



# 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

### A Season For All Things

There is a part of me that is almost thankful the summer is over. Don't get me wrong, I love summer! Especially after last year's long winter and almost non-existent spring, I could not wait to get outside and get busy gardening, walking, grilling, going to the lake and doing all the things that make summer so special and fun. But after a few months of all

that, I confess fall and its more predictable schedule comes as kind of a relief.

God knows this. The writer of Ecclesiastes 3 puts it this way: *There is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.* In other words, there is a time for summer, but there is also a time for summer to recede and fall to begin. There is a time for rest and recreation, but there is also a time for work and school. Like it or not, fall is here and with it a return to our regular programming season.

This fall we begin the program year with the return of lots of familiar programs which are detailed in the pages of this newsletter. From choir and bells, to Wednesday and Sunday School, Confirmation and church interns to Merry Widows and Men's Group, Bible Study and Adult Forum to a Fall Women's Bible study, there is lots of ways to get involved and grow your faith. Much like the advice I give to our college kids when they go off to school for the first year, I encourage you to try one new thing this fall to help grow and expand your Christian faith.

Starting on Rally Day, Sunday, September 10, we will engage in a new Worship Series called 'Living the Story.' Using some of the biblical stories from the book of

Genesis, this 5-part worship series will take some of our contemporary struggles (What were we created for? Why is the world so messed up? Why doesn't God do something about it?) and with the help of these stories give us fresh perspective for healthy, faithful living today. See the details below.

I am excited for our fall journey together and hope you are too! See you in worship!

In Gratitude, Pastor Chris

### Five-Part Worship Series

Sept 10—Together as Partners  
Genesis 2

Sept 17—We Have a Problem  
Genesis 3

Sept 24—When Life is Hard  
Genesis 6

Oct 1—Working With God  
Genesis 15

Oct 8—Good Out of Evil  
Genesis 50

## Fall Confirmation Orientation

The 2023 Confirmation Kick-Off is **Wednesday, September 13, from 6:30-7:30 pm.**

This meeting is required for all confirmands, including pre-confirmands, (in grades 6-9) and their parents.



Rally Day marks the return of the program year. This year Rally Day will be **Sunday, September 10** when worship will move to 10:00 am and Sunday School and the Adult Forum will resume along with music practices. Our schedule will be:

9:00 am     Adult Forum Bible Study and Choir/Bell Practice  
10:00 am     Worship with Sunday School  
11:00 am     Coffee Fellowship

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## Sunday Morning Text Study

The Sunday morning Bible text study group resumes on **Rally Day, September 10**. Join us each Sunday morning, **9:00–9:50**, to explore the scripture texts used in that Sunday's worship. Participating in this discussion is a great way to prepare for worship. Please mark your calendars.

## Wednesday School Workers Needed

Wednesday School begins on **October 4**. We need adult volunteers, drivers to transport children from school to church, and people to provide snacks. Please consider volunteering. Please sign up at church or online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BA9AD29A4FF2-wednesday56>



## Confirmation Kick-Off

All 6th–12th graders and their parents are invited to the Confirmation Kick-Off Event on **Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. This will be the first night of programming for 6th grade Pre-Confirmation, Years 1–3 Confirmation (grades 7–9), Church Interns and our Middle and High School Youth Groups. We will review meeting dates, complete forms, talk about trips to Feed My Starving Children, Spring Break Mission Trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi as well as a long-delayed Winter Retreat for both Middle and High School youth. Mark your calendars and join us!

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## Wednesday School Registrations

All children who will be in kindergarten through Grade 5 in the fall of 2023, are invited to participate in Wednesday School. Elementary students in River Falls are picked up at the four elementary schools in town at the end of the school day. Wednesday School concludes at 5:15. Registration and permission forms are available on the church website and in the church office. It is important to have advance registration in order to be adequately prepared for students, particularly due to transportation needs. Wednesday School begins **October 4**. Please contact Pastor Stacy with questions.

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## Adult Bible Study Resumes

Wednesday afternoon Adult Bible Study resumes on **September 13, 1:00–2:30 pm**. The group will read and discuss the first book in the Bible, Genesis. Our resource book is *Genesis* by W. Sibley Towner, of the Westminster Bible Companion series. Copies are available in the church office for \$25.00. It is possible to buy a less expensive used copy on Amazon. In preparation for September 13, please read the Introduction, pages 1–10.

The fall is a great time to join the group. Through shared discussion, participants learn a lot and explore a great many issues connected to scripture and faith. For more information, contact Pastor Stacy.



## Tools for Schools Thanks

Thank you to all who helped with this year's Tools for Schools. Started many years ago by one of the saints of our church, Bob Gustafson, and expanded under the direction of one of his former students, Kim Masanz, this community ministry has been a huge blessing to local families. This year we served 422 students providing them with the tools they need to have a successful school year including school supplies such as backpacks and notebooks, pencils, crayons and pens. And thanks to community partners, families also received new shoes, toothbrushes, books and food. It is a joy to watch how our whole community of River Falls joins together in this event. Thank you for all who helped with donations and to volunteer at the event!





## Peach News 2023

This year's record breaking peach orders has come and now gone (twice). The first 449 boxes arrived last Thursday and were gone on Saturday, August 26th. The remaining 127 boxes of yummy peaches arrived on Monday night, August 28 and were gone by August 30th. Why twice you ask? There was a hiccup in the number of boxes that arrived on the first load, thus the Colorful Sunburst Fruit sent us a second load. Both loads brought us some wonderful tasting peaches that could leave juice dripping down your chin if you were not careful.

This year's peach season fundraiser will bring over \$2500 to the youth fund. These dollars help with youth trips and projects. Thank you to all

the wonderful, generous peach orders and a big Thank you to all the great helpers who worked the various parts of this year's peach sale. What an awesome group of volunteers that helped unload boxes of peaches twice for a total of 576 boxes of peaches. The unloading crew were Tim and Rene Bylander, Evelyn Purdy, Tad Jennings, Laura Miller, Marie Roe, Trish Graves, Larry and Barb Peterson, Jeff Hoffman, Paul Tronnier, Lu, Larissa, Lance, Brody and Fallen Lueck, Peter Rayne, Marcia Phabia, Synneva Anderson, and Jane Wakefield. Thank you to Diane Welsh who worked on the database, the three ladies: Laura Miller, Marie Roe and Trish Graves who worked at the table for peach

pick up, and Roland Roe who helped carry out peaches. Thanks also to Connor Rude, our awesome youth helper!!!! One more HUGE thank you shout out goes to Missy, our church secretary for helping with the database, answering the phone, and the many other tasks she fulfilled on this project.

See you next year for more delicious peaches. God bless, Deb Hoffman



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## Sunday School Teachers Meeting

Sunday School teachers for the 2023-24 school year will gather for an organizational meeting, **September 7, from 6:00-7:00 pm.**



### Chocolate Boutique Part Two

A Relational Bible Experience for Women  
Tuesdays, Sep 26, Oct 3, & Oct 10 at 6:30 pm

Join Deb Meyer to renew your spirit with a three-session series on Grace.

Sep 26 God's Grace is a Way of Life

Oct 3 God's Grace Overs to Others

Oct 10 God's Grace is Reason to Celebrate

This is part two of the Chocolate Boutique that was held in the Spring. Each session is complete by itself, so you can come to one, two or all three. You can join us even if you didn't come to the Spring Session. Please sign up at church.



### Chancel Choir

To anyone who loves to sing, now is the time to try out our Chancel Choir! Our first rehearsal of the season will be

**September 6.** We sing in the service 2-3 times a month and rehearse from 7:00-8:15 pm on Wednesday evenings in the music room. We are flexible with schedules as well. Feel free to come and sing with us; no prior experience needed, just a love for singing, fellowship, and some good laughs. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sarah Plum at [sarah.e.plum.95@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.e.plum.95@gmail.com) or 715-418-9393.

## Support for Art Commissions

The congregation plans to commission two new images for the Picture the Bible art collection: *Manna and Quail in the Wilderness* and *Jesus' Anointing at Bethany*. We are looking for people to help sponsor a whole image or contribute to the cost of an image. Each image is \$500. The stories we have selected are wonderful stories and will make an important contribution to our collection.

The story of *Manna and Quail*, people God had miraculously rescued from slavery grumbled that freedom was hard. They wondered if the predictability of bondage was more comfortable than the challenges and responsibilities of freedom. When they grumbled that their food was not adequate, God provided manna every morning and quails every evening. The people were told to gather as much manna as they needed for the day (except for two days prior to the sabbath). If they took more than they needed, the manna would spoil. The comparisons between slavery and freedom, resignation and trust, taking enough or taking too much will be much food for thought.

The second story, *Jesus' Anointing at Bethany* is set at Simon's house. While Jesus is at the table, a woman approaches, opens a jar of costly perfumed oil and pours it on Jesus' head. The men (only men were allowed to eat at the table) challenged her, thinking there would have been a better use for such expensive oil. Jesus defends her saying she is anointing his body prior to his death. While the woman is not named in the story, she is remembered for her kind, gracious act. She is also shown to have insight into what is coming next for Jesus when the men didn't understand what was happening.

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Dear Church Family, Thank you for the scholarship opportunity. Since going on the Biloxi, Mississippi, Mission Trip through Back Bay Mission, it has been my aspiration to pursue a professional career within the construction industry. My college career started two years ago and I have been loving every part of it. With this scholarship backing the financial burden college brings, I can push on with reaching my educational and career goals. Sincerely, Zach Martin

Dear Church Family, It is a blessing and an honor to receive the continuing education scholarship from First Congregational. I will use this to help continue my education at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, MN. I am grateful for the support and generosity of our church community. Once again, thank you all for believing in me and investing in my future. Blessings, Monty Wilson



**Let Justice  
and Peace Flow**  
Season of Creation 2023

Season of Creation is an ecumenical celebration uniting people around the world through prayer, advocacy, and sustainable actions. You are invited to the services that will be held on Sundays at 5:00 pm. The schedule is:

Sept 3 held at Journey House Campus Ministry

Sept 10 held at Hope Lutheran

Sept 17 held at Spirit of Grace

Sept 24 held at Ezekiel

Oct 1 held at First Congregational

Please see the flyer for more information.

## Financial Peace University

Abundant Life Church will be hosting Financial Peace University. If you are interested, please see the website below or scan the QR Code. Sessions will be held **September 18 through November 13 on Monday nights at 6:30 pm**. Childcare provided.

<https://www.financialpeace.com/app/classes/A7A5BD>

Pastor Ted Marsh—contact info: [www.abundantlifeonline.org](http://www.abundantlifeonline.org), 651-442-8982



# Endowment Grants

Each quarter the Endowment Grant Committee meets to evaluate proposals for new ministries and projects submitted through our church committees. 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 \$12,400 to award this year. All proposals must come from a committee and the dates for submission are: **September 17, December 10.** Forms can be accessed through the church office or on the church website under ‘connect’ then ‘forms’ tabs.

## Second Holy Land Tour

In 2019, 24 people from church participated in a Holy Land Tour to visit important places in our Christian faith like Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and Galilee. We also learned about the cultural and political struggle between Jews and Palestinians and how the three great religions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam literally converge in Jerusalem. Planning this tour took a long time. Pastor Chris is in the beginning stages of planning another Holy Land Tour. A date has not been announced, but if you want to be kept in the loop about developments and involved in determining the timing of a trip, please use the sign-up sheets to register your interest. *An interest meeting will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17 after worship in the Youth Room.*

## Disaster Ministries

You've seen the news of the wildfires that have greatly affected the Hawaiian island of Maui, and especially the entire town of Lahaina. Our hearts go out to them.

You may donate in the offering plate (mark it for ‘Hawaii’) or go to <https://support.ucc.org/disaster-ministries> to donate online!

And thank you for always being so very generous in your witness to God's command that we love one another.

## Current Capital Campaign

Total Pledged	\$596,646.00
Total Received to Date	<u>431,758.01</u>
Remaining Balance	\$164,887.99

## Mortgage Summary—As of Sept 1, 2023

Original Cost of Facilities Expansion Project	\$2,386,970.00
Remaining Amount on Bank Loan	\$106,164.99
Interest Rate (Locked in through January 2027)	3.39%
Monthly Payment	\$2,622.76

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 the audio visual capabilities in the church building. Thanks to your generosity and faithful, upfront giving for the current Capital Campaign, we were able to make a \$75,000 payment on the principal last month. Thank you!

## Treasurer’s Report

	Week of	
	<u>Aug 27, 2023</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Fund Income*	\$ 4,680	\$ 331,450
General Fund Operational Needs	\$ 10,268	\$ 359,380

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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## Softball News

With sadness, this is our final Softball Update for the 2023 season. Our team is the best; they laughed, cheered everyone on, and gave continual positive messages when we were ahead or losing by a lot. Our team followed the reason for family league with three families having 3 members on the team. We had four families with two members playing and many awesome singles. The team had over 20 players making the lineup a little challenging sometimes, but everybody was great with alternating innings to play. Finally, we had 8 new faces to the team, but we quickly became a team and friends.

We ended the season with more games lost than won, but the friendships and the fun that came from these games were the best part. That is why it's hard to end the season. Thank you Peter Rayne, Todd Gustafson, Ben and Bryan Jaekel Tim, Bridget and Brodie Schaffer, Josh Hudson, Jared, Jen and Erin Syverson, Louie and Gina Filkins, Nate, Sonya, Gwen and Eleanor Adams, Cindy Peterson, Alex and Sarah Plum, Jeff and Deb Hoffman for fun-filled Monday nights and the friendships that developed. I look forward to the next year! Next year will be even more fun with the addition of Anderson to the team, Sarah and Alex's new baby.

Thank you also to our fantastic fans, you were the best cheering us on through the good times and bad innings of particular games. We truly appreciate all your kind words and support.

God bless you all and take care. Deb Hoffman

## "WISE" Corner

*Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaging*  
for Mental Health and Wellness

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. - John 1:5*

### Wellness Wave

The "Breath Prayer"

Take a deep breath. On the inhale think or speak the words you want to let in and on the exhale think or speak the words you want to let go. (Short bible verses are good, but any words can be used).

For example: "Shine Your light" (inhale), "In my darkness" (exhale).

Or

"Give me Peace" (inhale), "Over my anxiety" (exhale).

## Upcoming Events

Sun., Sept 10—Rally Day with beginning of the program year and worship at 10:00 am

Wed., Sept 13—Confirmation Kick-Off for all 6th—12th graders and parents

Sun., Sept 17—Holy Land Trip Meeting after worship in Youth Room

Tues., Sept 19—All Church Meeting Night—all new and existing committee members meet

## Spring Break Mission Trip

Once again we are leading a mission trip to UCC-related Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi in March 2024 over Spring Break.

These trips are literally life-changing, both for the communities we serve and for the people who participate in them. Our hope is that everyone will have an opportunity to participate at some point, but especially our teens. Once again we have obtained coveted spots for the Mission Trip on **March 16-23, 2024**. Sign-ups will be this fall. In addition to youth, we also need skilled helpers. Please consider signing up and blocking out those dates on your calendars! You must be 14 and older to participate.





## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING—August 15, 2023

**Attendance:** Missy Luedtke, Louie Filkins, Kathy Rausch, Marshall Skule, Christina Krueger, Marie Roe, Sally Steneman, Barb Peterson, Pastor Deb

**Treasurer's Report**—Missy provided a copy of the budget as of July 23rd. We're hanging in there this summer to cover expenses. Sally from Mission Ed asked about the timing of payment to the organizations. Missy explained that we have not made a specific payment plan to any of the groups. Motion to accept made by Louis and Sally seconded. Passed by Council.

### **New Business:**

**New Committee Members**—Kathy reported that the nominating committee is working on filling the positions.

**Updates on Wisconsin Conf and Back Bay Capital Campaigns**—Kathy reported that each of these 2 annual commitments and seed money has been provided in the amount of \$2,000. We will add more information throughout the year.

**\$1350 Insurance overage**—Kathy reported that the roof is complete and the \$5,000 deductible was covered by a previous Endowment Grant. We still owe \$1350 due to a problem ~ something to do with drains and Tim Bylander has the information. We can make another application to Endowment Grant and Louie is willing to do that or Louie thought we could use money from Building Repairs to pay the amount.

**Green Team**—Barb Peterson spoke of the history of our church and the community establishing a Green Team. She presented a letter to the Council regarding the "Creation Justice" designation from UCC. Focus on Energy can provide a speaker to our congregation/community about how they can improve your practices at home to be more environmentally friendly. Hope for Creation is doing a 5-week series at different locations starting on September 3rd through October 1st. They will proceed with paperwork and return to the council for consideration on the designation.

### **Old Business:**

**Committee Descriptions and Calendars**—Thank you for doing this as the Nominating Committee is using them.

**Emergency Response Team**—Linn L/Laura A, Scott/Jeff, Chris, Marie, Matt C/Justin W: Marie gave an update about the Endowment Grant request that was approved (\$650) to pay for supplies needed. We will meet again this fall.

**Reports and Accounting**—Kathy said we are still looking for a bookkeeper.

**Capital Campaign Updates: Sign**—Tim B, Louie F, Chris M, Kathy R, Andy K: Kathy and Louie reported that the city did approve that we can have a lit sign. **Sound**—Joel L, Alex P, Marsha P, Jeff H, Dave R, Chris M: Louie reported that three bids were put out and one responded. Unfortunately, it is very expensive.

**Roof Update**—Louie reported that there is still a leak above the front entrance/roof cap. Tim is looking at other options.

### **Ministry Updates**

**Christian Education**—Busy summer with Oh Jonah musical and VBS. The music director (Emma) was outstanding in her style and sanctuary management. There were 39 kids at VBS and maybe someday we will get our number higher. Volunteers and all involved worked well together. We are looking for Sunday School teachers who would work as a team with an intern too. Busy time of year.

**Deacons**—Continuing to staff 5 deacons each week and will have a group wrap up next Monday.

**Discipleship**—Working on this year's theme and planning our fall campaign.

**Mission Education**—Sally reported that we will return to supporting 5 for 5 which includes OCWM/NIN/Strengthening our Church. Carol Merriman will spearhead this project. We still have \$2600 discretionary funds. We are giving the Food Bank \$300, Library \$100, \$500 Lahaina Relief through UCC. Considering new mission partners. \$200 to WALK ON Therapeutic riding \$200 to Have a Heart. Diaper drive was a huge success and there is still a need for it throughout the year. Hopefully 12 organizations will take a month and donate to the food pantry. The WISE team watched a video and will look to share this out with the congregation.

**Trustees**—In addition to the above items there are also some brick issues that need to be addressed. The tractor was acting up but now running well. The acoustic panels for the Fellowship Hall is a bigger project (\$10,000-20,000). They made an EG request for seed money for a new tractor (\$4,000). New heat tape to be installed. Looked at irrigating the boulevard, but decided against it due to the cost.

**Moderator**—Kathy expressed her appreciation for all the Council and Committee members and their hard work to make this church what it is today!

**NEXT MEETING: Note on Sept 19 we all meet together for 15 mins in Fellowship Hall with our new members.**

Respectfully Submitted by Marie Roe



## *SERVE* generously

### Simpson Shelter Needs

Urgent supply needs for June:

- Men's T-shirts—all sizes
- Men's boxers—all sizes
- Men's short socks
- Women's white crew socks
- Personal size body wash
- Flip flops/shower shoes

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

### 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.

### Empty Pill Bottles (Prescription Only)

The Lions pill bottle collection has been put on hold for a month because the organization that ships the bottles to Africa doesn't have funds to ship them all. The program will resume in October but **only for the clear prescription bottles that are filled by our pharmacists.**

Thank you so much for making this program the success it is. If you have questions, please contact Carole Mottaz.

### Need a Lift?

The Hoffman family have a multi-level chair lift that needs a new home. Interested? Talk to Cheryl Hoffman at 715-338-8281.

### Merry Widows

They will meet **Wed, Sept 20 at 1:00 pm at Ras' on Main in Hammond, WI.** All widows are welcome to join us for lunch and conversation! See JoAnn Lentz for more information.

### Church Yoga

The 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.



### Cribbage Night

The cribbage group will begin meeting again on the second Monday at the church. Players are asked to donate \$2 and the group decides which charity to donate to. Playing time starts at **7:00 pm**. All players and abilities welcome. The next game will be **September 11.**

### Men's Group

The church Men's Group meets **every other Tuesday from 9:00-10:00 am** for coffee, treats and conversation during the program year. We will begin meeting again on **September 12!**



### Blood Drive

The next scheduled Red Cross Blood Drive will be on **Friday, September 15, from 11:00 am-5:00 pm.** You can register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)



### 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'



### 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.**



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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.

## Newsletter Deadlines

The church newsletter is sent out twice a month. Deadlines are the 10th and 25th of each month. Items should be sent to the church office no later than those dates.