

# Nursery-High School

## Special Dates

- \* **Sunday, Oct. 15**  
JONAH Sunday;  
Medication collection;  
Youth Choir rehearsal  
11:15; Games Night  
5 p.m.; Safe Sanctuary  
training 11:15
- \* **Sunday, Oct. 22**  
Youth Choir rehearsal  
11:15; Pumpkin  
Caroling 12-2 p.m.
- \* **Sunday, Oct. 29**  
New Members; Youth  
Choir rehearsal 11:15;  
adult Sunday school-  
Animate Faith 11:15
- \* **Sunday, Nov. 5**  
All Saints' Sunday

## New Members Join Oct. 29

New members will be welcomed into the First Congregational faith family on Sunday, October 29.

Please contact the office if you are interested in learning more about what it means to be a member of this vibrant congregation: 715-834-2668 or [pamb@firstuceauclaire.org](mailto:pamb@firstuceauclaire.org).

First Congregational Church: Nursery-High School  
Eau Claire, WI

October 15, 2017

## October 15: JONAH Sunday

During worship on October 15, Sarah Ferber, EXPO (Ex-Prisoners Organizing) organizer, and Joyce Anderson, co-chair of the JONAH Immigration Task Force, will share their stories and talk about their work in JONAH and in the Chippewa Valley.

You also will hear about the work of our congregation's core team over

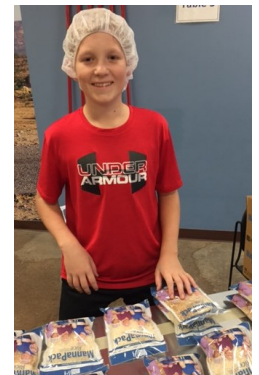


the past year. In Ingram Hall after the service, you will have a chance to talk with Sarah and Joyce and members of the core team. Be sure to stop by the JONAH table to pick up tickets for JONAH's 10 Year Celebration on November 12 and to find out how you can support JONAH's work in our congregation and the wider community.

## Feed My Starving Children October 13

First Congregational packs meals at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan, MN, this Friday, October 13, a no-school day. If you would like to join the group, five spots remain: We especially need adults to drive and chaperone. Visit [www.fmssc.org](http://www.fmssc.org) for details about this life-saving organization.

We meet at church at 9:15 a.m. to coordinate transportation and then head to Eagan. Our shift is from noon to 2:30 p.m. Bring a sack lunch. We return at 4:30 p.m. **RSVP:** Shannon Joshi, [shannonj@firstuceauclaire.org](mailto:shannonj@firstuceauclaire.org).



## Pumpkin Caroling October 22

On October 22, after worship, don your Halloween costume and have a quick lunch in Ingram at noon. Then practice Halloween-themed songs and head to Syverson Home, Our House, and Dove West to sing your heart out to residents. We'll return to church at 2:00 p.m. **RSVP by October 19:** Mary Barnes, [maryb@firstuceauclaire.org](mailto:maryb@firstuceauclaire.org).

## Preschool, K-1 October 15: Ways to Pray

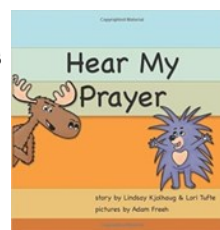
### Preschool

- Location: nursery
- When: 9:45-11:15
- Leaders: Katie Griffith, Paul Braun, Emily Herman, Ella Herman
- Pick up children

Our faith practices unit on prayer continues on October 15. Prayer gives us a connection with God. We can pray out loud, through our thoughts, and by using our hands and bodies.

**Preschool:** Create a prayer mosaic and prayer puzzle; hear the story *Hear My Prayer*, by church member Lori Tufté, her daughter Lindsay Kjolhaug and nephew Adam Freeh (can be purchased in the nursery for \$7); participate in a music-and-movement prayer.

**K-1:** Learn about finger labyrinths; make stained glass prayers and woven prayers; and participate in a music-and-movement prayer.



### K-1

- Location: K-1 room
- When: 10:15-11:15
- Leaders: Tiffany Leighton-Giffey, Maddie Falkner
- Pick up children

## Grades 2-5: Faith Practices

October Sunday school lessons focus on developing faith practices. Each participant is acknowledged for his/her participation and works toward a certificate of completion for attending all Faith Practice sessions. The unit continues on October 15 with:

**Grade 2:** Worship readiness. Craft stick puzzles are made from pictures of sanctuary features. A scavenger hunt/sanctuary tour concludes the lesson. Leader: Shannon Joshi. Location: Amazing Acts.

**Grade 3:** Memorize the Lord's Prayer. What is God's will for us on earth? How do we participate in doing God's will? Children create a prayer cube to practice the "PATH" prayer form (praise, apologize, thanks, help). Leader: Kirsten Rossi. Shepherd: Jeanne Herman. Location: Adaptive room across from K-1.



**Grade 4:** Beginning Bible knowledge. Children should bring their new Bibles they received Oct. 2. Using symbolic foods, youth will find a variety of major stories in their Bibles. They will sample foods and work on memory verses. Leader: Celene Reuter. Shepherd: Stephanie Herman. Location: Thou Art.

**Grade 5:** Bible study. When Jerusalem is destroyed, Israel was scattered throughout a strange land. To remember scripture, they began to write the first five books of the Bible. Leader: Becky Dyar. Location: Gathering Place.

### Drop in the Bucket October 15

Feed My Starving Children



## Grades 6-8 October 15

Grades 6-8 Sunday school meets in the youth room after the children's message. October 15 topic: Can it be proven that God exists? Youth explore the differences between knowing and believing. Leader: Wesley McDermott.



### MS and HS Youth Groups

**Wednesday, Oct. 11:** 5:30 p.m. supper in Ingram Hall, \$2.

**6:00-7:30 p.m.:** Plan October 18 intergenerational meal and 2016-17 youth group presentation.

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

## Youth Choir Welcomes New Members

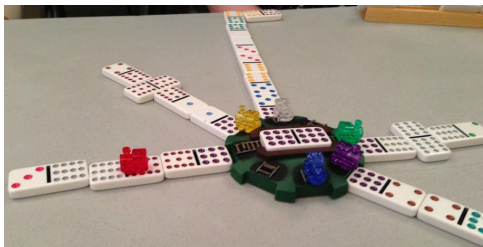
The Youth Choir debuted its 2017-18 year on October 8 with "I'm Gonna Sing" (arr. Andrey Snyder). Young singers filling the chancel steps sang their hearts out while directed by Sarah Olson and accompanied by Ben Kittilstad.

Children ages 4 to sixth grade can join choir anytime during the year. Rehearsals are held on Sundays after worship until noon in the chapel. The choir sings the second Sundays of the month during worship through April and presents a May musical. Contact: Sarah Olson, [SOlson@ecasd.us](mailto:SOlson@ecasd.us).



### Youth Choir

- Open to: ages 4 through 6th grade
- Rehearsals: 11:15 to noon Sundays, chapel
- Performances: Second Sunday of the month



## Games Night October 15

Board game enthusiasts of all ages are invited to First Congregational's Games Night on Sunday, October 15. The action happens from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. while nibbling from a potluck snack buffet. Come and go as you can.

## All Saints' Sunday November 5

On November 5 we will celebrate All Saints' Day. During worship we remember and give thanks for the lives of people close to us whose earthly life has ended since last All Saints' Day. New this year: Their pictures will be shown on the worship screens.

If you would like a special person remembered, please email the person's full name, date of death, and picture to Office Manager Pam Braun, [pamb@firststucceauclaire.org](mailto:pamb@firststucceauclaire.org).



## Adult Sunday School October 29

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

October 29 features Jay Bakker, *Love is the Bottom Line*. How do you love a book that's caused you nothing but pain? Jay Bakker takes us through his journey from hard-line fundamentalist kid to faithless rebel young man to grace-filled pastor.

Join us from 11:15 to 12:15 in the basement adult education room. Child care can be arranged. **Contact:** Shannon Joshi, [shannonj@firststucceauclaire.org](mailto:shannonj@firststucceauclaire.org).



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