
“At First”
First Congregational UCC
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September 2021

Welcome Luncheon

Join us for a special welcome luncheon for **Pastor Adam Thompson and his family** on **September 19th** after our church service. Come and meet Adam's family and make them feel welcomed into our church family - see you there! Hosted by First Congregational Church Council.

Sunday School Is Back!

Our students will be part of the **welcome luncheon crew** on **September 19th** and then **Sunday school** will start on **October 3rd** and continue the **first Sunday** of every month, from **9:30 am** until **11:00 am**.

We are excited to have you back-see you soon! Board of Christian Education

Gift of Love

When you share Christ through your gifts of love, not only do you enter the process through which God blesses your life, but you also become the means of grace through which God blesses someone else.

In other words, you allow God to use you to meet someone's need or answers someone's prayer. You become a blessing, are blessed in return, and can, therefore, be a blessing again. It's a cycle that God wants us to continue in your life.

For Annual Meeting

In preparation for our upcoming Annual Meeting, you are asked to review your personal information in the last 2020 Annual Report and let Wendy know if you've had any changes (i.e. address, phone, email, etc.). Don't have a copy? **Call Wendy on Tuesdays or Wednesdays between 8am and 4pm to confirm what is recorded for you or leave her a voice mail at the church.**

Also advise us if you want to be on the list, choose to be removed or remove family members who've moved on. Also let us know if your birthday dates are being announced correctly. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Special Thank-You!

The family of Mickey Beltz extends our heartfelt gratitude for every act of kindness and expression of sympathy from the First Congregational Church family. I hesitate to name each one lest someone be overlooked or I misspell someone's name like I did Bob Hoppie. I apologize and humbly ask for forgiveness. It was a fine event made even finer by good attendance. We are abundantly touched and blessed by each and every one of you. Thank you all for the friendship you have given Mickey over the years. The true spirit of caring and kindness will long be remembered.

Deacon of the Month **Scott Salmela**



Happy Birthday!!

1. Kyle Giesler
5. Jesse Dahlke
8. Katherine Jones
9. Lon Roach
River Rowan
10. Wm. B. Gould
11. Chris Marsh
15. Samantha Schilling
Samantha Graupmann
16. Victoria Schultz
22. Shirley Steele
23. Merlin Mackenthun
26. Daniel Rach



Student Loans

The Student Loan Committee of First Congregational Church would like to remind members that there are currently funds available for student loans. Students must be a member of the church. They can borrow up to \$2000.00 per year with a maximum amount of \$4000.00 per person. Loans must be repaid after the student graduates. **Contact the Church office @ 864-3855**

Neighbors In Need

Neighbors In Need provides us a way to respond to God's call. Our gifts to this all-church offering reach poor people in the neighborhoods and communities where they live. Your generous support of **Neighbor's In Need** supports the UCC's domestic ministries of justice and compassion.

Offerings goes towards the work of the Council for American Indian Ministry and supports justice advocacy and direct service projects, including the UCC's Hunger Action Ministry, poverty reduction efforts, just-peace programs, and community grants.

**We will receive the Neighbor's in
Need offering
on Sunday, October 3, 2021**

E-Mail & Address Change

To all members: If you have any change in your e-mail or address, phone number, **please make sure to contact the church office so we can sent out our church correspondence correctly.**

Also, to all our young people who are going off to college this fall, and people going south, please let us know your address so that we can **keep in touch with you.**

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

Pastor's Page

Let's face it. Starting the new school year can be tough even for parents and grandparents. Considering the significant amount of time that we actually spend at school, here's a challenge for you this year: allow God to transform the way you view your schooling experience in 2021.

Start the school year well by handing your words, thoughts and actions over to God.

1. Words

As you ease back into your group of friends, it's tempting to want to look good in front of your fellow classmates. Unfortunately, something that accompanies this desire is gossip. Instead of falling into the trap of pointing out the staff or students who have gained weight, or got a bad haircut, guard yourself with [Ephesians 4:29](#)...

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

2. Thoughts

Academically and socially, school is a place that tends to shape our priorities and thinking around ourselves. After all, the reason you go to school is to learn, improve and achieve. But be aware to not be so caught up in your own world.

Instead, we need to apply the wisdom found in [Proverbs 4:23](#)...

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

3. Actions

A busy timetable, homework, assignments, teachers who frustrate you to no end... these are only a handful of the many reasons student find it easy to complain or misbehave. So, protect yourselves with the words of [Philippians 2:14-15](#)...

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky.

And on the days when all these things go out the window, keep [Lamentations 3:22-23](#) in mind, as fuel for your desire to start afresh. For we know that God graciously removes judgment and offers restoration to those who repent. Even in the face of our unfaithfulness, God's faithfulness will never fail...

Because of the LORD's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Peace,
Pastor Adam

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Newsletter Deadline – Third Monday of the Month**



Glencoe Concert Association

The Glencoe Concert Association will hold its first concert for 2021 at First Lutheran Church (925 13th St East, Glencoe) on **Friday, Sept. 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm**. Performing will be Sundae+ Mr. Goessl; this newlywed couple will entertain you with a blend of blues, swing, country, and Latin sounds. As this is a makeup concert from last season (due to the pandemic), **it will be offered to the community free of charge**. At the event, you will have an opportunity to purchase a membership for \$55; this membership allows you to attend (6) additional concerts in Glencoe and Hutchinson. We hope you attend this first free concert and then consider becoming a member – your continued support emphasizes the desire and need to provide top quality entertainment for our community! LIKE “Glencoe Concert Association” on Facebook too! If you have any questions, contact Louise at 864-5261 or Cindy at 238-2148.

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 9:15 am Communion Worship Service	6	7	8	9	10	11 Benson Using Church
12 8:15 am Worship Service Coffee Hour Starts	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:15 am Worship Service Welcome Luncheon for Adam & Fanny	20	21	22 Noon-Trustee's Meeting @China Wrok	23	24	25
26 9:15 am Worship Service Deacon's Meeting	27	28	29	30		
	Deacon In Charge: Scott Salmeia					



Outdoor Ministry is back in full swing with overnight retreats! Spaces are limited so be sure to register early!

We are again partnering with a number of wonderful host sites around the state of Minnesota. Due to requirements of our host sites, we must adhere to the registration deadlines listed on each event page. If you try to register after the deadline, we cannot guarantee lodging availability or accommodation for specific dietary needs or requests.

2021 Conference-Sponsored Camps & Retreats

Hemp and Food Health Day: Saturday, September 11

Cotter Farm, Austin | 9:30 am–2:30 pm

Cost: \$15/person + \$5 to ride the bus from Falcon Heights UCC church parking lot.

[REGISTER](#) by September 3

Women's Wilderness Retreat: September 24–26

Camp Amnicon

\$200/ person

Age requirement 21+. This has a maximum of 14 participants so act quickly.

[REGISTER](#) by September 10

Men's Retreat – Overwhelmed by Life: An Invitation to Reconnect and Remember : September 24–26 (start time 4 pm, end time 11 am)

Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center, Sandstone

\$200 (actual cost of event), \$150 subsidized price, \$100 subsidized with added scholarship, or contact Rev. Sheri Nelson for more scholarship funding (there is an extra \$25/ night for single rooms, limited to the first four requests)

[REGISTER](#) by September 10

Participation maximum is 15

Women's Retreat: October 15–17 (start time 4 pm, end time 11 am)

Camp Onomia, Onamia

Cost: \$200 (actual cost of event), \$150 subsidized price, \$100 subsidized with added scholarship, or contact Rev. Sheri Nelson for more scholarship funding. There is an extra \$25/night for a single room, limited to the first four requests.

Participation maximum is 30, so [REGISTER](#) early.

Conference Youth Event: October 8-10 (start time 5 pm, end time 11 am; no dinner served first night)

Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center, Sandstone

Cost: \$100/youth, \$75/adult leader (Some scholarship money is available upon request. Contact Rev. Sheri Nelson for more information).

[REGISTER](#) by September 24.

Open to all youth grades 6-12 and adult leaders

Covid-19

Your health and safety remain our top priorities, and we will continue to examine and modify policies in accordance with most current science-based recommendations from the CDC and MDH, along with requirements from event sites.

We are working to finalize our COVID-19 safety protocols and participant guidelines. We hope to have this information available early in August. We will provide this information via COMMAnitary and direct email to all registered participants.

Registered participants will receive additional emails with any changes or updates to the COVID-19 or other participant guidelines prior to the event start date. Thank you for your support and cooperation during this time.

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