

October 2025



October

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER, WI

Life Line

Happy Fall!

As we welcome the crisp air and vibrant colors of October, I am reminded of the transition that this season brings to us in Wisconsin. It brings time for football, trick or treating, and pumpkin spice beverages. It also is a time for reflection on the past summer and the adventures we had during summer's warmth and sunshine.

Looking back and moving forward we accomplished a lot as a faith community. We have had another successful Day in the Country event, Sunday School kicked off with 6 youth and 5 adult teachers, another Adult Bible study kicked off, Tia Chi has started, and the book club continues to discuss a new book each month. In all of this, I have seen God at work moving our church forward with new ideas and new energy. A big THANK YOU to all of you that make these activities happen.

As the leaves fall and the days grow shorter, let us remember that God's love remains constant. In every season, He calls us to draw closer to Him and to one another. This month I encourage you to look at Romans 12:12: "Be happy in your hope. Do not give up when trouble comes. Do not let anything stop you from praying." (NLV) I hope this verse will inspire us to remain steadfast and hopeful, no matter what challenges we may face.

Fall Blessings,
Pastor Joe



October 2025



Choir Practice is on Thursdays at 6:00 pm.

Please contact Vicki Will, Choir Director, at 262-343-1326, if you would like to join and sing or you have any questions.



Worship Hours

Sunday, October 5, Communion Sunday 10:00 am Worship Hour.
Sermon, Rev. Joe Hackett. The Choir is singing.
Communion stewards are Sue Beach, Tom Beach, and Ruth Frost.

Sunday, October 12, 10:00 am Worship Hour. Sermon, Rev. Joe Hackett.
Children's Sunday School. Special Music by Jim McNielly and Rose Seeger..

Sunday, October 19, 10:00 am Worship Hour. Ruth Frost is in the pulpit. Choir is singing.

Monday, October 20, 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting.

Sunday, October 26 10:00 am Worship Hour. Sermon, Rev. Joe Hackett.
Children's Sunday School. Special Music by Phil Peters.

***FYI: Please see page 4 for information on our
Children's Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, and Community Book Club.***



Lectionary Readings

10/5 Hab 1:1-4, 21-4; Psalm 37:1-9 (Lam 1:1-6; Psalm 137); 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10



10/12 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15; Psalm 111; (Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17: 11-19

10/19 Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 121; (Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18: 1-8

10/26 Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; psalm 84:1-7; (Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65): 2 Timothy 4 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 19-14

[illegible]

A decorative border featuring several autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and brown, arranged along a horizontal line. The leaves are scattered across the top and bottom edges of the page.

Sunday School

The young people's Sunday School curriculum

On the designated Sundays (**see dates below**), we will gather in the lower level of the church at 10:00 am to explore the bible and foundational concepts to our faith.

We will share in the example Jesus taught us and engage in a service project – stay tuned for that.

All young people from 3rd grade through high school are welcome to join us. Bring a friend! Please bring your Bible, if you don't have one, come anyway as we have some to use. There is no cost for this class.

Please contact Chris Hackett, 414-416-9444 or chackett3913@outlook.com with questions.

Dates / Topics

October 12: 66 Books- How can I read the Bible to better understand God's Word to me? Intro to the Old Testament

October 26: 4 Gospels- Why do Matthew, Mark, Luke and John tell the story of Jesus in different ways?

November 9: 21 Letters - How can I grow in faith and discipleship by reading other people's mail?

November 23: Congregationalism - Who are we and What are we?

December 14: Advent and Why is Jesus our Christmas present?

December 28: NO CLASS

Fall Adult Bible Study

Thursdays, October 2 - November 6 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

This Bible study will be focused on the theme "**All That You Have is Your Soul**"

This class is intended for the participants to take action on their soul health throughout the class.

There is no way to have a healthy soul without the help of our loving God that will give us the redemption we need to have a healthy soul.

This study will be led by Jim Filicetti and have video clips, music, class discussion and independent reading and study.

Please let Jim know if you will be participating. A sign up sheet will be available at church.

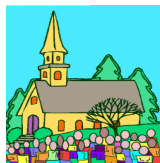
COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB

The dates and books for the Community Book Club are listed below.

The Book Club will meet in the church parlor at 6:30 pm.

Monday, October 27, 2025	I am Malala	by Malala Yousafzi & Christina Lamb
Monday, November 24, 2025	Small Great Things	by Jodi Piccolt
Monday, December 8, 2025	Christmas Book Exchange/Party	Location TBD





**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF ROCHESTER**

103 S. State Street
P.O. Box 8
Rochester, WI 53167
PH. (262) 534-6582
Email: pastor@fccrochesterwis.org

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

www.fccrochesterwis.org

October 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 11:00-1:00 Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Practice	3	4
5 10:00 am Church Communion Choir singing	6	7	8	9 11:00-1:00 Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Practice	10	11
12 10:00 am Church Children's Sunday School Special music by Jim McNielly and Rose Seeger.	13	14	15	16 11:00-1:00 Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Practice	17	18
19 10:00 am Church Ruth Frost is in the pulpit. Choir singing	20 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	21	22	23 11:00-1:00 Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Practice	24	25
26 10:00 am Church Children's Sunday School Special music by Phil Peters.	27 6:30 pm Book Club	28	29	30 11:00-1:00 Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir Practice	31	