

June 2021 >>>

*Sunday Services:
8:30 in Oconto
Live on Zoom*

*10:30 in Marinette
Live on Facebook*

June is Dairy Month!!!



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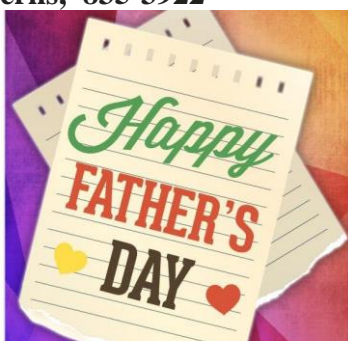
A Monthly Newsletter for FPC, Oconto

The Messenger

Reminder!

Pastor Craig is in Oconto on Mondays and Wednesdays. He is in Marinette on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can always call either church office or Pastor's cell phone as needed, 604-3922

****As always please contact the church office or a session member if you have any questions or concerns, 835-3922**



coming soon >>>

In The Next Issue

Deadline for the July issue is
June 20, please email articles to Amy
amy@eapetersonfamily.com

Paster's Ponderings...

“What is your only comfort, in life and in death?” This is the first question of the Heidelberg Catechism. The word “comfort” was translated from the German word *trost*, referring to our confidence. The answer, simply put, is Jesus Christ. One of the authors of the catechism (Ursinus) noted this *trost* includes “the assurance of the free remission of sin, and of reconciliation with God by and on account of Christ, and a certain expectation of eternal life; impressed upon the heart by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, so that we have no doubt but that we are saved forever, according to the declaration of the apostle Paul: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?” Many find their confidence in possessions, control, management, or mastery of some skill, topic, or action. Lesslie Newbigin in his 1995 book *Proper Confidence* gives an extensive argument for rooting our confidence in the Christian story, and specifically in our relationship with Jesus Christ and one another. As we look forward with hopeful joy to living and worshipping after the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, I will be continuously offering caution about “getting back to normal” and encouraging us to cultivate a healthier “new normal” for our faith life together.

-Pastor Craig



All impacted by COVID-19

All Military personnel & families including: Mike Beck (Marines – Fort Worth , TX).

Local Congregations in Pastoral transition:, Athelstane, Wausaukee, Forest Larger Parish (Lakewood, Wabeno, Laona), First American Lutheran, Oconto

For the families and friends of those who have passed away: Pat DeWitt, Dennie Hibbert, Eileen Hoehne, David Matravers, Honey Schroder, John Stellmacher, Thomas Zantow, and Dr. Charles Awen

General Prayers: Deets Aland, Songhee Buck, Margaret Dakins, Vicki Haag, Ted Haakonson, Bennett Heyrman, Rick Jose, Rosetta Lehman, Stella McCarthy, Amanda Ruleford, Ted Ruleford, Judy Sanford, , Ruth Sebero, Diane Staidl, Sue Stodola, Sue Strandt, Dean & Judy Swaer, Diane Williams, Gary Miller and Cindy Reed

Congratulations to these recent graduates:

*Jasey Jicha – UW-Green Bay
Sterling Heyrman – Oconto HS
Stephanie Heyrman – NWTC*

We wish you continued success!



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT 8:30 A.M. EACH SUNDAY!

Your Session has just voted to update our in person meeting guidelines based on the CDC's most recent recommendations. We will continue to welcome mask usage at any time, but are not requiring masks if you are fully vaccinated. We ask that everyone continue to honor social distancing for family groups as much as is possible. We want to continue to living out the Biblical command to live with respect for all, and expect all inside our building to honor those who prefer mask usage or extra distance in their presence. Hand sanitizer and masks will continue to be available. Additionally, we will be opening the sanctuary windows and running the air exchanger to bring in fresh filtered air during worship, so please dress as if you were worshipping outside. For those who choose to gather online, will will continue the live Zoom connection as it has been (details on the next page.) **After June 20th we will no longer be live streaming the service on our Facebook page. If this presents a problem for you, please let us know.** Our goal is to gather together as the Body of Christ in worship.

Please remember, your Session may, at its discretion, revise or adjust these procedures as they see the need based on public health guidance and the situation of our local context. Remember Church is not where you are, but who we are together. Please join us to share in worship.

Need help with one of the worship options? Have a question? Need to contact a Deacon or member of Session? Call the church office at 920-835-3922.

Need some guidance? How about Taking Faith Home?

Have you received your weekly sheets? They are being sent via email. Have a new email address? Prefer them sent a different way? Please notify the church office at 920-835-3922 of any changes or corrections.

This is a great tool to use individually or as family. It has many options, for prayers, readings or even explaining church traditions.



PLEASE READ

Rev Craig Alwin is inviting you to join a scheduled Zoom Worship Service.

Topic: FPC Oconto Sunday Worship

Time: 08:30 AM

Worship will start at (or about) 8:30AM. This invite is being shared with people outside our local congregation, so don't be alarmed if you don't recognize someone. If you see or hear anything inappropriate, please unmute and let us know so that person can be muted or blocked. (There have been reports of malicious activity like this called "zoom-bombing" which is why we use passwords and don't publish the meeting info on the web or social media.) Anyone who joins the meeting early can unmute themselves and share joys, concerns, or whatever's going on. All are welcome to hang out after worship for "coffee hour" fellowship.

Please, respect the privacy of others by not sharing info without their permission.

A) To join the worship service with your phone audio only:

(This will work with any landline, flip phone, or smart phone)

1. Dial the phone number **1-312-626-6799**
2. Enter the Meeting ID: **856 2368 3669**
3. You will be asked to enter another code *OR* press # again: **ONLY PRESS #**
4. Enter the password: **8353922**
5. You will automatically be muted to prevent feedback and distractions
(whenever a noise is detected, the visual screen switches to that participant)
 - a. You can mute or unmute yourself by pressing ***6** during the meeting
 - b. You can "raise your hand" to let us know you want to talk by pressing ***9**

B) To join the worship service with your computer or smartphone:

1. Download the Zoom App
2. Join the Zoom Meeting by one of the following options:
 - a. Use this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85623683669?pwd=bitsbUtMeUJlSWtZSXIHRzY0MVBGdz09>
 - b. Open your Zoom app and manually enter the following
 1. Enter the Meeting ID: **856 2368 3669**
 2. Enter the password: **8353922**