

Waukee Christian Church

April 2021

Easter Sunday Service 2021

Weather permitting, we will gather outside in person to worship the Resurrection of Christ.

Masking and social distancing will be observed to protect those who have not been vaccinated.

Live accompaniment will be provided by our own Sophia Ahmad.

IF we have cold or inclement weather, we will meet in the sanctuary where we will still observe masking and social distancing.

Individual packets of Communion and bulletin will be provided at either service.

For those who opt to stay home, the service will be broadcast over Zoom.

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10:00 a.m. April 4, 2021

IN PERSON!!!



Austin Younger



The Sanctity of the Body

My grandfather was a carpenter. The smells of sawdust and lumber and varnish hold special places in heart, as I, a young boy, would watch him meticulously craft beautiful pieces of furniture in his garage workshop. When he was finished, we both liked to sit and look upon what he had made. Without exception, it was very good.

This is the way God crafted human beings: intentionally, with care, remarking on their “very good” nature. We forget this first Biblical story, choosing instead to think of human beings as “very bad.” We think of our natures as very bad, our bodily functions as very bad, our thoughts and feelings as very bad, and our own naked bodies as very bad.

But a body is very good. It is sin which has convinced us otherwise, relegating our naked image to profanity and our sexual nature as shameful. It was Adam and Eve’s shame at their own naked bodies which tipped God off that they had been disobedient.

The sin of shame (both inward toward ourselves and outward toward others) that has cast a very bad light on a very good design. It is the sin of shame which causes us insecurity and self-consciousness at the normal, natural, beautiful shapes of our bodies.

It is the sin of shame which killed eight people in Atlanta this month.

The gunman who committed those horrendous acts of hatred, aimed exclusively at Asian Americans, was a Christian made ashamed at his own sexual nature, convinced somehow that God disapproved of his attraction to bodies. Purity culture does this to people: it makes them scared of the holiness of themselves; it pushes them into denial of their sacred design.

This is not to say that our sexual expression should be a free-for-all, but that the sin is not rooted on the surface. Sex is not a sin, but the lustful objectification of other peoples’ bodies, over their personhood, is a sin. Grappling with this sin should not result in murder, but, through counseling, self-discipline, and closeness with God, result in joy!

The body is sacred, and humans are fundamentally very good. We need not be ashamed of our bodies, and we need not be ashamed at our sexual nature. This is the design God has deemed worthy of love and this is a design we must celebrate.

There is no room for shame in God’s church.

-Pastor Gray

Homebound Members

Here is a list of our friends homebound or in care facilities. These friends need your prayers but also would welcome cards or visits (in person or by phone). Their days are so long with many hours to ponder why none of their church family visits (cares). They are a special part of our church family. A few minutes out of your day would mean so much to them!

~ Pastor Julie

- Lois Bannister
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Grimes, IA 50111

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Granger, IA 50109
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**Remember
Our Homebound Members**



Your giving is important to the future ministry of God's church in this place. Please give generously and with a cheerful heart.

	February 2021	March 2021
Receipts	\$ 5,099.48	\$
Expenses	\$ 6,793.32	\$
Difference	\$ (1,693.84)	\$
Money available for expenses	\$ 35,736.32	\$

March numbers were not complete at print time due to members taking a vacation.

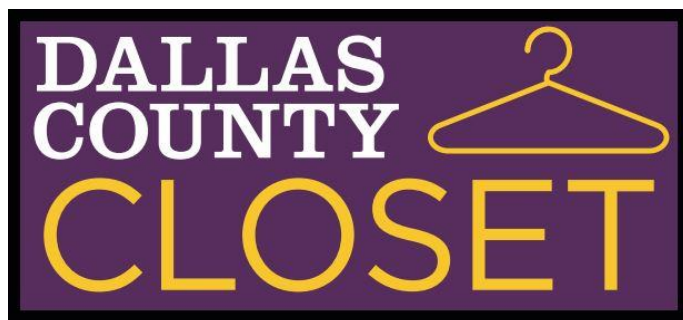
Stay tuned next month for the correct numbers!



04/01- Beckett Showalter
 04/08- Evelyn Dowell
 04/09- Brooks Howsare
 04/11- Katie De Jong
 04/14- Cimberly Hansen
 04/17- Linda O' Hair
 04/26- Zoey Koch
 04/27- Naomi Brumfield
 04/30- Robin Younger



04/07- John & Joyce Wasson
 04/21- Steve & Lori Keller
 04/24- Mike & Karen Neese



April DONATION Hours:

Tuesday, April 5: 5-7pm
 Tuesday, April 27: 4:30-6pm

***** Bring donations to the back door. #43 *****

43 NE Carefree Lane

Free clothing is available to children, students, and families in need living in Dallas County.

waukeecommunitycloset@gmail.com

April SHOPPING Hours:

All shopping is by appointment only.

Please use the link below to make an appointment.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4BA9A622A64=april4>

Dates and times available for appointments are:

Monday, April 19: 5-7:15pm
 Wednesday, April 21: 5-7:15pm
 Monday, April 26: 4:30-6:45pm

Shoe Drive 2021



The time has come to kick off the annual shoe drive It will be starting mid-April. Stay tuned for more details.



We are a partner church in this organization.

Please add 7:00 PM April 30th to your calendar

Look for more information to come.

Join us for the Waukee Area Christian Services Virtual Gala!

Livestreamed event:
Friday, April 30th at 7PM

High value online auction
Client mission moments
April 26 - 30th

WaukeeChristianServices.org

Go to our Gala 2021 donation page here:

<https://secure.givelively.org/donate/waukee-area-christian-services/virtual-gala-2021>

On our donate page, scroll down to the "I want to fundraise for this" link and click. The link will take you to the "Create a fundraising page" and walk you through a few steps to set it up.

Please list your **CHURCH NAME** on the fundraiser, not an individual.

April 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Easter Offering			 National Walking Day World Health Day	Maunday Thursday April Fool's Day	Good Friday	 3
4 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Easter Offering	5  National Pet Day	6  World Day Calendar	7 National Walking Day World Health Day	8  National Sneakers Day	9  Golfer's Day	10 National Siblings Day
11 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship National Pet Day	12  YOMA BELLS HUSBAND	13 World Day Calendar	14 National Walking Day World Health Day	15  National Stress Awareness Day	16 National Stress Awareness Day	17  National Siblings Day
18 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Husband Appreciation Day	19  YOMA BELLS HUSBAND	20 World Day Calendar	21 Administrative Assistant Day	22  Earth Day	23 National Stress Awareness Day	24 National Siblings Day
25 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	26 YOMA BELLS HUSBAND	27 World Day Calendar	28 Administrative Assistant Day	29 Earth Day	30 Arbor Day	
		Stress Awareness Month				



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am-9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service

...OUR STAFF...

Pastor: Gray Fredericks
Associate Pastor: Pastor Julie Cornelius
Admin. Assistant: Katie De Jong

...Pastor's Office Hours...

Zoom- by appointment.
In Office:
Every other Friday and every Sunday
after church

... CHURCH OFFICE ...

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
7:30AM -11:30PM



Please remember to keep your Revitalize Pledges as current as possible. If you are unsure of the status of your Revitalize Pledge, please call the office.