

April 2023 >>>

*Join us
Sundays at 10:30 AM
for Worship Service*



HOLY WEEK



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www.fpcocoonto.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.

Email: office@fpcocoonto.org

Sunday bulletin sponsorship is back!! Please see the sign-up sheet at church or call the office.

coming soon >>>

In The Next Issue

Deadline for May issue is April 23, please email articles or updates to Amy: amy@eapetersonfamily.com

Thanks!

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday: April 2 at 10:30 AM at First Presbyterian, Oconto

Maundy Thursday: April 6th

5:30 Soup and Sandwich Supper.

Service with Holy Communion at 6:00 PM at First Presbyterian, Oconto. This will be a combined service with Pioneer Presbyterian

Good Friday: April 7th at 12:00 P.M. at My Church, 648 Brazeau Ave, Oconto.

This will be a combined service with My Church and Oconto United Methodist.

Easter Sunday: April 9th at 10:30 AM at First Presbyterian, Oconto

Join Us – We look forward to sharing this time with you!



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

Local Congregations in Pastoral transition: AthelstaneWausaukee, First American Lutheran, Oconto

General Prayers: Bill Boesen, Carol Boesen, Margaret Dakins, Currie Sowle Dulata, Betty Geiger, Ken Geiger, Ted Haakonson, Rosetta Lehman, Nick Leoffler, Joan Nowak, Ron Palmer, Amanda Ruleford, Ted Ruleford, Judy Sanford, Pug Saucier, Ruth Saber, Jo Schlutz, Cindy Shallow, Gene Stamsta April Steen 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!

BREAD BY THE BAY

Bread by the Bay is on-going ministry supported by many area churches. Below is an update from them. Please continue to donate items to the shopping cart at church to help keep the patron shelves stocked.

The Pantry served the following March 7, 2023.

Households: 60

Adults: 117

Children: 49

The Pantry served the following March 21st, 2023.

Households: 64

Adults: 129

Children: 58

Pantry numbers are on an incline having served 89 households in March of 2022 and 124 households in March of 2023. Your continued support is needed and appreciated – Thank you!

Pastor's Ponderings...

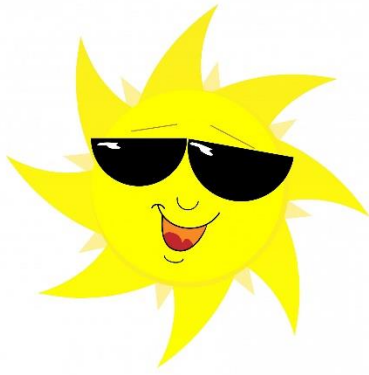
It is hard for me to believe that I am completing my Doctoral Thesis and (by the grace of God) will become (in title at least) the Reverend Doctor Craig Alwin at the end of April! This journey started in earnest six years ago, but the real origin was at the close of a CREDO conference on March 30, 2014! During that CREDO conference, I discerned that God was leading me toward a Doctoral degree, so that as part of my transition into retirement, I will be able to teach future ministers. While that transition is barely visible on my radar, this particular doctoral program resonated with me.

As I finalize my thesis on “Becoming a Local Theologian” I have learned so much about who I am and my gifts for ministry being lived out connecting the church with the local community. It is also frustratingly ironic that the time required for me to articulate at a doctoral writing level what it means to be a local theologian has taken away from my being able to continue to engage with the community. I am looking forward to the summer, fall, and years ahead to not only have time to connect with you all and get back out in the community, but also to apply and share much of what I’ve learned. You all will have a significant impact on training future leaders of the church.

I am so very thankful for everyone’s encouragement and patience over the past several years as we have done our best to try and keep those connections going. As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, may we in faithful obedience strive to live out the kingdom life, gathering together in Jesus’ name and serving one another in love.

In Christ,
Pastor Craig





Thinking Summer????

We are!! We are teaming up with Oconto United Methodist and First American Lutheran Church to create an AWESOME Vacation Bible School this summer! If you are interested in helping to plan this epic event – please contact the church office.

Let's go to Camp!!

Lake Lundgren Bible Camps are enrolling now and filling up fast!!! Many youth from our church have attended and enjoyed these camps. Go to llbc.org to learn more and get your child signed up for camp this summer. Please let the church office know if sign up for 2 reasons: Scholarship funds may be available and we want to pray for the kids as they prepare for and attend camp.



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Lenten/Easter Mission

Our Lenten/Easter mission this year will be given to Heifer International.



Heifer International is on a mission to end hunger and poverty in a sustainable way by supporting and investing alongside local farmers and their communities. Please give online through Vanco or by envelope, make sure to designate it for the Easter Mission fund. Thank you!

Help Wanted!

We are currently looking for volunteers to help do some light cleaning of the church. The duties would involve sweeping/dust mopping, vacuuming, dusting, cleaning the windows (when needed), taking recycling out on recycling days, taking out garbage when needed, and cleaning the bathrooms. If anyone would like to help out or get more information, please contact Jim McDowell or Stacy in the office.



Thank you!



Luminary Walk to Benefit Unity Grief and Education Center

Friday, May 12, 2023, Heritage Hill State Park, 2640 S. Webster Ave, Green Bay.

Event Details:

7:00: Check-in

8:15: Program

8:30: 1.5 mile Luminary Loop (A wheelchair accessible tram will be available)

For more information, please visit www.unityhospice.org/luminarywalk.

Free virtual or in-person educational sessions are available from Unity. There are 22 topics to choose from and can be tailored to your needs. All sessions are presented by experienced Unity staff. Please call 1-800-990-9249 for more information.