

# Nursery-High School

## Special Dates

- \* **Sunday, Sept. 17**  
Sunday school 10:15;  
Youth Choir begins,  
11:15 a.m.; adult  
Sunday school, 11:15
- \* **Sunday, Sept. 24**  
Haiti Allies kickoff; fall  
annual meeting and  
potluck after worship;  
HS youth group 4:00 p;  
Games Night 5-8 p.m.;  
Confirmation 6:00 p.m.
- \* **Sunday, Oct. 1**  
Confirmation Sunday;  
4th Grade Bibles;  
Communion

## Animate Faith

Animate Faith, adult Sunday school, gives life to understanding faith practices. Lively discussions are jumpstarted with a DVD presentation on a topic.

On September 17, "Scripture Reads Us" featuring Will Willimon is the topic. Will challenges us to consider the assumptions that frame the way we read the Bible. Join us from 11:15 to 12:15 in the basement adult education room. Child care can be arranged. **Contact:** Shannon Joshi, shannonj@firstucceaclaire.org.

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Eau Claire, WI

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## September 17 is "App Sunday"

When does Youth Choir practice? How can I register my children for Sunday school? How can I sign up for a book group? How can I submit a prayer request? How can I easily give to the church and specific missions?

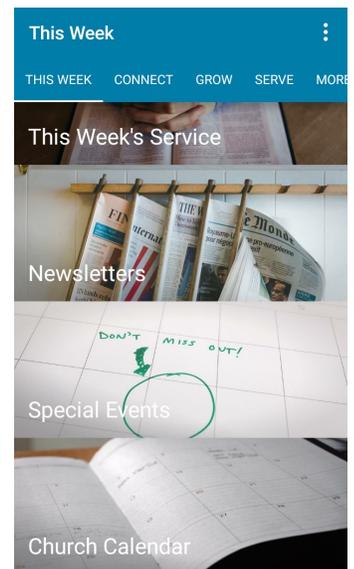
First Congregational's new app has all of these details and much more. Download the app to your phone or tablet, and you'll have church in your pocket and at your fingertips. You can check the church calendar; register for a Bible study, book group, or Sunday school; read newsletters; give electronically, and more.

On Sunday, September 17, bring your phone or tablet to church. After worship, Technology Committee Chairperson Jaerid Rossi will show you how to download and use the free app.



Here are three ways to download the app:

- Scan the QR code at left
- Text "fcuccapp" to 77977
- Go to the App Store (iPhones) or Google Play and search for First Congregational EC



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## Children Sing and Shine with Sarah Olson



New Youth Choir Director Sarah Olson and accompanist Ben Kittilstad will be in the church chapel this Sunday, September 17, to meet young singers who want to be part of the Youth Choir. Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to participate.

Rehearsals will be held on Sundays after worship until noon in the chapel. The choir sings the second Sunday of the month during worship from October-April and presents a May musical. **Contact:** Sarah Olson, SOlson@ecasd.us.



## Preschool and K-1 Sunday School: The Golden Rule

### Preschool

- Location: nursery
- When: 9:45-11:15
- Leaders: Katie Griffith, Brittany Hattrem, BJ Hollars, Emma Wiegel, Logan Gundry
- Pick up children

One day Jesus led a crowd of people to a hill to speak to them. He told them about God's love and taught them the Golden Rule: Treat others like you want them to treat you. What does this mean? Be nice. Be kind to others. Love others. Care for others. Pray for others. Preschool, kindergarten and first-grade Sunday school activities in September center around ways to show kindness toward others.

### K-1

- Location: K-1 room
- When: 10:15-11:15
- Leaders: Meredith Ball, Liza Wiegel
- Pick up children

## Sunday School Grades 2-5 Sept. 17

**Grades 2-3:** Compare the courage of David as he met Goliath with that of Sojourner Truth in her role against slavery. Create murals of giant problems in the world and what courage might be needed.



**Grades 4-5:** The prophet Nathan was a spiritual adviser for David, guiding him in how to be God-centered. Use labyrinths to explore an avenue of personal faith journey.

### Grades 2-3

- Location: Amazing Acts
- When: 10:15-11:15. Pick up children.
- Leader: Jayne Woodburn
- Shepherd: David Johnson

### Grades 4-5

- Location: Awesome Oasis
- When: 10:15-11:15.
- Leader: Kristen Gundry
- Shepherd: Becky Dyar



**Drop in the Bucket  
September 17**  
Good Neighbor Project

## Grades 6-8

Grades 6-8 Sunday school kicks off on September 17. Class begins after the children's message in worship and meets in the youth room downstairs.

Leader: Jackie Wiegel

## Middle and High School Youth Groups Focus on Helping Others



**Middle school youth group Wednesday, September 13:**  
5:30 p.m. supper in Ingram Hall, \$2.

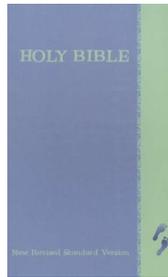
**Youth group, 6:00:** Meet in the youth room to create a Hike for the Homeless challenge video. The group invites the congregation to join them during the hike on Saturday, September 30.

**Contact:** Mary Beth Tusing, lestertusing@gmail.com.

**High school youth group meets Wednesday, September 20:**  
Make hygiene kits for the Chippewa Valley Street Ministry in preparation for volunteering with the ministry on Friday, September 29. **Contact:** Angie Stokes, beetrue2u@aol.com.

## Fourth-Grade Bibles Presented October 1

First Congregational's fourth-graders will receive Bibles from the church during worship on Sunday, October 1.



## For Children During Worship



- Our downstairs nursery is staffed and welcomes infants through pre-kindergarteners. Rocking chairs are in the nursery, in the hall near the nursery, and in the chapel.
- Pew packs with children's activities are available near the Third Avenue/Broadway Street entrance. Ask an usher for assistance.

## Upcoming Confirmation Dates

Confirmands will meet with their mentors on Sunday, September 24, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place. Bring confirmation books to review completed activities and future opportunities. Snacks will be served.



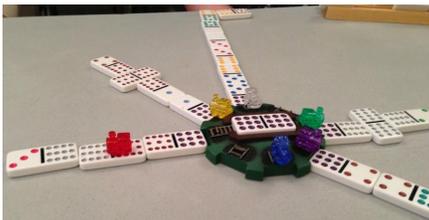
Confirmands who have met the requirements will be confirmed during worship on Sunday, October 1.

Invitations to a family breakfast have been mailed: **RSVP by Sept. 22:** Kristi Kampa, [kristikampa74@gmail.com](mailto:kristikampa74@gmail.com) or 715-214-5832 (text).

## Safe Sanctuary Policy

We strongly encourage parents, when on the premises with their children, to know at all times where their children are, who they are with, and what they are doing. Parents are invited to observe a room or activity at any time. It is strongly encouraged that children 10 or younger play only in supervised areas.

## Games Night September 24



On September 24, board game enthusiasts of all ages will gather in Ingram Hall from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. for friendly competition and a potluck snack buffet. Join us!

## Photography Policy

Pictures of church gatherings and events are taken for use in newsletters, on Facebook and the website, and in the church's new app. First Congregational has a photography opt-out process: If you don't want your or your child's photo used, email Office Manager Pam Braun at [pamb@firststuceauclaire.org](mailto:pamb@firststuceauclaire.org) or put a signed note in her basket in the church office.



## Dementia-Friendly Training Oct. 2

Our church is taking steps to become designated as a Dementia Friendly Faith Community. All church members — including teens — are invited to attend a training by Lisa Wells, Eau Claire County Aging and Disability Resource Center dementia specialist, on Monday, October 2, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Ingram Hall.

**RSVP by September 27:** Mary Barnes, 715-834-2668 or [maryb@firststuceauclaire.org](mailto:maryb@firststuceauclaire.org).

