



July 2025

The Personnel Team congratulates Kris Bartelt on her retirement! We are thankful for her years of faithful service to not only our congregation, but the church universal. We look forward to services when she returns to serve as a guest organist/pianist.

The future will undoubtedly be a change from what we are accustomed to, and we are eager to embrace God's new plan. As we transition to whatever God has planned for us, it will be important for us all to encourage one another to maintain healthy boundaries for both the hiring and the retiring processes.

With trust in God, the Personnel Team is searching for and interviewing potential candidates and will provide information to the congregation as it is appropriate. If you have any questions or would like to confirm information you have not seen in print, please contact a member of the Personnel Team or Pastor Craig. Please respect the confidentiality of the search process.

The life of every congregation is punctuated by the coming and going of key leaders and program staff; and the professional life of many program staff is punctuated by changes in congregations who employ them. For both the congregation and the staff person, it is important for these transitions to take place in as healthy a manner as possible. Program staff and congregations form unique personal bonds and relationships during their time of ministry together. When a staff relationship is concluded, it is understandable that the staff and members of the congregation would like to stay in touch and continue the relationship they have enjoyed. However, doing so makes it more difficult for congregations to begin forming new bonds and relationships with their future staff. Therefore, the Personnel Team of First Presbyterian Church, rejects any official activities which invade any other current staff person's role without a specific invitation from the Head of Staff, or in their absence, the Clerk of Session.

The Personnel Team opposes any fostering of informal relationships in the congregation, which, in the perception of the current Head of Staff or Session, harms the ministry of the current staff. This is particularly applicable to social media/on-line interaction. The departing staff member should exercise discipline to find ways to remove undue social media visibility that would invade the ministry of the current staff.

Congratulations to Our New Elders and Deacons

Deacon Class of 2026:
(ends 12/31/26)

Jolene Schry

Deacon Class of 2027:
(ends 12/31/27)

Elfrieda Pretorius

Evan Stark

Scott Zander

Elder Class of 2027:
(ends 12/31/27)

Ruth Holstein

Mary Jones

Danielle Pike



Piano Playground-Thank you



"Thank you so much for opening your church to us again this year for our piano recital. This was my 25th year of teaching so it was very special day for everyone. Thank you also for being willing to help us set up. We Hope to see you for my 26th year!



Summer Outdoor Worship

The worship team is excited about having worship outdoors once a month this summer. We gather around and under the pavilion worshipping God in the natural beauty He has given us. The dates are: July 20th, August 17th and September 14th. Stay tuned for more details as the dates approach.



CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR
PERFORMING ARTS SERIES
PRESENTS A FREE PERFORMANCE BY THE

**Fond du Lac
Children's Chorale**
Eva Thelen-Dunphy, Director



Sunday, July 6, 2:00 p.m.
CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR
9th & Main Sts • Fond du Lac
Free Will donations appreciated • All Are Welcome!

Back to School Supply Drive

Help students in need
and donate school supplies

Supplies needed:

- Spiral Notebooks Wide Ruled and College Ruled
- Pocket Folders
- Binders 2" 3 ring
- Zipper Pencil/Supply Pouch for 3-Ring Binder
- Erasers
- rulers
- Texas Instruments Calculator, (TI-30XA or higher)
- Case It 3-Ring Zipper Binder, (2 inch zipper binder)
- Write On Tab Dividers
- Index cards 3x3
- Glue 4 oz.and Glue sticks
- Canister(s) of Disinfecting Wipes
- Backpacks (No wheels)
- #2 pencils
- Red, blue and black pens
- Pencil Box
- Crayola Crayons
- Crayola Washable Markers classic colors
- Sharpie Permanent Markers
- EXPO Dry erase markers
- Highlighters
- Colored pencils
- Scissors
- Post it Notes 3x3
- Loose Leaf Paper Wide Ruled

Donations accepted until **August 3rd**

Drop off box in the narthex

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES JUNE ADULT GROWING CONNECTIONS

SUNDAYS 10:15-11:15AM

July 6 Sermon Discussion

Sermon Discussion is an opportunity for discussion of the scripture passages. Facilitators help to create an atmosphere where participants can explore their thoughts and feelings about the issues and topics presented by the scriptures of the day. Anyone who wants to enjoy an open and caring environment for exploring their faith is welcome.

July 13 Loaves and Fishes

Learn more about Loaves & Fishes through First Presbyterian Church volunteers. The Loaves & Fishes program provides hot meals to approximately 150-200 local people twice a week. This number continues to increase as we continue to look for ways to impact families in the city of Fond du Lac that may not be able to provide nutritional meals to their families. The success of our mission relies solely on volunteers throughout the community.

July 20 TBD

July 27 FPC Website

Discover the exciting new First Presbyterian Church (FPC) logo and website! Join Tillie and Jennifer as they demonstrate how easy it is to navigate the new site and maximize your experience. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn more.

Changes to the Start of Worship

During the past few months, the Worship Team has been discussing several theological questions, including:

- What do our actions say about our faith?
- When does our worship service begin and end?
- What does the entrance and exit of the light of Christ lantern signify?
- What is the purpose of the prelude and the postlude?
- Are the announcements part of worship?
- What does the tolling of the bell signify?

We decided to experiment with slightly changing the way we begin our worship service, and we invite you to reflect on how these changes may impact your worship experience.

During the prelude, the acolyte will carry the Light of Christ forward, symbolically illuminating the path for the Pastor and Liturgist. At the end of the prelude, the handbells will ring, marking the 9:00 hour.

During the final hymn, the Light of Christ symbolically goes out into the world, calling us to follow, reflecting God's presence to the world.

Summer Noon Organ Recital Series 2025



The following area organists will be presenting recitals this summer. Free-will offerings will be taken.

Proceeds will go to a scholarship fund to support the training of young organists and the promotion of future series of summer organ recitals.

Organist	Date	Place
Ann Lemmenes	Thursday, July 10, 12:15pm	Cathedral Church of St. Paul the Apostle 51 W. Division, FdL
Libby Reinbold	Thursday, July 17, 12:15pm	Salem Methodist Church 120 Sheboygan St., FdL
Kris Bartelt	Thursday, July 24, 12:15pm	First Presbyterian Church, 1225 Fourth St Rd., FdL
Kenneth Hill	Thursday, July 31, 12:15pm	Hope Lutheran Church 260 Vincent St., FdL
Arpad Muranyi	Thursday, Aug. 07, 12:15pm	St. Patrick's Concert Hall 39 E. Follett Street, FdL
Henry Hayes (scholarship recipient)	Thursday, Aug. 14, 12:15pm	First Presbyterian Church, 1225 Fourth St Rd., FdL

For more information, please visit our website fdlareaorganists.com, follow us on Facebook, or contact:

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Ken Hill	kenhill0333@gmail.com	920-539-3977
Fond du Lac Area Organists Association		

July 28th—Loaves and Fishes

FPC will be serving the meal at Loaves and Fishes on July 28. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex. You can donate financially, donate desserts, and you can also come join us at the Church of Peace at 158 S. Military Road FDL to help serve. This is a great opportunity to work side-by-side with your church family to help serve those less fortunate. God has blessed us all so richly paying it forward is God's plan!

We invite you to join us in making a difference with our future Loaves and Fishes serving dates:

Wednesday, September 10th

Wednesday, December 17th

2025 Summer Mission Trip

There is great interest in a short-term mission trip this Summer for youth and adults. A short-term mission trip can be an engaging and meaningful experience, with mutual benefit to the people who go and to the people receiving the group. Participation in a mission trip offers you and your church group a chance to share your time and talents with mission partners from other cultures and realities. Through the trip, you learn from each other and worship and serve God together.

Please complete this form on your interest and availability.



First Presbyterian Church Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is scheduled for July 8, 2025 from 1:00pm-5:30pm.

[Click here to sign up for a donation time.](#) Please sign up early and eat a healthy diet with plenty of protein to assure you can donate!

Unfortunately, many people will be vacationing over the Fourth of July, so if you are available, please consider donating. For those who were deferred last donation, consider talking with your doctors office about options that will work for your. Remember, calcium blocks Iron absorption so avoid dairy products two hours prior or after taking iron supplements. Vitamin C aids in iron absorption so taking iron with orange juice, grapefruit juice, cherry juice or tomato juice are good choices. You have over a month to prepare for a successful donation, make good use of it! .

Remember, you can donate one unit of blood every 56 days. One hour of your time every 56 days could save a life. Is that too much to ask?

Mark your calendar for future First Presbyterian Church Blood Drive Dates:

Tuesday, July 8

Tuesday, September 9

Tuesday, November 4

Bell Choir

The last song of their season



Save the Date-Church Picnic

Sunday, August 3

Church picnic following church service

More information coming soon in the Wednesday updates



Bed in a Bag Collection for Sleep In Heavenly Peace

June 1st to July 6th

Beginning 6/1 thru 7/6/25 the Serving team is coordinating a "Bedding Drive" for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We will be collecting twin size Bed in a Bag sets (fitted sheet, flat sheet, pillowcase and comfort-er). They are especially in need of boy's themed bedding. The "bed in a bag" sets can be purchased and placed in the collection box in the Narthex. If you are not a shopper you can also donate funds to the church office or via Vanco and bedding kits can be purchased by volunteers.

PENTECOST Offering and Paper Drive



Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Pentecost offering and paper drive this year!



If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list, please [click here](#) to complete an online form or contact the church office.

Prayer request cards are available in the Prayer Box located in the Narthex, in the church pews, or online ([click here](#)). You can place your prayer request in the offering plate or the lock box at the church office door.

For electronic prayer requests, please complete the form and click submit.

YFC Georgia Peach / Michigan Blueberry Sale

Youth for Christ Peach Sale is back... Pre-purchase your delicious Georgia peaches and / or Michigan blueberries today! Peaches are available at multiple locations including FDL, Waupun, Beaver Dam, and Rosendale on July 15-16. Pre-purchases are recommended but walk-up sales will be available until sold out. All proceeds help YFC share the Gospel with teens throughout the area. For more info or to place your order, visit www.badgerlandyfc.org, scan the QR code, or call 920-923-1416.



July 10th - Ruby's Pantry



- Food distribution will take place at **GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**. Please enter on the **EAST** side. Park on the South side of the building.
- Online registration is available [here](#). Please arrive at your appointed time.
- All guests must enter the building to register and receive their pick-up number.
- Further instructions will be available, once guests have registered.
- Two food shares are allowed, per vehicle.
- Trunk must be empty.
- Food will be loaded into trunks by our volunteers.
- Do not bring boxes, bags, etc. for food.
- Bathroom facilities are not available to the public

Where	Grace Christian 1596 4th St, Fond du Lac, WI
When	July 10th
Open	4:30-6:00pm to Volunteer
Donation	\$25.00 Cash Only

Questions contact Grace Christian Church at:
920.923.5292 or
rachelrudzik@gccfdl.org

If you are interested in volunteering at Ruby's Pantry please complete the application at: www.rubyspantry.org.

Every Wednesday - 8:00 am

Men's Breakfast

Every Wednesday, men of the church meet for breakfast at Pump 'n Pantry at 8:00 am.

(329 W. Pioneer Road, FDL).



Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere with a freshly brewed cup of coffee in hand and good friends gathered around the table. It's the perfect way to kick off your Wednesday.

Women in Faith *Date change for July*

A friend is someone who reaches for your hand but touches your heart.

If you are interested in meeting new people and having an enjoyable time, check out the Women in Faith gathering on Wednesday, **July 16th from 5:30-7:30 pm**. We will share a potluck Salad Bar as the main dish. Following the meal, we will enjoy fun fellowship time with a "buggy" craft activity. The meal sign up is on the Welcome Center in the Narthex or [click here for a Food Sign-Up Sheet](#). Everyone is welcome, feel free to bring a friend. Contact Jennifer with any questions.

Women in Faith meets once a month for an evening of fun, devotion, and games or crafts. If you can bring a dish to pass, if not just bring yourself and join the fun. The group is open to women of all ages, and everyone is welcome, so feel free to bring a friend



Featuring Dr. Andrew Root

Living in an Age of Many Spiritualities

In a time when religion is questioned but spirituality is everywhere, Dr. Root explores why people are drawn to so many forms of spiritual expression — and how faith leaders can help their communities discern what truly nourishes the soul.

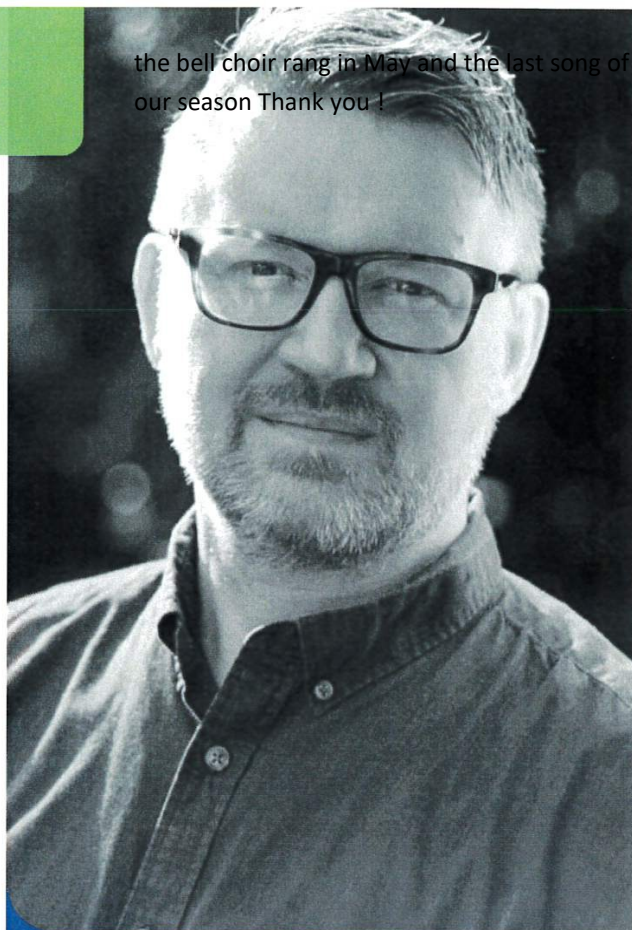
Living in an Era of Over-Parenting

As youth ministry gets crowded out by busy schedules, this talk offers a refreshing shift in perspective — reclaiming storytelling and presence as the heart of spiritual formation for the next generation.



Scan the QR Code to register

the bell choir rang in May and the last song of our season Thank you !



About Dr. Root

Dr. Andrew Root is a professor, theologian, and author widely recognized for his work on faith formation, youth ministry, and the shifting role of spirituality in modern life.

September 18, 2025



8:00am – 3:00pm



**First Congregational
UCC, Appleton**



\$75, includes lunch




Samaritan
HEALING MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

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Debbie Cooley

Todd Hayes

Larry Johnson

Joanne Marchionda

Terry Rehn

Mike Warntjes

July

Deacon of the Month:
Lew Smith

Elder of the Month:
Larry Johnson

VOLUNTEER STAFF

Joanne Marchionda
Handbell Choir Director

John Neville
Treasurer

Judy Dassow
Assistant Treasurer

Dave Weber
Custodian Assistant

DEACONS

Judy Dassow*

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Orv Kamphuis

Mary Ellen McMeen

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