## FGG NEWSLETTER

The Official Monthly Newsletter of Faith Community Church - New Richmond



## PRAYER MINISTRY

Sundays @ 8am

Each Sunday morning we host a time of prayer for our church, our leaders, our missionaries and our activities. We also pray for any specific needs we are aware of.

This time is open to everyone, not just members of the Prayer Team. We meet in Classroom D-3 at 8:00 AM each Sunday.



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

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# operation christmas child

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Spreading Salvation One Shoebox at a Time!



Each Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift is an opportunity for a boy or girl around the world to hear about God's love for them. Many shoebox recipients go on to participate in "The Greatest Journey", our 12-lesson discipleship program that teaches children what it means to follow Jesus in their daily lives, and share Him with their friends and families. Entire communities have been transformed because of one prayerfully packed shoebox gift!

Evangelism...Discipleship...Multiplication

#### **Shoebox Dedication:**

Sunday, Nov 19th at 9:00 & 10:45 services

#### **National Collection Week:**

November 13-20, 2023

Visit the Operation Christmas Child table for more information, to purchase quality items to pack your shoebox, and for info on serving opportunities during National Collection Week.

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

## GOLLEGTION WEEK SCHEDULE





We've purchased some items in bulk so you can pack your shoeboxes plump full for less money! Size 5 Soccer Ball w/pump & needles \$6 Pencil case w/pencils, erasers, sharpener & scissors \$5; Crayons or Colored Pencils \$1, Crank flashlight \$1, Jump rope \$1. Limited Quantities will be available

# griefshare & prayer team

## **GRIEFSHARE**

Friday Nights from 6-8pm



GriefShare is a group where people find support, direction, and help after a loved one's death. It is a place where you can be encouraged by people who have been where you are, and you can learn how to manage grief's emotions and stresses.

Our GriefShare meets on Fridays, 6:00 to 8:00 pm., now through February 23, 2024. During this two hour period we will watch a video on specific aspects of grief, and have a time of discussion. There is a participant guide book that goes along with the sessions for personal reflection and short exercises to help manage daily stresses, sort through emotions, and find comfort.



"Surviving the Holidays" is a special session on Saturday, November 18th, from 10:00 am to noon. Individuals are invited to attend even if not registered for the regular GriefShare meetings. At this special session we will highlight coping strategies and emotional support during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

#### **REGISTRATION:**

Where: Faith Community Church

Contact: Rita Baker

Email: rutabagamaileyahoo.com

Phone: 801-699-1709

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

## PRAYER TEAM

We Have Forgotten God

The words below were penned by President Abraham Lincoln 160 years ago, during the Civil War. They fit our day as well.

And whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.

And, insomuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations like individuals are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment, inflicted upon us, for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

## 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: <a href="https://www.fccnr.org/womensministry">https://www.fccnr.org/womensministry</a>

Email Stephanie Langer HERE <a href="mailto:stephanie.langer@homeforever.org">stephanie.langer@homeforever.org</a>

Check out and subscribe to our blog here: <a href="http://fccnr.org/womens-ministry-blog">http://fccnr.org/womens-ministry-blog</a>

Follow us on Facebook here: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FCCWMnr">https://www.facebook.com/FCCWMnr</a>

IN EARLY NOVEMBER A SURVEY WILL BE SENT OUT SEEKING YOUR INPUT AND FEEDBACK. WATCH FOR IT IN YOUR EMAIL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

### WOMEN IN THE WORD

**Memorizing Scripture** 

This past summer we started memorizing Scripture together through weekly posts on Facebook. As we closed out the summer, I decided to continue posting weekly verses to encourage you to continue memorizing His Word so that you can pray His words back to Him. Currently, we are focusing on verses that align to the ACTS acronym for prayer: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. November marks the last letter of the acronym "S-Supplication". In December, we will put the verses together in weekly prayers. If you haven't been tracking with us, it's not too late. I hope you will join us! New verses are posted on Mondays.

### **AWE BLOG**

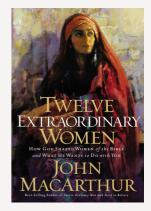
All Women Equipped

Don't forget to check out and subscribe to our blog! Women's Ministry Blog (All Women Equipped)

# MOMENTS THAT MATTER

#### **Monthly Book Club:**

Join us on November 18 to discuss our next book
"Twelve Extraordinary
Women" by John F.
MacArthur. We meet from 10 am-Noon in the cafe. Read the assigned book and join in the fellowship and discussion. We will be taking the month of December off!



**Game Night** 

Join us on Friday, November 10th from 6:30–9:00 to play games, fellowship, and get to know Janna Mostek. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and a favorite game! See you there! Registration on the **events page** will help plan for space and beverages but is not required. Invite your friends and neighbors!



#### **SAVE THE DATE**

Save the date for a special Christmas Party on December 1. More information to come.

### LADIES TIME OUT

#### **Every Third Wednesday of the Month**

Join us November 16th for our next gathering! 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 <a href="mailto:christa.poole@homeforever.org">christa.poole@homeforever.org</a>

# children's ministry

#### KIDZONE CHRISTMAS **PROGRAM**

"JOY!"

That's right! We are already getting ready for our KidZone Christmas Program, "Joy!" and we need your help!

Our 4K-3rd grade students will be singing the song, "Joy" by Seeds Family Worship. Help them practice the song at home with this link: https://youtu.be/xKM\_pq542P4?si=RJtYG-2gbmUy5caA

Our 4th & 5th graders will be reciting verses from Luke 2. They should have come home with an assigned verse to practice. If they have not, contact bobbiblanchard@homeforever.org.

Practice will be on Saturday, December 16th from 9:30-11am. All children from 4K-5th grade are asked to attend. Finally, mark your calendars, invite the grandparents and get your cameras ready for the KidZone kids to share the Good News of Great Joy on Sunday, December 17th!



#### **WE ARE** HAVING A



KID20ME LEARNING **ABOUT** JESUS!



## gory zon

We are thrilled to announce our new and upcoming Special Needs ministry in KidZone. We believe that all individuals are children of God and should have a place in the church to grow in their faith regardless of their own unique abilities. Our hope is to make KidZone a place where children and their families are welcomed and included as full participants in the life of the church and to help our children with special needs know, love, and share the love of Jesus. We are currently engaging and supporting individuals and families through our new Sensory Zone where children can take a break from regular classes to self regulate. We will also offer individual accommodations for children that need to use this room for the entirety of services.



aura Fitzgerald who has been busy painting a mural in our Sensory Room!

### NEED SUPPORT?

LINK: Click HERE

For more information on how to receive support from the Special Needs ministry in KidZone, please click the box below.

For more information on how you can help our ministry GROW, please contact Bobbi Blanchard at bobbi.blanchard@homeforever.org

#### WISHLIST

LINK: Click HERE

Our Sensory Zone is almost complete! Just a few finishing touches, some decorations, and a few sensory toys are needed. If you are able to help provide any toys for this room, please check out our Amazon wish list!

serving

## **SERVING**

#### The Believer's Privilege, Honor and Joy

Covenant members are invited to find a place to serve in your church. Serving is a great way to get connected and plug into your faith family. There are many opportunities for you to serve the Lord and others here at FCC. Don't miss a blessing, step up and start serving in your church today. Not a covenant member? Want to serve? Watch for information on the next covenant member class in January.

Eph. 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

We are created to do good works! God made us this way and prepares for us opportunities to serve.

Phil. 2:3-8 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being the very nature of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking on the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death even death on a cross!

We serve one another because Christ modeled humble service even to the point of death as he gave up His life for us.

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross follow me.

We honor Jesus with obedience when we put aside self to serve Christ, His church, and others.

Col.3:23-23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

It is our privilege to enjoy heavenly reward for our acts of service to the Lord. It is wise to invest your time in eternity. Store up your treasure in heaven.

1 Peter 4:10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

You have been gifted to serve and share that gift with others.

Ps. 100:1-2 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!

Serving is a form of worship. We worship God because He is worthy of our worship. The result of worship is a deep and abiding joy.



## serving



We have NEW serving t-shirts available for \$5 in our bookstore! Feel free to wear them on the days you serve and for different events!

## SERVING

Here are a few of the opportunities that we currently have available to get plugged in here at FCC! Do you have talents that you wish to use to serve the Lord and our church? Please email <a href="mailto:info@homeforever.org">info@homeforever.org</a> and let's see how we can utilize them!

Greeting: One service per month, especially need people for the second service

**Coffee Team:** Making coffee before service or clean up after the second service- once a month

**Decorating Team:** As needed decorating the café, foyer and sanctuary for the seasons and holidays.

**Special Events Team:** As needed for set up, serving and clean up for special events, such as All Church picnic, Covenant Member Meetings, etc.
Any of the above contact Sue Kostroski **sue.kehomeforever.org** or 608-217-1899

**Meal Train:** As needed providing meals for people post-surgery etc. Email **info@homeforever.org** to be added.

**Women's Ministry:** Events planning team, mentoring, teaching Contact Stephanie Langer at <u>stephanie.langer@homeforever.org</u>

**Ruby's Pantry:** Once a month, third Thursday 4-7pm Contact Jamie Kidder or sign up online **fccnr.org/events** 

**KidZone:** One part time teacher (One service every other Sunday) 2nd/3rd grade teacher Contact Bobbi Blanchard at **bobbiblanchard@homeforever.org** 

**CHAOS:** (Youth Group) Wednesday evenings during the school year; many serving opportunities contact Matt Tuinstra at <u>matt.tuinstra@homeforever.org</u>

**D6:** (More in depth study for youth) Sunday evenings 5-6pm, small group leaders Contact Luke Mossbarger 651-274-9046

**Operation Christmas Child:** We are a collection site for our area, help needed for collection week, times vary, Contact Jackie or Paul Warner **jpwarner@frontier.net** 

Prayer Team: Contact Peter Bergeson at pgbergeson@gmail.com

**Grounds Team:** Weeding, outdoor pots etc.
Contact Chuck Olson at <a href="mailto:chuck-olson@homeforever.org">chuck-olson@homeforever.org</a>

**Seasoned Saints:** Senior fellowship ministry, planning help for monthly fellowships, Contact Sue Kostroski at <u>sue.k@homeforever.org</u>

book review

## "FIVE LIES OF OUR ANTI-CHRISTIAN AGE"

#### By Rosaria Butterfield

If I could strongly encourage every Christian to read just one book this year, aside from the Bible itself, it would be without-a-doubt Rosaria Butterfield's "Five Lies of Our Anti-Christian Age". This book was written "for such a time as this." Every person has or is being affected by this issue and will benefit from clarity on how to think biblically through this pervasive topic. More than even the specific topics covered in this book, she helps us to think biblically through all the lies contrary to God's order that are creeping into the church through society.

Using her own testimony – a miraculous and beautiful work of God – along with the authority of Scripture, Rosaria unapologetically, yet graciously, confronts some of the biggest deceptions in our culture. Deceptions that have unfortunately desensitized many that claim to be a part of God's Church. One quote concerning this especially hit hard, "somewhere along the lines, well-meaning Christians started seeing conformity to culture as missional."

Right from the introduction of the book, Rosaria plainly states the lies:

- Homosexuality is normal.
- Being a spiritual person is kinder than being a biblical Christian.
- Feminism is good for the world and the Church.
- Transgenderism is normal
- Modesty is an outdated burden that serves male dominance and holds women back.

The book continues with a confession from the self-proclaimed former lesbian feminist, "gayrights activist and tenured radical professor". She humbly admits "this is the world that I helped create...the world is in chaos, and the Church is divided because we have failed to obey God and value His plan for how men and women should live.

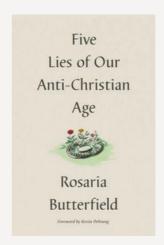
We foolishly believed that we could permanently extricate the gospel from the creation ordinance – that we could have the New Testament without the Old. We foolishly believed that personal piety and love for Jesus require no doctrinal integrity and no foundation in the Bible as God's inerrant, sufficient, and inspired Word."

Some may be initially jolted by Rosaria's bluntness. Keep reading. She is courageous. She is absolutely unashamed of God and His Word. I believe her passionate desire for God's glory and her longing for others to know freedom in Christ vividly come through. She states, "God used the offense of God's Word for the good of my soul."

Throughout all the biblical and historical research in the book, Rosaria boldly holds out the hope of Christ to the misled and to the ones that desperately love and pray for the misled. Her explanations of repentance and God's abundant mercy found only inside the gospel are clear. An entire section is dedicated as a help to the parents of prodigals; and, she ends her book with a list of common questions and "Principles on Loving People Lost to These Lies".

This book completely surprised me. I walked into it expecting to learn from an articulate, well-researched teacher – which I did – but I left not only with more knowledge, but with a greater fear of the Lord. Truly. I finished the book and immediately started it over. Rosaria's heart is for all of God and nothing less. I highly recommend this book.

-Melissa Evans



Link to order: Click **HERE**  happenings

# HOMELESS SHELTER DONATIONS

Bring by November 12



This Fall we are assisting Jacob Popp in his efforts with a clothing drive for Iglutheca, a ministry to the homeless people of the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota. He will be collecting the following items:

- Adult Clothes (winter and summer)
- Winter Gear (hats, gloves, coats, etc.)
- Blankets
- NEW in package socks and underwear

No kids' clothes please. Collection ends Nov 12. Donations can be left in the receptacle in the entry way at FCC. More info about their mission can be found **HERE!** 



### **DISCIPLE**6

Let's fill the sign up!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far to bring goodies for the D6 kids on Sunday nights while they dive into God's word and what it means to live out their faith! If you are interested in providing snacks for about 25 students and leaders on Sundays at 5pm, please **sign up** today!

If your student is interested in participating in this AWESOME study, or if you would like more information about the D6 curriculum, please contact Luke Mossbarger at <a href="mailto:info@homeforever.org">info@homeforever.org</a> or <a href="mailto:register">register</a> your kids online. Anyone in grades 6th-12th are welcome.



#### SMALL GROUPS

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

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 <a href="mailto:mailt

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.

## SEASONED SAINTS

Senior Lunch with Special Guests

Our Seasoned Saints gather every second Monday of the month here at FCC to fellowship and eat together, and get to know the other seniors in our church! Last month we had quite the crew here gathering to get to know Pastor Patrick and Janna Mostek!



This month, seniors are invited to join us on Monday, November 13th from 12–2 in the cafe. We will have two firefighters, a police officer, and an EMT coming to eat with us and talk with us. Bring a dish to share if you are able and mark your calendars! Register **online** to be added to our "roster" for updates and more!

Nov 13 | Dec 11 | Jan 8 | Feb 12 | Mar 11 | Apr 8 | May 13



# Stuff the Trailer

## STUFF THE TRAILER & RUBY'S PANTRY

#### **THANK YOU!**

Our Stuff the Trailer event donated much needed supplies and over 100 pillows to Grace Place! Ruby's Pantry not only served over 200 families again this month, but our Community Sponsor, Walmart, participated in the event as well and brought a great donation of pillows for Grace Place! May we, because of the hope and joy that we have because of Christ, be a church that continues to serve this community well.







#### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays 5-6am / Saturdays 7-8am

We currently have 2 groups of men coming together who have a passion to study and discuss and digest the Word of God. We invite anyone to join us on Wednesday and Saturday mornings!!

Contact Paul at paulw.occ@gmail.com

#### SOFTBALL NIGHT

Champions!

Our first annual Softball Night vs The Bridge was a success and FCC walked away with the Victory! The adults played a competitive game of softball, followed up with a kids game. Children from the neighborhood heard the fun and came to see what was going on and joined the fun! Congrats to Peter Matzek who was FCC's MVP with 2 homeruns! Watch a special highlight video on Facebook (created by Josie Wendt) **HERE**!





### **CROWNING ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Princess Ginny** 

Crowning Achievements is a non-profit that serves men and women, over 16, in the St. Croix Valley of Minnesota and Wisconsin, who have special needs. They have been using our facility for many years to host their annual pageant, and did so again this last weekend. Our very own Miss Ginny was a part of the big day, accompanied by Jammie Carufel! If you wish to watch the recording, here is the **LINK**. Special thank you to Ethan and Zac Evans, and Debbie Haag for their extra help in making the event a success!





# endings and beginnings

## FAREWELL BEN

It's Gonna Be Great

Last Sunday we had a send off luncheon for Pastor Ben and his family before they moved to Washington State and he becomes the new Lead Pastor at Cedarhome Baptist Church. We catered in his favorites from Kwik Trip, and they even threw in some extra party decorations! Thank you to all who sent in pictures, left them a note, and came to celebrate with us! We will surely miss Pastor Ben around FCC but wish him the best!



## **CHAOS KICK-OFF**

**Wednesday Nights** 





Middle School 6:00-6:30- Snack Shack Open & Free Time 6:30-7:00- Large Group Teaching & Game 7:00-7:30- Small Groups

High School 7:00-7:30- Snack Shack Open & Free Time 7:30-8:00- Large Group Teaching & Game 8:00-8:30- Small Groups

CHAOS officially kicked off for the year last week with food, games, and lots of fun! This week we will start our normal routine. If you have a 6th-12th grader, they are welcome to join! The times and schedule for Middle School and High School is listed above. If you haven't registered your kids yet, you may at check-in, or do it ahead of time **HERE**! We are excited to start another year of ministry and get into the Word of God with your kids.

If you have any questions, or would like to serve in any way on Wednesday nights, please reach out to Matt Tuinstra at matt.tuinstra@homeforever.org



happenings

## GOVENANT MEMBERSHIP CLASS

We had 20 people attend this last Covenant Membership class! God is good! Our next class is currently on the calendar for Saturday, January 20th. Stay tuned for more information, and mark your calendars if you wish you attend!

#### GIVE

#### fccnr.org/give

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

## **Give Online**

safe and secure at: fccnr.org/give

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE

#### Month of August

(000s)	Actual	Budgeted	+/-
Giving	51	52	-1
Expenditures	48	59	-11

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

#### The Treasure Principle

Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

#### CONNECT

#### 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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### **NOVEMBER DATES**

- 1st: Men's Study 5-6am Women's Bible Study 9-10:30am Elder Meeting 6:30pm CHAOS Kick-Off 6-8pm
- 2nd: Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm Bible Quizzing 6-8pm
- 3rd: GriefShare 6-8pm
- 4th: Men's Study 7-8:30am Crowning Achievements (All Day)
- 5th: Daylights Savings
  Worship 9 & 10:45am with Communion
  Baptism Orientation 10:45am
  Small Group Leader Meeting 12-2pm
  Disciple6 5-6pm
- 6th: Kings & Prophets Class 6-8pm
- 7th: Knowing the Bible's Story Class 6-8pm
- 8th: Men's Study 5-6am Women's Bible Study 9-10:30am CHAOS 6-8:30pm Elder Meeting 6:30pm
- 9th: Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm Bible Quizzing 6-8pm
- 10th: GriefShare 6-8pm Ladies Game Night 6:30-9pm
- 11th: Men's Study 7-8:30am
- 12th: Worship 9 & 10:45am with Baptisms Disciple6 5-6pm
- 13th: NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NOV 13-20
  Seasoned Saints Lunch 12-2pm
  Kings & Prophets Class 6-8pm
- 14th: Knowing the Bible's Story Class 6-8pm
- 15th: Men's Study 5-6am Ladies Time Out 9-11am Women's Bible Study 9-10:30am CHAOS 6-8:30 Elder Meeting 6:30pm
- 16th: Ruby's Pantry 4-7pm Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm Bible Quizzing 6-8pm
- 17th: GriefShare 6-8pm
- 18th: Men's Group 7-8:30am GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays 10am-noon Ladies Book Club 10am-noon Women's Ministry Planning Meeting 12-1:30pm
- 19th: Worship 9 & 10:45am OCC Dedication Sunday Coffee Hour Between Services Disciple6 5-6pm
- 20th: Kings & Prophets Class 6-8pm Ministry Team Meeting 6-8pm
- 22nd: Men's Study 5-6am Women's Bible Study 9-10:30am NO CHAOS
- 23rd: HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- 25th: Men's Study 7-8:30am
- 26th: Worship 9 & 10:45am
- 27th: Kings & Prophets Class 6-8pm
- 29th: Men's Study 5-6am Women's Bible Study 9-10:30am CHAOS 6-8:30pm
- 30th: Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm Bible Quizzing 6-8pm Hometown Holiday Parade