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# The Congregational COLUMNS

Statements of the

## Confirmation Class

of Sunday, May 19, 2019

This year, Rev. Trump, Chip Smith, and Tonia Wallner worked with this great class of young people - starting with a retreat focused on bonding and getting more comfortable with the Bible. Time was also spent discussing the sacraments, prayer, stewardship, and discipleship. Rev. Trump also enjoyed sharing the history of Christianity, Congregationalism, and First Church with the teens. The end of this phase of the faith journey for the group included each Confirmand writing a personal faith statement. Their mentors were part of this important process. In order to get to know these young people better, here are some excerpts about each of our new Confirmands written by their parents and mentors.

**Logan Douglas Breitzmann,**  
son of **Kevin and Jenny Breitzmann**

We thank God every day for giving us the gift of Logan. Logan is very kind, thoughtful, and independent, and is the one who will always remember to say thank you or give a great hug. If you spend time with Logan, you will know that he is very even keel and nothing phases him. His sense of humor can always make us laugh, and he does the right thing even if a friend does not. Logan works hard

in school and has a 4.0 GPA, runs cross country and track - even throwing discus for the varsity team as a freshman - and is a leader in DeMolay. We are very proud and lucky to be his parents, and he's pretty cool.

*From **Mike Elwing, Mentor** -* Logan is a very intelligent and reserved young man. His kindness and thoughtfulness will benefit him in everyday life and as he continues on his faith journey. Logan's strong faith and eagerness to grow his faith will also benefit him as a member of God's community and this church. It was a pleasure being Logan's mentor.

**Jack W. Clark,**  
son of **Brian and Sarah Clark**

Jack is a great kid who loves his friends and family, as well as sharing the events of his day. He is a caregiver to his grandma and always ready to help out the family business, either painting or doing book work. Jack enjoys playing 1st base for the Wauwatosa East freshman baseball team and played wide receiver for the football team last fall. Jack has a knack for photography and a keen eye for taking pictures, whether on a family vacation or just walking around the Wauwatosa Village. We are willing to support the

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THE COLUMNS

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
IN WAUWATOSA



*Covenant Class toured the building and even got a view from the roof!*

## Laity Sunday

**Sunday, June 23<sup>th</sup>**

### *Volunteers Needed*

Bill will be out of town at the NACCC meeting on Sunday, June 23rd.

We are looking for 3 people to give a short meditation in place of the Sermon.

We also need additional members to help fill other parts of the worship service.

**If you would like to help,  
please speak to any of the Deacons,  
Bill or Barry.**

### **Operating Statement Summary**

*Year to Date as of April 2019*

	Current Year	Prior Year
Pledge base received	31.0%	30.0%
Pledge Income	\$150,014	\$167,069
Total Income	\$244,551	\$248,295
Total Expense	\$177,921	\$200,625
Net Income	\$66,630	\$47,670

*Detailed financials available at office.*

#### **Average Worship Attendance**

8am Worship: 15    10am Worship: 120  
Sunday School: 43

## Discovery Hour

### **Women's Ministry**

*June 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 7:00 am,  
in the Parlor*

Please bring your Bibles for reading from the book of Psalms.

### **Men's Bible Study**

*June 5 and 19 at 6:30 am,  
in Rm. 107*

Led by Bruce Milne, we meet on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. We do not meet on the 5th Wednesday of the month.

### **Men's Ministry**

*June 12 and 26 at 6:30 am,  
in Rm. 107*

We typically meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month and are using the DVD series, The Dead Sea Scrolls. There is open discussion and reflections on the contents.

### **Taize-inspired Services**

Have you experienced our Taize-inspired services here at First Church? We hope so! But if you haven't yet, there is another opportunity coming up! We look forward to seeing you **June 16th in the chapel at 8 am!**

## CONGREGATIONAL COLUMNS

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## NACCC 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Conference

**June 22-25, 2019**

*Featuring*

Rev. Brett Younger, Ph.D.  
Rev. John Tamilio III, Ph.D.  
Rev. Charles Warnock, DMin.

**When: Friday, June 22 7:00 - 9:00pm through  
Tuesday, June 25 6:00am - 6:30pm**

**Location: Cleveland Airport**

**Hosted by the Ohio Association**

For more information: <http://www.naccc.org/2019-amc-information.html>



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# Off the Top of My Head

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By Rev. William S. Trump, *Senior Minister*

Each year June brings an annual event that is probably good medicine for me. I refer to the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. We are, in comparison to most denominations and associations, a small group. There is however a wonderful intimacy as we gather once a year. It isn't just friendships, although there are many that go back more than thirty years. There is present, a Spirit, that manifests itself in care and mutual support.

While we meet, there are plenty of lectures and seminars - ranging from outreach we do as an association to insurance and church stewardship. There are meals to be shared and many coffee breaks to learn new paths of ministry from one another. We share and together celebrate our successes and discuss solutions to our challenges. We also talk a lot about Congregationalism - about what makes us different.

It's a good thing to be reminded what it means to be a Congregationalist. I wish more of you could share in this meeting and be reminded as I am, that our belief is in the priesthood of all believers. We are ministers to each other. A Congregational church is the people's church. It belongs



to them. It is their work, their life, their responsibility. The people in congregational churches are the ones who must have visions, who must seek the Spirit's guidance, and who must lead the way. I find it inspiring each year at these annual meetings to be surrounded by lay people who are on fire with God's Spirit leading their congregations in new and exciting paths of ministry.

There is one more element that I have begun to treasure more than all the rest, and that is our worship together as an association. It is always fun to begin each day singing great songs of faith and praying together with five or six hundred other people of faith. It is a time we truly feel Christ in our midst. And that is, after all is said and done, what we are after in our national association and our local church.

Arthur Rouner, in his book *The Congregational Way of Life*, expresses it this way- "If Christ is truly in our midst then we will not be exhausting our energies in food sales and bazaars, socials and suppers—good enough in their places, but with too great priority in most of our churches. We will be looking for the great events of faith in our midst. We will sense a leading of the Spirit. People will come into our churches and know immediately in their hearts: 'Something is here. These people have something – a quality, a power, a passion, and a depth!' Rouner wrote that almost fifty years ago, but it seems to me our goal remains the same...

- Bill

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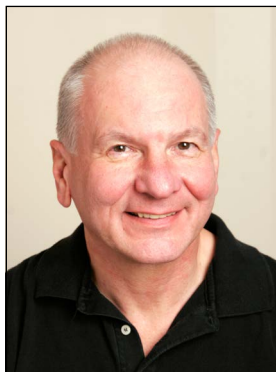
## A Note From Pastor Barry

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By Rev. Barry W. Szymanski, *Minister of Pastoral Care*

Some days after Easter, Jesus ascended into heaven. This event is the last of the physical appearances to the apostles after Jesus' resurrection. Just before the ascension Jesus appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table. That was good for them; but what was not good for those in that room is that Jesus "... upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, [Why?] because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen." Jesus was upset and he scolded his followers when they did not believe those who had experienced his resurrection! I can't imagine how those in that room felt.

Then Jesus instructed them to "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." This becomes our life work also – and we do it best by giving a good example



by how we live. Just as our children and teen-agers watch us carefully to see how we act - what we do, not what we say - others around us do the same. Mark's Gospel then continues by telling us that after Jesus rebuked and then directed them, he "... was taken up into heaven ..." What did they do then? "They went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere ..."

May we not be rebuked by the Lord. May we, instead, be filled with the dynamism of the Holy Spirit sent to us by Jesus so we, individually and as a energetic congregation, continue the vibrant ministries which our church does in God's name – for then we are going into all of the world – and others are watching.

- Pastor Barry

# Another Amazing Year of Secret Buddies!

The Secret Buddies program was offered to our First Church adults and children during Lent, and once again, was another amazing success! The program was launched with the goal of fostering connections between the generations of our church, and this was the 6th group of Buddies to participate. This year, eleven of our adults committed to be pen pals with eleven of our 1st-5th grade youth, and the fun began once they were secretly paired up. The Buddies traded notes every two weeks that shared information about everything - from their age and city that they live in to their hobbies and favorite leisure time activities. They also sent notes that talked about their favorite church programs, and finally, they shared their favorite Easter memories and family traditions.

The Secret Buddies were finally able to meet in person after Worship the Sunday following Easter, and a couple of our pairings met on Easter Sunday while a couple more met out at Kopp's on a weeknight. It was magical to watch all of these meetings! The anticipation was high, and the smiles on the faces of both the adults and the children were priceless. Our Buddies sat at their own tables, chatting and learning even more about each other. Wonderful connections were made, and personal and thoughtful gifts were shared. Relationships within the First Church community mean so much, and Secret Buddies will remain friends for many years to come.

- Tonia Wallner







## Benevolence Bulletin

### 2 Corinthians 9:7

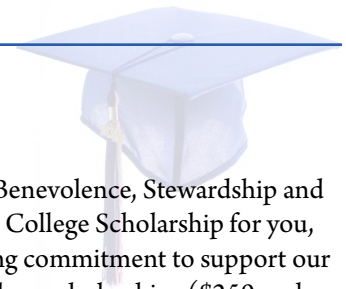
With Children, Youth & Education Sunday fast approaching on June 2nd, the Board of Benevolence, Stewardship and Church Relations would like to take a moment to highlight the First Congregational Church College Scholarship for you,

In 2016, thanks to the generous giving of our church, the Board chose to make a trusting commitment to support our college-bound high school seniors through the Education Sunday Special Offering. The college scholarships (\$250 each annually) are open to three graduating high school seniors and are renewable for up to 4 years. The First Church college scholarship is rewarded to students who have participated in First Church programs, supported the church as volunteers, and who serve as role models for our younger children. A portion of the Education Sunday Special Offering is used to fund this scholarship, while the remainder is applied to support the ongoing education of Seminary students.

The recipients have been heavily involved in a multitude of volunteer and First Church programs including: Wisconsin Congregational Association Camp, Vacation Bible School, Youth Mission Trip, and volunteering at St. Vincent's as well as being active as ushers, acolytes and in the annual PF Christmas Play. Their service to First Church and their impressive applications and letters of recommendation show them to be exemplary youth with a bright future as citizens and Christians.

In May, new applicants were interviewed, and this year's recipients will be announced during Education Sunday on June 2nd. Please make a note to be in attendance at the 10 a.m. worship service to show your support for the youth and young adults who will be the future of First Church. Thank you to all for your continuing benevolence and God bless,

- Board of Stewardship & Benevolence



# FCC Capital Campaign: Elevate To The Next Level

Good things are happening at First Congregational Church. You can feel the energy and excitement as we look toward keeping our church sustainable for another 175 years. As we begin to look toward the future of First Congregational Church, your Board of Trustees has identified two significant facility projects in need of funding: An expanded and new elevator and a remodeled Chancel. The Congregation approved that the Trustees move forward with the planning and fund-raising efforts to make those projects a reality.

We started with the following assumptions:

- Project cost of approximately \$700,000 for both the elevator and Nave + 10% contingency margin for unexpected expenses, for a \$770,000 total cost
- A 3-year timeline to raise funds
- Number of pledging members and families: 180
- FCC Church funds contribution of \$385,000

This leaves approximately \$385,000 for the church to raise over the next three years. Recognizing that each pledging member and family will need to prayerfully consider what they can contribute for this effort, in addition to their annual pledges, the Board of Trustees has developed the following graduated contribution categories for your consideration.

Contribution Category	3 Year Commitment	Approximate Amount Per Year	Approximate Amount Per Month	Number of Donors Needed
Diamond Pillars of the Church	\$25,000	\$8,333	\$695	1*
Platinum Pillars of the Church	\$20,000	\$6,667	\$556	5
Gold Pillars of the Church	\$10,000	\$3,333	\$278	7
Silver Pillars of the Church	\$4,800	\$1,600	\$133	23
Builders of the Church	\$2,400	\$800	\$67	4
Friends of the Church	\$1,200	\$400	\$33	24
**Donor Match Opportunity (Friends)	\$1,000	\$334	\$28	19
Supporters of the Church	\$333	\$111	\$9	116

\*Already pledged.

\*\*An anonymous donor has offered to match up to 19 pledges of \$1,000. Your \$1,000 pledge turns into \$2,000!

More information on how to pledge your commitment and make your contributions will be forthcoming over the next few months. You will also hear about how we plan to share the ongoing progress of the fundraising campaign. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of the Board of Trustees.



## Join In *First Church Fellowship, Food & Fun!*

### Fifth Sunday POTLUCK



The Board of Fellowship invites one and all to the next Fifth Sunday Potluck of 2019! Sign up at the Gathering Table in the Atrium and indicate what dish you plan on bringing to share. Then join us for some fellowship over a casual family style potluck lunch on

**Sunday, June 30th and  
Sunday, September 29th  
at 11am in the Social Hall.**

For questions, contact Ryan Kangas at [rrkangas@gmail.com](mailto:rrkangas@gmail.com) or (512) 917-2775.



## Confirmation Class

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decisions Jack makes for his future, all the time knowing his First Church family is always there for him on his journey of faith and fellowship as he transitions into adulthood.

*From Rich Raymond, Mentor* - Jack is a quiet and caring young man who is finding his faith through PE, Sunday School, helping at church events, and going on the mission trip this June. Through these activities, he finds friendship and connection. Time and patience will help Jack continue to find meaning in the messages of Christian fellowship at First Church.

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### Miles Daniel Coppage,

son of **Rich and Melissa Coppage**

Miles has been a joy to raise. He is inquisitive, a superb student, hilarious, and some would say “intense.” Miles gives his all in everything he does, from wrestling and theater to cross country and fashion. We could not be prouder. We love you, Buddy!

*From Jon Stern, Mentor* – In all the years I have known Miles, I have never seen him at a loss for words. Miles’ greatest gift is his voice, which brings characters to life on stage, leads his peers in athletics, and seeks the deeper meaning of friendship, life and spirituality. His voice masks no insecurity - it reveals the depth of his character - a young man who truly loves to know and serve others. I pray that Miles continues to use his voice to spread the gospel in his own way, following the apostle Paul’s lead as he wrote in 2 Corinthians 4:13: “...I believed, and so I spoke, we also believe, and so we also speak.”

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### Noah William Hoffman,

son of **Andy and Sarah Hoffman**

Noah is a busy 15-year-old freshman at Brookfield Central. He’s currently playing baseball on the JV2 team, and this past fall he played soccer for his school team. He has a kind heart and is known as a good friend and classmate. We’re very proud of Noah as he takes this next step in his life.

*From Nick Sgarlata, Mentor* – Growing up with his mother, Sarah, in our church, it has been a great pleasure getting to know Noah on a much deeper level as his mentor for Covenant. Noah is a thoughtful and insightful young man who has many questions, and continues to explore his faith. I know that Noah’s faith will be an important part of the person he is and a central part of his life.

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### Mason Frederick King,

son of **Mark and Sara King**

We are incredibly proud of Mason and his kind heart, positive attitude, originality, and resilience in challenging times. He has a gift with children, and in his roles as brother,

cousin, gymnastics coach, and camp counselor-in-training, he excels at making others feel valued and supported. Mason has a wide variety of interests, including high school soccer and diving, learning guitar, and competing in Destination Imagination. He works hard and approaches everything he does with curiosity, enthusiasm, and his trademark big hair. We love you, Mason!

*From Jane Boyd, Mentor* - Mason is a conscientious young man with a VERY bright mind who never fails to show courtesy and kindness! His interest in diving for Wauwatosa East led him to the State Championship this year as a freshman, and he continues to play soccer. Mason is always ready to learn more about being an active member of our church, and is a great asset to our church family. I’m looking forward to watching (stalking) him in all his future endeavors, and he will achieve great things in life.

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### Cooper Errard Krause,

daughter of **Bill and Amanda Krause**

Cooper is a compassionate young woman who loves math and music, and to climb and dance. She accepts life at her pace and puts forth amazing effort and detail in all that she does.

*From Lisa Mauer, Mentor* - It has been a joy to spend time with Cooper during her confirmation process and faith journey. Whether sitting across the table at Miss Molly’s, crafting at the Christmas Workshop, or serving at St. Vincent’s, Cooper exudes a depth of character, intelligence, grace, and sense of self. As the many chapters of life unfold, I’m confident that Cooper will navigate well with the foundation of her faith and her generosity of spirit. Many blessings to you, Cooper.

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### Andrew Harold Meser,

son of **John and Tracy Meser**

While often a young man of few words, Andy is always a young man of much conviction. Whether on the ski hill, the baseball diamond, the football field, the playground, the classroom, or simply in a room full of friends, he is present and accountable and undeniably loyal to those around him. And most importantly, he has embraced the beginning of his faith journey by way of the wonderful teaching and affection afforded to him by countless others - his family could not be more grateful and proud. Andrew Harold, we love you, stay strong, and as always, “onward and upward”!

*From Carrie Sgarlata, Mentor* - It has been a delight getting to know Andy this past year. While we may not know all of the answers, our conversations about faith have been insightful. Andy is a kind, thoughtful person who understands the importance of having a relationship with God. I have no doubt that he will continue to develop his faith in the years ahead through the celebrations and struggles of life.

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**Aubrey Lynn Moore,**  
daughter of **JC and Ardith Moore**

Aubrey is joyful and bubbly, has an infectious energy and positive demeanor, and expresses her strong creativity through her love of dance, music, and acting. Aubrey is conscientious and hard working in everything she undertakes, and also kind, caring and accepting of all, from her closest friends to new acquaintances. Serving on the mission trip last summer allowed her to share her kindness with a community in need. Family and friends are very important to Aubrey, and after growing up here at First Church, FCC has become a second home with the members as her extended faith family. We are excited and proud to be with Aubrey as she takes this next step in her faith journey.

*From **Jane Boyd, Mentor** – Aubrey is the sweetest young lady I have had the pleasure of knowing. She is extremely intelligent, kind, loves to chat, and active in NUMEROUS activities. Aubrey seems to have a motto: “I have a mission and I’m going to achieve it”, and I pray she’ll keep that motto for life. She has been a lot of fun to work with this year, and will continue to be a valuable asset to our church family.*

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**Antonio Stevens Riofrio,**  
son of **Otto Riofrio and Monica Stevens**

Antonio is a freshman at Wauwatosa East who enjoys playing soccer, drawing, and spending time with his friends. He is thoughtful, creative, and funny. We love you Antonio! And we’re proud of you for the time and effort you put into exploring your faith, asking questions, and learning about the church this past year.

*From **Pastor Barry Szymanski, Mentor** – Antonio is an extremely thoughtful and reflective young man. His inquisitiveness is leading him forward spiritually and will do him well as he continues in life. His thoughtful questions about Jesus, as well as the church, prompted vigorous conversations. Antonio is a great candidate to be a member of our church.*

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**Andrew Thomas Schulz,**  
son of **David and Tina Schulz**

Andrew is a freshman at Wauwatosa East where he plays soccer and is involved with the Destination Imagination program. He has an amazing sense of humor and values his relationships with friends and family. Andrew is an amateur photographer (who, according to his mom, is actually pretty amazing at it), and he would like to pursue a career in photo journalism.

*From **JC Moore, Mentor** - I’ve known Andrew for many years, but unfortunately, never really got to know him because he was just one of the half-awake carpool kids I drove to school every morning. Beneath the teen-aged boy exterior of video games, soccer, and checkered Vans shoes, I’ve found someone who is kind, introspective,*

*remarkably insightful, has a strong relationship with God and understands how a church can foster that in him. Andrew is unselfish and sees the importance of improving his community and world - how the church can serve as a means for doing so through good works. I have enjoyed mentoring Andrew, not just because he’s a great young man, but also because talking with him has caused me to reflect on my beliefs, so I look forward to continuing our respective faith journeys together as part of the church.*

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**Serena Ann Stern,**  
daughter of **Jon and Kristin Stern**

Ever since she was a child, Serena has reached out to others. As she has grown, she has continued to show empathy to friends, family, and others in her community. While others might attempt to avoid negotiating the briar patch of other people’s feelings, Serena reaches out to comfort, to listen, to truly understand. We are so proud of how much she has grown in her faith over the course of her covenant experience, and we pray that she continues to develop into the type of servant the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said, “I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth (Isaiah 49:6).”

*From **Roxanne Trump-Miles, Mentor** - It has been a blessing to serve as Serena’s mentor, as I have known her for years through her participation in Junior Choir, and have enjoyed watching her mature into a thoughtful young lady. She is caring and generous in spirit, which serves her well as a trusted friend. Serena is quiet, and yet funny, and has wonderful insights to share. She understands the importance of her personal faith journey as a process of growth and understanding, and Serena is definitely on a great path.*

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**Dylan Thomas Wendt,**  
son of **Tom and Buena Wendt**

Dylan is a sweet, considerate, and caring young man. He enjoys his academic studies - particularly math, science, business, coding, and Spanish. Dylan is very athletic and has excelled in soccer, track, and diving in high school. He enjoys traveling, photography, gaming, and spending time with his dog, Sydney.

*From **Chip Smith, Mentor** - Being a younger brother myself, I can see the determination and vigilance, as well as the humility and gentle spirit, that being the second son produced in the character of Dylan. His eagerness to try new experiences (like curling!) and his openness in class has shown in discussions and assignments. I knew that he was excited to be in Covenant Class when he tagged along for the building tour one year early last year! Dylan will be a wonderful addition to the membership of First Church and will continue to find support and encouragement (and an occasional punch on the arm) from his older brother, Ethan.*

*- Tonia Wallner*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL						
JUNE						
EDUCATION SUNDAY						
<b>2</b> 8 <sup>am</sup> Chapel Worship 9:15 <sup>am</sup> Jr. & Cherub Choir Reh. Worship 10 <sup>am</sup> -SS/Nursery 11 <sup>am</sup> Ice Cream Social 11:15 <sup>am</sup> Stew./Ben. Bd Meeting	<b>3</b> 9 <sup>am</sup> Harmony Singers 1 <sup>pm</sup> Staff Meeting 7 <sup>pm</sup> AI-Anon Meeting 8 <sup>pm</sup> AA-Charlie Stone Group	<b>4</b> 9 <sup>am</sup> YOGA 6:30 <sup>pm</sup> Quilters Anon 6:45 <sup>pm</sup> Boy Scouts Understanding	<b>5</b> 6:30 <sup>am</sup> Men's Bible Study 7 <sup>am</sup> Women's Ministry 6 <sup>pm</sup> Debtors Anon 7 <sup>pm</sup> Personnel	<b>6</b> 9 <sup>am</sup> Big Band 10 <sup>am</sup> Sidetracks	<b>7</b> 8 <sup>am</sup> St. Vincent Prep 5 <sup>pm</sup> St. Vincent Serve	<b>8</b> 4 <sup>pm</sup> Casual Worship
YOUTH MISSION COMMISSIONING						
<b>9</b> 8 <sup>am</sup> Chapel/Comm. Worship 9 <sup>am</sup> -Fellowship Bd Meeting 10 <sup>am</sup> Worship/Communion Summer SS/Nursery 11 <sup>am</sup> Coffee Fellowship	<b>10</b> 1 <sup>pm</sup> Staff Meeting 6:30 <sup>pm</sup> Board of Deacons 7 <sup>pm</sup> Board of Christian Ed 7 <sup>pm</sup> Board of Trustees 7 <sup>pm</sup> AI-Anon Meeting 8 <sup>pm</sup> AA-Charlie Stone Group	<b>11</b> 9 <sup>am</sup> YOGA 6:45 <sup>pm</sup> Boy Scouts	<b>12</b> 6:30 <sup>am</sup> Men's Ministry 7 <sup>am</sup> Women's Ministry 9 <sup>am</sup> Cream City Rug Club 6 <sup>pm</sup> Debtors Anon	<b>13</b> 9 <sup>am</sup> Big Band 10 <sup>am</sup> Sidetracks	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8 <sup>am</sup> Youth Mission Departs 4 <sup>pm</sup> Casual Worship
FATHER'S DAY						
<b>16</b> 8 <sup>am</sup> Taize Worship 10 <sup>am</sup> Worship/Confirmation -Summer SS/Nursery 11 <sup>am</sup> Coffee Fellowship	<b>17</b> 1 <sup>pm</sup> Staff Meeting 5:30 <sup>pm</sup> Board of Cong. Care 7 <sup>pm</sup> AI-Anon Meeting 8 <sup>pm</sup> AA-Charlie Stone Group	<b>18</b> 8:45 <sup>am</sup> AGO Regional Conv. 9 <sup>am</sup> YOGA 5:30 <sup>pm</sup> Tosa Quilters 6:45 <sup>pm</sup> Boy Scouts	<b>19</b> 6:30 <sup>am</sup> Men's Bible Study 7 <sup>am</sup> Women's Ministry 10 <sup>am</sup> Harwood Comm. & Chat 6 <sup>pm</sup> Debtors Anon	<b>20</b> 9 <sup>am</sup> Big Band 10 <sup>am</sup> Sidetracks	<b>21</b> Youth Mission Returns	<b>22</b> NACCC NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING 4 <sup>pm</sup> Casual Worship
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<b>30</b> 9 <sup>am</sup> Worship/Baptism -Summer SS/Nursery 10 <sup>am</sup> Fifth Sunday Pot Luck						



## Children, Youth & Education Sunday

**June 2nd during the 10:00 am worship service**

Our Sunday School classes will be preparing special presentations to share with the congregation, and they are looking forward to sharing this wonderful day with all of you. Our Junior Choir will sing, and our middle and high school youth will act as readers, ushers, and greeters. We will be celebrating another successful year of youth programming as we move on to the summer ahead. Our youth are asked to arrive at least 15 minutes early on the 2nd.

**Join us on Ridge Court following this special worship service for our annual Ice Cream Social.**

**Enjoy a wide variety of flavors and toppings.**

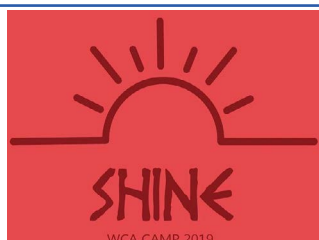
Looking ahead, Rally Sunday will take place on September 9th. I will reach out to those who have taught Sunday School in the past, but I would also like to invite anyone interested in teaching for the first time or if you would like to lend a hand with our youth, to contact me: [tonia@firstchurchtosa.org](mailto:tonia@firstchurchtosa.org)

## Summer Sunday School

**Begins Sunday, June 9**

**for ages 3 – entering 6th grade**

Children who have completed grades 6 and up are encouraged to remain in church with their families.



**2019 WCA Camp**

The Wisconsin Congregational Association (WCA) summer camp will be held at Mt. Morris Camp & Conference Center, located near Wautoma, WI, from Sunday, July 7-Saturday, July 13. Camp is for youth who have completed grades 3 through 12. Our theme this year is titled: SHINE.

**Who can come to camp?**

- **Mini Kamp** – completing grades 3-5 in the spring of 2019.
- **Junior High** – completing grades 6-8 in the spring of 2019.
- **Senior High** – completing grades 9-12 in the spring of 2019.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

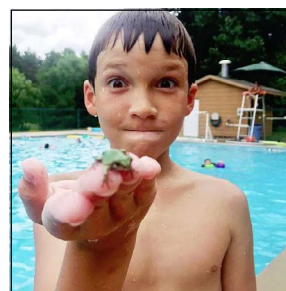


**August 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>  
9<sup>am</sup> - Noon**

“Get ready for an African adventure that engages the whole herd! Life is sometimes wild, but God is always good!

The ROAR theme will create a VBS experience where kids discover a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.”

Look for more information in the coming months.



**What do you do at camp?**

- **Faith** – worship & singing, small group discussion, camp fires, cabin devotions, Bible study, communion, personal reflection
- **Fellowship** – star-gazing, nature hikes, organized activities, free time, games, random dancing, deck party
- **Fun** – swimming, volleyball, ropes course, arts & crafts, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, disc golf

Packets and forms for camp can be found on the Gathering Table or download online: [wiscongregational.net/youth](http://wiscongregational.net/youth)





Name of child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Allergies/Health \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone(s) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone(s) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost:** \$10.00/first child; \$5.00/each additional child; \$20/maximum per family

☐ Yes, I am interested in helping out during VBS. *Please check all areas of interest.*  
☐ teaching ☐ science/imagination ☐ games ☐ where needed

☐ While volunteering, I will need childcare for my children not yet old enough to participate in VBS.

How did you hear about our Vacation Bible School Program?

☐ I belong to the church ☐ I am a guest of \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Photographic Release**

I, (print) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

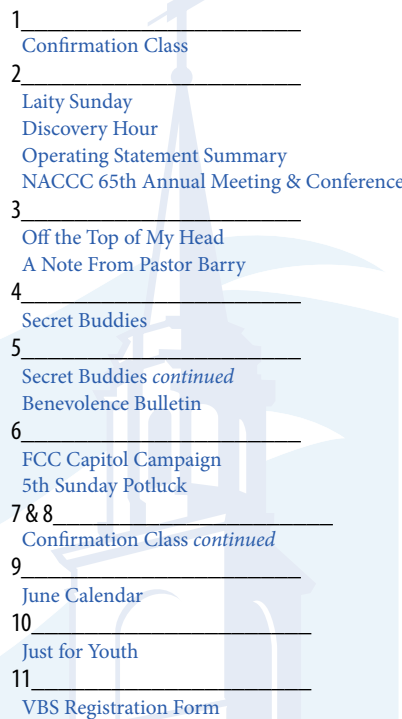
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## Church Family News

**Kristin Schulze** passed away on Friday,  
May 10, 2019. Services were held.