.

## Save Your Batteries to Recycle!

We have a container available for recycling all those old, depleted batteries. Start saving them now and bring them to church. We'll pass them on to the recyclers and keep them out of landfills and the environment in our ongoing commitment to sustainability.



**SIMPSON**  
HOUSING SERVICES

## Simpson Shelter News

40 years ago Simpson Homeless Shelter opened in Minneapolis when Simpson Methodist Church noticed people sleeping in their church doorways. Since then, Simpson Shelter has expanded. Today, they have taken ownership of the old Simpson Church. After recent fundraising efforts, the shelter is temporarily moving to a different location while the old church building is demolished and a new shelter and apartment complex is built. The new shelter will have 70 shelter beds, 42 low cost apartments, an onsite clinic and social worker and a commercial kitchen to serve meals. The Simpson Shelter is one of our church mission partners. Several members of the church have acted as overnight hosts and we annually provide meals for guests. We also contribute financially to the Shelter. Please pray for their guests and staff as they navigate this transition.



## Cribbage Night

The cribbage group is meeting on the second Monday at the church. Players are asked to donate \$2 and the group decides which charity to donate it to. Playing time starts at **7:00 pm**. All players and abilities welcome. The next game will be **March 13**.

## Church Yoga

Jan Hansen's church yoga group meets on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** in the church Fellowship Hall from **9:00-10:00 am** and via Zoom. Please contact the church office to receive the Zoom link.



## Among Friends

Among Friends is a community-based social respite program serving adults with memory loss who reside in Pierce and St. Croix Counties. For more information, contact them at 715-293-2561. Also, check out the website: [amongfriendsrf.com](http://amongfriendsrf.com) and the Facebook page. Among Friends is located at the church and is held on **Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**.



## Offering QR Code

1. On your device, open your Camera app or QR Code app
2. Point your camera at the QR Code
3. Click tab 'Give Online'

## Empty Pill Bottles

The River Falls Lions Club is collecting empty pill bottles, both prescription and over the counter, to send to Africa where there is an urgent need. The bottles will be washed, and the labels soaked off before they are shipped. A blue collection tub is in the gathering area. Please see Carole Mottaz with questions.



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## Altar Flowers

Please sign up to provide flowers for the altar for Sunday worship. Sign up at church or on the church website: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BA9AD29A4FF2-altar>

## Welcomers Needed

Please sign up to be a welcomer on Sunday morning before the worship service. One person is needed for at the bottom of the stairs & one person is needed at the ramp entrance. Please arrive 20 minutes prior to worship. Sign up at church or here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BA9AD29A4FF2-welcomers>

## Coffee Fellowship Hosts and Liturgists Needed

**Coffee Fellowship Hosts** will be asked to serve Best Maid cookies which are in the church freezer, make lemonade and/or serve coffee. All the materials are provided, you will simply need to serve and clean up. Sign up at church or on the website: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BA9AD29A4FF2-coffee>

**Liturgists** will lead us in the Call to Worship and one of the Scripture Lessons. The material will be emailed out on Thursday to practice. Sign up at church or on the website: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BA9AD29A4FF2-liturgist>

Please note church interns can receive credit for either of these activities. Thank you for volunteering in these important ministries as we continue our journey.