

Paul's Perspectives:



Let's see – we have outlawed nearly every vestige of religion from our public venues and schools. The Bible with its Ten Commandments is forbidden. Prayer of any sort is an anathema in schools. Christian virtues are downplayed and criticized. Christianity is marginalized while Critical Race Theories, Darwinian evolution, and gender misinformation is magnified out of proportion. And of course, the expectation is - that all of our students will be angelic in their behaviors, even though they are left without being taught moral, ethical, or religious standards.

Let's see – is there a pride of accomplishment in the producing of a generation of little amoral Atheists? And, if we are not successful in our grade schools, we have college and university professors - who will do their best to destroy any vestiges of faith that remain in innocent young minds. Then, following their indoctrination and graduation, most will find a like minded marriage partner, and bring into being offspring that will know nothing - save that which their parents have unlearned with prejudice. This is, I believe, an abuse of education that is creating a slippery slope into the demonic, as values and morality are without any absolutes, and are treated with impunity.

Let's see – is our present-day society better behaved than those of yesteryear? Is there a noticeable improvement in the way children and adults treat each other? Has relativistic progressivism produced a more enlightened and safer society? Has crime become less of a problem? Have indiscriminate homicides lessened? Are our cities safer? Is there a need for fewer jail cells? What has made our schools and places of worship targets for mass murderers? Should we be surprised by Columbine, Sandy Hook, and Uvalde? Has not a collective abandonment of God, and the standards set in God's Word, contributed greatly to the civic demise?

Let's see – which is the bigger problem, Guns or Godlessness? There is a substitute for guns, such as knives, poison, clubs, rocks, and a host of other weapons for killing or doing harm. But there is no known substitute for God - and the Commandments given at Sinai. Humans have tried everything else, - idols, sacrifices, government, education, kings, wars, despots, fascism, communism, law upon law, - in order to bring about utopia of one sort or another, but with failure after failure.

I foresee, and believe, that if our society continues its trend toward secularism, relativism, amorality, and atheism, only more Uvalde's or Kenosha's – and the like – will be our fate. This trend away from law and order; from God and Godliness, will eventuate in chaos if it is not countered.

A verse from the Bible comes to mind: (Galatians 5:22 & 23)

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” (NIV) The countering remedy is of the Spirit of God, and people living out these ideals - with God's help. This is the prescription for making our world good again.

With Faith, Hope, and Love;

Pastor Paul





Worship Hour continues to be broadcast live on the church's Facebook page and a recording of the latest service will continue to be posted weekly to the church's website www.fccrochesterwis.org.

Bible Study - Evening Bible study meets on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Monday at 7:00 pm.
We are studying the book of Revelation.



Starting in June, When weather permits, we will have Morning Worship Hour outdoors.

FYI...On Sunday, June 12th – Worship Hour time changes to 9:30 am for the summer months.

Sunday, June 5th– Worship Hour at 10:15 am. Pentecost Sunday and Communion will be served.

Special Music by Vicki Will and Lora Gensler .

Sunday, June 12th - 9:30 am Worship Hour. Special Music TBD.

Graduation Sunday and Father's Day

Sunday, June 19th

9:30 am Worship Hour

Graduates will be recognized and honored.

A Coffee Hour Reception
will follow the service.



Monday, June 20th - 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting.

Sunday, June 26th - 9:30 am Worship Hour. Special Music by Jubilee.

Lectionary Readings

6/5 Acts 2:1-21 (Genesis 11:1-9); Psalm 104:24-34, 35; Romans 8:14-17; Acts 2:1-21;
John 14:8-17, 25-27

6/12 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

6/19 Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28; 1Kings 19:1-15; Psalm 42 and 43; Galatians 3:23-29;
Luke 8:26-39

6/26 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatian 5:1,
13-25; Luke 9:51-62



Prayers and Concerns



COVID19 Responders and Caregivers

Victims of Terrorism

Victims and volunteers of natural disasters worldwide

Our Nation's Leaders

All military personnel and their families

Casa Bernabe Orphanage

Rachel Frashingbauer

Julie Gren

Oscar Jacobs

Tom and Lynn Koeper

Neely McNeal

Dan Medkalf

Stephanie Mutz

Matthew Olson

Julie Pagan

Torin Philips

Reid Shamus

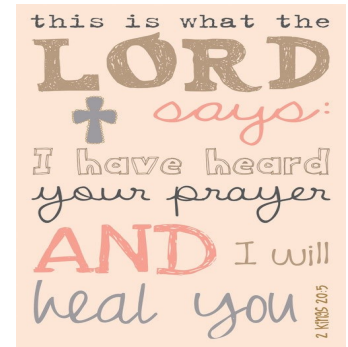
Jack and Jeanie Smith

7 year old Clinton

Barbara

Lois

Pray for the Ukrainian people.



Health Care Facilities:

Jean Moyer has returned to her old address.
Oak Park Place 1700 Tuet Road
Apt. 1118
Burlington, WI 53105

COUNCIL MINUTE HIGHLIGHTS



Patros Report

- June 12th Sunday service starts at 9:30 am for summer hours.
- Coffee Hour on Father's Day, June 19th.
- Louis Paetsch's Memorial Service is July 16, 2022.

Treasurer's Report

- For the month of March 2022: Deposits (income) were \$7,437 and withdrawals (expenses) were \$10,880.

Worship Committee

- Saturday, August 27th the Church will have their Annual Ice Cream Social.

Fellowship Commission

- June 19th - Coffee hour in honor of Father's Day and our graduates.

Mission Commission

- Love, Inc. meal served n May 16th. Served 45+ meals.
- Church Rummage Sale will be held the Saturday weekend of Memorial Day.

Building and Grounds

- Amazing turnout for Spring Clean-Up May 14th. Lunch was provided for those who worked which included hamburgers, brats soda, water, chips and cookies.
- Repair work being done on the handrail and supports outside the parlor doorway, replacing rotted wood.
- Grass cutting upkeep. Sign up sheet to hopefully create a rotation of who cuts the grass.
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IT/Marketing Committee:

- The church is getting great response on Facebook. 50 people have looked at our profile.

Next Council Meeting is Monday, June 20, 2022



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*“For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there I am in the midst of them.”
Matthew 18:20*

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June 2022



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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5 10:15 am Church Special Music TBA Pentecost Sunday & Communion	6 Bible Study @ 7:00 pm	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:30 am Church Special Music TBA	13 Bible Study @ 7:00 pm	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 am Church Special Music TBA Happy Father's Day! Graduation Sunday Recognizing our Graduates & Coffee Hour following the service.	20 Church Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 am Church Special Music TBA	27 Bible Study @ 7:00 pm	28	29	30		

Pastor Ray's Office Hours are Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

