



Nursery-Teen Connections

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eau Claire, WI

February 18, 2018

Special Dates

- * **Tuesday, February 13**
5:30 Lenten book study
- * **Wed., February 14**
6 p.m. youth serve meal, Ingram;
7 p.m. worship
- * **Sunday, February 18**
Animate Faith-Bible,
11:15; no Youth Choir rehearsal
- * **Thursday, February 22**
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Feed My Starving Children
- * **Wed., February 28**
6:15 p.m. Compline Service, chapel



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Check the church app for more dates

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, with a 7:00 p.m. worship service in the sanctuary that includes the imposition of ashes, communion, and the Chancel Choir.

Fundraiser Meal February 14

Enjoy a home-cooked meal on Wednesday, February 14, while raising money for the youth group's mission trip this summer to Milwaukee.

Youth will serve the meal from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m., before the 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship service. The menu: strawberry-pecan-spinach salad with poppyseed vinaigrette, pasta with made-from-scratch marinara and meatballs, garlic bread, and chocolate strawberry cheesecake trifles. This replaces the weekly 5:30 meal. Freewill offering.

RSVP: Shannon Joshi, shannonj@firstucceauclaire.org.



First Communion Stations Begin

First Congregational UCC invites children to take communion before confirmation when parents see that their children understand communion in an age-appropriate way.

Resources are available to support your family decision for First Communion. Independent learning stations that prepare children to un-



derstand the sacrament will be set up in the lower level February 18-March 4.

On February 25, a communion event will be held in a family

home with Pastor Mark available for questions; contact Shannon Joshi at shannonj@firstucceauclaire.org.

First Congregational UCC will celebrate First Communion on March 4.

Adult Sunday School February 18

Animate Faith-Bible, adult Sunday school, on February 18 discusses the DVD *Love is the Bottom Line*. How do you love a book that's caused you pain? Jay Bakker takes us through his journey from hard-line fundamentalist kid to faithless rebel young man to grace-filled pastor.

Join us in the comfortably furnished Gathering Place downstairs from 11:15 to 12:15. Child care is available if requested: shannonj@firstucceauclaire.org.

Preschool and K-1 Sunday School: The Last Supper

Preschool

- Location: nursery, 10:00-11:15
- Leaders: Katie Griffith, Brittany Hattrem, Baela Funk, Maria Woodburn

K-1

- Location: K-1 room, 10:15-11:15
- Leaders: Tiffany Leighton-Giffey, Tyler McBride

Jesus and his 12 disciples came to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. Jesus used the bread and cup to show the disciples what would happen to him soon. He passed the bread, saying, "This is my body." He passed the cup of wine, saying, "This is my blood." He told his disciples to remember him and what he had taught. During communion, we remember Jesus.



In Sunday school February 18, preschoolers, kindergartners and first-graders participate in "remember" activities. Preschoolers make a paper cup showing images of Jesus, bread, and wine. Kindergartners and first-graders make bread-and-chalice art.

Grades 2-5: Jesus Washes Feet



Jesus washing the disciples' feet during Holy Week is the February 18 Sunday school theme for grades 2-5.

Grades 2-3

Leader: Kate Spranger
Shepherd: Leah Olson-McBride
Location: Thou Art/kitchen, 10:15-11:15

Activity: Martha shares the story of Jesus' last meal and participants create a clay foot as a remembrance of their visit with Martha.

Grades 4-5

Leader: Shana Schmidt
Shepherd: Brooke Johnson
Location: Amazing Acts, 10:15-11:15
Activity: Find John 13 in the Bible and associate the various scenes of the event with pictures. Create a photo series of those scenes, including Jesus washing the feet of the disciples.



February

Drop in the Bucket

Haiti Allies

Do chores at home to earn money to feed Cite Soleil children

Grades 6-8

February 18 leader:

Kristi Kampa

Location: Youth room, 10:15-11:15

Topic: Youth consider Christianity in relationship to other religious traditions.



Wednesday, February 14: 6:00-8 p.m., the middle school youth group serve a meal from 6:00-6:45 in Ingram Hall as a fundraiser for their summer mission trip and then attend the 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship service. Contact: Mary Beth Tusing, lestertusing@gmail.com.

Pack Meals at Feed My Starving Children

Children first grade and older, adults, and families are invited to pack meals at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan, MN, from 12:00-2:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, a no-school day.

We will coordinate transportation from the church at 9:00 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. More drivers are needed.

RSVP by February 15: Shannon Joshi, shannonj@firstucceauclaire.org; or sign up through the church app.



Scouts Invited to Participate in Scout Sunday March 4

Children and youth who are in Scouting are invited to have roles in worship on Scout Sunday, March 4.

Sign up by Friday, February 23, to be a greeter, usher, or communion server: Gina Caldwell, gina.caldwell@co.eau-claire.wi.us.

Ushers and communion servers will be trained before worship that morning. Details will be emailed after signup.

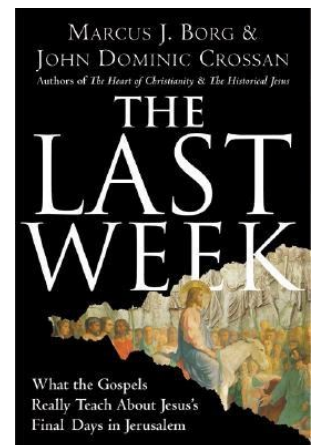


Lenten Book Study Begins February 13

The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan is the focus of the Lenten book study. Two of today's top Jesus experts offer what they believe is the real gospel account of Jesus's final week in Jerusalem.

Pastor Mark leads a four-part discussion in the comfortably furnished Gathering Place to accompany your reading; February 13, 27; March 13, 27; from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Books are available for purchase, \$11, in the church library. Child care is available. RSVP: Shannon Joshi, shannonj@firstucceauclaire.org; or sign up through the church app.



A Wrinkle in Time Talk February 21

This March, Madeleine L'Engle's classic *A Wrinkle in Time* will be released as a major motion picture.

Join us on a multi-part adventure: Read the book and discuss it with us on Wednesday, February 21, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Gathering Place. Next, join us for a private showing of the movie at Micon Cinemas in March (date TBD). Check the church app in February and March for updates. Contact: Shannon Joshi, shannonj@firstucceauclaire.org.

