



Connections

Our mission is to connect with God, as we live by faith, are known by love, and cultivate hope.

Here at Roberts UCC

We are a distinct and diverse community of Christians that come together as one church united in Spirit to love all, welcome all, and seek justice for all.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Sunday June 9, 16, 23, & 31

10:00 a.m.

Communion – June 9th

Sunday, June 2nd

Worship in the Park

9:00 a.m.

Roberts, WI

Good Neighbor Days

Also, check out all of our wonderful ministries happening throughout the month of June and into the summer months.



The date is fast approaching when my Sabbatical will start. July 1st to be exact. I truly appreciate the opportunity to be able to do this. It is allowing me to rejuvenate and work on many things that the day-to-day life of a pastor just really doesn't allow much time for. I want to address the elephant in the room though. As excited as I am, I know there is a subtle and quiet fear out there of what will happen while I am gone.

First off, I will address the rumor that has come back to me about during my sabbatical time I will be searching out my next call. This is NOT the case. I have no intention of moving on to another call, especially with as hard as we have worked to make some of the greatly exciting things that are happening here at the moment happen. Am I tired? Yes. Who amongst us isn't? It has been a long journey these last 3-4 years for our world. Through it all though, we have remained overall supporting and loving as a church family and have come out on the other side in a very different but positive place with a great amount of opportunity for growth and ministry. There is still much work left to be done. That is always the case though. It is just a bit more evident at the moment because we have gone through some rough years. I am honored to serve with such a caring group of Christians and will continue to do so with all of the devotion and care I have since I have been here.

The second fear I have heard is about finances. Again, this is always a concern when it comes to churches. There are good years and lean years, and we are coming off a few lean years. This is the case almost entirely for the state of the church in the world at the moment. God has this though; throughout its history this congregation has always found a way to survive even through the tough economic times. Again, we still have a way to go, but there has been an upturn over the last few months and our leadership continues to work at being creative in working things out. As to what will happen while I am on Sabbatical, that really depends on each of you. Summers are historically

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From the Pastor*Continued from previous page.*

quieter regarding giving and as a family we will need to band together to help out and keep the finances afloat. If each of us makes a point to continue to give as God places upon our hearts, I have faith that things will be just fine.

Then there is worship! What will happen with worship while I am gone? This is a wonderful and exciting time of opportunity. I have pre-recorded all of the online services for while I am gone, and I have arranged for them to be uploaded and available weekly as they have been over the last few years. As to in-person worship, again, summers tend to be a little light due to vacationing and nice weather. I encourage you to see what is happening though. Over the time I am away various members of **leadership**, and the congregation will be leading worship. There are a couple of services which the kids and CE have some interesting services planned, Communion will continue to happen, and I have given the others what I had written for them to use and adapt for themselves. It is a great opportunity to hear different voices and see what others have to offer in messages and services. What attendance looks like depends on all of you though. This is the time to come together and celebrate as a church family the strengths and talents which we have right here. As with the giving though it will take making the commitment to attend as often as you are able and see what God does through those who have courageously stepped up to lead.

Finally, there are pastoral emergencies: funerals, weddings, baptisms, etc. As to weddings and baptisms, there are none currently scheduled, so we will just hold off on them until I get back (weddings typically are scheduled a year out now anyway). I have lined up a group of licensed and ordained pastors for pastoral emergencies which come up (needed hospital calls, family emergencies, etc.). The funeral piece has been a struggle for me and after a lot of careful consideration and much discussion with my wife and involved leadership, here is what I intend to do. Many of the funerals I have done over the last 3 years have been for people from our greater community. Those will be left up to the people who have agreed to cover pastoral emergencies. As a pastor my heart breaks at the thought of not being there for all of you whom I have served so closely, and I have had to make some guidelines to work with. That being said, anyone who has been active over the past 3 years who passes during my sabbatical time I will come back in and perform those funerals. This also includes their immediate family: parent, spouse, child. I have a couple of times where I will be out of town where this would not be feasible, but we will cross that bridge if it happens.

How will things work while I am gone as far as if you have a pastoral **emergency**, or you need to contact someone about an issue in the church? If you have a pastoral emergency, please be in touch with our Head Deacon, Duane Loewel (dloewel135@gmail.com or 715-690-7599). He will then contact the appropriate person. If you have an issue having to do with the building or finances, please contact our Head Trustee, Tony Jurek (tjurek51@gmail.com or 715-531-5170). For other issues you can contact the church office (secretary@robertsucc.org or 715-749-3225) and our Office Administrator will get in touch with the appropriate individual for what you need. It may be a little slower than things typically run, so please have patience.

All in **all**, we have a lot of great things starting to happen and this will be a wonderful time for everyone to work at becoming much closer. There are also several events planned to happen during my sabbatical time. There is a Church Picnic happening August 4th, the Annual Church Auction on August 21st, the Fall Rummage Sale happening September 13 and 14th, and an American Red Cross Blood Drive September 16th. These are just things which are currently on the calendar. Imagine what else could happen or be planned for all of you to come together and celebrate all you are!

I look forward to hearing all about what has happened and all you have done while I am away, working on the things I have talked about in the last couple of articles on this. We will have much to celebrate in those months after September! Peace and God bless you all!

-Pastor Burt



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E9th**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024**

Come aboard our cruise ship & sail away with us to find warm sunshine, a cool breeze, & the open seas! What better place to discover just how deep God's love is for us and how deeply we can love others than during this discovery cruise?

June 23rd - 26th
6:00-8:00pm



June 23rd 5pm
FAMILY POTLUCK

We encourage all to come for the potluck kickoff on day one. Please bring a dish to pass. To save time, please bring your own plates, utensils, & beverages. Thank you.

Day 1 the kids will learn about the Fruit of the Spirit!

Day 2 the kids hear about how their gifts were meant for unity!

Day 3 the kids see that they can trade in their worries for the peace of God!

Day 4 the kids discover how to put on the armor of God!

Cost is \$10 per child or \$25 per family of 3 or more.

For a FAMILY FLYER with more details or to print & mail your registration, go to www.robertsucc.org. If you have questions or need help with registration, contact CE@robertsUCC.org. Or, if you would like to fill out & submit your registration online go to: <https://forms.gle/ifdSYauzXr4K8utUA>.

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A great time was had, and we can't wait till the next event. Watch for more details to come sometime in the fall of 2024 for our congregation's next opportunity.

Thank you,
Michelle Hansen



Thank you to all the supporters of the **Lenten service project for Feed My Starving Children**. We donated **\$412.61**, which will feed a family of 4 for one year.

On April 27th, we had **18** kids/adults serving at the Eagan site. All in attendance packed **135** boxes, which is equal to **29,160** meals, and the kids fed for one year totaled **80!**



JUNE 1
Meghan Ament
Beau Bayer

JUNE 2
Reanna
Gullixson

JUNE 4
Kyle Hoyer

JUNE 6
Adelaide Korn

JUNE 9
Quinn Rogers

JUNE 10
Conner Hansen
Eldon Myer

JUNE 11
Charlotte Hansen

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Celebrating You
on Your
Special Day

JUNE 12
Fran Hall

JUNE 14
McKenzie Budrow

JUNE 17
Carol McKinley

JUNE 18
James Cave

JUNE 20
Judy Snoeyenbos

JUNE 21
Patty Johnson

JUNE 23
Olivia Adrian
Marcy Sain

JUNE 26
Carol Morgan

JUNE 27
Joe Sain

JUNE 29
Gloria Myer

JUNE 30
Barrett Larson

ANNIVERSARIES
to Celebrate

JUNE 2
Dylan & Kelly Hueman

JUNE 4
Beth & Daniel Rogers

JUNE 5
Jane & John Bond

JUNE 9
Audrey & Doug Ackley

JUNE 14
Burt & Toni Williams

Cheryl & David
Lindquist

JUNE 20
Eldon & Gloria Myer

JUNE 21
Bob & Margie Ricci

JUNE 22
Ashley & Ross Stone

JUNE 30
Cindy & Joe Schultz

Karl & Tiana
Kristensen

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES
ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
May 2, 2024

Lori Jurek (Moderator, S.H.I.F.T. and Women's Fellowship), Tony Jurek (Trustees), Duane Loewel (Deacons and Church Board Team), and Connie Mueller

Meeting was called to order by Lori at 6:00 P.M.

Meeting opening was led by Tony. "Virtual Time Capsule"

Minutes: April updates were reviewed. Motion was made by Duane to approve the updates and seconded by Tony. Motion carried.

Women's Fellowship:

- Spring Rummage Sale: Very successful again and thank you to all who helped. More than \$1,500.00 was raised.
- Fall Rummage Sale: September 13 and 14th, 2024
- Decided to hold a bake sale on August 21st at the church auction.

Deacons:

- No meeting held.

S.H.I.F.T

- Gerten's Spring plant fundraising sale has concluded. Five hundred dollars will be given toward our church missions.
- Agreed to have food stand at the church auction.

Trustees:

- Match Game update: This campaign will conclude the end of May. More than \$7,000.00 has been raised thus far.
- Terry Dull will be making a ramp for the back door.
- For safety concerns, the playground equipment is going to be removed.
- The church auction will be held on August 21st at 5 P.M. Roger Ray will serve as the chairperson.
- Sidewalk repair has been completed.
- Still looking to outsource the treasurer position.

Church Board Team:

- Prepared for the May 19th congregational meeting.
- Final packet was completed for the congregation to review prior to the meeting.

Christian Education: (report submitted by Toni)

- Vacation Bible School will be held on June 23-26th from 6-8 P.M. The first evening will begin with a potluck at 5:00 P.M.
 On April 27, 18 people packed meals at Feed My Starving Children. More than \$400.00 was raised to donate as well.
- 'That's My Pan' fundraiser will begin. The proceeds from this will be used to support educational activities for our youth
- The Annual Church Picnic will be held on August 4th after worship. Hot sandwiches, coffee, water, and lemonade will be provided.
- A Taste of RUCCUS with breakfast fellowship will be held Before the service on Sunday, Sept. 8
- Next mystery dinner will be held on Saturday, December 7th.

All CE members have had background checks run to keep in compliance with our Safe Sanctuary policy.

Pastor's Report: (report submitted by Pastor Burt)

- Pastor Burt will be taking his sabbatical from July 1st to September 30th. CE currently has signed up to cover August 4th and September 8th. Trustees will be covering July 28 and Sept. 1. The Deacons will be covering the remaining Sundays. All 13 services have been written. Working on emergency contacts while the pastor is gone.

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May 2, 2024

- The refurbished computer for the Secretary has been set up and is running nicely. The computer for the Sound Room is in the process of being set up as well.
- Service on June 2nd will be held at the park during Good Neighbor Days.
- A potluck dinner will be held on June 9th in celebration of the Match Game culmination.

Meetings:

Next meeting: June 6th (6 P.M.) Duane will do the opening.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Mueller, Church Clerk



Match Game Celebration & Potluck

June 9th 11:00 a.m.

(Following worship)

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously!

We will update you after it ends on May 31st.

Questions may be directed to any of our Trustees
Tony Jurek, Patti Robertson, Dianne Loewel,
Roger Ray, Don Graf, Dylan Hueman

THANK YOU!

The Church Board Team would like to thank everyone who stayed for the May 19th congregational meeting where we voted to continue pursuing a teams-based model of church governance. We will be seeking members for a new group who will begin working on the detailed structure of the Leadership Board and developing a plan for evolving current boards. Eventually, this team will also work to rewrite the by-laws and church constitution to reflect the changes in our governance.

This is an exciting time in our church! We are so excited to start moving in the direction that God is calling us! As we have discussed, this process will not happen all at once; it will occur gradually and the congregation will continue to be engaged for input, decision-making, and further voting prior to changes occurring. We can't wait to share future developments with you!

If you would like to serve on the new team and be a part of creating our future governance, please let Pastor Burt or any member of the current Church Board Team know. We hope to meet once or twice over the summer to get started.

Thanks, again!

The Church Board Team, *Duane Loewel, Connie Mueller, Jenny Korn, Patti Robertson, Laura Logas, Dawn Budrow & Pastor Burt*



Roberts Congregational UCC Christian Education Team is doing a **That's My Pan!® Fundraiser!** They are known for their great quality and personalized products. You can submit your order online or in person. A bulk order will be placed **June 30th** and products will arrive 1-2 weeks later at church for pick up.

If you have a birthday, holiday, wedding, or other occasion you need a gift for coming up, we have just the gifts for you! Visit our Customer Ordering Website to take a look at these personalized gifts we are selling: www.thatsmypan.biz/RobertsUCC?r=-1.

What a great way to get the perfect gift for someone and support our fundraiser at the same time!

If you have any questions, you can reach out to Jennifer Korn at jennykorn220@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Christian Education Team

Jennifer Korn

Roberts Congregational UCC



OPEN WEEKLY

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00am – 11:30am

Wednesdays
6:30pm – 8:00pm



**ROBERTS
Food Pantry**
Giving hope to our neighbors

Do you or anyone you know need help with groceries?

The **Roberts Food Pantry** can help.

We thank you for your continued support. Donations are always welcome.

Jell-O, Shell Noodles, Egg Noodles, Elbow Macaroni, Pudding, White Rice, and brown paper bags would be greatly appreciated. Thank You.



Thank you to ALL who came out for **Spring Clean-Up** of our church last Saturday, May 18th.

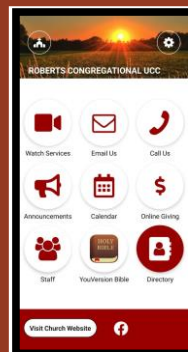
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to Church

If you have any questions, contact
Lori Jurek lorijurek@gmail.com



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**SEE LORI JUREK FOR
HELP OR QUESTIONS**

PLEASE HOLD THE FOLLOWING IN PRAYER

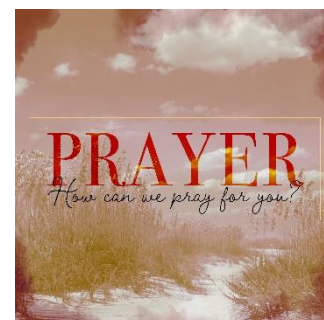
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Terrill Florcyk
Axel Fischbach
Lawrence Flowers

Linda Hall
Tom Sullwold
Joyce Johnson
Sharon Johnson

Terry McKinley
Allison
Brian Wille
Lowell Johnson

For all those serving in our law enforcement, first responders,
military, healthcare settings,
and those in Ukraine.

For all those not listed above but needing prayer,
we lift you up.



If you have any prayer
concerns, **please** let us
know. Thank you for helping
to keep the prayer list up to
date.

Notes from the Treasurer

Detailed minutes of the Trustee meetings, including full financial statements are available upon request

General Fund Financial Summary as of April 30, 2024**Statement of Activity**

Income/Contributions	\$	20,355.49
Facility Use Income		600.00
Fundraising Income		15,017.53
Interest		0.29
Total Income		35,973.31
Expenses		21,463.09
Transfers from other accounts		(6,041.00)
	\$	8,469.22

Statement of Financial Position

Assets	
General Accounts	\$ 10,495.67
Other Bank Accounts	13,590.18
Fixed Assets	1,874,642.28
Total Assets	\$ 1,898,728.13
Liabilities & Equity	
Accrued Expenses	\$
Bank Mortgage Balances	555,423.63
Member Mortgage Balances	150,000.00
Total Liabilities	705,423.63
Equity	1,193,304.50
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 1,898,728.13



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SUPPORTING OUR
CHURCH**

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Once you are ready to order, to obtain a code & create an account, or with questions, contact:

Dianne Loewel: dianne.loewel@gmail.com

Or print out a form **NOW!**

<http://www.robertsucc.org/mt-content/uploads/2023/05/raiseright-form.pdf>

You can either drop off or mail your completed form to church.

Orders are placed the 2nd and 4th week of each month. Dianne will contact you when your gift card(s) are ready.

Our church offers **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)** to make your gift giving easier, especially if you travel often or are gone during the summer months.

RUCC's EFT occurs on the 15th of each month based on your designated amount. Simply contact the church office to fill out a form. EFT's can be started any month of the year. If necessary, your EFT can also be stopped.

You may also donate through our website www.robertsucc.org/giving. Choose **"give now."** You can use either a **PayPal account** or a **credit/debit card**. Our site is secure & your information is safe.

If you have any questions email: secretary@robertsucc.org or call 715-749-3225.



As a reminder: This is our church calendar of meetings, events, & worship schedule as of right now. To check the status for any potential changes and updates, please go to our website listed below for the LIVE calendar.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 GOOD NEIGHBOR DAYS 9am Worship in the Park	3	4 6pm Deacons Meeting	5	6 6:30pm Council Meeting NO COMMUNITY DINNER	7	8
9 10am Worship with Communion 11am Match Game Celebration (Potluck)	10 6:30pm S.H.I.F.T. Meeting	11 6pm CE Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 10am Worship	17	18 6:30pm Trustees Meeting	19	20 5pm S.H.I.F.T. at Grace Place Newsletter Deadline	21	22
23 10am Worship 5pm Vacation Bible School (VBS) Potluck 6pm VBS	24 6pm – 8pm VBS	25 6pm – 8pm VBS	26 6pm – 8pm VBS	27	28	29
30 10am Worship	1 JULY Pastor Burt's Sabbatical Begins	2 JULY 6pm Deacons Meeting	3 JULY Council Reports Due	4 JULY Church Office Closed NO COMMUNITY DINNER	5	6



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