

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

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September 1, 2026

Our mission is to love God and serve people.
Everyone is welcome because everyone matters.



Pastor's Page

Not sure about your household, but in mine the day often begins with a cup of coffee (or two!). Perhaps your morning ritual includes tea. As you begin your day perhaps you can use the following prayer taken from a wonderful little book called *Every Moment Holy* by author Doug McKelvey. May it remind you to stay alert to the strange and wonderful ways God is present in your life and mine, even before that first sip of coffee in the morning.

*Meet Me, O Christ in the stillness of morning.
Move me, O Spirit, to quiet my heart.
Mend me, O God, from yesterday's harms.*

*From the discords of yesterday, resurrect my peace.
From the discouragement of yesterday, resurrect my hope.*

From the weariness of yesterday, resurrect my strength.

*From the doubts of yesterday, resurrect my faith.
From the wounds of yesterday, resurrect my love.*

Let me enter this new day, aware of my need and awake to your grace, O Lord. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 6
Last 9:30 am Summer Worship Service

Monday, September 7
Labor Day - Church Office Closed

Thursday, September 10
Sunday School Teachers Meeting 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Sunday, September 13
Rally Day - Sunday School, Choir, Adult Forum All
Return and Worship is at 10:00 am

Sunday, September 13
Confirmation Orientation for Kids and Parents in
Middle School

Tuesday, September 15
Boards and Committees Meetings 6:30 pm
Church Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Sunday, September 20
Confirmation, Church Interns and Youth Group
Orientation for High School Students and Parents

Monday, September 28
Red Cross Blood Drive 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

One More Sunday School Teacher Needed

Many thanks to the 14 people who have volunteered to teach Sunday School this year. **We need one more person to fill out the teaching teams.** Please volunteer! The need is for our younger class as we have so many young kids. All teachers are part of a team and typically teach once every three Sundays. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Pastor Stacy.

Fall Worship Series: Faith In Our Heads, Hearts and Hands

What does it mean to have faith? Is faith something we believe, something we feel, or something we do? The answer is yes! Join us September 13, 20, and 27 for a three-week worship series exploring Faith: Head, Heart & Hands. Just as we each have different ways of expressing love, we may also have a natural “faith language.” Some of us connect with God through questions, learning, and ideas; others through prayer, worship, and experience; and still others through serving, helping, and putting faith into action. Over these three Sundays, we’ll explore our own faith language while also discovering how God may be inviting us to grow in the other two — because a vibrant, growing faith needs head, heart, and hands.

Sunday, September 13: Faith in our Hearts

Sunday, September 20: Faith in Our Heads

Sunday, September 27: Faith in our Hands

Sunday School Teachers’ Meeting

Sunday School teachers are asked to attend a teachers’ meeting on **Thursday, September 10, 6:30 pm**. This meeting is a chance to get organized for the new Sunday School year. The meeting will conclude by 7:30 pm.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday morning Bible study groups resumes on Rally Day, **September 13**. The group discusses the Bible passages used in worship. The group meets at **9:00–9:50** Sunday mornings in the Youth Room. Please join us! For more information, contact Pastor Stacy.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

The Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study resumes on **Wed, September 16, 1:00–2:30**. The group will read the book *Revelation* by Catherine Gonzalez and Justo Gonzalez. **Please read the Introduction (pages 1-11) prior to the first session.** Copies of the discussion book are available in the office for \$20 each. For more information, contact Pastor Stacy.

Wednesday School

All children who will be in kindergarten through Grade 5 in the fall are invited to participate in Wednesday School. Elementary students in River Falls are picked up at the four elementary schools in town at the end of the school day. Wednesday School concludes at 5:15.

Registration and permission forms are available on the church website and in the church office. It is important to have advance registration in order to be adequately prepared for students, particularly due to transportation needs.

Wednesday School begins **October 7**. Please contact Pastor Stacy with questions.

Wednesday School Workers Needed

Wednesday School begins on **October 7**. We need volunteers to provide snacks on a rotating basis. Please sign the list on the sign-up table or volunteer on the website.



Peach Update

Enjoy those peaches? Thanks to YOU the Youth Fund received \$3136 which all goes into their programs and trips. Thank you! We look forward to serving them again next year. Special thanks to Deb Hoffman and Marie Roe who kept us organized and on track.



Sunday School, Sunday Morning Bible Study, choir and bells resume on Rally Day, **September 13.**

All children who are three years old (and toilet-trained) are welcome in Sunday School.

Previously registered students do not need to register again. New students should register.

Registration forms are available at church or online.

2026 Youth Musical:

**Rock
Slinger
and His
Greatest
Hit**





Discover the Joy of Singing Together!



WHO: People living with memory or thinking changes, their care partners, family, friends, and community volunteers who enjoy helping others.

WHAT: A welcoming choir where people gather to connect and thrive by sharing music, joy, and laughter!

WHEN: Join us weekly on **Mondays at 10 am** for our fall season of music and engagement. Rehearsals start on September 14, 2026 and will conclude following our concert on Saturday, December 5th at 10:30 am.

WHERE: We meet at the First Congregational Church, a comfortable and easy-to-access location: 110 N. Third St., River Falls, WI

To learn more or sign up contact: Norma Revels
Call 651 416-9530 or email: sidebysidechoir@gmail.com

Join SIDE-BY-SIDE CHOIR!



We are a proud member of the Giving Voice Network, a community of choirs around the world that are increasing well-being and redefining the narrative of dementia. Learn more at givingvoicechorus.org

Peaches Thank You

The wait on the peach truck to arrive brought some anxious concerns, but when the truck finally arrived our unloaders were awesome getting it unloaded, labeled and inside. Everyone worked fast! As Chris said, "it was chaos, but an organized chaos." People were lined up to get their peaches and they left as fast as we could get them up the elevator. We ordered 464 boxes & ended up with 494 boxes. Thanks to word of mouth, the reputation of the peaches, and people wanting more, they were all gone by the end of the day Monday. Yeah!! A huge thank you to Missy in the office for setting up the online order, monitoring in-church orders, answering the phone orders and many questions. Thank you to Diane Welsh for putting together the order list. Thank you so much for the patience of the unloading crew waiting for the truck. They worked fast & efficiently. The pick-up crew at the table was awesome too. At one point on Saturday, the unloaders & table crews were one in same in order. I owe everyone a HUGE thank you!! The final THANK YOU is to you, our customers; it's your purchases of the peaches that keep this fundraiser going year after year. The youth fund earned over \$3000. Thank you again for another great Peach fundraiser. God Bless you all, Deb Hoffman

Committee Needs Update

Thank you to all that said **YES!!** when asked to serve.

We are still in need of **2 Deacons** and **1 person** for the **Christian Ed Committee**. Please consider giving of your time to help our church. The term begins in September 2026 and runs for three years.

Fall Confirmation Orientation

The 2026 Confirmation Orientation for grades 6 - 8 will be on Rally Day following worship on Sunday, September 13. This meeting is **required** for all confirmands and their parents.

The 2026 Orientation for High School Confirmands (grade 9) and Church Interns will be following Sunday, September 20. This meeting is **required** for all confirmands and their parents.

Please reserve the dates and time now to avoid conflicts.

Memorial Garden Update

We are working with a sign company to erect two plaques (one for each side of the Memorial Garden). The names of the saints in the garden will be included on the plaque and will be a wonderful tribute to each one. We hope to have the plaques installed this fall. If you would like to know how to "reserve your spot" in the Memorial Garden, please contact the church office or pick up information in the gathering area. - The Memorial Garden Committee

Journey House News

Journey House (an Ecumenical young adult outreach, located at 143 E Cascade Ave) is getting ready for the new school year! If you're interested in contributing, here are some ideas:

- **A Welcome to School Care Kit and Goody Bag.**

We are asking for a donation of \$25. These bags will be what we hand out during the Involvement Fair and given to students throughout the months of September and October. We are hoping to have 50 bags sponsored.

- **A suggested donation of \$30 to help sponsor our weekly gathering, Journey Nights.**

The school changed their funding model for groups (less money for us to use) on top of everything being more expensive. Those who give any amount will be recognized. Those who give \$30 or more will receive their own Journey Night passport as a thank you gift. (These are what we are giving the students that give them a fun way to engage more with our Journey Night conversation.)

- **Amazon Wish List.**

We created and plan on keeping up with an [Amazon Wish List](#).

Back Bay Mission Trip Planned for April 2027

Ever wanted to go on a mission trip? Heard about the awesome experiences so many of our church folks have had at UCC related Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi? Just want to get out of town to someplace warm? Join us! Our church is sponsoring yet another trip to Back Bay Mission, **April 18 - 24, 2027**. A meeting will be held in early September. Please contact Carol Merriman or Pastor Chris for details. Use the sign-up sheet to register your interest.

SAVE THE DATE

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SEPTEMBER 8 & 9, 2026

Online volunteer registration opens August 1st, 2026

Sign up to volunteer with your church, friends, family, business, and more!

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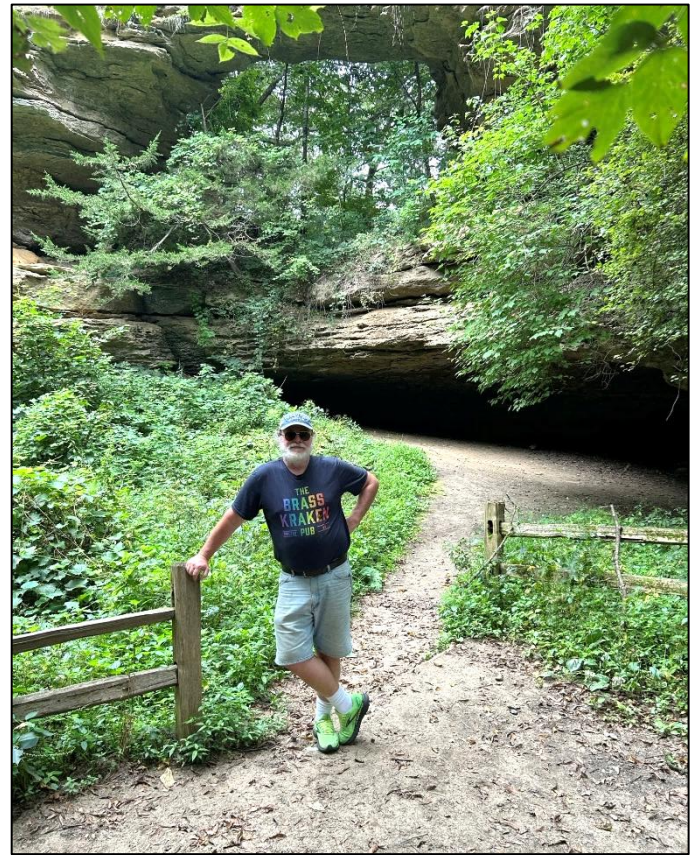
JOURNEY CHURCH

River Falls

New Minister for Community: Pastor Bob Wang

I was born and raised just outside of Cleveland, Ohio and received my bachelors of music education at the university of Mount Union. After teaching in public schools for five years, I enrolled in seminary in Chicago where I received my masters of divinity. It was there that I met now the Reverend Judith Adams Wang. Thirty-eight years later, we now make our home in Shoreview, Minnesota after living the past 25 years in Bristol Wisconsin. We have a son Joshua and welcomed his wife Evy into our family three years ago, and they are responsible for our first grandchild, Allen who turns two in September. We also have a daughter Mollie, who lives in the Pacific Northwest.

I am proud to be a lifetime member of the United Church of Christ and have been blessed to have served local churches for 36 years until retirement at the end of 2025. I am extremely excited to be able to return to parish ministry albeit part-time with the Congregational UCC Church of River Falls. I guess you could say that God had other plans for me than just enjoying retirement life. And I mean it sincerely that it appears to be a nice fit for both parties.



Once people get to know me, they soon learn of my love for music. Whether it be on stage performing in musical theater or standing in front of a crowd with guitar in hand performing the music of John Denver, music has been integrated into most of my young, middle, and older adult life, but I would be remiss to not mention the beloved songs of Church and worship life. And to pick one song or hymn as a favorite is an impossibility, as I have dozens, many of which I look forward to sharing.

An important childhood memory for me was sitting up on South High Hill at Camp Templed Hills in Ohio with a group of campers and counselors gathered for vespers, singing the beloved hymn, This my Father's World. I was ten years old and that was my first awakening to the presence of a higher power and planting a seed to one day devote my life to God's service.

When you observe the photo I chose to include in this piece you will deduce that I am a nature lover, and have always enjoyed outdoor life, including camping, biking, gardening, hiking, canoeing, and traveling. And lastly, I look forward in the coming months to designing and building my next model railroad layout; my most enjoyable hobby. And oh, I am a Green Bay Packers fan so let the games begin.

I look forward to getting to know the folks of River Falls Congregational Church and working with an amazing church staff. Blessings. Pastor Bob (a.k.a. P Bob or PB)



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the scholarship! I will be using this for my first year at Winona State! Your support means the world to me, thank you!!

- Emma Shepherd

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the scholarship that I'll use in my last year of my undergrad! All the support means the world!! Thanks again!!

- Ella Shepherd

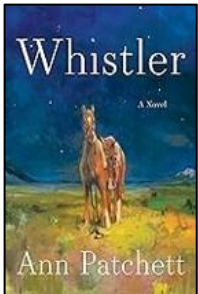
Learning Communities for the Fall

Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm: A Night in the National Parks!

Ever wanted to visit three of our most famous national parks: Tetons, Yellowstone and Glacier? Planning a trip there for next summer? Join Pastor Chris as he leads us on a quick 90-minute tour of three of our nation's most outstanding national parks. He will talk about both the beauty and grandeur of the parks as well as practical logistical things - where to stay, what to do and most important how far out to plan and book! Join us for a night in our National Parks!

Tuesday, November 10: The Churches of River Falls

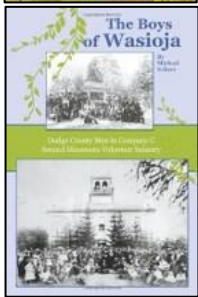
River Falls has lots of churches, but do you know their history. Join us as River Falls native and historian Mark Anderson tells us some of the stories behind the churches of River Falls, including our own.



What The Pastor is Reading

Whistler: A Novel by Ann Patchett

This has been a number one summer book on many people's list so I tried it. The premise is that a 53 year old woman unexpectedly reunites with her stepfather after a long absence. The book makes you wonder about all those serendipitous moments life and God present to us. Good, easy and joyful summer read.



The Boys of Wasioja by Michael Eckers

This is a short book that chronicles the story of 68 men who enlisted early in the Civil War to fight for the Union from Wasioja, MN near Rochester. Minnesota was the first state to send troops to the Union Army when the Civil War began (I didn't know that either). This is a powerful story about people who had the courage to put their faith in action. Really interesting.

Tools for School

Thank you church! With your help and the help of a lot of people in our larger community, 350 kids received school supplies at this year's Tools for School event. It was another occasion of organized chaos as the line stretched down the church sidewalk, along Third Street, then back along Elm Street to the church alley. And yet in just over two hours, each kid received a pair of new shoes and socks (thank you First National Bank!), a new book to read (thank you Rotary!), a sack lunch for them and their family (thank you Julie Larson and women from the American Legion Women's Auxiliary!) and most importantly a backpack full of school supplies. Founded years ago by Bob Gustafson, one of the saints of the church, this ministry continues as a powerful witness to the deep connections that exist between church and community. What a joy to see so many volunteers from local churches as well as the help of retired teachers, fire fighters and police all coming together to meet a local need. Thank you church! Here are a few pics of the preparations.



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY - August 18, 2026

Treasurer's Report: Missy: Second quarter missions paid. Payroll is lower in the summer months due to lower staffing levels. It will rise again beginning in the fall. Donations were good over the summer with July's budget ending in the black.

New Business:

- New Committee members and renewing members (end Aug, begin new Sep) – Marie - Trustee Steve Koecker will assist Deacons while new members are recruited. CE still needs one more member. New members will start in September.
- New AED – Chris - Carole M. is working on grants to purchase a refurbished battery for the AED. The current battery is about 5 years old and needs to be replaced.
- Endowment Grant for new church kitchen refrigerator (\$1200) – Marie - new one has arrived with a 3-year warranty.
- Memorial Garden Sign Update – Marie - It should be installed this fall. Total cost is approx. \$12000.00 More information will be coming about grant requests to help cover the total cost.
- W/preserve Proposal from Hope for Creation/Community Ed – Chris - food preservation class for canning-pop up events through Community Education program. They have asked permission to use the UCC kitchen. Support given from Council.
- Front two tree replacement – Louie-Louie's mom would donate funds in memory of his dad towards the purchase of 2 trees this fall in the front of the church. It would include professional planting, warranty and ongoing care of the trees.

October 20 Meeting with WI Conf UCC rep at 5pm for working dinner-confirmed – Chris - Listening session with the Wisconsin Conference. 5:00-6:30 listening session - 1 member from each committee.

Old Business:

- Tuck Pointing and Building Issues – Louie - no update - \$109,000 in building fund, \$14,000 in tuck pointing fund. Back stair repair is scheduled to be completed on September 1st.
- Tiny Homes Update – Chris - tiny home was in the parade. Tech Ed kids have completed the outside. A \$5000 Grant was provided. Looking for a local church with property available for the setting. 3 community Churches have property for the project.
- Minister for Community Update – Marie - Bob Wang has agreed to the position. He will start on September 1st. We will plan a welcoming event for him. Team: Alan T, Marie E, Suzanne H, Kathy R, Chris M, Carol M

Ministry

Christian Education (Angie) - review of summer programming. Programs went well. 55 kids attended VBS. Planning for this year's schedule. Rally Day is September 13th. There is a large preschool class expected. Wednesday School starts Oct. 7th. Learning events: October 13th - National parks presentation by Pastor Chris. November 10th - Mark Anderson will tell stories about the church buildings in River Falls, Jan - Estate Planning discussion. The committee is also looking at one on parenting again.

Deacons (Kathy T) - struggling to find Deacons to fill openings

Discipleship (Chris) - People in the Pews, fall stewardship campaign

Endowment Grant (Norma) - Applications approved since our last meeting include \$400 yarn for the knitting group requested by Mission Education, \$350 requested by the softball team for tee shirts, \$3000 requested by Mission Education for the fall mobile packing event for Feed My Starving Children and \$1200 requested by Marie for partial funding for purchase of a new refrigerator. Balance of funds remaining is \$10,550. Applications are due on Oct 4 prior to our meeting on October 11.

Mission Education (Carol) - Journey House received funds that were provided to them from the discretionary funds. ONP hit their campaign goal. Basics for Local Kids project started again, Mission Moment will be Journey House in September.

Music (Dave) - the summer blue grass on the lawn went really well. Over 100 people attended. No fall events planned yet

Personnel (Alan in late fall) - No report

Trustees (Louie) - Louie will remain on Trustees until February. Grease trap cleaning on Friday. New fridge doors need to be adjusted. Tim will be gone from September 4-22nd. Bats in the building today (during Tools for Schools), a commercial assessment of them is scheduled - there are systems that can be used to resolve that.

Welcoming Ministry (Deb/Jo Anne) - Request to more committees to sign up for Welcoming and Coffee Fellowship. Julie and Norma are off the committee. 2 new members are joining the committee as friends of the church.

Pastor (Chris) - working with the city on the parking permits (having them discontinued). It has been a busy summer: 55 kids in VBS, 16 kids participated in the Musical, 10,936 diapers were collected and 350 kids were served with school supplies. The Lentz Estate Gift totaled \$314,000. It will be shared between \$50,000 for the music fund, \$64,000 for the building fund and \$200,000 for the Endowment fund. Plans developing for a sabbatical in May - June 2027. Reminder of the Feed My Starving Children Event on Sept. 9th. There are 100 slots available for us.

Moderator (Marie)- 6:00-6:30 on Sept 13th Marie will review the church safety plan for anyone who is interested in attending. AED and CPR Training events are being discussed, fire extinguisher training to be considered as well.

WISE (Dave) - Therapeutic Harp concert on Tuesday, August 25th

Respectfully submitted by Jo Anne Friedell, Church Clerk

Endowment Grants

Each quarter the Endowment Grant Committee meets to evaluate proposals for new ministries and projects submitted through our church committees. 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 dates are **October 4 & December 6**. Forms can be accessed at church office or on the website.

Among Friends Volunteers Needed

The program meets two days a week. Training is provided & the rewards are phenomenal! They are particularly in need of male volunteers but are willing to receive all. Contact them at amongfriendsrf@gmail.com



Red Cross Blood Drive

The next Red Cross Blood Drive held at the church is on **Monday, September 28, from 11:00 am-5:00 pm.**

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



Among Friends Board Members Needed

Among Friends is a respite program for families with dementia. They need board members.

They meet on the second Monday of each month at 4:00 pm. Please see Norma Revels for details.

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. 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.

For mental health issues, please call 988. For more info, call Marg Downing 715-307-5905.

Treasurer's Report

	Week of Aug 16, 2026	Year to Date
General Fund Income*	\$ 3,616	\$ 368,342
General Fund Operational Needs	\$ 11,308	\$ 373,164

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:

- New adult undergarments (underwear up to size XXL)
- New bras
- New or like-new sweatpants up to size 4X
- New or like-new T-shirts up to size 4X
- New shoes (adult men and female)
- Adult socks
- Belts
- Shampoo, conditioner, body wash & lotion-large or travel size
- 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

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 **Sept 8 & 22**.

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 **Sept 1, 15 & 29**. Join us!

Merry Widows

They will meet on **Wed, Sept 16, at 1:00 pm at Mariachi Loco in River Falls**. 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 **September 20 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.

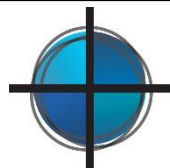
Among Friends

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 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>

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.

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.