
First Congregational UCC "At First"
1400 North Elliott Avenue, Glencoe, MN 55336

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Rev. Dr. Bob Baggott and Rev. Dr. Casey Baggott; Co-Pastors

January 2021

Please Join Us!

For our Worship Services carried live from our sanctuary on our **facebook page: First Congregational Church, Glencoe at 9:15 am each Sunday morning.** They will remain on the page for a two week period for those who would like to access the service later. For our Shut-In's at Long Term Care, it can be seen on **Monday's at 9:30 am and Tuesday's at 6:00 pm in the Chapel.**

Sunday School will continue as distance learning through the church's facebook. Each Sunday a member will be reading a Bible Story. If you didn't see the Sunday School Christmas Pagaent you need to go to the church's facebook page and check it out. They all did such a great job! Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway.

Our weekly **Bible Study** is meeting via **Zoom at 7:00pm on Wednesdays.** If you would like to participate, please contact the church with your email address so that we can add you to the list of invited participants. You will then receive an email each week with a link to the Zoom Bible Study site. We hope you'll join Pastors Bob and Casey for this study.

For Pastoral Care

Because of **COVID Pastoral Care** we will be unable to deliver in person. If you have a pastoral need leave a message on the Pastoral Emergency Line and a Pastor will call you back. Prayers to be included during Sundays worship may be passed along this way as well. Stay safe! You are loved

Church Envelopes

You may have received your church offering envelopes from Randy Warner through the mail due to COVID this year, if not, you will soon! We suggest that you use the envelopes to keep track of your offering. When your offering comes into the church our Assistant Financial Secretaries deposit the cash or checks into the bank and then hands over the envelopes to Randy Warner to record into his books. By not using the envelopes it makes it more difficult for them to keep track of your offerings.

You still have the option of having your pledges taken directly out of your savings or checking account. Call the church office at 864-3855 for more information.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thank-You!

A heartfelt thank you to First Congregational for your generous financial contributions. With funds from Thrivent Financial and food donation from Michael's Foods it made the Community Thanksgiving Dinner (takeout) possible on 11/26/20. With this support, plus an awesome team of cooks and helpers, we exceeded the planned number served, and will donate over \$2000.00 to the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf.

This exceptional community service by all, donating funds, time & food demonstrates the presence of Christ in hearts, minds and actions.

God Bless You All!

On The Job in January

Deacon of the Month: Bruce Magnuson

In Charge of the Altar: Ann Wangerin



**Begin the year
with God**

**Cell phone, home phone numbers,
E-Mail or
Address Change**

People are dropping their land line phones and going only with their cell phone, please let the church office know your phone number so we can keep our church directory up to date.

Also, if you have any change in your e-mail or address, please make sure to contact the church office.

Call the church office at 864-3855 or e-mail us at congoucc@gmail.com

**Trustees Newsletter Report
for November 2020**

The following business was addressed at the November 20th meeting of the Board of Trustees:

- * Total deposits for October were \$5,493
Payments in October from our Operating fund \$5,323
- * Other Business:
 - + Renewed several CD's that had come due.
 - + Trustee's reorganized for 2019 – 2020 fiscal year.

Respectfully Submitted, Randy Warner, Secretary



Happy Birthday!

- 2. Rebecca Forcler
- 4. Dawn Shemanek
- 5. Tammy Hanson
Myron Dahlke
Daniel Raiter
Renee Lehmann
- 6. Evon Draeger
- 7. Karl Warner
- 13. Robert Berwald
- 19. Karen Hendricksen
Sam McNellis
- 20. Jessica Richardson
- 23. Colton Robb
- 27. Allen Trocke
- 31. Arlana Bolt



Pastor's Page:

A New Attitude

Sometime back in the 1980's rhythm and blues singer, Patti LaBelle, recorded a hit single on MCA Records called "New Attitude." It shot up the charts and found its way into many film and television scores. The song is a tribute to the possibility of change, from the inside out. With joyful gusto, Ms. LaBelle's lyrics announce, "I'm feeling good from my hat to my shoe, Know where I'm goin' and I know what to do, I've tidied up my point of view, I've got a new attitude."

That classic tribute to the possibility for an attitude readjustment that reorients all of life came to mind recently. You see, we've been considering the necessity of getting our own new attitude. The host of tragedies our nation and our world underwent in 2020 threatens to leave us feeling pretty discouraged. Tornadoes and hurricanes did their worst, wildfires raged, deranged shooters killed without reason or remorse, political wrangling spilled out amongst us again and again. And then there is the COVID-19 pandemic that has tragically claimed so very many beloved lives and derailed so many plans and purposes.

Considering the world's recent track record for heartbreak, the outlook for 2021, many would say, is bleak. But with a new year packed with three hundred and sixty-five days of possibility before us, we're not willing to succumb to that fatalism just yet. Maybe we need a new attitude.

Rev. Charles R. Swindoll wrote intriguingly about the power of attitude. He claims, "Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failure, than successes, than what other people think or say or do... The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it."

True, our attitude may not directly extinguish forest fires, change the path of a tornado, soothe the violence that lurks in human hearts, irradicate injustice, or ensure a faster distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. But then again, where else do we begin to work for the changes that will make our world a safe and joyful place for ourselves and our children? Didn't every fresh idea that blossomed into reality, and every empowering dream for a better way, start with someone's hope-filled attitude?

God's faithful people are encouraged repeatedly to consider the attitudes with which they engage the world around them. The Bible tells us over and over again to be not afraid, to be courageous, to be of good cheer, to be at peace, and to trust in God. As Christ's followers we are asked to be focused, positive people.

What might change for us all if we underwent an attitude adjustment this year? Maybe change really could happen from the inside out. We're hopeful.

May your New Year be blessed in every meaningful way! You're in our prayers...

Pastor Casey and Pastor Bob

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Newsletter Deadline: Third Tuesday of the Month

2020 Glencoe Living Nativity Recap

We had an amazing turnout for the Living Nativity held at Oak Leaf Park on Saturday, Dec 12th from 5:00 to 7:45 pm. Five hundred cars, nearly all carrying multiple occupants, visited and experienced the true story of Christmas. Donations received for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf were \$2833.95 and 1303 lbs of food. More than 75 volunteers helped in a wide range of ways to make the event happen. This was a cooperative effort between First Ev. Lutheran Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Christ Lutheran Church and community volunteers. Appreciation goes to Pastor Peter Adelsen, Annette Ahlfs, Griffin Bargmann, Andrew Bonderman, Jeff Bonderman, Savannah Bonderman, Val Bonderman, Denali Buckley, Ben Conklin, Scott Conklin, Jan Conklin, Bethany Cross, Jim Cross, Lilly Cross, Chris Davis, Dennis Davis, Cindy Eggersgluess, Neil Eggersgluess, Loren Engelmann, Dean Exsted, Lynn Exsted, Taten Frahm, Alex Freden, Katie Freden, Brady Goff, Dave Goff, Gemma Goff, Missy Goff, Owen Graf, Louie Graupmann, Bonnie Hahn, Purple Hayes, Connie Heitz, John Heitz, Fran Huwe, Lars Ide, Kraig Kunkel, Sandy Kunkel, Brent Litzau, Scott Litzau, John Mathwig, Dave Meyer, Tammy Meyer, Charlie Mueller, Myles Mueller, Ryan MulQueeny, Shannon MulQueeny, Val Neubarth, Pastor Jon Niebuhr, Emily Oberlin, Linda Roisum, Diane Rupp, Owen Schauer, Tyler Schauer, Grady Schufft, Grace Schultz, Mona Sonsteng, Ted Stroming, Drake Voight, Dreyden Voight, Pastor Dan Welch, Rebekah Welch, Betty Witthus, Dave Witthus, 4-Square Builders, Arlington Christian Community Task Force, Scoutmaster Dave Swift & Boy Scout Troop #352, Dave Witthus Construction LLC, Glencoe Lions Club, Gutter Helmut, James Voight, Public Works Director & Glencoe City Parks Dept, KGLB & KDUZ Radio, McLeod County Chronicle, Thrivent Financial Action Team Program, Christ Lutheran Church, First Ev. Lutheran Church, and Good Shepherd Church. The Living Nativity thanks everyone who helped and attended and.....we rejoice that we had the opportunity to share the message of God's mercy in Christ. We give thanks for the blessing of being able to tell the real story of Christmas!

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study	1	2	
3 9:15 am - Live Communion Worship on Facebook page (First Congregational Church, Glencoe) Christian Ed Board Meeting	4	5	6 7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study	7	8	9
10 9:15 am - Live Worship on Facebook page	11	12	13 7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study Trustee's Meeting	14	15	16
17 9:15 am - Live Worship on Facebook page	18 1:00 pm Women's Fellowship Board Meeting	19	20 7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study	21	22	23
24 9:15 am - Live Worship on Facebook page	25	26	27 7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study	28	29	30
31 9:15 am - Live Worship on Facebook page Deacon's Meeting						