

November 2022

*We miss you!
Join us Sundays at 10:30 AM
for Worship Service*



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A Monthly Newsletter for FPC, Oconto

The Messenger

Please take note...

****Schedule Change**** Pastor Craig will now be in Oconto on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Mondays and Wednesdays he will be in Marinette. You can always call either church office or Pastor's cell phone as needed, 920-604-3922

As always please contact the church office, Deacon or Elder if you have any questions or concerns. The office phone number is 920-835-3922.

coming soon >>>
In The Next Issue

*Deadline for December issue is
Nov, 23, please email articles or updates
to Amy: amy@eapetersonfamily.com*

Thanks!

Hey Kid! Yeah You! Come to Sunday School!

Sunday School is meeting again!! The youth will be helping around the church and during worship times so attendance will be super important. The older youth will also be helping with Sunday School along the way. Sunday school dates for the remainder of the year are: **November 6 & 20, December 4 & 18.** Sunday School meets from **9 AM -10:30 AM** at church.

Please reach out to Michelle McDowell, Dawn Steele or Kristy Patenaude with any questions or concerns about youth activities. PLEASE consider helping out as we work to get out youth involved in church, the community and with each other.



All impacted by COVID-19

All Military personnel & their families including: Sterling Heyrman - Navy.

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

General Prayers: Songhee Buck, Bill Boesen, Carol Boesen, Rory Cisar, Margaret Dakins, Currie Sowle Dulata, Kris Fortney, Betty Geiger, Ken Geiger, Ted Haakonson, Rick Jose, Rosetta Lehman, Gary Miller, Joan Nowak, Amanda Ruleford, Ted Ruleford, Judy Sanford, Ruth Saber, Cindy Shallow, Diane Staidl, Gene Stamsta, Sue Strandt, and Diane Williams.

Need to add someone to the prayer list? Is an update needed on the prayer list? Please contact Stacy in the church office with additions or corrections – Thank you!



Mission Report

Mission recently purchased some sweatpants for the elementary school for them to have on hand if a student would need a change. The school also reached out to the church and asked if we would participate in their hygiene drive and we agreed. There is a box at church with the items listed on which they need (deodorant,shampoo,body wash,razors,feminine products,toothpaste,toothbrush etc.). The drive goes through the end of October. They will divide products between the 3 schools. Please help if you can. Although deadline has passed, if you have items to donate, please bring them to church and we will make sure they get to the school district

-Thanks Mission

Spare Change?

All spare change received in the collection plates from now until mid-December will go towards a local mission project . The youth will use the change to buy Christmas gifts for a local family. Thank you for your support!

Lawn Mowing

Just want to thank all who helped with keeping the lawn mowed. Thanks for all the volunteers!!!

Thanks,
Dennis



Planning ahead...

Our church will again this year be helping out with Toys for Tots. Toys for Tots is the Marine Corps premier community action program. There are multiple ways to help: buy toys to donate (for children ages Newborn-17), host a collection box at your business or place of work (maybe have a friendly challenge or competition to help boost donations), volunteer to distribute collection boxes or pick them up. Volunteers are also needed to help sort toys.

The last day to donate toys will be **December 16.**



If you are able to help, have questions or want to simply know more about this wonderful community project please contact Stacy in the church office, 920-834-3922.

Financial Update:

The church is very healthy financially but not because of giving. Account totals are below...

Checking account = \$30,226.26
Memorial account = \$198,333.98 (\$190,156 from estate gift)
Community account = \$559.05
Savings account = \$22,111.50
Presbyterian Women's account = \$18,685.60
Thrivent Investments = \$52,233.22

Through the end of September 2022, total giving has been \$60,200.85. This compares to \$87,283.97 in 2020 and \$77,793.62 in 2021 for the same time period. The reason we are in positive territory is simply because of the Pastoral subsidy we are receiving. Through the end of September, that total has been \$35,542.47. As you can see, the subsidy is covering the lack of giving but that gap is narrowing quickly.

PLEASE READ

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

Topic: FPC Oconto Sunday Worship

Time: 10:30 AMish

Worship will start at (or about) 10:30 AM. 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: **XXXXXXXXXXXX**
3. You will be asked to enter another code *OR* press # again: **ONLY PRESS #**
4. Enter the password: **XXXXXXX**
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: **XXXXXXXXXXXX**
 2. Enter the password: **XXXXXXX**

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