

# CHURCH PROFILE

BELIEVE, BELONG, BECOME



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# Welcome to The Fountain

I remember the warmth of welcome when I first walked into The Fountain Church back in 2010. It was a moment filled with kindness and love, and I hope that same feeling greets you as you step into our church family—whether it's on a Sunday morning, during our Bible studies, youth programs, or through our community outreach like the Twice Blessed Resale Store.

For over a decade, I've found my home here, drawn by the welcoming spirit and the evident presence of the Holy Spirit among our church family. My journey has led me to a deep calling, and in 2023, I answered by pursuing the path of becoming a Pastor within the Wesleyan church. Currently, I serve as a Lay Pastor, working towards my license, leading the Riptide youth group, preaching regularly, providing pastoral care, and assisting with administrative tasks. Through this role, I've been continually learning how to serve God's people and our community in Northern Chippewa County well.

As you embark on your journey with The Fountain Church, our earnest hope is that you find the same kindness, biblical guidance, and the Holy Spirit's leading that have shaped our congregation. May you experience the depth of God's love, grace, truth, and hope as we continue to serve Him together through The Fountain Church.

Welcome, and may you be blessed abundantly in your time with us.

Blessings,  
Lay Pastor Paula Peterson  
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# About The Fountain

## 01

### OUR MISSION

Believe In Jesus Christ  
Belong to God's family  
Become who God designed them to be

## 02

### OUR VISION

For The Northern Chippewa County community,  
The Fountain is a family of imperfect people  
growing in love and faith as we share, teach and  
serve like Jesus. We invite you to come as you  
are, to seek and develop a relationship with God.

## 03

### LOCATION & SUNDAY SERVICE

Join us Sundays at 10:00 am central time

1320 North Industrial Drive • Bloomer, WI 54724  
Virtual service via Facebook live @The Fountain  
- Bloomer

Communion is shared the 2nd and 4th Sunday of  
each month





# Our History



The Fountain Church emerged from a Spirit-filled idea by pastors of Eau Claire Wesleyan Church and Red Cedar Church in Rice Lake, during a time of strong church planting focus in Wisconsin. Beginning with prayer meetings in January 2009 at Bob and Michelle Ritter's home, Pastor Matt Ohime, previously of Eau Claire Wesleyan, joined these sessions. He accepted the call to lead The Fountain full-time in August 2010.

By September, The Fountain launched officially in the Bloomer Middle School auditorium. Purchasing 1320 N. Industrial Drive in February 2014, our church family worked together to create a space for worship, kids' programs, and youth groups. We held our inaugural service in our current building in July 2014. Pastor Ohime and family departed for Indiana in August 2017. At this time, Pastor Scott Sacrey stepped in to lead The Fountain's next chapter.

As we look ahead, we are already in prayer for the pastor who will lead our future, listening for God's guidance on what's to come.



# Our Missions

## Ministries For Kids

Kidstream – Sunday Class

Riptide Youth Group

## Ministries For Adults

Men's Breakfast

Women's Growth Group

Co-Ed Growth Group

Bible 101

Bible 102

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## Community Outreach

Twice Blessed Resale Store

Bloomer Love

Girls Scouts Meeting Space

Recovery Meetings

Bloomer Chamber Giving Tree

## Congregation Engagement

Weekly Welcome Center

Coffee & Connection

Annual Chili Cook-off

Annual Picnic

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## Worldwide Missions

We support missionaries in Honduras and Albania; and host an annual breakfast to share with the congregation the impact of our mission work.



# Our Community

Northern Chippewa County is a peaceful rural community nestled in the heart of Wisconsin. Geographically you'll find us located approximately 100 miles east of Minneapolis, MN and 200 miles northwest of Madison, WI.

Inclusive of 4 quaint, welcoming small towns – Bloomer, New Auburn, Cornell and Holcombe – our community features sprawling forests and productive farmlands. Manufacturing and farming are the area's two most prominent industries.

Its rich historical roots offer museums, historic markers, and tours that include a glimpse of the past. One of the most prominent features is the County Forest containing approximately 34,500 acres in the northern 1/3 of the County; it hosts nearly all 22-mile of the national scenic Ice Age Trail.

Northern Chippewa County is a place of outdoor adventure boasting some of the highest rated mountain bike, cross country ski, horseback, and ATV trails in the state.



# Our Compass

The Fountain is a Wesleyan church. The following terms describe the soul of the church; detailing who Wesleyans are and why we do what we do.

For more information on the Wesleyan denomination visit [wesleyan.org](http://wesleyan.org)

## 01 Biblical Authority

The Bible is God's holy word. It uniquely and infallibly reveals God's plan for His people and how to live out that plan, individually and corporately. Beliefs, practices, priorities, and our mission are to be anchored in clear biblical teachings. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

## 02 Christlikeness

Jesus Christ is the defining feature of God's will and relationship with all humankind. In Christ is found both newness of life and the highest and clearest example for godliness. People made new in Christ find Him to be the source of faith, hope, and love in both the inner life and in our outward actions engaging a world desperate for hope and life. (Matthew 28:18)

## 03 Disciple-Making

Making disciples is a clear mandate from Christ. This requires a strong missional focus on evangelism and training in spiritual growth and holy living. Done effectively, this will produce and promote growth and health in and among the churches. (Matthew 28:19-20)

## 04 Unity in Diversity

There is intrinsic value in every person. Biblical unity becomes all the more important and beautiful in the light of the wide-ranging differences in personalities, cultures, races, languages, talents, and perspectives. Finding unity and mutual love in Christ eliminates devaluation and deprivation of life to one another. (1 Corinthians 12:12)





# Our God Led Plans



Create a kid's ministry that is so effective at engaging with children that their parents must come because the kids don't want to stay away.

Create clear discipleship pathways for members and new attendees to grow in their relationship with God.

Become a church where people can grow and mature in their knowledge of scripture; spreading God's healing love to everyone we meet.

Become spiritual contributors and not spiritual consumers. The church does not exist to serve us first. We are the church, and we exist for the world.

[\(Ephesians 4:11-13\)](#)

Become a spiritual community that exists to pursue God's will together and communicate openly as a family.



# Organization

## 01

### CHURCH BOARD

The Fountain is governed by our own local board of administration, chaired by the Pastor. Each board member is voted in by the congregation and together are responsible for discerning and carrying out the will of God for The Fountain church, and are encouraged to demonstrate their life in Christ as set out in the Book of Discipline. Board members are voted on annually during our May all church meeting.

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## 02

### GOVERNING PHILOSOPHY

The health and growth of the local church is a shared responsibility, with the board focused on governing, the pastor on leading, the staff (employed or volunteer) on managing, and the congregation on ministering to the community and to one another.

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## 03

### FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Fountain is 100% self-sustaining.

Our General Operating Budget is the budget that accounts for all expenses to both operate the church and fund our ministries; with a fiscal year running from June 1 to May 31.



# Why We Give

Giving is an act of worship, an expression of thanksgiving and it is like planting seed in that when God responds to our giving, He gives back to us far more than we gave Him. We believe you can't out-give God, so when you're trusting Him with your tithes and offerings, we know that He will bless the rest ([Proverbs 3:9,10](#) and [Malachi 3:10-12](#))

The Fountain encourages members and regular attenders to follow the biblical model of giving cheerfully ([2 Corinthians 9:7](#)) and sacrificially. ([Psalm 4:5](#))

Contributing financially to the work of the church out of our "first fruits" is both a renunciation of greed as an idol and an acknowledgment that all we have been given is given to us by God and is to be used for his purposes ([Matthew 25:14-30](#)). It is an expression of worship in response to all that God has done in our midst.



## Ways To Give

- In-service via the offerings box
  - Online [thefountainbloomer.churchcenter.com/giving](https://thefountainbloomer.churchcenter.com/giving)
  - ChurchCenter Mobile App
- Scan the QR code to get started, then select your contribution method—ACH, Debit or Credit Card. For more information visit [churchcenter.com/setup](https://churchcenter.com/setup)

All contributions made to The Fountain are tax deductible.

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