

A Small Community with a Global Reach

Join a worshipping community centered in Jesus Christ, connected by a ministry that welcomes, listens, serves, worships and advocates peace and justice in our community and world!

May – June 2022 Newsletter

Upcoming Events –

Please note that Fillmore, Houston and Winona counties are currently at a high level of Covid transmission. Please keep everyone safe at this time by masking and social distancing whenever possible.

*Church at 9:30 a.m. in person and on Zoom.

May 22 – Pastor Shirley Gangstad

May 29 – Rev. Dr. Carol Garmen will be our guest pastor. She is the chaplain at Winona Health. It is the 5th Sunday, so remember to bring your Noisy Offering coins.

*June 12 - First Pres session meeting will be held at approximately 10:30 am following church service.

*Women's Sewing Group – May 24, June 14 and 28, 9 am to 3 pm, church basement. Potluck lunch at noon. Come to make diapers and blankets, work on a project of your own, or just join us for lunch.

*Women's Group Meetings – Thursday, June 23, 1:30 pm, church basement. Meditations by Margie, mission discussion and projects, refreshments. All are welcome to join us.



Church in the World –

*Rosiland Rood visited our worship service on Palm Sunday and talked about the Bible study she has been leading at Rochester Community Baptist congregation. The group meets on Tuesday evenings and Joyce, Cindy, Darlene, Sonja and Shirley have been taking part via Zoom. They are currently focused on verses in the Old and New Testament on fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is always an invitation for others to join in the group which meets on Tuesday nights from 7-8 p.m. Contact Sonja or Joyce if you are interested in the sessions via Zoom.

Joyce, Cindy and Pastor Ann have worshipped with the Rochester Community Baptist congregation, and there is a plan for another visit on May 22nd.

*Last Sunday during CITW Carrie talked about a photo project that we are going to start right now, based on this question: **Where have you seen God at work in the world lately?** Is it in a person, place or thing? I (Carrie) used nature and food for my photo examples. Use your creativity and camera (or ask me or someone else to take a few pictures for you) and email the photos to trinityandfirst@gmail.com. These will be posted on the internet/ Facebook, so use care in taking photos of people and get their permission if needed. We are not putting names or stories with the photos at this time, but may talk about our photos during future CITW moments. Each person can send up to 4 photos. Let's try this for a 3-week period and see how it goes. Evidence of God at work in the world...where do you see it? Let Carrie or Terri know if you have questions. Thanks for participating in a new way to pass the love of God on to others. ❤️

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News about our Mexican students

Octavio is closing in on graduation in his forestry major. He doesn't have the date of his ceremony yet but will let us know. It should be in June. He says that he is very happy for the support we have given him throughout his college education.

Froylan turned in his semester grades and had a perfect score of 10 in every class! He is on track to graduate in a year in an engineering program.

Sandra had her graduation ceremony last year, but her thesis is still being worked on, and she hopes it will be accepted in June. She has had some setbacks with her health the last few months and is continuing to recover.

Farmworkers

Some Featherstone workers are here now, and Nathan reports that a big group of farmworkers will arrive at the end of the month.

Boyum Family

John, Megan, Arne, and Rae have moved to 2648 Harding Rd., Lafayette, IN 47905 where John has taken a job managing a beef operation on a large farm.

We bought a fixer upper! So the move has been eventful. Before the kids and I came John filled 2-30 yard dumpsters with the household items that remained in the house. All the windows have at least one cracked pane and the living room window was missing some panes...just to give you an idea of who/what was living in the house before we arrived! We have a great big yard with many mature trees, so we have hung this great swing that we've all been enjoying.

Needed:

**Helpers for the gardens at the church and at St. Joseph's. Spring clean up, planting, and replace one garden box. Contact Martha 875-2300*

**Used flannel sheets for the backing for baby blankets for mission. Need more T-shirts to make diapers.*

**A push lawn mower in good condition to use at the two houses of refugees in Winona. Contact Dwayne Voegeli at winonasanctuary@gmail.com*

**Pies sales from the Women's Group. Funds used for mission work. You can help us to help others. Apple, cherry, peach, rhubarb, strawberry rhubarb, blueberry rhubarb and pumpkin. Pies are frozen, ready to bake at home. Apples \$10. All others \$12. Contact Mary Carlson 864-2508 or stop by after church and talk with Alima, Mary Kleist or Martha.*

Today's prayer of stewardship by Catholic Relief Services.

To be stewards of Creation
God of All Creation,
At the beginning of time
You placed a single mandate on humankind
Replenish and nurture all generations
What you have made
We kneel today amid that same Creation -
A world that is, in many ways, more splendid
than ever
But, in too many ways, scarred beyond
recognition
Turn us from our unmindfulness
Help our thought be light
Help us renew the world that supports us
So we may once more know Creation
As it was in the beginning.

