Fox River Congregational Church
the church in the woods

# Worship at Fox River

November 15, 2026

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Prelude

Invitation to Worship

*Congregation Sings

*Open The Eyes of My Heart*

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you, I want to see you

To see you high and lifted up
Shining in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart lord
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I want to see you, I want to see you

To see you high and lifted up
Shining in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy holy holy, Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy, I want to see you
(repeat 2X)

Welcome & Local Happenings — Dave Baxter

*Congregation Sings

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

*(Refrain)*
*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!*
*Morning by morning new mercies I see.*
*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;*
*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*(Refrain)*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*(Refrain)*

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| Prayer & Lord's Prayer | | |
| My Chirstian Witness | | Caryl Niebler |
| Meditation Offertory Video | | Karl Hitzemann |
| Doxology | | Ellen Winters Reynolds & Karl Hitzemann |
| Prayer of Dedication | | |
| Scripture | Luke 10:25-37 | Anna Talbot |
| Special Music | Thankful | Ellen Winters Reynolds & FRCC Band |
| Message | Faith With Its Sleeves Rolled Up | Pastor Lonnie |

*Congregation Sings

*Here I Am, Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*(Chorus)*
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?*
*I have heard you calling in the night.*
*I will go, Lord, if you lead me.*
*I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone. Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send?

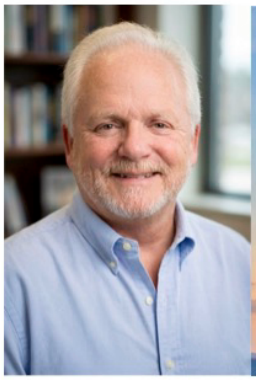
*(Chorus)*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*(Chorus)*

Benediction

Postlude






# Faith with it's Sleeves Rolled Up

## Message by Pastor Lonnie for November 15

Synopsis

Faith is more than what we believe; it is how we live. Jesus taught that true greatness is found not in power, position, or recognition, but in serving others. Through the familiar parable of the Good Samaritan, we discover that compassion is more than something we feel. it is something we do. The Samaritan didn't simply notice someone in need; he interrupted his plans, gave his time, and put love into action. Jesus challenges us to do the same, reminding us that we don't have to do extraordinary things to make an extraordinary difference. Sometimes the most meaningful expressions of faith are found in simple acts of kindness, generosity, and care. God doesn't call us to do everything, but God calls each of us to do something. The most powerful sermon we preach may be the one we never put into words.

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# THIS WEEK AT FOX RIVER

For Sunday, November 15, 2026 • Worship at 9:30 a.m.




WEDNESDAY

## Faith With Its Sleeves Rolled Up

**POST IDEA**

Explore the move from noticing a need to becoming a neighbor. Scripture: Luke 10:25–37, the Good Samaritan.

**GRAPHIC WORDING**

Faith With Its Sleeves Rolled Up • Love that stops to help. • Sunday, November 15 • 9:30 a.m.

**CAPTION • READY TO POST**

Someone needs help. You're already running late. What happens next?

In Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan, compassion becomes practical: stopping, tending wounds, and arranging ongoing care. This Sunday's message, Faith With Its Sleeves Rolled Up, invites us to ask what being a neighbor looks like in our own busy lives. Who might we notice if we slowed down?

Bring your real week and your honest questions to Fox River Congregational Church, Sunday, November 15, at 9:30 a.m. Let's explore Jesus' invitation: "Go and do likewise."




THURSDAY

## Notice. Ask. Help.

**THE CONNECTION**

The Samaritan noticed someone hurting and followed through with care. Kids can practice being neighbors through small, useful acts of help.

**ASK TOGETHER**

Think of a time someone helped you. What made their help feel right for you?

**FIVE-MINUTE ACTIVITY**

Choose someone who could use help, including someone beyond your usual friends. With a grown-up, ask what would help. Pick one doable action before Sunday, then check back to see how it went.

**GRAPHIC WORDING**

Family Connection • Notice. Ask. Help. • Who could use a neighbor this week?

**CAPTION • READY TO POST**

Time for a little neighbor detective work! Who around you could use a hand this week?

Try this with your elementary or middle school kids: notice a need, ask what would help, then do one useful thing together. Help with a task, offer company, or make an encouraging note. Include someone beyond your usual circle. Check back afterward!

When has someone helped you in just the way you needed? Share a story together. Small acts can take real thought and care.

**SATURDAY • SEE YOU SUNDAY**

Reusable graphic: See You Sunday • Worship 9:30 a.m.

Tomorrow we gather, and there's a place for you. Whether it's your first visit or a familiar Sunday, we'd love to see you at Fox River Congregational Church. Worship begins at 9:30 a.m.




# Messages by Pastor Lonnie

Together, we will explore what it means to find our identity in Christ, grounded not in our successes, failures, or others' opinions, but in God's grace and love. We will rediscover prayer as an honest relationship with God and Scripture as a source of wisdom, direction, challenge, and hope. We will consider what it means to love God and our neighbor, putting faith into action through compassion, forgiveness, generosity, and service. We will also learn to live with faith when life is uncertain, with hope when life is difficult, and with purpose in the everyday. These are more than beliefs to affirm. They are truths to live by and a foundation on which to build our lives.

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| October 4 | Prayer: *Keeping the Conversation Going* |
| October 18 | *Who Does God Say I Am?* |
| October 25 | Faith: *Learning to Trust* |
| November 1 | Where is God in All of This? |
| November 8 | The Bible: *A Word for the Real World* |
| November 15 | Faith With Its Sleeves Rolled Up |
| November 22 | ThanksLiving: More Than a Day |
| November 29 | Hope: *Hope When the World Feels Dark* |
| December 6 | Peace: *Peace in an Anxious World* |
| December 13 | Joy: *A Joy the World Can't Take Away* |
| December 20 | Love: *Love Came Down* |
| December 24 | Incarnation: *God is with Us* |
| December 27 | Seeking Christ: *The Wise Still Seek Him* |

Stewardship Campaign 2026




# Questions To Ask

## When Considering How Much to Give

- Does my giving represent the place Christ holds in my life?
- Does my giving reflect the biblical call to generosity?
- Am I giving from my first fruits or simply from what is left over?
- Does my giving reflect what I say I believe?
- Am I giving in a way that reflects my gratitude for God's blessings?
- When I look back on my life, will I be grateful for what I gave?

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided *in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*
-II Corinthians 9:6-7

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be.*
- Matthew 6:21

# STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

Your commitment to faithful stewardship allows our church to faithfully serve our community through ministry.

Weekly Income through Sunday 11/8/2026 – Operations: $3,082.28 Building: $0
Weekly Budget Obligation 2026 $8,524.06.

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On THE MOVE WITH Fox River Congregational Church

**Gather. Explore. Enjoy life together.**

*Fellowship, faith, and shared experiences for our church family and friends.*




# ART AFTER DARK

## Tuesday, November 17 • 5:30–8:30 PM

***Featuring artwork from the Fox River Art Guild***

*Enjoy an evening of art, beverages, and passed appetizers.*
*Select pieces of art will be available for purchase.*



*GUEST SPEAKER*

## Susan Brandsema

*"Painting is my voice...when each painting is finished, my hope is that it will speak for itself."*

### *A Life in Art*

Susan creates portraits, landscapes, and still lifes. An Associate Artist member of Oil Painters of America and a former award-winning Artist Member of New York's Salmagundi Club, she follows in the footsteps of her artist grandfather, Joseph Franke.

Her work has appeared in *Fine Art Connoisseur* Magazine and three Acrylic Works books, and has earned finalist honors in national art competitions. Small framed paintings are available at the MOWA Gift Shop in West Bend.

***brandsemafineart.com***

***Reserve your place during Fellowship Hour after church.***

**$20 per person | $10 for guests from outside our church**

*Limited seating*



# the Christmas FAMILY FUN FEST!

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

### 9:30AM TIL NOON

**Activities for kids and teens: 9:30am til Noon**

DECORATE ORNAMENTS · MAKE A CHRISTMAS CARD
DECORATE COOKIES · FACE PAINTING · PLAY GAMES
SECRET SANTA WORKSHOP · SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS

**Choir Performance and Nativity Story: 11:00am**

Pewaukee High School Madrigal Choir
performance and an interactive telling of
the Nativity Story with Pastor Lonnie.

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# Joyful Noise

## Sensory Friendly & Inclusive Christian Worship



*All are welcome.*
*All belong.*
*All have gifts to share.*

## WHAT?

A 30-minute Christian worship service designed especially for individuals who benefit from a simple, clear, visually supported message with lots of music!

*Come exactly as you are!*

Share your gifts and join in the celebration of the gift of God's love for us!

## WHEN?

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**Arrive at 11:00 AM**
for Fellowship Hour
(Donuts & Coffee)

**Worship Service at 11:30 AM**

**EXCEPT for DECEMBER:**
the service will be on the
**FIRST SUNDAY**
***(December 6).***

## WHERE?

**Fox River Congregational Church**

N34W23575 Capitol Dr.
Pewaukee, WI 53072

## FREE

*Everyone Welcome!*

If you attend with a caregiver or support person, we ask that they remain on site and warmly invite them to join us for worship!

**Questions?**
Contact Colleen
(262) 424-9998
cmchughmoore@gmail.com

*Check our website for updates:*
**www.foxriverchurch.org**

*Come. Worship. Belong.*




# Holiday Light

## CD RELEASE

**Ellen Winters Reynolds & Pete Billmann**

**Sunday, December 6 • 3 PM**

**Fox River Congregational Church**
**Pewaukee, WI**

*Open to the public* | **2026**

## Holiday favorites. A vintage jazz vibe.

Celebrate the season with award-winning vocalist Ellen Winters Reynolds and guitarist Pete Billmann as they mark the release of their first duo recording.

The album blends vocals and guitar with saxophone by Joe Turano for a festive mix of holiday cheer.

### ON THE ALBUM

- Christmastime Is Here*
- Please Come Home for Christmas
- Sleigh Ride*
- Let It Snow / Winter Wonderland
- The Secret of Christmas
- (There's No Place Like) Home for the Holidays
- (Everybody's Waiting For) The Man with the Bag*
- When the Meadow Was Bloomin'
- A Jazz Musician's Christmas*

*Featuring Joe Turano, saxophone

## Fox River Congregational Church

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**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

ADA accessible | Ample parking available

Holiday Light is available in CD and digital formats.

# Fox River CARES With Quilts




**ONGOING MEETINGS**

**1st, 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays**

**9:00 AM–12:00 PM**

*in the Quilt Room at church*

## Fox River CARES With Quilts

Fox River CARES With Quilts creates Care Quilts for members of our congregation and others who need Christian love, prayer, and support.

## Join Us

Enjoy Christian fellowship while serving others. No sewing experience is needed! Help with cutting, assembling, tying, organizing supplies, and other quilt-making tasks. Teens and adults are welcome.

## Meetings

1st, 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays
9:00 AM–12:00 PM | Quilt Room at church

## Current Needs

We are currently accepting cotton fabric or cash donations to purchase fabric. Fabric may include fun novelty prints, pretty nature prints, masculine prints, or solid colors. Pieces of at least two yards are especially appreciated.

## Request a Prayer Quilt or Get Involved

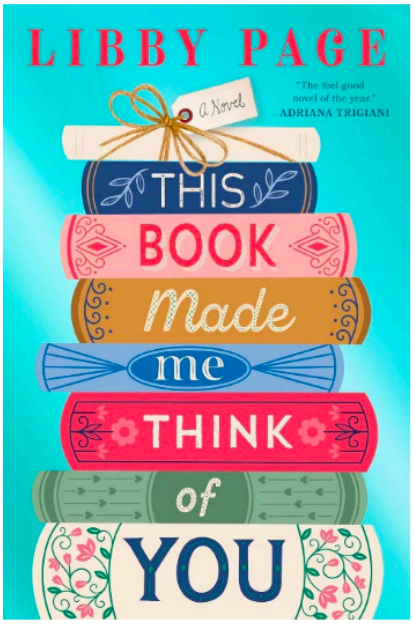
**Contact Kathy Weil**

262-442-1998 (call or text)
Kathykw1950@gmail.com

**Calling all readers - Your church book club has a new book to read for November!**

**<u>This Book Made Me Think Of You by Libby Page</u>**

***Twelve books. Twelve months. One chance to heal her heart…***




*When Tilly Nightingale receives a call telling her there's a birthday gift from her husband waiting for her at her local bookshop, it couldn't come as more of a shock. Partly because she can't remember the last time she read a book for pleasure. But mainly because Joe died five months ago….*

*When she goes to pick up the present, Alfie, the bookshop owner with kind eyes, explains the gift—twelve carefully chosen books with handwritten letters from Joe, one for each month, to help her turn the page on her first year without him.*

*At first Tilly can't imagine sinking into a fictional world, but Joe's tender words convince her to try, and something remarkable happens—Tilly becomes immersed in the pages, and a new chapter begins to unfold in her own life. Monthly trips to the bookstore—and heartfelt conversations with Alfie—give Tilly the comfort she craves and the courage to set out on a series of reading-inspired adventures that take her around the world. But as she begins to share her journey with others, her story—like a book—becomes more than her own.*

**As always, read at your own pace but be ready for discussion at the end of the month. Meetings are held at church on a designated night from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. A date will be voted on later, to schedule the meeting.**

All are welcome to join and participate, at any time. Notices like this will be sent at the beginning of each month to provide information on the book of the month. If you have any questions or suggestions, please email Jackie at jacqueline_maechtle@outlook.com .

Blessings to all and happy reading!

Your Book Club Coordinator,

*Jackie Maechtle*

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**FOX RIVER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**
**UPCOMING EVENTS**
November 15 – December 31, 2026

## November 15 – November 21

### Sunday, Nov 15
- FRCC Worship Service: **9:30 AM**
- Sunday School **9:30 AM**
- Fellowship Hour: After Service **10:30 AM**
- Exploring Membership **11:00 AM**

### Monday, Nov 16
- Men's Bible Study **6:30 PM**

### Tuesday, Nov 17
- Quilt Ministry: Fox River CARES with Quilts **9:00 AM**
- FRCC Staff Meeting **2:00 PM**
- On The Move: Art After Dark – Fox River Art Guild **5:30 PM**

### Wednesday, Nov 18
- Men's Fellowship **8:00 AM**
- Christmas Family Fun Fest Planning Committee **9:00 AM**

### Thursday, Nov 19
- Support Group: Loss of Spouse **5:00 PM**

### Friday, Nov 20
- Volunteer Opportunity: Hope Center Meal **5:00 PM**

## November 22 – November 28

### Sunday, Nov 22
- Celebrating the Ministry of Pastor Jacquie **9:30 AM**
- FRCC Worship Service: **9:30 AM**
- Sunday School **9:30 AM**
- Fellowship Hour: After Service **10:30 AM**

### Monday, Nov 23
- Brown Bag Bible Study **11:30 AM**

### Tuesday, Nov 24
- FRCC Staff Meeting **2:00 PM**

### Thursday, Nov 26
- Support Group: Caregiver's Coffee **10:00 AM**
- Administrative Team Meeting **6:30 PM**

### Friday, Nov 27
- Hanging of the Greens – Setting Up **9:00 AM**

### Saturday, Nov 28
- Hanging of the Greens – Decorating **9:30 AM**

## November 29 – December 5

### Sunday, Nov 29
- FRCC Worship Service: **9:30 AM**
- Sunday School **9:30 AM**
- Fellowship Hour: After Service **10:30 AM**

### Tuesday, Dec 1
- Quilt Ministry: Fox River CARES with Quilts **9:00 AM**
- FRCC Staff Meeting **2:00 PM**

### Wednesday, Dec 2
- Men's Fellowship **8:00 AM**
- Ministry Support Team Meeting **6:30 PM**

### Thursday, Dec 3
- Support Group: Loss of Spouse **5:00 PM**

### Friday, Dec 4
- Set-up for Christmas Family Fun Fest **12:00 PM**

### Saturday, Dec 5
- The Christmas Family Fun Fest 2026 **9:30 AM**
- Clean-up for Christmas Family Fun Fest **12:00 PM**

## December 6 – December 12

### Sunday, Dec 6
- FRCC Worship Service: **9:30 AM**
- Sunday School **9:30 AM**
- Fellowship Hour: After Service **10:30 AM**
- Joyful Noise: Sensory Friendly & Inclusive Service **11:30 AM**
- Ellen Winters Reynolds' CD Release: Holiday Light **3:00 PM**

### Tuesday, Dec 8
- Quilt Ministry: Fox River CARES with Quilts **9:00 AM**
- Serving Team Meeting – Missions and Outreach **1:30 PM**
- FRCC Staff Meeting **2:00 PM**

### Thursday, Dec 10
- Support Group: Next Steps **5:00 PM**

### Friday, Dec 11
- On The Move: A Twist On Decorating Baked Goods **5:00 PM**

### Saturday, Dec 12
- Fellowship: Christmas Set-up **10:00 AM**
- On The Move: A Twist On Decorating Baked Goods **10:00 AM**

## December 13 – December 19

### Sunday, Dec 13
- FRCC Worship Service: **10:30 AM**
- Christmas Fellowship Meal – Following Service **11:45 AM**

### Monday, Dec 14
- Brown Bag Bible Study **11:30 AM**

### Tuesday, Dec 15
- Quilt Ministry: Fox River CARES with Quilts **9:00 AM**
- FRCC Staff Meeting **2:00 PM**

### Wednesday, Dec 16
- Men's Fellowship **8:00 AM**

### Thursday, Dec 17
- Support Group: Loss of Spouse **5:00 PM**

### Friday, Dec 18
- On The Move: Christmas at the Wilson Center

## December 20 – December 26

### Sunday, Dec 20
- FRCC Worship Service: **9:30 AM**
- Sunday School **9:30 AM**
- Fellowship Hour: After Service **10:30 AM**
- Christmas Cookies for Missions – Following Service **11:00 AM**
- Christmas, Christmas: We love it so we say it twice! **4:00 PM**

### Tuesday, Dec 22
- FRCC Staff Meeting **2:00 PM**

### Thursday, Dec 24
- Administrative Team Meeting **6:30 PM**

## December 27 – January 2

### Sunday, Dec 27
- FRCC Worship Service: **9:30 AM**
- Sunday School **9:30 AM**
- Fellowship Hour: After Service **10:30 AM**

### Monday, Dec 28
- Brown Bag Bible Study **11:30 AM**

### Tuesday, Dec 29
- Care Corps Team Meeting **9:30 AM**
- FRCC Staff Meeting **2:00 PM**

### Thursday, Dec 31
- Support Group: Caregiver's Coffee **10:00 AM**

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