



# Connections

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

## WORSHIP

Sundays

April 6, 13, 20, 27

10:00 a.m.

Communion is offered  
April 6<sup>th</sup>

## ONLINE WORSHIP

<https://www.robertsucc.org/media/>

April 2

RUCCUS Potluck,  
Program & Worship

April 3

Community Dinner

April 7, 8, 9, & 10

Rummage Sale Drop-off

April 11 & 12

Spring Rummage Sale

April 13

Palm Sunday

April 16

Family Style Potluck  
Stations of the Cross

April 17

SHIFT! Grace Place  
Maundy Thursday  
Worship

April 18

Good Friday

Off-Site Services

April 20 – Easter

Sunrise & 10 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY  
7:00pm Worship

HE  
IS  
RISEN!

HOLY WEEK

DEATH IS  
DEFEATED  
AND LOVE  
HAS WON!

EASTER SUNDAY  
Sunrise & 10:00 a.m. Worship

Easter Lilies

Purchase Easter Lilies to Remember, to Honor,  
or to Celebrate a loved one.

We will use them for  
Easter Worship Decorating

\$12.75 (Dressed in foil)

The deadline to order is April 4<sup>th</sup>

Order forms are in the narthex or  
please contact the office [secretary@robertsucc.org](mailto:secretary@robertsucc.org)

We encourage you to take your plants home after the  
10 a.m. Easter worship service.

*Thank You!*



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### Newer Isn't Always Better...

The first baseball mitt I ever had was a 40's style mitt. It had overstuffed fingers which were held together loosely by a stretched out old piece of leather string; a tiny pocket that was barely large enough to hold a hardball; and the leather on the inside was a darkened, dirty, almost black color from the oil and sweat of years of use. Besides all of that, the other guys gave me such a hard time about it, I begged for a new one. After a good deal of begging, whining, and making my parents' lives miserable I got what I wanted...a brand-new Ted Williams edition glove. It was beautiful!

Looking back on it now though the old mitt wasn't so bad. It was broken in nicely. Its shortness made me learn some of the basics, like getting my glove down to the ground and watching the ball all the way to the glove, and its extra padding was sorely missed.

The new glove was a lot of work too. I had to break it in, oil it (well dad did), and get my muscles stronger just to move all the extra, new leather. It didn't have all the character of the old mitt either. That old mitt wasn't so bad...not so bad at all.

The whole thing got me thinking...how often do we do this in life? "Dear Lord, if you would just get me a new (whatever) then I'd be happy and able to do things better" rather than looking for the qualities of our old things which make them unique and putting in a few replacement pieces to strengthen them. Whether it's our worship, finances, homes, or whatever.

### **Newer isn't always better!**

The older I get the more I learn to appreciate what years and experience leaves behind. It is not that new things aren't needed too. It is just that we need to have a good balance between the two. Take some time to reflect on the things of the past and what they have meant...what a gift they can still be. Reflect on what things may need to be replaced as well. Maybe together we can find a happy medium of the new and the experienced to come together and make something amazing for God!

May God be willing to say "no" to our requests for things we want but do not need. May we be willing to hear and accept that "no." May today be a day filled with contentment with what we have.

—Pastor Burt



### **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

On March 29<sup>th</sup> we packed meals at FMSC.

Thank you everyone for the support.  
With the noisy collections we raised \$321.00.

We had a great group of 24 people who planned to attend.

Can't wait for the next volunteer opportunity.

**Thank you to the many volunteers.**

**LET'S MAKE A RUCCUS!**

Roberts UCC Understanding Scripture

Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

CE will once again be offering a *Stations of The Cross* evening at RUCCUS during Holy Week.

Join us at **5:30pm** for family style potluck. *(Please bring a dish to pass, your own silverware, plates, and drinks.)*

Following the potluck, at **6:00pm**, we will be offering 9 Stations of the Cross for **all** to contemplate the path Jesus walked.

We welcome you to join us for this moving spiritual experience.

**WANTED!****BLOOD DRIVE COORDINATOR**

We're looking for someone to become **RUCC's site coordinator for Red Cross Blood Drives**. We host six drives a year, so the time commitment is manageable and the support from the Red Cross is awesome!

Please reach out to **Lori Jurek** at (715) 220-7432 or [lorijurek@gmail.com](mailto:lorijurek@gmail.com) if you're interested in learning more about this opportunity.  
Thank you!

Leaders Save Lives

*Make your mark.*

HUMANKind

American  
Red  
Cross**Save the Date****VBS June 22-25**

Hey families! We are just months away from our summer VBS and our theme this year is **It's Wild!** We can't wait to see how this summer grows your kid's connection with God and with others.

Before we get there, we wanted to make sure you had all the most up-to-date information. **The cost is \$10 per child or \$25 for a family of 3 or more. (Scholarships are available upon request.)**

**Schedule**

- **June 22 at 5pm** - Potluck kickoff- bring a dish to share and plates, silverware, and drinks for your family.
- **June 22 at 6pm** - It's wild! Jesus is why we share our story.
- **June 23 at 6pm** - It's wild! Jesus helps us use our gifts.
- **June 24 at 6pm** - It's wild! Jesus invites us to spend time with God.
- **June 25 at 6pm** - It's wild! Jesus shows us how to spend time with others.

Registration forms are available at the church, can be emailed upon request, or filled out online [at this link](#). Please let us know if you have any questions by shooting us an email at [CE@robertsucc.org](mailto:CE@robertsucc.org).

See you soon for a wild time!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL  
**ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL  
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COMMUNITY  
 SPRING RUMMAGE SALE**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY APRIL 11 & 12**

FRIDAY: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm (Lunch Available)

SATURDAY 8:00 am – 10:30 am



**YOU WILL FIND:**

- BABY & KIDS CLOTHING ♥ HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
- GAMES, BOOKS & TOYS ♥ WOMEN'S CLOTHING
- MEN'S CLOTHING ♥
- CRAFTS AND MUCH MORE!

Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> Unless otherwise marked, all items are .50 cents each!  
 Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> Stuff a big garbage bag for \$2.00!

**DROP OFF DATE**

- Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 4pm – 7pm
- Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 5pm
- Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 1pm

If you have items to drop off, please make sure they are clean, good condition and work. We have always had a GREAT SALE because of your GOOD STUFF!!

Questions may be directed to Judy at (715) 410-1909



*Feel Good Kits*

With continued requests from area schools for Feel Good Kits, SHIFT is running low on some of the items used to fill the bags. There is a collection basket in the narthex if you'd like to contribute any of the following items:

- Chapstick/Lip Balm
- Travel sized hand lotion
- Regular sized Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Pocket packs of Kleenex

*Thank you!*

**Community Dinner**  
*Sponsored by Women's Fellowship*  
**Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**ADULTS \$7 | CHILDREN \$4**

**UNDER 5 FREE**

*(TAKE OUT AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)*

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**BBQ**

**SANDWICHES,**

**BAKED BEANS,**

**ASSORTED**

**SALADS,**

**DESSERTS,**

**MILK & COFFEE**

**RUCC ALIVE SHIRT SALE**



**ORDER BY APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>!**

Information & order forms are in the narthex.

T-Shirts (white, black, blue) - \$15

Crewneck Sweatshirts (light & dark grey) - \$35


Hooded Sweatshirts (light & dark grey) - \$40

Added cost per size: 2XL + \$2 | 3XL + \$3  
4XL + \$4.

**MEAT RAFFLE UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone that donated or attended the meat raffle. We were able raise \$1,755.

Also, a special thank you to Brent Ackley and his sister Dawn for the musical entertainment!

**ROBERTS FOOD PANTRY**  
*Giving Hope to Our Neighbors*

**OPEN WEEKLY**

*Tuesday & Thursday*  
9:00am – 11:30am

*Wednesday*  
6:30pm – 8:00pm

**Do you or anyone you know need help with groceries?**

**The Roberts Food Pantry can help.**

**We are running low on:** Shell, Penne, Ziti, & Bowtie Noodles; Pancake Mix & Syrup. Brown Paper, and White Plastic Bags are always accepted.

***We thank you for your continued support. (Your generous donations are always welcome.)***

**MANDALA ROCK PAINTING CLASS**



May 29<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Please join us in exploring how to find peace & relaxation while creating an intricate and original Mandala Rock...

*New: Tea Candle Mandalas*

**\$25** Includes all materials, patterns, & instructions.

*A portion of the proceeds will be donated back to the SHIFT! Outreach Ministry*

If you would like to sign up or have any questions,

Email Deb Phillips  
[dotadoodleart@gmail.com](mailto:dotadoodleart@gmail.com)

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RaiseRight™  
by ShopWithScrip



**RaiseRight GIFT CARD PROGRAM CHANGES**

Roberts UCC participants will now be asked to place their orders directly on the RaiseRight site. Instructions for setting up an account with RaiseRight are found in the flyer on the RaiseRight table in the Narthex. You can also contact Dianne Loewel for instructions or assistance. This move is due to increasing bulk order shipping fees and the low volume of **order form requests** (current participants are using the website for their purchases of physical cards, reloadable cards, and E (electronic) gift cards). Online orders will bring the cards directly to you at the lowest shipping fee. If you want to place an order without setting up an account on RaiseRight, the paper forms can still be used, but with a longer time for delivery of the cards. **Please Note: There are no more deadlines for these requests.**

**New feature at RaiseRight – Online Shopping.** Through their website you will find a list of participating retailers which offer rebates through RaiseRight. This is similar to the discontinued Amazon Smiles program but with a limited list of vendors to choose from. This is a great way to donate to Roberts UCC. The RaiseRight website offers easy instructions and navigation to the retailers.

**Please Note:** Our Grocery Card program (currently County Market and Dick’s Fresh Market) remains the same. As always, fill out the order form and attach the check. Cards will be available within 5 days.

**There is also an updated list of participating retailers & SHIP TO HOME eligible brands in the narthex.**

**Dianne Loewel** [gmaloewel@gmail.com](mailto:gmaloewel@gmail.com) will continue to coordinate SCRIP & answer any questions.

**NOTES FROM THE TREASURER**

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

**General Fund Financial Summary as of February 28, 2025**

Statement of Activity		Statement of Financial Position	
Income/Contributions	\$ 13,067.13	<b>Assets</b>	
Facility Use Income	600.00	General Accounts	\$ 7,130.08
Fundraising Income	0	Other Bank Accounts	14,068.62
Interest	0.20	Fixed Assets	1,874,642.28
Total Income	13,667.33	Total Assets	\$ 1,895,840.98
Expenses	14,806.16	<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	
Transfers from other accounts	0	Accrued Expenses	\$ 0
	<u>\$ (1,138.83)</u>	Bank Mortgage Balances	542,897.29
		Member Balances	150,000.00
		Total Liabilities	692,897.29
		Equity	1,202,943.69
		Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 1,895,840.98



- April 4** Ken & Mary Fern
- April 6** Hayley & Skyler Henley
- April 8** Daver & Diane McKenna
- April 24** Laurene & Roger Ray

- April 2**  
Laura Logas
- April 3**  
Diane McKenna  
Jerry Vasfaret
- April 7**  
Skyler Henley  
Alex Ray
- April 8**  
Roxie Hatch
- April 9**  
Sheryl Johnson
- April 11**  
Callie Robelia



- April 17**  
Debby Phillips
- April 18**  
Maddy Dull
- April 19**  
Brielle Hansen  
Dylan Hueman

- April 20**  
Noah Steinke
- April 21**  
Tim Myer
- April 22**  
Margo Schultz

- April 23**  
Dan Rogers
- April 25**  
Dick Colbeth
- April 26**  
Dawn Budrow  
Ryan Hansen
- April 27**  
Ceola Lindquist
- April 28**  
Ashlyn Hueman
- April 29**  
Nancy Kirouac
- April 30**  
Anna Lindquist

**PLEASE HOLD THE FOLLOWING IN PRAYER**

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|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Earl Pechuman  | Linda Hall    | Terry McKinley |
| Audrey Ackley  | Tom Sullwold  | Sharon Johnson |
| Lowell Johnson | Wanda Hopkins | Andrew Korn    |
| Rodney Korn    | Kinsley Bruun | Jerry Johnson  |
| Jamie Koch     |               |                |



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, or anyone you know, would like to be added to the prayer list, please let us know.***

***If you have added someone to the prayer list, please keep us updated.***

***Thank You!***

**CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**March Updates**

**No meeting was held, this report is taken from the different board's minutes.**

**Trustees**

Board was updated on QuickBooks.

Reviewed and agreed to a reimbursement form to be used.

Pastor Burt's list of needs:

Another heater in the women's bathroom

Grand piano repairs and humidifier needs to be taken care of, memorial fund will cover the repairs

Tony will update the emergency contact for the fire alarm.

Tony updated on the fire alarm issues- water in the pipes which were frozen once they thaw the system can get back online.

**Fund Raising**

Meat raffle on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the River Falls Gold Course

Euchre tournament is being worked on

Dishwasher soap dispenser is still not working properly.

Church cleanup on May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Moving bricks to the front of the church

Discussed an alternate form of electronic giving.

**Women's Fellowship**

No meeting in March

Spring rummage sale is set for April 11 & 12

Will do the bake sale for the annual auction.

Fall rummage sale dates are September 12 & 13

**Church Board**

Waiting on pricing for t-shirts

New team long and short forms were reviewed.

Began discussion surrounding new governance team.

It will be called the Church council, consisting of 9 members with voting rights.

The election of the council will be done at the annual meeting.

Discussed the responsibilities of the Council.

**Christian Education**

Elected different positions on the board.

Wednesday April 16 will be Stations of the Cross

3<sup>rd</sup> annual Church picnic is set for Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> after worship.

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**CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**ROBERTS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**March Updates**

**Deacons**

Chair and secretary positions were filled.  
 Need to ask more members to help on Sunday mornings.  
 Megan is ordering the palms.  
 Duane will get the form for Lilies to Kim  
 Seder meal on Maundy Thursday  
 Good Friday is at Cross Lutheran  
 Sunrise service for Easter is at 6:15

**Pastor report**

Still wanting to have a leadership retreat  
 Putting together services to be used when he is on vacation.  
 Bible study currently has 10 people signed up.

**Shift**

Gerten's plant sale is underway.  
 Another Mandala Rock painting class is planned for May 29<sup>th</sup>.  
 Will do the food stand for the annual auction.  
 Began discussion for our intentions for the future and ways to engage additional church members.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Laura Logas, Church Clerk**

**DATE CHANGE**

*The May 3<sup>rd</sup> date has been cancelled.*



***Please watch for the New Date.***

**ELECTRONIC TRANSFER GIVING AND ONLINE DONATIONS**

Are you looking for an easier way to donate to the church without having to write a check every week? Maybe with summer coming you won't be in town every weekend to bring your weekly contribution.

**ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM YOUR BANK**

Did you know we have a way you can have funds automatically withdrawn from your checking account each month. All you need to do is fill out a short form with a canceled check and on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month the amount you choose will be withdrawn from your account. If you would like to try this option, please contact the church office\* and we will get the form for you.

**ONLINE DONATION THROUGH PAYPAL**

You are able to give directly through our website, <http://robertsucc.org>? Select "Give Now" under "GIVING" in the menu and it will take you to our donations page, or go directly to it at <http://robertsucc.org/giving>. Hit the give now button and use your PayPal account or credit/debit care to donate whenever it is convenient for you.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.\*



Please check the website below for the real time calendar. This will give the most current and up to date times for worship, meetings, and events.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>6pm</b> Deacons Meeting	<b>2</b> <b>5:30pm</b> RUCCUS Potluck <b>6pm</b> RUCCUS Program & Worship <b>6:15pm</b> Bell Choir	<b>3</b> <b>3:30pm</b> WF Meeting <b>4:30pm</b> Community Dinner <b>6:30pm</b> Council Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>10am</b> Worship w/Holy Communion <b>11am</b> Lent Bible Study	<b>7</b> <b>4pm-7pm</b> Rummage Sale Drop-Off	<b>8</b> <b>1pm - 5pm</b> Rummage Sale Drop-Off <b>6pm</b> CE Meeting	<b>9</b> <b>1pm - 5pm</b> Rummage Sale Drop-Off <b>6pm</b> Confirmation <b>6:15pm</b> Bell Choir	<b>10</b> <b>9am - 1pm</b> Rummage Sale Drop-Off	<b>11</b> <b>8am - 6pm</b> Spring Rummage Sale w/Lunch Available	<b>12</b> <b>8am - 10:30am</b> Spring Rummage Sale
<b>13</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>10am</b> Worship <b>11am</b> Lent Bible Study	<b>14</b> <b>6:30pm</b> SHIFT! Meeting	<b>15</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Trustees Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>5:30pm</b> All Church Potluck <b>6pm</b> All Church Stations of the Cross <b>6:15pm</b> Bell Choir	<b>17</b> <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> <b>5pm</b> SHIFT! Meal to Grace Place <b>7pm</b> Worship	<b>18</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Off-Site Worship Services <b>12pm</b> Peace Lutheran Baldwin, Wi <b>7pm</b> Cross Lutheran Roberts, Wi	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>6:45am</b> Sunrise Service <b>10am</b> Worship	<b>21</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>6pm</b> Confirmation <b>6:15pm</b> Bell Choir	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>10am</b> Worship	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>6:15pm</b> Bell Choir <b>6:30pm</b> CBT Meeting	<b>1</b> <b>3:30pm</b> WF Meeting <b>4:30pm</b> Community Dinner <b>6:30pm</b> Council Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

