

June 2023 >>>

Join us
Sundays at 10:30 AM
for Worship Service

****June 11 Service is at 9 AM
at the Copperfest Grounds****



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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@fpcocoonto.org

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

April 16 – July 2 Mission

The mission project for these months is the Oconto County Commission on Aging. They survive on grants and donations. We were informed that they are having financial difficulties. One of the things they need help on is a new bus/van. Any money raised April 16-July 2 will go to this organization. Please give in the plate at church or through Vanco – make sure to mark it for Mission.

Thank you!

coming soon >>>

In The Next Issue

Deadline for July issue is

*June 23, please email articles or updates
to Amy: amy@eapetersonfamily.com*

Thanks!

On Sunday, June 11 we will be having an Ecumenical Church service at 9:00 AM at the Copperfest Grounds. There will be no worship service at church on this day. There is no charge to enter the Copperfest Grounds for the service.



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

The families and friends of those who have passed away: Ken Geiger and Roger Reed

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

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 May 2, 2023.

Households: 69

Adults: 128

Children: 50

The Pantry served the following May 16, 2023.

Households: 59

Adults: 112

Children: 30

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!!

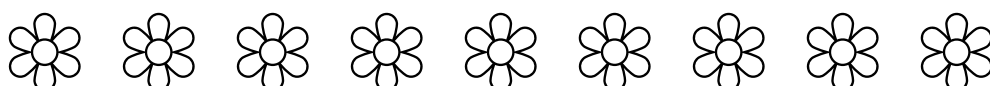


We are teaming up with Oconto United Methodist and First American Lutheran Church to create an AWESOME Vacation Bible School this summer, Sunday, August 6 – Thursday, August 10! Registration is now open, to signup please go to:

https://www.facebook.com/events/2259391534244052/2259391547577384/?active_tab=about

What can you do to help?

1. Donate candy! -We are having a float in the Copperfest Parade and we need candy to throw out. Please place it in the tote at church or contact the church office for pick-up.
2. Older Youth and Adult Helpers are needed to help during VBS. Please contact the church office on more information on how to be a volunteer.
3. Spread the word – invite your neighbors, nieces, nephews, grandkids to join us for VBS
4. Pray! Pray for the leaders, children and helpers.





Are you heading to Camp this summer? Scholarships are available for youth attending Lake Lundgren or a similar camp this summer. Please contact the church office, Dawn Steele or Michelle McDowell for more information.

Sunday School

Our Last Sunday School will be June 4 at 9:00 AM. Please watch for fun events over summer. Sunday School will begin again the Fall. Watch newsletters and bulletins for updates.

Pastor's Ponderings...

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, patience, and encouragement as I completed my Doctor of Ministry program! Now that I have completed the academic requirements, I am excited to share what I have learned about "Becoming a Local Theologian" as a new form of leadership in a changing context. Over the next few years, I plan to experiment with you about how this new form of leadership might be put into practice and lived out in reality. We will engage in various activities and Bible studies for a period of time, and your feedback will help reshape the next set of gatherings. My hope is that our journey over the next few years will provide helpful insights to guide many other congregations through the uncertain changes that we are encountering. A few of the topics for these gatherings include exploring the Bible as one complete story, how the Sabbath is intended to shape our lives, how to structure meaningful worship, and practicing some of the virtues and values that inform our identity of being God's people. Be watching for details about these various opportunities to participate in this exciting adventure. While there are more and more reports about how the mainline churches are in decline, I have great hope for a renewal of Christian faith as I am seeing the many ways God is at work!

-Pastor Craig



If you enjoy cleaning or you are just looking to share your time and talent-We Need You! We are looking for individuals or families who can help us out with our weekly and bi-weekly cleaning here at church on a rotating basis. If we cannot find help, we will be forced to hire for these tasks, which is quite costly. If you are willing to help please contact the church for more information.

Landscape help needed! If you have a small trailer and would be able to help lay landscape fabric and mulch in the front of the landscape area, near the roadway, please contact the church for more information.