

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

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**Our mission is to love God  
and serve people.**

**Everyone is welcome because  
everyone matters.**



## Pastor's Page

In her book *Einstein and the Rabbi: Searching for the Soul*, Rabbi Naomi Levy writes about Henry, a member of her congregation. Henry's life was going well, very well. His tech start-up company was thriving. He was making more money than most people can even dream of making. He was thirty-six, happily married and had an adorable, energetic son.

"But something is missing," Henry said to his rabbi. "I have no right to complain, I feel like I won the lottery – health, love, family, success...yet I feel empty inside. It is a sort of nagging feeling that I've forgotten something, but I don't know what I have forgotten."

As Henry and his rabbi talked, Henry admitted that he was constantly distracted at home. He was always connected to either his phone, tablet or computer. Playing with his son, having dinner, going to

bed, he was always plugged into the office and never completely engaged with his family.

Rabbi Levy said, "Maybe the thing you have forgotten is your soul, and your soul's connection to the people you love."

"But Rabbi," Henry protested, "I'm living my dream!"

"Henry," Rabbi Naomi responded, "your soul may have other dreams."

The rabbi asked how Henry and his family experienced Sabbath, a time set apart. Henry hesitated. So the rabbi said, "You've come here asking for my help, and here is my suggestion: try to experience a Sabbath day." And the rabbi and Henry talked about Henry turning off his 'work mind' for a day and the whole family unplugging from technology, about lighting the Sabbath candles on Friday nights as a way of welcoming sacred time and a festive meal at home.

Rabbi Naomi did not hear from Henry for several weeks. Then he called. So how are the Sabbath's going?

"The first Friday night I just kept reaching for my phone, I finally turned it off. But Rabbi, it felt like an amputated limb. I kept listening for it."

But?

"I feel like a father for the very first time. I think I was just faking it before. I love playing with my son, reading him books, looking into his eyes...no more tech in bed, that is our new thing. I go to bed holding

him in my arms. The weird part is that taking Friday night as Sabbath is actually affecting all the days of the week. The nagging feeling, it's gone. I feel rich, incredibly rich, for the first time in my life!"

When most people today think of the word Sabbath, they think of the prohibitions...thou shalt not! But in both the Jewish and Christian traditions, Sabbath is actually a day of permission. A day when we give our souls permission to dream again. A day when we give our bodies permission to rest. A day when we give our families and our God top billing on our schedules. A day when we give ourselves permission to put aside the busyness of our lives in order to re-engage with those we love. This summer perhaps try a little Sabbath experiment – one day each week to rest, worship, connect and actually live.

Pastor Chris

## Diaper Drive



It's that time of year again!! The Mission Ed Committee is once again sponsoring a Diaper Drive between Mother's Day and Father's Day. Starting May 10th and running through June 21st, we will collect diapers and wipes in the gathering area. After Father's Day the diapers will be donated to Our Neighbors' Place, Turning Point and the River Falls Food Pantry.

**Please note:** Larger sized diapers are most needed.



## Graduation and Scholarship Sunday

Sunday, May 31 is Graduation Sunday. At the 9:30 am summer worship service, we will recognize our graduating High School Seniors and award scholarships. All scholarship applicants and their parents should be in attendance. Each year this church gives out about \$50,000 in church scholarships. Thank you to our anonymous donor who has been so generous in supporting our church scholarship program.

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 31	Graduation and Scholarship Sunday - Worship at 9:30 am
Sunday, June 21	Father's Day and Summer Choir - Worship at 9:30 am
Sunday, June 21	Diaper Drive Ends
Thursday, July 9	River Falls Days Bluegrass Concert on Front Lawn 6:00-8:00 pm
Mon-Thurs, July 27-30	Vacation Bible School 9:00-11:30 am
Thursday, July 30	VBS Program - Dinner at 6:00 pm with Program to Follow
Mon-Thurs, Aug 10-13	Youth Musical 9:00 am to Noon
Thursday, Aug 13	Youth Musical Dinner and Performance 6:00 pm
Monday, Aug 17	Tools for School School Supply Give Away 4:00-6:00 pm



## VBS Volunteers Needed

First Congregational's VBS program requires many adult and teen volunteers. Please join the excitement by volunteering to help. Please volunteer by signing the list in the gathering space of online.

VBS will be **July 27-30, from 9:00-11:30 am**. Please help!

## Sunday Morning Text Study

The Sunday Morning Text Study group is done until the fall. The next session will be **Rally Day, September 13**.

## Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

The Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study is done until the fall. The next session will be **Wednesday, September 16, 1:00-2:30**. The group will undertake an ambitious study of the last book in the Bible—Revelation. Copies of the discussion book are available in the office for \$20.00 each.

## VBS Painting Work Night

Please come to help paint the VBS backdrops on **Tuesday, July 21, starting at 6:00**. The only talent necessary is the ability to paint within the lines. Please help!

## VBS Volunteer Meeting

The VBS volunteer meeting will be **Thursday, July 23, 6:30-7:30 pm**. This is the most important chance to prepare for the week. Please plan to attend.

A NOTE OF



Thank you for all the cards with your kind and comforting words. I am grateful for you thinking of me and sending your thoughts and prayers my way. - Dave Mountain

# VBS and Summer Children's Musical

Dates for the 2026 children's summer programs are:

## VBS

Dates: July 27-30, 9:00-11:30 am  
 Theme: My Peace I Give to You

## Children's Musical

Dates: August 10-13, 9:00 am-Noon  
 Show: *Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hits*



VBS is for children age 3 to completed grade 5. The musical is for children who have completed kindergarten through completed grade 6. We will need adult and teen volunteers for VBS. Please save the dates!

Emma Cruciani, music teacher at Rocky Branch Elementary, will direct the musical.

Registration forms are online and available at church. Please invite friends and neighbors to participate.

## Summer Nursery Volunteers Needed

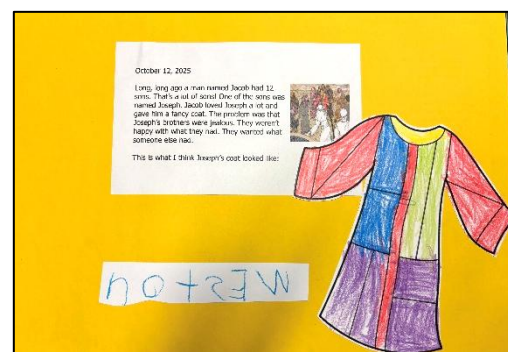
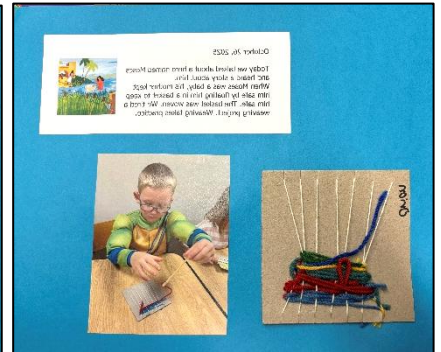
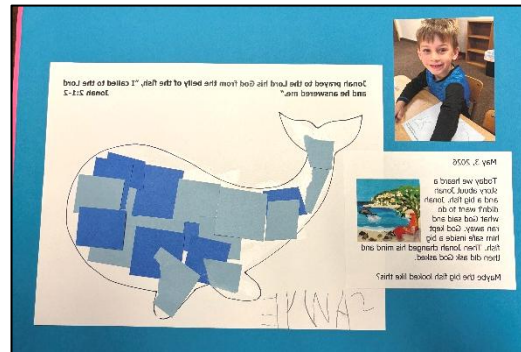
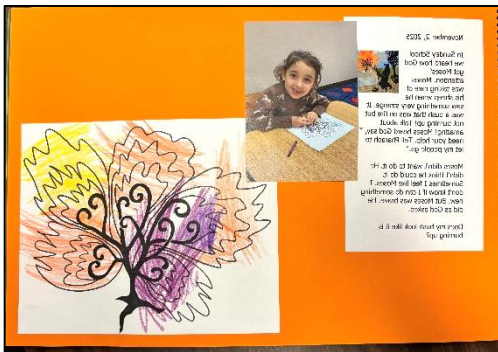
During the summer months our church nursery is staffed by volunteers while our weekly, faithful nursery worker Kahla Fuller enjoys some time off. Please sign up for a Sunday to staff the nursery. Use the sign-up sheet at church or online. Thank you!

## Summer Choir

Summer Choir is low stress and low commitment. We simply meet an hour before the service and sing a familiar song. The dates will be **June 21, July 26 and August 16**. Please consider joining us!

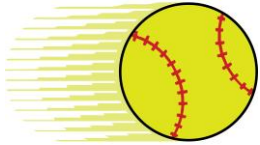
## Scrapbook for Pre-Schoolers

One of the many things that goes on behind the scenes here at church are the Pre-School Scrapbooks. Each week during the Sunday School year our pre-school class has its lesson, and those pictures are collected into an end of the year scrapbook given to our pre-schoolers on the last day of Sunday School. This project requires a lot of work for Pastor Stacy, but they are worth it! Here is a look at some of them. They are beautiful!



# SOFTBALL

## News and Game Schedule



### LEAGUE

Our softball season begins Monday, June 1st at 7:30 pm at Hoffman Park, field #1. Come cheer us on! We play every Monday at Hoffman Park throughout the summer until August 24th. We are the team in the red shirts.

Our next two games are:

June 8th at 7:30 pm (field #2)

June 15th 6:15 pm (field #1)

Looking forward to another fun season seeing friends and families play softball. If you still want to play on the team, contact Deb Hoffman at (612)308-4945, [debhoffman234b@gmail.com](mailto:debhoffman234b@gmail.com)

## Father's Day

This year Father's Day will be **Sunday, June 21**. Join us as the 9:30 am summer worship service as we pray for and give thanks for all who are called to be Fathers.

This is also the day our summer choir will grace us with music. Summer choir meets at 8:30 am for practice. Any singers are welcome! Join us.



## Save the Date

River Falls Days Bluegrass Concert on the front lawn will be **Thursday, July 9** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The Rollin' River Food Truck will also be available for food for purchase. Bring a lawn chair and join us!

## Fused Glass Project

The "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" fused glass project has been installed on the wall by the Third Street entrance. Be sure to admire it. It is the work of many hands - young and old.



## Sunday School Thanks

We are fortunate to have a strong Sunday School program at First Congregational Church. Sunday School is one of the primary ways our congregation educates children in the Christian faith and supports parents as they seek to fulfill the promises they made at their children's baptisms to raise their children in faith. Sunday School is completely dependent on adults and teens willing to give of their time and expertise to teach.

Many thanks to this year's teachers: Laura Anderson, Marg Downing, Traci Hagberg, Kim Korent, Mackenzie Merriman, Jen Meyer, Sarah Meyer, Stacy Myers, Becky Pajac, Alex Plum, Christina Krueger, MiKayla Sanocki, Emma Shepherd, Mara Shepherd, and Vicki Swank.

Thank you! Thank you!

## Baccalaureate Service

Thanks to Alex Plum and River Falls area youth pastors who organized this year's Baccalaureate service at River Falls High School. The speaker this year was our own second-year college student Jenna Lawrence and the service included individual pastoral blessings over each of the high school seniors in which Pastor Chris participated. Pictured are Alex Plum, Rhett Theisen, Jenna Lawrence, Mason Peterson, Pastor Chris, Emma Shepherd. Please keep all our high school seniors in your prayers as they seek to live into the next chapter of their living!



## Moon Beach Camp Thanks

Thanks to those from our church who were at Moon Beach last week helping to get the camp and cabins ready for the summer - Jane Wakefield, Lu Lueck, Dan and Rose, Tim Bylander, Carol Merriman, Judy and Chuck Sambs.

Moon Beach is one of three Wisconsin Conference UCC camps. You can check out all the camp offerings at their website [www.ucci.org](http://www.ucci.org). They have camps for young and old alike. Please be sure to thank our helpers when you see them!

## What the Pastor is Reading

*Puddle Jumpers: Simple and Proven Ways to Raise Confident & Joyful Kids* by Brandon Webb - Brandon Webb argues that true resilience in children is built not through harsh discipline or overprotection, but through compassion, connection, and giving kids the freedom to fail and learn. Drawing on his experience as a Navy SEAL instructor and father of three, Webb introduces "Puddle Jumper Parenting" – a philosophy focused on raising children who are brave enough to take risks, make mistakes, and "jump into life's puddles" with confidence and joy. He emphasizes practical strategies such as positive self-talk, clear boundaries, emotional safety, and age-appropriate responsibility, encouraging parents to shift from controlling outcomes to coaching their children toward independence, courage, and lasting inner strength. This is not a perfect, encompassing parenting book but reminds me of the importance of building resiliency in our kids.

*Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi - *Theo of Golden* is a reflective novel by Allen Levi about a mysterious stranger named Theo who arrives in the small Southern town of Golden with no explanation for why he is there. After discovering a coffee shop lined with pencil portraits of local residents, Theo begins buying the portraits one by one and returning them to the people depicted, asking only that they share their stories. Through these encounters, hidden wounds, regrets, and hopes are brought into the open, and lives begin to change – not only those of the townspeople, but Theo's as well. At its heart, the novel is a meditation on kindness, human connection, generosity, and the quiet ways ordinary acts of love can transform a community. This book was recommended by many of you, and I am thinking about this as the book for our Church Council to read after the success of *All the Lonely People*.

## People in the Pews - Steve Koecher

I grew up on my family's small dairy farm in Greenfield, MN, within 150 yards of my grandparents on my dad's side. The farm was just large enough (barely) to support my parents, brother and sister, and my grandparents. I never felt that I needed anything more than we had and did not really know we were just scratching by until well after I was married - a testament to my parents/grandparents and their giving ways. I have fond memories of hard work, family togetherness, life lessons, and playing cards with my Grandpa Koecher while we waited in the fields for my dad to fill up the grain wagon.

My wife of 37 years, Lara, and I moved to the River Falls area (near the Kinnickinnic State Park) 19 years ago. Our daughter, Alyssa, had just graduated from Irondale High School and our son, Daniel (Dan), was just thirteen. We started our church journey by trying out several community churches until we found our church home at UCC, River Falls - about 12 years ago. The sense of belonging and acceptance that comes from the church leadership and congregation keeps us coming back. There is a real feeling of church community, and I feel the need to recharge with Sunday worship together.

Something that may surprise others: When we get together with our kid's families, we have some interesting dinner conversations. My wife, Lara, my daughter, and daughter's husband, are all RNs - you never know which topics will be brought up at the most inopportune time! I personally, enjoy spending time woodworking, doing anything outdoors, and spending time with any of my five grandchildren ages 2 - 10. They really make me feel young - or is it OLD?!

I have several "favorite" hymns, but one I will highlight is I Am the Bread of Life, which has always brought me solace and peace in understanding of life after death; at least to the extent I can. This song has been sung at many of my family's celebrations of life and is a source of comfort for me.



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## Committee Needs for 2026-27 Program Year

During our Annual Meeting in February, we learned about a number of programs that are happening inside and outside of our church. All of these activities and endeavors need volunteers to continue going forth. The Nominating committee will soon begin the work of filling open spots in our committees. Please say **YES** when one of the committee calls, emails or talks with you about the many opportunities for you to share your time and talents.

### Our committee needs are as follows:

Nominating: 2 people	Christian Ed: 1 person
Deacons: 4 people	Discipleship: 4 people
Endowment Grant: 1 person	Trustees: 2 people
Mission Ed: 1 person	Music: 1 person
Welcoming: 2 people	Investments: 1 person
Scholarship: 2 people	

Terms begin in September 2026 and run for 3 years. If you feel called to serve, please contact one of the Nominating committee members or call the church office.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

*Marie Roe, Norma Revels, Karen Lloyd, Marsha Pearson, Kathy Rausch*

## Council Meeting – May 19, 2026

Treasurer's Report – Missy - Pre-paid giving funds deposited into savings in 2025 will be added to the budget next month. It had not been reflected in the budget Jan-April. With those funds included, the budget looks good at this time. The new Among Friends Director will be paid going forward. The June OCWM and Missions should be paid on time.

### **New Business:**

Updating/reviewing the church membership rolls - Chris reports this hasn't been done for about 20 years. The congregation has to pay a cost for each person on the roll. Council provides consent to Chris to begin the project over the summer to determine how to reduce the number of inactive members including those that are deceased.

Dementia Choir Group request to use the church – Chris asked for council support for the group to use the building on Mondays at 10 am to use as a practice setting for the choir. Council supported the proposal.

### **Old Business:**

New Committee members and renewing members (end Aug, begin new Sep) – Marie: The nominating committee will begin work on finding members to join the committees.

Tuck Pointing and Building Issues – Louie - committee did not meet this month.

Tiny Homes Update – Chris - Tech ed class is building the first house. They will put it in the RF Days parade. Tom O. is the Board Treasurer. The board will determine which applicants will be eligible for the houses. Applicants will be required to meet expectations including working closely with a mentor.

Minister for Community Update – Alan - A promising applicant continues to be interested. Chris did meet with him informally to discuss the expectations of the position. Alan will coordinate a formal interview. Team: Alan T, Marie R, Suzanne H, Kathy R, Chris M, Carol M. Old: Deb H, Jen S, Sally S, Karen L, Rhett T

### **Ministry:**

Christian Education (Angie) - Painted the backdrops for VBS and worked in the family resource center. Focusing on the summer programming plans.

Deacons (Lance) - They need more members for the Deacons Committee

Discipleship (Chris) - Meeting tonight. Beginning an assignment of People in the Pews for members.

Endowment Grant (Norma) - Trustees applied for \$4000.00 for the step repair. Will meet in July virtually. \$15,500.00 balance.

Mission Education(Carol) - Meeting tonight: Budget discussion, tiny homes project discussion. They would like Tom O. to come to a ME meeting to talk about the project. They will be doing a grant request of \$4000.00 for FMSC. Several members will return in the fall. Diaper Drive currently - need them transported to the altar on Father's Day (June 21st). Would like to get an estimate of the cost of all of the diapers. Marshall Skule will do Mission Moment in June.

Music (Dave) Chris reports: Summer Concert will be on July 9th. Slapdash Bluegrass Band at 6 pm with food truck available.

Trustees (Louie) - Meeting tonight. Ongoing issues discussion. Contractor hired to complete the steps repair - they will be able to complete the work in July. \$7,500-8,000. Fire suppression company has been in contact with the trustees. Window cleaner has been hired for exterior at a cost of \$700-800. Tim will clean out the grease trap. Waiting for stumps to get ground before replacing the trees - may pursue options to purchase the trees and plant them in the fall.

Welcoming Ministry (Deb) - Discussion of the welcome and coffee fellowship schedules over the summer - need people to sign up to help. The Welcoming Table was moved and decision made to not place a person there after services.

Pastor (Chris) Joyce Kampstra Memorial Service Monday June 8th at 11 am at church. Lentz Estate Gift still in process.

Summer worship begins this Sunday - services will begin at 9:30 am. Summer choir and nursery help sign-ups available.

Moderator (Marie) - Update on the memorial garden: working on getting signage for the garden. Has been in contact with a couple of companies who would build the signs. Projected time frame is it would be installation in the fall.

Respectfully submitted, Jo Anne Friedell

Items to Keep Track of:

- Tuck Pointing Capital Campaign and getting bids
- Solar Panel inverters and monitoring
- Safety Training – September for all teams at 6pm
- Wise Budget for 2027

NEXT MEETING: Off June and July, then Aug 18 last meeting before new folks come on Sep 15

## Endowment Grants

Each quarter the Endowment Grant Committee meets to evaluate proposals for new ministries and projects submitted through our church committees. Does your group have a new idea you want to pursue? Is there a need in the church or community your group wants to address? Consider applying for an Endowment Grant! All proposals must come from a committee, and the next due date is **July 5**. Forms can be accessed at church office or on the website.

## Needed Items

The choir is in need of more file drawer hanging file frames and folders for the choir music.

Please let the church office know if you have these items to donate. Thank you.



## Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Red Cross Blood Drive held at the church is on **Wednesday, July 22, from 11:00 am-5:00 pm**.

See the flyer for more info. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter: [firstcongregationalrf](http://firstcongregationalrf) to schedule an appointment.



## 100th Birthdays

We have two church members who will be celebrating their 100th birthday - Lyle Wood on June 17 and Darlene Sumption later this year. What an incredible accomplishment!

Those who wish to celebrate Lyle's birthday are encouraged to send him a birthday card to his residence: 80 Heritage Blvd, Unit 16, Hudson, WI 54016. He and his wife Helen and their family are planning a wonderful celebration in June. Please be sure to congratulate them when you see them and include them in your prayers of thanksgiving!

## Name Tags

We encourage you to wear your name tags so that everyone can call you by name. It would also help the deacons when you take communion. If you do not have one, please let Missy in the church office know at [missy@firstchurchrf.org](mailto:missy@firstchurchrf.org). In appreciation, the Welcoming Committee.

## Thrivent Free Money

Do you have a retirement account through Thrivent? If so, you can designate some or all of your 'choice dollars' to a non-profit such as First Congregational. We are now set up to receive such gifts. Talk to the church office if you need more information.

## WISE Corner

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Family Support Group meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 6:30 pm at 113 East Elm St (Mei Mei's) & Peer Support Group meets the same evenings at First Congregational Church at 6:30 pm. Our church WISE Team meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. For more info, call Marg Downing 715-307-5905.

## Treasurer's Report

	Week of <u>May 24 2026</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Fund Income*	\$ 6,680	\$ 240,262
General Fund Operational Needs	\$ 11,308	\$ 237,468

A full accounting of all income and expenses is available in the church office

\*Includes annual and monthly gifts.

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## Grace Place

Supply needs:

- 55-gallon garbage bags
- 13-gallon garbage bags
- Paper towels
- Kleenex
- Napkins
- Ziploc bags, aluminum foil and plastic wrap
- Light bulbs
- Batteries: AA, AAA and 9 volt
- Cleaning supplies: Fabuloso, window cleaner, disinfectant wipes, toilet bowl cleaner, toilet bowl brushes, cleaning scrubbers
- Good buys

There is a bin at church for donations. Thank you!

## Empty Pill Bottles (Prescription Only)

The River Falls Lions Club is collecting empty pill bottles, only the clear prescription bottles that are filled by our pharmacists, to send to Africa where there is an urgent need. The bottles will be washed, and the labels soaked off before they are shipped. A tub is in the gathering area. If you have questions, contact Carole Mottaz.

## River Falls Food Pantry

The pantry is currently in need of: toilet paper, cereal, peanut butter and cooking oil. Information about donations is on their website at <https://rfcfp.org/>. Donations can be brought to 705 St. Croix Street during their hours of operation:

Mondays 10:00 am–12:00 pm  
and 6:00–7:30 pm

Wednesdays 1:00–5:00 pm

Thursdays 6:00–7:30 pm

Fridays 10:00 am–12:00 pm



## Let's Knit/Craft Together

Join us on **Thursdays at 10:00 am**. We meet at **The Sycamore on the first Thursday of each month and in the Fellowship Hall at church the other Thursdays**. We have a great time sharing our current projects and enjoying each other's company. Any questions, contact Marie Roe at 715-781-2103 or [fristroe@gmail.com](mailto:fristroe@gmail.com)

## Church Yoga

The yoga group meets on **Tuesdays & Thursdays** in the Fellowship Hall from **9:00-10:00 am** and via Zoom. Please contact the church office to receive the Zoom link.

## Women's Group

Interested in fellowship and community with other women? You are invited to join the group at noon every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month. Please bring a lunch. The next meetings will be **June 9 & 23**.

## Men's Group

Our church men's group meets **every other Tuesday**. We gather for conversation and fellowship around a scripture verse or story. All guys are welcome to join us at **9:00 am in the Youth Room**. Our next gatherings are **June 9 & 23**. Join us!

## Merry Widows

They will meet on **Wednesday, June 17, at 1:00 pm**. All widows are welcome to join for dinner & conversation! See Linda Morrow for more info.

## Game Day Sunday

Game Day Sunday is held on the third Sunday of the month. Our next Game Day is **July 19 at 11:45 am**. Join us!

## Veterans Coffee Chat

Held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:30 am at The Sycamore in River Falls. Coffee and pastries are provided. Contact Megan at The Sycamore 715-997-3441 with questions.

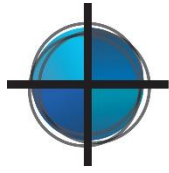
## Among Friends

Among Friends is a community-based social respite program serving adults with memory loss who reside in Pierce and St. Croix Counties. For more information, contact them at 715-293-2561. Also, check out the website: [amongfriendsrf.com](http://amongfriendsrf.com) and the Facebook page. Among Friends is located at the church and is held on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**.



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### Altar Flowers

Please sign up to provide flowers for the altar for Sunday worship. Sign up at church or on the church website: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BA9AD29A4FF2-altar>

### Welcomers Needed

Please sign up to be a welcomer on Sunday morning before the worship service. One person is needed for at the bottom of the stairs and one person is needed at the ramp entrance. Please arrive 20 minutes prior to worship. Sign up at church or here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BA9AD29A4FF2-welcomers>

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### Coffee Fellowship Hosts and Liturgists Needed

**Coffee Fellowship Hosts** will be asked to serve Best Maid cookies which are in the church freezer, make lemonade and serve coffee. All the materials are provided; you will simply need to serve and clean up. Sign up at church or on the website: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BA9AD29A4FF2-coffee>

**Liturgists** will lead us in the Call to Worship and one of the Scripture Lessons. The material will be emailed out on Thursday to practice. Sign up at church or on the website: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BA9AD29A4FF2-liturgist>

Please note church interns can receive credit for either of these activities. Thank you for volunteering in these important ministries as we continue our journey.

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### Newsletter Deadlines

The church newsletter is sent out twice a month. Deadlines are the 10th and 25th of each month. Items should be sent to the church office no later than those dates.