FGG NEWSLETTER

The Official Monthly Newsletter of Faith Community Church - New Richmond



SEPTEMBER 16/17

PASTORAL CANDIDATE VISIT

As many of you heard in our announcements this past Sunday, the search team is excited to introduce Patrick Mostek as their Pastoral Candidate. We have more information for you in this edition of the newsletter, as well as online, both about our candidate as well as what they weekend of his visit will all entail! God remains faithful in every season here at FCC.

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search team update

EXCITING NEWS TO SHARE

Dearest Family in the Faith!

The day has finally come, that I get to announce the exciting news that we have identified the man that we feel the Lord has prepared for ministry at Faith Community Church in New Richmond. September 17th, we have invited Patrick Mostek to preach as a candidate for our open position as Lead Pastor. All FCC covenant members are encouraged to attend the weekend events and participate in the voting process for a Lead Pastor.

Information about Patrick can be found on our church website: **fccnr.org**

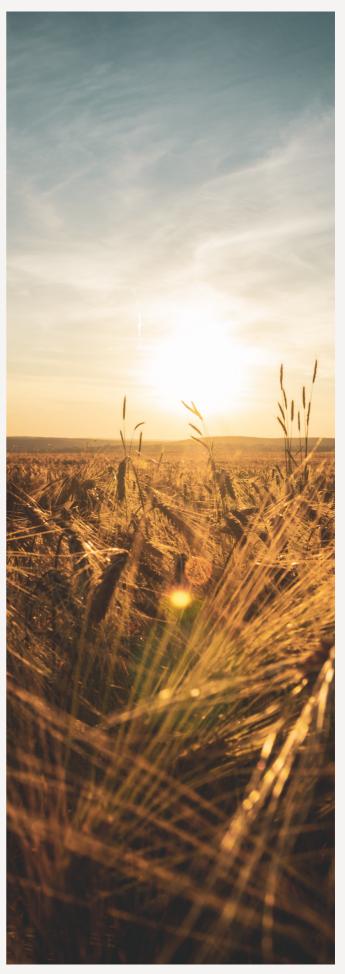
You can read about Patrick's qualifications, and find samples of his preaching on www.algonagrace.org

What you won't find on the websites, is the references that we collected about Patrick. Each person that we spoke to about Patrick, spoke about his commitment to the Gospel, his love of the scriptures and his character as a man.

Over the past seven years, his current church has been preparing him for the position of Lead Pastor, as you learn more about him – our prayer is that you also affirm his commitment to scripture and preparation for the position of Lead Pastor.

In Christ,

Matt Tuinstra



CANDIDATE'S VISIT - ORDER OF EVENTS

Saturday:

2:00-4:00pm: Meet & Greet with Pastor Patrick Mostek and Family (Option 1)

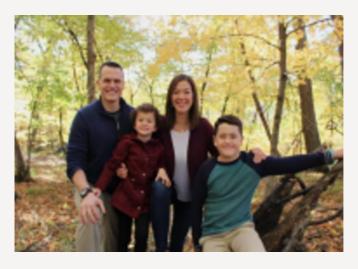
Sunday:

9:00am: Worship Service (Pastor Patrick Mostek Preaching) 10:45am: Worship Service (Pastor Patrick Mostek Preaching) 3:30–5:00pm: Meet & Greet with Pastor Patrick Mostek and Family (Option 2)

5:00-7:00pm: Covenant Meeting - All Church Gathering

7:00-7:30pm: Covenant Member Vote

7:30pm Results Announced



PERSONAL

Born: December 12, 1988 in Detroit, MI Family:

Wife - Janna Lin Mostek

Married: May 14, 2011

- Boyce College, Louisville, KY
- Certified Nursing Assistant, Sunrise Senior Living, Louisville, KY

2010 - 2015

- Human Resources Manager at Chik-fil-A
- Interests Singing, Missions, Youth,
 Discipleship and Women's Ministry, Senior
 Citizens
- Experience in Children's Ministry, Nursery
 Director, Women's Discipleship Leader, Praise
 Team, Vacation Bible School, Discipleship Leader
 for High School and Middle School

Son-Liam Francis Mostek (Born April 2, 2013)

Daughter- Corinne Virginia Mostek (Born July 21, 2017)

MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

Ordained

October 21, 2016 at Grace Church

Associate Pastor at Grace Church

2016 to present Grace Church

- Preach regularly
- Participate in planning new sermon series
- Teach adult Sunday School
- Administer small groups and curriculum
- Wrote series of discipleship books for small groups
- Responsible for the creation and integration of the church assimilation plan.
- Participated in the planning and institution of the discipleship plan.
- Select, equip and empower volunteers in ministry areas.
- Facilitate outreach opportunities, programs and events.
- Oversee Christian Education, Youth Ministry and assimilation ministries.
- Conduct designated weddings and funerals.
- Attend Advisory, Elder Board, Christian
 Education meetings and weekly staff meetings-including submitting weekly report to Senior
 Pastor for staff meeting.
- Provide ministry reports for monthly Advisory Board meetings and Quarterly and Annual Business meetings.
- Led short term mission trip to Cucuta,
 Colombia.
- Lead Men's Discipleship Group
- Teach men's weekly Bible study luncheon
- Oversee and teach middle school and high school youth ministry
- Conduct Jail Ministry
- Conduct religious services for local care centers
- Weekly Pastoral Counseling
- Designed Church's website
- Control the Church's Social Media
- Pastoral visitations to shut-ins, members in senior care centers and the hospital.
- Fulfill other duties and responsibilities as directed by Senior Pastor.

Chaplain

2012 to 2019 Indiana Army National Guard

- Completed Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course Summer 2014 (Graduated top 20% of Class 14-002)
- Provided counseling for soldiers including marital, family and vocational issues.
- Lead and conducted Bible Studies and Prayer Meetings
- Preached at and conducted Chapel Services
- Prepared small group discussion topics and facilitated discussion
- Taught large groups of soldiers curriculum pertaining to marriage, conflict resolution, interpersonal communication, friendship, and leadership

During Seminary and within Church

2012 to 2015 Fisherville Baptist Church

- Preached as pulpit supply at various churches.
- Periodically led Sunday School for the Young Married class
- Security team volunteer and Nursery volunteer
- Ministry Apprentice with Baptist Campus Ministry at the University of Louisville
- Studied Church Revitalization
- Taught 4-5th grade Sunday School
- Led evangelistic Bible study for non-Christians

Paraguay Missions Trip Assistant Team Leader

2010 and 2012 Crosspointe Christian Church

- Conducted evangelism and church planting campaign with indigenous believers
- Coordinated and administrated timeline, transportation and luggage
- Preached at local churches in Paraguay
- Coordinated children's ministries

Middle School Youth Leader

2009 - 2012 Crosspointe Christian Church

- Led small groups
- Planned and coordinated youth events.
- Chaperoned the BASIC mission trip.
- Assisted youth pastor in message planning and prep.
- Served as a member of the student ministry preaching and teaching team.
- Discipled and met individually with a number of students on a regular basis.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Leadership Team

2007 – 2009 Eastern Michigan University

- On the planning committee for the campus chapter
- Attended Intervarsity's School of Leadership Training (2008)
- Led multiple Bible studies

Other Interests: Reading, personal evangelism, hospitality, weightlifting, running, playing sports, movies, and spending time with my family

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Platoon Leader

2011 1776 Military Police Company Taylor, MI

- Commanded Platoon.
- Planned and coordinated a battalion wide event.
- Conducted evaluation reports and graded company-wide tests.
- Participated in planning the training schedule for a company for the next year.

EDUCATION

Master of Divinity

2015 The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Louisville, KY

Bachelor of Arts

2011 Eastern Michigan University Ypsilanti, MI

- Major- History.
- Minor- Military Science (ROTC).

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Shortly after the Lord saved me in high school, I began to sense a call to vocational ministry while serving in my church. That call was confirmed by my pastors and other maturebelievers who discipled me. I currently have the privilege of serving as an Associate Pastor at Grace Church in Algona Iowa. The Lord has also given me a love to read. I especially enjoy reading Christian biographies, church history and theology. Christian hospitality is important in our home. My wife and I love to have people over and share the gospel around the dinner table. My son is athletic, so we are often found outside throwing the football around orwrestling. I enjoy lifting weights and running in my spare time. I also love to travel and experience new places with my family.

PATRICK MOSTEK

Algona, IA

- Age: 34
- Marital Status: Married
- Ordained: Yes
- Denomination: Baptist (General Conference Converge)
- Education: The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Masters of Divinity), Eastern Michigan University (Bachelors of Science)
- Most Recent Job: Associate Pastor/ Grace Church/ Algona, IA

THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

Describe what the "Gospel" means to you. What theological hills are you willing to die on?

What is the Gospel?

I believe that 1 Corinthians 15:3–4 is one of the most succinct summaries of the gospel.

"3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures."

In other words, the gospel is the person and work of Jesus Christ. Jesus, truly man and truly God, came from Heaven, was born of the Virgin Mary, lived the perfect life to fulfill all righteousness and obey God's law and died the death that I deserve, as my substitute, for my sin, on the cross. On the third day, God raised him from the dead as the first fruits of the resurrection and the guarantee that my sins had been paid for. In rising, Jesus triumphed over sin, death and the devil and offers eternal life to all who would repent and believe in him. It is only through faith in Jesus that anyone can be saved. And we know this from God's revelation in His word, the Holy Scriptures.

What theological hills are you willing to die on?

Christians are called to "contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints"

(Jude 1:3). On the other hand, Paul commanded two Christian ladies to settle their disagreement by "agreeing in the Lord. (Philippians 4:2)"

Knowing which hills to die on requires a form of "theological triage." That is, while all truth is God's truth, not all doctrines have the same weight. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul writes, "For I delivered to you as of first importance..." If there are matters of first importance, I believe the implication is that there are other matters that are not of first importance. A doctrine's importance is determined by how close to the center of the Christian faith it is. And that determines what level of agreement is required. There are primary issues that are at the heart of our faith. This list includes the Trinity, the exclusivity of Christ, salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, the call to repentance from sin and striving for holiness in the Christian life, and that Scripture is the word of God and the sole infallible rule of faith and practice. A denial of these truths is to deny a necessary fact of Christianity. And to strike at one of these doctrines is to raise serious questions as to whether someone is truly saved. There are also secondary issues. These are issues where both sides may be Christian, but for the sake of church unity we choose to go our separate ways, while parting as brothers. I believe an example of this is found in Acts 15:36-41, where Paul and Barnabas are forced to part ways. This category is determined by the need for good order in our practice and consensus among the leadership in our teaching. In other words, this category includes issues which we cannot agree to disagree because at some point the church is going to have to do one or the other. I would include believers' baptism, complementarianism, and regenerate church membership in this category.

The third category is composed of issues that matter but do not necessitate division. I would include preference on Bible translations, personal view on the spiritual gifts, eschatology, and whether someone chooses to home school their children or not. In these cases, I believe it is best to follow the command of Scripture, "maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 3:3)."

CHURCH DNA & CULTURE

Describe the kind of church you want to serve in and briefly describe your philosophy of ministry.

There are certain principles I try to operate by in my ministry:

1. It's all about the gospel.

The guiding philosophy of my ministry is best summarized in Colossians 1:28.

"Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ." If the Apostle Paul were to describe his philosophy of ministry, I believe this is what he would say. Ministry is the proclamation of the person and work of Jesus Christ (i.e. the Gospel).

2. Pastors and Elders must be devoted to prayer and the ministry of the word.

The Apostles give us our priorities in Acts 6:4, "But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." If the gospel is central, then the preaching and teaching of the word is essential. We pray because we know that for preaching to have any lasting effect it requires the Spirit of God to supernaturally breathe life into spiritually dead people.

3. Be simple and sincere.

In 2 Corinthians 4:1-2, the Apostle Paul writes: "Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. 2But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God."

4. What you win them with is what you win them to.

On a church level, 2 Corinthians 4:1-2 prohibits gospel ministers who proclaim the simple message of Jesus from transforming into used car salesmen.

My aim is to help people become disciples of Christ not simply manipulate them into making a temporary decision. The same is true on a larger scale. The church is called to be a congregation of Spirit-empowered worshipers not a crowd that shows up to watch the show. I believe it is the Spirit of God that saves people through the gospel not cleverness or comfort. If the church is not founded on and directed by the simple message of the gospel, it is destined for failure.

5. Be faithful, and leave the fruitfulness to God.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."

PERSONALITY REFLECTION

Describe your personality and how you like to work with others in the workplace.

I recently had the opportunity to take several personality tests. Allow me to share with you the results:

The Leader Profile: Genuine Organizer

You are tireless in your devotion to your work, blocking out other major areas of your life. With optimism you rise to the invitation to compete, hoping to win. You offer new ways of doing things in a changing environment. Decisions are quickly made involving others in the process. You organize smooth functioning units where efficiency and effectiveness are critical and the repetition of errors not tolerated. You visualize where an organization is going and provide the plan to get there. Success will come despite resistance because of your strong commitment to the task at hand. Quickly connecting with your harmonious style of communication, people are predictably drawn to your side. You openly and frankly express your opinions, sharing your deepest convictions and inviting others to follow. Wanting to maintain your focus, you become frustrated with disagreements and vague responses.

Affirmation and appreciation for your followers will bring them to your team. Order, systematic methods, and follow-through motivate everyone to finish well. Stability comes through consistent sensitivity to the people who follow you and the values they uphold.

Style Portrait Descriptor ISTZ: Reliable Guardian

This person's style is characterized by decisiveness and dependability. Extraordinarily persevering, they conduct their work in a quiet, serious manner. This style views contracts very seriously. Their word is their bond. They are practical and loyal to the people they serve. Performing their duties without flourish or fanfare their work often goes unnoticed and unappreciated. Communicating a message of reliability and stability they thoroughly carry out details and procedures.

They function well in a setting where the expression of emotions is unimportant to the execution of the job. They will carry out what needs to be done with consistency and dependability. Often this person is misperceived as being cold and indifferent because their emotions are not openly expressed. While unrelenting in their work, they are not always patient with their coworkers. This style works well alone in established settings where there is little change. They are extremely practical and sensible. Fanciness in speech, dress, or dwelling does not impress them and may even cause some misgivings.

Strength-finders

A strength-finders test listed my top five strengths as: input, belief, context, learner, and analytical. Input meaning the ability and desire to acquire and catalogue information. Belief is having strong core values that are unchanging. Context: meaning the ability to utilize history in order to understand the present and determine the trajectory of the future. Learner: which is the desire to learn and continually improve. Finally, analytical: the ability to think about all the factors that might affect a situation.

Finally, my wife describes me as kind, consistent, loyal, temperate, and faithful.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Describe what skills and abilities you have that make you a great fit for this position.

I am a complete nerd that loves theology and the church. I love preaching and teaching. I love mentoring and discipling men in small groups and one on one. It has been fun to watch the church I currently serve in grow numerically, but the really cool part is when I get to participate in someone coming to saving faith or when someone catches fire in their faith and is conformed into the image of Jesus. I am skilled in administrative areas specifically in execution of assignments and delegation of tasks.

I also have the ability to place things in their historical and cultural context while maintaining an awareness of contemporary trends in the church and society. This allows me to anticipate the future trajectories of institutions. I can then determine whether the current trajectory of an organization should be maintained or adjusted (i.e. vision). I am a skilled communicator with an ability to read a person quickly. I have countless experiences within the church now having served as a pastor on staff for the last seven years making me an ideal candidate for this position.

VIDEO INTRODUCTION

A personal introduction from the candidate for your church.

LINK

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QUuS9bSN1pFg 6MmHw2YYF1ZC3j4bfL3h/view

VIDEO WORK SAMPLE

This video is a raw peek into how a candidate is performing in their current context. Video work samples serve as one additional glimpse into a person's ability and heart for ministry.

LINK: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=trnY9V7T0RM&t=2281s ministries

GRIEFSHARE

Friday Nights This Fall/Winter

Faith Community Church offers a grief support group that meets weekly every Friday at 6pm using the GriefShare Study. This is a group led by some awesome, Godly trained leaders who have the desire to help you work through the intricacies of losing someone you love. There is no cost to attend, donations for the books will be accepted! We will be starting another round of meeting at the end of October.

When: Fridays, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, October 27,

2023 - February 23, 2024 Where: Faith Community Church

Contact: Rita Baker

email rutabagamail@yahoo.com

phone 801-699-1709

Link to register: **GriefShare.org** or **fccnr.org**



RUBY'S PANTRY

Every Third Thursday of the Month

Ruby's Pantry distributes food at Pop-Up Pantry locations across MN & WI. There is no income or residency requirement and for a \$25 bundle donation you will receive an abundance of groceries. FCC has sponsored New Richmond's distribution since the Fall of 2020! Our next distribution is Thursday, September 21st from 5-7pm at the Armory. Volunteers arrive at 4pm to build shares and load vehicles, all while getting to know each other and serving the community! The sign up can always be found at fccnr.org/events early in the month.

Want more information?
Email Chuck

Olson at

chuck.olson@homeforever.org to have all of your questions answered!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoebox Recipient Event | Sept 10th

Invite your friends & neighbors and join us on Sunday, September 10th at 6:30pm for a journey with Justin Thomas as he shares his inspirational life story of receiving the first gift of his lifetime, an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Hear firsthand how this simple gift touched Justin's heart and shaped his life. In addition to his heartfelt story, you will learn how you can be part of making a global impact, go on a mission, and bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth – all without leaving the US.

Inspiration | Information | Light Refreshments
Prizes | Fun

Reserve your spot and a Free Shoebox <u>HERE</u> or check out the <u>events tab</u> for more info.

Email Jackie: **<u>shoeboxgr8joy@gmail.com</u>** with any questions.



PRAYER MINISTRY

Sundays @ 8am

You are invited to join the Prayer Team for our time of prayer on Sundays at 8am in D3.



Questions? Contact Peter
Bergeson at <u>pgbergeson@gmail.com</u>

ministries

BIBLICAL GOUNSELING

Help Needed

Faith Family! Do you possess a strong confidence in your knowledge of God's word? Do you have a desire to help both fellow believers and the lost wade through the challenges of sin and the freedom found in the redemptive and sanctifying power of our Lord Jesus Christ? Then join our growing team of Biblical Counselors!

We need faithful, available, and teachable Christians to address a huge need in our church and our community. If you think the Lord may be calling you to serve in this area, please reach out to Pastor Ben at **benchomeforever.org** to learn what the next steps are for you to join the team! It's gonna be great!

SMALL GROUPS

You can't live the "Christian life" outside of Christian community.

If you are not a part of a small group yet here at FCC, you are greatly missing out on God's beautiful plan for His people. Small groups are weekly gatherings of people for prayer, study, fellowship, accountability, training, and mission. At Faith Community Church, small groups serve as our primary vehicle for the care and discipleship of the church that God has entrusted to us. Let's get you connected! Contact Mike Eastep at maelk4egmail.com

We are in need of more small group leaders! If you love the Bible and have a desire to be a part of and lead an intentional community of believers, please contact Mike Eastep.



DISCIPLE6

Brown Year Coming This Fall Meals Needed

Parents (and Students)! We need YOU to partner with us to provide meals for our D6 students on Sunday nights! If you would be interested in joining the rotation of volunteers making meals for about 25 students and leaders on Sundays at 5pm, please contact our staff at info@homeforever.org or sign up HERE.

Also, if your student is interested in participating in this AWESOME study, or if you would like more information about the D6 curriculum, please contact Pastor Ben at **benehomeforever.org**. Check out the full schedule on the events tab of the website!

MEN'S MINISTRY

Wednesdays 5-6am / Saturdays 7-8am

Men's ministry is a group of men coming together to study and discuss scripture. We are currently working through Genesis & Acts in D1 @ FCC. Join us!!

Contact Paul at paulw.occ@gmail.com



women's ministry



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The FCC Women's Ministry exists to equip women to be disciples who plant the church.

Visit our website here:

https://www.fccnr.org/womensministry

Email Stephanie Langer HERE stephanie.langer@homeforever.org

Check out and subscribe to our blog here: http://fccnr.org/womens-ministry-blog

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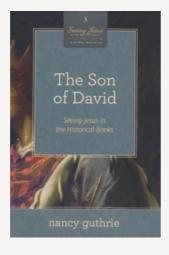
https://www.facebook.com/FCCWMnr

WOMEN IN THE WORD

New Study Starting October 4th

Our next study is "The Son of David" book 3 of Nancy Guthrie's See Jesus in the Old Testament series.
Rochelle Haugen will lead the Wednesday morning study beginning on October 4 from 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Sign-up on the Event tab or at the connection point. A limited supply of books will be available in the church bookstore beginning in September.



LADIES TIME OUT

Every Third Wednesday of the Month

Join us September 20th for our kick-off to the new year! LTO is an opportunity for ladies of any age and stage to get together for fellowship and 'do life' together. Ladies meet EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY of the month from 9-11am in the cafe here at FCC. Coffee and childcare are provided! Bring a brunch item to share if you are able!

Please contact Christa Poole for more information at christa.poole@homeforever.org

MOMENTS THAT MATTER

Ladies Day

Join us October 14, 8:300 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for a day of learning, fun, and fellowship. This event will feature different classes that you can choose from with topics from Discipleship in the Home to learning about honey. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors. <u>Sign-up</u> on the event page or at the Connection Point. Cost is \$30. More information available <u>online!</u>



Monthly Book Club:

Ladies Monthly Book Club: Join us on September 16 to discuss our next book "This Present Darkness" by Frank E. Peretti. We meet from 10 am-Noon in the cafe. Read the assigned book and join in the fellowship and discussion. Our book for next month will be "Counterfeit Gods" by Timothy Keller. There are a few copies available in the bookstore!



DISCIPLE HER

Date Change!

Join us on September 23 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in room D3. This session is for any women (or girls ages 12 and up) who are curious about discipleship and mentoring. We will discuss what it means to be a disciple as well as what it means to make disciples and what it means to be a mentor. Current mentors who are ready to start new groups are encouraged to attend. I hope to see you there.

Sign-up on the event page.

children's ministry

VBS REGAP

fccnr.org/womensministry

We had the opportunity to welcome and serve 102 children from our community to the Jerusalem Marketplace in August! We made jewelry, bread, dreidels, woven mats, messes, friends (both furry and human), and memories. We got to experience the marketplace in Jerusalem during the time Jesus walked the streets and got a clear, interactive, Gospel message. Thank you to the over 50 servants of Christ it took to make VBS a success. We can't wait to see the ways God will use this week for years to come!

We also raised almost \$100 and 126lbs of food for the Five Loaves Food Shelf! THANK YOU for your donations!











KIDZONE KICKOFF

September 10th

KidZone will Kick-Off the new academic year on Sunday, September 10th! Parents, please plan for some additional time that morning to update your family's information. Would you like to get a head start? You can print and fill out the update form located on the **KidZone webpage**. New family? The new family registration form can be found there as well.

We are really excited to see what God is going to do in and through KidZone this year. At Faith Community we believe parents have the primary responsibility of discipling their children. However, KidZone is here to support you in your ministry! If, at any time, we can be of ANY assistance please do not hesitate to reach out. It is a great privilege to partner with you in sharing the Good News of Jesus with your child(ren).

Any interest in helping to share that Good News with our children? KidZone would love to welcome you onto our team. We can always use more hands and feet in the nursery. This position is a minimum of one Sunday, one service a month and very flexible. Check-In team is also a flexible position requiring a minimum of one Sunday, one service a month commitment.

We are also in need of some people to lead our kids in Worship! This position is a little different in that you would only need to serve during the first fifteen minutes of service so could still make it to service yourself!! You would lead 4K-3rd grade kids using videos of songs corresponding to their lessons for the day.

Serving our littlest church and their families is an incredibly important way to serve our Lord and vital to the health of the church, now and in the future. If any of these positions are of interest to you, please contact Bobbi at

bobbiblanchard@homeforever.org



We Help Make (little) Disciples Who Plant The Church

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MISSIONS

MISSIONS

fccnr.org/missions

Church, please pray for two members of our Mission Team, Aaron Livingston and Paul Warner. These men have agreed to travel to Uganda to observe and assist the work of our mission partners at Tutapona and Training Leaders International (TLI). They will be our eyes and ears, prayerfully considering new ways we can expand our presence and support for the work God is doing in Africa! PLease also pray for Pastor Stu, Pastor Mike and Peter Bergeson as they conduct the work of training pastors in Uganda. Therefore go!



PRAYER LIST

For Our Missionaries

- TLI (Mike Evans, Stu Dix, Peter Bergeson and Larry Szyman) in Uganda and the surrounding area
- Tutapona (Carl Gaede, Todd Hennlich)
- St. Croix Valley Lead Team (Church
- Converge Worldwide/Great Lakes
- Charlie Gess (Tijuana, Mexico)
- Clay Gess (Cru, Thailand)
- Matt Larson (Gothenburg, Sweden, TLI)
- The Converge, Radius and Christar Missionaries active in Asia
- Gary Sandman (Los Canelos, Mexico, Feed My Lambs Int)
- Pastor Antonio Moxnay Chavajay (Guatemala)
- Jody Carrell (Edinburgh, Scotland, Converge)
- David Suennen (Cru, Orlando, FL)
- Pastor Edwin Onen (Uganda)
- Pastor Lovejoy Tirivepi (Zimbabwe)
- Operation Christmas Child

SAVE THE DATE

September 17th

We have an exciting day planned for Sunday, September 17th!! Not only is Pastor Patrick Mostek coming, we also have our 2nd Annual Ministry Fair planned which will take place between and after services! Take the time to walk around, get to know your ministry leaders, and learn about all of the ways you can get involved, serve, and get connected!



We invite the whole church to come back in the evening for our All-Church Covenant Meeting. We will talk about all of the exciting things happening here at FCC, take a look at the year ahead, give you the opportunity to meet with Ministry Leaders, and celebrate all of the things God is doing here at FCC!

COVENANT MEMBER MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17TH AT 5PM WITH POTLUCK DINNER

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our new Pastor Candidate - Patrick Mostek, will also be guest preaching that morning. Please come and make him and his family feel welcomed, and get to know him!

faith training

FAITH TRAINING FOR FALL 2023/SPRING 2024

For more information about how you can participate in our classes, or if you are interested in exploring the opportunity to participate in this ministry, please contact Pastor Ben at <u>benehomeforever.org</u>.

FALL 2023

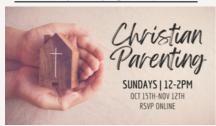
Christian Parenting:

Day: Sundays

Dates: Oct 15 - Nov 12, 2023

Time: 12-2PM Location: D3 Length: 5 weeks

LINK TO REGISTER: HERE



Kings & Prophets (An Old Testament Survey):

Day: Mondays

Dates: Sep 11 - Nov 27, 2023

Time: 6-8pm

Location: The Worship Center

Length: 12 weeks

LINK TO REGISTER: HERE



Knowing the Bible's Story (Theology):

Day: Tuesdays

Dates: Sept 19 - Nov 14th, 2023

Time: 6-8pm

Location: Worship Center

Length: 9 weeks

LINK TO REGISTER: HERE



SPRING 2024

James (Be a Hearer AND a Doer):

Day: Sundays

Dates: Feb 11 - April 12, 2024

Time: 12-2 Location: D3 Length: 12 weeks

The Judges (An Old Testament Survey):

Day: Mondays

Dates: Feb 12 - April 29, 2024

Time: 6-8pm

Location: Worship Center

Length: 12 weeks

Understanding and Communicating Narrative and Law (Genesis - Exodus):

Day: Tuesdays

Dates: Feb 13 - April 9, 2024

Time: 7-9pm

Location: Worship Center

Length: 9 weeks

FAITH TRAINING ONE-TIME EVENTS SUNDAYS AFTER 2ND SERVICE

2nd Quarter - The Arian Crisis (and a History of Heresy)

Date: Dec 3, 2023

Time: 12-2

Location: Worship Center

LUNCH PROVIDED

3rd Quarter - From the Pulpit: Faith Training Inspired by Sunday Teaching

Date: Feb 4, 2024

Time: 12-2pm

Location: Worship Center

LUNCH PROVIDED

4th Quarter - Then and Now (A Comparative History of the 1-2nd Century Church)

Date: May 5, 2024

Time: 12-2pm

Location: Worship Center

LUNCH PROVIDED



church picnic





On Sunday, August 13th, we held our church picnic! We had one service at 10am, outdoor baptisms, and food and fun to follow! It was a beautiful day!















housekeeping

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Worship Director: Matt Monson



Matt and his wife Jocelyn have been married for 18 years (Aug 2005) and have been blessed with 4 kids, Abraham (a Junior), Jericho (a Sophomore), McCoy (a 7th grader) and Ryder (a 6th grader).

After growing up and graduating from Clear Lake, WI, Matt went on to attend and graduate from Bethel University with a degree in Communication and minor in Biblical and Theological studies. It was at Bethel that Matt started playing guitar and discovering his call to help lead people in worship. This call has taken him to churches in lowa where he also met his wife, then to Columbus, Ohio where he spent time from 2005 to 2020 as both a Worship and Creative Pastor.

Though his family loved Columbus and became avid Buckeye fans, it was vacations "back home" that developed a deep love for the Northwoods area and as a family they spent many years praying about moving back. It was evident that New Richmond was the community God was laying on their hearts and they finally made the move in August 2020. The move has proven time and time again how much they love New Richmond and Matt looks forward to continuing to deepen roots in the community as he serves on staff as the Worship Director.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

HOPE: Our Future With Christ

This 5 Sunday series will focus on biblical Hope. Tim Keller says, "How you live now is completely determined by your believed in future." Hope drives us today because of confident certainty of a future which is rooted in God and not ourselves or any other factors.



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We are the Church.

Join us every Sunday morning at 9:00am or 10:45am for in person services. Stay up to date with what's going on and follow us on Facebook, or catch up on services you have missed on our YouTube channel!



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You can give online or in the offering boxes just outside the sanctuary doors! Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

FINANGIAL UPDATE

Month of July

(000s)	Actual	Budgeted	+/-
Giving	56	63	-7
Expenditures	51	66	-15

Because of your generosity and faithful giving, many of these classes, events and opportunities are possible. Thank you!

The Cheerful Giver

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully[a] will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

upcoming events @ FCC

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

2nd: Men's Study 7-8:30am

3rd: Worship 9 & 10:45am w/Communion

4th: Labor Day

5th: KidZone Work Day Noon-6:00pm

6th: Men's Study 7-8:30am Elder Meeting 6:30pm

10th: Worship 9 & 10:45am KidZone Kick-Off OCC Speaker Event 6:30pm

11th: Seasoned Saints Kick-Off Kings & Prophets Class 6-8pm

12th: Knowing the Bible's Story Class 6-8pm Counseling Team Meeting 6:30pm

13th: Men's Study 5-6am D6 Leader Meeting 6:30pm

14th: Happy Birthday Steve Langer

16th: Men's Study 7-8:30am
Women's Book Club 10am
Women's Ministry Meeting 12pm
Meet and Greet with Pastor Patrick Mostek 2-4pm

17th: Worship 9 & 10:45am
Ministry Fair
Meet and Greet with Pastor Patrick Mostek 3:30-5pm
All Church Meeting 5pm
Member Vote 7pm

18th: Kings & Prophets Class 6-8pm

19th: Knowing the Bible's Story 6-8pm Mission Team Meeting 6pm

20th: Men's Study 5-6am Ladies Time Out Kick-Off 9-11am Elder Meeting 6:30pm

21st: Red Cross Blood Drive 11am-7pm Ruby's Pantry 4-7pm

22nd: Red Cross Blood Drive 9am-4pm

23rd: Men's Group 7-8:30am
Disciple Her Training 9:30-11:30am

24th: Worship 9 & 10:45am John Class 12-2pm

25th: Kings & Prophets Class 6-8pm

26th: Knowing the Bible's Story 6-8pm

27th: Men's Study 5-6am

30th: Men's Study 7-8:30am Women's Ministry Meeting 12-1:30pm