

December 2022

*It is a JOY to be together!
Join us Sundays at 10:30 AM
for Worship Service*

*Advent Devotionals are available-
Pick one up at Church!*



Please give securely online at
www.fpcoconto.org

A Monthly Newsletter for FPC, Oconto

The Messenger

Please take note...

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

**Congregational Meeting:
December 4
after 10:30 Service.**

We will elect new elders and deacons and approve Pastor's 2023 terms of call.

*coming soon >>>
In The Next Issue*

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

Thanks!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

NOW SHOWING: THE STAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
5PM TO 8PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
133 JACKSON ST. OCONTO

Open to the public, snacks provided
Sponsored By FPC Youth
Donations appreciated (all donations go towards our
Christmas Adopt-a-Family)



All Military personnel & their families including: Sterling Heyrman stationed in San Diego on the USS Montgomery.

Local Congregations in Pastoral transition: Abbotsford, Arpin, Athelstane, Fond du Lac, Pickett, Stevens Point, Wausaukee, Weyauwega, Winneconne, First American Lutheran, Oconto

The families and friends of those who have passed away: Kris Fortney, Gary Miller, and Barb Sikma.

General Prayers: Bill Boesen, Carol Boesen, Margaret Dakins, Currie Sowle Dulata, Polly Exferd, Betty Geiger, Ken Geiger, Ted Haakonson, Rosetta Lehman, Joan Nowak, Amanda Ruleford, Ted Ruleford, Judy Sanford, Pug Saucier, Ruth Saber, Cindy Shallow, Gene Stamsta and Sue Strandt.

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!



Deacon Update:

Hi to our Faith family the holiday season is rapidly approaching and as it does thoughts turn to helping those that may be struggling a little. The Deacon's packed Thanksgiving baskets on the 19th and delivered them. Please if you know of someone who is in need, please let one of the Deacon's know. We will be putting up the hat and mitten tree very soon also if anyone would like to help out with hats, mittens, and scarves. The Deacon's would like to thank everyone for all the support that you have given out efforts and we hope to make this a very giving season. Again, thanks and God Bless you All.

Thank you,
Bert

Spare Change?

All spare change (coins) 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!



Youth update....

Adopt-A-Family & Movie Night

The youth will be participating in Adopt-A-Family this year and could use your donations of gift wrap, bows, ribbon or gift tags. If you are able to donate please drop your items at church or contact Dawn Steele or Michelle McDowell to arrange pickup. We are also hosting a movie night for the community at church on **December 3rd** with free will donations being accepted to go towards the family we "adopt" for the holidays. There is a sign-up in the Naarthex if you are able to help us provide snacks for the movie night as well. The youth will be shopping for their family on December 11th and plan to return to church in the afternoon to wrap all of the gifts. Thank you all for the support!

Christmas Program 2022

The youth are hard at work planning a special Christmas Program with their own ideas and talents incorporated! Please join us **December 18th** as we show off their hard work and talents - we promise you will NOT be disappointed!

Confirmation Class

We will be starting the next Confirmation class in 2023. There will be an informational meeting soon for parents and students. Details will be sent to all current 6th-9th grade families.

It is time...

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.

If you know of anyone that is familiar with Constant Contact please have them contact Stacy in the office.



Color along to mark the weeks of advent!

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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