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FCC NEWSLETTER

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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

As we enter November, a month naturally focused on gratitude, we want to take a moment to say THANK YOU to our incredible volunteers. From greeters to teachers, musicians and coffee makers, those who feed us and tidy up the building, those who do big jobs and small... we appreciate you! Your dedicated service keeps our church running smoothly every single week, and your willingness to give your time, talents, and energy does not go unnoticed. Thank you for your faithful hearts and for being the hands and feet of Jesus in our church and community — we are so grateful for you!

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Faith Training

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thanks to everyone who participated in Faith Training over the past 6 weeks! It was an absolute joy. If you missed one of the Apologetics classes or would like to revisit anything, you can do so **here**.

We're very excited for our upcoming classes which are found below!
-Pastor Pat

Discipleship Explored - Philippians

Even though we know Jesus commanded us to make disciples we may feel stuck as to how to do that with others. In fact, we may be unsure about what it means to be one!

Our next Sunday School session begins November 8. I will be leading a class entitled Discipleship Explored. We will explore discipleship as we walk through the book of Philippians. We will rely on scripture and class materials we have used previously which include short videos, a handbook for all who attend, and a leader's guide. If you want to check it out before you sign up just go to discipleship explored's **WEBSITE** and you can familiarize yourself with some samples.

This class works best with conversations in smaller groups, so we'll plan to have a handful of leaders to facilitate group discussion towards the end of class each week. Additionally we have some handbooks which you can purchase that will add to your experience.

If you are just getting started as a disciple of Christ; this class is for you. If you want to learn a way to disciple another, this class is for you.

Looking forward to exploring discipleship with you. -Pastor Dave



Link to Register: **CLICK HERE**

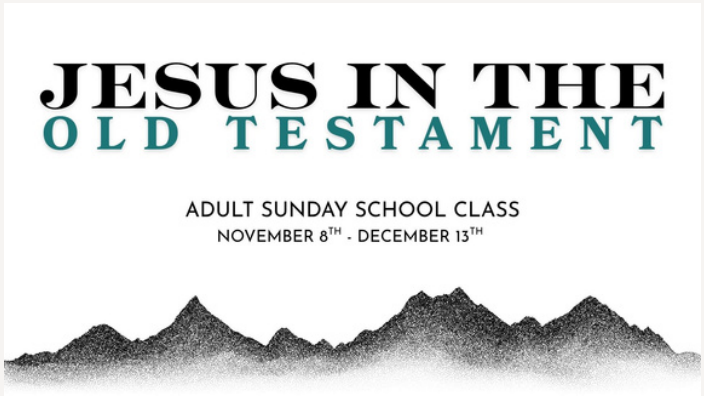
Jesus in the Old Testament

A rapidfire survey of the entire Old Testament, paying particular attention to those passages that point directly to Jesus and the gospel.

In Luke 24:25-26, the risen Jesus spoke to the two travelers on the road to Emmaus and said: "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

This class will be taught by Pastor Peter Bergeson

Link to Register: **CLICK HERE**



Both of these classes are not only fascinating but absolutely essential to Christian maturity and service, "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" (Eph 4:12).

If you notice a class repeating, that's by design. We intend to have a core-curriculum on rotation to ensure our church is not only familiar with the most foundational truths, but thoroughly equipped in the areas that matter most. We encourage taking a class till you can teach it!

NEW CREATION

DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEW CREATION?

As John Eldridge wisely says, "We can only hope for what we desire."1 To this Randy Alcorn adds, "We can only desire what we can imagine."2 A great many Christians do not look forward to eternity. Eldredge writes, "Nearly every Christian I have spoken with has some idea that eternity is an unending church service… We have settled on an image of the never-ending sing-along in the sky, one great hymn after another, forever and ever, amen. And our heart sinks. Forever and ever? That's it? That's the good news? And then we sigh and feel guilty that we are not more 'spiritual'. We lose heart, and we turn once more to the present life to find what life we can."3

Thankfully, this bleak portrayal of our eternal state is not in the Bible. The "New Heavens" and "New Earth" of Revelation 21 will have far more in common with the "Heavens and the Earth" that God created in Genesis 1. This is good news for us, because if the New Creation will be like the old in some respects, we can imagine it to some extent, and therefore look forward to it.

CREATION SHARES MAN'S CURSE

Man and the creation are inextricably linked. When God created man, He "formed the man of dust from the ground" (Gen 2:7). The Hebrew word "man" here is "Adam", and the word "ground" is the nearly identical "Adama."4 When man dies, he returns to the ground, and when man sinned, God cursed the ground, saying "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you …By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (Gen 3:17, 19).

CREATION WILL SHARE MAN'S REDEMPTION

Just as man and the creation are linked in creation and curse, there are passages that show they are linked in redemption. Romans 8 is perhaps the clearest:

Romans 8:19-23 "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies".

Creation will be "set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God." That's why creation "waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God." Creation will share our redemption just as creation shared our curse. We will enjoy a renewed earth – this earth – but finally free from it's bondage to corruption. Take time to imagine it…and to look forward to it!

Pat Nickerson
Associate Pastor

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OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES & CELEBRATIONS

As the Outreach Team, we create and foster experiences that help others readily share the Gospel with our community.

TRUNK OR TREAT

More than 500 people came to the church for Trunk-or-Treat on Wednesday, Oct. 28. It was a fabulous event that brought many guests into the building for trick-or-treating. Families were also able to enjoy a family meal together. Thank you to everyone who served and provided food and candy. We also conducted our annual pillow drive for Grace Place during the event. **We collected about 150 pillows and recently donated them.** Check out more photos on **page 6!**



LINKS

Bell Ringing

Thanksgiving Meal Distribution

Christmas Caroling

Youth Pantry

THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

This time of year brings many opportunities for individuals to engage in events that allow us to love people and share the gospel. We encourage you and/or your small group to participate in a service event that impacts our community. Below is a listing of sign up opportunities.



Outreach Team

FIVE LOAVES

Thanksgiving and Christmas occur on our next scheduled service dates at Five Loaves, so we do not have a scheduled service day until the fourth Thursday in January.

Our monthly service time is on the fourth Thursday of the month from 5:20p.m. to 7:00p.m. Located at 144 W 3rd St, New Richmond, we ask you to meet and enter near the side entrance for prayer and directions. Click on **Serve at Five Loaves** to learn more and to sign up. No heavy lifting required!

If you would like more information, please email faithloves@homeforever.org

FAITH LOVES

Faith Loves is an outreach ministry designed to connect people with skills to those who need help. The people needing help may be members of our church or your neighbors. Whatever skills and talents God has given you, God can use them. Complete the **Faith Loves Helper Survey** to become a Faith Loves Helper.

Maybe you or someone you know is the person who's in need of help. Take the next step and send individuals to the **Need Help Button** on our church website.

GRACE PLACE

Are you a good listener and do you encourage others? We are looking for individuals to help lead "Faith and Encouragement" at Grace Place.
What is it? Grace Place is run by the Salvation Army and it is a transitional housing opportunity for people. We are coordinating an initiative to minister to guests at Grace Place by hosting "Faith and Encouragement" after the supper hour on week nights for about an hour. At Faith and Encouragement we have conversations, offer prayers, and study the Bible. If you are interested in serving, please email faithloves@homeforever.org.

Trunk or Treat

A few snap shots from the night!

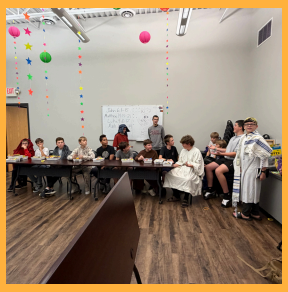

































Children's and Women's Ministry

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

As we head into the holiday season, here are a few things to put on the calendar!

Sunday, November 29th
Family Advent Kits for 2026 available for free in KidZone. While supplies last.



This is also Thanksgiving Weekend, so we will have a movie in Children's Church and Sunday School to accommodate volunteer schedules.

Sunday, December 13th @ 6pm
Save the date for this year's Kids' Christmas Program, "Broadcasting Christmas". Invite your friends, family and neighbors and be part of a "Live Studio Audience" for a 1940's special radio program, breaking the Good News of Christmas!

Interested in performing? Keep an eye out for a signup and practice times in the next couple of weeks! There will be opportunities for all youth and kids to participate. Plus, some room for adult volunteers to help share this event with our community.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Fill My Cup Lord -
A Ladies Christmas Tea
Ladies 5+ are invited to enjoy this time of fellowship and refreshment to recharge during the holiday season. There will be food, fellowship, a craft project and short program!

- **Date**: Sat, December 12th: 9-11am
- **Location**: D Rooms (by the office)
- **Cost**: $5 for youth ages 5-11, or $10 for 12+. (to help cover supplies)

We would love your help! Sign up **HERE** to sponsor decorating a table, or donate food items to this fun event!

We look forward to celebrating this exciting time of year with you all! We are limited on space, so please register soon. **CLICK HERE**



LADIES TIME OUT
Join us for LTO on Wednesday, November 18th from 9-11am in the café. This is a time for women to gather for fellowship with ladies of all ages and stages in our church community. Coffee and childcare are provided! Ladies are encouraged to bring a breakfast item to share.

With so many new faces and kids, LTO will be adding a childcare registration so we can plan accordingly for childcare. Here is the link: **CLICK HERE**
Questions? Contact Brienna Schwartz at 218-330-8183

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Kitgum, Uganda – Kitgum Bible Community Church -



Pastor Edwin Onen and his wife Evelyn, along with church leadership traveled the 23 km to their Muciwini East Church Plant in the village of Okol Likol. They brought with them Bibles in the Acholi language, the heart language for many of the people of this village. They also celebrated the donation and official transfer of the land from Pastor's grandmother, Rojalba Lalai, to the Alive Community Church.





Picture on **left** (L-R): Pastor Edwin Onen's grandmother, Rojalba Lalai; his wife, Evelyn Onen, and his aunt, Jerelina Layet. Rojalba and Jerelina received their very own Bibles.

Picture on **right** (L-R): Evelyn and Pastor Edwin Onen, Kitgum Bible Community Church, with Pastor Daniel Mugisha, planting pastor of Alive Community Church in the village of Okol Likol, Mucwini East.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child God invites us to be the world church by praying, packing, and sending a gift filled shoebox.

This shoebox will serve as a tangible expression of God's love and be the tool used by a local church in one of 175 countries to open the door for Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication.

Each shoebox could impact 10-14 individuals with the Gospel! That's some God-sized multiplication!

Start your shoebox packing with prayer...for the boy or girl that will receive your gift filled shoebox, their loved ones, their community, and for God to do a mighty transformation in their lives.

What shall you pack? Focus on **Fun**, **Full**, and **Personalized**...







Make it...

- **COLORFUL**...many children have only experienced the natural colors in their environment.
- **FULL**...a partially full box could make them feel "less loved" than others.
- **FUN**...include a "wow" item and other toys in addition to the practical items (school supplies, a toothbrush, etc.)
- **VARIETY & QUALITY**...if an item breaks, a child may think they have done something wrong.
- **SOFT**...there is a comfrot in being able to rub a soft animal or other soft item against their skin.
- **SPECIAL**...this may be the first and only gift a child will ever receive.
- **WEARABLE**...kids love anything they can put on - sunglasses, necklace, hat, gloves, etc.
- **PERSONAL**...a note and/or picture are some of the most treasured items in the box.

OCC Drop-off Hours

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Did you know that Faith Community Church is a central drop-off location? Our church family is encouraged to bring boxes to services on Sunday, November 22nd! Here are more times if you need another option, or need to share with someone else!

Operation Christmas Child

Faith Community Church - New Richmond, WI
1040 Paperjack Drive New Richmond WI 54017
Contact: Maureen Skidmore | 651-402-3128

DROP-OFF HOURS

MON | Nov 16	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
TUES | Nov 17	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
WED | Nov 18	10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
THUR | Nov 19	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
FRI | Nov 20	10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
SAT | Nov 21	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
SUN | Nov 22	1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
MON | Nov 23	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child

SEASONED SAINTS

2nd Wednesday of the Month

Join us for the next Seasoned Saints gathering on Wednesday, November 11th from 12-2pm. Bring a dish to share for a potluck lunch and stick around to help pack, pray for and get Operation Christmas Child boxes ready to send out! Optional: No need to bring packing items. Attendees can donate money for the shipping costs of the boxes. You can also bring a personal note/photo to include in one of the boxes. Please **RSVP** and let us know if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

WORSHIP

#WorshipWednesdays on Facebook

We have started something new to help us prepare our hearts for our Sunday gatherings. Every week, we will be posting our upcoming worship set list under the hashtag #WorshipWednesday! Our goal is to give everyone a chance to get familiar with the music ahead of time.

Taking a few moments to listen through the songs during the week is a great way to reflect on the lyrics and get our hearts ready for worship before we even step into the building. This will also be the perfect opportunity to learn and practice any new songs we introduce. Follow us on Facebook **HERE**!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP NIGHT

4th Sundays of the Month

Please join us every month for a time of Prayer & Worship! We will gather the 4th Sunday of each month from 6-7 pm in the D rooms.

On Sunday, November 22nd we will be focusing on praying for the Persecuted Church.

GRIEFSHARE

Surviving the Holidays



Grief is harder around the holidays and so we are offering this special two hour event on Saturday, November 21, 10am to noon. Get more information and register for this free event on the **GriefShare website**.

You can also contact one of our FCC facilitators:

- Rita Baker 801-699-1709
- Bryan Stangl 763-245-9891

In addition, we invite individuals to join our weekly Monday evening sessions, 6:00-8:00 pm, through December 7. You can also register for this series on the **website** or by contacting our local facilitators.

COVENANT MEMBER MEETING

FCC Covenant Members are invited to join us for our next quarterly Covenant Member meeting on Sunday, November 15th from 5-7pm! Bring a dish to share for our potluck dinner, enjoy a time of fellowship, meet our newest members, and listen to updates from our ministries!

Please save the dates for 2027
February 21 | May 16 | August 19 | November 16

Verse of the Month

ROMANS 5:1

"Therefore, since we have been
justified by faith,
we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ."

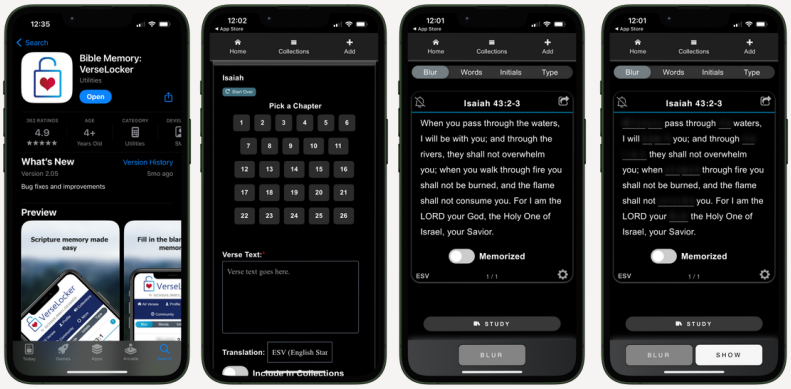


MEMORY CARDS

Our new memory verse card is available in the foyer for you to take home and use as a tool to help you memorize this month's scripture! They are located on a table as you exit the church. Hang them on your mirrors, tuck it in your wallet or your phone case, put it by the door... keep it handy to look at and memorize whenever you can!

VERSE LOCKER

Looking for a new and useful way to learn your memory verse each month? The Verse Locker App is a great option!



Download the App LINK HERE

Choose your verse and edit as needed.

Start to memorize

Blur out more and more words until you have it memorized!

Want to catch up?

Head to our **website** to see all of our verses from the year!

Giving

THANK YOU

Your generosity and faithful recurring giving provide the financial resources necessary for Faith Community Church to continue the mission of making disciples and provide the classes, events, and opportunities towards that mission. Thank you!

GIVE ONLINE

fccnr.org/give

Our online giving platform, Tithe.ly, is easy-to-use and will allow you to make both one-time and recurring gifts with a credit/debit card or ACH transaction from your checking account. You can create your Faith Community Church online giving account in Tithe.ly by clicking **HERE**. If you need additional help, the steps are outlined on our donor instruction page by clicking **HERE**.

For more information, visit our Giving Page or contact our support team at **giving@homeforever.org**.



The Treasure Principle

Mathew 6:19-21
"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Other Ways to Give: LINK

In Person: Drop cash or check in the offering box located in wall by each door going into the worship gathering.

Mail check to: Faith Community Church
1040 Paperjack Drive
New Richmond, WI 54017

Bill Pay: Set-up your gift using your bank or credit union's automatic bill pay service, with payment directed to Faith Community Church at the address above. Most bill pay services allow you to set-up a recurring payment so your tithe and offering can continue uninterrupted.

Tithe.ly App: With features like easy recurring giving and QuickGive, it's never been easier to give. Download the tithe.ly app on to your mobile device. If you have already created an online giving account just 'Sign In' on the app with your account credentials. Otherwise click 'Create Account' and follow the prompts. When asked to find your church, entering FCC's street address "1040 Paperjack Drive" works best.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Month of September

(000s)	Actual	Budgeted
Giving	69	70
Operating Expenditures	74	72

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 2026

1st: Prayer: 7:45am
Worship: 8:30am & 11am w/ Baptisms
Sunday School: 10-10:45am
Small Group Training: 12:30pm
OCC Prayer: 5pm

2nd: GriefShare: 6-8pm
WM Hebrews Bible Study: 6-7:30pm

3rd: Staff Meeting: 9am

4th: Men's Bible Study: 6-7am
FCC Youth Group: 6-8:30pm

5th: Men's Bible Study: 6:30pm
Worship Practice: 6:30pm

6th: n/a

7th: Men's Bible Study: 7am
Crowning Achievements (All Day)

8th: Prayer: 7:45am
Worship: 8:30am & 11am w/ Baptisms & Communion
Sunday School: 10-10:45am
Child Dedication Orientation: 10am
Outreach Team Meeting: 12:30pm

9th: Ministers Conference (offsite)
GriefShare: 6-8pm
WM Hebrews Bible Study: 6-7:30pm

10th: Ministers Conference (offsite)

11th: Men's Bible Study: 6-7am
Seasoned Saints: 12-2pm
Missions Team Meeting: 5pm
FCC Youth Group: 6-8:30pm

12th: Men's Bible Study: 6:30pm
Worship Practice: 6:30-9pm

13th: n/a

14th: Men's Bible Study: 7am

15th: Prayer: 7:45am
Worship: 8:30am & 11am w/Inductions & Dedications
Sunday School: 10-10:45am
Covenant Member Meeting: 5pm

16th: OCC Collection Week: See Page 9 for hours
GriefShare: 6-8pm
WM Hebrews Bible Study: 6-7:30pm
Ministry Team Meeting: 6:15pm

17th: Staff Meeting: 9am
Elder Meeting: 6pm

18th: Men's Bible Study: 6am
Ladies Time Out: 9-11am
FCC Youth Group: 6-8:30pm

19th: Men's Bible Study: 6:30pm
Worship Practice: 6:30-9pm

20th: n/a

21st: Men's Bible Study: 7am
Thanksgiving Meal Distribution: 9-11am
Covenant Member Class: 9-11:30am
Surviving the Holidays: 10am-noon

22nd: Prayer: 7:45am
Worship: 8:30am & 11am
Sunday School: 10-10:45am
Prayer and Worship Night: 6pm

23rd: GriefShare: 6-8pm
WM Hebrews Bible Study: 6-7:30pm

24th: Staff Meeting: 9am
Elder Meeting: 6pm

25th: Men's Bible Study: 6-7:30am
NO FCC Youth Group

26th: HAPPY THANKSGIVING

27th: n/a

28th: Men's Bible Study: 7am

29th: Prayer Time: 7:45am
Worship: 8:30am & 11am
Sunday School: 10-10:45am

30th: GriefShare: 6-8pm
WM Hebrews Bible Study: 6-7:30pm

31st: Staff Meeting: 9am
Elder Meeeting: 6pm

CONNECT

We are the Church.

Join us every Sunday morning at 8:30am or 11:00am for in person services, and continue your knowledge of God and the Christian life by participating in our Sunday School hour from 10am-10:45am - All Ages are Welcome!

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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