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 ...

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@fpcoconto.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 May 21, please email articles or updates to Amy: amy@eapetersonfamily.com Thanks!

### Let's Celebrate!

Our Family of Faith has many things to celebrate each month. This May we celebrate graduations at many levels of education. Congratulations to the following members of Class of 2023 and their families:

Oconto High School Graduates: Lauryn Hendzel, Kate Barke, Kathryn Alwin, Faith Patenuade, Maddy Steele, Mary Peterson, and Annika Schlueter

University North Dakota: James Alwin University Wisconsin Green Bay: Elizabeth Suarez

University of Dubuque Theological Seminary: Pastor Craig Alwin

We are proud of you and wish you all the best in the future!



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

Local Congregations in Pastoral transition: First American Lutheran, Oconto, Presbyterian Churches in Abbotsford, Fond du lac, Stevens Point, Weyauwega and Winneconne

General Prayers: Bill Boesen, Carol Boesen, Donna Bushmaker, Margaret Dakins, Currie Sowle Dulata, Betty Geiger, Ken Geiger, Ted Haakonson, Stephanie Heyrman, Rosetta Lehman, Nick Leoffler, Margie Murphy, Joan Nowak, Ron Palmer, Amanda Ruleford, Ted Ruleford, Judy Sanford, Pug Saucier, Ruth Saber, Cindy Shallow, 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!

What are you doing daily to reorientate towards God? Daily Reading? Podcasts? April – June devotionals are available in the church narthex. Pick one up soon!

# **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 April 4, 2023. Households: 66 Adults: 125 Children: 35

The Pantry served the following April 18, 2023. Households: 68 Adults: 127 Children: 35

Your continued support is needed and appreciated - Thank you!

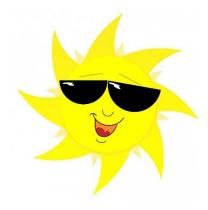
### Deacons' Food Pantry

Can you help? The Deacons need some help restocking their food pantry shelves. They are in need of spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, canned vegetables (no green beans please), breakfast bars, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned beef stew and chunky style soups. Items can be placed in the grocery cart at church.

Thank you so much!!



Make sure you sign up for summer camp and Synod School if you haven't already done so. The camps that are avaiable are Lake Lundgren Bible Camp and Synod School. We do have scholarships avaiable. Please contact the church office with any questions.



## 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. The dates are August 6<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. \*\*We will be

having a float in the Copperfest parade, so we are collecting candy for the parade. We will have a basket in the narthex.\*\*



ProMedica Hospice has rewarding volunteer opportunities available in this community! ProMedica Hospice is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to join our volunteer team to provide friendly visits with patients facing a life limiting illness. Friendly Visitor Volunteers help improve the quality of our patient's lives through social visits, reading to patients, going for walks, playing cards or reminiscing. ProMedica is also looking for Vigil Volunteers to help support patients and families during the final days and hours of life. Vigil Volunteers have the special ability to comfort the patient and family rhought the companionship and presence at the bedside during that important time. Take a chance, be a friend, hold a hand, and make a difference in your community! ProMedica Hospice's volunteer opportunities offer flexible scheduling and training options close to home!

Interested individuals, please contact Amy Sadewater at 920-336-6455 or amy.sadewater@promedica.org



Northeast Wisconsin's #1 Hospice Provider 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.

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



Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers and Grandmothers.

Happy Mother's Day to all the angels on earth who step into mother roles for those that need some help for just a minute, a season of life or over many years.

Happy Mother's Day to all who are celebrating with a parent or child no longer on this earth. Happy Mother's Day to all who only held their babies for a moment on earth, but for a lifetime in their hearts.

"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue." – (Proverbs 31:26)