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# FCC NEWSLETTER

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The Official Monthly Newsletter of Faith Community Church - New Richmond



## PHILIPPIANS 4:5-7

### English Standard Version

“... Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

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## THE POWER OF PRAYER

Dear Church Family,

One of my constant prayers for Faith Community is that we would grow in prayer. I truly believe that the only way that we will advance as a church is on our knees in dependence upon God. I recently read a powerful article on this subject by Will Graham (the grandson of Billy Graham). The article has been condensed for the purpose of this newsletter. I truly pray that the Lord would raise up prayer warriors like Peral Goode from our ranks.

**In Christ,  
Pastor Patrick**

### WILL GRAHAM ON PEARL GOODE AND THE POWER OF PRAYER

In the annals of world history, you won't find many mentions of a lady named Pearl Goode. She never ran for political office, never commanded troops, and never served as the CEO of a Fortune-500 company.

Pearl Goode was a widowed nurse in her mid-60s, living in Pasadena, California, in 1949 when a young evangelist came to hold tent meetings in Los Angeles at the corner of Washington and Hill streets.

The very first night of the Crusade, she watched the fiery preacher Billy Graham and his team share the Gospel. As Pearl later recounted in an interview, "That night God laid those boys on my heart as a burden."

Pearl Goode traveled to dozens of Billy Graham's Crusades and prayed during each event.

Pearl then joined the volunteer prayer team for the Greater Los Angeles Crusade and was a part of seeing the campaign extended from three weeks to eight weeks, with people cramming into the tent every night to hear the Good News.

After that early Crusade, Pearl became a prayer warrior for the Crusades, without anybody on my grandfather's team even knowing. She would spend her own money to travel by Greyhound bus to wherever they were holding an event, quietly check herself into a motel near the venue, and immediately begin praying. Pearl estimated that she covered 48,000 miles by bus, simply to pray for the Crusades.

Even later in life when Pearl could no longer travel, or when my grandfather was preaching overseas, she would make it a point to know exactly when he would be preaching, and she would spend those exact hours in prayer.

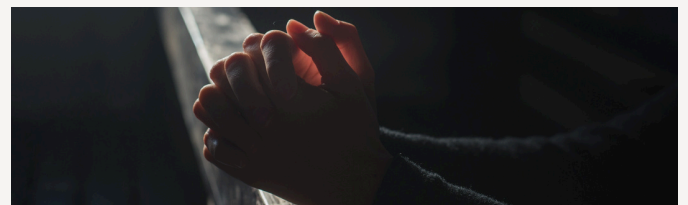
In an address he gave in 1994, Billy Graham said, "She prayed all night many nights, and I could sense the presence and power of that prayer. When she died, I felt it."

We must never underestimate the power of the prayer that is lifted up by wonderful saints like Pearl all around the world. Prayer/talking to God is of paramount importance in developing our relationship with our Savior and in building up and supporting others through the work of the Holy Spirit. The great significance of prayer is, I believe, why we see so many calls to prayer in the New Testament.

How many of us actually make the time to become a prayer warrior like Pearl Goode? She would use her own money to travel to faraway states, only to lock herself in a motel room and pray all night long. What a challenge to the rest of us who can't find 15 minutes in a day to spend with our Lord!

You can read the whole article here:

**[FULL ARTICLE LINK - 2016](#)**



# trunk or treat

## OUTREACH SUCCESS!

Our Trunk or Treat outreach event was a huge success! Praise God for bringing many families from our community to visit our Church. We served close to 400 spaghetti dinners and hosted about 500 people!

Due to the threat of rain, we moved the event inside! So, instead of trunks, tables and doorways were decorated throughout the building. Having the event indoors seemed to invite people to take time and linger, and provided the opportunity to show off our newly renovated E-Wing as families stopped by 19 creative and fun trick or treat stations. It is our goal to engage with people in our community. We invite them for family fun, but also invite them to join us on Sunday mornings for worship.

I was personally blessed by the unity I saw in our Faith Family. Over 60 people volunteered to help in some way and dozens more provided food for the dinner. From food prep, serving, clean up, making trunks, greeting and decorating, I saw the amazing gifting and creativity of God's people coming together with one goal: to draw others to Christ through his church. I am humbled and grateful for everyone to chose to help with this event. Thank you for putting aside self to serve God and others.

Our next outreach event will be the FCC float in the Hometown Holiday Parade on December 5th. More information about that soon. Please reach out if you are interested in helping!

**Sue Kostroski**  
Outreach & Events Coordinator



To watch our Trunk or Treat Slideshow!

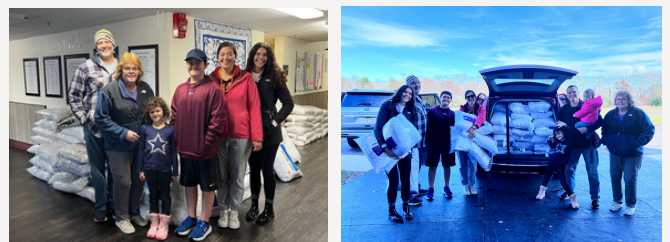


## PILLOW DRIVE

Thank you for your generosity! Faith Community Church was able to donate 100 pillows to Grace Place here in New Richmond! This local homeless shelter provides temporary emergency shelter to individuals and families. What is their goal?

"The goal of Grace Place Shelter is to promote self-sufficiency by providing a safe and secure environment, giving individuals the opportunity to overcome unresolved issues. Through education, individuals are encouraged to be responsible for themselves and others. During their 30-90 day stay we identify any immediate needs and develop a housing stabilization plan for the family. Our extensive program empowers individuals and families to become independent, creating a safer community for all of us."

Looking for more ways to serve this local shelter? Click [HERE](#) to find out more! Special thanks to Pastor Patrick and his family for delivering the pillows!



## MEET YOUR NEW ELDERS

On Sunday, October 6th we had the great privilege of commissioning two new Elders. As they take on this new role, we wanted to take the opportunity to pray for them and charge them with what the Word of God says about being an elder. We praise God for their sacrificial leadership! Let's meet our newest Elders...

### PAUL OLSEN



**Where were you born/where did you grow up?**

I was born in Baldwin, WI and grew up on a farm near Woodville, WI

**How long have you lived in New Richmond:**

6 years

**Tell me about your family:**

I've been married to my wife, Tammy, for 13 years. I have two older daughters, both of whom are married with children of their own, a ten year old daughter (Essie) and a seven year old son (Andy)

**Favorite Food/Snacks:**

BBQ ribs, pizza, a good fish fry

**Hobbies:**

Hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, working in the yard/landscaping

**Fun Fact About Yourself:**

I enjoy planes and aviation. I don't have a pilot's license, but I've flown a Cessna on three separate occasions (okay, the pilot was right beside me)

**Favorite Book:** Desiring God by John Piper

**Favorite Memory Verse:**

John 15:4-5 *"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me, you can do nothing."*

**What made you want to become an elder?**

I believe God has given me a shepherd's heart, and enjoy helping others to grow deeper in the love and knowledge of Jesus, that they may abide in Him and behold Him as their greatest treasure.



### ZAG EVANS



**Where were you born/where did you grow up?**

Iowa when I was lil, spent most of my growing up era around Chicago (Cicero, Palatine, Wheaton, and Naperville)

**How long have you lived in New Richmond:**

14 years in the area

**Tell me about your family:**

My wife, Melissa, and I have been married for 22yrs. Melissa loves the Word, to study, read, learn, teach, and has a refined ability to sift through the noise of the world and draw focus for our family back to where it ought to be. Together, we've been blessed with two creative kids in Ethan and Emerson. In their unique ways, our kids enjoy chasing curious tangents like I do, but are thankfully wired like their mother in their desire to read, understand and explore.

**Favorite Food/Snacks:**

pudding Thing, Pot Roast and most any other meats given the time

**Hobbies:** Learning, Music, Random Curiosities

**Fun Fact About Yourself:**

Mostly reserved for private conversations. Though when asked about siblings, I describe myself as an only child with two sisters (I grew up without them present, but God has used both shaped my life)

**Favorite Book:** Jonah and the Worm

**Favorite Memory Verse:**

Recently, 1 Corinthians 5:7, "Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump..." Partly for the delight it brings my daughter to think Paul told them to "...be a new lump", but also for the notion that we are not only forgiven, but free from slavery to sin.

**What made you want to become an elder?**

A call and a need

## THE LORD'S DAY

Was it COVID or wasn't it? I really don't know. I didn't take the test because it felt just like any other cold that I've ever had. To be on the safe side and not expose any of you to whatever it was, I stayed home from church on that particular Sunday. Let me tell you, in all sincerity, I really missed it. I really look forward to coming to church on Sunday, the LORD's day, the Sabbath. On this occasion, I paused to think about what it really means to "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." As it says in Exodus 20:8

Having recently finished the book of Nehemiah, I thought about his reaction to finding the people of God "profaning" the Sabbath. We read in 13:17 "Then I confronted the nobles of Judah and said to them, "What is this evil thing that you are doing, profaning the Sabbath day? Did not your fathers act in this way, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Now you are bringing more wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath." How were they profaning the Sabbath? By doing everything but devoting themselves to God and "entering into His rest".

Isaiah describes the proper behavior of God's people on the Sabbath in chapter 58:13-14:  
*"If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath,  
from doing your pleasure on my holy day,  
and call the Sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly;  
then you shall take delight in the Lord,  
and I will make you ride on the heights of the  
earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your  
father,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."*

And in Ezekiel 20:12-13:  
*"Moreover, I gave them my Sabbaths, as a sign  
between me and them, that they might know  
that I am the Lord who sanctifies them."*

Some may think that these things, or the Sabbath itself, is Old Testament stuff so it really doesn't apply. After careful thought and some external reading, I reaffirmed what I knew to be true, that it does apply and it matters. I also realized that there is no other institution of worship that is specifically mentioned in the Ten Commandments. This truth was central to the Puritan consideration of worship.

In the book titled "Following God Fully" by Joel R. Beeke and Michael Reeves we read, "William Gouge (1575-1653) said that the Sabbath is part of God's moral law, that is 'a rule of life' that binds all persons, in all places, at all times.' We can see that this is so because God set apart the day as a holy day of rest at creation, when Adam represented all mankind before God, being the father of all nations, Jews and Gentiles (Gen 2:2-3). To be sure, the Jewish Sabbath had its legal peculiarities, but these faded away after Christ finished His redeeming work. However, Christ's taking of the Sabbath under His lordship (Mark 2:28), the church's observance of worship on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; 1Cor. 16:2), and the explicit reference to 'the LORD's day' (Rev. 1:10) convinced the Puritans that setting apart the first day of the week exclusively for worshipping God was part of God's unchanging moral law - and continues as the Christian Sabbath."

I apologize for the long excerpt, but I think it really drives the point home. The God of the Old Testament, the Lord of Ezekiel 20, is none other than Jesus who said to the Pharisees in Mark 2:27-28 "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath." Jesus is indeed the Lord who sanctifies. The Puritans revered the Lord's day by committing the day to "works of piety" which began with public worship. They prepared for public worship by carefully considering how to dress, both physically (their bodies) and by dressing their souls through spiritual preparation before entering the meeting house. They were instructed to "take heed therefore how ye hear" the message.

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## from the elders

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I love coming to church on Sundays, but as important as the public meeting/the church service is to us, or was to the Puritans, the whole day was devoted "unto the Lord". It seems to me I have much to learn from our Puritan brothers and sisters and I am humbled to think of how I may be "profaning" the Sabbath, especially in light of George Swinnock's statement about how the Puritans should spend their Sabbath: "Reader, as thy duty is to rest the whole day from wickedness and worldly work, so also to employ the whole day in God's worship, be either praying, or reading, or hearing, or singing, or meditating, or discoursing with others about the works or word of God." Though our devotion should not be such that it precludes works of genuine mercy and help for those in need on the sabbath.

The benefits of keeping the Lord's day holy cannot be measured. At one time the impact could be seen and experienced throughout England and the US. Perhaps some of you remember a time when retail stores were closed on Sundays, businesses all shut down, activities were actually scheduled on other days, and the pace of life on Sundays was generally slower and much more laid back. This phenomenon was a direct result of the Puritan's reverence for the Lord's Sabbath.

We must also realize that though they believed the keeping of the Sabbath was mandated by divine law, the Puritans viewed it as "more of a delight than a duty, and more of an opportunity than merely an obligation." Honestly, when I think of devoting the whole day to this kind of attentiveness to God and worshipping him, I mean, a whole day, completely, the selfishness in me rears its ugly head and I resist. But, let's face it, we, as believers, will be spending an eternity JOYFULLY worshipping our God and Savior and at that time to think anything else could interfere will not even be worthy of the slightest consideration and far removed from our own conscious thought.

If this seems a bit extreme, it's because it is to us, the modern American Christian. I urge us all, myself primarily, let us not be the ground where thorns grew up and kept the seed from growing and producing fruit as in the parable of the Sower. I need to truly recognize God for who he is, just as the puritans did. Maybe I take it in baby steps and just make our church service a priority in my life by being there every chance I have, by dressing appropriately both physically and spiritually, by preparing beforehand, praying for our pastor, our members and our visitors and finally doing my best to be there on time ready to worship my God, the creator and sustainer of all that exists, both visible and invisible. That would be a good place to start and I will write more on this in subsequent articles. I have written this as an encouragement, food for thought, and perhaps even a bit of an admonishment should you feel the same conviction I have felt as I was reminded of what I've actually been missing on Sundays. Romans 12:1-2 says, *"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."* And Hebrews 10:23-25, *"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."*

My true brothers and sisters, every day that passes is a day nearer our reunion with our God and Savior. I know our brother Dave preached on not being anxious a couple of weeks ago, but let our Lord find us anxiously awaiting His very soon arrival! Come quickly Lord Jesus!

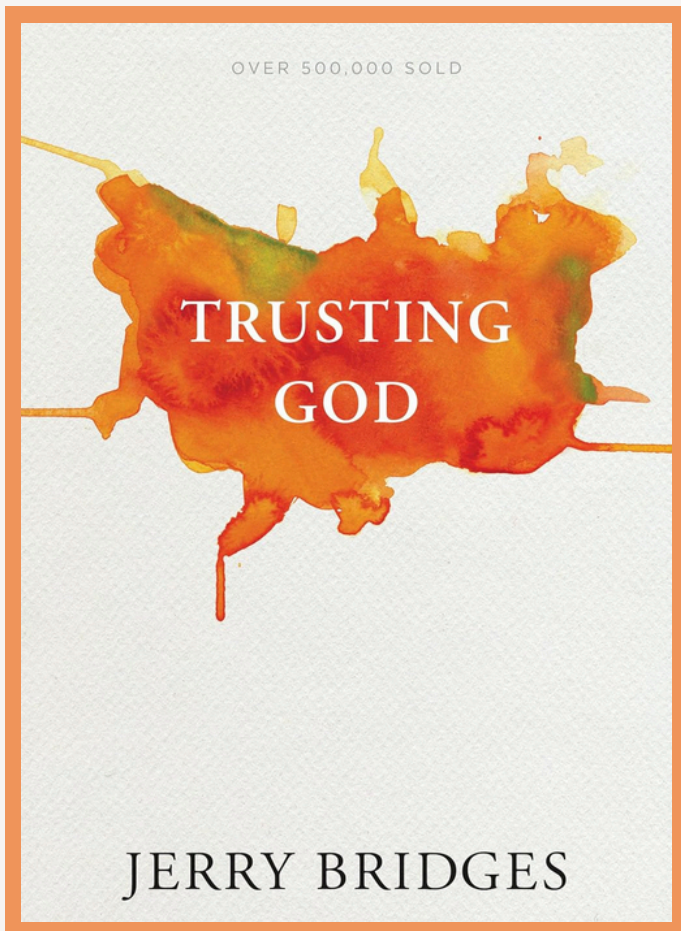
**Randy Kostroski**  
**Submitted on Behalf of Your Elders.**

## TRUSTING GOD

by Jerry Bridges

I have read many of Jerry Bridges' books over the years and have appreciated each one of them. He has the ability to take weighty subject matters and make them easier to understand. Bridges also writes with a Shepherd's heart. His compassion for the hurting comes through while tackling the most challenging of themes. "Trusting God" is no different and may just be my favorite of the over 20 books he's authored.

My plan this month had been to review a different book. Realizing that I had recommended "Trusting God" to four people in the past few weeks, it seemed right to change directions. Many are weary and experiencing difficulties. Even the atmosphere of our country feels heavy to me. As Christians, we need to know that God is wholly in control and worthy of all our trust even through the hardest of circumstances.



Bridge's confidence in God is contagious as he can't help but pour out Scripture page after page. His writing is impactful and energizing. Having gone through a good deal of suffering in his own life, he took on the huge task of topically studying God's sovereignty throughout the Bible. "Trusting God" is the in-depth result of what he learned - not only about God's sovereignty, but His wisdom, love and goodness.

Though "Trusting God" will most certainly help the hurting, my biggest encouragement is to get this book before sorrow comes. Soak in these biblical doctrines and the attributes of God until they are deep within your heart and mind. Bridges says,

“If we are to honor God by trusting Him, and if we are to find peace for ourselves, we must come to the place where we can honestly say, ‘God, I do not have to understand. I will just trust.’”

**Melissa Evans**

# children's ministry

## BIG CHURCH + LITTLE CHURCH =Better Equipped Future Church

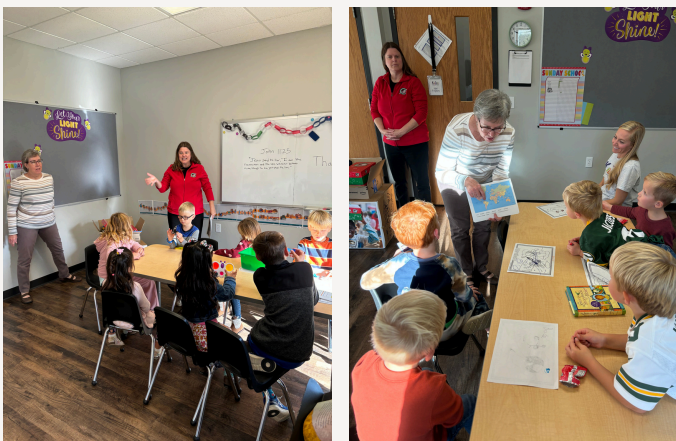
We've been busy in KidZone and have been really enjoying having our big church come visit us! With all of the changes in KidZone, one of our priorities has been to help our little church understand that they are a part of the church as a whole (1 Corinthians 12:12) and that we need to learn from each other (Titus 2).

It has been a blessing to have Mr. Zac come to teach us about Worship. He has been coming to teach a new song to our 4K-1st graders during Children's Church and they are really excited to join big church on Sunday, December 1st to Worship with the congregation! If you would like to practice this song as a family at home, we would encourage you to do so! CityAlight has an entire album that is great for family worship time at home!

### My God Is All I Need - CityAlight



We have also had some amazing members of our Mission team coming to share with us the ways we are living out the Great Commission at Faith Community Church. Please see the Missions page to see some great photos of us learning about Operation Christmas Child! They will continue to visit us in both Children's Church and Sunday school throughout the year.



## CHILD DEDICATIONS November 17th

Child Dedications are coming up soon! Our ultimate goal as parents should be to help our children to understand what a personal faith in the One true God looks like and what it means. Because of the weight of this responsibility, Faith Community Church wants to partner with you in this. Children placed in our care as parents and a church family are given as a trust (see Luke 19: 11-27).

Dedication is a very intentional act of faith, surrendering back to God that which is His. (Romans 11:36). If you believe you are ready for this next step of faith for your family, or would simply like to learn more, please sign up for our Dedication Orientation Sunday, November 10th from 10:00-10:45am in the Family Room by the cafe. Dedications will take place the following Sunday.



## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Save the Date

As our format for Sunday mornings in KidZone has changed, our format for our annual Christmas Program has to change too! Whether you have an experienced budding actor or singer, or simply a child that would like to be involved in sharing the Good News of our Savior's birth with family and friends, we'd love for you to be involved! Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 15th at 6:00pm. All children at FCC are encouraged to participate. Stay tuned for more details and practice times!



# women's ministry

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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

🌐 Visit our website here:  
<https://www.fccnr.org/womensministry>

✉ Email Stephanie Langer here:  
[stephanie.langer@homeforever.org](mailto:stephanie.langer@homeforever.org)

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<http://fccnr.org/womens-ministry-blog>

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<https://www.facebook.com/FCCWMMnr>

## REGRESSIVE DINNER RECAP



We had 31 ladies join us for the regressive dinner this year. It was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends, get to know new friends, and enjoy great food. There was lots of laughing as we played several rounds of Telestrations between courses. We were encouraged to share the Gospel with those at our tables and to take it out into the world. All of our events are intended to not just be opportunities for fellowship but to make connections by which we can share the Gospel and be encouraged by the Gospel. It was great to see women bring their family, their sisters, and their neighbors with them. And it was great to hear the stories of how these women were connecting, and not only sharing the Gospel, but living it out with them. It is my hope and greatest joy to see women being disciples and making disciples.

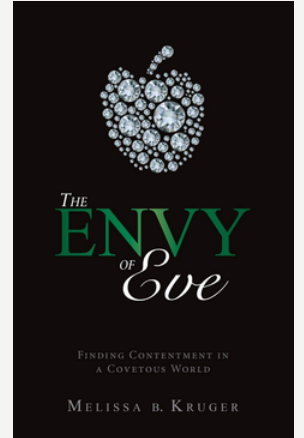
## MOMENTS THAT MATTER

### LADIES TIME OUT

Ladies Time Out exists to provide an opportunity for ladies of any age and stage to get together for fellowship, encouragement, and to 'do life' together. We hope that these Christ-centered friendships will be a blessing to each woman who attends. We always encourage you to bring a friend. Ladies meet EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY of the month from 9-11 am in the cafe here at FCC. If you are able, please bring a little breakfast item to share! Coffee and childcare are provided. If you bring your small children, they will be watched safely in our new Education Wing. Please bring a water bottle for them. For questions or more information, please contact Brienna Schwartz.

### MONTHLY BOOK CLUB: [LINK](#)

Join us for our Women's Monthly Book Club! We meet on the third Saturday of every month, from 10am to noon. Our next book is "The Envy of Eve: Finding Contentment in a Covetous World" by Melissa Kruger. We will meet on November 16th to discuss the book and enjoy fellowship. If you're able, please bring a snack to share. You can sign up online or at the Connection Point. If you have any questions, please call or text Connie at 720-220-4180. Please note - book club will not meet in December.



### LADIES GAME NIGHT

Join us on November 15 from 6:30-8:30pm here at FCC for fun and games. Connie Schroeder has a new game for us to enjoy! Bring a friend and a snack to share. Sign up [HERE!](#)

## SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

**Saturday, November 9th**

GriefShare invites you to join them for a "Surviving the Holidays" event here at FCC on Saturday, November 9th from 10:00am to noon.

Thanksgiving and Christmas can be a difficult time to navigate when journeying through the pain of losing a loved one. If you have lost a loved one in last few years please consider attending. This is a one-time commitment of two hours. The session consists of a short video followed by a discussion of the suggestions offered by both experts and survivors in the video. A "Surviving the Holidays" guide will be provided.

GriefShare offers tools to help you not only survive the coming holidays, but also face them with a measure of peace and assurance. Sign up on the GriefShare website: [CLICK HERE](#) or contact Rita Baker at (801) 699-1709.



## PRAAYER TEAM

**Pray First, Then Vote**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

## MEN'S MINISTRY

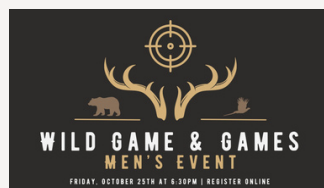
**Wild Game and Games Recap**

Men of Faith/ Men at Faith, Greetings to all men at FCC. We just had our 1st Wild Game & Games Dinner, and I have gotten great feedback from all who came. Even with a competing event that evening (New Richmond Tiger Football Playoff Game - they won!), we still had around 40 men come to have Elk Stew, Pheasant and Alligator Brats - yum!

I want to personally thank Zach and Brienna Schwartz, Dan Bradford and my wife for their help in the kitchen, and give credit to making our games happen to the master of games - Todd Albert! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THIS A SUCCESS!

Be on the lookout for information about upcoming events. God bless and happy hunting!

**Jim Ruhl | Deacon of Men's Ministry**



# play ball recaps

## SOFTBALL NIGHT RECAP

Faith Community Church took on The Bridge Bible Church in Somerset for our 2nd Annual Softball Night and came out with a WIN! We had great weather, great competition, and enjoyed our time with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Thanks to all who played, brought food, donated their time, and cheered us on! Mark your calendars for the 2nd Saturday of October, 2025 for round 3!



## PICKLEBALL FUN

This great crew had a blast playing pickleball in October! Friends from church and the community joined this friendly day of competition and fun at Mary Park!



# verse of the month

Your word is a  
lamp to my feet and  
a light to my path

Psalm 119:105

Learn better to music? Here is a version of "Thy Word" for you to enjoy: [LINK](#)



## MEMORY CARDS

Our October 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

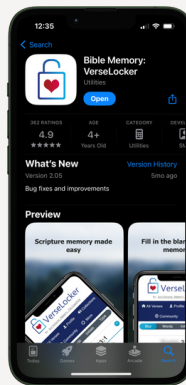
Looking for a new and useful way to learn your memory verse each month? The Verse Locker App is a great option!



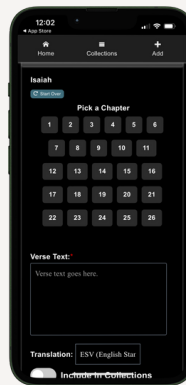
Want to catch up?



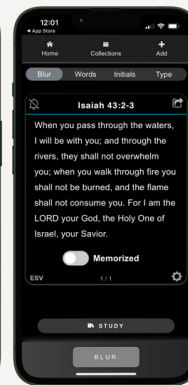
Head to our [website](#) to see all of our verses from 2024 so far!



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!

## UGANDA

### Mama Gail

FCC's missionary partner, Mike Evans, of TLI, and a small group set out for the Pastoral Training Center in Uganda. Peter & Gail Bergeson, FCC members, were part of this team. Peter served as one of the main Pastoral teachers during the quarterly session and Gail accompanied the team to spend time in various ministries supporting the women. Showing her honor, they lovingly called her "Mama Gail". Mama Gail was able to listen to their life experiences, was asked for advice and offered prayer. Gail shares her experience with us:

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Someone asked me "Why did you decide to go to Uganda?" The first reason was, "Mike Evans asked Peter to invite me". My response was: "Oh my!" As I couldn't come up with a reason to not go, even in prayer, I submitted my body to the immunization requirements—no small feat, as I have a life long aversion to needles. As some of my prayer warriors know, I "suddenly" experienced a neck/back issue for the first time in my life that required chiropractic care and a trip to the emergency room. I can't help but think that there were "spiritual forces of evil in heavenly realms" (Eph. 6:12) at work in the weeks prior to our leaving. The fact that it would be a long journey to Abaana's Hope was quite concerning to me. Our Great Physician did not fail. I had no physical issues.

What a privilege it was to watch, listen and join our sisters in the Lord as they faithfully serve Him. (Also, on this trip was Moriah Evans—Mike's daughter—and her friend, Carly Jones, a high school senior from Wyoming.) We were invited to participate in childcare, the Life Beads program, also eat with the students and staff, employees of the programs.

The childcare program, during our visit was staffed for children of the workers (school was not in session). Babies do not wear diapers; we were warned. Children will create toys out of what is available; one day a group of boys (4 - 8years) found baby birds and created a new home out of an inverted duplo. Shucking peanuts from shells was the activity for the workers while the toddlers wandered between the adults.

Sleeping babies lay on a mat with a sleeping elderly lady. (We, along with ladies from the church, visited her hut one afternoon; they shared Bible verses, sang and prayed for her health issues as well as her family.) In their culture, there are no orphans. Extended family or others in the community will raise the children who have lost their parents. One older woman I met is raising 8 children. When a baby is born, the grandparents name the baby. During the years of great persecution by the LRA, the baby names in Acholi were "hate" "death" or something similarly dark. While they continue to have an Acholi name (more positive), there is also an English name—which was very helpful for an American.

I spent some time with the director, Pamela, of the Life Beads ministry. They have a wall of pictures of the women who create the beads. (around 36, I think). She shared stories about the women; some have Muslim husbands, some are single moms. In one situation, the husband brought a 2nd wife to their home. (Both work at Life Beads.) Thanks to the 1st wife's income from Life Beads, she was able to purchase some land and care for her family on her own. As you can imagine, Pamela not only must administer the business but also serve as counselor/mentor for the ladies while caring for her own family.

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There were 2 women's Bible studies; one is taught by the American missionary, Jessica. We attended her study; she taught Ephesians 1 with a translator. (Great teacher) The afternoon study is led by Kevin (a woman staff member) She invited me to share what God has been teaching me. I chose John 15 in which God is described as the gardener, Jesus the vine and we are the branches designed to bear fruit. As in our gardens, the garden is a reflection of the work of the Gardener. You can imagine how small I felt, as the ladies talked of sharing what they had with others, being patient with one another, trusting God more when asked what God was saying to them. Kevin was my translator; my guess is that she improved my little talk!!

While I could write more...allow me to teach you a little Acholi. (The ladies worked very hard to help me speak a greeting.) "Itye maber?" (How are you?) "Atye maber" (I am doing great/fine). I look forward to someday, bowing and singing with those dear Acholi sisters before the throne of our Savior. (Revelation 7: 9-12)

## ADJUMANI

### District of Uganda

Our ministry supported Ofu Loso men, continue to bring the Gospel teachings of the TLI materials to other leaders that have a desire to know God and teach His Word; and live in the refugee settlements of Boroli, Elema, Maaji, and Pagrinya.

The Bibles in their native languages that were purchased and sent have been a treasure to the men receiving them so they may study and share with others.

Please keep one of the leaders of Ofu Loso, Chandiga Paranza, and his family in your prayers. Their son, Okuga Louis, drowned. In Achouli culture, Okuga Louis's life is shared in this way:

Sunrise: 07-07-2009 | Sunset: 13-10-2024



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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**Evangelism | Discipleship | Multiplication**

Pastor Jacob's family and a small ministry team endeavored to bring boys and girls and their families a message they had never heard before - the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The 35 mile walk from the nearest town, meant navigating a steep footpath alongside a cliff, crossing 3 rivers, and eventually carrying boxes on their heads and hanging onto tree roots for support to reach a Filipino community nestled in the mountain forest. The motorbike would tip over 15 times every half mile because of the weight of the cartons. The team rejoiced to make their final ascent into the village!

They quickly gathered the children together for an outreach event to explain why they had come. Using colorful posters from Samaritan's Purse, his wife and daughter presented the Gospel to the children in a way they could understand, while at the same time, Pastor Jacob shared a similar message of Good News with the parents. Each child received The Greatest Gift Gospel pamphlet in their language with their shoebox gift. After a countdown, the boys and girls tore into their shoebox gifts with excitement, the fun items inside reinforcing to little hearts how much God loved them.

The next day, Pastor Jacob and his wife invited the children to participate in The Greatest Journey follow-up discipleship program. As they shared the Bible lessons, the boys and girls learned to follow the God they had just heard about and even share His Son, Jesus Christ, with others. The children completed all 12 lessons and graduated from The Greatest Journey, relaying their Scripture memory verses to their neighbors who had come to watch the ceremony.

The Good News spread to more and more people throughout their community, drawing many to saving faith in Jesus Christ!



**A vital part for the ministry is the \$10 donation to cover the journey of the shoebox & Gospel materials:**

The Greatest Gift booklet, training/education to present the Gospel program at the outreach event, processing at a regional center, local and international transportation to 170+ countries, customs/entry at receiving country, and other project costs.



**[Click Here](#)** to view an OCC shoebox Impact Story: Love Grows in Ukraine

# operation christmas child

## Sending the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth

Four years ago, a 9-year-old girl in the Middle East received a shoebox gift, complete with items that quickly became her favorites: a stuffed bird and The Greatest Gift Gospel storybook. God stirred her heart as she read the stories, and she soon enrolled in discipleship classes through her church.

"After hearing the story of the cross and how Jesus died for me, I gave my life to Christ," she said. "I trusted Him fully."

Recently, she gathered 13 of her friends on the street and began teaching them the discipleship lessons she had learned. As a result, six of these boys and girls accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior.

When the girl's family moved a couple streets away, she started a second discipleship group with 13 new boys and girls. This time, five others came to faith.

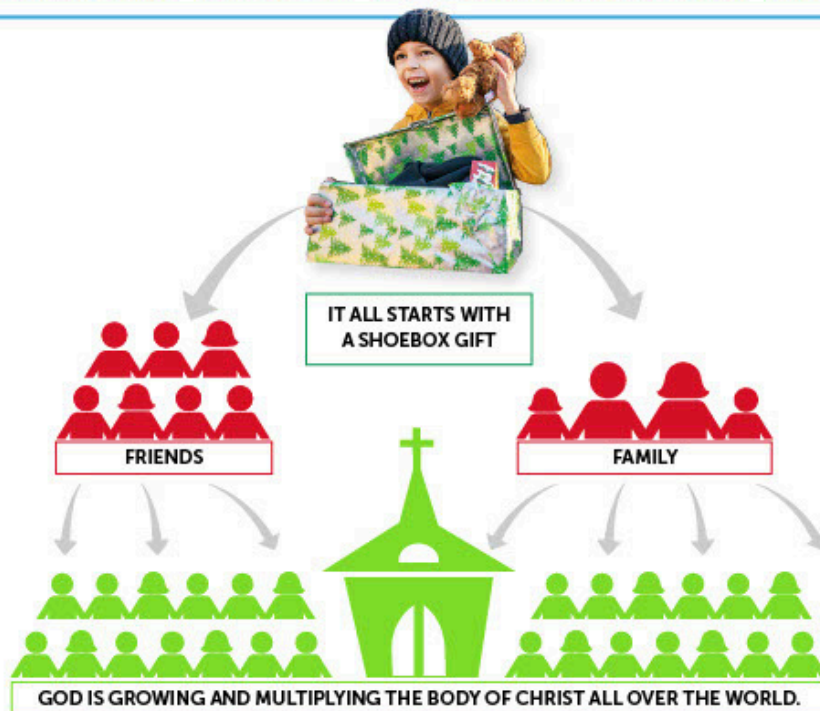
**Through one shoebox gift, a dozen children are now sharing Christ with others!**

Reaching young evangelists like these sometimes means sending shoeboxes through [Build a Shoebox Online](#). These shoebox gifts are packed with special care to avoid cultural, religious, or customs challenges. Over 25 hard-to-reach countries have received shoeboxes built online.

Samaritan's Purse plans to deliver shoebox gifts in  
**1,000+ UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS**  
by 2028.

**1,000+ PACIFIC ISLANDS**  
have received gift-filled shoeboxes  
over the past few years.

## EVANGELISM. DISCIPLESHIP. MULTIPLICATION.





coming up

## DONATIONS NEEDED

### For Iglutheca Homeless Community

Faith Community Church is collecting donations for Iglutheca, a ministry run by a missionary named Abram Neumann. Abram seeks to reach the homeless community of Lakota people with the gospel through various programs including a homeless shelter, alcoholics anonymous, and a mobile shower truck. Abram also serves as a pastor for a church primarily composed of homeless people. For more information, please go to:

<https://www.iglutheca.org/>

Items needed are:

- Men's Clothing (all seasons)
- NEW socks and underwear
- Men's & Women's Winter Gear
- (hats, gloves, coats, long underwear, etc)
- Backpacks/Duffle bags
- Hygiene Items
- Blankets
- Shoes and Boots

**Please NO children's clothes, woman's shirts or pants, (there are already plenty of those donations), formal clothing, or used socks and underwear.**

**Donations can be left in the entry of Faith Community Church in the designated receptacles! THANK YOU!**

If you have questions, please reach out to Jacob Popp: [jcbpoppe@gmail.com](mailto:jcbpoppe@gmail.com)

**DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 24th**

**DONATIONS NEEDED >>>>**  
FOR A HOMELESS COMMUNITY IN IGLUTHECA, SEEKING TO REACH THE LAKOTA PEOPLE WITH THE GOSPEL THROUGH VARIOUS PROGRAMS AND ASSISTANCE.

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**DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT IN THE ENTRY OF FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE DESIGNATED RECEPTACLES! THANK YOU!**

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH | 1040 PAPERJACK DRIVE, NEW RICHMOND

## SEASONED SAINTS

### Monday, November 11th

Seniors! Join us for our Seasoned Saints gathering on Monday, November 11th from 12-2pm in the cafe at FCC! Bring an item to share for our potluck lunch, and stick around to do some fun projects to help with fillers for Operation Christmas Child. This is a wonderful time of fellowship and getting to know other seniors in the church.

Last month, our seniors gathered for a Fall Lunch and played a fun pumpkin game!



## MEMBERSHIP CLASS

### November 16th

If Faith Community Church is your home, and you want to become a Covenant Member with us, please get registered online and we will get you connected to the next steps of completing your journey.

Our next orientation date is Saturday, November 16th from 9-11:30am! Register [HERE](#) and we will connect with you!



# GIVING

[fccnr.org/give](http://fccnr.org/give)

We have transitioned to a new and improved platform, Tithe.ly. Tithe.ly is an easy-to-use platform that will allow you to give online. You can 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](#).

*Note: Using the same email address and phone number associated with the old giving platform will allow us a smoother transition of your 2024 giving records, which will be brought over from the old platform before year-end. You may need to choose the SIGN IN option (not sign up) and follow prompts.*

For more information, visit our [Giving Page](#) or contact our support team at [giving@homeforever.org](mailto:giving@homeforever.org).

## 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.

**Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity!**

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

## Month of September

(000s)	Actual	Budgeted
Giving	72	60
Operating Expenditures	60	63
Faith Rebuild Gifts YTD	30	20
FR Expenses YTD	58	60

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

## 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."*



## Tithe.ly App

With features like easy recurring giving and QuickGive, it's never been easier to give. Download the tithe.ly app to get started! Search for our church by using our address: 1040 Paperjack Drive

# GONNECT

## We are the Church.

Join us every Sunday morning at 8:30am or 11:00am 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!

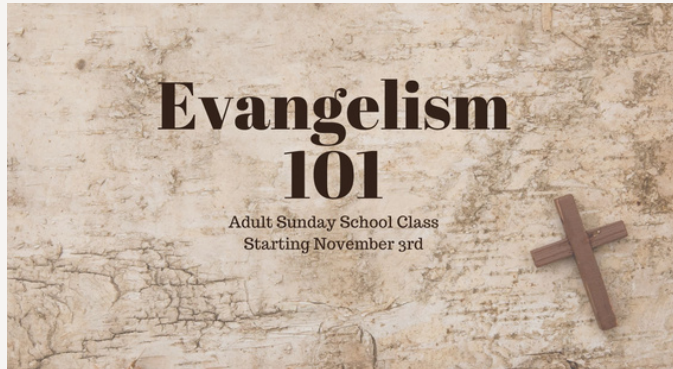
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## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Current Classes running  
November 3 - December 8



### Class Option 1: Evangelism 101

**Time:** 10:00-10:45am

**Teacher:** Pastor Patrick Mostek

**Location:** Worship Center

**Description:** Jesus commanded every Christian to make disciples, and our friends, neighbors, families and coworkers desperately need to hear the good news about Jesus.

But, how do you do that?

Join Pastor Patrick for a six week class to learn how to share your faith with others in a clear and winsome way.

[LINK TO REGISTER](#)



### Class Option 2: Jesus in the Old Testament

**Time:** 10:00-10:45am

**Teacher:** Pastor Peter Bergeson

**Location:** D-Rooms

**Description:** *On the evening of Resurrection Day, Jesus himself suddenly appeared in a room where his disciples had gathered. " Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." (Luke 24:44-45).*

Beginning November 3rd, Peter Bergeson will be leading a six-week survey of the first part of the Old Testament, paying special attention to those passages that point to Jesus and the gospel. Part two of this course will be in the spring.

[LINK TO REGISTER](#)



If you are interested in joining our decor team in getting the church ready for the Christmas Season, we encourage you to sign up to help on Saturday, November 16th here at FCC! Start time will be 10am and we will work until we are done!

If you have any extra (good quality) decor you would like to donate, please bring that day. (Examples: trees, non glitter ornaments, winter themed items, etc). Sign up [HERE](#) if you are able to attend! Lunch will be provided!

# calendar of events

## NOVEMBER 2024

- 1st: n/a
- 2nd: Men's Study 7-8am  
Crowning Achievements All Day
- 3rd: Daylights Savings (Turn your clocks back!)  
Worship at 8:30am and 11:00am  
Sunday School 10-10:45am
- 4th: n/a
- 5th: Election Day  
Prayer Meeting for the Nations 5-7:30pm  
Missions Meeting 6-7pm
- 6th: Men's Study 6-7am  
Youth Helper Training 5-6pm  
FCC Youth Group 6-8:30pm  
Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm  
Elder Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- 7th: Trustee Meeting 6-8pm  
Worship Practice 6:30-8:30pm
- 8th: n/a
- 9th: Men's Study 7-8am  
Surviving the Holidays 10am-noon  
Worship Team Event 2-4pm
- 10th: Worship 8:30am and 11am with Baptism  
Sunday School 10-10:45am
- 11th: Veterans Day  
Seasoned Saints Lunch 12-2pm
- 12th: Counseling Team Meeting 6:30-8pm
- 13th: Men's Study 6-7am  
FCC Youth Group 6-8:30pm  
Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm  
Elder Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- 14th: Shut In Team meeting 6-7pm  
Worship Practice 6:30-8:30pm
- 15th: Women's Game Night 6-8pm
- 16th: Men's Study 7-8am  
Christmas Decor Day 10am start  
Women's Book Club 10-noon
- 17th: Worship 8:30am and 11am  
Sunday School 10-10:45am  
Child Dedications
- 18th: Ministry Team Meeting 6-8pm
- 19th: n/a
- 20th: Men's Study 6-7am  
Ladies Time Out 9-11am  
FCC Youth Group 6-8:30pm  
Women's Bible Study 6-7:30pm  
Elder Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- 21st: Ruby's Pantry 4-7pm  
Worship Practice 6:30-8:30pm
- 22nd: n/a
- 23rd: Men's Study 7-8am  
Regressive Dinner
- 24th: Worship 8:30am and 11am  
OCC Dedication Sunday  
Sunday School 10-10:45am
- 25th: n/a
- 26th: n/a
- 27th: Men's Study 6-7am  
NO YOUTH GROUP (Thanksgiving Break)  
Elder Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
- 28th: HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
Office Closed
- 29th: Office Closed
- 30th: n/a




### Operation Christmas Child

Faith Community Church - New Richmond, WI  
1040 Paperjack Drive New Richmond WI 54017  
Contact: Paul Warner | 715-410-4169

DROP-OFF HOURS

MON   Nov 18	1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
TUES   Nov 19	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
WED   Nov 20	10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
THUR   Nov 21	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
FRI   Nov 22	10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
SAT   Nov 23	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
SUN   Nov 24	1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
MON   Nov 25	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM



