

Highlights of 2024

January

- Held the Annual Meeting with presentations from key committees and teams
- Established the Wise Team (Welcoming, Inclusive, Support and Engaged) to plan events to support people who struggle with mental health



February

- Resumed Wednesday Family meals after a January pause
- Constructed Tiny Town in Wednesday School
- Connected through four cooking classes with Chef Peter Kwong



March

- Enjoyed the Shrimp Boil to raise money for Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS
- Received new hymnals—*Worship and Praise*
- Listened to the Good Friday Choir Cantata
- Celebrated Easter worship and shared breakfast served by youth



April

- Celebrated nine baptisms in five months!



May

- Confirmed and welcomed three confirmands
- Gathered 7,000 diapers between Mother's Day and Father's Day
- Sponsored a Paul Douglas talk at EarthFest held at UWRF
- Held Red Cross Blood Drives in the Fellowship Hall four times



June

- Celebrated our ten high school seniors and awarded 17 scholarships on Graduation Sunday
- Began the softball season
- Began the Young Families Group
- Purchased a new lawn mower



July

- Enjoyed the Bluegrass Concert on the church lawn for River Falls Days
- Served a meal at the Simpson Homeless Shelter
- Presented Vacation Bible School





August

- Produced the Youth Musical, *Daniel in the Lion's Den*
- Provided school supplies to over 300 kids at Tools for School
- Received peaches!



September

- Celebrated Rally Day
- Burned the church mortgage
- Packed 30,000 meals at FMSC in River Falls
- Expanded Among Friends to two days each week, Tuesday and Thursday



October

- Hosted the *Art of Sadao Watanabe* exhibition
- Mailed out college packs
- Went to WhirlyBall
- Watched the silent movie—*Hunchback of Notre Dame*
- Had s'mores for Coffee Fellowship
- Convened a Women's Health Event
- Gave Bibles to Confirmands
- Made Halloween crafts



November

- Gathered to consider the book *Anxious Generation* at a Learning Community Event
- Served over 220 people at the Giving Thanks Meal
- Dedicated 2025 financial pledges



December

- Made crafts at the Advent Workshop
- Gathered for the Christmas Luncheon
- Continued the Shoebox Ministry for 60 men at Kinnic Health & Rehab
- Presented the Children's Advent Musical
- Delivered amaryllis bulbs to 20 shut-ins
- Gathered 1,500 pounds of food and nearly \$2,000 for the River Falls Food Pantry
- Provided gifts to families through the Sharing Families Giving Tree
- Celebrated Christmas Eve Worship
- Ended the budget year with a surplus (yah!)

