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# FCC NEWSLETTER

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The Official Monthly Newsletter of Faith Community Church - New Richmond



## MINISTRY FAIR

**This Sunday, September 7th**

Want to know more about all of the ministries here at Faith Community Church? Looking to get more involved but not sure how? Wondering about specific ways you can be praying for our church leaders and the work the Lord has them doing here and in our community? JOIN US on Sunday, September 7th for our annual ministry fair! Please take the time to stop by each Ministry table to get information, encourage our leaders, and see what your next steps might be. This opportunity will be available after both services! Please note that KidZone will be closed between services this Sunday.

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## QUARTERLY REPORT

**As Shared at our August 17, 2025  
Covenant Member Meeting**

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15*

In his second letter to the young pastor in Ephesus, Paul instructs Timothy to do his best to present himself as to God as one approved. The New Living Translation renders it "Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval..." The King James translates it, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God..." The point remains the same. Anyone who works for Christ should not be apathetic with their level of service. We should be constantly growing and striving for improvement so that when we stand before the Lord we have nothing to be ashamed of. When it comes my time, I want to be able to say, "Lord, I left it all on the field. Yet not I, but Christ in me." I hope that is your desire and driving passion as well.

Pastors are particularly accountable for our preaching and teaching of the word of God. I believe there is no higher calling, but that calling also comes with a high accountability. But James 3:1 says, "Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness." I take that warning seriously. One of the most fundamental tasks of a lead pastor is to faithfully, clearly and passionately preach and teach the word of God to the people of God. In John 21, when Jesus restores the Apostle Peter to ministry, he commands him to "feed my sheep." If a man will not or cannot do that, he is spiritually injuring the sheep in his church. It's why Paul commands Timothy to "rightly handle the word of truth." It is my sincere endeavor to rightly handle the word of truth week in and week out for the glory of God and the good of his people.



This Fall we will be resuming our study of the book of Matthew on Sunday mornings. There is such a depth to the teaching of Jesus in this Gospel, I hope you are able to join us as we dive into the riches of Christ.

At the direction of the Elders, I have also begun a Leadership Development class during the Sunday School period. This class of fifteen members is walking through Wayne Grudem's book "Bible Doctrines". The goal of the class is not simply to relay systematic theology, but examine how biblical truth is meant to shape the way we lead our lives, our families and our church. My hope is to continue teaching this class every year to raise up leaders for Faith Community and the Kingdom of Christ.

I have also endeavored to increase my own growth to better serve you at FCC. I want to express my gratitude for the church allowing me to attend a week intensive course on biblical Greek at my old seminary. I pray my studies will hone my understanding of the word of God so that I am able to faithfully serve you for years to come.

Let me conclude by sharing how thankful I am for the wisdom of the Elders, the faithful service of the Ministry Team (deacons) and the passion for excellence of the staff. I am truly privileged to be part of such an amazing team. I consider myself immeasurably blessed to be a part of Faith Community Church. I sincerely look forward to continuing to serve here for many years, and I am excited for all that God has in store for us.

**In Christ,  
Pastor Patrick Mostek**

# Children's Ministry

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

### Magnified!

We welcomed over 150 kids under the age of 18 to Vacation Bible School this year! Over fifty adults prepared, ran, and cleaned up for VBS! We served 200 meals each night of the week and welcomed many families to the VBS Program, Church Picnic, and waterslide on Sunday! Praise God for His mighty work throughout the week and pray that the harvest would be plentiful!

Check out our volunteer video [HERE!](#)



## KIDZONE KICK-OFF!

September 14th

A new update form with waiver will be required as we promote children to their new grades! Plan to either print and fill out an Update Form prior to the 14th, or plan a little extra time that morning to fill one out at church. Please drop completed forms at the KidZone Desk BEFORE dropping your children off that day! (Click [HERE](#) for a printable form)



## CURRICULUM

Here's what we will be starting for our academic year curriculum!

### 4K-3rd Grade:



Volume 3: Land and Loss  
By God's power, grace, and provision, Israel finally entered the land of Canaan. Yet, despite His people's victory in battle, their disobedience proved their hearts were not victorious over sin. Through the judges and the family line of Ruth, God showed that He takes sin seriously and that a greater Judge and Redeemer was needed to restore the loss sin brings.

### 4th & 5th Grade

Forged: Faith Refined, Vol 3

Forged is designed to help preteens on their faith journey of growing in God's Word and living out God's truth.



We all worship something. You've probably heard that before. But it is true. Whether it's a sport, a hobby, your school, your relationships, yourself, or God, we all focus our hearts and minds on something. It is usually apparent to those around us what we have set our affections on. What is worship? Is it simply something done during a worship service? Is worship boring? How does God want me to worship? Forged helps preteens discover the answer to these questions about true worship and more.

# Children's Ministry

## WELLNESS POLICY

A new school year also means a host of new germs! Please take a moment to review our updated KidZone Wellness Policy prior to bringing your children to KidZone.

### KidZone Wellness Policy

*These policies are meant to ensure the safety and positive experience of ALL of our KidZone kids and staff. Please review prior to checking in.*



- Try again next week if:**
  - Any fever within 24 hrs
  - Vomiting/diarrhea within 48 hrs
  - Strep throat/ear/eye infection
  - Cough that is deep or frequent
  - Headlice
  - COVID, Influenza, Chicken Pox or other communicable illness, even with minimal symptoms
- Consider carefully if:**
  - A family member has been dealing with any of the "Red Zone" illnesses
  - Rash or sores from an unknown cause
  - Known exposure to illness and behavior that might indicate an illness is coming.....
- Welcome to stay if:**
  - Child is active/ playful/ well rested AND
  - Has not had a fever for over 24 hours without fever reducing medication but has:
    - Sneezing, red eyes or runny nose that is clear.
    - A lingering cough from a past illness



## PARENTS

### Connect Board

This year in KidZone we have created a KidZone Connect board (just inside the KidZone doors, across from the KidZone Desk) to help communicate all of KidZone's happenings with you! Check this board for announcements, resources, and free materials throughout the year! It is our goal to support you in the discipleship of your children both in church and at home so we hope this becomes a useful tool in connecting our ministry with yours!

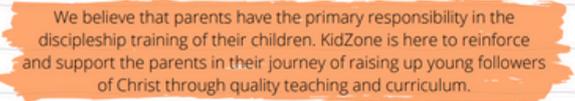


## HANDBOOK

Have you ever wondered what kind of procedures our KidZone staff are trained on? What rules we follow to keep our Faith Families safe? How we pray for your family? Feel free to check out our KidZone Handbook! We consider it a huge responsibility and a great privilege to serve your children.

[Click Here](#)





## REGISTER NOW!

Kick off is **September 24th**

We are so excited to get back into the swing of all things youth group! Youth Group for students in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> will begin on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>! Please get your kiddos registered [HERE!](#)

### Wednesday Night Layout Middle School

6:00-6:30- Meal, Snack Shack Open & Free Time

6:30-7:00- Large Group Teaching

7:00-7:30- Small Groups

### High School

6:30-7:00- Meal & Snack Shack Open

7:00-7:30- Snack Shack Open & Free Time

7:30-8:00- Large Group Teaching

8:00-8:30- Small Groups



## SNACK SHACK

Wondering what snack shack is? Each week, our wonderful volunteers set up a snack shop for the kids to purchase different sweets, treats and beverages. Everything is \$1! **A meal will be provided for all of the kids this year,** but if you want something extra, make sure you bring a few dollars! Kids will also have the opportunity to earn free snacks by memorizing and reciting the verse of the month!

## YOUTH GROUP MEALS

### Food Pantry and Servers

We are trying something new this year! If you are looking for a way to help with Youth Group but can't commit to every week, we have 2 different options to help things run smoothly and efficiently!

1. **Servers!** Our food team is going to prepare the meal, we are just looking for willing hands to come and serve it, interact with the kids, and tidy up when the meal hour is over! Sign up once, or as many times as you wish! More details, available dates and more can be found [HERE](#).

2. **FCC Youth Group Food Pantry!** We are looking for some donations to help with the cost of meals for the whole year. Take a peek at the sign up [HERE](#) and donate whatever items you can in order for us to feed 100 kids in the community each and every week. We are thankful for the opportunity to fill them up physically and spiritually!



# Young Adult Ministry

## JOIN US AT YAM

The Young Adult Ministry (YAM) at FCC is still fairly new - we began gathering in February 2025 - and these past six months have been such a blessing! YAM exists to be a welcoming place for young adults ages 18 to 35, no matter what stage of life you're in: single, married, or somewhere in between.

Our purpose is simple: fellowship. While FCC offers many wonderful opportunities for multi-generational connection through Bible studies and serving together, YAM provides a space for young adults to build relationships with others in a similar stage of life. Young adulthood can often be a season filled with transitions, questions, and new beginnings, and our hope is to encourage one another as we walk through this time together.

We meet twice a month - on the first Friday of each month for a night of fun, laughter, and fellowship, and on the third Sunday of each month we meet together for lunch together after the second service at a local restaurant, enjoying good food and great conversation.

Ready to connect and grow in community? Come join the YAM fam - we can't wait to meet you! Reach out to Kathryn Turner at [kathryn.turner@homeforever.org](mailto:kathryn.turner@homeforever.org) to be added to our contact list!



**Young Adult Ministry** **UPCOMING EVENTS**  
FALL 2025

- 9/5** • GAME NIGHT  
7PM @ FCC
- 9/21** • LUNCH BUNCH: POTLUCK  
12:30 PM
- 10/3** • FALL BONFIRE  
7PM @ FCC
- 10/19** • FALL FUN DAY-AFTON APPLE ORCHARD  
2PM - MEET @ FCC
- 10/26** • PICNIC AND HIKE  
1PM @ WILLOW RIVER STATE PARK

For More Information: [kathryn.turner@homeforever.org](mailto:kathryn.turner@homeforever.org)



**LEADERSHIP  
TEAM**



# Women's ministry

## CREATED IN HIS IMAGE

### Why True Woman 101 Matters

Lately, I've found myself wrestling with questions: Why this study? Why now? The world feels loud and confusing, and honestly, so does my own heart some days. As women, we're constantly navigating expectations—at home, at work, in ministry, in culture. We're told to be strong but gentle, bold but agreeable, ambitious but self-sacrificing. And in the middle of it all, we're trying to hold onto our faith, care for our families, and make sense of who we are.

I've felt it myself—those moments when I'm juggling the needs of my family, caring for my aging dad, managing the home, and trying to be present for others. It's easy to lose sight of the truth: that I am created in God's image. That I have worth and purpose not because of what I do, but because of who He is. And yet, that truth gets buried under the weight of daily life. That's why this study matters. I need the reminder. We all do.

That's why we're gathering for True Woman 101. Not to add one more thing to your already full plate, but to create space—space to breathe, reflect, and remember who God says we are. This isn't about perfect attendance or having all the answers. It's about coming together, opening Scripture, and letting God reshape our understanding of womanhood, identity, and purpose.



Whether you're in a season of caregiving, career shifts, parenting challenges, or spiritual dryness, you're not alone. We'll walk through this study side by side—laughing, praying, learning, and sometimes just showing up tired but willing. And in that space, God meets us. He reminds us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made, called to reflect His beauty and truth in a world that desperately needs it.

So if your soul feels weary, your schedule feels full, or your identity feels a little lost in the shuffle—this is your invitation. True Woman 101 begins September 10 and runs for nine weeks, with morning and evening sessions available to fit your schedule. Then in November, we'll continue the conversation with a **women-only adult Sunday School class**, diving deeper into the lies women believe and the truths found in Scripture. You don't have to come with everything figured out—just come ready to grow, reflect, and be reminded of who you are in Christ.

**Stephanie Langer**



**Starting September 10<sup>th</sup>!**  
**Please register if you plan to join us!**

Wednesday Morning Study: 9-10:30am ([LINK](#))

Wednesday Evening Study: 6-7:30pm ([LINK](#))

# Women's ministry

## MINISTRY FAIR



**Sunday, September 7th**

Come visit our table at the Ministry Fair! We look forward to meeting you.

## LADIES TIME OUT



**Join Us in the Cafe**

Ladies of all ages and stages are invited to gather for fellowship, encouragement, and Christ-centered connection. We meet every third Wednesday from 9-11am. Bring a breakfast item to share if you're able. Coffee and childcare are provided (please bring a water bottle for your little ones). Questions? Contact Brienna Schwartz.

## 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](mailto:stephanie.langer@homeforever.org)

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

📘 Follow us on Facebook here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/FCCWMnr>

## MONTHLY BOOK CLUB



Join us every third Saturday from 10am-noon for fellowship and meaningful discussion through inspiring Christian reads.

**Next Gathering: September 20th**

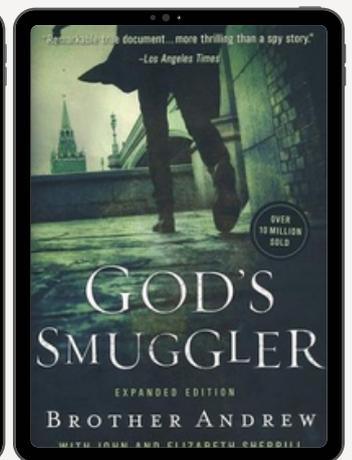
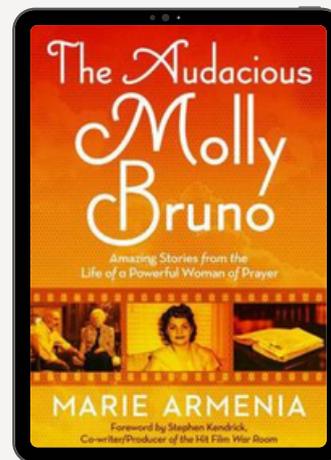
We'll dive into "The Audacious Molly Bruno" by Marie Armenia, a heartfelt tribute to the prayer warrior who inspired "Miss Clara" in War Room.

**Up Next: October 18<sup>th</sup>**

God's Smuggler by Brother Andrew  
Sign up at the Connection Point or online to stay in the loop.

**Questions?**

Contact Connie at 720-220-4180



## TLI INTERNATIONAL

### **TLI International and their work at the Pastoral Training Center at Abaana's Hope, in Gulu, Uganda.**

FCC has financially supported Mike Evans, of TLI International, for the past several years. Three times each year, for more than a decade, pastors from here in the St. Croix Valley area have traveled to Gulu, Uganda to teach African pastors how to understand and communicate God's Word. Through this discipleship, multiplication has occurred and this past August, two pastor graduates from the TLI training in Gulu, Pastors Okello Benson, and Olara Sunday traveled to Kenya to begin training Kenyan Pastors.

On September 13, 2025, there will be a celebration halfway around the world as the current two cohorts totaling 82 men are scheduled to graduate! This will also be the point at which future training will continue under an African leadership team. God has produced amazing fruit! Since the beginning of this partnership, Mike, Larry, Stu, Peter among a few others, have taught and led over 150 church leaders through the TLI training program.

We celebrate God's goodness!



Pastor Mike Evans and Pastor Onen Edwin  
Ugandan Leadership

## GLOBAL MISSIONS

Over the past few years, your mission team has developed relationships with several different people involved in ministry from around the world. Various types of support given to these ministries include prayer support, financial support, ministry Bibles, personal encouragement cards, corn & bean seeds for planting, Pastoral Educational Books, printing costs of discipleship materials, and in just a few days, we'll send a short-term mission team to serve Pastor Antonio and Vida Real Church in San Pablo la Laguna, Guatemala.

Faith Community has been privileged to assist the following ministries while they spread the Gospel:

- Pastor Antonio, Vida Real Church and School in San Pablo la Laguna, Guatemala
- Pastor Onen Edwin, Kitgum Bible Community Church in Kitgum, Uganda
- Pastor David Bargelo, Grace Evangelical Church in Barcelona, Spain
- Pastors Chandiga John, Ameku Godfrey, Taban Francis, Patrick Godwill of Ofu Loso Ministry - working in the Refugee Settlements of Adjumani, Uganda
- Pastor Gary Sandmann, Feed My Lambs International ministry - Los Canelos, Mexico



## FEED MY LAMBS INTERNATIONAL

### Los Canelos, Mexico

When you sign up for a mission trip to an unfamiliar place, you expect to experience moments “out of your comfort zone”. God uses these moments to stretch us, grow us in our faith, and build a deeper reliance on Him. Imagine a mission trip lasting 21 years...Gary Sandmann, a missionary pastor in Mexico, lives out that experience and yet, he remains faithful and committed to God’s calling on his life.

Gary misses living in Wisconsin, but he loves his wife, his children, and his extended family in Mexico. Gary hates the heat, yet he toils each day to bring glory and honor to God as he completes the physical work projects God calls him to complete - currently the expansion of the ministry center’s church.

An introvert by nature called into the vocation of ministry. A vocation requiring an extrovert, through the continuous service to others in an unfamiliar country, with an unfamiliar language - yet he faithfully answered the call on his life. Gary doesn’t have to imagine what Nehemiah and Noah felt, and Paul’s relationship with Philippi; Gary knows, he feels it, he lives it.



Feed My Lambs International was birthed with Gary’s faithful response to God’s call on his life. Gary and his wife, Minnie, have a ministry center in Los Canelos, Mexico, which facilitates Christ centered children’s camps, pastoral retreats, provides a “safe” space for area churches to conduct their own children’s camps/events, and hosts special holiday events. Their ministry also supports the “Milagro de Vida Casa Hogar” (Miracle of Life Foster Home) in Cuernavaca, currently run by Minnie’s sister, Betty, and her husband, Pastor Chayo.

A young boy, living at Milagro de Vida, shared with Pastor Chayo that a predator had told him “Go ahead and scream. No one will hear your cries”. Pastor Chayo replied, “God hears”.

Why does Gary continue to loyally serve God while he endures “being uncomfortable”? Because, to Gary’s ears, the sound of their cries is deafening.

***How then are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? How are they to believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14***

Through Gary’s faithful serving, he has experienced the joy of bearing witness to how God cares, loves and redeems.

Our FCC Mission Team has sent financial support to the Feed My Lambs International ministry, and we will continue to explore other ways to support Gary’s ministry in the future.

Visit their website for more information:  
**<https://feedmylambsinternational.com>**

Follow their children’s home on Facebook:  
Milagro de Vida in Cuernavaca

# Book Recommendation

## “SURVIVING RELIGION 101:

### Letters to a Christian Student on Keeping the Faith in College

“We must remember that Christianity is worthy of our belief not because it always feels better—or even seems to work better than other systems—but because it is true. If Jesus is really the Son of God, if he really rose from the dead, if there really is eternal life only through him, then that is enough to make him worthy of following.”

“Surviving Religion 101: Letters to a Christian Student on Keeping the Faith in College” by Michael Kruger is a book that I wish I had when I was younger. Kruger is a professor at Reformed Theological Seminary and the father of three children. He has written many heady theology books but the nagging thought to write a “lay-level book” for Christian college students wouldn’t leave. When his oldest daughter, Emma, got accepted into the same secular university that he attended as an undergraduate, he decided it was time to write.

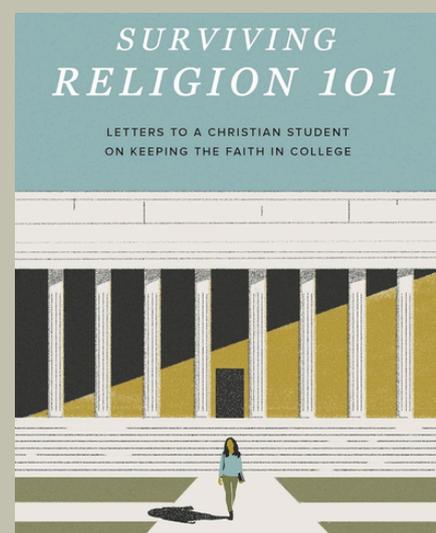
Kruger noticed a problem within evangelicalism. “The frequency with which Christian students head off to college and return (often in a short time) with a substantially different worldview than when they left...It might be time for a new doctrinal-theological-intellectual awakening in which the church recaptures her rich heritage of the Christian mind – and then considers various ways to pass that heritage down to the next generation.” He hopes this book will better prepare children for the flood of “intellectual attacks they will receive from their professors, classmates and campus organizations”.

The 16 chapters of this book are written as letters to Kruger’s daughter, each covering a different topic. Some of the titles are: “My Professors Are Really Smart – Isn’t It More Likely That They’re Right and I’m Wrong?”, “My Christian Morals Are Viewed as Hateful and Intolerant – Shouldn’t I Be More Loving and Accepting?” and “Sometimes It Feels Like My Faith Is Slipping Away – How Do I Handle Doubts about What I Believe?”.

Kruger has a way of teaching without the reader realizing they are learning in-depth apologetics. His writing is so easy to understand. Because he is writing to his daughter, there is genuine compassion in his tone and honesty in acknowledging the doubts that can creep into the mind of believers as we encounter seemingly clever non-Christian arguments.

I strongly recommend this book. I have already given two as graduation gifts and one to my own son. Don’t limit this to only college students. Older high schoolers, youth pastors, youth leaders, parents should all read this book. Even better – study it together.

**Melissa Evans**



# Verse of the Month

## MATTHEW 5:6-8

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.



### 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, at the Connection Point, over by KidZone and on the resources wall. We encourage you to hang them on your mirrors, tuck it in your wallet or your phone case, put it in your car... 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!



Want to catch up?



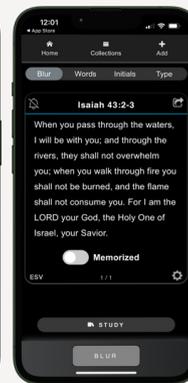
Head to our **website** to see all of our verses from the year!



Download the App [LINK HERE](#)



Choose your verse and edit as needed.



Start to memorize

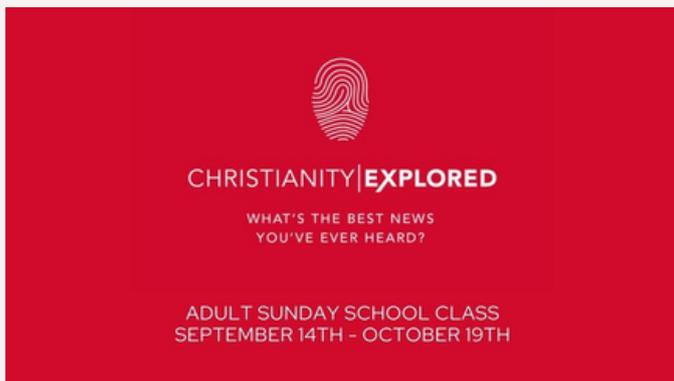


Blur out more and more words until you have it memorized!

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Adult Classes Kick Off September 14

It has been a whole year of Sunday School Classes for all ages here at FCC. Praise God for providing willing and able teachers who are equipped to teach our church family, and a church body excited to learn and grow even more on Sunday mornings! Year two will kick off on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>! Here is more information about each class. Please register online so we can plan for space. Thank you!



### Christianity Explored

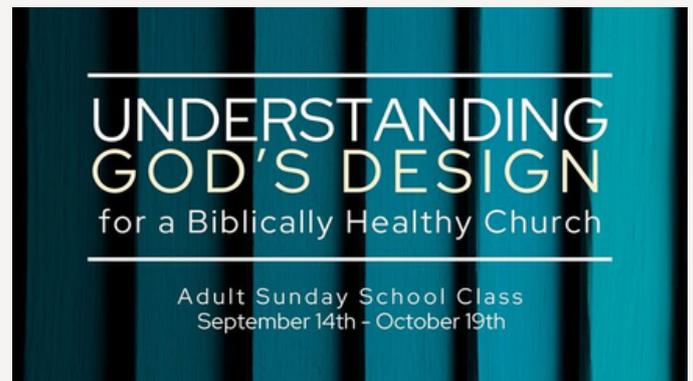
This study of the Gospel of Mark seeks to answer three life-impacting questions:

1. Who is Jesus?
2. Why did he come?
3. What does it mean to follow him?

Each week we will watch a fast-moving but thoughtful 15-minute video. Discussion will follow. This is an excellent series for anyone new to studying the Bible or for those who want to be better equipped to share the Gospel. Optional handbooks will be available for \$5 each. Participants will be asked to read all 16 chapters of Mark's gospel during the course.

A brief preview and also Lesson One ("Good News") may be viewed [HERE!](#)

This class will be taught by Peter Bergeson and will run from September 14<sup>th</sup>-October 19<sup>th</sup> during our Sunday School Hour (10-10:45am). [REGISTER HERE](#)



### Understanding God's Design for a Biblically Healthy Church

We all have preferences in music style, preaching style, ministry emphasis, and even church environment. These are all important attributes, but are they essential?

What makes a church healthy from a biblical standpoint is not about personal preference, enjoyment, style, or trend. We will be looking at what the Bible defines as characteristics of a healthy church and how God has given each of us a role to play in the body of Christ.

During the class, we will spend a portion of the time watching a video and then will have discussion afterward.

This class will be taught by Paul Olsen and run from September 14<sup>th</sup>-October 19<sup>th</sup> during our Sunday School Hour (10-10:45am) [REGISTER HERE](#)

## RECOMMENDED CHANGES

Change for the sake of change is rarely a good idea, at least in my short sixty-some odd years of experience. Sometimes changes can happen without actually changing anything. Case in point: in January the elders met for an annual planning meeting and identified specific goals for the current year. One rather significant goal, in addition to hiring an Associate Pastor and focusing on training up leaders in the church, is to clarify Faith Community Church's primary documents. Those being our Church Covenant, Statement of Faith and our Constitution. Though some of the phraseology in those documents has changed, the purpose, content and intent have remained the same. The intent of the changes in wording is simply to clarify those things which needed to be expressed more completely to avoid any misunderstanding at a time in our culture when words seem to have lost much of their meaning.

So, with all that as introduction, the Elders are putting forward recommended changes to the Statement of Faith, Church Covenant and Constitution. These recommendations come after much prayer, counsel, discussion and consideration. We are asking you, the covenant members of Faith Community Church, to read through these documents with the changes added as annotations. This way, any questions or concerns may be addressed before you are asked to vote to approve the changes in December of this year. We will be having opportunities for question-and-answer forums for the entire congregation in the coming months, and we want to hear from you. If you have questions or any concerns, please come and talk to us.

Let us share with you why we made the recommendations that we did.

### Church Covenant

1. The major recommended change is the addition of an introductory paragraph to explain that the reason we covenant together is because we are Christians. We want to make it clear that if you become a member of FCC without first becoming a Christian, you have completely missed the point, and we have not done our jobs.
2. The second recommended change, you will notice is that we changed the covenant commitment from "I" to "we." It's important that members understand that they are not blindly pledging their allegiance to some institution, but rather, we are making a commitment to one another out of Christian love.
3. Third, we are recommending the sentence, "...By prioritizing gathering together for corporate worship on the Lord's Day." We want to stress the importance of gathering for worship. Currently we have people that call this their church home but have not worshipped with us in two years. It's hard to say you are committed to a church you never attend and it's hard to love people that you don't make a priority.
  - a. We recognize there are times when people can't make it for one reason or another. And there may be times when someone is physically unable to come to worship anymore. But those are exceptions that prove the rule. And we believe that in those extreme cases the church has a responsibility to those people. So, if they can't go to church, the church goes to them.
4. The final recommended change to the church covenant is the sentence "By faithful participation in our local community." To "By being salt and light as we participate in our local community." The truth is the church has grown, and we have people coming from outside of New Richmond. We thought it would be best to use biblical language to say that where God has you living you are called to live in a way that represents Jesus.



# From the Elders

## Statement of Faith

1. Aside from a few clarifying sentences, the major recommended changes to the statement of faith have to do with marriage, gender and sexuality. This is not a change to our belief system. If you read the Elder position statements you will see that all the Elders and Pastors hold to these doctrines. But simply because the world is becoming more confused on these issues, we want to provide biblical clarity in love.
2. We believe that God creates people as men or women. We believe that both men and women are created in the image of God and endowed with equal value and inherent dignity.
3. We believe that the Bible teaches that while men and women are equal in value God has given us different but complementary roles to fulfill.
4. We believe that Marriage is the lifelong union between one man and one woman.



**Copies of these documents and the changes are available by request in the church office.**

## Church Constitution

- When it comes to church membership, we want to accomplish two things.
  - We want to clarify what membership is and what is expected. Membership, in a nutshell, is community, commitment and accountability.
  - Second, we wanted to empower the congregation to fulfill its God given role to be the people of God.
    - i. That includes voting to approve their leadership. We see an example of this in Acts 6:3.
    - ii. We believe it's important that the church has a say in its leadership.
    - iii. We believe this will grow trust between the leadership and the congregation.
- Second, we want to apply biblical categories and wisdom to the roles of the positions in the church.
  - a. So, we used to use the phrase "the management team" when speaking about the deacons as a group.
    - i. But we want to acknowledge that this is a biblical role with biblical requirements. And the deacons felt that the term "ministry team" better encapsulated what they are all about.
- We are recommending terms for both elders and deacons
  - So an elder or a deacon will agree to serve for a three-year term. And if they want to extend their term, and the church affirms them, they can serve another term of up to three more years, for a total of six years. But after six years they are required to step down for a year and rest.
  - We believe this will better protect our leaders from burnout.

Thank you all for being committed members of FCC who, through your diligence to remain faithful to the Gospel, wish to see God glorified in all we do. As the writer of Hebrews admonishes: "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful."

**Your brothers in Christ,  
The Elders**

# Coming Up

## MEN'S MINISTRY

**Bags & Brats: September 20th at 5pm**

Join us for a bags tournament, food, and fellowship at Jim Ruhl's house – rain or shine on Saturday, September 20th at 5pm! (Jim has an indoor space in his pole barn, plus a ping pong table!) We encourage you to include your youth ages 12+! Registration is suggested so we can plan for food, but not necessary!

Questions? Contact Jim Ruhl at 630-514-8910

[LINK TO REGISTER](#)



## PRAYER & WORSHIP NIGHT

**Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month for an evening of Prayer & Worship from 6-7 pm in the D rooms. Our next date will be Sunday, September 28th.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Copies Available**

If you are a member here at FCC and are interested in purchasing a paper copy of the 2025 Directory, please sign up [HERE](#) and we will get one to you. Copies are limited!

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



**Tuesday, September 23rd**

The Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive here at FCC on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sign up [online](#) for a slot to donate!

## SEASONED SAINTS

**Kicks off September 8th**

The final summer picnic meeting of the Seasoned Saints was held on August 11 at Mary Park. There were 6 in attendance and I doubt if any bean bag or corn hole teams would want us as players. That said, we did enjoy a couple of hours of good fellowship and discussion. The regular potlucks will begin again on Monday, September 8th in the café from 12-2pm

Register [HERE](#) to stay in the loop.

Interested in being a backup lead?? Please call or text Deb Jensen at 715-441-5004



## COVENANT MEMBER CLASSES

If Faith Community Church is your home, and you want to become a Covenant Member with us, or just want to learn about what it means to be a part of the local church, please register and we will get you connected to the next steps.

Our next orientation dates are:

- Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-8pm: [LINK](#)
- Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-11:30am: [LINK](#)

Classes will be held right here at Faith Community Church! Light snacks will be provided. We look forward to connecting with you!

# Coming Up

## MINISTRY FAIR

**This Sunday - September 7th!**

Our Connections Team is excited to invite you to our annual Ministry Fair between Services and after the 11:00 service this Sunday, September 7th.

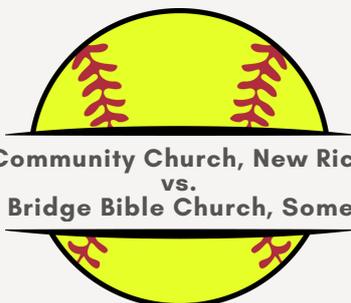
The Ministry Fair is a great time to learn about the various ministries in our church. Each ministry will have a table set up with information about their ministry, as well as a member from their team available to answer questions. Stop by each table to learn how you can get plugged in, what their ministry is all about, how you can pray and potential serving opportunities. Light refreshments will be served.



## WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY

**Join our team!**

We are still looking for some help on our Sunday morning Welcome and Hospitality Team! There are available slots to work at the Connection Desk, greet folks as they come in, and some behind the scenes roles to tidy up after services. For more information or to join, please sign up [HERE](#) or talk to Jamie Aune! This team plays an important role in making new folks feel welcome in a sometimes intimidating place. If you are passionate about people and making them feel at home here at FCC, we want you to join us!



**Faith Community Church, New Richmond**  
vs.  
**The Bridge Bible Church, Somerset**

## GRIEFSHARE

**Info Meeting September 8th**

The GriefShare ministry continues to look for volunteers to assist in facilitating group discussions, as well as assist with greeting participants, setting up and clearing the room post session. We will be holding a training session for facilitators on September 8th from 6-8pm here at FCC. If you are interested, please visit us at the Ministry Fair, contact Rita Baker or Cal Gale anytime or click [HERE](#).

We have scheduled two sessions of Surviving the Holidays: November 15th or December 13th from 10am-noon in the D rooms. There will be refreshments. You can sign up online at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org). Just click "Find A Group" and enter our zip code.

The next 13-week session of GriefShare will begin on January 12th, 2026 and run through April 4th, 2026, they begin at 6pm and run for 2 hours. The link above will work to register for this session as well.



Click the graphic for more information!!!

## SOFTBALL NIGHT

**Saturday, October 11th**

We are excited to have a friendly game of softball with the Bridge Bible Church once again this year! If you are interested in joining in on the fun, please let us know! We are looking to fill a roster with players, and have others some and cheer us on! A potluck meal will be served after the game! Register [HERE](#) if you want to play!

# Giving

## GIVING

Your generosity and faithful giving help Faith Community Church continue the mission of making disciples, and provide the classes, events, and opportunities towards that mission. Thank you!

## GIVE ONLINE

[fccnr.org/give](http://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](mailto: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 July

(000s)	Actual	Budgeted
Giving	77	62
Operating Expenditures	71	62

# Calendar of Events

## SEPTEMBER 2025

- 1st:** Labor Day - Office Closed
- 2nd:** Staff Meeting 9-11am
- 3rd:** Men's Group 6-7am  
KidZone Trainings (Times differ)  
Elder Meeting 6:30-8pm
- 4th:** CARE Team meeting 5:30pm  
Board of Trustees meeting 6pm  
Worship Practice 6:30-8:30pm
- 5th:** YAM Game Night 7pm
- 6th:** Men's Group 7-8am
- 7th:** Prayer 7:30am  
Worship with Communion 8:30am and 11am  
Ministry Fair After Each Service
- 8th:** Seasoned Saints 12-2pm  
GriefShare Info. Night 6-8pm
- 9th:** Staff Meeting 9-11am  
Counseling Team Meeting 6:30-8pm
- 10th:** Men's Group 6-7am  
Women's Bible Study 9-10:30am  
Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm  
Elder Meeting 6:30-8pm
- 11th:** Worship Team Practice 6:30-8:30pm
- 12th:** Guatemala Mission Trip Begins - Please be in prayer for their 11 day trip!
- 13th:** Men's Group 7-8am
- 14th:** Prayer 7:30am  
Worship with Baptisms 8:30am and 11am  
KidZone and Adult Sunday School Kickoff at 10am
- 15th:** Ministry Team Meeting 6:15-8pm
- 16th:** Staff Meeting 9-11am  
Counseling Team Meeting 6:30-8pm
- 17th:** Men's Group 6-7am  
Ladies Time Out 9-11am  
Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm  
Elder Meeting 6:30-8pm
- 18th:** Worship Practice 6:30-8:30pm
- 19th:** n/a
- 20th:** Men's Group 7-8am  
Kid's Stuff Swap  
Book Club 10-noon  
Men's Bags & Brats Event 5pm
- 21st:** Prayer 7:30am  
Worship 8:30am and 11am  
Sunday School 10-10:45am  
YAM Lunch Bunch Potluck @ FCC 12:30pm
- 22nd:** n/a
- 23rd:** Staff Meeting 9-11am  
Blood Drive 12-6pm
- 24th:** Men's Group 6-7am  
Women's Bible Study 9-10:30am  
Mission Team Meeting 5pm  
Youth Group Kickoff 6-8:30pm  
Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm  
Elder Meeting 6:30-8pm
- 25th:** Worship Practice 6:30-8:30pm
- 26th:** n/a
- 27th:** Men's Study 7-8am
- 28th:** Prayer 7:30am  
Worship 8:30am and 11am  
Sunday School 10-10:45am  
Prayer and Worship Night 6pm
- 29th:** n/a
- 30th:** Staff Meeting 9-11am



## 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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