

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL



TIDINGS



"You are welcome here!"

THIS SUNDAY:

November 16, 2025

10:30 AM - Worship Service

Scripture Text:

Romans 15:7, Romans 12:13 & Hebrews 13:1-2

Sermon:

Sent: with hospitality

Click [Here](#) to watch last Sunday's service



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, November 18

7:30am - Men's Breakfast @ Village Inn

6:00pm - Common Meeting

7:00pm - Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, November 19

5:30pm - Bells

6:15pm - Dinner: If you'd like to bring something, you can sign up [HERE](#).

6:45pm - Bible Study

7:30pm - Choir

November 9 Sermon Recap:

Jesus begins his ministry by announcing good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom for the oppressed. In that moment, he defines justice not as punishment or revenge but as restoration. God's justice is Jubilee, where debts are forgiven, lives are renewed, and everyone has room to flourish. To be sent to justice is to join in that work: lifting burdens, crossing divides, and helping others find freedom and belonging.

Reflection Question:

Where might God be inviting you to join in the work of restoration this week?

**** STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY IS THIS SUNDAY, 11/16 ****

Prayerfully consider your 2026 pledge. Then, if you haven't already, fill out a 2026 pledge card and put it in the box in the church library or place it in the offering plate during service. You may also call the office and give Michelle your pledge over the phone.

Please complete your pledge by Stewardship Sunday. Thank you to those who have already turned their card in!

May we continue to have the resources -- passion and people and money --
to serve each other and the mission to which God calls us!



TIDINGS NEWS:

Please note that the deadline to submit an article in the 11/26 Tidings will be 9am on Monday, 11/24. The office will be closed from Wednesday, 11/26 through Wednesday, 12/3 while Michelle is visiting family in Ohio for the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no Tidings on 12/3.



SAVE THE DATE!



Please mark your calendar and plan to stay after church on **November 23** to decorate the sanctuary. Advent is a time of preparation. Please help prepare our sanctuary. Pizza lunch will be provided. Thank you.



Rex Boatman
2030 North Ave. #215
Northfield MN 55057

Russ & Kathy Franke
915 Ashworth Rd. Ste #312
West Des Moines IA 50265

Adopt-a-Family



FCUCC will be participating with Bunger again this year for Adopt a Family. Please consider making a donation. You can mail your offering in or put an envelope or check in the offering plate on Sundays with "Adopt-a-Family" in the memo.

Thank you to Connie Jo for shopping for us! If we get donations in before Thanksgiving, she will try and get great deals over Black Friday / Cyber Monday!



PANTRY GRATITUDE

Gratitude is the quality of being thankful and returning kindness to others. In this the season of thanks- we are thankful for what we have and wish to return some kindness by sharing what we have with our community. Please help by filling the pantry. Thank you in advance!





WELCOME!

We're so excited to welcome Clare and Steve as the newest members of our music team!



CLARE HANSON
PIANIST/ACCOMPANIST



STEVE PETERS
ORGANIST

CALLING ALL CHURCH MEMBERS!



If you would like to serve on a board or a committee this upcoming year, step right up! It's a good way to get involved in church projects and a great way to be generous with your talents. There are openings in several of the groups. Please contact Diane (diane.highnam@gmail.com or 319-240-2849). You can also contact the church office at office@fccwaterloo.org. THANKS in advance for your help!

MET CHORALE CONCERT

The Met Choral will be performing a Ceremony of Carols concert on **Sunday, December 7 at 3:00pm.**

The concert features a guest harpist, UNI Chamber Music, and a carol sing-a-long. Get in the holiday spirit and join us!

Individual Tickets - \$15
Family Tickets - \$25
Student Tickets - \$0
(with Student ID)

[Buy tickets now!](#)





THE RETURN OF CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Join us for an afternoon of joyful singing and holiday cheer for all ages as we visit some of our homebound members to share the sounds of the season. We'll gather at the church on **Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 PM**, go make some joyful noises, then return for cookies and cocoa to warm up afterward. If you'd like to join in, please contact the church office to sign up so we know how many to expect.



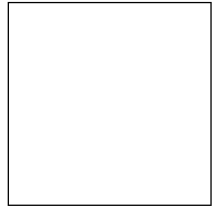
HOLIDAY HAPPENING SALE

Sacred Heart is hosting a Christmas and winter sale in O'Hagan Hall (627 W. 4th St, W'loo) on Saturday, November 15 from 9am to 6pm and Sunday November 16 from 8am to 2pm. You can shop for beautiful Christmas trees, wreaths, ornaments, nativities, festive home décor, thoughtful gifts and their delicious Holiday bake sale!

A made to order omelet breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be served Sunday from 8am to noon. The Breakfast will be a free will donation.

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CHILDREN'S *Christmas Pageant*

SUNDAY, DEC 21 AT 10:30AM
ARRIVAL TIME FOR KIDS: 9:30

Do you have a kid or grandkid who's ready to don a halo, grab a shepherd's staff, or wag their little sheep tail? Our Christmas pageant is back! Interested? Contact the office for details!

