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# The Congregational COLUMNS



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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
IN WAUWATOSA

## Join Us on the Journey to Easter

### The Triumphal Entry: Palm Sunday Services

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

- 8<sup>am</sup> Worship in the Chapel
- 10<sup>am</sup> Worship in the Nave
- 11<sup>am</sup> Coffee Fellowship with Hot Cross Buns

### The Last Supper: Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

- 7<sup>pm</sup> Communion Service  
and Soloists from FCC Choir  
*in the Nave*

### The Passion: Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

- 7<sup>pm</sup> Service and FCC Choir  
*in the Nave*

### HE IS RISEN! Easter

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

- 9<sup>am</sup> Easter Continental Breakfast  
*in Friendship Lounge*
- 9:45<sup>am</sup> Easter Egg Hunt for the Kids  
*on Ridge Court*
- 10<sup>am</sup> Easter Worship with the First Church  
Choir & Jubilation Ringers

# Worship & Discovery

## Women's Ministry

*Tuesdays, April 5, 12, 19 & 26  
at 7:30<sup>am</sup>*

Women's Ministry meets in the Friendship Lounge, Tuesdays at 7:30<sup>am</sup> for an hour. All are invited. The current study is Colossians. Contact Pat Reddy with any questions.

## Men's Ministry

*Second and Fourth Wednesdays,  
April 13 & 27 at 7:00<sup>am</sup>*

Meet in Room 107 for the DVD Series, "The History of Christianity: From the Disciples to the Dawn of the Reformation."

## Men's Bible Study

*First & Third Wednesdays,  
April 6 & 20 at 7:00<sup>am</sup>*

Men's Bible Study meets at 7am on Wednesday mornings. Join us in Room 107 for interesting studies and good conversation.

## Adult Learning Hour

*Sundays, April 3, 10 & 24 at 8:45<sup>am</sup>*

Adult Learning is held at 8:45<sup>am</sup> in LL2. Please bring your Bible as we study the Gospel of John. You need not attend every week or stay the full hour to be part of the group. All are welcome to join us as you are able.

## Meet Pastor Krupp at Women's Circle

Dr. Gerry B. Krupp is the featured speaker at the April 12th gathering of Women's Circle, 12:30<sup>pm</sup> in the Friendship Lounge.

As interim minister, Pastor Krupp is guiding First Church through this transitional period while we search for a settled minister. A consultant with Design Group International, he helped First Church focus its pastoral search process by leading listening sessions with members of the congregation. The success of these sessions prompted the church to hire Pastor Gerry as interim minister. Pastor Gerry brings 35 years of experience as a minister to the pulpit. His understanding of what churches must do to successfully navigate a challenging environment brings hope for the future.

The gathering will also include planning for Women's Circle's 2022-2023 program year.

Dessert and beverages will be served. Masks are optional.

Please call the Office at 414.258.7375 or email [marianne@firstchurchtosa.org](mailto:marianne@firstchurchtosa.org) to sign-up for the April meeting.

### Operating Statement Summary Year to Date as of February 2022

	Current Year	Prior Year
Pledge base received	17.0%	16.0%
Pledge Income	\$84,150	\$80,732
Total Income	\$152,793	\$126,643
Total Expense	\$71,119	\$81,497
Net Income	\$81,674	\$45,146

## JUST FOR YOUTH April 2022



### Sunday School

*Sunday, April 3, 10, 17, & 24 for ages 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade*  
Children will begin in church with their families during 10<sup>am</sup> worship & dismissed to Sunday School during the service.

### Junior Choir

*Sunday, April 3, 10, & 24 for Kindergarten - 8<sup>th</sup> grade • Meet at 9:15 in LL4.*

### Covenant Class

*Sunday, April 3 & 10 for 9<sup>th</sup> graders • Group meets at 8:30<sup>am</sup> in 107.*

### Pilgrim Fellowship (PF)

*Sunday, April 3, 10, 17 & 24 for grades 6 – 12*  
Teens will begin in church with their families during 10<sup>am</sup> worship and dismissed during the service.

## Save the Dates

**Children & Youth Sunday: June 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Mission Trip: June 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>**

**WCA Summer Camp:**

*July 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>*

**VBS: August 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

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

June 25-28, 2022

This year's Annual Meeting & Conference of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches is a hybrid. The event will convene in-person in Wichita, Kansas, as well as on Zoom, making it accessible to more people across the country.

On Saturday afternoon, June 25, the keynote speakers will address the theme . . . **and the Greatest of These is Love:**

**Love of God:** Diana Butler Bass, *speaker*

**Love of Neighbor:** Valarie Kaur, *speaker*

**Love of Self:** Mihee Kim-Kort, *speaker*



NACCC Executive Director Rev. Dr. Ashley Cleere is presenting the Congregational Talk on Monday, June 27, at 1<sup>pm</sup>.

For more information about the 68<sup>th</sup> AMC and what it has to offer, go online: <https://www.naccc.org/2022amc>.

## WCA Annual Meeting & 6<sup>th</sup> Leadership Summit

April 29-30, 2022

North Shore Congregational Church in Fox Point, 7330 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Fox Point 53217

### Rest. Receive. Respond

#### Friday Schedule

- Fellowship and Registration - 6:30-7<sup>pm</sup>
- Session 1 - 7-9<sup>pm</sup>

#### Saturday Schedule

- Fellowship 8:30-9:00<sup>am</sup>
- Session 2 / Lunch / Workshop 9:00 AM - 1:30<sup>pm</sup>
- Business Meeting - 1:30-2:30<sup>pm</sup>

Guest facilitators from the Pilgrim Center for Reconciliation in Minneapolis will lead the group through a retreat on the "Rhythm of Ministry," followed by a workshop on growing common bonds amid conflict and cultural polarization.

The center was founded by the late Reverend Dr. Arthur Rouner and his wife, Molly. Dr. Rouner was Senior Pastor of the Colonial Church of Edina in Minnesota for 32 years, a prolific author and well-known Congregationalist. The Pilgrim Center for Reconciliation has worked with churches, organizations, veterans, students, women leaders, seniors, Native-Americans, refugees, and many others in several different states to bring healing to people and organizations in conflict. The center has also established country-wide movements in Rwanda and Uganda and supports the work of reconciliation in several other Eastern African countries including Burundi, Congo, Kenya, and South Sudan.

#### For Registration and Payment Information visit:

<https://www.wiscongregational.net/>

**Fee:** \$36 covers food and speakers

*Direct any questions about this event or the possibility of zoom engagement to Steve Erkel – [stevenerkel@aol.com](mailto:stevenerkel@aol.com)*

## Special Easter Offering

Easter is a time to think of those who do God's work in the world. The money collected from the Special Easter Offering will benefit two important missions: Tosa Community Food Pantry and Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregational in Argentina.

Tosa Community Food Pantry is well known to First Church. Housed at St. Bernard's Church on Harwood Avenue, the food pantry collects and distributes food to people in need in and around Wauwatosa. The demand grew exponentially during the height of COVID-19 and continues. Our support with a gift from the Special Easter Offering will help the Pantry fulfill its mission.

Last year, Stewardship chose to dedicate part of the Easter Offering to Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregational in Argentina because the war in Myanmar was making it impossible to get money to the Congregational Church of Myanmar and Rev. Elvis Sa Do. That situation continues, so we will again provide part of the offering to the mission in Argentina.

Headed by the Reverend Dr. Harding Stricker, Asociacion Civil Cristiana Congregational brings the gospel and material assistance to Spanish descendants living in poverty on the outskirts of Misiones, Argentina. Services include Christian education, Children Sponsorship, health care, community gardening, and a kitchen and dining room service. The mission currently provides around 250 children a hot meal every Saturday and regularly gives bags of food to 40 families. Inflation in Argentina is at 52%, which makes it more difficult to serve local needs.

The Special Offering envelope is mailed to all church members and is available in the pew pockets. We encourage you to return your offering by mail, drop it off at the church, or put it in the collection plate if you're here Sunday morning.

Thank you for your support.

Board of Stewardship and Benevolence: Randy Sitzberger, Chair; Fred Kingsley, J C Moore, Bobby Russ, Will Schoyer and Kristen Stern

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## EASTER PLANT ORDER FORM

**Deadline: Monday, April 4, 2022!**

Bring springtime into your church and home.

Your plants will decorate the Nave for Easter, April 17,  
and may be taken home following the 10 am service.

Return this form to the Church Office with your check for  
\$16.50 for each plant ordered.

Number

Tulips \_\_\_\_\_

Lilies \_\_\_\_\_

Daffodils \_\_\_\_\_

Hycinths \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_



Dedication Information

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No Dedication \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check if you would like your flowers given to someone who is home-bound.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check if you would be available to deliver flowers to someone home-bound.