

Paul's Perspectives:



God gifts all His Sons and Daughters with a free will, giving us the ability to choose our manner of living out our lives. Free will is a precious gift, that sadly is abused and mishandled due to human greed, pride, and self-righteousness. Thus Eden's paradise was soon lost, and the result is anything but, what God intended for us. The following poem, by Alfred Grant Walton, ponders the kind of world we are making for ourselves, and how we can improve upon this less than Edenic paradise:

The World We Make

"We make the world in which we live

By what we gather and what we give,

By our daily deeds and the things we say,

By what we keep or castaway.

We make our world by the beauty we see

In a skylarks song or a lilac tree,

In a butterfly's wing, in the pale moon's rise,

And the wonder that lingers in midnight skies.

We make our world by the life we lead,

By the friends we have, by the books we read,

By the pity we show in the hour of care,

By the loads we lift and the love we share.

We make our world by the goals we pursue,

By the heights we seek and the higher view,

By the hopes and dreams that reached the sun

And a will to fight till the heights are won.

What is the place in which we dwell,

A hut or a palace, a heaven or hell?

We gather and scatter, we take and we give,

We make our world - and there we live."

We are in league with God – in making our world more like God intended from the very beginning. We are free to choose to make our world a better place for our being a part of it. Is that not that why we pray - "Thy Kingdom Come...."? Will your 'free will' fight for the heights?

Grace to you – *Pastor Paul*





You can watch Rev. Ray on your phone or computer every Sunday morning at 10:15 am on Zoom. (Our I.D. is 8493568945, Password 998736.) Just go online and get your ZOOM App. It's free!

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



Worship Hour at 9:30 am for the summer months.
When weather permits we will have Morning Worship Hour outdoors.

Sunday, August 22nd Annual Summer Picnic

Our Annual Church Picnic will be at Bill and Joyce Gerard's beautiful Lake Tichigan home. The picnic starts at 12:00 noon. Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship! Please bring a dish to pass.



Saturday, August 28th

Music in the Church Yard and Ice Cream Social
10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Come out and enjoy your favorite ice cream sundaes, cones, and floats, while listening to great music from our local bands! Food will be available on a donation basis.



Sunday, August 1st– 9:30 am, Worship Hour. Special music by The Ukulele Band.

Sunday, August 8- 9:30 am, Worship Hour. Special music by Steve Dolphin.

Sunday, August 15- 9:30 am, Worship Hour. Special music by Tracy Seeger.

Monday, August 16- Church Council Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Sunday, August 22- 9:30 am, Worship Hour. Special music by Rev. Paul Ray.
(Church Picnic at Bill and Joyce Gerard's at 12:00 pm.)

Sunday, August 29- 9:30 am, Worship Hour. Special music by Jubilee.

Lectionary Readings

8/1 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35.

8/8 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34: 1-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35-51.

8/15 1 Kings 2:10, 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.

8/22 1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Joshua 24:1-2, 4-18; Psalm 34: 15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69.

8/29 Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23.



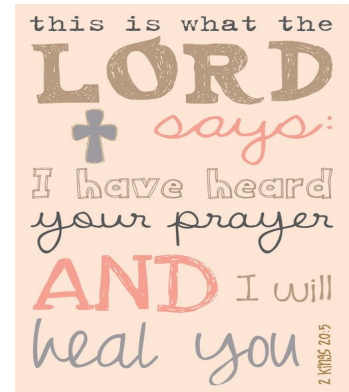
Prayers and Concerns



COVID19 Responders and Caregivers	Ed Manwing
Victims of Terrorism	Neely McNeal
Victims and volunteers of natural disasters worldwide	Dan Medkalf
Our Nation's Leaders	Stephanie Mutz
All military personnel and their families	Matthew Olson
Casa Bernabe Orphanage	Julie Pagan
Kristy Novak Enger	Torin Philips
Rachel Frashingbauer	Reid Shamus
Oscar Jacobs	Sandy Theide
Gene Johnson	Jack and Jeanie Smith
Tom and Lynn Koeper	6 year old Clinton
	Barbara
	Lois

Health Care Facilities:

Jean Moyer has a new address!
 Oak Park Place 1700 Tuet Road
 Apt. 1118
 Burlington, WI 53105
 Phone Number 262-758-6718



COUNCIL MINUTE HIGHLIGHTS



Pastor's Report

- Reverend Ray will participate in the Vicinity Council at Fox River Congregational Church in Pewaukee on July 31st in person.

Treasurer's Report

- For the month of May: Deposits were \$4,233. Withdrawals were \$11,125.
- Finance Commission approved funding for new church website.

Worship Commission

- Sunday services are planned to be held outside, weather permitted.
- Thanksgiving to special music providers, especially to the church band Jubilee has been extended. Jubilee has been received very positively.

Fellowship Commission

- Summer picnic at Joyce and Bill Gerard's house will be held on August 22nd.
- Music in the Park / Ice cream social will be held on August 28th.

Mission Commission

- Memorial Day weekend rummage sale was a success. We raised \$3,244 for the Casa Bernabe Orphanage in Guatemala.
- Day in the Country rummage sale will benefit Transitional Living Center (TLC) in Burlington.
- Signed up for Love Inc. dinner serving on July 19th.

IT/Marking Commission

- New church website has been created: www.fcrochesterwis.org

Buildings and Grounds

- Boiler inspection went well. The inspection is performed every 3 years.
- Picnic tables worked very well for the Memorial Day luncheon. Possibility of buying one more picnic table will be explored.
- The stage needs to be set up for Music in the Park / Ice cream social event held on August 28th.
- A list of contractors / repair & service businesses that are professional and cost effective will be prepared.
- Steeple repair contractor has come out and the quote is to be submitted soon.

Council Meeting on Monday, August 16 at 7:00 pm.



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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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August 2021 All services are shared on ZOOM.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1 9:30 am Church Special Music by Ukulele Band</i>	<i>2 Bible Study at 7:00 pm</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8 9:30 am Church Special Music by Steve Dolphin</i>	<i>9 Bible Study at 7:00 pm</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15 9:30 am Church Special Music by Tracy Seeger</i>	<i>16 Church Council Meeting at 7:00 pm</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22 9:30 am Church Special Music by Rev. Paul Ray 12:00 pm Church Picnic at Bill and Joyce Gerard's.</i>	<i>23 Bible Study at 7:00 pm</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28 Music in the Church Yard and Ice Cream Social 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.</i>
<i>29 9:30 am Church Special Music by Jubilee</i>	<i>30 Bible Study at 7:00 pm</i>	<i>31</i>				

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

