

There will be no newsletter for August – Have a great summer!!!

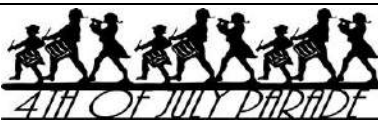
The Pastor's Pen

Every year, my family vacationed on a lake in southern Minnesota. Sometime during those two weeks, there was a thunderstorm. Before the storm, it was strangely still... still and heavy, as if some invisible weight pressed down on us. In the late afternoon, the wind would kick up. White caps spiked the lake like frosting. And the sky swirled in shades of gray, black, and blue. Suddenly, a crack of thunder... then another. Lightening ignited the heavens.

And we happy vacationers did nothing – nothing but sit inside our small cabin and watch and wonder. Mostly silent, we beheld the power of the summer storm. Why did it so often feel like worship? The desert father, Gregory of Nyssa, wrote, “Concepts create idols; only wonder comprehends anything.” Wordless wonder – that’s what we were watching. “Hear this, O Job; stop and consider the wondrous works of God.”

The storms stilled us and stopped us. The storm said, “Be still and know that I am God.” And we were... and we did.

Holy One, we thank you for summer storms that stop us, make us wonder at your awesome power, and remind us that there is only one God, and it’s not us. Amen.



Help celebrate the 4th by walking with us in the Waukee Parade. WCC will have a float in the parade and hand out flyers promoting our August Family Fun Fair. If you're on the sidelines, wear your church t-shirt and offer encouragement as we go by!



Name Badges are available in the Narthex. Please remember to wear them out of respect for our guests and visitors. If you do not have a name badge, leave a note for the office and we will get one made for you!



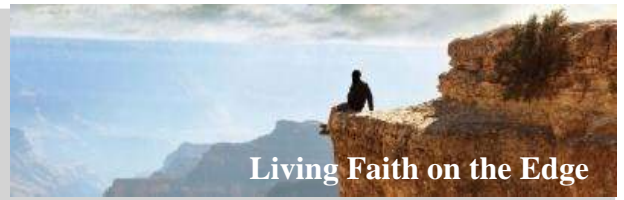
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2013-2014 Upper Midwest Regional Prayer Calendar

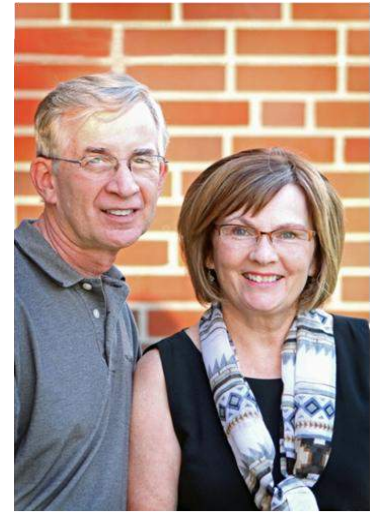
In the coming year, join as Disciples in praying for congregations across the Region. Below is the schedule for July and August, 2013:

- July 7 Central Christian Church, Boone, IA; Garwin Christian Church, Garwin, IA; Trinity Christian Church, Bridgewater, IA
- July 14 Braddyville Christian Church, Braddyville, IA; Waukee Christian Church, Waukee, IA; Covenant Christian Church, Urbandale, IA
- July 21 First Christian Church, Guthrie Center, IA; Central Christian Church, Waterloo, IA; First Christian Church, Hampton, IA
- July 28 First Christian Church, Burlington, IA; Washington Christian Church, Washington, IA; Iglesia Christiana Nueva Jerusalem, Alpine, SD
- August 4 Carlisle Christian Church, Carlisle, IA; First Christian Church, Hedrick, IA; Woodbury Christian Church, Woodbury, MN
- August 11 First Christian Church, Cedar Falls, IA; Humeston Christian United Methodist Church, Humeston, IA; First Christian Church, Vinton, IA
- August 18 New Disciples of Cedar Rapids, Cedar Rapids, IA; First Christian Church, Iowa Falls, IA
- August 25 The Ira United Church, Ira, IA; First Christian Church, Osceola, IA

In an effort to keep our prayer list current, names will remain on the list for 4 weeks. At that time, they will be removed unless someone has called the office to ask that a name remain on the list and give an update on the person's well-being.



Please join Pastor Sue and Jerry Woods in celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. The open house event will be held August 3rd from 2pm-4pm at Ankeny Christian Church. (No gifts please)



It used to be that, except for Vacation Bible School, churches sort of took the summer off. Not much happened at church during those dog days. But not this year... not at WCC! There is so much happening that it's hard to keep up. So we hope this newsletter helps you keep track of all the ways you can join together as church to worship and have fun.

Here are some of the things we have planned:

Worship

- July 7th – Freedom Sunday ~ wear your Red, White, and Blue
- July 14th – Worship on a Stick ~ bring something to share in Coffee Time (just make sure it's on a stick)
- July 21st – Puppets and Drama ~ prepare to be entertained
- July 28th – Mission Fair ~ We'll kick off our 2014 mission trip with some encouragement from others who have served.
- August 4th – Old Time Religion ~ Raccoon John Smith will be our special guest!
- August 11th – Contemporary Sunday ~ Sponsored by the Praise Team
- August 18th – Skinny Dip Sunday ~ You'll just have to be here
- August 25th – Breakfast Sunday ~ People of the Table celebrate brunch as worship.

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Thank you

Dates to Remember

July 1 st , 2013	Elders' Meeting 6:30 pm
July 3 rd , 2013	Decorate float at June Andeberg's at 6:00 pm
July 4 th , 2013	4 th of July Parade – meet At 1:30 pm at old high school on Warrior Lane
July 14 th , 2013	Board Meeting 6:30 pm
July 17 th , 2013	WCC Booth at Farmer's Market 4-7 pm
July 24 th , 2013	WCC Booth at Farmer's Market 4-7 pm
Aug 3 rd , 2013	Pastor Sue and Jerry Woods 25 th Anniversary Open House
Aug 4 th , 2013	Family Fun Fair 5-7 pm
Aug 5 th , 2013	Elders' Meeting 6:30 pm
Aug 8 th , 2013	Casting Crowns Concert
Aug 11 th , 2013	Board Meeting 6:30 pm



2014 Mission Trip - Joplin, Missouri

In May, 2011, an EF5 tornado struck Joplin, killing 162 and injuring 1,100 more. The damage cost up to \$2.8 billion dollars.

But Disciples Home Missions has been on the ground ever since helping rebuild the area. As part of that ministry, the Outreach Team is planning a 2014 Mission Trip to Joplin, Missouri.

Waukee Christian Church will be sending a team of volunteers to be a part of creating the future for victims of the tornado. Together, we'll learn more about how we can be a part of this restorative movement. What can you do? Lots of things! You can support our fundraising efforts to cover the cost of the trip. You can volunteer to be a part of the Mission Team. And you can pray that God uses this church in healing the world. Blessings on our worshipful work.

Thanks to

- Property Ministry for having the front steps repaired, the carpets cleaned, and for installing and repairing light fixtures and electrical outlets in Fellowship Hall, the Prayer Room, and the Work Room
- George Risinger for taking care of the new plantings in the Evelyn Burger memorial planters
- The eight people who worked on the Camp & Conference Center Build
- The Praise Team for helping us all lift our voices in worship
- Women of Waukee for donating the three new beverage servers from the Garage Sale proceeds
- Progressive Deck Dinner hosts for providing a wonderful evening of fellowship!
- Duane and Ruth Sindt for loaning their boat for the 4th of July Parade and to George & Marlene Risinger for organizing us!

HEALTHY CHILDREN,
HEALTHY FUTURE



Waukee Area
Christian Services

July 15, 2013

5 - 7 PM

First Come,
First Served.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Health Fair

Monday, July 15 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Waukee Area Christian Services

1155 SE Boone Drive, Waukee
(located in the lower level of Westview Church)

FREE health screenings for children and much much more:

- School physicals, including pre-school and sports physicals
- Dental screenings
- Vision screenings
- Immunizations
- Lead testing
- Hair Cuts
- Health insurance information, including Hawk-I applications
- Family Community Agency referrals as needed



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Ugly Tie Winner

Here's a picture of the winning ugly tie! I think you'll agree that this was a fun event. But the best part is that it raised \$36 as seed money for 2014 mission trip. We'll be talking about and raising funds for the Mission trip throughout the year. Let Pastor Sue or George Risinger know if you are interested in learning more about it. I can't wait!



The book club that began at WCC 14 years ago is still meeting on the last Monday of the month to discuss the book and enjoy table fellowship. If you can join us, great! If not, you might enjoy reading some of the selections anyway.

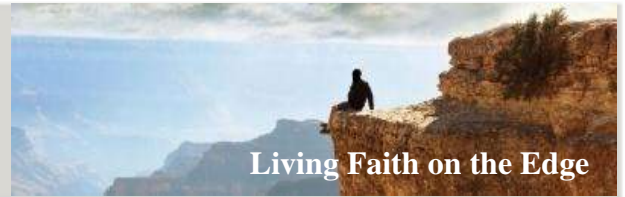
- July's Book: *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* (classic) by Rachel Joyce.
- August's Book: *Blind Date Month* (choose from books nominated but not selected)

2013 Camp Work Day



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Joyful Noise!

The Praise Team is rehearsing on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and you don't have to be at every rehearsal. There will be no rehearsal on July 4th. Come make a joyful noise!

THANK YOU
VERY MUCH

Rev. Sue Woods & Waukee Christian Church friends,

How nice of you all for coming to the "after church" gathering on my 85th birthday. It was really nice to see you all!!

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Wear it!

The new Waukee Christian Church t-shirts are here! You can pick yours up from the office. Be sure to wear it around town as a way of witnessing to the ministry of WCC! And it's not too late to get yours. If you would like a t-shirt (and, really, who wouldn't), just call the church office. They are \$10 for sizes youth through adult XL and \$12 for sizes XXL and larger. Women's sizes are "fitted".



FARMERS MARKET

On July 17th and 24th WCC volunteers will be handing out bottled water at the Waukee Farmer's Market. Coca Cola donated the water so we can use the opportunity to meet our neighbors and promote the Family Fun Fair. Contact Linda Foltz if you are able to help staff our booth.



Group Spiritual Direction Starting this Fall

People come to Group Spiritual Direction for a variety of reasons: to deepen their prayer life, for help with a troubling issue, or simply for the support of other Christians. But whatever the path, Group Spiritual Direction uses deep listening as a way of looking at your life through the lens of God. In other words, we seek to find how God is present and how you are being called to grow through the experiences of your daily life.

In listening deeply to others and to the Holy Spirit, we create an environment of trust where we can help each other embrace the presence of God.

Have you been wanting to go deeper in your relationships? Do you feel you are being called or changed by a set of circumstances? Would you like to experience God in new ways?

Then you are invited to come discover Group Spiritual Direction. Pastor Sue is a certified Group Spiritual Director and will be leading small groups beginning this fall. Let her know if you have an interest or questions. Specifics will be arranged around participants schedules.

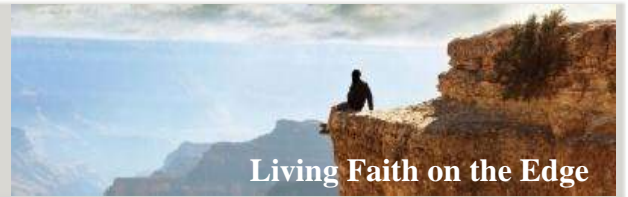


No... it's not the sermons. It's the new overear microphone.

If you've had trouble hearing the message, you'll be surprised at how much this improves the sound quality. If you're still having trouble hearing, you may choose to move forward closer to the speakers.

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Family Fun Fair

On August 4th, we will host a community-wide event for the Waukee Area Food Bank. This family event has lots of activities for all ages, food, games, and prizes. You won't want to miss out on the fun!!!

There are several ways you can help! First, a sign-up sheet is posted asking for donations. You can donate everything from money to empty toilet paper rolls. So there is always a way to be giving in God's Kingdom. The list is also on our web site.

Second, you can volunteer. There is a lot to accomplish before, during, and after the event. Some tasks are listed on the sign-up sheet. If you have other ideas, or need an idea, talk to Pastor Sue.

Third, please help distribute "tickets". The event is free and you don't need a ticket to attend. But anyone who turn in a ticket – as well as the person who gave them the ticket – is eligible for the prize drawings. Please give these to your friends and neighbors!! It's the key to success.

Be a part of Living Faith on the Edge! Support the Family Fun Fair!



activities for all ages

Waukee Christian Church

free meal (with donation of one food item)

FAMILY FUN FAIR

Waukee Food Bank Community Fundraiser

August 4th
(rain date August 7th)
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Waukee Christian Church
(Hickman Road and T Avenue)

crafts & games

police car & fire truck

water fun & climbing wall

iron deacon throwdown
(competition among local churches)

inflatables & music

blue ribbon bake-off
(support your favorite Waukee organization)

Quarterly Schedule

Serving has never been easier! Below is our new Quarterly Serving Schedule. The schedule was created from your Time & Talent Forms – thank you so much for your willingness to worship God through your gifts and graces. As you can see, this is not an all-inclusive form; however, we have listed the main roles needed to offer meaningful worship. The schedule is not only an organizational tool – it also allows anyone to participate.

Your name is listed under those areas in which you expressed an interest. If you are unable to serve on that day, please go ahead and find your replacement. You can switch with someone else on the schedule. If your name is not listed...if you haven't filled out a Time & Talent Form and would like one... or if you would like to serve with someone..., just call the office and Lanita will add you to the next quarter.

This is a work in progress, so please be flexible and patient. Our goal is to increase opportunities for honoring God in personal ways.

Date	Communion Prep	Audio Visual	Greeter	Youth Greeter	Candlelighter	Children's Moment	Reader	Communion Meditation	Elders	Communion Servers	Fellowship Time	Food Pantry Delivery
JULY												
7th	Pat/Jack Carpe	Cassie Hansen	Cyberly Hansen	Zoey Koch	Jason Keller	George Risinger	Jerry Woods	Linda Foltz	Jan Jensen Karen Neese	George Risinger	Karen Neese	Marlene Risinger
14th	Dave Grandgenett	Matt Hansen	George Risinger	Cassie Hansen	Linda Foltz	Sue Woods	Karen Neese	Shari Burgus	Duane Sindt Bethalene Finestead	Cyberly Hansen	Suzanne Koch Vivian Wilson	
21st	Marlene Risinger	Jerry Woods	Suzanne Koch	Zoey Koch	Tammy Hardersen	George Risinger	Suzanne Koch	Sue Woods	Linda Wilcox Cimberly Hansen	Cassie Hansen	Kathryn Llewellyn	
28th	Delores Betzold	Jason Keller	Pat Carpe	Cassie Hansen	Zoey Koch	Sue Woods	George Risinger	Sue Woods	Jan Jensen Karen Neese	Suzanne Koch	Cyberly Hansen	
AUGUST												
4th	Beckie Myers	Cassie Hansen	Jack Carpe	Zoey Koch	Jason Keller	George Risinger	Linda Foltz	Shari Burgus	Duane Sindt Bethalene Finestead	Jerry Woods	Linda Foltz	Beckie Myers
11th	Lorrie Grandgenett	Matt Hansen	Dave Grandgenett	Cassie Hansen	Linda Foltz	Sue Woods	Shari Burgus	Linda Foltz	Linda Wilcox Cimberly Hansen	Pat/Jack Carpe	Dolores Brown Delores Betzold	
18th	Pat/Jack Carpe	Jerry Woods	Linda Foltz	Zoey Koch	Tammy Hardersen	George Risinger	Lorrie Grandgenett	Sue Woods	Jan Jensen Karen Neese	Dave Grandgenett	Shari Burgus	
25th	Dave Grandgenett	Jason Keller	Shari Burgus	Cassie Hansen	Zoey Koch	Sue Woods	Ron Hardersen	Sue Woods	Duane Sindt Bethalene Finestead	Linda Foltz	Pat/Jack Carpe	
SEPTEMBER												
1st	Beckie Myers	Cassie Hansen	Marlene Risinger	Zoey Koch	Jason Keller	George Risinger	Tammy Hardersen	Linda Foltz	Wayne/Joyce Breckenridge	Shari Burgus	Lorrie Grandgenett	Marlene Risinger
8th	Delores Betzold	Matt Hansen	Beckie Myers	Cassie Hansen	Linda Foltz	Sue Woods	George Risinger	Shari Burgus	Linda Wilcox Cimberly Hansen	Ron Hardersen	Marlene Risinger Lois Bannister	
15th	Marlene Risinger	Jerry Woods	Lorrie Grandgenett	Zoey Koch	Tammy Hardersen	George Risinger	Karen Neese	Sue Woods	Jan Jensen Karen Neese	Lorrie Grandgenett	Velda Morris	
22nd	Lorrie Grandgenett	Jason Keller	Tammy Hardersen	Cassie Hansen	Zoey Koch	Sue Woods	Suzanne Koch	Sue Woods	Duane Sindt Bethalene Finestead	Beckie Myers	Naomi Brumfield	
29th	Jack/Pat Carpe	Cassie Hansen	Ron Hardersen	Zoey Koch	Jason Keller	Sue Woods	Jerry Woods	Sue Woods	Linda Wilcox Cimberly Hansen	Tammy Hardersen	Bethalene Finestead	



July



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 pm Elders'	2	3 Decorate float at June Andeberg's 6 pm	4  Parade - 2:00 pm	5	6
7 10 am Worship  Freedom Sunday	8	9 9:30 am Knit Wits	10	11	12	13 
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21 10 am Worship Puppets & Drama  Evelyn Burger Memorial Dedication	22	23 9:30 am Knit Wits	24 WCC Booth at Farmer's Market 4-7 pm	25	26	27
28 10 am Worship Mission Fair	29  Between the Covers Book Club Mtg.	30 9:30 am Knit Wits	31	 IT'S SUMMER!		

RAGBRAI – Lanita out of office

August 2013



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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Service 10:00 am

...OUR STAFF...

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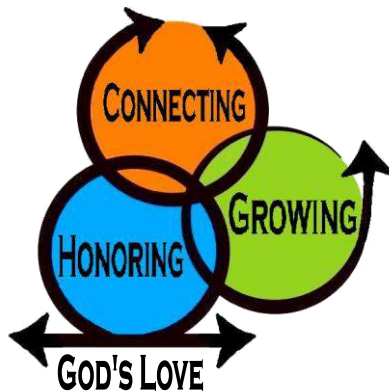
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Connecting people to each other and the world.

Growing spiritually through the renewing of our minds.

Honoring the Image of God in all people.