

Our Mission at

**Community Congregational
Church is to:**

Acknowledge

**Jesus Christ as Lord and
Savior**

Affirm

**the worth of One Another in a
Christian Caring Community**

Encourage

**the Development of Fully
Devoted Disciples.**

Community Congregational Connection



**'Where Christ is
the Center'**

May 2023

Mother's Day at CCC

Sunday, May 14, 2023 we will be celebrating our 'Sisters In Christ' Honoring all of the special women at CCC and all they do for our church.

The Choir will perform and we will have a beautiful carnation for each lady!

A Huge 'Thank you' to everyone that came on

Saturday, April 29th to clean the inside and outside of our church. Our church grounds look beautiful! We now have inside spaces that can help move our church forward in Kingdom building.

CCC Gets New E-mail Address

We have a brand new e-mail address for the church office it is:

cccoffice502@yahoo.com

Pastor Rick Koch also has a new address:

pastorrickkoch@yahoo.com

These go into effect immediately!

SAVE THE DATE!

NACCC Annual Meeting 2023

Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 24th through June 27th

We are looking for volunteers to work in three hour shifts (approx. 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00) from Saturday June 24- Tuesday June 27th in the following areas:

Saturday, Sunday, Monday—sit at the hospitality table and hand out registration packets and answer questions. Sunday- usher and/or serve communion at church service in the morning.

Monday, Tuesday—serve as Marshall at business meeting (involves standing and moving around to collect ballots).

The Colors of the Liturgical Church Year

This is part two of a three part series that will continue to the next newsletter

FIVE BASIC COLORS

Traditionally, there were five basic colors used to mark the festive, penitential and neutral time in the calendar: white, red, green, purple, and black. Additional colors have more recently been added such as pink, royal blue, gray and gold. Liturgy is a form of religious worship within the Christian church. The paraments (cloths covering the pastor's and announcer's podiums) colors are worn to signify the different feelings and times of the year.

BLUE/VIOLET

Blue violet is the color of royalty to welcome the coming of a King. It can also symbolize the night sky in which the star appeared to announce the birth of Jesus and where the heralds proclaimed Jesus' birth. While purple was traditionally the liturgical color for Advent, Royal Blue is increasingly being used to distinguish it from Lent.

GREEN

Green is the most common color seen during the year. It is usually used during the seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. The first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox also known as Easter Sunday determines the length of the seasons.

The days of Epiphany may entail a total of, but not more than, eight Sundays. The season of Pentecost can last from 22 to 28 Sundays. Green is the appointed color for all but a few of the Sundays during these seasons. Consequently, green may be used for an average of six to eight months of any given liturgical year.

Epiphany's message of Christ's revelation to the Gentiles along with the season's traditional emphasis on extending Christ's kingdom through missions, calls for the use of green, the color symbolic of growth.

The Sundays following Pentecost, observed as "the time of the church" share a somewhat similar theme as that of Epiphany. Affectionately called the season of the "green meadow", no doubt due to the fact of green being the established color, these Sundays also emphasize the subject of growth. Green is a neutral color, but there is nothing colorless about our need to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. That's why the "green meadow" time of the church is so lengthy. Time must be given to encourage all worshipers to maintain their faith through the constant use of God's means of grace.

BLACK

Black is seen very seldom during the year. The calendar calls for its use only twice, on Good Friday and Ash Wednesday. There is no mistaking the message that this color gives. Black is the absence of light. Good Friday, or Black Friday in combination with Ash Wednesday, calls for sober reflection on the cost of our redemption. Without Christ's sacrifice on the day the sky turned dark and hid the light of the sun, there would be no bright light of Christ to live in, nor new life in Christ to enjoy.

Birthdays



- 3 Lauren Jirtle Wood
- 6 Joshua Lamack
- 9 Kylie Husnick
- 11 Terry Slack
- 13 Elizabeth Lamack
- 14 Sandy Dammen
- 15 Gene Nemetz
- 17 Nancy Lamack
- 22 Ilona Rice
- 23 Connie Skarvan
- 26 Bob Ross
- 28 Kay Nemetz

MAY



Anniversaries



- 20 Fred & Sherry Brusda
- 22 Jaremy & Karren Cobble



Meetings & Announcements

May 2023 Meeting Schedule

Wed., May 10 6:00 p.m. Diaconate

Wed., May 17 5:00 p.m. Trustees

Sun., May 21 9:00 a.m. Missions

Sun., May 28: 11:30 a.m. Church Council



May 2023

USHERS

SNACK N' CHAT

May 7 Leo Jelinek & Loren Smiley/open

May 14 Sherry & Fred Brusda/open

May 21 Paul Thoreson & Judy Draeger/open

May 28 Mary Murphy & Connie Skarvan/open